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FOR SALE! FOR SALE!!

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Is now offered to get you an exceedingly fine home and a rich farm. The J. C. Dallas property, on Colorado River, near Maverick, known as the Dr. Holmesly place, is for sale. There are One Thousand and Fifty Acres of as fine rich river bottom land as is in the county. Plenty water and wood.

Three Residences. Three Farms

All fenced, and fine grass. Will sell all together, or cut into three places. MUST be sold by January 1st., 1902. Terms, \$8.00 per acre. \$1.00 per acre cash, balance in seven equal annual payments, 8 per cent interest on deferred payments. This is the best place---and best chance to get a home of fine farming land---in Runnels county. First come, first served. Apply to

C. H. WILLINGHAM,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

A memorial was offered in the Methodist Episcopal Conference in Virginia to the effect that persons holding divorces upon other than scriptural grounds should not be retained in the church.

It seems that nearly every republican in the state who has a "pull" is seeking a federal position under the new regime. The conduct of all old office holders is being closely examined and official heads are falling on all sides.

At Oxford, Miss. two deputy United States marshalls went out to arrest Will Mathis, an alleged counterfeiter and moonshiner. Next morning their partially burned bodies were found among the ashes of Mathis' home which had been destroyed during the night. Mathis' wife was found at the home of her father near by and Mathis, himself, had disappeared.

The great railroad magnates who have hitherto opposed a waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific now favor the isthmian canal project and seek to get control of ocean traffic as well as that by rail. As steamship owners they will no longer fear competition by water but can divide the transportation business most profitably between the railroads and steamships.

—Genuine Ribbon Cane syrup, made on the farm, in half barrels at 42c per gallon, fancy Greeley potatoes at 2c per pound by the sack at John Hoffer's.

Tuesday morning from 5:30 to 7:30 Chicago was covered with a dense fog, so dense that many collisions of trains and street cars resulted and a number of people were killed and injured.

At Madison Ky. a battle has occurred between miners in which one man was killed outright and several others wounded. The situation there is still critical and further bloodshed is threatened.

The work of removing the debris from the Baby mine at Pocahontas, Va. continues. One man has been rescued after having spent several days in the depths of the earth. He was alive but unconscious and it required the work of six physicians to restore him to consciousness. It is thought he will live.

THE WAY A RING FITS

Has a great deal to do with the way the lady values it. Now, it's not much of a lover who does not know the size of her finger, but such cases do occur, and we are willing to exchange the ring if it doesn't fit. As good values here in Engagement and Wedding Rings as you will find in the country.

ASA CORDELL, Jeweler.

Have you paid your subscription?

—Ladies call and see my line silverware. Asa Cordill.

Collier-Turner.

Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock Rev. Maddox united in marriage Mr. W. N. Collier and Miss Nannie Turner, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride, near Wingate.

Congratulations and dinner over the bridal party came to Ballinger and are now at home in their pretty cottage, near C. C. Smith's residence.

Only the immediate members of the family and a few chosen friends were present.

The wedding gifts were numerous and pretty.

The groom has made Ballinger his home the past three years, coming here from Hubbard City, in Hill county. He bears an enviable reputation for industry, sobriety and the other traits of character which mark the true man. During his stay in our city it has been the privilege of the writer to know Mr. Collier intimately and we can vouch that he will make a good husband. He is a member of the firm of Woodward & Collier, prominent real estate agents of our city.

His bride is the eldest daughter of W. J. Turner, one of Runnels county's best known and most prosperous stockmen. She is a gifted young lady, refined and charming, who will grace and ornament the home her husband has made for her.

The Banner-Leader has a high regard for both these young people and if our wishes can aid them they will be greatly blessed in their new relations.

Notice.

My Pastures are posted and trespassers will be prosecuted. 4-4t R. A. SMITH.

There are a number of new advertisements in this issue. We urge that our readers give the advertisers preference when trading. It will pay you.

Ballinger citizens and property owners should plant trees this fall. Time is here now. Trees add 50 per cent to the looks of a town. Then plant trees.

Another interesting letter from Pumphrey, the newest postoffice in the county, appears in this issue of the Banner-Leader. We already have a good string of subscribers out there and more are coming.

The Banner-Leader is informed that there will be a public ball at the Opera House on Thanksgiving night, November 28th. The committee on invitation say "Let everybody come and bring a girl."

Texas Christian Lectureship, Waco Texas. One and one third fare for round trip, dates of sale Nov. 24th and 25th.

Meeting Masonic Grand Lodge Houston Texas. Excursion rates dates of sale Nov. 24 and 25th. Sell again Dec 1st and 2nd.

For sale, a young jersey cow with young calf Good milker. Apply to A. H. Van Pelt.

—125 head of stock cattle to trade for country or city property. Truly & Mater, Ballinger.

J. J. Taylor, of Bronte, was in town Friday with cotton.

B. J. Niehues and Miss Amalia Matthiesen were granted marriage license this week.

Mrs. Jim Woodward, who had been visiting the family of C. S. Woodward, returned Thursday to Coleman

Miss Beatrice Thomson has issued "at home" cards to friends for Thursday evening, the 28th. Dancing will be a feature of the evening's entertainment.

Dr. A. S. Love intends leaving Monday for New York to take a three month course in the polyclinic there. Mrs. Love will accompany him as far as Florence, Tex., where she will remain with her parents until his return.

Two runaway boys, aged about 13 and 14, passed through Ballinger early Thursday morning, both riding one horse. Shortly after they left town a phone message came asking the officers to stop them and send them home. They were the sons of Messrs Crowder and Eoff, of Winters. They went toward Miles.

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

Winkler's

November Stock Reducing Sale

Owing to the conditions of the times and the continued warm weather and the fact that we are rather overstocked makes it imperative that we reduce our stock quickly as we are needing cash to meet our obligations promptly. In order to attain this end we are going to hold a special sale by sacrificing the profits and offer our Entire Stock,---Queen Quality Shoes excepted,---AT A GRAND 15 PER CENT DISCOUNT from our regular Selling price. * * *

OFF FOR CASH.	15 per cent	OFF FOR CASH.
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Now is the opportune time to anticipate your wants, the saving of 15 per cent from our regular low price, is quite an item these days. Remember that everything in our stock is included in this sale consisting of Woolen Dress Goods, Outing Flannels, Flannelette, Canton Flannels, Woolen Flannels, Gingham, Percales, Cotton Checks, Domestic, Calicoes, Table Linens and Napkins, Towels, Toweling Bed Spreads, Blankets, Jackets, Capes, Mens and Boys Clothing, Over Coats, Underwear, Hats and Shoes. Remember the Discount is 15 PER CENT off from our regular low prices, so come early while the stock is complete, and a good selection is assured you in every line of goods. * * *

H. WINKLER,

BALLINGER, TEXAS

GOING TO LEAVE BALLINGER

Our lease on building and store fixtures are for sale. Brins' stores are to be consolidated on January 1st, 1902 and on Saturday, November 23rd will commence closing out their entire stock of Dry Goods at Actual Wholesale Cost This Great Closing Out Sale will continue until everything in the house has been disposed of at retail or in bulk. We expect the greatest rush ever witnessed in the mercantile history of Ballinger so come early as you know the early buyer catches the plum. : : : : : : : :

This is a Clean Cut Prop- osition of Going Out Of Business COST SALE.

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING RESERVED. We are not making war on anyone but we are going out of business in Ballinger and are selling our goods at actual New York Cost. A mammoth stock of Dry Goods consisting of Hats, Shoes, Dress Goods, Ladies Capes, Jackets, Skirts, Mens and Boys Clothing, Trunks and Millinery, etc., to be thrown on the market at actual cost just at the time when you are getting ready to made your Fall Purchase. This is no advertising scheme. Here is our cost mark:

G O D I S T R U E L Y

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 Rept

Come and lay in your supply for present and future needs.

