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OF

## BRIN'S GREAT CLOSING OUT COST SALE

Begins Saturday, December 14th.

The most momentous merchandising movement that ever occurred in Ballinger's annals will soon reach its climax. Our entire stock must be sold at retail or in bulk by Jan 1, 1902. Now while the season is in its fullness, while your wants are greatest and your requirements most urgent, this opportunity of manifold saving advantages is presented. An absolute and genuine Cost Sale in which we give our private Cost Mark to convince the trading public that we mean business.

This is Our Cost Mark:

G O D I S T R U E L Y  
1 2 3 4 5 5 7 8 9 0 Rept

As we are going to consolidate our business interests we prefer to sell our goods at actual wholesale cost to shipping them. The change takes place Jan. 1, 1902 and we will positively leave Ballinger. Our unexpired lease on building and fixtures are for sale. Anticipate your present and future wants and take advantage of our Bona Fide Cost Sale.

Eighth Street.

**BRIN'S**

Ballinger, Texas.

D. C. Howard spent Thursday in Santa Anna. He plans to leave the latter part of this week on a longer trip extending into New Mexico.

Mesdames Jas. E. Brown and Wm. E. Brown, two charming young matrons from Coleman, were guests of Mrs. T. A. Rape first of the week.

Hall Hardware Co. are out in an interesting Xmas ad this week. Their store is an excellent one and the holiday buyer should not fail to see it.

### Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th of December B. B. Stone and myself entered into a co-partnership to transact a general Insurance and Agency business, including land, loan and collections.

I wish to thank the public for a generous and liberal patronage and to solicit a continuance of the same for the new firm, who promise to give prompt and careful attention to all business entrusted to to their care.

After Monday, the 16, I will be located in the office of the County Attorney at the court house and will be more than pleased to serve my friends.

Watch for our ad next week in Banner-Leader. Respectfully  
Guion Gregg.

Norton has a new family, that of Mr. Ed Williams, recently moved from Mississippi. They are living on Mr. Bean's place.

Lee Maddox says that for the present his office is wherever you find him. He hopes to be "at home" in comfortable quarters before long.

I. S. Baldwin, once a merchant of Ballinger but now a thrifty farmer of the Content country, was in town Wednesday with 14 bales of cotton which he sold at 7 1/2 cents or thereabouts.

C. C. Gannaway and wife, of Wingate, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Gannaway has only recently recovered from a severe siege of fever which has kept him at home since August.

J. W. Powell closed lease with F. J. Williams & Co., lumber men, for lots 11-12-13-14 and 15, block 6 for 3 years. Work on the yard will begin at once. Our Mayor will move his office nearer town, adjoining the Oster-tag building.

D. C. Underwood returned Tuesday night from a hurried trip to Chicago bringing Miss Adele, who has been studying art there, home with him. He left Miss Maggie thoroughly pleased with her surroundings.

W. L. Lollar, one of the best citizens of the Maverick community, was in Ballinger Thursday to meet Miss Bertha Puller of Atlanta, Ga., a niece of Mrs. Lollar, who will visit their home.

B. H. Koehler, while in town Tuesday from his home near Winters, found time to pay the Banner-Leader a visit, and show his appreciation of the best newspaper in the county.

T. E. Moore, an enterprising merchant from the thrifty little town of Wingate, was in Ballinger Wednesday and before leaving, gave the Banner-Leader an order for job work.

T. J. Rawls, Wingate's carpenter and mechanic, was a Ballinger visitor Wednesday. We scarcely knew our friend, since he has lost his mustache.

G. J. McCamey, as teadfast friend of the Banner-Leader, was here Tuesday, and did not fail to remember his favorite newspaper.

—Buy Xmas presents from Asa Cordill the leading jeweler.

## Cost Sale Prices

Put in the Shade by Our Special

### 15 per cent DISCOUNT SALE

The sale as advertised the first part of this month has been a great success and we have decided to continue the same. Our regular prices are always the lowest, and by taking off 15 per cent from our regular low price you buy the goods as cheap and in some instances cheaper than you could buy them at the cost sales. Come and get our prices before you buy from any house, and we will save you money on your purchases

**H. WINKLER,**  
BALLINGER, TEXAS

**As Others See Us.**

The following is cut from the December issue of the Texas Trade Review, and is an impartial view of the advantages and disadvantages of our town and country:

