

# BANNER-LEADER.

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## Attention!!! Land and Home Seekers.

We have JUST THIS WEEK placed on the market, about ten thousand acres of the "Famous Runge Land" being situated on the waters of the Main Concho River on the North and South sides thereof respectively, which such lands are located about five miles South of Miles Station on the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, being the nearest railroad and shipping point, all of which such lands have a frontage on the Concho River, and which we are now in a position to sell in parcels of 160 acres and upwards, the title to which such lands is absolutely straight; no encumbrance, and which are located South of and immediately adjacent a new and prosperous German Settlement. Remember:

**"He who comes first is first served."**

The prices on these lands range from \$5.00 to \$9.00 per acre, the terms of payment thereon being **one-third cash balance in two, four and six years, 8 per cent interest.** No one but the undersigned are authorized to sell these lands and therefore, it will be to your interest to apply direct to us for further particulars thereto, as we have absolute control thereof.

**LANGE & DOOSE, Ballinger, Texas.**  
**GARLAND & MONTGOMERY, Pait Rock, Texas.**

The hardest job any one ever took is to bridle his tongue. Speak kindly of others one day and learn how vicious you really are.

A preacher in an eastern town recently got all the women at one of his meetings to remove their hats and had no difficulty about it. He simply said: "Will all of those ladies wearing \$15 hats please remove them? as those behind them cannot see. Those who wear 50-cent hats need not bother." It is needless to say every hat in the house came off at once.—Smithville Transcript.

### Value of Advertising.

The man who advertises is the man who gets the dough.

A business that isn't worth advertising isn't worth wasting time over.

You never know how much your business can amount to until you advertise and find out.

The public has a short memory that's the reason that a business to continue profitably must advertise continuously.

No big business has ever been built up without the publicity given it by judicious advertising, and in this era of advertising it is more than ever important that a business expecting success should be liberally advertised.

After advertising has built up a flourishing business the work of the ad. writer is by no means at an end. It remains for him to keep the business in a prosperous condition with the co-operation of the other departments.—Ad. Writer, St. Louis.

—From the reports we have received from responsible parties, we have no hesitation in recommending any of our numerous subscribers who are in want of a good stove or range, to try "Garland" Stoves and Ranges. Sold exclusively by Lee Maddox

—Bring us your pecans. We are in the market and will pay top prices. J. F. Lusk & Co.

### Advice to Young Men.

Remember, my son, you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books, digging ditches or editing a paper, ringing an auction bell or writing funny things, you must work. If you look around you, son, you will see that the men who are the most able to live the rest of their days without work, are the men who work the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with work, son. It is beyond your power to do that. Men cannot work so hard as that on the sunny side of thirty. They die sometimes, but it is because they quit work at 6 p. m. and don't go home until 2 a. m. It is the interval that kills, my son. The work gives you an appetite for your meals; it lends solidity to your slumbers, it gives appreciation of a holiday. There are young men who do not work, my son, but the world is not proud of them. The great busy world does not even know that they are there. So find what you want to be and do, son, take off your hat and make a dust in the world. The busier you are the less deviltry you will be apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your holidays and better satisfied will the world be with you.—Star Vindicator.

The following, clipped from an exchange, is a great big lesson in a few words, if it will be heeded, it says: "There was an old Irishman in town the other day, and while in a reminiscent mood he said he and Tom Layden railroaded together thirty years ago. "It was Mike and Tom then," he said, "but every time I got 50 cents I purchased a bottle of whiskey, and every time Tom got 50 cents he purchased an acre of black land, and his name is now Colonel Tom Layden and my name is still Mike."

For fresh vegetables of all kinds go to Miller Mercantile Co

## When in Doubt Come to Us

Never take unnecessary chances if you do not wish to suffer a loss.

Trade at Our Store, a store you know---a store all this community knows---a store that shows the greatest assortment---a store that is famous for dependable qualities---a store that always quotes the lowest possible prices, a store that means to do the fair and square thing at all times under all circumstances. We sell good goods at right prices and nothing else at any price. This has always been the policy of our store and maintained as inviolably today as at any time since its establishment. We ask you in to see the New, the Better and the Best; nobody can show you more. \* \* \* \* \*

### Special Offerings from Different Departments:

#### Woolen Dress Goods.

Fine quality all Wool Tricot regular price 35c, special at **25c yd**

Yard wide, fine all wool ladies cloth, will make an excellent dress, have all the stylish shades, a regular 50c cloth, Special price only **35c yd**

#### Outing and Domestic.

Large assortment of outing flannel; dark and light colors, Special price only **4 1/2c yd**

Extra heavy unbleached Canton flannel is cheap at 10c our Special **12yds \$1**

Good Quality Cotton Checks the best 5 cent checks made, round thread good weight, only **4 1/2c yd**

Yard wide unbleached Domestic clean smooth finish and full weight would be considered a bargain at 5c; our Special price **4 1/2c yd**

Good quality window shades made of good Opaque cloth and on good rollers only **25cts**

Lace Curtains 2 1/2 yds long 40 inches wide, regular 65c curtain, Special price per pair **45c**

#### Special in Shoe Department.

Magnet Calf \$2.50 mens' shoes solid throughout, special price **\$1.95**

Burro Skin and Top Notch Shoes, the best \$1.75 shoes made, at a Special price, per pair **1.45**

A complete line of the Selz Royal Blue and Perfecto shoes at \$3.50 & **\$3.00**

Lady Elgin and Enterprise Shoes for Ladies in lace and button. Dongola Kid and King Calf leather all solid and guaranteed to give satisfaction, **\$1.50** per pair.

1 special lot of Ladies Shoes to close out, having only two and three pairs of a kind, sizes run 2 1/4 to 4s; the price ranges from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per pair; you can have your choice of the lot at only, per pair **\$1.25**

Another lot of Ladies Shoes, about 55 pairs in the lot, but have only 2 and 3 pairs of a kind, the prices were **\$1.25**

We are showing a complete line of Ladies' Jackets, Capes Misses Jackets, Children's Reefers and Infants long and short Cloaks and at prices that will interest you. Come and see the line.

We are showing a fine line of Table Linens and Napkins, Toweling, White Bed Spreads at lowest possible prices.

Come and see the nice articles we are giving away as premiums. Tickets given with every purchase.

and \$1.50 have nearly all sizes between the different kinds. You can have your choice for **95cents**

1 Lot of Mens Negligee Shirts, the sizes are broken, made with detached cuffs, no collars; they were 75c each, to close out at **45c**

#### Good Things in Men's Boots at Special Prices.

Texas Steer, Fine Calf boot, Box Toe; this is our regular \$5 Boot and we guarantee them to wear 1 year; we offer them at special price **\$4.50**

Rough Rider, made of good Full Stock Calf, high goat leg, a regular \$4.50 Boot is offered at only **\$3.75**

Martin's Pride made of full stock Calf Skin, high top, our regular \$3.50 Boot and as good a boot as can be made for that price, only **\$3.00**

YOURS FOR BARGAINS,

# H. WINKLER,

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS



# WE HAVE NO GOODS.

... To Sell at less Than Cost ...

Neither has any one else. Our goods are worth One Hundred Cents on the Dollar and we guarantee them to be. We have no little worthless article to give away as an inducement for you to trade with us. Our actual **money saving prices** are the only **premiums** we are offering and that is what you want. You don't want to pay \$1.50 for something that is only worth 1.00 just in order to get a premium that is not worth 10 cents. Come and spend \$50.00 with us and we will save you enough money to buy all the **so called premiums** in Ballinger. Any man or woman with common sense knows or should know that a merchant can not afford to give goods away unless he intends to charge you an extra price for something you buy. Don't let the other fellow talk you out of the notion of coming to see us. You will never know what **Great Bargains** we are offering till you come and see for yourself.

We are strangers to you and do not want you to take our word for anything, but if we offer you goods for less than you can buy them anywhere else it is your duty to trade with us.

You can't afford to pay some one more for their goods just because they are old acquaintances and you have been trading with them a number of years. We are new people and are not entitled to your business unless we can save you money on your purchases. This is simply a Plain Talk and to the point and we think worthy of your consideration. There is one thing we want to call your attention to, your 10 year old boy or girl can buy of us just as cheap as the oldest and most experienced buyer as we have only One Price to all. Now don't expect any one to give you something for nothing. But there is one thing you can expect and never be disappointed and that is when you come to us you will always get the lowest prices to be made on first class reputable merchandise. We ask one favor, which is in justice to yourself as well as to us and that is come and give us a chance to prove our statements to be facts, and if we don't do it we will not ask the smallest share of your patronage. Give us an honest trial and in the future we will leave it to your judgement where you buy your Dry Goods.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

## CHILTON DRY GOODS COMPANY,

BALLINGER, : : : : TEXAS.

J. T. Webb, the Maverick stock farmer, visited the Metropolis Monday.

A brother of R. W. Reynolds is contemplating moving shortly to Ballinger from his present home in LaGrange.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bullock, of Maverick, have returned from the Dallas Fair and a visit to relatives at Bryan. A sister of Mrs. Bullock accompanied them home.

Rev. W. A. Manly will probably leave next week for Corsicana to attend the annual conference, which convenes on the 13th. Mrs. Manly will accompany him.

From the Rustler we learn that W. W. McKinley, of this city, has been to Robert Lee looking towards the locating of a tombstone business there in the near future.