Yours Truly,

Leading
Dry Goods
People.

BRINS,

8th Street
Ballinger,
Texas.

KING CREDIT

Is a Robber and Slave Maker

Cash is Liberty

AND

The BALLINGER SUPPLY CO.

Is the leader and regulator of low prices in Ballinger. Our method of doing business will save you money though you may never spend a cent with us, as our competitors will in self-defense make an effort to meet our prices on some things. Our prices are original and our object is to shorten the distance and lower the price between the producer and customer. Cash is the only weapon that will clip the chains of bondage and it is not only your privilege but your duty to economize and trade where your money will buy the most.

Our Pure Old Fashion Open Kettle RIBBON CANE SYRUP : : : :

Has just arrived and it is the finest car of syrup that has ever been offered to the people of this country. We positively guarantee every gallon of this Syrup to be absolutely pure and to contain every grain of sugar in the cane. Why buy so called ribbon cane syrup when you can get the Genuine for less than you have been paying for the common mixed stuff.

Barrels 43c. 1-2 Barrels 45c. 5 and 10 gallon kegs 50c and kegs furnished.

Try our New Rice,	20lbs for \$1.00
Granulated Sugar,	20lbs for \$1.00
Arbucks Coffee,	8lbs for \$1.00
Beans,	20lbs for \$1.00

Yours for the nearest route to the Customers,

Ballinger Supply Company,

PHONE 73



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.

Winters Gin.

Owing the necessity of having to meet our obligations, we respectfully request all who are behind with their ginning to come forward and settle.

Respectfully,
5-4t WOODROW & HOOD.

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

IT IS A FACT

That the best is always the cheapest. I handle the best Paint on the market. My prices are as low as the prices on the same grade of Paint in Ballinger, Abilene or Dallas. I buy from the manufacturers, therefore can compete with any.

Yours for honest dealings,

T. A. FANNIN,

Druggist. Winters, Texas

We desire to impress upon our readers everywhere that the advertisement contained in this paper are not inserted merely as space-fillers. It is a well established fact that if the only good they accomplished for the publisher was the money received for them, newspaper advertising and newspapers would long since have disappeared from the busy marts of the world. Advertisements are intended to convey news—news that will help people to buy and to sell intelligently, and in doing this they should add to the value of the paper to those who subscribe for it. So if you find your local paper a dull, common-place affair—not worth the dollar you pay for it and you happen to be a skeptic on advertisements—keep up with our local advertisements for a while. If you don't get some benefit we'll knock off the price of your subscription and look upon you ever afterwards as either a fool or a liar.—Magnolia (Ark.) News.

—Repairing that will stand the test, Jas. E. Brewer at First Nat. Bank Bld'g.

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

A Boy's Essay on Hornets

A hornet is the smartest bug that flies anywhere. He comes when he pleases, and goes when he gets ready. One way a hornet shows his smartness is by attending to his own business, and making everybody who interferes wish they had done the same thing. When a hornet stings a fellow he knows it and never stops taking about it as long as his friends will listen to him. One day a hornet stung my pa (my pa is a preacher) on the nose and he did not do pastoral visiting for a month without talking about the hornet. Another way a hornet shows his smartness is by not procrastinating. If he has any business with you he will attend to it at once, and then leave you to think it over to yourself. He don't do like the mosquito, who comes fooling around for half an hour singing "cousin, cousin," and when he has bled you all he can, dashes away yelling "no kin, no kin." A hornet never bleeds you, but if he sticks you, you will go off on a swell.

I don't know anything more about hornets, only that Josh Billings says "A hornet is an inflammable (Josh was a poor speller) buzzer, sudden in his impressions, and rather hasty in his conclusions, or end."—Times.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. J. Turner in Runnels county, near Wingate, 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.

Lange & Doose Agents, Ballinger Texas.

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The Clocks Two Hands.

"Come hurry up!" said the second hand of a clock to the minute hand. "You'll never get around in time if you don't. See how fast I'm going," continued the fussy little monitor, as it fretted around on pivot.

"Come, hurry up!" said the minute hand to the hour hand, utterly oblivious of being addressed by the second hand. "If you don't be quick, you'll never be in at the stroke of one."

"Well, that's just what our young friend there has been saying to you."

At this point the clock pealed forth the hour, as the hour hand continued:

"You see we're in time, not one of us behind. You take my advice—do your own work in your own way, and leave others alone."

Moral: Mind your own business.

Broken lives may be seen in every direction, if we but look around us. They are lives that have fallen into decay, but which ought not to have been lived in vain—pitiable, forlorn lives that should have been full of beauty, of goodness, of holiness. And yet the poor, miserable burden-bearers are content to drag along through life as if it held nothing of beauty or of gladness for them. With so many avenues of happiness open to us it seems strange that our hearts, once so fond and warm, should turn to marble; that hopes once so pure should fade and die. That a nature once so innocent should be forever spoiled; that a spirit once so eager and buoyant should be content to grovel on the earth till the end of earthly things. Surely there is enough of happiness for all of us. But when the end comes, and the feet that have to stumble over the rough places, and the heart that has so suffered feels no more pain, may it not be possible that then some city of refuge will be opened to the poor, wildered soul?

The man who wrote the following had the right idea: "No man can long do his duty in business, or socially and politically, without making enemies. If you combat the wrong you must incur the enmity of the wrongdoer. Some persons get through life with but very few enemies, but the world is no better for their having lived. A natural life is no factor in the warfare that is being waged between right and wrong, and when you can write on a man's tombstone, 'He is without enemies,' you can safely inscribe on the other side, 'And did nothing for the good of mankind.' It is only the man who has the courage of his convictions and will stand for the right, regardless of consequence to himself, who is of count in the warfare against evil.

But the character of enemies a man has will determine the kind of work he has accomplished. If he has been of any account in the community; you may know it be the enemies he has made." Still there is no use of a man's glorying in the fact that he has enemies. He should rather try to avoid making enemies, but if they come as a result of taking the right course and sticking to it, why let them come."

I have wood for sale, but the cash must accompany the order. R. L. Weaver, Phone 19.

Phone 27, the Banner-Leader.

Dallas is having trouble raising the requisite amount necessary to secure the meeting of Confederate next year. \$100,000 is required. It will go elsewhere if the money is not forthcoming shortly.

No one is to be more profoundly pitied than he who believes every evil thing reported of his neighbor. Such a disposition may be termed cancer of the heart and eats out all charity, mercy and faith in his kind. We are dependent upon each other for life, and for all happiness in this world, and life is a dreary dark dungeon if we lose faith in humanity. There are frailties enough in human hearts, but the world holds millions of men to-day who would die for honor, and whose word is as sure as life. Millions of pure women worthy of all love and esteem live in our country, rear their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord and will one day pass through the pearly gates and he who sees evil in innocent actions and imputes wicked motives to other is a human hyena, unworthy the name of man. This custom of believing every evil report is so common that the most notorious blackguard in a community holds the power to tarnish the name of the purest woman, leaving upon it a smudge never to be effaced. No weakness is productive of so much harm as that of credulity in reference to slander, being responsible for more broken hearts than any other sin. If you want to be kind or just or merciful as you would obtain mercy, hold fast to faith in the integrity and purity of your friend.—Ex.

The guardianship case, in which both Mrs. Will Jones and Mrs. F. F. Gressett were petitioning for possession of the three O'Neil children has been compromised and a reconciliation effected. No guardian was appointed, but Mrs. Gressett retains the care and custody of one little boy, while Mrs. Jones will hereafter perform a like office for the other two. Mrs. Jones left Wednesday afternoon for her home in Snyder accompanied by two of the boys.