Runnels county was created Feb 1, 1858, from Bexar and Travis counties. It was named in honor of Hiram G. Runnels, an ex-Governor of Mississippi, who had removed from that State to Texas, and was State Senator from Harris county at the time of his death, in 1858. It is one of the West Texas square counties, and is bounded by Nolan and Taylor counties on the north, Coleman on the east, Concho on the south and Tom Green on the west. The general surface is rolling, though in the western portion it is broken and somewhat hilly. Runnels county is about 180 miles northwest from Austin, and 180 miles southwest from Fort Worth. The Temple branch of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad runs through the country, while the Texas & Pacific is but 30 miles North of the northern line of Runnels county, Abilene being the nearest point. The country is chiefly prairie, although in the northeastern portions are bodies of liveoak and post oak timber, while in all the numerous valleys are also considerable belts of timber, including elm, hackberry, mesquite, china, pecan, etc. There is also a more or less heavy growth of mesquite timber on the prairie uplands. There is sufficient timber in the country for fuel, fencing, etc. The prairies are gently undulating or level, affording good drainage, but will not become broken by "washouts." Generally there is a considerable belt of mesquite timber on what is called the first valley of the river, while the valley proper (second valley) has but a sparse growth or none at all. Along the Colorado river, as well as on several of the creeks, are groves of pecan which yield large quantities of this delicious nut.

Lands are very cheap when quality, topography, location, access to good markets, water facilities, healthfulness, etc., are considered. The average price of the best unimproved farming lands is from \$8 to \$15 per acre. Tracts of any size from 40 acres to 10,000 acres can be purchased, usually on terms to suit the buyer. Owing to the large number of streams in the county and to the extreme width of the adjacent valleys, quite a large percentage of the county lands are valley lands. In all their general physical characteristics, these lands are very similar. There is some difference in the color of the soil, which is usually a red loam in the valleys of the Colorado river, Oak creek, and a part of Elm creek, though the soil of this latter stream, near the northern county line, is a stiff black loam. The soil of most valleys of other streams is of a dark color, usually loam, occasionally black sandy, and always of great fertility, and is more porous and easier to cultivate than the uplands. The valleys of the Colorado river vary in width from nothing to two miles or more; usually a broad valley on one side and a narrow valley on the other. All the larger creeks, of which this country has quite a number, have broad, smooth valleys.

The uplands are broad, rolling (apparently level) prairies, dotted here and there with little mottes of mesquite or live oak

and completely covered with a heavy turf of the famous mesquite grass. The soil of the uplands varies from the reddish chocolate, which is considered prime for small grain, to the black "hog wallow," standing at the head of the list for corn and cotton. There are occasional bodies, usually near the line, which separates the valley from the upland, of gravelly and poor land often growing little besides cactus; this quality, however, is an exception. In no part of the country has there been any trouble to secure good well water at reasonable depths, usually from 18 to 60 feet, but the average is about 30 feet.

Runnels county is 1700 feet above sea level, and 1300 feet below the level of the plains. The atmosphere is pure, wholesome and invigorating, free from all tendencies to malarial diseases, chills and fever. The great "blizzards," so prevalent in the northern Panhandle, are tempered to moderate "northers" before reaching this country. The heat of summer is always tempered with cool breezes, and none of that hot, sultry, "stuffy" weather so common to other localities is noticeable here. The nights are cool, never oppressive, and it is seldom that a light cover is not welcome.

The public school advantages are good. There are 15 school districts, 39 school buildings, and 43 teachers, paid from \$30 to \$110 per month. Free school lasts 9 months, and the present available school fund is \$18,375.09. The last census gave Runnels county a population of 5379, but that has increased fully 40 per cent in the last year. Immigration is coming into this section of the state rapidly, and is of a very desirable class—most of them buying outright the land they want, but few of them renting. There were 1464 votes registered at the polls this year against 1004 in 1900. The tax rate is 98c, and we find referring to the rolls of 1901 that the country has rendered for taxes 7721 horses, 40,224 cattle, 4298 sheep, 1474 hogs, bank money \$46,246, other money not in bank \$84,370, and credits amounting to \$56,103. Railroad property rendered at \$245,498, and 653,789 acres of land rendered at \$1,889,759. Runnels county has some of the finest building stone in the State, very easy of access. The county's bonded indebtedness is \$72,500, and she has 4 steel bridges, a \$30,000 courthouse and a \$20,000 jail.