Mrs. Page returned Sunday afternoon to her home in Denton after a pleasant visit with relatives at Winters. Her sister, Mrs. Josie Grant, accompanied her and will spend several weeks in Denton visiting.

A number of our friends are remembering to pay their subscriptions to the Banner-Leader. Have you neglected to pay yours? There is no better time than now to pay it, and no time when it will be more appreciated.

Ballinger did not send as many visitors to the San Antonio fair this year as usual. This was due to the fact that the majority of our cattle men are busy hunting pasturage for their stock and have little spare time or means on hand.

W. A. Collier, of Hubbard City, arrived Sunday night and is visiting his son, W. N. Collier. Mr. Collier will move to Runnels county provided he can dispose of his interests in Hill county. We certainly would be glad to have him locate with us.

Mr. Wilson, who bought Mr. Ed Stone's farm between Winters and Wingate, was in town Monday with cotton.

Messrs. Jno. Findlater, Jr., and Chris Haglestein, hardware men from San Angelo, were registered in Ballinger Tuesday. They have many friends in our little burg.

Mr. J. Brin, Sr., left Monday eve for New York in response to a telegram stating the serious illness of his wife. The Banner-Leader sincerely trusts that he will find her out of danger when he reaches her bedside.

Jno. D. McCamant while enroute to San Angelo on business spent Sunday in Ballinger. His friends here are legion and one and all were glad to give him a hearty welcome. His home is in Dallas. He is traveling for a Perfume House.

M. C. Cummings, of Gatesville, is in the city visiting the family of S. L. Powell. The Banner-Leader is pleased to number Mr. Cummings among its friends. In talking with him we find that he is quite favorably impressed with our town and county.

Col. D. P. Moser and daughters, Misses Inez and Verna, are at home from a delightful trip to San Antonio where they were guests of old time friends. Returning they spent a day in Belton with Col. Moser's oldest son, a prominent business man of that city.

L. C. Proctor and Ruben Gentry returned last week from a grass hunting trip out west. They failed to find what they wanted, but after reaching home they decided to start their cattle and risk the consequences. They got their herds together and took the road Tuesday and will drive until pasturage is found. The Banner-Leader trusts they may be successful in finding what they want right away.

It is reported on the streets that a Winters man recently sold his home place at \$10.25 an acre. He considered it a good sale. He began at once to look for another home as good at a lower price, and failed to find it, so that for several evenings past his neighbors have been treated to the sight of a man kicking himself over a two-acre tract of land because he turned loose such a good thing at such a low price. Moral—look before you sell.

P. J. Baron says the saloon business did not suit him, so he has sold out and has moved back to Rowena and is now engaged in the land and live stock business for which he is peculiarly fitted since he knows every foot of land in the county. He moved his family to Rowena Wednesday. See his card in this paper and write to or see him when needing something in his line.

A visit to points in Texas further east reveals the fact that the eyes of all are turned toward the west and that it is here the poor but thrifty man expects to find a country in which he can make a comfortable living. And, we are glad to say, those who come are not disappointed. The land is here, plenty of it, and the man who works never fails to make a living.

The Banner-Leader is still in business and is doing pretty well, thank you. Our enemies are not all dead, neither are our friends. And it pleases us to say that there are enough of the latter to make us indifferent as to what the former may say or do. We are too busy serving our friends to think of our enemies.

—P. J. Baron, Rowena, Texas, Real Estate and Live Stock Agent. 4-tf

Our Phone No. is 27

Ballinger was deserted Monday by the legal fraternity, the greater majority going that day to Paint Rock to be present at the opening of district court. Judge Goodwin and attorney Baker, of Brownwood, also went over that day. The Paint Rock docket never consumes much time.

A. M. Treadway, lately of Vansickle, has arrived with his family and is now comfortably located in his new home, the old J. K. Thomson place. Mr. Treadway is a farmer in every sense of the word, knows how to work, and better still knows how to make his labor profit him. It is such men as Mr. Treadway whom we want as citizens.

Mr. Callie Couch, representing W. T. Melton of Brownwood, was in town Saturday enroute home from a trip down into Concho. Menard and Schleicher counties trying to fill an order which the firm has for 1500 feed steers. He reports fat steers scarce but made an offer on 600 which he found. Henderson had the finest and fatest cattle he saw on his rounds.

J. O. C. Blair and family started Thursday for Lipan Flat, in Tom Green county where they will make their future home. Mr. Blair has a fine little farm there, has wheat up and in fine shape and is in a fair way to prosperity. The Banner-Leader is pleased to note his success though we regret to lose him as a Runnels county citizen.

C. B. BLACK.....  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
AND LAND AGENT,  
BALLINGER, - TEXAS.

Office with Judge Powell  
opposite court house.

Phone 27, the Banner-Leader.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned in Coke or Runnels counties, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gathering pecans, working stock or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

G. G. ODOM,  
28tf Ft. Chadbourne, Texas.



### Ft. Worth & Rio Grande Railway.

The Great Southwestern outlet for Ft. Worth trade. The Ideal Live Stock Route, to cattle markets and the Indian Territory. Time and expense saved shippers over this route. The shortest and most direct route from points in the San Angelo country to all points

### NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

Via Brownwood and Ft. Worth. Ft. W. R. G. train No. 4 leaving Brownwood at 10 o'clock p.m. has a Pullman Buffet Sleeper Car and is an ideal train for the public, as it arrives in Ft. Worth before departure of any of the early morning trains on other lines.

For further information regarding rates, etc. apply to or address any agent of the company or to L. B. Comer, G. P. A. Ft. Worth, Texas.

D. F. Johnson, Agent,  
Brownwood, Texas.

—Repairing that will stand the test. Jas. E. Brewer at Firt Nat. Bank Bl'd'g.

—The Ideal Steam Laundry Basket at J. O. Lee's Barber shop, leaves every Tuesday. Prompt delivery and satisfaction in every respect. A share of your patronage solicited.

51-4t. S. T. MORRIS.



# DEPENDABLE GROCERIES.

The policy which has always filled our shelves with fresh goods, and which always brings our old customers back to our store is that of

## SMALL PROFITS AND DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE.

We deal fairly with our trade—we give them splendid values for their hard earned cash. We have no favorites—one price to all—the lowest possible. This advertisement is put in the Banner-Leader as an invitation for you to call to test the truth of these statements—to try us. We want your trade large or small and will offer any legitimate inducement to get it.

Respectfully,

**DAVIS & CO.**  
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES.  
BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS

Subscribe for the Banner Leader. \$1.00 per year.

Something new in Town.....  
**Farmers' Wagon Yard**  
J. C. HILL, Proprietor.....

Located near court house; has abundance of yard room and shelter; lots of feed and water; good camp house. Reasonable rates. Your patronage will be appreciated.

# We Have Moved.

Our friends and customers please take notice that we are now located in the Ledger building where we can show our goods to an advantage. We have moving prices on everything in our store. Give us a call.

**W. J. Bowden & Co.**  
FURNITURE AND HARDWARE

## Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

**Digests what you eat.**  
This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It is unequalled for all stomach troubles.

**It can't help but do you good**  
Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago  
The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.

**LAND WANTED:**—In large or small tracts, to sell to East Tex] as home-seekers this fall. List your land with me and make quick sales. C. B. BLACK, Ballinger, Texas.

### Sexton Wanted.

A sexton is wanted to care for the cemetery. Apply to 2-1f JACK MCGREGOR.

Our 'Phone No. is 27

## 3 THINGS Style Quality Price

The three essentials to every bit of merchandise you buy are mentioned above. Especially are they essentials in Saddles and Harness. Your pride demands STYLE; your life may depend on the QUALITY; and your pocketbook is sure to be effected by the PRICE. I guarantee the Style to be the latest; the Quality the very best obtainable and the price as low as the goods can be sold. This applies to my entire stock of Saddles, Harness, Whips, Bridles, Blankets, Laprobes, etc.

**T. S. LANKFORD,**  
The Saddle and Harness Man

You lose more than we do if you don't advertise in the Banner-Leader.

## THE BANNER-LEADER.

H. F. MAYES,  
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

November 2nd, 1901

TEN PAGES.

The motive of the average play seems to be to make men thirsty between the acts.

All is fair in love and war—or, in other words, during courtship and after marriage.

A Hillsboro man has paid out over \$300,000 for hogs during the last two years. Nearly all the hogs were shipped to the California markets.

One advantage the farmer has over the city gentleman is: He can, if he will, know what he eats. This is impossible for those who subsist on the contents of paper bags and tin cans.—Farm and Ranch.

Throw the mantle of charity over the faults and frailties of your fellowmen. If you haven't any mantle of charity, you'd better go to God's great store-house of love and secure one.—Brown-wood News.

One of the largest contracts yet consummated in the Beaumont oil field has been closed with a New York banking firm. The contract calls for eight wells with a guarantee that they will be gushers.

We wonder why so many people allow their children to loaf around on the streets of an afternoon when school is out. Not a one of them but had better be at home helping his tired mother.—Sweetwater Review.

The annual report from the Blind Asylum at Austin shows that the pupils now number 194, of whom 53 are taking industrial course. The industrial department has been very successful, being more than self sustaining.