It was the pleasure of the Banner-Leader man to give Mr. Joshua Brewer, of Valley Creek, a "lift" Tuesday for a short distance. While in his company we quizzed him pretty closely about his farm, which has the reputation of being the finest in Runnels county. He owns 640 acres for which he paid \$4.00 four years ago. At that time it seemed a pretty big price but it is as fine land as bird ever flew over and we fancy that he would turn up his nose now at an offer of twelve dollars and a half an acre. It is every foot tillable land. He has 240 acres under cultivation, in corn, wheat, cotton, oats, etc. and the whole 240 acres is as level as a floor, with not a ditch or hole in it. This is his fifth year and he has never failed to make a good crop, and even this year will average half a bale of cotton to the acre. The secret of Mr. Brewer's success is not wholly in the fact that he has a fine farm. Other men also own fine farms. But he works, he studies farming, he starts in to succeed and when the year is ended he has succeeded. We wish there were more men and more farmers like our good friend, Mr. Joshua Brewer.

—Wedding presents at Walker's

L. MARKOWITZ & BRO'S.

MAMMOTH STOCK OF

Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Hats

OFFERED AT A GREAT

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... Good heavy Outings, sell at 10 and 12½ cents, will sacrifice at.....	4 cts 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.

Ladies', Misses and Children's CAPES and JACKETS
We offer at such low prices that they will astonish you

We have other Bargains, too numerous to mention. Come and be convinced
Yours, for BARGAINS and VALUES,

L. MARKOWITZ & BROTHER,
Stamps Given. Ballinger, Tex.

R. A. HALL
President

T. WARD
Vice President

J. MCGREGOR
Sec. and Treas

THE

Hall Hardware Co.,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Are in the market for your patronage in Hardware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Windmills, Piping, Glassware, Queensware and china. Get our prices before buying.....

—Can We Serve You In Our Line?—

—Jewelry the best, at Asa Cordill's.

—Walker is getting his store ready for Santa's visit. He has lots of novelties to show.

—Wanted—Pecans. Will pay highest market price.

J. F. Lusk & Co.
—New Saur Krout in half barrels at John Hoffer's.

Cotton is bringing from 6½ to 7 cents to-day.

Rev. D. M. West went East Thursday evening.

Constable Pilcher has been out gathering pecans the past week.

Eleven wagons heavily loaded with hay were a spectacle on Ballinger's streets Friday. The hay was the property of Mr. Hoelscher a newcomer from Falls county. He lives eight miles from town on the Paint Rock road. The hay was shipped from Falls county.

Union thanksgiving services will be held at the Christian church Thursday morning at 10:30. Rev. D. M. West will deliver the principal address. Special music is being prepared by Mr. T. A. O'Reilly and wife, as leaders of the Christian choir, for the occasion. A large attendance is expected.

A personal letter from Eugene Moore, of the Stephenville Empire, announces that gentlemen as a probable candidate for state senator from this district. The office is now in the keeping of Arch Grinnan, of Brownwood. Mr. Moore will receive a heavy vote, should he decide to make the race.

Pumphrey.

FOR THE BANNER-LEADER.

We are glad to report at this writing that Mr. Cheff is improving though slowly, from a severe attack of slow fever. So far as known there is no other sickness in the community.

Hog killing was the order of business a day or two this week. But ye scribe has failed to get his teeth on any spare ribs or back-bones.

Some cotton yet to pick, therefore several school children are out of school this pretty weather. Much cotton is being marketed this week in the capitol city. Oats and wheat looking fine.

Building and turning turf is the order of business since the rain.

The Literary given by Prof. Brown at the close of his first month's work was a grand success in every particular. The Prof. and his students deserve much praise.

Miss Dessie Fikes, one of Pumphreys charming young ladies has gone to Bell county to attend school. We wish Miss Dessie much success and sympathize very much with Mrs. J. A. Nance.

Mr. John W. Dale of Winters, was very accomodating Sunday evening to W. E. Davis of this place. He brought his (Davis) girl out to see him.

Bro. J. J. Burk will preach here Sunday at eleven. Everybody come out and hear him.

Singing in the afternoon Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend. We have a good choir with Prof. Brown as leader.

The most important thing that is now confronting the people of this newly settled country is public roads. One or two roads have been reviewed but none have been granted that reaches to any cotton market. Owing to the road question Abilene gets some trade from this country that she would not get if we had public road leading from here direct to Ballinger, a route different to any yet reviewed. The road will accomodate more people and cost the county less than any road yet reviewed. We hope to see the public roads opened up soon.

MARK HOPKINS.

Mr. Nathan Winkler, of the city of New York, is visiting his brother, Hermann, the dry goods man. Mr. Winkler has been a citizen of the United States only a few months

Mr. Jo Townsend was here Thursday interviewing the dry goods merchants. Mr. Townsend was deputy sheriff of Runnels county when Ballinger was founded 14 years ago, and Sheriff Formwalt. He now carries an armless sleeve as a result of a fight while serving in that capacity.

Teachers' Institute.

Following is the program of the Teachers' Institute to be held at the public school building in Ballinger, November 30, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

1. Roll Call.—Response with a gem of thought pertaining to the profession by each member.
2. Some advantages of an Institute.—Open discussion led by the Chairman.
3. Modern Lesson in Fractions.—Joe B. Pickle.
4. Lesson on Map of North America.—J. N. S. Webb.
5. Composition Writing.—J. R. Dill and Miss Kyle.

Shakespeare Club.

The ladies met at the residence of Mrs. W. R. Spencer, Friday afternoon at 4:15 to organize a Shakespeare Club.

Mrs. Mary Hunt Odom was called to the chair while the following officers were elected:

- Mrs. W. R. Spencer, President.
Mrs. Will Odom, Secretary.
Mrs. Frank Miller, Teacher.
Miss Kyle, Parliamentarian.
Miss Emma Bennett, Critic.
Mrs. D. M. Baker, Reporter.
Miss Couch was appointed to write up current events for the next meeting. The Comedy "As you like it," was selected and 1st act assigned as the lesson. The Club will meet with Mrs. W. R. Spencer Friday 22nd at 4:15

If you want to sell Chickens, Eggs, Butter or any old thing that's fresh, go to Miller Mercantile Co.

—See Van Pelt & Kirk's Buggies and Saddles before buying.

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 percent 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, Paint Rock, Texas.

EVERY SATURDAY
 Subscription \$1.00 per Annum.
HERVEY F. MAYES,
 EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
 Entered at the Postoffice at Ballinger
 Texas as second class matter.
 TEN PAGES.
 November 23rd.

The merchants who advertise should receive a liberal share of your trade for they go to the expense of inviting you to their store and of keeping you informed of the price of goods. When you have to buy any kind of supplies give the advertiser an opportunity to figure with you and if a merchant who does not advertise should ever make you prices lower than one who does advertise it will be a surprise to the commercial world.
 —Dublin Progress.

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, etc. At E. D. Walker's drug store.

The editor of a newspaper has no business ever to get anything in his paper that people do not like. He ought to know just what would suit each individual, or he ought to take each item before it is published and let the person whom it concerns censure it. An editor has plenty of time to do all this, and all he has to do is to hunt up news and clean rollers, set type, clean the floor, pen short items, hustle for advertisements, fold papers and wrappers, talk to visitors and distribute type, read proof and correct mistakes, dodge the bills and dun delinquents, and take cussing, and tell the subscribers that he needs money.—Ex.

I was greatly troubled for months with stomach troubles. Could eat but little and that 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.

The following will bear repeated publication: "When a young man speaks slightly of women one may feel reasonably sure that a moral blight rests upon his character. A scathing rebuke was once conveyed to a man of this class, who at a public dinner at which no ladies were present was called upon to respond to the toast "Woman." He dealt almost entirely on the frailties of the sex, claiming the best among them are little better than the worst, the chief difference being the surroundings. At the conclusion of the speech one of the guests arose and said: "I trust the gentleman in the application of his remarks had reference to his mother and sisters, not ours."