These are a people who, for intelligence and morality, are the peers of any, and a more generous, hospitable people will not be found anywhere than the typical West Texan. Schools and churches abound. There is not a neighborhood where as many as 15 children can be found that does not have its school-house and annual term of free school. All the schools of the county are in prosperous condition and usually run from 6 to 9 months each year. Ballinger, the county seat, with a population of about 2000, has a large stone building costing \$10,000, with an attendance of 400 pupils. In Ballinger are 7 handsome, commodious church buildings, three of which are costly stone structures.

Ballinger is situated at the junction of the Colorado river and Elm creek, both of which streams are spanned by large iron bridges. The town in a

business way has a National bank and a private bank, ice factory, planing mill, flour mill, wholesale grocery, electric light plant, water works, local and long distance telephone, bottling works, 4 hotels, 3 blacksmith shops, 3 barber shops, 2 lumber yards, 2 gins, 2 weekly newspapers, 2 hardware and implement dealers, 6 dry goods, 3 general merchandise, 5 grocery, 2 drug, 3 furniture, 1 racket, 3 jewelry, 1 paint, 3 millinery, and 2 saddle and harness stores, 2 restaurants, 4 wagon yards, a coal and wood yard, a grain store and a livery stable, besides a number of smaller enterprises, making in all a live, hustling little city. There are quite a number of fine native stone business buildings. Ballinger is building up a wholesale trade with interior towns, making this a distributing point of considerable importance.

The railroads forwarded from Ballinger during the past 10 months 14,260 bales of cotton, 5 cars of wheat, 300 of other grain, 15 of horses and mules, 167 cars of cattle, 4 of sheep, 9 of flour, 31 miscellaneous, and received during the same time 51 cars coal, 36 of wood, 282 of lumber, 13 of posts, 24 salt, 14 lime and cement, 6 of brick and sand, 18 of hay, 5 of potatoes, 53 of flour and feed, 34 of immigrants' goods, 45 of live stock, 65 of grain, 54 of cottonseed products and 170 cars of miscellaneous.

**Santa Claus Letters.**

Ballinger Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a large and pretty doll, and a game of some kind, also a story book. And oblige.

Your little friend  
Sophie Hopewell.

Ballinger Texas.

My Dear Santa Claus:

I will write you a few lines. Please bring me some roman candles and fire crackers, a drum and bugle and some sky-rockets.

Homer McKinley.

Ballinger Texas.

My Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me some roman candles, fire crackers, a drum, candy, skyrockets, apples and oranges.

Willard Wooden.

Winters Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy, 7 years old. I live 3 miles north-east of Winters. I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a little horse and wagon and a little air gun. That will do me for Xmas.

Your little friend  
Elmer Sawyer.

Winters Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am not going to ask for many things. I just want some fire crackers, air gun and some candy. You surely can bring me that much, can't you, Santa?

Your little friend,  
Early Sawyer.

Winters Texas.

Dear old Santa Claus:

I never have written to you for anything before so I thought I would ask you to bring me a few things for Xmas. I want some candy and apples, some fire crackers, air gun, horse and wagon, doll buggy and a great big dressed doll for my little sister. I believe that is all I want now. Your little friend,

Jesse Sawyer.

—1847 Roger Bros. silverware at Asa Cordills, get prices.

—Toys! Toys!! Toys!!! Pearce's Drug Store.

Our Grocery Department is the most complete in town, handling everything for the table for ordinary or special occasions.

**Get Ready For Christmas**

You will want to be neatly dressed on that occasion. Buy your outfit early and avoid being rushed at the last moment. We can fit a man in wearing apparel from head to heel in the very latest styles and guaranteed qualities at a moderate cost. Compare our goods and prices with others.

Yours for Trade,

**DAVIS & CO.**

We buy Cotton and Produce at Top Prices.

**City Market**

Headquarters for all kind of Fresh Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage.

Turkeys Dressed and Delivered on Short Notice.

**Parramore & Sale.**

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

**YES**

You can get Bran, Hay, Oats, Corn, Chops or any kind of Feed from F. P. ABNEY, Ballinger, Tex. He keeps a big supply on hand and sells in any quantity.

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.

Special prices on watches and clocks at Asa Cordills.

—An elegant line of Christmas books at Pearce's Drug Store.

—The newest, the brightest, the largest the best stock of holiday goods at Pearce's Drug Store.

**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.

**The New Leadville.**  
 "From a mining camp with a reputation for bloodshed that extended to the oceans," says the Leadville (Col.) Democrat, "Leadville has developed into one of the most upright cities of the country, as free from violence and crime of any kind as a New England village. This result has been brought about through the influence of the good women of the community. They worked for the election of officials who could be trusted to enforce the laws and make the city and country a most undesirable place for lawbreakers and vagrants, and their moral influence throughout the years has been most beneficial in this respect. They have evolved a city of homes and good government from a mining camp with a record."

