

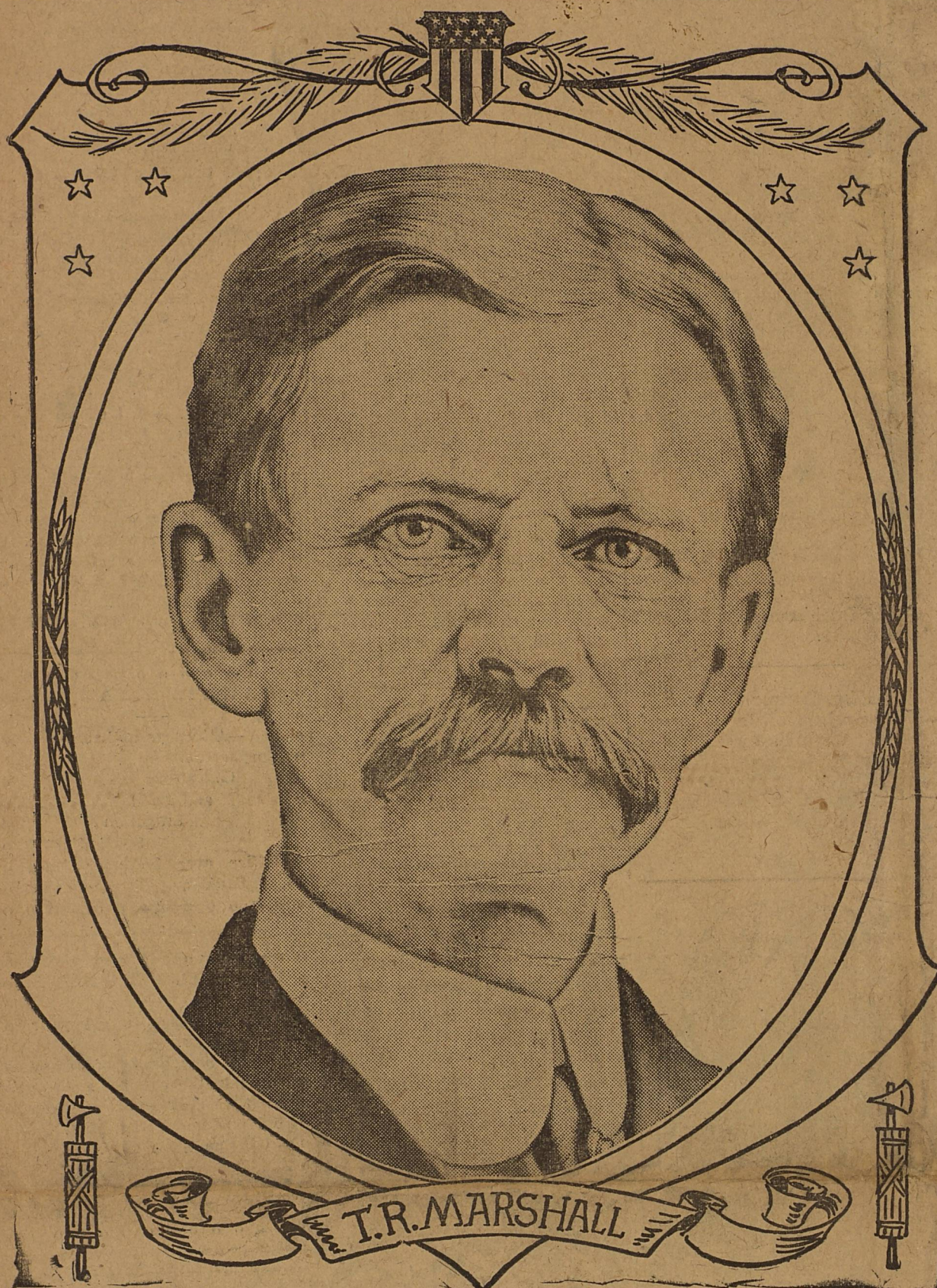
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J. F. and J. H. Tate, prominent business men of Comanche, who spent a day or two in Ballinger with their sister, Mrs. W. B. Dunlap and family, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Albert W. Woods, manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., returned home from Winters, Tuesday night, where he had been looking after his company's business the past few days.

UNITED STATES NOW HAS DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT

Woodrow Wilson Inaugurated Today at High Noon. Occasion of Much Enthusiasm.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—At high noon today, President Wilson took the oath of office in the presence of one of the largest crowds that ever thronged the capitol city on inauguration day. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice White in the inaugural stand on the East front of the Capitol.

His was a triumphal entry, the pent-up democratic enthusiasm of sixteen years concentrating seemingly at the gate way of the nation's capitol and bursting forth in a joyful acclaim.

The weather was ideal for such an occasion and the dome of the capitol glistened under a bright sun as the people packed the reviewing line and the city presented a panorama of patriotic color.

At 10:30 a. m. President elect Wilson and Vice President Marshall were escorted from their hotel to the white house by the inaugural committee of congress. They were escorted from the white house to the capitol, accompanied by President Taft and the cabinet.

Exactly at twelve o'clock President Taft and the new president and vice president witnessed the closing of the Sixty-second congress, and everything was then made ready for turning the reign of government over to the new administration, and the following inaugural program was carried out:

Inauguration of Vice-President in

Senate Chamber:

11:30 to 11:55 a. m.—Ambassadors and ministers, justices of the supreme court, speaker and members of the house of representatives, the President, President-elect and Vice President assemble in senate chamber.

12, noon—Vice-President Marshall takes oath of office, administered by Senator Gallinger, president pro tem of senate.

Adjournment of the senate of the Sixty-second congress, and immediate reconvening of the new senate with prayer by the chaplain.

12:15 p. m.—Vice-President delivers his inaugural address.

12:25 p. m.—Vice-President Marshall swears in new senators.

Inauguration of President in Front of Capitol:

12:35 p. m.—Procession from Senate chamber to platform at east front of capitol.

12:40 p. m.—President Wilson takes oath of office, administered by Chief Justice White.

12:50 p. m.—President Wilson delivers inaugural address.

1:20 p. m.—Presidential party returns to White House.

Inauguration Parade:
1:40 p. m.—Parade starts from Capitol.

2 p. m.—President Wilson reviews parade from President's stand in front of White House.

3 to 3:30 p. m.—Parade disbands.

KATY CONSOLIDATION

BILL A LAW

Katy Consolidation Bill Receives Necessary Vote. There Was No Speechmaking. House Has Already Passed Bill

Austin, Texas, March 4.—At 5:15 yesterday afternoon the senate passed the Katy consolidation bill over the governor's veto by a vote of 22 to 6. There was no speechmaking. As soon as the secretary of the senate had concluded the reading of the governors' veto message, Senator Terrell moved the previous question on the bill which cut off debate, and a roll call was taken with the result that the bill prevailed despite the governor's veto.

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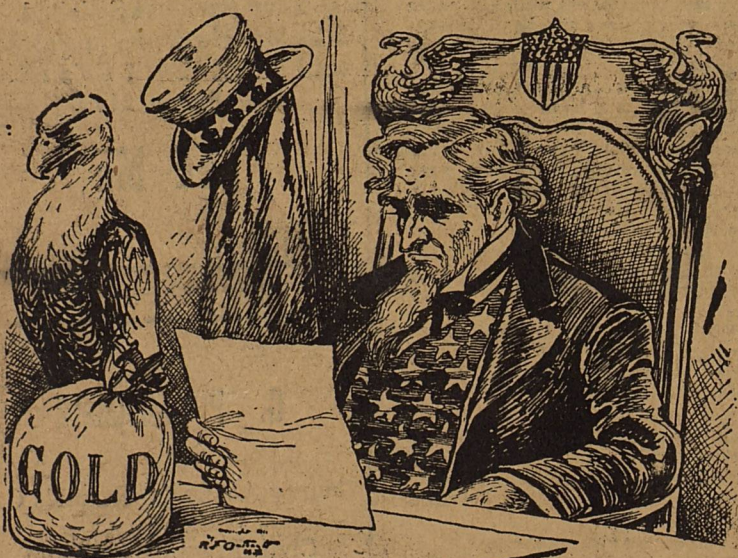
IN MEXICO

Pacification Scheme Will Be Put to Severe Test, Is Expected. Railroads Still Interrupted in the North.

City of Mexico, March 4.—The firm and energetic military promised by the new Mexican government under Provisional President Huerta probably will be inaugurated this week. Huerta has had eight days of conference with the various rebel chiefs or with commissioners sent by them.

This government is now disposed to consider as irreconcilable all those rebels who continue to delay definite recognition of the new order of things.

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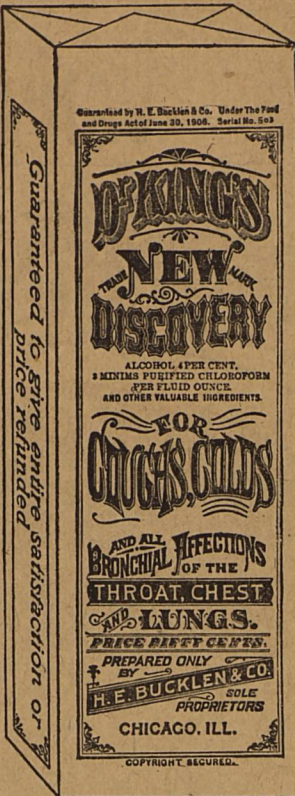
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"Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough," writes Mrs. J. E. Cox of Joliet, Ill. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines, till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. I owe my life to this wonderful remedy, for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick, safe, and reliable for all throat and lung troubles. Sold by

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REBELLION AT A. & M. SAYS JUDGE GUION

A. & M. Committee Complete Work and Make Report to Gov Colquitt. No Compromise Effected With Strikers.

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned Friday night from Austin, where he had been to present the findings of the committee appointed to investigate the trouble at the A. & M. College. The committee, composed of Judge E. R. Kone, Walton Pettet and Judge Guion met in Fort Worth, where they heard evidence in the case, and where they made their findings before going to Austin.

The committee recommended, among other things, their willingness to re-admit the strikers, and their refusal to take back the twenty-seven boys expelled for hazing.

According to Judge Guion there is a spirit of rebellion at the college and he believes it is a case of whether the faculty or the student body is to rule the school in the future. For this reason he believes the board should stand back of the faculty and give it every support possible.

The following articles of agreement were presented in the report as a basis of settlement:

1. That the faculty be sustained in its action in dealing with recent breaches of discipline.
2. That all students dismissed Feb. 1 be readmitted on acknowledgment of error and signing the pledge prescribed by the faculty as to further conduct.
3. That no further action be taken by the board in regard to the readmission of the twenty-seven students dismissed for hazing and we approve the policy heretofore adopted by the faculty of interposing no objection to their admission into other schools.

A Newspaper Man Writes an Open Letter to Dr. Hartman



S. B. Hartman, M. D.

I give below an extract from a letter written me by the business manager of one of the leading newspapers of this country. He said in part: "I was very much interested in your article about the use of alcohol in patent medicines. As you know, your ad. has been running in my paper more or less for the last twenty years. I have been frequently criticized for advertising your remedy on the ground that it contained alcohol and was therefore harmful. 'I am not a doctor myself and do not profess to know anything about such subjects. But I wish I had been supplied with the information contained in your article years ago. Your article exactly meets all the objections that I have had to contend with. 'That alcohol is a useful drug and is the active principle of wine, beers, older and other beverages is to me a new thought. That it is a useful remedy and assists the other ingredients in making a cure, I cannot doubt after reading your article. 'I think so much of your article that I am going to have a reprint of it made and strike off thousands of them,

which I shall mail to objectors as they may arise in the future.

"Your articles convey a great deal of information to the public. I think the newspapers can well afford to publish them gratis, for the articles you have been furnishing me lately constitute some of the best things that occur in my paper. I wish you continued success in your magnificent work."

My dear Sir:—I appreciate your letter. It is not the only one of the kind I have received. I know that Peruna has been greatly misrepresented and misunderstood. I have not had time heretofore to answer these objections. I have been too busy in my many enterprises. My great aim, with its various departments, has so thoroughly engaged my enthusiasm and attention in times past that I could give little heed to critics.

But I have taken up the matter now. My farm is in the hands of intelligent overseers and my other business is all organized in such a way that I can give my attention to these matters. I am proposing now to explain to the public all there is to say about Peruna, knowing full well as soon as the public understands it that the malicious things said about Peruna will be quickly forgotten. PERUNA IS FOR SALE AT ALL DRUG STORES.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Many persons are making inquiries for the old-time Peruna. To such would say, this formula is now put out under the name of KA-TAR-NO, manufactured by KA-TAR-NO COMPANY, Columbus, Ohio. Write them and they will be pleased to send you a free booklet.

WOOL GROWERS ANNUAL BARBECUE

Spring Meeting of the Association Held in Ballinger Saturday. Directors Elected and Splendid Speeches Made.

About thirty-five or forty members of the Wool Growers Association met in Ballinger Saturday in the annual spring convention, and for the purpose of electing a board of directors and attending to other matters looking to the marketing of the spring clip of wool, which we understand will be much larger than last year.

The convention was called to order at the City Park, where a spread of barbecue mutton, together with the necessary extras to make such a spread complete, had been arranged by Feb McWilliams and the First National bank. After doing justice to the lunch, the association got down to business, and listen to a very interesting talk from T. B. Tinsley, the demonstration stock farming man of the Santa Fe. Mr. Tinsley's talk was along the line of sheep feeding through the winter, and how to successfully convert cheap feed into wool and mutton. He recommended the building of silos, and the preserving of everything that a sheep would eat for the winter feed. C. D. Stokes, of Lampasas, one of the largest wool dealers in the state, addressed the sheep men on how to prepare the wool for market, and the importance of every farmer having a bunch of sheep on his farm. Mr. Stokes stated that there were over 40,000 sheep in Lampasas county and that only three men in the county employed herders.

Some interesting and valuable suggestions were made in short talks by Feb. McWilliams and A. V. Livingston, and also J. E. Fowler, of Maverick. Mr. Fowler spoke of the advantages of every farmer raising a few sheep. He said it was a new experience with him, and that the first year proved that it was very profitable.

The following were elected as a board of directors for the ensuing year: R. E. McWilliams, James Clayton, E. A. Brookshire, Feb. McWilliams, Sam Warring, S. A. Hartgrove, W. O. Shultz, R. T. Trail, N. J. Allen, Robt. Herring. Jack McGregor delivered a short address of welcome, assuring the sheep men that they were always welcome to hold their conventions in Ballinger, and that the Ballinger merchants and banks stood ready to serve them in any way possible.

The meeting was a very successful one and fifteen or twenty friends were present at the barbecue to enjoy the hospitality of the First National Bank and Feb. McWilliams.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking will not cure children of wetting the bed, because it is not a habit but a dangerous disease. The C. H. Rowan Drug Co., Dept. 1801 Chicago, Ill. have discovered a strictly harmless remedy for this distressing disease and to make known its merits they will send a 50c package securely wrapped and prepaid Absolutely Free to any reader of the Banner-Ledger. This remedy also cures frequent desire to urinate during the night or day in old or young. The C. H. Rowan Drug Co., is an Old Reliable House write to them today for the free medicine. Cure the afflicted members of your family, then tell your neighbors and friends about this remedy. 52 tw.