—Regardless of dull times talk Jas. E. Brewer is doing a good business. Drop in and see him, he will treat you right.

Hard Luck in the West.
 "Bill," he said, "it's no use. I can't go to town with you today."
 "Why?" asked Bill.
 "I've only got \$25 to my name."
 "Figger it up ag in," said Bill.
 "No use. I've figgered it up a dozen times, and it always comes out the same. It'll take \$20 fer the drunk, dollar an' a half fer bed an' breakfast, three an' a half fer cartridges, an' that won't leave a cussed cent to pay the fine

Modern Surgery Surpassed.
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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, etc. At E. D. Walker's drug store.

The editor of a newspaper has no business ever to get anything in his paper that people do not like. He ought to know just what would suit each individual, or he ought to take each item before it is published and let the person whom it concerns censure it. An editor has plenty of time to do all this, and all he has to do is to hunt up news and clean rollers, set type, clean the floor, pen short items, hustle for advertisements, fold papers and wrappers, talk to visitors and distribute type, read proof and correct mistakes, dodge the bills and dun delinquents, and take cussing, and tell the subscribers that he needs money.—Ex.

I was greatly troubled for months with stomach troubles. Could eat but little and that I 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.

The following will bear repeated publication: "When a young man speaks slightly of women one may feel reasonably sure that a moral blight rests upon his character. A scathing rebuke was once conveyed to a man of this class, who at a public dinner at which no ladies were present was called upon to respond to the toast 'Woman.' He dealt almost entirely on the frailties of the sex, claiming the best among them are little better than the worst, the chief difference being in the surroundings. At the conclusion of the speech one of the guests arose and said: 'I trust the gentleman in the application of his remarks had reference to his mother and sisters, not ours.'"

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You girls who are fitting yourselves for life, and to adorn life, will do well to take into account this rare and valuable accomplishment. You have missed part of your preparation, unless you have mastered the art of making happiness.

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.

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Charlie Gallagher spent a few days in San Angelo last week.
 J. B. Alvis went to Goldthwaite Saturday afternoon on business.

E. M. Barbee, from Schleicher county, is spent Sunday with old friends in Ballinger.

H. D. Pearce is making a tour over the country selling the sewing machine for which he is agent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitaker, late of Ballinger, but now of Miles, are happy over the arrival of a pretty little daughter last week.

Gec. H. Adams, manager of Coggin Bros. ranch on the Runnels and Coleman county lines, has paid Brownwood and former friends a visit.

District attorney, J. H. Baker, came up from Goldthwaite the latter part of last week, spending several days in the society of Ballinger's young people.

Messrs. D. C. Underwood, Sterling Hathaway and J. R. McVay went to San Angelo Sunday night, called there to serve as federal jurors in this week's court.

Mrs. Jess F. Cross, of Brownwood, passed through our city Sunday night going to San Angelo to spend a few days with her husband who is in the real estate business there.

Miss Nellie Butler, of this city, had planned to take a music class in Bronte and went up there for that purpose, but shortly afterwards was called home by the illness of her mother. Miss Olga Schawe, also of Ballinger, will teach the class.

Lee J. Good and family returned to their home at Bronte last week after an absence of twenty-two days on their Pecos ranch. Lee reported having had a nice time and having killed a large panther, after quite a combat with his dogs. He brought the hide to San Angelo and left it with the taxidermist, as he wished it for a souvenir.

The Miles Messenger is kept busy trying to explain away the fact that one of its editors bought goods in a neighboring town and in a burst of confidence said to a newspaper man there that when one wants to get a supply of everything he must go to a big town. Hereafter he will be more careful how he exchanges confidences with a fellow newspaper editor.

It was a gay picnic crowd, out on a lark. No invitations were issued, yet it was not an exclusive affair. As the writer passed they were lunching. We counted seven in the party. And when the farmer, who had thoughtlessly left a couple of sacks of bran in his wagon, returned he found only the chewed ends of two bran sacks, and there were seven town cows standing by, wondering if he had bought a new supply for their pleasure. Verily, the town cow is a boon to the merchant.

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Mrs. A. P. Holman arrived from San Angelo Friday to visit with her sister, Mrs. G. M. Vaughn.

Prof. J. R. Dill, the principal of the Miles school was in our city again Saturday, on school business.

Dr. W. B. Halley reports the arrival of a handsome heir at the home of Prof. Louis Wardlow, of Barnett school house, Thursday of last week.

Adam Hulse, reported dead in New Mexico, passed through Ballinger Friday, going east, as he said, to die. He was once a citizen of Ballinger.

S. L. Powell went to Gatesville last Friday to wind up his affairs down there and center them in Runnels county, the best county in West Texas.

Miss Maude Northcutt has returned to Ballinger and is with her sister, Mrs. Vaughn, after spending the summer with other relatives in Missouri.

The Banner-Leader notes with pleasure that the Merkel Mail is again on its feet after being destroyed by fire Oct. 15. We had always regarded the Mail as one of our best exchanges and were sorry indeed when we heard of our friend Leeman's loss.

Miss Beatrice Thomson entertained friends Friday afternoon of last week at a 6 o'clock dinner, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Stone. Those present were B. B. Stone and wife, Bob McGregor and Miss Neil Guion, Guion Gregg and Miss Clara Guion, George Holman and Miss Minnie Guion Francis, J. H. Baker and Miss Beatrice Thomson.

The Ballinger owners of Beaumont oil stock are jubilant over their "gusher" and well they might be. It is said to be the finest on the hill, beyond question, and the share holders have already been given an opportunity to double their money. However they believe the future has something better in store for them and they are holding on. May they all become millionaires is the wish of the Banner-Leader.

W. E. Allen has sold the Parks & Allen ranch in Crockett county to J. S. Todd who owns the adjoining ranch property, together with all the cattle—about 2500 head. The ranch consisted of 28,000 acres State University lands leased, lease to run several years. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$45,000 but the exact figures are not known at this time, farther than the cattle were priced at \$45, and the ranch at about \$8,000. Delivery to be made Nov. 25th.—Ledger.

This week's paper contains the advertisement of "Brins," which announces that this firm is preparing to leave Ballinger. We regret to learn of this decision. We have it from a member of the firm that they have enjoyed a good business here and that they believe Ballinger has a bright future ahead of it from a business standpoint. In addition to the reason for leaving, cited in the advertisement, the health of Mr. J. Brin, manager of the house here, demands that he retire entirely from the dry goods business and seek employment where he will not be so closely confined.

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The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands in San Francisco, Aug. 30, 1901. The transfer involved in coin and stock \$112,500.00 and was paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes, hitherto incurable diseases.

They commenced the serious investigation of the Specific Nov. 15, 1900. They interviewed scores of the cured and tried it out on its own merits by putting over three dozen cases on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, eighty-seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

There being but thirteen per cent of failures, the parties were satisfied and closed the transaction. The proceedings of the investigating committee and the clinical reports of the test cases were published and will be mailed free on application. Address JOHN J. FULTON COMPANY, 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.

The county treasury was considerably enriched this week by involuntary donations.

A Scotch minister riding in a stage coach with two old maids, they all got weary and fell asleep. When they parted company the minister bade them good-bye, and said:—"I suppose it will be sometime before I will have the pleasure of sleeping with you again."

A bad wreck occurred on the Santa Fe in Arizona Wednesday. Two passenger trains, one a double header, collided while going at full speed. The three engines were blown to pieces, several cars were burned, and seven trainmen were killed, but the passengers escaped, only three being in any way injured.



STOPS PAIN

Athens, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1901.
Ever since the first appearance of my menses they were very irregular and I suffered with great pain in my hips, back, stomach and legs, with terrible bearing down pains in the abdomen. During the past month I have been taking Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught, and I passed the monthly period without pain for the first time in years.
NANNIE DAVIS.