Detectives in Nashville have had a lively experience with a man supposed to be one of the Montana train robbers. In attempting to make the arrest, the man who called himself Ferguson proved to be more than a match for them and made his escape in a very sensational manner.

Hon. C. H. Jenkins, of Brown-wood, is here, being one of the attorneys interested in the defense of Schauer, whose case was transferred from Tom Green county to this county. Judge Jenkins is an able lawyer, a consistent politician and a Christian gentleman. He has the courage of his convictions in all things, and when the populists forsook his views, and the democrats adopted them, he returned to the democratic party. Possibly this will explain to some why the term "consistent politician" is used above. Mr. Jenkins is no longer a political aspirant, but is well posted in the theory of government, and is always ready to defend these principles as he sees them.—Lampasas Leader.

—J. F. Lusk & Co. will buy pecans this fall, and will pay cash for them. Top prices, too.

Attend Sunday School Sunday and encourage the little ones in their study of the Bible.

The Banner-Leader is in receipt of an appreciated stationery order from the milliner at Winters, Miss Morgan.

Dr. B. A. Fowler, of Brown-wood, was in Ballinger a short while Wednesday enroute home from a visit to his brother, Dr. D. D. Fowler of Paint Rock.

Messrs. Prentice Gregg and Robert Lusk are to leave our city on the 2nd for Dallas where they will enter Metropolitan business college. They are fine young men and will ably represent Ballinger.

Mrs. A. Simmons this week sold her residence, near J. W. Francis', to Hixson Bros. for a consideration of \$900. She in turn bought Dr. Love's residence, near the Baptist church, for \$820. Both families move next week. Dr. Love and wife will board.

Messrs. Snodgrass and Woodward, the Coleman attorneys, varied the monotony of a trip from Paint Rock to Ballinger Wednesday, by going out of the beaten path and hunting quail. They succeeded in bagging 54 between them, but indignantly deny the suggestion that they potshot any of them.

Regular services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night by pastor W. A. Manly. Just before the morning service the baptism of infants will be attended to. A full attendance of members and friends is urged. Sunday will be the preachers last day before going to conference at Corsicana.

The Banner-Leader pencil pusher and wife returned the latter part of last week from a pleasure trip to the San Antonio International Fair. Leaving Ballinger at 5:12 p. m. an eight hours ride over the Santa Fe brought us to Temple where close connection was made with the main line of the same road. At Milano our car was switched over to the I. & G. N. road and we went into the historic city without furtger change, arriving shortly after nine o'clock. San Antonio is some larger than Ballinger, in fact ranks first among Texas cities in point of wealth and population. Her streets are narrow and crowded and have a curious disregard for regularity. Her buildings are majestic; her plazas beautiful; her bridges wonderful; her objects of interests manifold. In fact San Antonio is the most interesting city in the state. Her fair this year simply outdid itself and was scarcely able to accomodate the immense crowds attending each day. Next year the management will be compelled to enlarge its exhibit hall. There is much that could be said about the fair but to fully appreciate its merits one should see it and this we advise all to do who can possibly spare the time and the money necessary to make the trip. The money will be well spent and the trip will never cause you regret. The editor is under special obligations to the Santa Fe route and the I. & G. N. railway. These roads are among the best in the state and the person who rides on either need make no apologies for his choice of roads. For courteous, gentlemanly treatment we recommend either line.

—Pecans—Pecans—Pecans—We want them and have the cash to pay. J. F. LUSK & Co.

## KISSES.

With little kisses I shut your eyes;  
I would not have them seeing and wise,  
For, could I choose, I would have you be  
Blind ever, as now, when you look on me!

A wreath of kisses to crown your head,  
That the whole world's crown should adorn in-  
stead,  
To keep your thought of me ever kind,  
As now, when your darling eyes are blind.

In each of your hands I shut a kiss,  
Do you feel how soft and little it is?  
So hold it gently that it may live,  
Lest your hands ask more than my hands can give.

A kiss for an earring in each dear ear,  
And now when I speak you can only hear  
The heart of my heart's heart laugh and cry,  
Not the foolish words it is stilled by.

A kiss on your mouth, and it bears no charm  
To bring you to good, to keep you from harm;  
It has no mission, yet let it be;  
The rest were for you, but this is for me!  
—Pall Mall Gazette.

## UNCLE SAM'S SPOTTERS.

Especially the Man in Europe Who Looks Out For Smugglers.

"Uncle Sam's large and well organized secret service," says S. H. Adams in Ainslee's, "is made up mostly of men who come properly under the head of detectives with police powers, but it has its class of bona fide spotters, whose entire duty it is to ingratiate themselves with persons suspected of having designs to evade the custom house duties and to warn the baggage inspectors at this end of the impending swindle.

"In cleverness, address and adaptability the secret service spotter is easily at the head of his profession and even ranks with the trained experts of the European diplomatic corps. It is essential that he should be a man of the world, for he must associate with all kinds of people on equal terms. He has no fixed abode, but lives in various European capitals when he is not on shipboard, where he is much of the time. He must never let himself be in the slightest degree suspected.

"There is always a number of these agents in Paris, because of the great American trade there. They live at the fashionable hotels and live the life apparently of flaneurs and boulevardiers. In all lines of trade that concern dutiable goods they are experts, and no large purchase by an American in Paris is unknown to them. Their circle of acquaintance is enormous, but nobody knows them for what they are. In one way or another they contrive to make the acquaintance of any person whom they suspect and unostentatiously but unremittingly trail him.

"Many a time some man who has made a heavy purchase of diamonds or laces and so disposed them that he felt sure of being able to get them through the port undiscovered has been passed on the dock by a chance acquaintance of the voyage over who, unseen, presses a little note into the hand of the customs inspector. That note tells all that the wily smuggler would wish to keep secret, and his baggage is mercilessly ransacked until the hidden articles are brought to light. He has been followed over by the spotter. Men employed in this line get good pay—as high as \$10 a day—but it costs them much to live in the manner in which they must maintain themselves."

### To Rest Her Mind.

"Your little birdie has been very, very ill," she wrote to the young man. "It was some sort of nervous trouble, and the doctors said I must have perfect rest and quiet and that I must think of nothing. And all the time, dear George, I thought constantly of you."

The young man read it over and then read it through again very slowly and put it in his pocket and went out under the silent stars and kept thinking and thinking and thinking. He only kept on thinking.—London Answers.

### Unconscious Humor.

"You mustn't fail to come to church next Sunday," said the Rev. Dr. Thirdly. "I have arranged to have the Rev. Dr. Markthirst deliver an address on his observations in the slums."

"Aren't you going to preach at all?" "Oh, yes. I'll preach my regular sermon, after which Dr. Markthirst will tell you some things that will open your eyes."—Philadelphia Press.

### As a Remedy.

"I want to get copies of your paper for a week back," said the visitor to the newspaper office.

"Wouldn't it be better to try a porous plaster?" suggested the facetious clerk.—Philadelphia Record.

### First Thought.

"What animal is it that is web footed, Tommie?"

"The spider, ma'am." — Yonkers Statesman.

A millionaire merchant says, "My success is probably due to the fact that at night I store my mind and during the day I mind my store."—Chicago News.

Both of the sons of Thomas Jefferson were members of congress from Virginia while he was president. One of these was Thomas Mann Randolph and the other John W. Eppes.

The average weight of a sheep fleece is 5 1/2 pounds.



# A BIG DROUTH SALE

At Brins' Big ONE PRICE STORE

Commencing Saturday morning November 2nd and to continue 20 business days ending Monday November 25th. A general underselling of New Seasonable Merchandise---an opportunity to save money such as has never been offered before to the trading public. The largest and best stock of seasonable merchandise ever before shown in Ballinger is now offered regardless of profit or value. Now is the time to make your purchase. Brins are the people who will save you money. Remember the big DROUTH SALE lasts 20 business days only, come early while the assortment is complete. We will sell you more goods and better goods for less money than you can get elsewhere.

Note the Following Prices - - - Note the Following Prices.