**A New Telescopic Gun Sight.**  
 Sir Howard Grubb, the celebrated Irish telescope maker, has invented a new form of telescopic sight for use with a rifle. Neither fore nor back sight is employed with this contrivance, but the shooter in taking aim looks through a small lens which, by an optical device, throws an image of a bright little cross in front of the gun and in line with the barrel. This image serves as a foresight, and by simply holding the center of the cross upon the object aimed at the marksman takes his aim.

**Desiccated Milk.**  
 Desiccated milk is one of the newer food products and is prepared by causing a spray of ordinary fresh milk to enter a tank filled with hot air. The "atomized" fluid is carried upward, and its moisture being discharged in the form of vapor, the solid part of it is thrown down in another receptacle in the shape of a dry powder. Put up in suitable packages, this powder will keep fresh and good for a long time and is readily made available for use by the addition of boiling water.

**Bologna's Leaning Towers.**  
 Bologna's two square leaning towers, the Garisenda and the Asinelli, which are more startling than the tower at Pisa, are safe. A rumor was started that they showed signs of weakening, but a commission of engineers pronounced them as solid as ever. The Asinelli tower is 315 feet high and was built in 1109. The Garisenda was built a year later and was originally taller, but is now only 153 feet high. Its inclination, however, is greater than that of the other tower.

in public life. Just out of curiosity I turned to the Smiths, and it tickled me to death to count 123 of them, to say nothing of ten Smyths. There were also sixty Browns and forty-six Joneses. This was a revelation to me, and it has given me renewed hope."

**Increase of Population.**  
 The increase of population during the past 100 years of people of European origin, according to Sir Robert Giffin, the famous English statistician, has been from 170,000,000 at the beginning of the century to 510,000,000 at its close. The growth of the United States alone has been from a little over 5,000,000 to nearly 80,000,000. The English population of the British empire has increased from about 15,000,000 to 55,000,000. Germany and Russia also show remarkable growth, from 20,000,000 to 55,000,000 in one case and from 40,000,000 to 135,000,000 in the other. France has increased from 25,000,000 to only 40,000,000.

**Cleveland and the Detectives.**  
 The Hon. Daniel Scott Lamont, speaking of secret service agents, said the other day: "Mr. Cleveland was a very hard man to get along with when he was president. It is all over now, but newspapers had a lot of fun with President Cleveland over those sentry boxes erected in the White House grounds. Those boxes were erected by the District of Columbia authorities. As a matter of fact, President Cleveland wouldn't have a secret service agent around him. He was a mighty hard man to handle in this respect. He didn't like the secret service agents and wouldn't have them with him."

**French Bird Stories.**  
 Two bird stories come from France. According to the Figaro a canary breeder named Bourez is going to raise red canaries by feeding the parent birds on cayenne pepper. He has succeeded so far in raising birds of an orange red tint.

French poachers are making big hauls of partridges and other game birds by using automobiles with nets and a bright light. They run the automobiles at a swift pace along the public roads, and the birds, attracted by the light, fly into the nets. There seems to be no violation of existing game laws in the practice.

**The Georgia Possum.**  
 The Georgia possum is not poetical, but in the words of Brother Dickey, "He's ez fillin' ez amazin' grace!"—Atlanta Constitution.

world?" asked the teacher.  
 "New York," unhesitatingly came the answer.  
 "I mean the largest city in the world," said the teacher.  
 And promptly came the reply, "New York."

"But," expostulated the teacher, "I did not say the largest city in the United States but the largest city in the world."

"New York," unhesitatingly and emphatically said the boy.

"London has a larger population than New York," said the teacher. "If I do not have the correct answer this time, I shall have to punish you. Come, now," coaxingly, "tell me the name of the largest city in the world."

"New York."

"Stay in during recess and write me fifty lines."

He wrote the fifty lines, and every line read, "The biggest city in the world is New York."

**Nut and Popcorn Games.**

Chestnuts with initials cut in the side with a sharp knife are set to roast. The company is numbered. The first nut that pops belongs to No. 1 and is examined to see what initials it has marked on it. The initials reveal the future fate of No. 1. The second nut which pops reveals the fate of No. 2, and so on. The nuts will have to be watched very closely, for sometimes they pop very close together.