What is life worth to a woman suffering like Nannie Davis suffered? Yet there are women in thousands of homes to-day who are bearing those terrible menstrual pains in silence. If you are one of these we want to say that this same

WINE OF CARDUI

will bring you permanent relief. Console yourself with the knowledge that 1,000,000 women have been completely cured by Wine of Cardui. These women suffered from leucorrhoea, irregular menses, headache, backache, and bearing down pains. Wine of Cardui will stop all these aches and pains for you. Purchase a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui to-day and take it in the privacy of your home.

For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

The young men of Norway are jubilant over a law lately passed in that country providing that in future any woman who desires to get married must present to the proper authorities a certificate showing that she is skilled in the art of cooking, sewing, knitting and embroidering. The young women are wondering why no certificates are to be required for men which shall prove that they are able to support their wives.

The thing to do is to pull together, help the town, help the state, help the nation, help yourself. The prosperity of one is the prosperity of all. Pull down your neighbor and you pull down yourself. Put a wire across the path of progress and you'll break your own neck. Jump the rich man and you'll suffer from poverty. Be helpful, big-hearted and broad-gauged. There is nothing that hurts business so quickly as the prominence in the world of a tight-fisted, hawk-eyed, cat-footed, hoghearted, penny-squeezing, man-hating, cross between a glue pot and a vinegar jug, who never spends a dollar and ninety-eight cents in sight.—Hamilton Rustler.

"A year or two ago," said a young man to a friend, "I spent a few weeks at south coast watering places. One day I saw a machine which bore the inscription, 'Drop a penny in the slot, and learn how to make your trousers last.'" As I hadn't a great deal of money I thought investment of a penny to show me how to save the purchase of a pair of trousers would be small capital put to good use, so I dropped the required coin in and a card appeared. What do you suppose it recommended as the way to make my trousers last?"
"Don't wear 'em, I suppose."
"No."
"What did it say?"
"Make your coat and vest first."

Putting it Delicately.

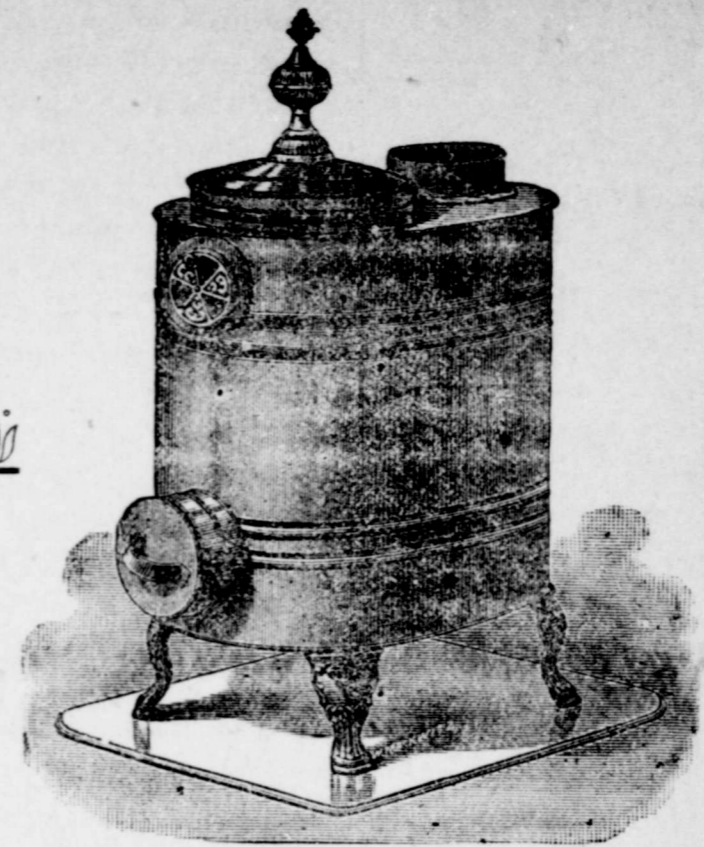
"There are plenty of men in this world," said the head of the firm, addressing the clerk he had summoned into the private office, "who can trace their success directly to what they at first considered failures. I know a man who 20 years ago was a clerk in a clothing store. His employer discharged him for incompetency. He hunted through all the clothing stores in town trying to get another job, but couldn't find one, and at last, almost starving, he got a place as a fireman on one of the railroads. Today he is practically the head of the road, drawing a salary of \$5000 a year, and regards the man who discharged him long ago as the best friend he ever had. Now, he is only one of hundreds of men who have had similar experiences, so you see what at first seems a misfortune may often be a real blessing in disguise."

The young man hid a yawn behind his hand and languidly replied:

"Yes; I know that has frequently happened. Did you want to speak to me about anything in particular this morning Mr. Yamsley?"

"Oh, no; nothing of special importance," the old gentleman replied, "only I'm going to give you a chance to look back some day and regard me as your best friend. Good-bye. I hope you'll have all kinds of success at whatever you decide to go at."—Tit-Bits.

A FAIR SAMPLE



AIR TIGHT HEATERS

The above stoves are unequalled. We invite inspection. Any size. We also have a full line of Coal Stoves, Superior and Charter Oak Cook Stoves. Visit our store and let us show you why these stoves are better than others.

Respectfully,

VAN PELT & KIRK,
Stoves and Hardware Ballinger Texas

City Market

Headquarters for all kind of Fresh Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage.

Turkeys Dressed and Delivered on Short Notice.

Parramore & Sale.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by S. S. Allcorn and estrayed before Justice of the Peace, precinct No. 2, A. D. Tally, Runnels county, Texas, the following described animals, to-wit:

One brown mare, 13½ hands high, about 7 years old, branded "cross and X" on left thigh.

Also one brown filly, one year old, no brand.

One brown mare, 14½ hands high, about 14 years old, no brand.

One black mare, 14½ hands high, 5 years old, branded on left shoulder "L" on left thigh T.

The owner of said animals is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take said animals away, or they will be dealt with as the law directs.

Attest: W. L. Towner, Clerk of the County Court of Runnels county.

Given under my hand and seal of said court this, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1901.

W. L. TOWNER,
Clerk County Court Runnels County, Texas.

Ye editor spent Sunday in Brownwood visiting home folks.

Our correspondents, with the exception of "Mark Hopkins," seems to have deserted us. What's the trouble! No news?

How does the Banner-Leader strike you as a newspaper? Isn't it worth the dollar a year we ask? And how does it compare with other newspapers as a recorder of local happenings?

Bring the Banner-Leader reports of your society meetings, your programs, your entertainments. Tell us when you have a friend visiting you. Help us make a newspaper of which you will be proud.

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.

Local.

—Watches that will last and keep time—Jas. E. Brewer.

—You'll get the best watch repairing at Asa Cordill's.

—Jas. E. Brewer handles the best goods at the right prices.

—Nickle alarm clocks at Asa Cordill's.

—Jas. E. Brewer's is the place to buy the best and most accurate time piece.

—The finest line of watches and jewelry at Asa Cordill's.

—Don't buy until you see those diamonds just received by Jas. E. Brewer.

—You can save money by patronizing Hixson Bros Racket store.

—Buy a diamond from Jas. E. Brewer. A nice lot just received. The price will surprise you.

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

—If you want anything in glassware, tinware or enameled ware you can get it at Hixson Bros. Racket store at the right price.

To Exchange for Cattle.

An improved farm of 640 acres located immediately adjacent to Guion postoffice in southern part of Taylor county; all enclosed; 200 acres in cultivation; balance in pasture; 2 good houses and barns; 2 wells and windmills. Price \$10 per acre. Will accept 200 head cattle and upwards. If buyer hasn't enough cattle to cover will give time on balance.

For particulars apply to
LANGE & DOOSE,
Ballinger, Texas.

Well now, if you want the best get the Live Oak Flour at
Miller Mercantile Co

The Banner-Leader

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY.

Subscription \$1.00 per Annum.