<p><b>Our Dress Goods Department.</b> Contains the brightest and best of this seasons stylish fabrics.—A few Drouth Sale prices.</p> <p>Yard wide 10c Percales go at..... <b>7½c</b></p> <p>Good grade Dress Outing worth 6¼c our price only..... <b>4c</b></p> <p>28 in Cot Plaid Dress Goods worth 10c. Sale price..... <b>7 1-2c</b></p> <p>Large assortment of beautiful patterns Flannellettes, 27 inches wide worth 12¼c our price only..... <b>8 1/3c</b></p> <p>6-4 Brocaded Dress Novelties in all staple colors worth 20 cents. sale price <b>12½c yd</b> only</p> <p>All the latest shades in 36 inch Cashmere value 35c go in this sale at..... <b>25c</b></p> <p>Our elegant line of Waistings, Novelty Dress Goods in Granite Cloth, Ladies Cloth, Cheviot, Serge, Satin Prunellas all go at Drouth Sale prices</p>	<p><b>Some Drouth Sale Prices.</b></p> <p>Ladies' Ribbed Vests worth 25c for..... <b>15c</b></p> <p>Ladies Ribbed Vests worth 40c for..... <b>25c</b></p> <p>Childrens Union Suits all sizes..... <b>25c</b></p> <p>Best Grade Oil Cloth..... <b>15c</b></p> <p>Hair Brushes worth 40c for..... <b>20c</b></p> <p>Finishing Braids worth 5c..... <b>3½c</b></p> <p>Tooth Brushes only..... <b>10c</b></p> <p>Money Purses..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>A good Bed Blanket large size white and grey only..... <b>48c pr</b></p> <p>Large size Heavy Comfort worth \$1.00..... <b>75c</b></p> <p>See our line of all wool Blankets in white and colors and get our prices on same.</p>	<p>Our No. 800 is an all wool Beaver Jacket made in the latest style in castor and other popular shades worth \$4.50 anywhere Drouth Sale price only..... <b>3.75</b></p> <p>Drouth Sale prices on our best grade of Ladies Jackets means a saving of 50 per cent.</p>
<p><b>Clothing.</b></p> <p>The largest stock of Clothing in Ballinger. We are greatly over stocked in this line and expect our drouth sale prices to move the goods.</p> <p>See the elegant line of Men's Suits that we are showing at from \$4.50 to..... <b>\$6.50</b></p> <p>Lot 3997 Mens Genuine Blue Flannel Suits square cut worth \$8, Drouth Sale price..... <b>\$5.95</b></p> <p>Lot 4394 All Wool Fancy Casimere Suits well made nicely trimmed, a regular \$8.50 value, Drouth Sale price only..... <b>\$6.50</b></p> <p>Lot 2594—Men's Black Clay Worsted Sack Suits first class in every respect, sells elsewhere for \$10 our price..... <b>\$6.75</b></p> <p>See our Lots 4447 and 4337, Genuine California Suits, best make and trimmings used in these garments they are worth \$13.50 Drouth Sale price <b>\$9.85</b></p>	<p><b>Ladies Cloth and Plush Capes, Ladies' Jackets and Children's Reefers.</b></p> <p>Heavy Black Melton Cape good length full sweep neatly trimmed worth \$1 sale price <b>75c</b></p> <p>Good quality Melton Cape in black, blue, red, tan and green, 23 inches long. Top cape 10 inches deep, full sweep storm collar edged with black fur and handsomely braided worth \$2.00, Drouth Sale price only..... <b>1.25</b></p> <p>A good quality Black Velvet cape worth \$1.50 sale price only..... <b>1.00</b></p> <p>Our stock of Plush Capes is by far the best and largest shown in Ballinger. We have not the space to tell you much about them but when we say drouth sale prices will prevail you know what to expect. Children's Reefers for \$1.25 to \$3.00.</p>	<p><b>Our Shoe Department.</b></p> <p>Largest stock, latest styles, best make, lowest prices, Ladies Glove Grain Shoes all solid worth \$1.25, Sale price..... <b>95c</b></p> <p>Old Ladies Comfort Shoes all solid worth \$1.50 for..... <b>1.00</b></p> <p>Extra value Ladies grain Shoes Bradded guaranteed all solid never sells for less than \$1.50 Sale price..... <b>\$1.25</b></p> <p>Our American Beauty and Good as Gold are the best glove and pebbled grain shoe made, every pair guaranteed, worth everywhere \$1.75 Drouth Sale price..... <b>\$1.35</b></p> <p>One Lot Ladies Dongola Shoes all styles worth \$1.50 sale price..... <b>\$1.00</b></p> <p>One Lot Ladies Fine Dongola Shoes worth \$1.75 Sale price only..... <b>\$1.25</b></p> <p>One Lot Mens Shoes in Cong or Lace worth \$1.50 for..... <b>\$1.25</b></p> <p>1 Lot Mens Plow Shoes worth \$1.25 for..... <b>95c</b></p> <p>One lot Boys Shoes all styles worth \$1.25 Sale price <b>\$1.00</b></p> <p>One Lot Childrens factory made shoes 5 to 8 worth 75c sale price..... <b>50c</b></p> <p>Childrens Shoes at..... <b>25c</b></p> <p>Drouth Sale prices on Ladies and Mens Fine Shoes and Mens Custom Made Boots.</p>
<p>Men's genuine California Pants sells everywhere for \$5 a pair, our regular price has been \$4.50 but we will sell them in this sale at..... <b>\$3.95</b></p> <p>Boys long pants School Suits sizes 10 to 19 regular \$4.50 goods on sale at..... <b>\$3.00 suit</b></p> <p>We are showing a large assortment of Boys and Youths School Suits \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 that are genuine bargains and are worth fully 33½ per cent more than we ask.</p> <p>Boys Knee Suits sizes 5 to 14 worth \$1.50, Drouth Sale price..... <b>1.15</b></p> <p>Boys Fancy Cassimere Knee Suits age 5 to 14 worth \$1.75 sale price..... <b>1.25</b></p> <p>See our line of Vestee Suits for the little fellows at Drouth Sale prices.</p>	<p><b>Drouth Sale Prices on Staples.</b></p> <p>Good Quilt Calico <b>2½c yard</b> only.....</p> <p>Best grade standard Calico worth 6c our price..... <b>4c yd</b></p> <p>Good grade Cotton Checks 30 yards for..... <b>\$1.00</b></p> <p>25 yards, yard wide Brown Domestic for \$1.00 only..... <b>4c yd</b></p> <p>25 yards Bleach Domestic for \$1.00 only..... <b>4c yd</b></p> <p>Good quality round thread Cotton Check 25 in. wide fast colors worth 6c Drouth Sale Price only <b>4c yd</b></p> <p>25 yards good Cotton Flannel for..... <b>\$1.00</b></p> <p>Good quality Mattress Tick worth 8c sale price only..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>Good quality Apron Check Gingham worth 7c sale price..... <b>4½c</b></p> <p>Regular 7c quality Dress Gingham sale price only..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>Extra Heavy Cotton Flannel the kind that sells for 10c, Drouth sale price only..... <b>6½c</b></p> <p>Amoskeag Feather Tick the best made, guaranteed to hold feathers sells everywhere at 16 2-3 our price <b>12½c</b></p> <p>Good Quality Shirting worth 10c our price only..... <b>7c</b></p>	<p><b>Mens Furnishing Goods.</b></p> <p>Heavy Merino Undershirts worth 35c our price..... <b>25c</b></p> <p>Mens heavy ribbed Shirts and Drawers regular value 45c sale price..... <b>30c</b></p> <p>Extra heavy fleeced Shirts and Drawers the kind that sells at 65c each or \$1.25 a suit our price 45c or 90c suit</p> <p>Mens fancy fleeced Shirts and drawers the 75c kind Drouth Sale price..... <b>50c</b></p> <p>Mens Cotton Flannel and drill drawers worth 35c Sale price..... <b>20c</b></p> <p>Mens heavy Sox the 8½c kind for..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>A good Jumper or Work Shirt for..... <b>25c</b></p> <p>Mens Suspenders worth 20c sale price..... <b>10c</b></p> <p>Mens extra heavy Jersey fleeced overshirts laced front worth 75c our price..... <b>50c</b></p> <p>A good heavy brown duck Overall doubled at knee worth 75c our price..... <b>50c</b></p> <p>Mens rubber lined duck coat worth \$1.75 elsewhere our Sale price is only..... <b>\$1.25</b></p> <p>Mens and Boys Hats and Caps at money saving prices.</p> <p>The biggest bargain ever offered, mens Seal Plush Cap made to come down over the ears sells everywhere from 75c to \$1 Drouth Sale price..... <b>50c</b></p> <p>In our Ladies Millinery Department we are making unheard of low prices on Trimmed Dress Hats and Street Hats.</p>

Remember the date of the Big DROUTH SALE. Begins Saturday Nov. 2nd, ends Monday Nov. 25. Remember it is Brins who are offering you such extra ordinary Bargains, dont be mislead but come to us. We have everything we advertise and more too. Bring this price list with you and see for yourself.

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One of the most helpful books on nerve  
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This work of an experienced and reputable  
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abounds in carefully considered and  
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It is indorsed by both the religious and  
secular press. The Chicago Advance  
says: "A perusal of the book and the application  
of its principles will put health,  
hope and heart into thousands of lives  
that are now suffering through nervous  
impairment."  
The book is \$1.00 by mail, postpaid.  
One of the most interesting chapters  
—Chapter xx, on Nerves and Nerve  
Tonics—has been printed separately as  
a sample chapter, and will be sent to any  
address for stamp by the publishers,  
The Pacific Pub Co., Box 2658, San  
Francisco.

Some men are like monkeys;  
they lack horse sense.

Constipation means the accumulation  
of waste matter that should be discharged  
daily, and unless this is done the foul  
matter is absorbed and poisons the  
system. Use Herbine to bring about  
regularity of the bowels. Price 50 cts.  
At E. D. Walker's drug store.

It is a hard matrimonial knot  
that the divorce judge can not  
untie.

**Reliable and Gentle.**  
"A pill's a pill," says the saw.  
But there are pills and pills.  
You want a pill which is certain,  
thorough and gentle. Musn't  
gripe. DeWitt's Little Early  
Risers fill the bill. Purely vegetable.  
Do not force but assists the  
bowels to act. Strengthen and  
invigorate. Small and easy to  
take. E. D. Walker.

As the chip of the old block is  
inclined so is the family tree bent.

I was greatly troubled for  
months with stomach troubles.  
Could eat but little and that that  
I did eat seemed to increase my  
suffering, but after taking one  
bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure  
have suffered no more.—MRS.  
M. F. CORNELIUS, Winters, Texas.  
Sold by T. A. FANNIN,  
Druggist, Winters, Texas.