Fred Haynes, of Dallas who had been in our city and county the past few days representing the Kansas City Loan department, left Friday afternoon for the east. Mrs. L. B. Harris left Friday afternoon for Dallas en route to Lancaster where she will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

M. KLEBERG JR.
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Fit His Case Exactly.

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

GLINT ROBERTS ARRESTED IN ST. LOUIS

Texas Woman Helps Officers to Trap Man Wanted in San Antonio on Land Swindling Charge.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—Clint W. Roberts, indicted at San Antonio, Texas, on charges of land frauds, was arrested here yesterday afternoon through a trap laid by Mrs. Osa Hutchinson, who had been detained by the police for several days, and will be taken back to Texas to serve as a witness.

Mrs. Hutchinson told the police she could reach Roberts by telephoning to his friends. She was allowed to do so and she made an appointment to meet him at a downtown corner. Detectives arrested him when he appeared at the appointed time.

Sheriff John W. Tobin of San Antonio persuaded Roberts to sign a waiver of extradition for his return to Texas.

Mrs. Hutchinson is detained here in connection with alleged frauds in the sale of 550,000 acres of land in Brooks and Duval counties, Texas.

Sheriff Tobin said Mrs. Hutchinson was wanted as a witness in the case.

Mrs. Hutchinson was Robert's stenographer.

Indian Runner Ducks.

Pure stock of all types. American and imported. Eggs \$1.50, \$2 \$2.50, pre white runners \$4.00 per setting. Write for catalogue and mating list. Harrisons Runner Duck Farm, Paris, Texas. 6td 4tw.



Eugene L. Harris

Austin, Texas, Feb. 28.—The State of Texas is to go into the mining business if a bill introduced by Representative Eugene Harris and others of El Paso becomes a law. The bill provides for a leasing system through which all the mineral lands owned by the State may be developed by the mining operators paying a royalty of five per cent of the gross receipts from the sale of the output of each mine into the treasury of the State.

The bill takes in every kind of product known in the mineral kingdom. It will especially relieve the metal-bearing territory of West Texas and provide opportunities for expansion.

The State owns 1,750,000 acres of land and at least 90 per cent of it contains minerals in unknown quantities, but the present law gives the mineral prospector no rights and there is no incentive for development. The lands in question have little or no value for agricultural purposes.

PRESCRIPTION

For a Long Life.

This is the prescription for a long life given by an old gentleman in Connecticut, who is ninety-nine years old and still well and cheerful, "Live temperately, be slow to anger, don't worry, take plenty of exercise in the fresh air, and, above all, keep cheerful."

Should the system get run down—digestive organs weak—the blood thin and sluggish, take Vinol, which is a delicious combination of the medicine—body-building properties of cods' livers, with the useless grease eliminated and tonic iron added. We regard Vinol as one of the greatest body-builders and strength-creators in the world for aged people.

Mrs. Mary Ivey, of Columbus, Ga., says: "If people only knew the good Vinol does old people, you would be unable to supply the demand; it is the finest tonic and strength-creator I ever used."

We wish every feeble old person in this vicinity would try Vinol on our agreement to return their money if it fails to give satisfaction. The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SETTLING TANK

Contract Let and Work Started on Tank to be Used in Settling City Water. Job Complete to Cost \$1800.

The water committee this morning awarded the contract for the building of the large settling tank, which will be used in settling the water before it is run through the filter and then into the stand pipe.

The contract for the excavation and for furnishing the sand and gravel was awarded to Mr. McMillan, and the contract for the rock and cement work was let to H. M. Harvey. The tank will be put in on the creek near the pump station and will cost the city, complete and ready for operation, about \$1800 and will hold in the neighborhood of 200,000 gallons of water.

As stated above the water will be pumped into the settling tank, where it will be allowed to settle before being pumped into the standpipe through the filter. This piece of work will receive the endorsement of every enterprising citizen, as it means that Ballinger will have as pure, clear water as it is possible to get. The city is going to considerable expense in complying with the necessary regulations to give the people good water, but the water system is more than self sustaining, and it does not mean an additional tax on the people to make these improvements. The surplus in the water fund pays for the improvements made in the water system.

Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chills.

There is nothing that gives so quick relief as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniment has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.



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A few treatments with Quinzoin tonic will relieve the head of dandruff which clogs the scalp and chokes the hair, causing it to fall. You know a healthy scalp always means a head of beautiful, lustrous, fluffy hair. It is nature. Assist nature. Give your scalp correct treatment. Just brush your hair well each night and, twice a week, treat the scalp by dipping the tips of your fingers into Quinzoin hair tonic and gently massaging the scalp. This will strengthen, invigorate and make any scalp healthy.

Why not try it? Let nature do the rest and you will be proud of your beautiful head of thick, fluffy, healthy hair.

Use this formula. Get from your druggist 1 ounce Quinzoin, dissolve it in 1/2 pint of alcohol (not whiskey), then add 1/2 pint water; let stand over night and strain.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCaughn of Norton, came over in their auto Friday morning to do some shopping and returned home in the afternoon.

Miss Wilma Beckwith left Thursday afternoon for Dallas to visit friends and attend the Grand Opera Friday night.

Dr. W. B. Halley left Thursday afternoon for Dallas to join Mrs. Halley on a short visit to relatives and will also hear the Grand Opera while in that city.

B. B. Stone **J. B. Wade**
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"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c. box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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THE DEMOCRATIC CABINET.

Wilmington, Del., March 3.—Justice Charles Grant Garrison of New Jersey is to be secretary of war and Franklin P. Lane of California, at present member of the interstate commerce commission, will be secretary of the interior, according to unquestionable authority.

This information was not obtained from President-elect Wilson, but from an intimate friend who is aboard the Wilson train for a part of the journey.

The same source of information gave the remainder of the cabinet slate as follows:

Secretary of State—William J. Bryan.

Secretary of the Treasury—William G. McAdoo of New York.

Attorney General—James McReynolds of Tennessee.

Secretary of Commerce—William C. Redfield of New York.

Secretary of the Navy—Josephus Daniels of North Carolina.

Secretary of Labor—William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania.

Postmaster General—Albert S. Burleson of Texas.

This leaves but one post, secretary of agriculture, about which authoritative information is lacking. This it is believed will go to a college professor.

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

George Houston, of the Tennessee country, was among the large crowd in Ballinger Monday.

**JUDGE A. K. DOSS TO
GO TO BALLINGER**

It is understood that Judge A. K. Doss is to leave Winters and the Enterprise is glad of it. Not that we have no regrets at losing such a man as he is for there are none whom we prize more highly, but we are glad for the reason that the proposed change promises to be a profitable one for our friend Doss. He has formed a partnership with Judge Wade of Ballinger and the two will be associated together in the practice of law after March 1st.

A. K. Doss came to Winters four years ago and at once entered into the practice of law here. In that time he has shown himself at all times capable, honest and straightforward. He has handled an unusual amount of business in his line and he finds now that he has a chance to go and broaden out and place himself in a position where he can accomplish more. At the same time he is capable of handling the increased duties that will fall on him in his new relations and everybody in Winters and the Winters country hope that he will be given a chance to show his worth in the county seat as well as he has here.

We will miss him and Mrs. Doss in social and church affairs and we will find their place hard to fill and we hope that they will find their place in these affairs at Ballinger, where the people are sure to soon learn to regard them as the best that Winters has to offer them at any time.—Winters Enterprise.

LADIES SERVE LUNCH

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church served lunch Monday at T. S. Lankford store and report a very successful day. The net proceeds go toward paying the debt on the manse. The society is divided into divisions and this division was composed of Madams W. E. Allen, W. S. Mullin, S. P. Hathaway and C. C. Cockrell who prepared and served the dinner. They were well pleased with this effort and will repeat the experiment again next first Monday.

The ladies desire to thank Mr. Lankford for the free use of his front room and also for dishes stove, etc., and for other valuable assistance on this occasion.

REV. R. M. HAMMOCK SICK.

Rev. R. M. Hammock, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, became suddenly ill Sunday morning, and was not able to be in his pulpit Sunday. He was up and about home, feeling as well as usual when he was taken suddenly sick and came near falling in the floor. The physicians report that the illness is due to a bilious attack, and we are glad to report that Mr. Hammock is considerably improved this afternoon, and is resting well.

**ANTIS WIN IN THE
STOCKTON ELECTION**

The Standard was in error in reporting that Fort Stockton went dry by 10 in the election last Saturday. The election was for commissioners precinct No. 1, including Ft. Stockton. Mr. J. C. Felix came in on the train Sunday from Fort Stockton with the report that the total returns were all in, which gave the election to the antis by 7 majority. A contest is talked of.—San Angelo Standard.

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

J. H. PATTERSON HURT.

J. H. Patterson returned home Monday night from points in the east where he had been on stock business the past few weeks, and we are sorry to note that he was right badly hurt on the train en route home. The lurching of the car threw him against a stove in the caboose and caused quite severe bruises on his hips and back.

He bought while gone six cars of stock cattle and shipped them to this point where he will put them on his pastures, for the spring.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The city council met in regular monthly session Tuesday morning with all members present. The monthly accounts were passed upon and allowed where properly ordered. A call for the city election in April was ordered at this meeting. There being no other business of importance meeting adjourned subject to call of mayor.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters advertised March 1, 1913.

Byrd, Miss Laura.
Fowler, Bob.
Garrett, A. Sid.
Maer, Claud,
Smith, Fred.
Wyatt, A. B.

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The machine eliminates 19 separate operations required by the previous method of printing and has affected a saving of 57 per cent in cost. The whole apparatus, which is three feet wide, twenty-five feet long and seven feet high, is driven by a Crocker-Wheeler motor. One man and a girl are able to operate the entire machine and the perforating device connected with it. Mr. B. R. Stiekney, mechanical expert of the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving, is the inventor who developed the machine for the special use of the government printing plant.

LEFT FOR COLEMAN.

Rev. E. W. Wells, pastor of the Nazarine church, left Tuesday morning for Coleman where he goes to meet their District Supt. Rev. I. M. Ellis on church work for several days. Rev. Ellis will be there the last of the week and will fill the pulpit at their church in Ballinger next Sunday.

The Nazarine church improvements are nearing completion and Rev. Wells informs us that they would dedicate the same next Sunday.

George S. Graves, of Miles, who had been in Ballinger the past day or two on business, returned home Tuesday at noon.

Mrs. J. W. Eason and two children returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to her mother and other relatives at Yoakum.

J. F. and J. H. Tate, of Cameron, came in Monday afternoon on a visit to their sister, Mrs. W. B. Dunlap and family for a few days.

T. M. Curbo, one of the pioneer and prominent citizens south of the city down the river, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**JUDGE KLEBERG
DIES SUDDENLY**

Judge Marcellus E. Kleberg, one of the most prominent and oldest citizens of Galveston county, died at his residence, corner 11th street and Avenue H, this morning shortly after 7 o'clock. At breakfast this morning Judge Kleberg appeared well and hearty but a short while after the meal he dropped dead, death resulting from heart failure.

Judge Kleberg was at the time of his death 64 years of age, 37 years of which time was spent in Galveston and Galveston county. Judge Kleberg came to Galveston island from New Orleans in 1876 with several companions and immediately after their arrival began building up the town of Galveston. Since then he has remained almost continuously in Galveston, practicing his chosen profession, namely that of law.

Judge Kleberg leaves a wife and six children. The children are M. E. Kleberg, Jr., of Ballinger, Dr. Walter Kleberg of Galveston, Robert M. Kleberg of Galveston, Misses Rosa, Emmitt and Alice Kleberg of Galveston.

Marcellus E. Kleberg, born February 7th, 1849 at Meyersville, DeWitt county Texas, son of Robert J. Kleberg, a San Jacinto veteran, a graduate of Washington Lee University in 1872; practiced law in Austin County for two years. Married October 24th, 1875, Emilie Miller, of Bellville, Texas. Mr. Kleberg was a representative in the 13th legislature from De Witt County, coming to Galveston in 1875. He engaged in the practice of law and so continued to the time of his death, during which period he was successively a member of the firms of Hume & Kleberg, Street & Kleberg, Kleberg, Davison & Neethe and Kleberg & Neethe. Mr. Kleberg was city attorney of the city of Galveston under the commission government for eight years. He recently resigned that office on account of increased demands of his private practice. In all public measures whether of state or local importance Mr. Kleberg always occupied a leading position.

Mr. Kleberg was a true friend and a devoted husband and father. His standard both as a citizen and as a lawyer was the highest. He occupied a commanding position among the members of the bar of this state. No man was ever more universally loved and few have lived so useful a life.—Galveston Tribune.

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Mrs. Arch Brookshire, of Benoit was among the shopping visitors in Ballinger Monday.

E. A. Jeans, the produce man, left Tuesday at noon on a short business trip to Miles.

S. S. Martin, of the Winters country, was a business visitor in Ballinger first Monday.

J. G. Schooler came in Monday from their ranch in Tom Green county to visit home folks in our city a few days.

Judge J. B. Wade and T. J. Gardner, made an overland trip to Talpa Tuesday. Judge Wade on legal business and Mr. Gardner looking after insurance business.

Miss Maurice Truly, of Coleman, came in Tuesday at noon to visit her sister, Mrs. Carlos Dunn and Ballinger friends for a few days.

H. Kay Berry, one of the Banner-Ledger's staunch friends of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Madams E. L. McAlpine, J. Y. Pearce, H. H. Thomson and Miss Maggie Underwood and Franc Baker, returned home Tuesday at noon from Dallas, where they enjoyed the grand opera the past few days.

T. C. Corder, left Sunday afternoon for Houston, where he goes as a delegate to the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. which convenes in that city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hickman, of Miles, who had been visiting his uncle A. A. Martin and family, returned home Monday at noon. Mr. Martin accompanied them home to visit a few days in that city.

**FAT STOCK SHOW
OPENS MARCH 8****Big Premium List Is Now In
Readiness.****SEVEN DAYS OF PLEASURE**

Committee Chosen From Breeding Associations Make Rules Governing All Contests—Beef and Dairy Breeds to Exhibit.

When the National Feeders and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, Tex., swings open its doors Saturday morning, March 8, the greatest cattle show ever presented to the American people under Southern skies will begin a history making exhibition.

Cattle fattened on the ranges of West Texas and Oklahoma, these from the pasture lands of the settled East, and last but not least, from across the border in Old Mexico, will pass under the careful eye of the most skilled judges known to the different breeding associations for honors which mean everything to their owners. The cattle classification this year includes every known breed of consequence, and suitable prizes go with each division.

All the cattle entering for competition will come under the rules of the "Sifting Committee." This committee is composed of members to be recommended by the various breeding associations and will pass upon the age and eligibility of all entries and see that such entries are within the age limit. The age limit on both breeding and fat cattle will be rigidly enforced. J. E. Yearwood of Georgetown, W. C. McKamy of Renner, Garrett King of Taylor, H. B. Johnson of Chickasha and J. W. Cook of Beville have been chosen to act upon the Sifting Committee.

A code of rules have been drafted and adopted by the committee and a copy mailed to the different exhibitors so that they can familiarize themselves. The rules will be followed to the letter in every detail, and all exhibitors will be forced to observe them.

Rules Governing Show.
Any protest as to eligibility on account of age of animals entered in the fat classes of the show must be filed with the Secretary prior to the day on which they are to be judged. Information concerning the class that any animal or carload is entered in can be had at the office of the Secretary. Specifications showing ages of cattle by identification is given hereunder for the benefit of exhibitors.

Specifications showing teeth of cattle at ages described, which is adopted as a basis of determining ages of cattle.

Twelve Months—An animal of this age shall have all of its milk (calf) teeth in place.

Fifteen Months—At this age center pair of incisor milk teeth may be replaced by center pair of permanent incisors (pinchers), the latter teeth being through the gums, but not yet in wear.