Popcorn can be tried later. Each one puts into the popper as many kernels as there are years in her life—that is, if Mary is fifteen she puts fifteen kernels in the popper and holds it for two minutes over the fire. Then she removes the popper and takes out the kernels. Then some one else tries it. The number of white popped kernels in each one's popper tells in how many years a happy marriage awaits her.—Journal Junior.

**Economical Edward.**

The lunch bell was ringing. "Come, Edward," said they.  
 "It's time to come in! You must leave off your play.  
 Your hands require washing." He answered, "I'll run,  
 And under the tap I will wash only one."

"But, Edward," they murmured, "your hair is so rough;  
 Your attention to neatness is hardly enough."  
 "All right," he replied; "yet I think it will do  
 To brush but the side that is nearest to you."

They heard him with sorrow. "Oh, Edward, for shame!  
 In thinking such thoughts you are greatly to blame;  
 But if to do half of each task you will try  
 You should sleep all the night, sir, with only one eye."

cion."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Wholly Unusual.**  
 "There is something wrong about that man," said Mr. Blykins as he turned away from the mild mannered citizen to whom he had just been introduced.

"He's a thorough student of political economy and has the reputation of being very wise."

"I don't care. He ain't right. He ain't like other folks. He thinks it 'ud be possible to save this country without electing him to office."—Washington Star.

**Shying Off.**

She—How odd! That lecturer says blonds should marry brunettes, and vice versa. You're a decided blond, you know.

He—I suppose so. You're a blond, too, aren't you?

She—Oh, no! I'm a pronounced brunette.

He (in terror)—Now, Miss De Muir, you can never make me believe that your creamy complexion and golden hair are—er—not natural.—Chicago Tribune.

**Conscientious.**



Upson—What's the matter? Can't you swim?

Downson—Yesh, but don't you shee that sign?—Chicago News.

**Washington Monument.**

There has been a large increase in the daily number of visitors to the top of the Washington monument since the installation of the new electric elevator in the shaft. During the month of October 14,060 persons made the ascent, 10,916 of whom were carried up in the elevator and 3,080 reached the top by means of the stairway. This makes a total of 1,992,286 visitors since the shaft was first opened to the public.

the old one was good enough, but it was decided after a lively debate to advertise for bids and thus find out just what a new building would cost. The matter was then turned over to the proper committee, and the lady, with a long, long sigh, said to herself: "At last I am about to begin receiving proposals."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**A Striking Similarity.**

"My dear," observed Mr. Slypurre, critically watching his wife's efforts to drive a nail, "you are certainly lightning with the hammer."

"I always said I could drive a nail as good as a man," said Mrs. Slypurre, complacently pounding away.

"Yes, you certainly are lightning," affirmed Mr. Slypurre, with conviction. "Because, you see, my dear," he explained, edging toward the door, "you never strike twice in the same place."—Philadelphia North American.

**What He'd Call It.**

"One of the signs of the times is the signing of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty," remarked the observant boarder.

"I thought that it was signed by the representatives of both England and the United States," added the cross-eyed boarder.

"It was."

"Then I should call it two signs of the times."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

**What to Expect.**

The woman candidate was starting out.

"And now, John," she said, "give me all the small change you have."

"What for?" asked her husband as he sponged the baby's face.

"Oh, I can buy some of the nicest votes you ever heard of today for \$1.98."—Chicago News.

**Sarcasm Versus Shingle.**

"I didn't mind the spanking dad gave me half as much as I did the sarcastic way in which he talked."

"Wasn't it a hard lickin'?"

"You just bet it was."

"Well, what did he say that was worse than the shingle?"

"He said, 'Go way back and stand up.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Boston Husbands.**

Hudson—I saw you with a lady the other day. Was that your baby you had in your arms?

Benham—If it had been my baby, its mother would have been carrying it. No, sir, that baby belonged to the lady you saw me with. I carried it for her out of gallantry.—Baltimore Transcript

and Conveyancer.

Owner of Complete Abstracts of Lands in Runnels and

er's first display was an "angel" in every respect, if only the the wings had been attached.

C. F. Freeman was in Abilene first of the week.

I. S. Baldwin, and two sons, Lonnie and Judson, were in Ballinger Monday with cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Locket went to Abilene first of the week and selected their furniture, and will soon go to house-keeping.

In a private letter from Dr. J. S. Moorhead, of Levita, Tex., to Dr. J. M. Smith of this place, he states that he will be out here in a short while to look out a location, The Dr. has a reputable reputation as a practitioner and we trust he will be fortunate in getting a desirable location.