HERVEY F. MAYES,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Entered at the Postoffice at Ballinger Texas as second class matter.

Subscribers failing to receive the Banner-Leader each week will please notify us at once.

The date opposite your name on the address label indicates the time up to which your subscription is paid; if no correct please notify us at once.

Santa Fe Train Service.

Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:08 a. m.

South-bound due at Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

The Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist church will meet in Temple next year.

The First National Bank of Austin, which recently failed, is expected to open again next week.

Citizens of Austin are trying to induce the Katy to extend from Taylor to San Marcos, sixty miles, by way of Austin.

A farmer in North Texas marketed this year \$250 worth of tomatoes from a quarter of an acre of land. There is a lesson in this.

A fellow in Minnesota tried to commit suicide because he believed himself too good to live. There isn't any doubt about him being crazy.

The San Francisco board of health is advocating the complete obliteration of Chinatown, believing this method to be the only one by which sanitary conditions may be had.

The penitentiary board has a plan to build a state sugar mill for the penitentiary farm in Brazoria county. The board proposes to pledge its cane crop for the funds necessary.

The Jeffries-Ruhlin fight at San Francisco last week was a farce, ending after the fifth round in Jeffries favor. When all the states legislate against such exhibitions society will be in much better condition.

The Galveston Orphans' home is nearing completion and will be ready to open by Jan. 1. It is a handsome structure and was built from the proceeds of a bazaar in New York shortly after the storm.

Governor Sayers has received a letter appealing for aid for the people of Zapata county. It is said that there is real danger that some of them will starve to death. The Governor has mailed a check for \$500.

Vast sums of money are being expended for finery to be worn at the coronation of King Edward. Women are trying to outvie each other in the magnificence of their costumes and the display of jewels for the occasion.

Time is being frittered away trying to induce the brigands, who hold Miss Stone in Bulgaria to accept a certain sum for her release. The thing to do is to send a part of the American navy over there and get Miss Stone or wipe Turkey and Bulgaria off the map.

The cattlemen north of the quarantine line are zealously guarding their rights. Howard county stockmen have employed a man specially to guard against nerds inflicted with ticks coming into the county. One herd has already been stopped.

This Concerns You.

For I can tell by the way you walk you have indigestion. You haven't the firm, dignified walk and general air that comes after one is cured of indigestion, as you surely can be by taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Sold by E. D. Walker.

England is experiencing some remarkable and abnormal weather; dense fogs are accompanied by an unseasonably cold temperature. Railroad traffic is seriously delayed and frequent collisions are reported from various points.

Died From Taking Russe Acid.

through mistake. No worse mistake is that than taking Blood Medicine for stomach trouble. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin cures all forms of indigestion, constipation or stomach trouble. Don't take the wrong kind of medicine; take Syrup Pepsin. Sold by E. D. Walker.

It is said that E. H. R. Green is going to Washington to consult with President Roosevelt about Texas appointments. If the latter gentleman follows his usual custom he will listen respectfully to what Mr. Green has to say and then appoint whom he pleases.

"Uncle Dick" Parmenter.

of Fort Scott, Kansas, says he can now sleep well and eat anything he wishes; although he had suffered with indigestion, gastritis and consumption for 20 years. This result was brought about by the use of only four bottles of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Sold by E. D. Walker.

A man in Arkansas was recently tried for assault and battery with intent to kill. The state brought into court as the weapons used, a rail, ax, gun, a pair of tongs, saw and rifle. The defendant's counsel exhibited as the other man's weapons, a scythe blade pitchfork, pistol, dog, razor and hoe. The jury decided the case as follows: "We would have give a dollar to have seen the fight."—Ex.

When Your Heart Flutters.

That is not heart disease. That is no terrible heart failure; that is indigestion, the prime cause of short breath and sudden jumping of the heart, which so frequently follows an exertion of any kind. Go to the drug store. Get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. No more need be said, for after you use it once, you will never fail to keep it in the house. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Convenient.

"What are marsupials?" asked the teacher, and Johnny was ready with his answer.

"Animals that have pouches in their stomachs," he said, glibly.

"And for what are these pouches used?" asked the teacher, ignoring the slight inaccuracy of the answer. "I'm sure you know that, too."

"Yes'm," said Johnny, with encouraging promptness. "The pouches are for them to crawl into and conceal themselves when pursued."

The Worst.

A good story is told of a digger who had ridden into a Western Australian town to consult a doctor. Having done so, he went to have the prescription made up.

"How much is this lot?" he asked the chemist.

"Well, let me see," was the reply. "There's seven-and-sixpence for the medicine and a shilling for the bottle." He hesitated, uncertain whether he had charged for everything.

"Oh, hurry up, boss," said the impatient miner. "Put a price on the cork, and let us know the worst."

Willing to Oblige

An Englishman at a dinner once told a tale of a tiger he had shot which measured twenty-four feet from snout to tail tip.

Everyone was astonished, but no one ventured to insinuate a doubt of the truth of the story.

Presently a Scotchman told his tale. He had once caught a fish, which he said he was unable to pull in alone, managing only to land it at last with the aid of six friends. "It was a skate and covered two acres."

Silence followed this recital during which the offended Englishman left the table. The host followed. After returning he said to the Scotchman: "Sir you have insulted my friend. You must apologize."

"Yes, you did, with your two acre fish story. You must apologize."

"Well," said the offender, slowly, with the air of one making a great concession, "tell him if he will take ten feet off that tiger I will see what I can do with the fish."—Tid-Bits.

A Lieutenant's Clever Ruse

General MacArthur, despite his distinction and his many successes, modestly prefers to speak the praises of others.

To a naval officer whom he entertained at Manila some time ago he told a good story about Lieutenant J. C. Gillmore, U. S. N., who was captured with seven men of the Yorktown at Baler Luzon Island, in April, 1899, by the Philippine insurgents, and held prisoners for months in the mountains.

One of these prisoners, who spoke Spanish fluently was commanded to translate into English decoy letters addressed "To Whom it May Concern," stating that the bearers were warm friends of the Americans, and had failed in aiding them to escape only because of the vigilance of the insurgent guards.

"It was the intention," said General MacArthur "to have these letters used when the bearers were captured by our forces, and also as passports for spies. Those superintending this literary coup had sufficient knowledge of English to make out the general sentiment of the document.

"Lieutenant Gillmore insisted," continued the General, "that as chief officer among the prisoners he be given the privilege of looking over what had been written. Nodding approval over each letter he added to each the word 'Nit' which the insurgents accepted as an official vise of the papers."

General MacArthur showed one of these letters. "You can imagine," said he, "the unbounded admiration it created for the resourcefulness of Lieutenant Gillmore."

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 will 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.

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,
Ft. Chadbourne, Texas.

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

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.

Thanksgiving.

The finest of Mince Meat, White Cherry and Strawberry Preserves, Sweet and Mixed Pickles, Dill Pickles in barrels, Turkeys, Cranberries, Apples Oranges, Bananas, California Canned Fruits, Fancy Cakes, etc. In fact anything which you want.

Success.

to you Why White Swan and White Billow Flour is the Best. . . .

It will lead 1st. It is made from the finest selected soft winter wheat. 2nd. It

the money is prepared upon the latest scientific principles and guaranteed absolutely pure, and we offer \$1000 for any proof to the contrary. 3rd. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction for bread, biscuits, and all kinds of pastry, money refunded.

Buy goods that are Sold only by the undersigned. If you want Corn, Hay, Oats, Bran, or Corn Chops call on me for prices before buying elsewhere as well as for anything in Staple and Fancy Groceries. Lowest cash price in the west.

JOHN HOFFER, BALLINGER, TEXAS

Dr. A. S. Love was called to Talpa Monday afternoon.

J. B. Ferguson, a merchant from Goldthwaite, spent Monday in our city on business.

Mrs. J. R. McVay and the baby left Monday afternoon for Brownwood to visit home folks.