Eighteen Months—The middle pair of permanent incisors at this age should be fully up and in wear, but next pair (first intermediate) not yet cut through gums.

Twenty-four Months—The mouth at this age will show two middle permanent (broad) incisors fully up and in wear, and next pair (first intermediate) well up, but not in wear.

Thirty Months—The mouth at this age may show six broad, permanent incisors, the middle and first intermediate pairs fully up and in wear, and the next pair (second intermediate) well up, but not in wear.

Thirty-six Months—Three pairs of broad teeth should be fully up and in wear, and the corner milk teeth may be shed or shedding, with the corner permanent teeth just appearing through the gums.

Thirty-nine Months—Three pairs of broad teeth will be fully up and in wear and corner teeth (incisors) through gums, but not in wear.

The acme of purple strains will trail from the long sheds, back of the Coliseum, to and from the tan bark ring daily. All of the judging, by official judges and A. & M. students, will be done in the open ring before the public, and the awarding of the ribbons will take place the last day from the same ring.

More than 6,000 entries were made in the Livestock Department of this big show in 1912. This record will be eclipsed by more than 2,000 in March, and one of the biggest increases will be registered in the cattle division. The cattleman of the Western plains having been breeding for perfection for several years, and these herds will be represented as never before.

Baby Beef Clubs.

An addition to the Cattle Division is the Baby Beef exhibits which have been given a place. This class of beef is grown by the boys on the farm and to them goes all the credit and the prize money. In less than a year Baby Beef Clubs have sprung up all over the Southwest, and the rivalry between the individual boys and the clubs promises to be keen. Boys from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico have already sent in their entries and this feature promises to be one of the principal drawing cards in the Cattle Division. Places in both sections, above and below the quarantine line, have been provided for the proper housing of exhibits.

The Fort Worth Stock Yards Company, Armour & Company, Sears, Roebuck & Co., and Clay, Robinson & Co., are offering prizes ranging from \$250 to \$500. In all nearly \$500 will be paid in this department.

In the Breeders' Division.

From the pure blood herds of the Southwest a great array of Shorthorns, Herefords, Red Polled, Aberdeen-Angus and others will compete for the largest stakes hung up in the history of the show. From year to year the contest has waxed warm in the Hereford and Shorthorn Divisions, but this year the Aberdeen-Angus will play for honors in every class.

The Brahma cattle from South Texas and a herd or two from India will be on exhibition. This grade of stock will not be entered for competition, but simply brought to the show for exhibition purposes.

Special Days for State.

Special days will be given states of the Southwest at the National Feeders and Breeders' Show in Fort Worth, March 8 to 15, inclusive. Already Arkansas and Texas have been designated days and other special days will be announced later by the management.

Manufacturers of the Southwest will hold a show in connection with the National Feeders and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth on March 8 to 15, inclusive. Special space has been granted the manufacturers for their exhibits.

The National Feeders and Breeders' Show will attract thousands from all over the Southwest.



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Perhaps the greatest desecrated man in the world today is Huerta, and we predict that the downfall of the Mexican republic is close at hand.

March came in like a lamb, and according to the old saying we had as well prepare for the worst at the close of the month.

Even if Wilson has said that he expects to stick pretty close to Washington, Congress has provided the usual \$25,000 for the Presidents traveling expenses.

Oh, well, it isn't the first time the Federal government and the governor of Texas haven't agreed on the number of troops needed on the border.

Its good bye Brer rabbit, as the war goes merrily on. Yes, and it will make fish baste scarce to exterminate the rabbit race.

Taking them at their own valuation of each other, those "greasers" are about as treacherous a lot as could be found on earth.

If intervention in Mexico has to come, which heaven forbid, let's all hope it will be the result of calm deliberation, not of fear of shrieking yellow journals and jingo politicians.

The company of State militia at San Angelo disbanded last week. Perhaps they thought business was going to pick up and they had better retire to private life.

With the increased interest being manifested in poultry growing in this county Runnels county's revenue from the poultry business promises to double up this year.

The small grain crop seems to be in no hurry about getting out of the ground, the little blades are small yet, but there is plenty time and the old heads say prospects for a grain crop are very promising.

It seems that the postal department is determine to compete with the express companies on certain lines of goods in transportation. After July first you can order it by parcel post C. O. D.

Wanted to buy—a ticket to the B. M. banquet; will pay handsome premium for ticket that will carry all the way with the Ballinger boosters. For further particulars see the fellow that waited to buy his ticket.

The commissioners court of Coke county passed an order last week allowing a bounty of fifty cents per dozen on jack rabbit scalps. The Runnels county commissioners are paying five cents straight, but then Ballinger always did lead the market.

A slight blaze occurred on the A. & S. passenger train Friday morning caused by the top of the car catching fire from the heater stove pipe. The fire was soon noticed and extinguished with very little damage to the car.

Teddy Roosevelt says he got licked when he was four years old for biting his sister. The Houston Post says the Colonel got licked when he was 54 years old for biting the whole United States.

The Temple Telegram denies advising any young lady to transform herself into a fruit stand, but insists that if she is going to try to keep a peachy complexion she ought also to cultivate a cherry disposition.

To make Ballinger the healthiest town in Texas through the coming summer every citizen should lay his plans to fight the fly and the weeds. Don't give the fly the start by leaving breeding places around your premises. Swat him early and swat him late.

Huerta will have a hard time making the world believe that Madero and Suarez were responsible for their own death by trying to escape. It was a plot well planned for murdering two of the best

men in Mexico, and we predict for the assassians a like fate sooner or later.

Its an ill wind that does not blow some good, etc., also applies to the meningitis epidemic among the law-makers. It brought about a house cleaning for the capitol. It is claimed that the house has not been cleaned since 1888. Yes, twenty-four years is long enough to use one carpet.

The visitors to the fat stock show which is to open in Fort Worth next week will see something from Runnels county that will make them stand up and take notice. The show cattle of S. J. Blocker are as pretty bunch of stuff as ever licked salt in any country.

Despite the fact that there are a few yards in Ballinger that do not look as clean as they should and are not very conducive to god health, we are still free from any contagious diseases and epidemics. A real booster will clean up his premises and all others should be forced to do so.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains, or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25, 50, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Another freeze last night just to check the budding of the fruit trees. At this season everything point to a good fruit crop year. A freeze later in the year would do millions of dollars damage to the fruit crop, but it is figured that the freeze last night did millions dollars good to the crop.

Those people who want a new constitution had better be getting a new bible. We have had the bible much longer than the constitution, and if this is to be a progressive age worth while we had better change Christianity and overhaul the solar system. The arrangement of the moon could be changed so as to give us moonlight nights the year round, and the milky way could be dispensed with altogether. Let's change everything.—Menard Messenger.

Menard has so many pretty girls that it seems almost a calamity to be married, but the chances are that if a fellow was single he would wander around in this garden of beauty and finally land another one so ugly that her looks would peel the paper off the wall. People have queer tastes anyhow.—Menard Messenger.

The Coleman Democrat-Voice quoting from its files of twenty-years ago says: "The impression prevails among train men that the junction four miles from town, will be discontinued and the kink taken out of the road." That was twenty years ago and the kink is still in the Santa Fe.

An associated press report says that the House was so cold Friday morning that the newspaper men agreed not to report the proceedings of the legislature. For awhile the doings in the legislature occupied front page position in the papers. The meningitis scare probably made christians out of the boys.

Some of our boosters are becoming a little discouraged because the people will not wake up to the necessity of good roads. It will require time to educate the people up to the importance of building good roads, spending the money for permanent improvements instead of throwing it away on patch work. Runnels county is a banner county in several things, but we are far behind on good roads.

Yes, Ballinger has received some pretty severe knocks in the past on account of its water supply; not the quantity, but the quality. With the completion of the settling tank, and the splendid operation of the \$5000 filter, the quality of the water will no doubt go a long ways towards discontinuing the "pipe line" now in operation between this place and San Angelo.

The tickets for the B. M. banquet were put on sale Wednesday morning and by four o'clock Thursday afternoon every ticket had been sold. Who said Ballinger citizens were not waking up, and falling in line to pull for the better interest of Ballinger? The knockers have all about been starv

ed to death or moved away, and we are on the verge of prosperous times—if there is anything in the sings.

A bunch of Mexican federal soldiers took a fancy shot at some of Uncle Sam's troops across the border at Douglas, Arizona, and as a result of their dare Mexico is minus four Mexican soldiers, and the dove of peace is still fluttering at a height that does not look good to the peace conference. Anytime they get foxy with Uncle Sam's boys they can expect to take their medicine.

The Ballinger Business Men's Club is to have a banquet and arrangements were made in advance for 200 seats. The tickets were put on sale, and in less than six hours every one was sold. The Bulletin doesn't know whether it is because a banquet looks so good to Ballinger citizens or whether it was because of the loyalty of the members of the Business Men's Club.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Both branches of the house took a parting shot at Mr. Taft by passing the Webb bill over his veto. Like many laws, there is a difference of opinion as to the benefits to be derived from this bill, and we can only wait for time to give the results. It was the second time in fifteen years that the National law makers have passed a measure over the president.

The Bulletin is in receipt of a letter from Dr. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church at Fort Worth, in which the statement is made that the papers of that city will not give a line regard the First Church or its pastor without pay, and have been refused to publish articles when pay has been tendered. The statement is also made that the attendance at the regular services of this church has required an enlargement of the tabernacle in which the services are being held. There has been 106 additions to the church during the months of January and February, and the membership is now busy at work erecting a \$75,000 structure that will be a credit to the city of Fort Worth when completed.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Ambassador Wilson by accepting the Mexican's explanation of the killing of Madero and Suarez as being entirely justifiable, has brought upon himself the condemnation of the entire American people. Wilson is on the ground and perhaps is in a better position to know the real situation than people scattered over the United States, but the higher powers at Washington have come suspicious and an investigation will be made, and it is possible that Mr. Wilson will have to answer to some grave charges. Things are so rotten in Mexico, that Americans are becoming alarmed at the situation.

The desire to accumulate something for one's children is a commendable one; but it is well to bear in mind that the best things are to be given to the children personally, in good examples, kind words and thoughtful teachings. A very sensible writer recently said about this important subject: "Children must be taught what the parents wish them to know. Teach them truthful gentle ways and they will be true and gentle. If a boy learns bad language from his father, he will repeat it just as certainly, as he has a tongue in his mouth, and if a little girl hears her mother gossip she will gossip just as soon as she meets a playmate. People who devour their food like cattle must not expect their children to have good table manners. Gentlemen and good women are home made. There is nothing on earth for which one ought to be more thankful than for having been brought up in the atmosphere of a pure home. Such a home may be narrow and even hard. It may be deficient in material comforts. A man, sturdy as an oak once said, "I was the son of poor parents and from my youth up was inured to self denial and hardships, but I do not remember of even hearing a word from the lips of either my mother or my father that was not as it should be. Better such recollections than a great inheritance."

The Drummers Right to Vote. Traveling men are leading a movement for the right to register when convenient, and to vote at polling places wherever they happen to be on election day. They would have the same right extended to railway employes, actors and others whose business naturally requires them to be away from home

when the day for registration or for casting the ballot comes. Kansas and Minnesota have such laws, and the Wisconsin and the New York legislatures are considering such acts. As each state prescribes its own qualifications for voters, the propaganda must be urged in each commonwealth. During the next two years it is expected that a number of states will provide relief for the voters who must of necessity be on the road on election day.

From New York comes the estimate that \$0,000 traveling men lost their votes last November in that city alone by being out at work. Of the half million traveling men in the whole country, it is likely that all have more than once missed the opportunity to vote by being elsewhere than at their registration place.

Speaker Champ Clark has expressed his approval of such legislation by the various states, and given a boost for the movement. The traveling man is exceedingly well informed on politics in his own state, as he comes in contact with a wide range of voters. He also has studied public questions, above the general run of citizens, and is highly qualified to vote for the best interests of the state. Under proper restrictions the removal of the handicap under which they labor would doubtless find few dissenting votes.—Nashville Tennessean

COMING BACK TO BALLINGER

It has never been accounted for, but it is remarkably strange, how people will return to Ballinger to live after trying other places. A letter from E. D. Haden, formerly land scape gardner for the Santa Fe at this place, and who now lives at Childress, having accepted charge of the courthouse and city park there, says he and his family are getting along very well, but as soon as his contract expires he will return to Ballinger to live. They will come back.

Judge C. O. Harris left Thursday afternoon for Galveston where he goes to look after legal matters a few days.

Mrs. W. D. Ellis, of Seminole who had been visiting her uncle, W. E. Allen and family of West End, left Friday at noon for San Angelo en route home.

E. C. Voelkel, of Rowena, left from this point Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth where he had shipped out a carload of cattle.

Ed Globber returned home Saturday from a weeks stay at his Concho county ranch and reports everything moving along very nicely in that section.

S. A. Gaston, of the Valley creek country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Hal Beckwith left Monday afternoon for Harlingen, Texas where he goes to look after business a few weeks.

Miss Bettie Miller returned home Sunday from an extended visit to friends at Sweetwater and other points in that section.

M. D. Oliver, of San Saba, came in Monday at noon on a visit to his sons Dee and Lee Oliver and families for a few weeks.

Edwin Day returned home Monday at noon from a short business visit to Brownwood.

W. S. Morehead, one of the pioneer citizens of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape, of Hatchel, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Eunice Phillips and Miss Proctor, returned home Monday at noon from a short visit to relatives and friends at Winters.

Judge J. P. Cogdill, of Winters, was among the legal visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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

E. M. Lynn with the San Angelo National Bank, made his usual Sunday visit to Ballinger and returned home Monday at noon.

John Thurman, of the First National Bank, returned home Monday at noon from a visit to his home folks at Glen Cove.

It will be noticed that there was a lull in the exercise from about 11 a. m. until noon, during which time President Taft, is occupied with the concluding work of Congress.

Ben S. Long returned home Monday afternoon from an extended business trip to Fort Stockton and other points in that section.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all dealers.

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Wick Currie returned home Tuesday morning from a business trip Wset.

S. B. Caperton, of Maverick, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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Miss Emma Spill, of Winters, was in the city Tuesday on a visit to relatives and friends.

Judge C. O. Harris left Monday at noon for San Angelo to look after legal business.

Mrs. Horace Murphy, of South Ballinger, left Tuesday afternoon for Abilene on a visit to her parents and friends for a week or two.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Paul Machaelis, one of the pioneer and successful citizens of the Hatchel country, was among the large first Monday crowd here

Monday and renewed his allegiance with this paper for another year.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley, Mrs. Tom Ward and Miss Wilma Beckwith returned home Monday night from Dallas, where they attended the grand opera in that city the past few days.

G. W. Wilson, one of the successful farmers down the river was in Ballinger Tuesday and had the Banner-Ledger sent to the address of his son-in-law, J. A. McKenzie at Mart and had the Record sent to his own address.

The fire boys have just received their new fire coats and 1000 feet of new hose, so the chief informs us, and all are now happy and in shape to fight the fire demon in fine shape, on quick notice.

Frank Ramsey, of Brownwood, was here Tuesday on business.

Rev. Father Gorman, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

ALAMO CITY PREPARING FOR UNIQUE CELEBRATION

San Antonio, Tex., March 5.—Seven Fiesta Pageants have been announced as one of the chief features of the annual Fiesta San Jacinto and "Battle of Flowers," which will be held this year during the week of April 21-26 inclusive.

The crowning feature of the week will be the celebration of the battle of San Jacinto on Friday, April 25 with the flower parade and "Battle of Flowers," which is under the direction of the leading society women of the city.