There will be a Xmas tree at Content and a word to the wise is sufficient, so everybody should send all presents to the school house by three o'clock to insure a pretty tree. Come one and all and reverence our Savior's birth by leaving "little brown jug" at home, or under the familiar "little bushes."

Little Miss Ruth Weasley, who is in school at Roby, intends spending Xmas with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bright, in Content.

Misses Cordie and Carrie Bright will attend the "Unconditional Surrender" at Winters, and will be the guests of Mr and Mrs. T. A. Fannin while in that city.

Miss Katie Bell Gregory visited near Lawn, Saturday.

Our town has been overflowing with drummers and other professional men the past two weeks.

We wonder if there is a man in Content who would acknowledge that he was, recently, the

cross eyes from each county free. Have straightened over 500 in Texas. Write for names.

Robert, who left Ballinger about two months ago. He and Mr. Perry have been taking the lat-

Not a pound of old scrap or burnt out iron permitted in their manufacture. They are made in the best manner possible and of the best

said "give me credit." His school is progressing satisfactorily to all.

The Santa Fe has surveyed and marked off in the yards here another and longer switch to accommodate the ever increasing patronage at this point. They are also arranging to put in a crossing on 7th street.

J. A. Patterson, an enterprising young farmer from Norton, was in town Thursday with cotton, for which he received 7:22 1/2. He is through picking and about the first of the new year will move to Wingate where he has leased land for 1902. The Banner-Leader counts Mr. Patterson as a friend.

Members of the Cemetery Association, there are about 38, are urged to pay their dues at as early a date as possible, since the association has urgent need of funds. Pay to Mrs. J. McGregor, president, or to Mrs. G. M. Vaughn, treasurer. The Banner-Leader is informed that donations from outside friends would be greatly appreciated and the money used to a good advantage in making presentable the resting place of the dead.

Patronize our advertisers.

—Asa Cordill has some beautiful silverware.

### PIERCE & MULLIN,

Land and Live Stock Agents, Winters, Texas.

OFFICE WITH WINTERS FURNITURE COMPANY.

Call on or write to us when you have land to buy or to sell.

## BUY YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS OF Jas. E. Brewer, Ballinger's Jeweler. THE BEST SELECTIONS---THE LOWEST PRICES.

the west. He describes in glowing words how we get chili and tamales, and says Mr. Powell near Ballinger is raising prairie dogs and badgers for that explicit purpose. Everybody believes just what "Wes Dennes" says but we will confirm his statement by saying the chili and tamales are extraordinarily "delicious," and our Coryellite friends should by all means come out and have a "grand feast."

ASSOCIATE.

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

—You can buy jewelry and silverware at Asa Cordill's for less money than ever before.

—Get prices on 1847 Roger Bros knives and folks at Asa Cordill's.

there was no Sunday school Sunday. Several of the young people were also disappointed Sunday eve.

Mr. Turner was in Abilene several days last week laying in a supply of Xmas goods. He will have them opened up in a few days at T. E. Moore's store.

Mr. Robert Gannaway was in Ballinger last week on business.

Mrs. Synclaire who has been sick for so long a time we are sorry to say is not expected to live. Her home is in Georgia and she came to this country about five months ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hendry.

Also Mrs. King who has been sick for quite a while is still no better.

We are glad to see our good friend Saul coming to the front again last week. Saul, we were beginning to think that you had gone to preaching this time

Rev. Sullivan now preaches the 1st Sunday at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 11 o'clock.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Our school under the efficient management of Prof Parker and wife is progressing nicely. The literary which has just been recently organized in connection with the school is creating quite a sensation among the children.

Mr. Smithson our blacksmith has recently lengthened out his shop putting in more and better tools and is now prepared to do all kinds of work on short order.

Oh, yes! we are going to have that Xmas tree on Xmas eve night so come out and see Santy.

Miss Anna Gannaway entertained quite a number of young people in the way of a sociable Monday night and all report a nice time.

Long live the Leader. REX.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Saved His Life.

I wish to say that I feel I

gathering pecans, working stock or hunting dogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Lange & Doose Agents, Ballinger Texas.

ways safer; it is also better in other ways. We sell the draft; they are good throughout the United States and Canada. Our charges are very low. Will allow interest

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 Attorney-At-Law  
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 Over the Ostertag Building.