A deaf and dumb man is apt  
to talk straight out from the  
shoulder.

Tuskega, Ala., July 28, 1878.  
Dr. J. C. Moffett—My Dear  
Sir: Justice to you demands  
that I should give you my experience  
with your excellent medicine,  
Teethina. Our little girl, just  
thirteen months old, has had  
much trouble teething. Every  
remedy was exhausted in the  
shape of prescriptions from  
family physicians. Her bowels  
continued to pass off pure blood  
and burning fever continued for  
days at a time. Her life was  
almost despaired of. Her mother  
determined to try Teethina, and  
in a day or two there was a  
great change—new life had  
returned—the bowels were regular,  
and, thanks to Teethina, the  
little babe is now doing well.  
Yours, etc. D. W. McIver,  
Ed. and Prop. Tuskegee (Ala.)  
News.

A Cowley county, Kansas man  
died recently and went to heaven  
—in evidence of which we have  
the word of the obituary writer  
for the Winfield Courier, of that  
commonwealth of the sunflower.  
And when St Peter opened the  
pearly gates to the jasper walls  
he saw three female angels sitting  
in a row. "That's my husband,"  
said each of the shades springing  
to her feet. "I was sure I could  
pull him through." And how happy  
indeed must be the lot of the man  
who has sent three good wives  
ahead to pilot his difficult way to  
land beyond the skies.

—List your lands with P. J. Bar-  
on, he can sell them and get good  
prices. 4-1f

When a dog succeeds in capturing  
his tail his end is accomplished.

You lose more than we do  
if you don't advertise in the  
Banner-Leader.

It's folly to tell the man who  
has the toothache that misery  
loves company

—Any stove or range bearing  
the name of "Garland" is warranted  
to be the best that can be made.  
"Garland" Stoves and Ranges are  
too well known to need any  
indorsement from us, and we only  
need to call the attention of our  
readers to their reputation, and  
advise them to examine into their  
merits. Sold exclusively by Lee  
Maddox.

Everybody is usually looking  
out for number one, except the  
widower, he is looking out for  
number two.

—DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, DENTIST,  
Over Walker's Drug Store.

"I am not much of a mathematician,"  
said the cigaret, "but I can add to  
a man's nervous troubles. I can  
subtract from his physical energy,  
I can multiply his aches and pains,  
and I can divide his mental powers,  
I can take interest from his work  
and discount his chance of success."  
Union Signal.

—FOR SALE—Second Hand Bug-  
gies and Hacks. Apply to John  
Webb, City Livery Stable, 51-4t.

A brother editor one day received  
a dollar on subscription and fifty  
cents in stamps for a local ad.  
Looking over the proceeds of the  
day and phizizing he wrote as follows:  
"I squeeze the coin because it contains  
the picture of a woman, and we  
lick the stamp because it contains  
the picture of a man."

A minister up in a Kansas town  
recently adopted a novel scheme  
for bolstering up the church  
collection, which had been  
diminishing. He informed his  
congregation just before the  
plates were passed around that  
the members who were in debt  
were not expected to contribute.  
The collection that day was  
double the usual sum.

It is a common occurrence to  
hear men kicking about having  
to work more than eight hours a  
day, and wanting to regulate the  
hours of labor, but little is said  
of what shall constitute a day's  
work for women. It occurs to us  
that the woman who is out of  
bed at five o'clock in the morning,  
cooks breakfast for half a  
dozen children, besides the husband,  
gets the former off to school,  
and the latter to work, gets  
dinner for the same gang and  
then in the evening repeats the  
program for supper, and finally  
winds up about nine o'clock  
at night, is the one who ought  
to ask for fewer hours. There are  
plenty of women in this country,  
who in addition to doing cooking  
for the family, do the washing,  
the ironing, the scrubbing, the  
mending, and a thousand other  
little things. This is continued  
for six days out of the week with  
the seventh for rest, but usually  
with the seventh the hardest  
day of all as this is company day.  
The busy housewife who gets off  
with an even dozen hours a day,  
may regard herself as exceedingly  
lucky. It is a rare thing that  
any man works so that he  
becomes prematurely old, but  
there are thousands of the wives  
and mothers who are worked  
into premature graves.—Russellville  
Democrat.

—Finest line of set rings at Asa  
Cordill's.



**Large Square Ovens**  
**Even Bakers**

The  
**Acorn Steel Ranges**  
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Fancy Groceries as good as can be  
found in Ballinger. Our prices are  
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## Sacrifice AND Slash of Prices

Which will astonish our friends and customers. We need the CASH and the goods MUST move.

2,000 yards of Brown LL Domestic worth 5 cents every where, will go now at.....	4 cts
1200 yards Cotton Plaids, extra good value at 5 cents, must move at.....	4 cts
The very best Calico, standard brands, your choice at..	4 cts
Good heavy Outings, sell at 10 and 12½ cents, will sacrifice at.....	8½ c
French Flannelettes, worth 10 and 12½ cents, will go at this sale for.....	8½ c
All our Fine Dress Goods, in colors, worth from 75 cts to \$2.00 per yard, will move at only.....	75 c
Our 46 inch wide Worsteds, in all colors, worth 35 cents, will be sold at.....	25 c
Peau De Soie Silks, in black, our \$1.25 quality, will be sold at only.....	90 c
French Flannel Waist Patterns, a beautiful assortment worth \$1.00 per yard, will clean out at.....	65 c

### CLOTHING. CLOTHING.

We will sell our genuine California Brown Bros Men's Suits worth \$18.50 at..... \$12.50  
Our \$10.00 Suits must move at..... \$5.00 and \$6.00  
Boys and Children's Suits—We have purchased 500 sample suits and we offer them at..... \$2.50  
Remember, this is your opportunity if you need a suit for yourself or boys. Come and give us a look and you will sure buy.

### SHOES SHOES SHOES

Must fly. We have about 200 pairs of small lots we will offer at a great SACRIFICE. The only thing we ask, bring your feet and pocket book along.

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Money to loan on good farms and ranches at low rate of interest; \$2000.00 and upwards.

C. B. BLACK,  
Ballinger, Texas.

C. L. Gallagher returned Thursday night from San Antonio.

The following history of the rise in price of a certain parcel of Runnels county land is interesting. Some years ago Nath Garrett was the owner of an unpromising lot of land near the town of Winters. He paid \$2.25 an acre for it. Becoming somewhat involved he sold it about five years ago to Mr. Ed Stone for \$2.90 per acre. He held it until a little over a year ago when he decided to quit farming and go into the mercantile business at Winters. Mr. Stone sold to Messrs. Bob and Jim Wilson at \$10 per acre and threw in the crop. Last year the Wilsons got over 15 bales of cotton off the land, and a few days ago was offered \$15.00 per acre spot cash for their property, which they refused. This is a record which few counties can equal.

—Jas. E. Brewer is getting new goods every few days. See his fine assortment before buying. He can save you money.

—Wanted—Pecans. Will pay highest market price.  
J. F. Lusk & Co.

Ten pages this week.

City residence property has changed owners at a lively rate this week and the demand is still heavy. Rent houses are still in demand.

F. M. Honea has purchased J. W. Howards planing mill machinery and will move same into the big carpenter shop which he is erecting near Methodist church.

Read our ads this week. There are lots of bargains offered, and by taking advantage of them you will more than save the price of a years subscription to the Banner Leader. Try it.

E. L. Program, Nov. 3, 1901.

Topic—God's Leading in our Lives.

Leader—Mrs. Wright.

Song and Scripture Lesson—Ps. 23.

Prayer.

Creator of Man—Job. 10:8-12.

—Sammie Padgett.

Guidance of God—Isa. 43:1-7

—J. E. Brewer.

Providence of Overruling Interpositions—Deut. 23:4-5.—Mary Miller.

—"Truth." Paper—Miss Nellie Grant.

Long suffering of God—Num. 14:18:20—Gaston Hardgrave.

Why should we let God lead us? Paper—Mrs. Dickinson.

### The Auxiliary Program.

The auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. will meet with Mrs. Shop-taugh next Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present as we wish to make arrangements for our open meeting in December. The following is the program for Wednesday:

Topic—"Old India, Bilaspur and Bina."

Song of Thanksgiving.

Sentence prayers of gratitude for the blessings of the year.

Scripture quotations from each one expressive of thanksgiving and praise.

Responsive reading—Psalm 107:1-15.

Song.

"Condition of India at the close of the 18th Century."—Miss Maynette Kyle.

"Brief mention of Missionaries who labored for the conversion of India during the last century."—Mrs. C. H. Willingham.

"History of the Bilaspur Mission."—Mrs. I. O. Wooden.

"History of the Bina Mission."—Mrs. Pilcher.

Offering.

Business period.

Closing song of consecration—"Take my life and let it be."

Benediction.

The happiest man in the world, in all probability is the progressive farmer. He labors enough to ensure health, sees his broad acres year after year into fruition of a bountiful yield and has the good will and respect of his neighbor. He is more independent than any monarch on the throne in this wide world. He sleeps sounder and more peacefully one night than the Czar of Russia amid his gold. Blessed be the farmer. We look to him through good and evil, in sickness and in death, in storm and in drouth. He is the mudsill of our whole fabric.—Houston Post.