Other parades during the week will be the mythological parade on Tuesday afternoon April 22; the burlesque historical parade, Wednesday night; the trades and manufacturers' parade Thursday afternoon; flower parade and "Battle of Flowers," Friday afternoon, April 26, illuminated automobile parade, Friday night; and a lantern parade by traveling men members of T. P. A. and U. C. T., Saturday night.

STOCK SHOW WILL HAVE LARGE PREMIUM LIST.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 5.—Texas cattle and horse breeders will not only have an opportunity at the \$40,000 to be given away by the National Feeders and Breeders' Show, March 8 to 15 inclusive, but will come in for money in special classes for Texas-bred stock.

The Shorthorn Breeder's Association has placed \$450 in cash prizes for Texas-bred and raised Shorthorn cattle, and the Hereford Association has hung up \$410, for the same class of Hereford stock. The Aberdeen Angus has also hung up a neat sum for the Texas class. Besides these prizes in the cattle division, the American Percheron Society has offered \$210 for the winners in the Texas raised Percheron class.

All railroads are advertising rates to the show and special rates for different cities and towns within the State limits.

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GUNLESS SHERIFF OF JONES COUNTY.

"If Governor Colquitt never accomplishes anything more than the prison reforms he has made his administration a most successful one," declared Tom F. McClure, "gunless sheriff of Jones county," who was in Fort Worth recently en route to Alabama, carrying requisition papers for the transfer of a bigamist wanted in his county. "The change in the penitentiary is a remarkable one," Sheriff McClure said.

"I often go through the Huntsville penitentiary not as a visitor but as a peace officer, and I know what I say when I tell you that a revolution has been going on in the penitentiary under Governor Colquitt's administration. The men have been freed from the traditional 'stripes,' and instead wear a uniform, not a disgrace, but to preserve uniformity in appearance. The men realize that they are still men. They keep clean and have large bath rooms, shower and tub, and they appreciate it, too.

"They maintain their own laundry, they are self-supporting; in other words, it is a twentieth century Suny Brook farm of transgressors instead of idealists. A night school is in active operation. Kindness, as well as honesty, is a good policy. For twenty-one years I have been a peace-officer, serving in two states and in many different counties. I've seen more men hanged than any other sheriff in this state. Yet I have never carried a gun and never intend to—and I have handled some pretty rough ones, too.

"Last week I took the man I defeated for sheriff of Jones county to the penitentiary—and I did not have a gun with me either. His name is N. G. Ferrell and he was indicted and convicted for the misappropriation of six thousand dollars of public money. He was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He came to me and asked that I take him to Huntsville. I did not handcuff him. He was dressed just like I was and

should have been dispelled remain to poison the system.

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we were just jolly good fellows—was doing my duty as an officer, he was obeying the mandates of a court. When we came to Fort Worth I went to see my brother-in-law, Dr. C. B. Simons. Ferrell went to a theater and then went out to the northside to see a few of his friends. When we went through Houston we occupied the same room and slept in the same bed. This is but one of the many vindications of the principles of kindness in the handling of men of criminal history." Sheriff McClure is well known over the state.—Dublin Progress.

Helping a Woman

Generally means helping an entire family. Her back aches so she can hardly drag around. Her nerves are on edge and she is nearly wild. Headache and Sleeplessness unfit her for the care of her family. Rheumatic Pains and Lumbago rack her body. But, let her take

Foley Kidney Pills

and all these ailments will disappear. She will soon recover her strength and healthy activity for Foley Kidney Pills are healing, curative, strengthening and tonic, a medicine for all Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases that always cures.

W. T. TEAL SELLS 1200 SHEEP AT \$4.25 A HEAD

W. T. Teal, Elm creek sheepman has sold to Will Bryson of McCulloch county, 1200 head of stock sheep at \$4.25 per head. The sheep were delivered this week and put on the Bryson range in McCulloch county.—Coleman Democrat.

Jake Stubberfield, one of the papers staunch friends of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Charlie Castor left Thursday afternoon for San Angelo, where he goes to do some brick and cement contract work.

Be Happy!

Happy the girl, or woman, who has never suffered from any of the diseases of womanhood! Or, if she has been a sufferer, happy is she if she has learned of the wonderful benefits of Cardui, the woman's tonic!

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SNEED'S TROUBLES COST HIM \$100,000

"I'm Going to Make Barrell of Money in Next Ten Years," Says Boyce's Slayer. Will Leave Texas.

Fort Worth, Feb. 27.—John Beal Sneed, acquitted at Vernon Tuesday of the charge of murdering Al Boyce at Amarillo, Sept. 14, will not leave Texas, his relatives say. Sneed will not commit himself. He says his plans are indefinite.

Sneed, his brothers, Joe and Marvin, and his uncle, J. W. Sneed of Waco, came to Fort Worth late Tuesday afternoon and Sneed and his uncle proceeded Tuesday night to Waco, where Mrs. Sneed and the two little girls are.

The Vernon trial was the last of the series of celebrated trials growing out of the elopement of Mrs. Sneed and Al Boyce, in November.

Trials Cost \$100,000.

"I don't know what I am going to do," Sneed said Tuesday night. "If I live though, I'm going to make a barrel of money in the next ten years."

Sneed said his trouble has cost him nearly \$100,000. He also remarked he wouldn't go through another trial for \$100,000.

It has been said that Sneed probably would sell out his Texas interests and buy a farm in some Pacific coast state, or in some gulf state and take his family there, but his relatives believe he will stay in Texas and begin the reorganization of his crippled cattle and farm business. He probably will stay in Waco for several months yet. A governess is teaching his children.

SIX GO TO JAIL FOR FIFTEEN CENT CRAP POT.

Although there was only fifteen cents in the pot six negroes are paying dearly for a crap game in which they indulged Sunday. The game took place in the rear of a colored barber shop. "Shen come leben, an' ah roll dem bones", one of the party was heard to say. At this point the game was interrupted by Deputy Sheriff Snow. Two of the offenders have paid their fines. The other four are still in jail.—San Angelo Standard.

C. O. D. PARCELS WILL ARRIVE AFTER JULY 1

Washington, Feb. 27.—On July 1, next, the collection on delivery feature will be added to the parcel post service. An order putting this into effect was today signed by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Under the approval regulations, a parcel bearing the required amount of parcel post stamps may be sent anywhere in the country and the amount due from the purchaser collected and remitted by the postoffice department. The regulations provide that the parcel must bear the amount due from the addressee and the collection will be made provided the amount is not in excess of \$100. The fee will be ten cents to be affixed by the sender in parcel post stamps. This also will insure the parcel to an amount not to exceed \$50.

Will Hale, manager of the Callan Co., ranch on the line of Coleman and Runnels county, is here to attend the wool growers association.

B. C. Mann, one of the prominent and prosperous young stockmen of Sterling City, who had been visiting in our city the past day or two, returned home Friday at noon.

Mrs. Dan Van Pelt and little son Dannie, returned home Friday at noon from a visit to friends at Winters.

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COURT PASSES RABBIT LAW

Beginning March First County Will Pay Five Cents Bounty on Jack Rabbits. Cotton Tail Not Included.

The commissioners court passed the rabbit bounty law Thursday afternoon, and Jack rabbit ears are now worth five cents per pair. The law goes into effect tomorrow (March first) and will be in force indefinitely, or until the rabbit breed in this county is exterminated.

The bounty is for Jack rabbits only, as, says one of the commissioners, we do not want to destroy the little cotton tail rabbits, but want to protect them for meat. We might need them this fall.

All that is necessary is to scalp Mr. Jack rabbit when you kill him and bring his scalp to the county clerk. The clerk is authorized to check up the scalps and issue you a check for the money.

This law is in force in the neighboring counties and with war being made on the rabbits over the counties in this section it means that within a few months a Jack rabbit will be a curiosity, and the farmers will realize a good saving and avoid much worry from the destruction of crops.

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, wtf Concho county, Tex

Something Radically Wrong.

The potato situation is anomalous. The Idaho growers, who are offered only 14c a bushel for their product, declare that price to be insufficient to repay them for taking the potatoes out of the pits and hauling them to market, much less for raising them, and that they will let them rot in the pits before they will sell, at that price. But when the broker's fee and the rail road freight are added to the 14c the jobbers of Dallas say they can not sell to retailers for less than 70c a bushel. Potatoes can not, therefore, become cheaper than they now are, though there is a possibility that they may become dearer.—Market report in Dallas News.

The above affords some thought for the man in this country who is fond of "spuds." A local dealer informs us that potatoes are hard to get here at from 85 to 90 cents per bushel when bought in car load lots. If the Idaho grower is only offered 14c for his potato crop the railroads and the man who handle the crop between here and the field is getting 75c per bushel. We know nothing about the freight rates from Idaho to this place, neither do we know how many bushels of spuds a car will hold, but it strikes us just a glance at the proposition that the Idaho grower is not receiving what he is entitled to for his potato crop, or else the Ballinger man is paying too high. Figure it out for yourself, and if you locate the trouble, tell it to us.

Edwin Day left Friday afternoon for Brownwood on a short business trip.

August Herring was here from Talpa Saturday to attend the wool growers meet.

Judge C. O. Harris returned Saturday from Galveston, where he had been to confer with the Santa Fe on some legal matters.

Ed O'Kelley returned Saturday from a trip to the sticks in East Texas. He was called there by his attorney in a damage suit against the I. & G. N. road. The case was continued.

L. Shields returned home Friday from an extended visit to his old home in Missouri. His mother who was also on a visit to the old home, remained for a longer visit.

John Thurman, of the First National Bank, left this afternoon for Coleman county to spend Sunday with his mother.

Dr. Cleland, the optician, left Friday afternoon for Winters on a short professional visit.

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RURAL MAIL CARRIERS ORGANIZE

The Runnels county rural mail carriers met at Ballinger last Monday and organized the Runnels County Rural Mail Carriers Association. It being a legal holiday, Washington's birth day, the carriers had a day off, and they met here for the above purpose. W. J. McFarland, of Winters, was elected chairman and R. A. Smith was elected secretary and treasurer.

There are thirteen routes in the county, as follows: Ballinger four, Winters, three, Wingate, two, Miles, three, Rowena, one. Each route has one carrier and one substitute, making a total of twenty-six who will make up the association, provided they all come in. Many of us here can look back to what seemingly a short time, and call to mind that this county only had three of four post offices supplying the then sparsely settled county. Now there are about 750 families outside of Ballinger, people living in the county, who have their mail brought to their doors daily, and it is said too that we are living in an early stage of the developments of the postal service. We are afraid to predict what the next twenty-five years will reveal. Delivering mail in airships perhaps.

James H. Baker, for many years a citizen of Brownwood and formerly district attorney here, arrived on the noon Santa Fe from Sweetwater, where he had been on business, and is the guest today of his brother, John T. Baker and family. Mr. Baker, since leaving Brownwood, has made his home at Douglas, Ariz., being for a time in the lumber business, but now acting as vice-president and chairman of the board of directors of a prosperous Douglas bank. Mr. Baker says his country is prosperous, and that he likes Arizona well. He also says that he and his

family are enjoying splendid health in the west. Brownwood friends will be glad to greet "Jim" Baker again.—Brownwood Bulletin.

T. J. Ballard, of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday and accompanied by Judge M. C. Smith of Ballinger, left in the morning for San Angelo in auto where the judge goes to look after legal business.

TEXAS A PERPETUAL HARVEST FIELD.

There is not a day in the year that a harvest is not blossoming from the soil of Texas in one or more sections of the State. When the "Frost King" has our northern states in its wintry grip we are digging potatoes in the coast country, gathering strawberries, vegetables, etc., and shipping by the earload to the northern and eastern markets, providing the nation with the luxuries of life from our winter gardens. During the hot summer months when vegetation throughout the nation is withering under the scorching rays of a burning sun, nature is weaving in the Texas cotton boll a fibre that clothes the world.

Texas is by far the best all-round State in the Union and her soil yields a maximum return for labor.

Fred Haynes, inspector of the Kansas City Life Insurance Co., in the loan department has been here several days this week making some inspections. Mr. Haynes says he has traveled over different sections of Texas during the last few weeks, and that he finds the farmers of this county in better shape in their farm work than any section he has visited. He made a trip in company with C. A. Dooze and Mr. Whitten, up through the North end of the county Friday and he reports the farmers right up with their work.

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A Column of Bargains for Opening Week.

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For Monday only 1 Lot 50c Silk and Lisle Hosiery, black only, Monday price

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For Tuesday JESS TALCUM

Tuesday only 25c Jess Talcum, large can, Tuesday only

13c

For Wednesday. TOWELS

Wednesday only, 25c bleached and unbleached Bath Towels for Wednesday only price

19c

For Thursday Only

50 dozen Ladies bleached Vests worth a dime. Thursday only each

4c

For Friday Only

5 gross Pearl Buttons actually worth 10c a dozen, Friday only a dozen

3c

For Saturday Only

\$1.50 Kayser 16 button black and white Silk Gloves. For Saturday only, a pair

95c



First general showing of exquisite Millinery Monday---Opening Specials Monday and thru the week. You are cordially invited to inspect our advance styles of **SPRING MILLINERY**, including up-to-date Tailored and Dress Hats.

A look will convince you that what we show you is correct for Spring 1913. The hats in many cases are small; though we are showing many large picture and dress hats. Nell Rose, Coquede, Rosch, Kings Blue Taupe are the predominating styles. Every wanted style is here. We welcome your coming. **EXTRA**---We have grouped together some 35 beautiful dress and pattern hats; typical New Year styles. Large and beautiful are these hats and you must see them to appreciate their worth. Values up to \$25.00, Special \$14.95.



Xtra Special during the Week.

Monday Only

10 dozen Mens Silk 4-in-hand Ties, Spring styles, very special at 35c, Monday only

19c

For Tuesday Only

50c Kady Suspenders White and Colored, for Tuesday only the pair

39c

For Wednesday Only

25 dozen Mens black Silk Hose every size, 50c value, Wednesday only a pair

25c

For Thursday Only.

50 pairs white yubuck Oxfords and Pumps for Women, all sizes, \$2.50 quality, Thursday only

\$1.95

For Friday Only

75c Mens Black and Tan Belts, Newest Spring styles, Every size, Friday only

45c

For Saturday Only

15 dozen Mens Soft Negligee \$1.50 Shirts Collar attached and detached. All day Saturday

65c

Wonderful are the Savings to be Found During Opening Week. Read Carefully the Items List to Right and Left.

New Skirts For Opening.

The new Skirts are here in all the latest Spring shades---Tans, Grays, Stripes, Mixtures and Whip Cords. Every wanted style; every size from a little Misses' to the extra stout woman. Prices range **\$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00.**

New Laces and Embroideries.

The most complete stock of Laces and Embroideries ever shown in this section of Texas. The new Shadow Laces in Braids, Edges and Allover to match. The new Bulgarian shades, the new Cracquele Lace, every style that's good is here. Laces at 5c and on up to the most expensive at the yard **\$3.50**

Embroideries

You will like the Embroideries this season. Flouncing with Bands to match in Swiss and Voile as low as 39c and on up to, the yard, **\$5.00**

Lend us your presence opening week.



New Neckwear For Women
New Ratene Collars with Cuffs to match. Bulgarian and Oriental shades in the new Dutch style; a new and beautiful line of collars, have never been shown in Ballinger. Prices 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, and up

Pretty Spring Dresses

The One Piece Dresses again have the call and a splendid assortment. You will find here in Linen, Voiles, Linerie and Ratine, many Empire Styles. Every wanted style and size. Ask to be shown these beautiful dressess. Prices \$2.98, \$3.50, \$5.00 and up. Big line of Childrens dresses now in.