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 (Business Established in 1879.)  
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.  
 Real Estate Agent, Abstractor  
 and Conveyancer.  
 Owner of Complete Abstracts of  
 Title to Lands in Runnels and  
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**G. W. Wilson,**  
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 Every Job Guaranteed  
 Experts in Horse-shoeing;  
 Prices Very Reasonable;  
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 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,  
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Chas. A. Dailey, the San Angelo land agent, carries a "for sale" notice in this paper. Look it up. Perhaps it is just such a bargain as you have been waiting for all these months.

**Advertisement Story.**  
 "I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. E. D. Walker.

John Guion, Jr., left Saturday for Houston and Beaumont, at one of which places he expects to secure employment.

**Saved His Life.**  
 "I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it might fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. E. D. Walker.

H. A. Shurmon, the Concho Herald editor, was soliciting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. M. Smiley, of Winters was in town Saturday. He is pleased with the fine weather we have been having, but like the rest of us would not object to a little more rain than has been falling to our lot.

A big family of Germans arrived in Ballinger Friday night from Illinois. They will locate in Concho county. The head of the family visited Ballinger about a year ago and at that time decided to locate near here.

B. F. Corum received last week a letter from his son Robert, who left Ballinger about two months ago. He and Mr. Perry have been taking the latter's horses, about 80 head, to pasturage, though as yet they have been unsuccessful in finding sufficient grass and water. They are now near Eady, N. M., and Robert says he hasn't seen the sun rise or set in ten days on account of the mountains. He writes that he will be home about the 22nd.

—Watch repairing the very best at Asa Cordill's

Jewelry the best, at Asa Cordill's.

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

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

—New Saar Keut in half barrels at John Hoffer's.

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

—28 stamp photos for 25c until Dec 1st only at Hartung's studio.

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

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

—List your lands with P. J. Baron, he can sell them and get good prices. 4-11

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

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.

**For Rent or Sale.**

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

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. T. Turner in Runnels county, near W. Ingate, 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.  
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South to Train Service.

Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:08 a. m.  
South bound due at Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

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West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.  
East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

Etiquette of Gift-Giving.

There is an etiquette governing the giving and receiving of presents, as there is about most things because there is always a best way to do everything. If we penetrate below the surface of the little courteous contentions we shall find that consideration for the feeling of others underlies all. Do not try to make your gift look as though it cost more than you paid for it. Aside from the paltry spirit of such giving it is a delusion and a snare, for next year your offering must seem to be as fine as the one of this season, or you may appear less anxious to please your friend. The best gifts are those which put no tax upon material resources, but trifles of which the recipients may make frequent use, and so keep the giver in mind. Take the time to write a few words of loving or cordial greeting on the card that accompanies your gift. Without that evidence of individual, personal thought the offering of even the finest present appears somewhat graceless and perfunctory. A message on a card is better than a note, because more informal, and one should not seem to make much of a gift. Having your presents daintily wrapped is not less a matter of courtesy. Let their outward appearance commend them. Leave them or send them to their destination the day before Christmas—unless you can insure their reception early in the day. A tardy gift appears like an afterthought—December Ladies' Home Journal.

The census for 1900 shows that there are 21,320,295 men of voting age in this country. Of this number 3,326,295 are illiterates. Is not this rather a large percentage of illiterates, in a nation priding itself upon its intelligence boasting that its mission is to enlighten the world, insisting that it is "destiny" that it should instruct the people of the Orient? Just now the United States government is calling for volunteers who will go to the Philippines and teach. Already a large number of teachers have answered the call. It would seem that when 10 per cent of the voters of this country are illiterates, that the American people have an educational problem at their own doors, a problem which they should solve, and to the solution of which they should devote their energies which they are now exerting to the subjugation of a people who aspire to self-government.—The Commoner.

Hospitable Ballinger

The San Angelo people who attended the ball at Ballinger report a most enjoyable occasion.

The ball was given in the new opera house and quite a number of young people from Coleman, Brownwood and other points down the road were present.

Some forty or more couples were in the grand march, and the hall was well filled.

The Ballinger Social club scored a success and their cordial hospitality was highly appreciated by their guests and by none more than the San Angelo contingent.

Elegant refreshments were served and everything done that could add to the comfort and pleasure of the invited guests.

The following well known society people of San Angelo, attended: Mr. and Mrs. Lew Rust, Misses Ed DeBerry, and Lela March, Blanche Bell, Rossie Ede, and Messrs. G. T. Gwin, John Lee, W. B. Hunter, B. C. Alexander, Phil Lee, and Dr. Percy Baker.—Standard

Frank Dorsey.