Clavie Royalty is learning the printers art in the Banner-Leader shop. He makes an apt pupil.

Mr. Jim Lewis has gone to Gonzales to see the madam, who is spending the winter with home folks.

Cam. Murray has arranged to open another barber shop in Ballinger at an early date. It will be located across the street from Winkler's.

It requires that a man hustle these days to be able to reach success. The fellow that sits down and waits for it will starve while waiting.

The job department of the Banner-Leader is up-to-now. It is well equipped, better than most offices in larger towns. We print anything printable.

The Banner-Leader has ten pages again this week. We are getting a good advertising patronage and in return are giving the people the best paper Runnels county has ever had.

West Texas is greatly stirred over the identification, in St. Louis, of Ben Kilpatrick of Concho county and his companion Laura Bullion of Knickerbocker. The papers are full of the story of their misdeeds.

Bennett Robertson, the new hotel man at Hylton, was in town Wednesday receiving his household plunder which had just come in by freight from Bell county. Mr. Robertson will make a good citizen.

Capt. T. C. Hunt is at home from a visit to Sterling.

Miss Susie Sharp went to Santa Anna first of the week to visit an aunt.

Jack Willingham is plying the saw and hammer at Maverick this week.

A new house dots every hill on the road between Ballinger and Wingate.

W. P. Humphrey, manager of Cicero Smith's lumber yard, was in Brownwood Tuesday.

Postmaster Murray, of the hustling little town of Winters, was in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. Perry Williams, who lives on the Wingate road at its nearest point to Winters, was in town trading Wednesday.

Mrs. W. F. Billups, of Waxahachie, returned home Sunday after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Davis.

C. H. Willingham has a big land ad in this issue. "It is a case of must sell," he says, so the Banner-Leader gets it.

H. E. Petty, of the growing town of Maverick, was shaking hands with friends in Ballinger Wednesday. The Banner-Leader man, we are glad to say, was not forgotten.

M. J. Moore, of Waxahachie, was in Ballinger this week. He has just purchased of Callan & Co., of Menardville, for H. A. Pearce of Waxahachie 150 as fine four year old steers as can be raised in any country. The price was p. t. They are to be shipped to his town, fattened and butchered. Mr. Moore also represents W. F. Billups & Co. of that town. Mr. Billups, once a citizen of Ballinger, is doing a fine business and is prospering. Mr. Moore has been with Billups & Co. over three years.

C. P. Shepherd hobnobbed with Miles citizens Monday.

Miss Minnie Oiver, of Winters, was the guest of Miss Maude Rape several days of this and last week.

There are changes this week in a number of the advertisements in the Banner Leader. Don't fail to read them. You can save several dollars by keeping up with our advertisers.

—Walker's will be headquarters for Santa again this year.

—F. J. Baron, Rowena, Texas, Real Estate and Live Stock Agent.

—Christmas is coming and Walker will be ready with a mammoth stock of presents to please old, young, big and little.



WE CURE any disease or deformity of the eye that is curable. Examination free. If you are not curable we frankly tell you so; hence, you are out neither time nor money. We guarantee to cure any case of granulated lids that exists. If in doubt, come and place the cost of treatment in bank subject to our check when cured. Could you ask for a fairer offer? Cataract cases guaranteed reading vision. Surgical and chronic cases and the cases that have received no benefit from other treatments especially solicited. We will straighten 20 cases o-cross eyes from each county free. Have straightened over 500 in Texas. Write for names. Reference, any responsible person or business firm in Lampasas. Respectfully,

ADAMS & FRANCIS,
Lampasas, Tex. Oculists.
52-02.

—Walker's for presents.

Mrs. I. H. Turney, of Blanket, accompanied by Clyde, visited several days of last week in Ballinger, a guest of her son, Albert and his wife.

Dick Castleberry, of Runnels, has just returned from West Tom Green county, where he purchased from Ellis his four section leased ranch for \$1650. He will move his cattle out there right away.—Standard.

D. D. Parramore has moved his cattle from Runnels county to the old Anderson pasture southwest of Colorado, and came down two or three days ago to move his household goods and to take his wife up with him.—Abilene Reporter.

Telephone Exchange at Winters.

Col R. H. Nesbitt, of Winters, was in town Monday. He is arranging to put in a telephone exchange at Winters and was here getting pointers from W. A. Norman, the Ballinger telephone man. He says he is promised 25 or 30 subscribers which does well for a beginning. Winters people never do things by halves and he can rest assured he will have their hearty co-operation in his enterprise.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Nov. 16, 1901. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

McMaster, Mrs. Belle.

GENTLEMEN:

Ashley, J. D.

Jones, Dave.

Johnson, W. F.

McCormack, Hill.

McCormick, R. H.

Moldon, Tom.

Conference Appointments.

Below is a list of the pastors who will serve the Methodists of this district during the year 1901-02.

Brownwood District—W. H. Matthews, P. E.; Brownwood, J. S. Chapman, May, D. A. McGuire; Indian Creek, H. B. Owens; Burkett to be supplied; Bangs to be supplied; Santa Anna, B. A. Snoddy; Coleman, R. J. Birdwell; Gien Cove, L. A. Clark; Ballinger, C. M. Shuffler; Winters, F. M. Jackson; Robert Lee, W. K. Simpson; Goldthwaite and Lometa, J. A. Biggs; Center City R. D. Moon; Blanket, M. H. Majors; Comanche, J. M. Carter; Comanche Circuit, C. B. Smith; Fleming, A. P. Lipscomb; Zephyr and Mullin, W. J. Lemons; Wingate, E. T. Bates.

W. A. Manley, Albany and Moran; W. M. Lane, Grandview; C. F. Sensabaugh, Waxahachie district.

—Walker's drug store.

—28 stamp photos for 25c until Dec. 1st only at Hartungs studio.

—Feed of all kinds can be had at Miller Mercantile Co., opposite the post office. Phone No. 45.

—Stop in at Walker's drug store and see the preparations he is making for holiday trade. Better select something too while you are in. It will be too late soon.

For Rent or Sale.

The old W. J. Miller residence upper side Court House, near A. Schawe's store, apply to Lange & Doose, Agts.

After the "sap is down" and the forest foliage begins falling into the "sere and yellow leaf," then prepare to plant trees, and shrubbery. Nothing adds more to the comfort and beauty of a town than shade trees and flowers. Why not fill up the bare place along the street with trees and embellish your yards with something sweet and beautiful, make your home attractive for yourself and your children. Cultivate in your little ones a taste for the beautiful as well as the useful.—Cisco Round-Up.

Safe Occupation.

Bridget, the pretty young maid of all work employed in a Boston family, confided to her mistress when taking service that she had lately become engaged to be married. She stated, however, that she and Tim would have to wait two years, and in the meantime she wished to be earning money.

When Tim made his first call, one evening, the family remarked that they had never known so quiet a man. The sound of Bridget's voice rose now and then from the kitchen, but Tim's words were apparently few and far between.

"Tim is not much of a talker, is he, Bridget?" said the mistress of the house the next morning.

"I should scarcely have known there was any one with you last evening."

"He'll talk more when we've been engaged a while longer, I'm thinking, ma'am," said little Bridget. "He's too bashful yet to do anything but eat, ma'am, when he's wid me!"

An Up-Country Rising

In spite of the old saying, the lawyer who conducts his own case does not always have a fool for a client. The Hon. Jeremiah Mason, who was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1791, was a man of great height, but during the early part of his professional career, say the Green Bag, was so slight and apparently frail in build that, as the phrase is, "he looked like a boy."

Travelling once in a sleigh after a great snowstorm, he met a countryman in a similar conveyance. Mr. Mason turned his horse and sleigh as far to one side as he conveniently could, and courteously requested the other person to do the same.