Spring Oxfords Now Ready For You.

Men's Women's and Children's Footwear for Spring 1913. We are ready to serve you with the best footwear for Spring and Summer. Black Satin, Grays blues, whites, tans and blacks. In fact you will find here just what you want and the price is most pleasing. Prices range

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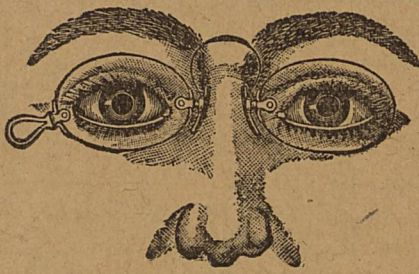
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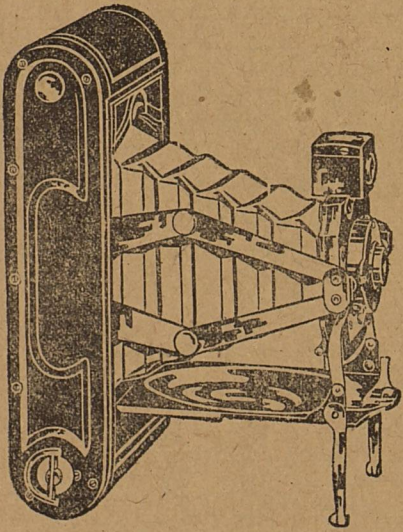


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LAWYERS HONOR DEPARTING MEMBER

Judge B. B. Stone Tendered Ban-
quet by Ballinger Bar, County
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for New Home.

Never before in the history of
Ballinger was there a more suc-
cessful occasion than that of the
banquet at the Central Hotel Tues-
day night, given in honor of Judge
B. B. Stone by the members of the
Runnels county bar, the county
and city officials.

Judge Stone had arranged to
leave Ballinger Tuesday accom-
panied by his family, going to
their new home in Fort Worth,
but his friends of the bar, and the
county officials with whom he has
been so pleasantly associated for
the past thirteen years, prevailed
on him to remain over until Wed-
nesday that they might do him
honor by having him as their guest
at a banquet.

Covers were laid for about
thirty-five or forty, and prompt-
ly at nine o'clock as sweet strains
of music pealed forth from the
Spanish orchestra stationed in the
lobby of the hotel, those who had
gathered to do their guest honor
marched into the handsome and
spacious dining hall and gathered
around the festal board. Judge M.
C. Smith, acting as master of cere-
monies, called on Judge Jno. I.
Guion to return thanks.

After the splendid menus had
been served Judge Smith, acting
as toasts master, called on dif-
ferent members of the bar for
talks. County Superintendent
Hagan responded to the toast "Re-
lation of the Lawyer to the Gov-
ernment." Prof. Hagan said it
had been said that wherever there
is "greek there is grease," "and,"
said Prof. Hagan, "whenever there
is a lawyer there is government
and wherever there is a govern-
ment there is a lawyer. Prof.
Hagan spoke of the kind of a law-
yer necessary to make good gov-
ernment, and the necessity of good
lawyers to formulate a code of
laws necessary for the maintain-
ing of a good government, the
characters that make a good law-
yer, etc. "I believe that our
friend Judge Stone possesses these
qualities," said the speaker, "for
of him, as a man it may be truth-
fully said he is honest. This
would be a poor compliment if I
meant only that he would not steal
and would pay his debts. But I
mean for more than that. I mean
that there is in him no deceit, no
double dealing, that his business
and social relations are conducted
along lines that invite and chal-
lenge the scrutiny of men and an-
gels. There is in him no pretense.
He scorns to seem to be other than
he is. He loves truth for truth
sake and would not barter it by a
hair's breadth to please the van-
ity, or placate the wrath of any
living man. He is as modest as a
woman and as courageous as a
Caesar, and fears nothing but to
do wrong. He hates all sham and
loves all things good and beauti-
ful. He has a warm heart that is
easy to be entreated and thinks no
evil. He is quick to resent a
wrong, but just as quick to for-
give it. There is in him no mal-
ice or guil. And I would just as
soon expect the solid earth to
melt and dissolve like the dew as
to expect Judge Stone to prove
faithless to any promise recant to
any duty or untrue to any man."

Chs. S. Miller spoke to the toast
of "The Lawyer's Relation to his
Client." Mr. Miller spoke of how
he became acquainted with Judge
Stone, and the fact that Judge
Stone worked his way through the
University, showing that he desired
to enter his life's work with a
good foundation, education, and
that this created a kind feeling
for him, as well as for every school
boy that shows a desire to obtain
an education. Mr. Miller in talk-
ing along this line and the lack of
interest shown by the boys of to-
day in their school work, said that
we could not blame the women for
wanting to vote, when our schools
were turning out about fifteen
girl graduates to two or three
boys. Mr. Miller briefly stated in
his talk that he was glad to know
that Judge Stone possessed all
those qualities necessary to make
an attorneys relations to his client
be fair, just, honest, and what it
should be in every particular.

"What Advice Should a Lawyer
Give to the Suffragists," was a
subject responded to by Judge C.
O. Harris. Judge Harris said that
he was not a ladies man, and that
he had never had much experience
in giving advice to the suffragists

although he had advised several
ladies, and his advice to his fel-
low lawyers would be to first ob-
tain the wish of the suffragist
and then advise her accordingly,
and speaking of his experience
along this line, Judge Harris said:

"While I understand that the
legal profession was very much
crowded, there was always room
on top, if once the heights were
won, and I thought me almost
there, with laurels on my brow.
But I gave advice to a suffragist
and haven't, for a long time now."
"I want to offer a suggestion to
our good friend Judge Stone,"
said Judge Harris, and when he
reaches the city of Fort Worth,
where I understand the suf-
fragists are plentiful, I would
suggest to him that he hang out a
playcard with the following in-
scription "I am married to one
who knows my faults and loves me
still."

Judge J. P. Cogdell, of Winters,
spoke to the toast "The Lawyer a
Progressive Booster," and in part
said:

"I have listened attentively to
the remarks of the gentlemen, who
have responded so eloquently to the
various toasts. I have tried to ap-
propriate to my self and live in the
beautiful sentiment by which each
utterance was illuminated, and I
have tried to live in harmony with
the creatures of their intellects,
which have been so brilliantly por-
trayed, but in spite of all effort
but one image occurred in every im-
pressive variation of phrase. The
cause of this temporary monoma-
nia is absent. The fact is, I
have recently married the best and
most beautiful woman in Texas,
and in the tyrannical exercise of
her potential jurisdiction she
allows me but two privileges, and
around these she has thrown many
restrictions. She allows me to
sing in a male quartet, provided I
sing very small and that no con-
tralto voice commingles with the
deep base and bari-tone. She also
allows me to speak at a stag party,
with the provision that I re-
frain from passionate oratory."

So in responding to the toast,
The Lawyer as a Progressive
Booster, my muse must not be abated
as an insufferable nuisance and I
must speak dispassionately of a
great fact. Progressiveness, is the
most significant word in the En-
glish language, and it is impos-
sible to speak it without thinking
of the legal profession as it is to
speak the word love without
dreaming of the gentle ministra-
tions of motherhood. Without the
lawyer there would have been no
progress—law and progress are
synonymous. From the earliest
dawn of history, when Moses the
great law giver received the law
on Sinais' flaming crest to the in-
auguration of Wilson the lawyer
has been the avang-courrier of
progress and enlightenment. In-
deed fellow members of the bar,
I would be ashamed of myself if
I was not a lawyer. Caesar, the
great constructive lawyer laid the
foundation of Rome, and Cicero
the brilliant lawyer, who soared
like the Condor when its shadow
falls on the highest peaks of the
Andes, watered it with eloquence
until it bloomed a veritable gar-
den of roses and became the city
eternal. Our own Jefferson was
a lawyer and he became the great-
est booster and made the greatest
progress the world has ever known
when he wrote the declaration of
independence and gave liberty a
habitation and a name. Why gen-
tlemen, the legal profession and
progress are one and inseparable,
in the name of civilization I pro-
nounce them man and wife.

To better illustrate the poten-
tiality of lawyers I refer you to
the history of the City of Winters.
Two years ago she was a sleepy
village of two hundred people, and
she sat dreaming like a dope fiend
on a broad expanse of montony
until she was aroused from her
slumber by the timely advent of
the lawyer. First Doss came, then
I put in my appearance, then came
Cobb, Harris and Patterson, and
we, together contributed our res-
pective potion of influence and as
a result Winters is today, the
queen of the golden west.

It was once said of a certain
gentleman that he found Rome a
city of stone and left it a city of
marble.

I now say that the gentleman
whom we are delighted to honor
on this occasion found Ballinger a
city of wood and is leaving it a
city of stone, for indeed his in-
fluence has so permeated the city
of Ballinger that we should call it
home."

May happiness be his in his new
home.

A committee had been appoint-
ed by the Runnels county bar to
draft suitable resolutions, and
Judge Smith called for the report
of the committee. The committee

announced ready to report, and
Paul Trimmier read the following
resolutions, which were unanim-
ously adopted:

Whereas, Judge B. B. Stone hav-
ing been a citizen of Runnels coun-
ty and a member of the Ballinger
Bar since January 1900, and from
that date to 1908 having been hon-
ored by the good people with of-
fices of public trust, four years as
County Attorney and four years
as County Judge, and having since
that time actively engaged in the
practice of his profession in this
and adjoining counties; and

Whereas, during all these years,
as a citizen and as a public ser-
vant his honorable and upright
course and fair dealing with his
fellow-men has justly won for
him the high esteem and love of
the people among whom he has
lived, and his great ability as a
lawyer and his high sense of hon-
or and standard of Professional
Ethics have endeared him to his
professional brethren wherever he
is known;

And Whereas, he has recently
concluded to locate in the City of
Fort Worth, where the field of
litigation will better compensate
him for his labors;

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the
members of the Runnels County
Bar, the County Officials and the
City Officials of Ballinger:

First: That in his departure
from our midst, Runnels County
has lost one of her most honored
and beloved citizens and the Bal-
linger Bar one of their ablest
lawyers;

Second: That while we regret
the change he is making in his
place of residence, it is with that
degree of sincerity ever abiding in
the hearts of a grateful people that
we give expression to the thought
that Fort Worth has gained what
Ballinger has lost.

JNO. I. GUION.

J. B. WADE,

M. C. SMITH,

PAUL TRIMMIER.

Committee.

Speaking to the resolution be-
fore the vote of adoption was tak-
en, Judge Guion said: "Ben take
them with you as the God bless
you and your family in your new
home. Look back, remember and
cherish friends of your early day.
No friends can be truer and dearer
than your old friends of Ballinger."
Judge Guion spoke further
and in his eloquent manner wish-
ed for the departing citizen all the
richest blessing in store.

Judge Bigler, of Miles, also paid
the honored guest a beautiful tri-
bute, telling how he came to know
him, and how he learned of him so
favorably even before he had met
the man.

After the adoption of the resolu-
tion the orchestra struck up that
old familiar tune, "Home, Sweet
Home," and as soon as the music
ceased Judge Stone arose from his
seat, and said that there were
times in a man's life when emo-
tions make it impossible for speech
making and if he had not already
been that way, after hearing the
playing of that sweet old song, it
would have put him pass speech
making; "but," said Judge Stone,
"I must express to you by feeling
for the honor you have done me."
Judge Stone briefly told of how he
came to cast his lot in Ballinger,
and how fortunate it was for him
in doing so. He told of how hard
it was for he and his family to
brake up and move, and leave the
dearest friends they had in the
world. In speaking of incidents
in arranging to move, of the pack-
ing up of their house hold good,
etc., he said he went home a few
days ago, and found his wife busy
burning up a lot of letters, and in
the bunch they found one which
he had written to her before they
were married, and before he had
decided where he would locate.
That he would either open an of-
fice in Marlin, go to Oklahoma or
come to Ballinger. He later choose
the latter place "and," said Judge
Stone, "me and my little wife will
never regret that Ballinger was
selected as our home." Judge
Stone told of how accommodating
the members of the Ballinger Bar,
the older lawyers, naming over
Judges Guion, Smith, Willingham,
and others had been to him, and

how he appreciated their help in
the struggle of his early days in
the practice of law. He said he
could never forget their
kindness and their friendship. He
said the resolutions would be pre-
served by him and handed down to
his children and that he would
always hold them dear to his mem-
ory.

As Judge Stone was to leave
the next morning with his family
over land in their auto for their
new home, those present gathered
around him after the banquet ad-
journd and bid him good-bye.

Those present at the banquet
were: Judges B. B. Stone, J. W.
Powell, C. P. Shepherd, C. O. Har-
ris, J. B. Wade, L. B. Harris, M. C.
Smith, Jno. I. Guion, H. Zdaril, C.
H. Willingham, Chas. S. Miller,
Supt. E. L. Hagan, Clerk O. L.
Parish, Deputy Clerk McCarver,
Sheriff Flynt, Constable De-
Motive, Justice of the Peace Paul
Trimmier, Mayor Weeks, Secre-
tary Lusk, Commissioner McWil-
liams, Alderman Ellis, Krebsbs,
and Alexander, Marshal McKay,
Treasurer Patterson, A. W. Sledge
and H. W. Bigler, of Miles, Tom
Patterson and J. P. Cogdell of
Winters, and Fire Chief Ed
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paper. If you want job printing,
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If Your Back Aches and Your Kidneys are Weak, Get the Kidney Remedy That Has Been Proved GOOD Again and Again Right Here in Ballinger.

Ballinger People Tell It:

HUTCHINS AVENUE	COULD HARDLY MOVE	HAD TO QUIT WORK.
J. O. Cline, 1109 Hutchins Ave., Ballinger, Texas. He says: "About seventeen years ago I had kidney trouble. My right kidney was affected. I had pains in the small of my back and whenever I stooped or lifted, sharp twinges darted through me. My back ached at night and I was lame in the morning. I became easily tired and was also annoyed by the kidney secretions, which were too frequent in passage. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at the Walker Drug Co., and they relieved me in a short time."	Mrs. R. F. Smith, Ballinger, Texas, says: "Last year I had two attacks of fever which left my kidneys very weak. I had such intense backaches that I could hardly get about and at times the kidney secretions were scanty, then again profuse. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I got a box and I soon found that they were helping me. After using them a few days the backache entirely disappeared and I was able to rest much better. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."	S. V. Parrish, Ballinger, Texas, says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a splendid remedy for kidney complaint and gladly recommend them. A sharp pain took me suddenly in my back and I was obliged to lay off from work. My kidneys were also troubling me and I was completely used up until Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention. I procured a box and they worked like magic in my case. After two days' treatment, I began to feel well enough to go back to work and I have not had any symptoms of kidney complaint since."
THIRTEENTH STREET	HUTCHINS AVENUE.	ELEVENTH STREET
Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 Thirteenth St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "I was troubled by my back for some time. I was so stiff and lame that I could hardly walk. This would go away after I moved about for awhile, but was sure to come back the next day. The kidney secretions were disordered and this was a source of annoyance. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I had seen them highly advertised and after using half the contents, I found them a great help and my lameness began to leave. I always keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand so I consider them an excellent remedy and I am glad to tell others how much I was benefited."	R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave., Ballinger, Texas, says: "I always praise Doan's Kidney Pills when I have the opportunity. My kidneys were out of order and I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions. I had a full pain in my back, over my left kidney, and a cold or stooping caused a sharp pain there. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills procured from the Walker Drug Co., completely rid me of this annoyance and I take pleasure in recommending this remedy to my neighbors."	Mrs. T. W. Morris, Eleventh St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "For years I was subject to attacks of kidney trouble and my back became very weak. The kidney secretions were also scanty and I felt all out of sorts. Doan's Kidney Pills were so highly recommended that I decided to try them. I got relief after the first few doses and I intend using them until I am cured. Other members of my family have taken them with benefit and we are pleased to recommend them."