### Notice.

All accounts made at Palace Saloon prior to Nov. 1st, 1901, are due me. Arrange at once to settle same. Either paying it to me or leave it at the Palace Saloon and take receipt for same.

Respectfully,  
P. J. BARON.

### A Woman's Pocket Book.

"I read in today's paper that a pocket book had been left here by some one who had found it, and I have called to ask about it, and I've lost mine," said a New York woman in a newspaper office the other day. "Yes, ma'm," replied the clerk in attendance. "Will you please describe the contents of the pocket book you lost?" "Well now—let me see. I think I can name everything that was in my purse. There was a dollar bill, two ten cent pieces, a few nickles, some coppers, several postage stamps, a lot of silk samples, a pearl handled glove buttoner, a little poem entitled Baby's Bath, a receipt for sweet pickles, a lock of hair, a car ticket, memorandum of things I wanted to get, a row of pins, a clipping of a newspaper joke, a pearl button, a brass tag, a tiny pencil, a Canadian dime with a hole in it, railway time card, an ad of a bargain sale of handkerchiefs, a pressed violet in tissue paper, and a few other things. Oh! thank you—yes, that's my pocket book." And the pocket book the man handed her was just three and a half inches long by two and a half inches wide and an inch thick.—Puck's Library.

### A Blow From Behind.

"One winter, when things were rather slow in New York city—it was just before John L.'s time"—said the old pugilist, "we made up a little party and hired a hall in one of the fishing towns not far away. We advertised a prize of \$10 for any one who could stay on his feet against our men for five rounds. It was safe money, although when two or three of the beats came in at the same time we had all we could handle.

"But one night a fellow as big as the side of a house came along, and we smelled trouble. We put him up against the heaviest man in our party, who, though he only tipped the scales at 180 pounds, had two good hands and a head that you couldn't hurt with a piledriver. But the stranger was no slouch, and at the end of the fourth round we began to worry about the tenner.

"The ring was on the stage at the front of the hall, and at the rear of the stage there were two windows. So I says to our man as I sponged his mouth, 'Work him over to one of the windows.'

"It wasn't no easy job, but he did it before time was half up, and as the duffer backed up near the window he got a crack in the head from behind that dumped him in a heap. That's the way we saved our ten.

"But the funny part of it is that our champion had caught the local guy on the jaw the same moment, and we could never persuade him that it wasn't himself that secured the knockout."—New York Sun.

### An Animated Parcel.

Duncan Ross, the Scotch athlete, brought to New York with him some years ago a valuable bull terrier, famous for the blue ribbons he had won in India. Mr. Ross lived across the Harlem river, but his business took him daily to the lower part of New York. Invariably he was accompanied to his office by the bull terrier. As it was known that he always came down town on the elevated railroad, his friends wondered, knowing the embargo placed upon dogs, how he procured transit for the bull terrier.

Their repeated questioning finally persuaded him to reveal the secret, and he invited them all to the office one evening just as he was starting for home. He took out of his desk a stout piece of wrapping paper and, opening it out flat, spread it on the floor. Then he whistled to the dog, and the bull terrier walked to the center of the paper and curled up in a limp lump. Mr. Ross then produced a piece of stout cord and made a very neat parcel of his pet and tucked it under his arm.

"I have carried this parcel up and down town for two years," he said, "and no one has ever had the faintest suspicion of its animated contents. Clive is so well trained that he never makes a sound or moves a muscle. I leave a little opening at one end of the package, so that he has plenty of air."

### First Thought.

"What animal is it that is web footed, Tommie?"  
"The spider, ma'am."—Yonkers Statesman.

A millionaire merchant says, "My success is probably due to the fact that at night I store my mind and during the day I mind my store."—Chicago News.



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3 pieces Finishing Braid,	10c	1 Pack Envelopes,	5c
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**Bad For the Business.**  
"Yes, I had to let him go," replied the boss barber to the regular customer when the latter asked an explanation of the absence of his pet barber.  
"Why?"  
"Well, he insisted on raising whiskers."  
"Raising whiskers? Great Scott! Isn't this a free country, where a man may raise whiskers if he so chooses?"  
"Yes, this is a free country, and a man can do pretty much as he likes, but there's one thing he can't do and work for me, and that's it."  
"Why do you object?"  
"For three reasons. The first is that he was a rather cross looking fellow anyway. Whiskers would make him look crosser. In the second place, to raise whiskers it would be necessary for him to look like a Weary Willie for two or three weeks. In the third place—and this is reason enough, even if there were no other—if he should succeed in raising a good looking beard, he would set an example that might be followed by some customers. The result would be that instead of getting shaved three or four times a week, or even every day, they would content themselves with getting their whiskers trimmed once a fortnight or once a week. Such a move would seriously affect the cash box and for that reason is not to be tolerated."  
"How many barbers have you seen wearing beards? Every barber realizes the force of my objection. Oh, yes, every man has constitutional rights that all should observe. So have I."—St. Louis Star.

**Thomas Jefferson as a Letter Writer.**  
Mr. Jefferson probably wrote more letters with his own hand than any other public man that ever lived. The extent of his correspondence may be inferred from the fact that 20,000 letters neatly folded and briefed were preserved by him and found carefully filed away at the time of his death, with copies of the replies sent to more than 10,000. These, however, were only a small portion of his correspondence, as he retained only those he considered of future usefulness or importance.  
Stenography was not invented at that time. Every one of his letters was written with his own hand and with great care, although after breaking his wrist while minister to France it became a great labor to him. His penmanship was small, plain and legible, every letter being perfectly formed, and his account books are kept in so small a hand that many of the pages cannot be read without a magnifying glass.  
Jefferson was ambidextrous. He could write equally well with either hand. When his wrist was broken, he learned to write with his left hand, which became as skillful as the other. It would have been impossible for him to have carried on his extensive correspondence without being able to relieve his right hand at intervals.—Chicago Record.

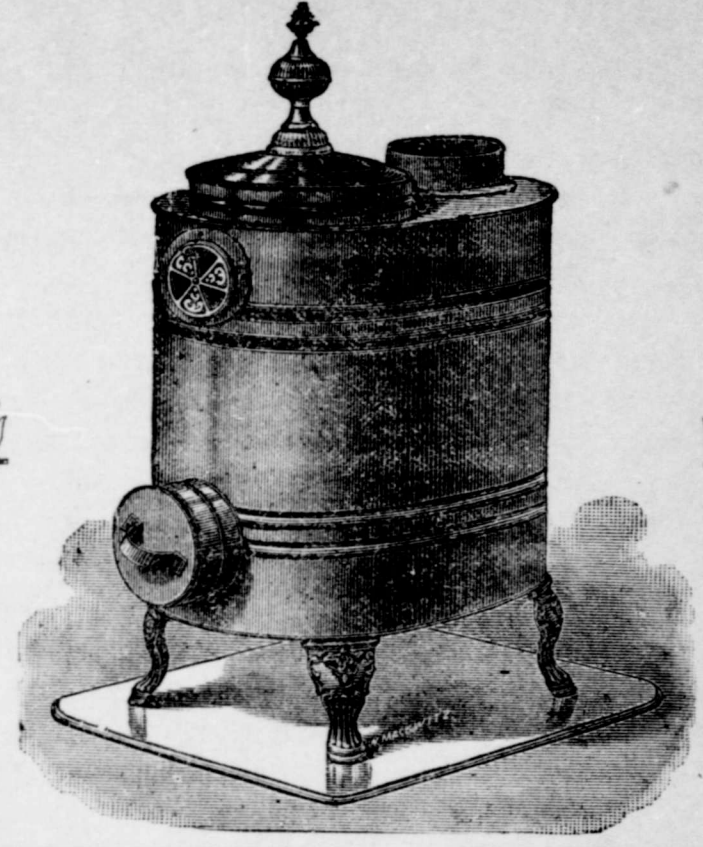
**Divided the Remedy.**  
The Philadelphia Record tells a story of a physician of that city who was called to see an old Irishman and his wife, down with colds. He advised quinine and whisky as an antidote. "You must both take it," he said. "Take it every three hours—two grains of quinine and a swallow of whisky." The next day he called again. The man was up and about, but his wife was in bed. "Did you follow my instructions?" asked the doctor.  
"To the letter," replied the husband.  
"How much quinine have you left?" was the next question.  
"Sure, Ol t'ink she have taken th' whole av it," said the man.  
"And didn't you take it, too?" asked the doctor.  
"Divil th' bit," was the reply. "Borra, it kept me busy takin th' whisky every toime she took a pill, an sure she's in bed an Ol'm up."

**The Humorous Primate.**  
There is a story told of a candidate for the pulpit who was preaching an ex tempore trial sermon before the late Archbishop Tait and Dean Stanley.  
In his extreme nervousness he began in a stammering way, "I will divide my congregation into two—the converted and the unconverted."  
This proved too much for the primate's sense of humor, and he exclaimed, "I think, sir, as there are only two of us, you had better say which is which."—London Standard.

**Easy Going Japs.**  
Japanese business methods are in the less important places of a very go as you please description. At Nagasaki the other day a foreigner calling at the branch of one of the chief shipping companies found the whole place deserted. It appeared that, the day being fine, the manager and staff had gone out on a mushroom hunting expedition. Mushroom hunting is a pursuit that appeals to every true Japanese.