The other man, however, was sturdy of figure and stubborn of nature, and taking Mr. Mason's courteous speech as a sign of a craven spirit, he refused to budge an inch, and demanded a free way for his vehicle.

At this Mr. Mason's eyes flashed. The day was cold and he had sunk deeply into the robes of his high-backed sleigh; but now he drew himself up and sat erect on the seat. "I'll have my revenge," then he began to invest himself of his wrappings and to get upon his feet, gradually displaying his real proportions to the astonished countryman, who exclaimed:

"Say, mister, you needn't rise any more, I'll turn out!"

Meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy San Antonio Texas. Excursion rates, dates of sale Dec. 1st and 2nd.

International Live Stock Exposition and Annual Convention National Live Stock Assn. Chicago Ill. Dates of sale Nov. 30 and Dec. 1st. Rates one fare plus \$2.00 per round trip.

DO YOU KNOW

That We are Selling Out a Big Stock Of

Dry Goods

Come and Investigate. We will save you 50 PER CENT on all your purchases. We will sell you goods at your own price.

The wise ones will profit by it. Take the hint and come to see us.

Grand Leader,
Opera Building. **DAVE COHEN, Mgr.**

Ballinger has enjoyed an unusually good trade this week.

Miss Fannie Simmons is employed with Lange & Doose as copyist.

Sheriff Howze, of Paint Rock, was a visitor in Ballinger Thursday. He has been kept busy the last week answering questions about the Kilpatrick case.

T. M. Adams, of Providence, R. I. was in our city Wednesday conferring with Judge J. W. Powell on matters connected with the Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Baltimore, Md.

Callan & Co., breeders of fine cattle in Menard county, brought in three cars of cattle Thursday for shipment from this point to the St. Louis market. They held them at \$17 per head.

Mrs. J. R. McVay has returned from a visit to Brownwood.

If you have news items let the Banner-Leader editor know about it. His phone is no. 27.

Miss Chastain, of Menardville, left Ballinger Thursday for Denton where she is to enter the normal.

Mrs. Tom Burke returned Thursday to her home in Pilot Point after a pleasant visit to the family of her brother, M. D. Chastain.

Rev. W. A. Manly returned Wednesday night from conference to make preparations for his move to Albany. His appointment is a good one from a financial standpoint. Ballinger friends wish Rev. Manly and wife a prosperous years work in their new home.

Mr. Bird Smith, of Brownwood spent a day in Ballinger this week.

Edgar Hargrave, Brownwood's express agent, was visiting among Ballinger's fair young ladies Thursday.

A Ruben went to sleep during the performance of "Among the Breakers." But there will be no snoring while "An Unconditional Surrender" is on the boards. Opera House next week, Tuesday night.

The performance of "An Unconditional Surrender" at the Opera House will be for the benefit of the Kindergarten. By attending, you will get an evening of splendid entertainment and become a public benefactor. Tuesday November 26.

F. L. Harper and little son went to Corn Hill, Williamson county, Thursday to visit Mr Harper's mother.

The 150 Callan steers, the sale of which is mentioned elsewhere, brought \$42.50 per head. Good price, wasn't it.

James Callan, one of the best known cattlemen of Menard county, was in Ballinger Thursday shipping out some cows to St. Louis.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian church will hold its services Tuesday evening, the 26th, instead of Wednesday, the 27th. Members will please take notice.

John Gay returned Thursday afternoon from the Gay ranch, near Sheffield. He brings back encouraging reports of the condition of things on the Pecos.

The Banner-Leader is requested to announce that there will be services at the German Methodist church Sunday at 10:30, also at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. Schmalz.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler, the newly appointed pastor of the Methodist church here, was transferred from the North Texas Conference to this. He is from Archer, is a man of family and is considered a strong preacher.

W. A. Norman is our authority so that it is beyond question. Miles is to have a telephone exchange as soon as it can be put in. It will be the property of W. J. Farmer of that thriving and pushing town. Hurrah for Miles.

Rev. J. A. Shoptaugh, pastor of the Christian church, plans to leave Monday for Waco to attend the "Lectureship" of that denomination. In the event he goes, he will remain over Sunday, so that on that day no services will be held at his church here.

Ex Congressman Isaac R. Hitt, of Illinois, was in Ballinger Saturday representing the federal government in Indian repredation claims. He is past the prime of life yet bears about him the air of a distinguished man, one accustomed to the ways of the world.

W. J. Schulze, the West Texas nurseryman, located at Bangs, Brown county, was in our city Wednesday delivering trees. Mr. Schulze is an old friend of the editor and while here paid us an appreciated social visit. He is well up on fruit trees having had much experience in that line.

J. H. Brookfield, the auction store man at Brownwood, has had his eye on Ballinger for quite a while and has paid us several visits the past year. The only thing that keeps him from opening here is that there are no vacant houses. Mr. Brookfield was in Ballinger again Thursday.

Mr. Jack Willingham has been appointed to represent the Johnson Grass Exterminating Co., of Cleburne. He applied the system to the Willingham farm south of town and knows the scheme is a success. He plans to begin interviewing the farmers of Runnels county in a few days, and every man who desires to rid his farm of Johnson Grass will have no further excuse. The work is done on the guarantee plan.

—Have your watchwork done by Asa Cordill.

For fresh vegetables of all kinds go to Miller Mercantile Co.

The return of Rev. W. M. Matthews to the eldership of this district was pleasing to the Methodists of Ballinger.

R. W. Hoskins, of Concho county, is moving with his family to Ballinger. He is owner of fine ranch property near Eden.

The Hunt county grand jury remained in session three weeks, finding 116 true bills. Of this number 52 were felonies and 64 misdemeanors.

Col. Henry Hibbitts is invited to see his friend Mistah Wright at the Opera House in "An Unconditional Surrender" Seats on sale at Pearce's.

Mr. Stanley Crabb, of Dallas, manager of B. F. Aveay & Co's establishment there, was in Ballinger Thursday. He is a personal friend of R. A. Hall.

Sheriff Howze, of Paint Rock, has had a writ of capias issued for Ben Kilpatrick, now in custody in St. Louis, for the murder of Wm Thornton near Eden.

Thanksgiving turkeys have met with a ready sale. There will be a great slaughtering of this fowl next Thursday. A Thanksgiving dinner without turkey and cranberries is mighty flat.

Two preachers, Revs. Miller of Waco and Ferguson of Quanah, delegates to the Corsicana conference were held up and robbed Saturday night. It goes without saying, the robbers made a small haul.

A little stranger boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Huston Nov. 12th, on a prolonged visit to its parents. Mother and child doing well, and great hopes are entertained for the recovery of the father. "So mote it be."—Paint Rock Herald.

The ladies Cemetery Association are building a two room cottage near the grounds. It will be occupied by Mr. Beeman, late of Concho county, who will have care of the cemetery for a year. We admire the progressiveness of the ladies of this association.

"An Unconditional Surrender" will be given at the Opera House one night next week, and the cast includes the best of Ballinger's amateurs. A number of new and interesting specialties have been arranged, and patrons are assured of an evening of pleasure. Seats on sale at Pearce's.

Not many days ago a near-by farmer bought a whiskey barrel. Went home, sawed it in two and found nailed to the bottom three big plugs of tobacco, put there to give the whiskey the proper color and the required taste. He buys his whiskey at the other place now.

The "disputed" tract of land between Ballinger and West End has long ago been apportioned out, but some laughable mistakes still occur. Early one morning of this week the owner of considerable property out, there was busily engaged in surveying off some lots preparatory to fencing it for the protection of the grass. While bending over marking the spots for the posts he was suddenly and unexpectedly assailed from the rear with surveyors stakes in the hands of an irate woman who believed he was trying to deprive her of her rights. Said gentleman was at once put to ignominious flight and he has since changed his mind about the fence. Says "the grass wasn't very good anyway."

—Walker's for presents

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