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STORM SWEEPS GULF STATES

Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Part of Texas Suffers Heavy Loss From Wind and Hail. Loss of Life in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 27.—Four persons are known to have perished, many were injured and property valued at several hundred thousand dollars was damaged by a severe wind and rain storm which swept Alabama, Georgia, and Florida yesterday.

The only known fatalities occurred at Omaha, Ga. where three negroes were killed when a building collapsed, and in Crenshaw county, Ala., where Rufus Summerlin was killed in a building collapsed.

The greatest damage in Georgia, occasioned by the storm was reported in the southern section of the state. At Milledgeville, Ga. many buildings were demolished. Twelve female prisoners were injured when the state structure at that place collapsed. Forty children in the Hopewell school near Milledgeville, had a miraculous escape when the building was blown down. Only one child was injured.

Three children were seriously injured when the Bridges school, near Cordele, Ga., was blown down. There were more than 30 in the school house when the accident occurred.

Storm Damage \$75,000.

Sour Lake, Texas Feb. 27.—A cyclone struck this place about 1 o'clock this morning, blowing down about 150 derricks and damaging houses. The fact that few people were about probably accounts for no serious injuries. C. Pelliner, a fireman for the Tarver Oil Company, rushed from the boiler room just in time to collide with a piece of timber which knocked him senseless. The total damage is estimated at \$75,000.

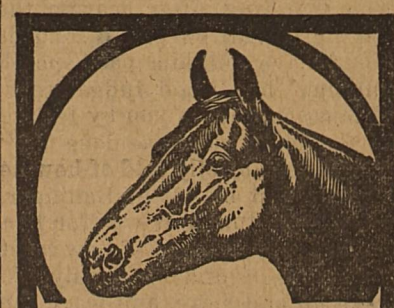
Cyclone in Louisiana.

Lake Charles, La., Feb. 27.—At 9 o'clock last night a cyclone struck Longville, doing considerable

damage. Houses were unroofed, sheds blown down and windows shattered. The Mammoth lumber plant was damaged. The roof of the local hotel was taken off and the building almost capsized. John Henry, a negro, was hurt when the smokestack of the mill went off.

Storm Damage Heavy.

Thornton, Texas, Feb. 27.—At least \$10,000 damage was done last night in this section by a hail storm.



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Sloan's Liniment is a quick and reliable remedy for lameness in horses and other farm animals.

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SAN ANGELO MAN DIES WITH MENINGITIS

John Lockhart, a restaurant cook, well known in Abilene, died of meningitis in San Angelo Wednesday afternoon. Lockhart was a man of about twenty years of age, and lived off and on for several years in this city. He was night cook at the Black-Moore Cafe, on Pine Street three months previous to his departure for San Angelo last week.

It is said that death came in a few hours following the attack of the disease. The funeral arrangements were not announced in the telegram. The parents of the deceased live at Sweetwater.

MRS. R. A. SMITH BUYS JUDGE STONE'S HORSE.

Mrs. R. A. Smith purchased the family horse of Judge B. B. Stone, and will ship him to her sister in Austin. Mrs. Smith is making her sister a present of this nice horse.

\$5 REWARD FOR LOST DOG.

Black and tan hound, with gray around mouth, wire cut on tail. Lost in the Raby neighborhood on Valley creek. \$5 reward for return of dog to me, or information leading to his recovery. Jesse Thurman, Glen Cove, Texas. w2t pd

To Hear Grand Opera.

The following ladies of Ballinger left Thursday afternoon for Dallas, where they go to hear the Grand Opera Friday evening: Madames J. Y. Pearce, Fannie Johnson, H. Giesecke, Tom Ward, H. H. Thompson and Misses Maggie Underwood and Franc Baker.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

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

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I am against high and extortionate fees charged by some physicians and specialists. You will find my charges very reasonable and no more than you are willing to pay for skillful treatment. Consult me in person or by letter and learn the truth about your condition, and perhaps save much time, suffering and expense. I am a regular graduate and licensed, long established, thoroughly reliable.

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TEXAS HORSES INCREASE IN NUMBER AND VALUE

Washington, D. C., March 1.—

The horse is evidently coming back in Texas, judging from the reports of the United States Department of Agriculture which have just been issued showing that "Dobin" has increased \$8.00 in value within the past twelve months. The total value of all Texas horses has increased \$11,150,000 during this time and a gain of 23,000 in the total number

of head is also shown which certainly offsets the theory that the automobile is displacing him.

The Texas horse was worth \$30 each ten years ago, while the latest figures placed upon him by Uncle Sam gives him an average value of \$82 per head. A large number of Uncle Sam's cavalry steeds were bred in Texas and the polo players of two hemispheres look to the Lone Star State for their ponies. Texas is running Kentucky a close second for beautiful women and fast horses.



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The headaches, the lassitude, the sallow skin and the listless eyes are usually due to constipation. So many things that women habitually conduce to this trouble. They do not eat carefully, they eat indigestible foods because the foods are served daintily and they do not exercise enough. But what ever the particular cause may be it is important that the condition should be corrected.

An ideal remedy for women and one especially suited to their delicate requirements, is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which thousands of women endorse highly. Mrs. Jennie Snedeker, 1041 West Monroe St., Chicago, testifies that she is "cured of grave stomach and bowel troubles by using Syrup Pepsin and without the aid of a doctor or any other medicine." All the family can use Syrup Pepsin for thousands of mothers give it to babies and children. It is also admirably suited to the requirements of elderly people, in fact to all who by reason of age or infirmity cannot stand harsh salts, cathartics, pills or purgatives.



Mrs. Jennie Snedeker.

These should always be avoided for at best their effect is only for that day, while a genuine remedy like Syrup Pepsin acts mildly but permanently.

It can be conveniently obtained at any drug store at fifty cents or one dollar a bottle. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded. You will find it gentle in action, pleasant in taste, and free from griping, and its tonic properties have a distinct value to women. It is the most widely used laxative- tonic in America today and thousands of families are now never without it.

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

NORTON NEWS.

The winter holds on and still dry, but no high winds or sand storms yet.

Misses Nettie Mackey and Kate Bass visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lilliebridge the piano tuner was in the country last week.

Lola Allen is very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. Pollock or Bradshaw visited her parents last week.

Miss Myrtle Setser is visiting home folks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Good spent Sunday with J. M. London and family of Pleasant Retreat.

The Baptist church will soon be completed and ready for services.

News is scarce will ring off. "Queen of the Prairie."

REMEMBER YOUR LAST DOSE OF CALOMEL.

**You Probably Recall the After-
Effects of the Calomel More
Than You Do the Sickness
You Took It For.**

You don't have to go through this again.

Next time your liver gets sluggish and inactive, we suggest that you go to the Walker Drug Co., for a bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone, a vegetable liquid that will start your liver as surely as calomel ever did and with none of the after effects of calomel. It is absolutely harmless both to children and adults and demands no restriction of habits or diet.

The Walker Drug Co., guarantees Dodson's Liver-Tone to take the place of calomel, and will refund your money if it fails in your case.

NEW HOME.

Mr. Henry Mays and wife of Glen Cove visited Mr. Boyer and family Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bertie Horne who has been sick the passed week is able to be in school again.

Quiet a number of Hatchel's young people attended B. Y. P. U. at New Home Sunday afternoon. Come again. We are glad to have you with us.

Miss Nannie Wiley of Ballinger was a guest of her nephew, Mr. Floyd Wiley and family Sunday.

Miss Johnson of Goldthwaite is visiting Miss Livingstone this week.

Miss Boone of Ballinger visited her aunt, Mrs. J. N. Wheelis Saturday and Sunday.

The Literary Society of New Home school will entertain with a nice program Friday night.

Mr. Ennis Stark was taken seriously ill Saturday night and is still very sick at this writing, but hope he will be better in a few days.

Mrs. Barnett entertained the young people Friday night. A jolly crowd was present and enjoyed themselves to a great extent.

Miss Claudia Huddleston visited

ed friends in Ballinger last week.

Sunday is Bro. Hubbard's regular preaching day at New Home. Don't forget it.

"Bright Eyes."

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Six month's teaching in the public schools at a salary of \$60 per month, produces \$360 per year, or an average of \$30 per month—less than the wages of a common laborer who has not spent one cent in the preparation for his job. You are needed in the commercial world at \$60 per month, twelve months in the year \$720. A net gain is offered you in the commercial world of \$360 per year on a conservative estimate.

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INNOVATION FOR A STOCK SHOW.

**Aerial Thrillfest Wherein All Natural
Laws Are Defied With Satanic Daring—
Two Sterling Free Acts to Be
Put On by Management of the Fort
Worth Show.**

As a further indication of their willingness to give the public all and more than is required in the way of amusement, entertainment and education at the National Feeders and Breeders' Show, the management has secured for this year's show, March 8 to 15, two marvelous and amazing acts which will be presented free in the arena of the magnificent Coliseum Building at evening and afternoon performances at 3 o'clock, during the entire week from Monday until Saturday.

Arnesen, the Old World's most singular, Captivating Equilibrist will present a hitherto unseen original act on the tight wire. This incomparable gymnast is the master of his art. So high is this act regarded that Arnesen has been contracted to one of the largest circuses touring the country to put it on for them during the entire season of 1913-14.

The second act, Herr Von Ritter, may be rightfully termed the last word in human hazard and disregard of danger. Upon a scarcely discernible thread of steel, made fast to the iron beams in the coliseum roof, this extraordinary artist walks to the topmost point, turns, and with super-human strength and most delicate and dangerous balance ever achieved, he balances himself, balancing his entire weight on the top of his head; releasing his grasp this human streak of daring descends at an incredible speed to the far opposite end. So marvelous and death-defying is this act that it has attracted the attention of the large show managers of the East and West and Herr Von Ritter is now under contract to tour the country with shows of the East for the remainder of this year.

In casting around to secure acts of the greatest merit it was only by good fortune that the management of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show were successful in securing these two acts. Only four times before have they ever appeared on this side of the Atlantic; New York, Chicago, Toronto and Winnipeg, Canada.

It is somewhat of an innovation to put on features of this kind in connection with a Fat Stock Show, but the management is to be complimented on their wisdom in starting something new and every visitor to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show this year may be assured that amusement aplenty will be secured from these two wonderful acts alone to justify the expense of admission.

H. E. FINNEY WILL HEAD POULTRY SHOW

**Prominent Business Men Are Interested
in Coming Event.**

The Poultry Show in 1912 was such a decided success that contract has already been let to exactly double the capacity of the poultry building for the 1913 show to be held by the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon Association in connection with the Fat Stock Show, March 8th to 15th.

Officers for this year will be as follows: President, H. E. Finney; vice president, Amos G. Carter; treasurer, Ben O. Smith; secretary, Emmett Curran.

All inquiries, entries and communications should be addressed to secretary.

Special prize list for Poultry and Pigeon Show:

\$500.00 in cash and cups as specials, in addition to the regular pen and special prizes which will be the largest offered by any association in Texas.

Open to the member of the Fort Worth Poultry & Pigeon Association only. You can become a member and receive these grand specials on payment of the membership fee of two dollars. Write the secretary about joining.

The Finney Cup, valued \$25.00, donated by President H. E. Finney for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, any variety.

\$50.00 in gold for the largest and best display, limited to two varieties, by one exhibitor.

\$20.00 in gold for the second best and largest display, limited to two varieties, by one exhibitor.

\$10.00 in gold for the largest and best display in the American classes.

\$10.00 in gold for the largest and best display in the English classes.

\$10.00 in gold for the largest and best display in the Mediterranean classes.

\$10.00 in gold for the largest and best display of the Asiatic classes.

\$5.00 in gold for the best male in the show, any variety.

\$5.00 in gold for the best female in the show, any variety.

The Fryatt Cup, value \$15.00, donated by Raymond Fryatt for the best and largest display S. C. Brown Leghorns.

The Con Hines Cup, value \$15.00, donated by the Con Hines for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, S. C. Brown Leghorns.

The Curran Cup, value \$15.00, donated by Emmett Curran for the best S. C. Brown Leghorn male.

The Polzon Cup, value \$15.00, donated by H. C. Polzon for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, Buff Rocks.

The Depew Cup, value \$10.00, donated by T. A. Depew for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, White Rocks.

The Winter Cup, value \$10.00, donated by John Lewis Winter for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, White Wyandottes.

The Carter Cup, value \$10.00, donated by Amos G. Carter for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, Rhode Island Red.

The Burton Cup, value \$10.00, donated by Walter Burton for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, White Leghorns.

The Smith Cup, donated by Ben O. Smith for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, Black Minorcas.

The Hunt Cup, value \$10.00, donated by P. W. Hunt for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, White Orpingtons.

The Wheeler Cup, value \$10.00, donated by W. B. Wheeler for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, Barred Rocks.

The Allison Cup, value \$10.00, donated by M. C. Allison for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, Black Langshans.

The Graham Cup, value \$10.00, donated by Mrs. C. M. Graham for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, Buff Orpingtons.

The Finney Cup, value \$25.00, donated by H. E. Finney for the best and largest display of fancy pigeons.

The Victory Cup, value \$10.00, donated by J. E. Vickery for the best and largest display utility pigeons.

The Association Cup, value \$10.00, given by the Fort Worth Poultry & Pigeon Association for the largest and best display of Homer pigeons.

The Association Cup, value \$10.00, given by the Fort Worth Poultry & Pigeon Association for the best and largest display of Carneau pigeons.

The Important Question.

An Alabama paper is wondering what the price of beef will be a hundred years from now. "Why worry about the beef," says George Bailey of the Houston Post. "The question that pesters us is, what will be the price of ice."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be dependent upon. Try it. Sold by all dealers.

Bending Twigs.

The Cumby Rustler remarks that Legislatures may seek to govern the conduct of men and women from the cradle to the grave, but, after all is said and done, the fact remains that good mothers in the homes and good teachers in the schools shape the eternal destinies of our boys and girls.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

The Cumby Rustler tells it truly. The parents in the home and the teachers in the school make the citizen. The Legislature has about the same relative influence in shaping human character as the hat has in shaping the human head. The head shapes the hat, not the hat the head; so man shapes the Legislature, not the Legislature man. If the parents and the school teachers for one generation should fail of their duty, anarchy and hades would supervene the Legislature and the courts, and even makes the Governor hard to catch.—Dallas News.

You judge a man not by what he promises to do, but by what he has done. That is the only true test. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judged by this standard has no superior. People everywhere speak of its in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

Should Be a Warning.

The prompt acquittal of John Beal Sneed at Vernon on the charge of murder, growing out of the killing of Al G. Boyce, Jr., at Amarillo, Sept. 14th, 1912, should serve as notice as to what juries may be expected to do in cases of that kind. In this southland the sanity of the home will be guarded every time a jury of 12 men sit in judgement, when the facts will at all bear it out. Argue as we may, but the wives and children of our people are held dearer than life itself by every man of us. Its an awful, awful thing to take human life. We have no right to do it, and if our laws were what they should be perhaps it would not be done, but until some law is passed that will protect our homes no matter what the circumstances may be there will continue to be lives shot to death. Deep down in the hearts of the people there is the feeling that says thus for shalt thou go and no further.