**Inherited.**  
"Pa," said little Willie, looking up from his arithmetic, "what is a linear foot?"  
"Why—er—a linear foot," replied pa, temporizing, "why, it's one that's hereditary. Didn't you never hear tell of a linear descendant?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

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### Santa Fe Train Service.

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A fight over foot ball occurred in McKinney, Texas, between the McKinney Y. M. C. A. team and the Sherman city team. Fourteen men were painfully bruised and five seriously beaten.

The big compress located at Mount Pleasant and several thousand bales of cotton have been destroyed by fire. The loss will be more than \$250,000.

Eugene Wall was shot and killed near San Augustine on Oct. 25th. It is not known who committed the crime, but it is believed that it was done in continuation of a feud which has been in existence several years and which has caused the death of five other men.

Philadelphia has been the scene of a horrifying holocaust in which twenty-one known persons lost their lives and property amounting to upwards of \$500,000 was destroyed. The fire broke out in an eight story building occupied by furniture dealers.

The Terrell Insane Asylum contains 1293 patients. The institution owns, at present, forty-one Holstein cows; has raised seven hundred bushels of corn, which is sufficient for the coming year, and also raised five bales of cotton which has been made into mattresses.

A young negress from San Antonio, Texas, who has recently entered a university in Chicago is the cause of contention on the part of students of the institution. She is allowed every privilege; eating at the same table with the white girl students who declare their intention of securing rooms and board elsewhere unless matters are changed. It is thought the faculty will refuse to oust the negress.

### Modern Surgery Surpassed.

"While suffering from a bad case of piles I consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," says G. F. Carter, Atlanta, Ga. "I procured a box and was entirely cured. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a splendid cure for piles, giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." Surgery is unnecessary to cure piles. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure any case. Cuts, burns, bruises and all other wounds are also quickly cured by it. Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

Citizens of Oklahoma and Indian Territory are discussing with much interest the question of making a single state out of the two Territories. The single state idea appears strong.

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State land sales during thirteen months, ending with September, amounted to 3,167,602 acres disposed of. This record surpasses all previous ones. School lands are in greater demand than ever before and the Land Commissioner is doing all he can to save the mineral lands from being sold at a sacrifice.

Thousands of men and women suffer from piles, especially women with female weakness have this suffering to contend with in addition to their other pains. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will quickly effect a cure. Price 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts. At E. D. Walker's drug store.

Caleb Powers has again been convicted as accessory to the murder of Gov. William Goebel and the second time sentenced to imprisonment for life. A motion for a new trial was overruled and appeal will be made to a higher court.

If you have sore throat, soreness across the back or side, or your lungs feel sore or tender, or you are threatened with diphtheria or pneumonia, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment externally, and use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. At E. D. Walker's drug store.

In Nolan county the recent rains have caused watermelon vines and garden truck to take on new growth and now the people are feasting upon their products. One farmer is said to have at least 1000 melons now ripe in his field and it is a daily occurrence to see one or more wagon loads of them on the streets.

For burns, cuts, bruises, lacerations, or injuries of any description, Ballard's Snow Liniment is a sovereign remedy. It never fails to do good, and so promptly that its wonderful curative properties frequently create surprise. Price 25 and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's drug store.

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### The Children's Friend.

You'll have a cold this winter. Maybe you have one now. Your children will suffer too. For coughs, croup, bronchitis, grip and other winter complaints One Minute Cough Cure never fails. Acts promptly. It is very pleasant to the taste and perfectly harmless. C. B. George, Winchester, Ky., writes "Our little girl was attacked with croup late one night and was so hoarse she could hardly speak. We gave her a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. It relieved her immediately and she went to sleep. When she awoke next morning she had no signs of hoarseness or croup." E. D. Walker.

Schlatter, the great "Healer" who a few years ago was followed over the country by thousands of people and filled his exchequer to plethoric proportions by blessing handkerchiefs, has come to grief. The old fraud was arrested in New York a few days ago for habitual drunkenness and sent to prison for a term of three months. It is one of the strangest things that can be imagined how such a dirty, filthy, ignoramus as Schlatter can make people believe he possesses supernatural gifts. Our readers remember how men and women were crushed in the mad rush to get to the old fraud a few years ago, and how he raked in money until he was tired by "blessing handkerchiefs."—Pittsburg Gazette.

### A Physician Testifies.

"I have taken Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have never used anything in my life that did me the good that did," says County Physician G. W. Scroggs of Hall Co., Ga. "Being a physician I have prescribed it and found it to give the best results." If the food you eat remains undigested in your stomach it decays there and poisons the system. You can prevent this by dieting but that means starvation. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. You need to suffer from neither dyspepsia nor starvation. The worst cases quickly cured. Never fails. E. D. Walker.

### Just a Little Sermon.

Last week one of that vast army, ceaselessly shifting from place to place all over the country, known as journeyman printers, spent a day or two in the city. These people are generally noted for their splendid intelligence, education, and usually dissipated and intemperate habits. They make their money and spend it—usually for drink. In answer to a question as to why he did not stay in one place and save his money, and be of some benefit, he said it was a natural inclination to rove around, that in the places he went it was always the folks that interested themselves in him that influenced him. When he went to a town some one was always sure to invite him to a saloon for a nice social time and a drink, but no one ever invited him to church; that when he did go there, he was never noticed, the good people after service being interested in each other, with no thought for the outsiders, who go down the street and stop among a crowd of street loafers in front of a saloon, and in a short time will be on the best of terms with the crowd. The trouble is that our people do not take the interest in strangers that they should. It is selfishness, but unintentional and unthought. The interior of God's house ought to be made as inviting with the warmth of human kindness as is the devil's temple, which uses the outer appearances of good will as an allurements to draw the victim into the net that blinds body and soul.—The Hamilton Rustler.

Infant mortality is something frightful. Nearly one-quarter die before they reach one year, one-third before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen! The timely use of White's Cream Vermifuge would save a majority of these precious lives. Price 25 cts. At E. D. Walker's drug store.

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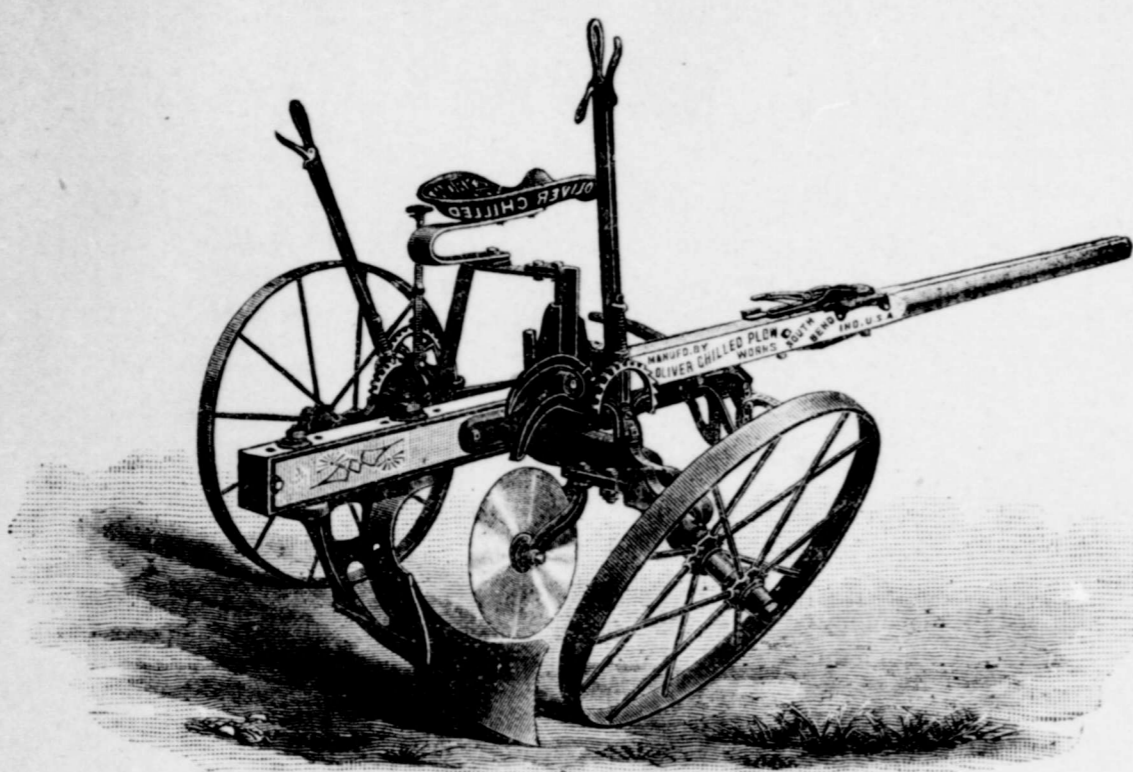
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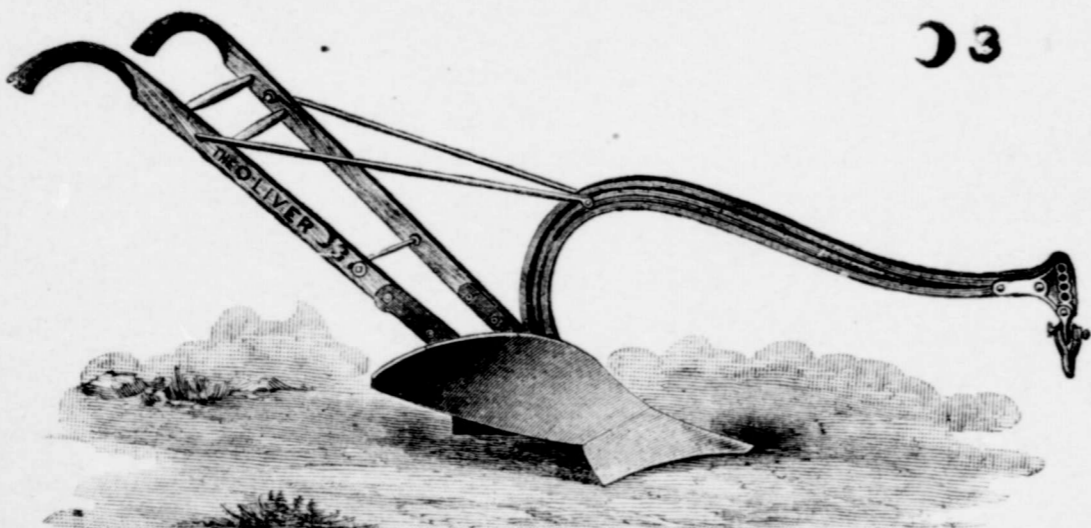


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Rev. D. M. West has been to Brownwood this week to attend a pastor's conference of the Pecan Valley association.