To the shame of our race, we admit that there are far too many men whose hearts and desires are as black as the bottom pits of hades itself, and that nothing but the fear of man and the low keep them back. Just how to reach the case we do not attempt to say, but write what we may, preach and teach as we will, men are going to keep on doing what the law fails in doing—furnish protection for their homes.—Abilene Reporter.

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

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon 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.

The parcel post idea will not fail if there is anything in newspaper publicity. Every newspaper you pick up is filled with parcel post items—how the merchants should avail themselves of the splendid opportunity afforded them to get their goods to the people in the rural districts, how the suburban resident can take advantage of the cheap carriers service in a hundred ways, and how great a scheme it is altogether. The government enterprises get a wonderful amount of free advertising.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Some times the free advertising

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pays better than any other kind, and that too, all because the man

who is handling the free advertising knows how to advertise. The trouble with many merchants is they don't give their advertising attention it is required to make it bring results. You can throw money away advertising just as

easy as you can throw it away in other lines. Advertising is a matter that requires study and attention and the merchant who makes advertising an important part of his business is the merchant that gets results. As to advertising parcel post, if it had not been for the publicity given this subject through the press, and especially through the country press the people would know very little today about the new system of delivering most any old thing by parcel post. It has only been in operation a couple of months yet the business has reached an enormous proportion. Many people thought that the parcel post would be a means of filling the coffers of the mail order houses to the great detriment of the local merchant, but this has not proved true, as the parcel post rates are regulated by distances, being figured out on the

fifty mile zone principle and every merchant is in the center of a zone, which gives him the advantage of the merchant who must send his goods from Chicago, St. Louis and other far distant points. The local merchant is in a position to cope with the mail order house, and can do so by going after the business and using the same methods the mail order houses do. In fact every local merchant can become a mail order merchant, and put his goods out cheaper than the foreign mail order man, because his rate of postage is cheaper. We understand that the foreign mail order house has found that it is hard for them to compete with the local man under the present system of rates, and some pressure will be brought to bare to rate matter under the parcel post system on the same basis that letter mail is rated. In other words make it so the distance will cut no figure—send a package anywhere in Uncle Sam's domain for the same cost that would be charged for transporting it one mile. We don't believe the change will be made.

FIRST MONDAY.

Quite a large crowd was in evidence on the trading grounds in Ballinger Monday and several good sales and trades were made. B. W. Pilcher, the auctioneer, sold one medium animal at the highest bidder which brought \$105.00.

C. D. White, the Fort Worth mule buyer was also here Monday and bought eight or ten fine mules and among the number a pair of fine ones which he bought from Mr. Dikes, of West End, and paid \$500.00 for the same and one pair of mules bought from M. C. Braden for which he paid \$450.00. There were several other good deals made during the day. The farmers are all in fine spirits over the future crop prospects and while the season is very good at present all are anxious for a soaking rain.

Hunt's Cure rapidly destroys Itch, Ringworms, Itching, Piles, Eczema, Tetter and like troubles. Under its influence the diseased cuticle scales off leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in its place. A wonderful remedy and only 50 cents a box.

Sheriff J. P. Flynt returned home Monday night from Abilene where he had been on official business.

J. D. Perkins, deputy-sheriff of Runnels county, was in Angelo between trains Saturday.—San Angelo Standard.

C. C. Thomas, of the Hatchel country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Joe Vancil, of Winters was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. P. Taylor, of Norton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Heath, left Tuesday afternoon for Winters on a short visit to friends.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith all say that Hunt's Lighting Oil stops neuralgia, Rheumatism and other pains. Just try a 50c or 25c bottle from your druggist.

P. L. Crews left Tuesday afternoon for Winters on a short business trip.

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SPENT 36 DAYS IN MEXICAN JAIL

Former Conductor on Mexican Railroad Talks Interestingly of Mexican Trouble. Would Like to Head Company Soldiers.

There is not a man in Ballinger that can talk more interestingly of Mexico and the trouble that is attracting the world's eye than Capt. N. F. Bonsall, of Ballinger. Capt. Bonsall had some experience in the Mexican republic, and the experience gave him a pretty good inside line up on Mexican laws, and their way of handling a man when he falls in the hands of the Mexican authorities.

Capt. Bonsall was conductor on a Mexican railroad for several years, and his run was from Nogales to Guaymas a distance of 265 miles. Mexicans frequently boarded his train along the route at the various stops and bought fruit, and some times would get off until after the train started and one day, after supplying himself with fruit a Mexican went to get off of Capt. Bonsall's train and fell under the train, and one of his legs was cut off, from which the Mexican died. Capt. Bonsall knew nothing of the occurrence until his train reached the next stop, and he was informed that he had killed a citizen and would have to answer to the court. He was arrested and locked up in jail, where he was kept for thirty-six days. His entire train crew was locked up, but all were released from the charge except Capt. Bonsall.

Through the efforts of the general manager of the road for which Capt. Bonsall was running, he was released on a \$6000 bond, his road putting up the cash bond. The general manager of the road and Capt. Bonsall visited the City of Mexico and conferred with President Diaz and the supreme judges about the case, but he could not get much satisfaction from them, and there was nothing for him to do but stand trial. While he was out under bond it was required of him that he report to the court judge every six days. The result of the case was that Capt. Bonsall was sentenced to the pen. Under an old law in Mexico that prevented a man over sixty years old from being sentenced to the pen this verdict did not hold good, and the matter was handled in such a way that Capt. Bonsall finally got his freedom, but the road that put up the bond kept the cash. Capt. Bonsall says this is their way of doing business, and that they have no use for an American but love his money. Capt. Bonsall says that foreign money has developed Mexico and made it what it is. He thinks Madero was one of the best men in Mexico, and he was considerably wrought up when he heard that Madero had been murdered in such a brutal manner.

Capt. Bonsall watches the situation closely and, while his head is white and his day of fighting is over, he says he would enjoy organizing a company of boys and going down and joining in the little fracas if Uncle Sam should see fit to call Huerta to time for the way in which the Americans have been treated.

Capt. Bonsall accompanied by his good wife spent several months in Nogales last fall, where they have a daughter. The street in Nogales is the dividing line between Mexico and Arizona and Capt. Bonsall said when the report came in that the rebels were going to attack the town its created considerable excitement, but that it was amusing to see how each side would run from the other, but there was no fighting near Nogales up to the time that Capt. and Mrs. Bonsall returned to their home in Ballinger.

19 HELD FOR BLUE SKY FRAUD

Three Ballinger Men in Bad at San Antonio for Land Swindling. Eighteen Now in Jail. Northington State Witness.

San Antonio, Tex., March 1.—Eighteen men and one woman are under indictment in connection with the alleged "blue sky" land operations in Duval, Starr and Zapata counties. The last capture was made three days ago in St. Louis, when Clint W. Roberts was arrested. He was brought here by Sheriff Tobin.

The nineteen against whom indictments lie are as follows: M. T. Nix, under medical treatment at Dallas. Clint W. Roberts, en route to San Antonio; J. E. Thomas, Frank Roberts, Abraham Schraeder, H. A. Montgomery, C. P. Thraikill, W. B. Dennis, A. Blewins, J. P. Forrest, Mary K. Jones, B. L. Herring, Charles A. Parker, Mrs. Oso C. Hutchinson, G. M. Padgett, C. W. Bishop, L. Jones, Sidney Schraeder and Lewis Ashbey. The charges include swindling (over \$50), conspiracy to defraud and forgery.

More investigation by Sheriff Tobin and Deputy James Galbraith has shown, they say, that possibly several million acres of land were sold to investors from the North and East. It is asserted that in many instances these sales were entirely bogus, in that the sellers had no title to the lands.

One or two of such sales are said to have embraced two sites, among them one being the town of Palmar. Acreage worth as high as \$50 to \$75 is said to have been sold for nominal sums, one consideration showing less than 50 cents per acre. A mass of documents, title deeds and realty transfers, claimed to be in the majority of instances bogus papers, are in possession of Sheriff Tobin and are said to be the evidence on which the grand jury found the indictments.

The arrest of the nineteen men was not effected without considerable effort, as the ramifications of the deals are said to extend thru many important cities of the North. When the grand jury first began investigation, Clint W. Roberts, who is shown to have transferred much of the real estate, could not be located by Sheriff Tobin. Less than a week ago, Mrs. Osa Hutchinson, a friend of Roberts, was found to be in St. Louis and a telegram caused her detention.

According to information sent to Deputy Galbraith, Mrs. Hutchinson contrived the method by which Roberts was apprehended after the arrival of Sheriff Tobin in St. Louis. Roberts, a telegram, to Deputy Galbraith says, agreed to waive the formality of requisition papers and to return at once to San Antonio. His arrest was the last to be made and the entire nineteen indictment are now subject to the orders of the Thirtieth-seventh district court, which probably will set some of the cases for trial during the March and April term of the court.

Montgomery, Parker and Roberts, three of the men under indictment, as shown by the above dispatch, are well known in Ballinger. It was reported here that Charley Northington was in jail at San Antonio, and was one of the number indicted for the swindling. We are glad to report that Mr. Northington was not connected with the swindling in any way further than he did some notary work, taking some acknowledgments for some of the parties, and was detained as a state witness in the case. This is how his name became connected with the story.

SAYS BALLINGER IS A BEAUTY

Col. Kelley, representing the United Film Co., was here last Saturday in the interest of his work, and doing business with the Princess, the show that uses the United films in Ballinger.

Col. Kelley took occasion to make some very complimentary remarks about Ballinger. He was here five years ago, and is on the road all time. He said he traveled all over the country, and saw some mighty pretty towns and some mighty good towns, but he had never visited a town that impressed him like Ballinger. He could not call to mind a town anywhere in the size class with Ballinger that was so substantially built as Ballinger, and where the business district presented such a clean appearance. He said another thing that was very noticeable and something commented upon abroad by travelers, was the hospitality of our people. He said that it seemed that everybody here loved everybody else and grouches were mighty scarce.

Col. Kelley is an old time show man, and while here added to the program at the Princess Saturday night by rendering a number of songs that kept the house in a good humor.

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

TWO BOYS FALL HEIR TO FORTUNE

Spokane, Wash., March 4.—One small moving picture theatre in Spokane employs two boys as ushers, both of whom have fallen heir, on successive days, to fortunes of considerable size. Melvin Earl Hatfield, 19 year old, has received word that his lawyers have been successful in their suit to secure for him an estate in England left by his grandfather, Lord John Hatfield. Besides a legacy of between a quarter and a half million dollars, young Hatfield is expected to succeed to the title. Funds to defray his expenses to England have been placed to his credit in a Vancouver B. C. bank. Meanwhile he is still showing theatre patrons to their seats. The day after Hatfield heard of his good fortune, a fellow usher, Charles B. Bryant, was called to Almena, Kansas, to claim an estate estimated at \$25,000, left to his wife by her grandfather. This estate consists of 400 acres of farm land and between \$10,000 and \$12,000 in cash.

LITTLEFIELD'S DEFENSE

The Brownwood News in making mention of the killing which occurred in Brownwood recently in which Littlefield, of Coneho county, killed his brother-in-law, Murphy, says of the evidence in the case:

"From the evidence brought out at the inquest Murphy was forced to marry Littlefield's sister some two or three years ago. After that event Littlefield loaned him money, gave him a team and endeavored to help him along. Things went along apparently all right until about a week or ten days ago. At that time Murphy's wife gave birth to a babe, which death claimed shortly after birth. Mrs. Murphy's older sister, Willie Littlefield, aged 24, was sent for to come to Brownwood to nurse her sister during her illness. R. E. Littlefield, the defendant, in response to this message, brought his sister from Millersview in a buggy to Brady to take the train to Brownwood.

On this overland trip Littlefield is said to have charged his sister with certain indiscretions, and the inquest evidence is that she broke down and made a confession to her brother and implicated her brother-in-law, J. H. Murphy, as the father of her unborn child.

Littlefield at that moment, no doubt, made a resolution. Though it was a grim one that smelled of gunpowder and blood, he made it. He finished the drive to Brady, placed his sister on the train for Brownwood, that she might go on as she intended to the bedside of his other unfortunate kinswoman. He drove back to his ranch; fixed his affairs for an indefinite absence—a siege in jail perhaps. He donned his armor and his best clothes, and he set out for Brownwood, to carry out the resolution that he had made when the knowledge of a second disgrace to his family had chased the blood of vengeance into the arteries of his heart and mind."

A PLEASANT TRIP.

The circulation manager of the Banner-Ledger enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable trip to our sister city Winters last Saturday and had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of old friends we knew many years ago and also formed the acquaintance of many new people in the past few years.

It was a pleasure to us to meet our young friend Attorney Tom Patterson, who put us under obligation for courtesies shown us while in that place. Attorney Patterson has just been appointed City Attorney by the city council and occupies the A. K. Doss office over the F. & M. bank having taken over the rooms and practice of Judge Doss. Tom is one of Ballinger's popular young men and has just graduated at the Libanon Law School with the highest degree in law and from one of the best law schools in the United States. His many friends wish him much success in his new profession.

We were glad also to meet Jess Oden, Howard Baldwin, Albert and Ben Spill, who were very kind in rendering us assistance and courtesies while there, also Mr. John McAdams, president of the Winters State Bank, was also of assistance and at his bank we made our headquarters. We had not visited Winters before in five or six years and was agreeably surprised at the fine rock and brick business houses and the hustling set of business men we met after so long an absence.

We are under special obligations for courtesies and financial assistance while in Winters from Dr. J. L. Allred, H. Baldwin, C. T. Grant, Tom Patterson, J. L. Bailey, George Spidell, R. L. Shaffer, J. N. Key, A. F. Adams, J. A. Lambreth, Bert Lowe, J. M. Johnson, C. C. Gannaway and H. J. Brown and others. We had such a nice time we expect to visit that prosperous little city again in the near future.

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WOMAN DESPONDENT OVER LOSS OF DOLLAR BILL ENDED LIFE.

Brownwood, Tex., March 1.—Taking a last look at a framed picture of herself and husband, then placing herself carefully on a bed, Mrs. Henry Mitchell, a pretty young married woman, placed a 45 revolver to her temple and blew out her brains. The bullets made a clean hole and the woman died instantly.

No one witnessed the tragedy, but neighbors hearing the shot hurried in and found the woman dead.

The suicide occurred at the Mitchell home on Malone Avenue at 11 o'clock this morning. So far as is known, there was no cause for the deed.

The husband is an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad here and the couple apparently lived happily together.

A man who rooms at the house states that a few moments before the tragedy Mrs. Mitchell returned from shopping and stated that she was worried over the loss of a one-dollar bill which she had dropped somewhere in town. She broke down and cried over the loss and appeared despondent. Within a few minutes after the man left the house, the shot was fired. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell has relatives near Hot Springs, Ark.

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The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys 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 months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis

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ELECTION

By authority of the laws of the State of Texas, I hereby order an election to be held the first Tuesday in April, the said Tuesday being the first day of the said month of April, A. D., 1913, for the election of a Mayor, two Aldermen at large, City Attorney and Secretary and Collector, Treasurer and Marshall, to hold for the ensuing two years, Said election shall be held at the City Hall in the City of Ballinger, Texas, on the above date, according to the

laws of the State.

C. L. Morgan is hereby appointed manager of said election.

W. H. WEEKS,
4-4td 4tw Mayor.

BUYS RESIDENCE

C. A. Freeze, the second-hand man, closed the deal Monday with W. H. Wilson for the latter's residence opposite the bottling works on 5th street and moved into the same Monday.

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FORMER BALLINGER MEN IN TROUBLE

Eight Men Indicted by Federal Grand Jury for Using Mail in Connection With Big Land Swindle.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Ora Hutchinson and her 8-year-old son of San Antonio, Texas are detained at police headquarters here while detectives seek her former employer, Clint Roberts of San Antonio, who is wanted in San Antonio, in connection with a land deal.

Mrs. Hutchinson said today that Roberts is a member of a syndicate that bought 500,000 acres of land in Brooks county, Texas, and is selling it in small parcels. Mrs. Hutchinson has been Robert's bookkeeper and stenographer.

Engineered Land Deal.

Mrs. Hutchinson's arrest is in connection with land frauds in Brooks and Duvall counties, Texas, involving more than \$2,000,000, in which eight men have been indicted by the grand jury at San Antonio.

Papers bearing on the case, bogus deeds, etc., show that more than 300 persons residing in all parts of the United States, have been swindled by these "blue sky" dealers in Texas land, several transactions involving more than 100,000 acres.

Sheriff John W. Tobin of San Antonio, left yesterday for St. Louis to bring back Mrs. Hutchinson. The men, when arrested in San Antonio, had in their possession several grips filled with bogus deeds.

Victims Cleaned Out.

Pitiful cases are connected with the wholesale swindling cases. A widow with three children invested \$500, as did a blind man. They received no returns.

The men indicted in the swindling cases are: Clint, or W. C. Roberts, the king pin, who is said to have engineered the whole swindle; H. A. Montgomery, C. P. Thraikill, W. B. Dennis, Frank Roberts, L. Jones, A. Schroeder and S. Schroeder.

All the men with the exception of Clint Roberts have been arrested.

Robert and Montgomery formerly resided in Runnels county. Clint Roberts came here from Ovalo, and for a short time was owner of the old Owl drug store. Abe Montgomery lived in this county for many years, also lived at Talpa in Coleman county and San Angelo. He moved to San Antonio about a year ago. It was reported here that other Ballinger parties were connected with the land swindle, and were included in the number indicted, but the associated reports does not give the names, and we trust that the report that has reached here is a mistake.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Scott, of San Angelo, passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Wichita Falls, where they will make their future home.

NOTICE.

All persons are notified not to buy or trade for one certain note dated Feb. 18th, 1912, for one hundred, twenty five dollars, due one year after date, executed by Jo Hardin, payable to J. L. McWhirter, because the consideration has failed.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNS.

The commissioners court completed their work for the term at noon Saturday and adjourned. They turned out a lot of work and devoted considerable time to the road work. The appropriation for the experimental farm was not made, but deferred until the next meeting. Election officers for the next two years were appointed. Watch the Ledger for full report of the court's work.

Mr Farmer—If you need feed call at the City Wagon Yard, we are receiving hay, etc, by the car load C. B. Corder. wif

J. W. Dodds, of Coleman, who had been in our city on business the past several days, left Friday afternoon for his home.

Miss Mae Lawrence, who had been visiting relatives and friends at San Angelo, returned home Friday afternoon.

Cottolene

Here is a recipe for one of the most delicious pastry dishes you ever ate—Grape Fruit Pie—made with Cottolene:

CRUST	
1 cupful of sifted flour	1/4 cupful Cottolene
3 teaspoonfuls ice water	A pinch of salt
FILLING	
3/4 cupful of sugar	Juice of 1/2 medium-sized grape fruit
2 rounding teaspoonfuls of corn starch	2 even teaspoonfuls Cottolene
Juice of 1/2 lemon	Grated rind of 1/2 lemon
1 cupful boiling water	



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Purely Personal

J. F. Heath, left Friday afternoon for Oklahoma to look after business affairs a short while.

Miss Janie Kevil, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger for some time past, left Friday afternoon for Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dunn and baby, of Wingate, left from this point Friday afternoon on a visit to her parents and friends at Bangs.

You will be both pleased and surprised at watch prices. Let us show you. JAS. E. BREWER, Jeweler and Optician, Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. J. N. Harris, of Miles, who had been here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and J. A. Harris and family, left Thursday at noon for her home.

Mrs. Turner, of Voss, Texas, who had been at the Sanitarium in Ballinger the past week, left Friday morning for her home much improved in health.

Our repairing is the best possible and our prices are right. JAS. E. BREWER, The Jeweler, Ballinger, Texas.

E. A. Jeans, the produce and fruit dealer, left Thursday morning for Coleman to look after his branch house at that place a day or two.

Max Winkler, one of the prominent stock-farmers of the Millersview country, was supplying in Ballinger Friday and says the recent rains has put his section in fine shape.

We fit your eyes free. We guarantee our spectacles and will save you money. JAS. E. BREWER, Jeweler and Optician, Ballinger, Texas.

Rev. E. D. Morgan, wife and children, of Winters, were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bair Thursday, while en route to Richland Springs, where they will make their future home Rev. Morgan having accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at that place.

The best Alarm Clocks on earth at JAS. E. BREWER, the Jeweler, Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. W. S. Robertson of San Angelo, passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon en route to Dallas to hear the Grand Opera. Her daughter little Miss Elma Dell, came in with her and stopped off to spend a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and M. D. Chastain.

F. I. Long and Lawrence Knight of Austin, representing Walter Tipps Foundry, who are placing quite a number of irrigation outfits in our county, left from this point Thursday afternoon for the east. Mr. Long was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Erwin and family while in our city.

COTTON SEED.

I have for sale at 75 cents per bushel pure Rowden and Mebane cotton seed. H. SEIPP, the one horse farmer. Maverick, Texas. 3tw.

Mrs. Chas. S. Miller left Thursday morning for Brownwood,

where she will spend a few hours with friends and will leave on the evening train for Dallas, where she will attend the Grand Opera.

John Q. McAdams, the Winters banker, passed through Ballinger Thursday morning en route to Brownwood on a short business trip.

E. M. Steele, of Crews, was supplying in Ballinger Thursday.

Mrs. Daugherty, mother of Mrs. W. E. Brooks, who had been visiting relatives and friends at San Angelo for a few weeks past, returned to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

C. C. Cockrell is pushing the Banner-Ledger's interests in Winters today. We have the largest list of readers of any paper in this county, and we do not propose to let up on the campaign for subscribers until the paper goes into all the homes of the people of the county. We have been receiving considerable boost from our friends and readers over the county on the move to give the people a better paper, and one that is a newspaper in every particular, and not a political organ.

Mrs. W. E. Bartlett and three children came in Friday at noon to join Mr. Bartlett and will make their future home in Ballinger. Mr. Bartlett was at one time a citizen of Ballinger and after an absence of about two years, returns satisfied that Ballinger is one of the best places to live, in the State.

Deputy Sheriff John Perkins and Mr. Sailors made an overland trip to the Crews country Wednesday on official business.

R. B. Ingle, one of the Banner-Ledger's friends of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Col. Morgan Jones, came in from Abilene Wednesday at noon to look after business interests in Ballinger a day or two.

W. P. Hawkins, one of the prominent business men of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Virgil Silman, of Coke county, was greeting Ballinger friends and looking after business affairs in the city Wednesday.

T. P. Brown, of South Ballinger returned home Wednesday at noon from a short business trip to Winters.

Chas. Stokes, of Lampasas, is here today to attend the wool growers meeting and get a line up on the spring clip.



B. B. PADDOCK.

Who will be a guest of the Ballinger Business men and deliver an address at the B. M. banquet March 13th. Mr. Paddock is one of the most prominent speakers of the state, and is a great booster and town builder. For several years he was in the lead in the development work of Fort Worth.

WAGON YARD CHANGES HANDS.

A deal has been closed between C. B. Corder and Tom Vandevanter in which Mr. Corder sells his interest in the City Wagon Yard to Tom Vandevanter. Mr. Corder has turned the business over to Mr. Vandevanter and the later is now in full charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drennon are now comfortably domiciled in the Sam Reese residence at 505 Hutchings avenue.

Mr. J. H. Kurtz, was in Ballinger Saturday and remembered the Banner-Ledger a dollars' worth. Mr. Kurtz also is a reader of the Dallas News.

Clarence Wilson, one of the successful farmers, south of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Henry Walters, one of the successful young farmers of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Joe Hadden left Sunday afternoon for Houston where she goes to represent the Rebecca lodge of Ballinger at the State meeting in that city this week.

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Along with dyspepsia comes nervousness, sleeplessness and general ill health. Why? Because a disordered stomach does not permit the food to be assimilated and carried to the blood. On the other hand, the blood is charged with poisons which come from this disordered digestion. In turn, the nerves are not fed on good, red blood and we see those symptoms of nervous breakdown. It's not hard work that does it, but poor stomach work. With poor thin blood the body is not protected against the attack of germs of grip-bronchitis—consumption. Fortify the body now with

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WAR CONTINUES IN MEXICO

(Continued from first page)

The program of pacification will, it is expected, be put to some severe tests. A band of adherents of Zapata fired on a federal troop train running from the capital to Cuernavaca yesterday and sixty soldiers were killed or wounded. Similar bands of Zapatistas continue committing raids in the federal district itself and in the state of Morelos, indicating that some of the mountaineer rebels are determined to keep up their guerrilla warfare despite the negotiations between the government and the brothers Zapata.

The railroads between the capital and the north are still interrupted. There has been practically no mail from the United States for fifteen days except that brought by steamer to Vera Cruz.

Fresh candy at The Fair. 6-1td 1tw.

LOST—One black bull yearling with brown stripe down back, no marks or brand. Reward for information or return to J. M. Cordil, Ballinger. 42td 1tw

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer returned home Wednesday at noon from Talpa and were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Foreman of that place, who will visit in Ballinger a day or two.

W. S. Davis, of the Winters country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

KATY CONSOLIDATION BILL A LAW

(Continued from first page)

Following is the roll call: For passage over veto—Bailey, Brelsford, Carter, Collins, Conner, Cowell, Darwin, Gibson, Gibson, Greer, Johnson, Lattimore, McNealus, Morrow, Nugent, Paulus, Real, Taylor, Terrell, War en, Weinert, Willace—22.

Against passage over veto—Hudspeth, Murray, Townsend, Watson, Estbrook, Wiley—6.

The House already having passed the bill over the veto, it becomes a law.

The Senate late yesterday afternoon also passed the Collins employees compensation bill.

Garden rakes at The Fair. 1d 1w

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bruce and daughter and her father, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brooks, of Fulton, Ky., who had been visiting relatives and friends in this section for several weeks past, left for their home Tuesday afternoon.

J. S. McKinzie and J. H. Booth were hauling out feed Wednesday for sheep on Feb. McWilliams ranch, down the river and say this will about wind up the feeding for this season.

M. P. Collins, the carpenter, is busy putting up a nice extension to the dining room at Mrs. Emma Nash's boarding house on Eighth street, this week.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health has improved in our community the past week and we don't know of any serious sickness at this writing.

A number of farmers are planting maize and cane and the small grain crop continues to improve and looks fine and lots of fardens are being planted, the fruit buds are coming fast, some already are in bloom.

Mr. Aycock is hurrying with his irrigation plant and will soon have it completed.

Miss Maude Jones was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Compton the past week.

Mr. Volgesang went down to Talpa Monday after some sheep, which new adjunct he is adding to his farm.

Mr. Compton has also a number of sheep and goats on his farm.

The box supper that was postponed will be given Friday night the 7th. An amusing play by the young people of Spring Hill will be a feature of the occasion and every body is cordially invited to be present.

In conclusion we want to remind you that the great rabbit is most opportune at an early date, as they are very numerous. Archie and Eddie Parr, Oran and Herbert Dean. All boys went out the other afternoon and killed seventeen rabbits in two hours. Your scribe has talked to a number of people and all with one exception agreed that we should have it, by all means, and now as there is a

bounty on Jack rabbit scalps it will help to pay ammunition and your time is most profitably spent in helping exterminate this pest. "KNOX."

REWENA NEWS NOTES.

Good evening Mr. Banner-Ledger. Will you admit a new correspondent.

Mr. Frank Eckert, one of Runnels county's largest and most successful farmers, was supplying in Rowena today.

F. E. Kuhn, our efficient constable had official business in the capital (Ballinger) Monday.

Henry Halfman was sailing around our town Monday in his new Ford automobile.

Mr. B. L. If you should get between the Devil and the deep blue sea, always plunge to the wet side. A bath is often good for a fellow now and then.

The business outlook in our county, is steadily improving every day, we are glad to see. The democratic incoming administration, "See".

Joe Cervenka says it was great pity Wilson was not able to take his seat this morning.

Charley Hantz has been acting very mysteriously here of late. He was seen going out to his farm with a full line garden seed the other day. Something is fixing to "drap" Charley.

The inunical Irishman Mike C. Boyd is assessing taxes here this week.

We notice several weeks ago in your valuable paper an item,

where the great scientific were making cow feed from sawdust. It reminds us very forcibly of Bill Nye's experience, the great American humorist. He said from over exertion and hard work, he busted his gallous (suspenders) he immediately went into a department store, to replenish the damage. here was a beautiful little black eyed girl behind the counter that began to cast her smiles upon him so anxious was she to make a sale. He said he told her he would like to see her suspenders. Suddenly there was such a flying of timbers, paper boxes and other paraphernalia at his bald head, that when he got out he was so agitated all the rest of that day he made a mistake and fed sawdust to his cow instead of wheat bran. The next day she gave turpentine instead of the snowy white milk. "JOHNNIE."

Woodrow Wilson and The Fair are both trying to lower high prices. Watch us cut 'em down. 6-1td 1w.

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BLOCKER SHIPS

SHOW CATTLE

The Finest Bunch of Cattle Ever Raised in Runnels County Will Leave Here Thursday for Fort Worth Show.

The writer in company with Feb. McWilliams, Jo Wilmeth, A. H. Wigle, Chester Cherry, R. B. Creasy, G. G. Odom and Photographer Wilburn, visited the Blocker ranch, better known as the Wylie ranch, Tuesday morning, to see the show cattle S. J. Blocker, the owner of this ranch, has been feeding for the past two or three month and getting them ready for the stock show which convenes in Fort Worth the 8th, of this month.

Mr. Blocker will exhibit three bunches of cattle at the stock show, and the man that wins over him will have to go some. He has a bunch of Durham steers, coming twos, that average 1089lb and every one is a perfect picture. There are fifteen in this bunch, that will go in the show. A bunch of Durham calves will be included in the bunch that go to the show and they will average 750 pounds. The third bunch in the lot we were shown is fifteen white face steers, coming threes. These will balance the scales some where between 1400 and 1500, and as pretty bunch of steers as a cattle man ever drove to market. There will be 45 head in all in the lot put on exhibition at Fort Worth, and every one should win high honors for Mr. Blocker.

Mr. Blocker owns something like 11,000 acres of the Wylie ranch and has other lands leased, and his ranch is one that is practicing diversification. Hogs, chickens, turkeys etc. were in evidence everywhere around the place. There is something like 500 acres under irrigation, and practically the entire field will be planted in feed. Mr. Blocker built a large silo last fall and filled it with feed. The silo is a concrete one, 45 feet high and 25 feet in diameter. It has a capacity of 450 tons. He fed out of the silo through the winter and it was so successful he will build another one next summer. We will have more to say about the silo and their advantages later.

The few hours spent with Mr. Blocker, seeing his fine cattle, the silo, and watching the feeding was enjoyed by every one in the party, and justice done to a nice turkey dinner that had been prepared. We hope to be able to reproduce some of the pictures made on the ranch, and publish them in the Ledger in the near future.

THE BIG SALE.

Don't miss the opportunity, as Saturday is the last day of the special sale at A. J. ZAPPE'S. 6-1td 1tw.

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