Brownwood men who invested in Beaumont oil fields have struck a "gusher." Their well, the San Jacinto, came in last week, and everybody in the city on the bayou rejoices with the stock holders.

Workmen have been grading and otherwise improving 8th street south of the railroad. If the work is completed as it has been planned the street will be in fine shape, and a credit to the town.

J. A. Ostertag, having sold his home place and not being able to rent a suitable place, has moved his family and household effects to roomy and comfortable quarters over his furniture store. He intends building in the early spring.

The trustees say the financial end of the Ballinger public school is in fine shape—better than at any time in its history. The tower will be completed next summer and we will then have one of the handsomest school buildings in the state.

Encouraging reports are heard from Wingate. The town is growing rapidly; the country around is settling up thickly; and business is good. The new gin is in fine running order, and everybody is happy. Wingate ranks among the best of Runnels county towns.

Mr. and Mrs. McCall returned Sunday to their home in Montana after a pleasant visit with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Milliken and Misses Lewis. They had sold their ranch and cattle in Montana and came to Texas to locate but a few weeks stay satisfied them and Montana will again be their home.

If you want land, cows or horses, see P. J. Baron, Rowena, Texas, and he will fit you up. 4-7f

F. P. Abney spent Sunday with his family in Brownwood.

A. Herring is at home from a trip of sight seeing to San Antonio.

Rev. Bowden filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Quail and duck hunters are making hill and dale resound. They report fair success.

W. W. Luper and little son left Saturday evening for Greenville, their former home, to spend a few days.

Messrs. Sam Farmer and W. D. Carrier, of the city of Miles, were in Ballinger Monday on land business.

Very few towns in Texas, of the same size, have so many or so handsome stone business houses as Ballinger.

Sidney Cockrell is at home this week after an extended stay in Brownwood where he held "cases" on the P. V. News.

Ballinger has ten dry goods stores and as one might expect, competition is quite lively among them. It will pay to trade in Ballinger.

Messrs. Edgar Hargrave and James Noel were Ballinger visitors Sunday. These young gentlemen are open and avowed advocates of Ballinger.

Col. Smith, the San Angelo Press man, was a passenger on the east bound train last Saturday. He reports the newspaper business fine in his city.

A. H. Van Pelt was in Hylton last week and while there sold the hardware stock of Van Pelt & Kirk at that place to Mr. Walter Duncan who will continue the business.

A private letter from H. A. Thomson, at Eldorado, informs the Banner-Leader that cattle in that region are rolling fat and that grass is plentiful. Glad to hear the good news.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. McCamant, of Dallas, will hereafter keep posted regarding Ballinger affairs. How? Why they will read the Banner-Leader, of course. Ballinger friends will be glad to know that they are doing well and are happy in their new home.

The Krause-Taylor Big Co., failed to keep its appointment in Ballinger because of the serious illness of the Woods boy, one of their specialties, in San Angelo, the doctors refusing to allow him to be moved. The little fellow died Tuesday morning, while his friends were playing Brownwood. His sister is heartbroken over her loss.

P. J. Baron has sold the Palace saloon to J. H. Wilkie, proprietor of the corner saloon. Mr. Wilkie will continue to run both places as they are until his license expires on the latter when he will then consolidate the two, and only use the Palace saloon building. Mr. Baron has moved to Rowena and engaged in the real estate and live stock business.

R. W. Reynolds and wife, are at home from a visit to La-Grange, their former home. Mrs. Reynolds returned satisfied to live in Ballinger and endure sand storms once a week rather than again live in La-Grange. The trip was worth double the money expended in that it convinced them that those who live in West Texas enjoy many blessings not accorded to the less favored east.



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## J. A. OSTERTAG & CO.,

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Editor Truly, of the Ledger, has been out hunting all week.

Col. D. P. Gay was registered in Brownwood one day this week.

Mrs. A. W. Sledge is sick this week with what the doctors fear is typhoid fever.

Ballinger was treated to a light shower Thursday night which was of much benefit.

H. A. Thomson came in Wednesday evening from his Schleicher county ranch. As stated elsewhere in the paper his cattle are fat, grass fine and water plentiful.

Capt. R. A. Smith says the hunters are disregarding his "Posted" signs and that if it is not stopped he will be compelled to prosecute the offenders.

John F. Drew will begin Monday the erection of a handsome residence on his property near the Methodist church. He says he is tired renting and living out doors.

T. S. Crowder, of Winters, was in town this week to fix up the papers by which he sells his place, one mile east of Winters to a Mr. Spears, of McLennan county. The 200 acres sold for \$17.50 per acre.

W. H. Furlong, Jr. of New York, is now a citizen of Ballinger. At present he is employed on J. B. Johnson's ranch where he is learning the cattle business into which he expects to embark when he has mastered its details. Mr. Furlong is a pleasant, congenial, intellectual gentleman and is an agreeable addition to our citizenship.

Your attention is called to the page advertisement of Brin's in this issue. It marks an era in the history of the Banner-Leader, in that it is the first full page advertisement the paper has contained since the present owner took charge, over two years ago. The experience of the successful merchant is that this is the way to advertise—use large space, quote prices, and live up to the advertisement. It beats any scheme ever tried.

Rev. A. H. Norris' fine buggy horse became frightened Tuesday afternoon and bolted, with Mrs. Norris driving. As soon as she saw that she could not control the animal she jumped from the buggy, fortunately sustaining no serious injury, and the runaway dashed into Gilmore Sharp's horse and buggy, both vehicles being considerably damaged and the horse hurt. Mrs. Norris was unusually fortunate in getting no worse hurt. —Abilene Reporter.

A "badger" fight always draws a crowd. The only reason more people are not on hand to witness the dreadful carnage, is that they are not informed in time. However a goodly number were present a few evenings ago to witness such a fight gotten up for the special edification of Mr. W. H. Furlong, Jr. of New York City. Needless to add Mr. Furlong had not been in Texas a great while. But he is better posted now as to the ways of Texans and is fully informed on all the fine points of the badger, which animal was declared an easy victor in the fight. Mr. Furlong took his medicine gracefully and is now "one of us."

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PHONE NO. 27.

Dr. T. E. Butler is making some attractive improvements on his home place.

F. A. Mater and family have moved into the Ostertag residence which they purchased last week.

Mrs. Harry Scott is visiting her parents in Brownwood this week, leaving for that city Wednesday.

Prof. M. G. Hodnette is numbered among the proudest men in the city this week owing to the arrival of a daughter at his home Monday morning. Mother and babe both doing well.

Lange & Dose have a card in this issue on first page, which is of special interest to home seekers. The land they offer is just as they represent it and worth every cent of the price asked.

A few of Ballinger's business men still have faith in the Banner-Leader as an advertising medium. Look over our advertising and you will find 75 per cent of the business houses in our city represented.

The Kilpatrick murder trial at Paint Rock this week resulted in a change of venue to Runnels county and sheriff Houze brought the two Kilpatricks, Ed and George, to Ballinger Wednesday and placed them in the keeping of sheriff Kirk and jailer Blackburn.

On another page the statement is made that Robert Lusk and Prentice Gregg were to leave Saturday for Dallas to enter school. We have since learned that Prentice only will enter school. Robert goes to accept a book-keeping situation in that city. The rest of the item still sticks.

Mr. Asa Cordill of this city was married last Sunday to Miss Beatrice Grant, of Winters, at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. J. H. Kipp. The hour of the ceremony was high noon. A number of friends were present to witness the ceremony and to b'd them Godspeed. Mr. and Mrs. Cordill came to Ballinger that afternoon, accompanied by friends, and took the train for San Antonio on their bridal tour. Returning they will be at home to friends at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Wright. The Banner-Leader editor knows no young people in the county whom he esteems more highly than these young people. They are richly endowed with the qualities of mind and heart which go towards making men and women perfect, and it is with right hearty good will we extend congratulations and best wishes. And for each of them we wish a life filled with pleasure, free from disappointment, and with but a wee bit of cloud.

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