The death of this estimable young man occurred Monday at 3 o'clock, a. m. at the home of B. W. Pilcher in this city.

His death was a particularly sad one. He had arrived in Ballinger the previous afternoon from traveling over Western Texas in vain a search for health. His arrival, hastened by the feeling that his end was near, was unexpected by his family who were out of the city at the time. However he was not among strangers. That night he sat up unusually late telling of his travels and retired feeling no worse than usual. An hour or two later he was attacked by a fit of coughing from which he never rallied. Runners were dispatched to Concho county for his family, who were found, after a long search, camping on the river. Bert, his brother, was in Fort Worth and was telegraphed for. Wednesday at 10 o'clock the assembled family and friends laid to rest all that was mortal of a young man whom all respected and esteemed. May He who rules and governs all temper the sorrow of those who are bereaved.

For fresh vegetables of all kinds go to Miller Mercantile Co

League Program.

Sunday, Dec. 15th.  
Subject—Perseverance.  
Leader—Sammie Padgett.  
Voluntary.  
Reading—Heb. 11, 11 to 20.  
Song.  
Select Reading—Miss Mary Miller.  
Duet—Misses Rape and Gauntt.  
Reading—Heb. XII 1 to 9—Miss Nelle Grant.  
Song.  
Address—H. F. Mayes.  
Song.  
Benediction.

To the Ladies.

We have taken the agency for the well known firm of Chas. A. Stevens & Bros., of Chicago. The line consists of tailor made suits, cloaks, skirts, both ready to wear and special order shirt waists, petticoats, underwear, gloves, hosiery, etc. Please call and inspect our samples.

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2,000 yards of Brown LL Domestic worth 5 cents every where. will go now at.....	4 cts
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Good heavy Outings, sell at 10 and 12 1/2 cents, will sacrifice at.....	8 1/2 c
French Flannelettes, worth 10 and 12 1/2 cents, will go at this sale for.....	8 1/2 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

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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.

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We offer at such low prices that they will astonish you

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PHONE 134

Take Notice.

My livery accounts are in the hands of C. P. Shepherd for collection and must be paid by Jan 1st, 1902. Suit will be brought on each account if satisfactory settlement is not made by that date.

B. S. REED.

—Give Asa Cordill your watch work and you'll be pleased.

"I dislike these politicians who burden themselves with a lot of promises," remarked the serious man.  
"So do I," rejoined Senator Sorghum. "I'd rather pay cash every time."—Washington Star.

A Common Disease.

"Do literary people suffer much from writer's cramp?"  
"Yes, a great deal, but it attacks their brains more often than their fingers."—Chicago News.

Did His Best.

"Did young Blackstone ever try a case?" said one lawyer to another.  
"No," was the reply. "but he's tried to try one or two."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

How about your subscription?

A writer from Christoval, outlining the program of the teachers institute as rendered at that place pays the following high tribute to a nephew of C. R. Crews, of Ballinger.

"Mabry Norrell, of Sherwood, read a paper on "Patriotism in Our Public Schools," which touched a popular chord. It was called for again at night and read again, the crowded house being captivated by the talent of this young teacher."

Annual Meeting Grand Lodge Independent American Knights of Liberty, Round Rock Texas one and one third fares for round trip. Dates of sale Dec. 16th and 17th 1901.

Holiday Excursion tickets to local points on connecting lines in Texas at rate of one third fares for round trip. Minimum rate 50 cents. Date of sale Dec. 23-24-25-26 and 31 and Jan 1st.

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Card of Thanks.

Through the Banner-Leader we desire to express our deep appreciation of the kindnesses extended by many friends in our late bereavement. Believe us, we shall not soon forget you.  
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Full line Bulk Candies, 10 cts to 75cts a pound Fancy Box and Basket Candy, 40cts to \$3.50 a package. Full line of Fire Works at the very lowest prices. Be sure and bring Your CASH.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Dec. 20th at the opera house. Here's your opportunity—Dec. 20th at the opera house.

Mesdames Cordill and Seagin visited in Winters Thursday.

Miss Matilda Doose is a valued assistant at Walker's Drug Store during the holidays.

J. A. Hays, the Bronte saddle and harness dealer had business in Ballinger Thursday.

Mr. John Dallas, of Temple, is in Ballinger to confer with Judge Willingham with reference to the sale of the Dr. Holmesly place.

—Nicest line of solid gold jewelry at Asa Cordill's.

The passenger engines on the Santa Fe are now using Beaumont oil for fuel. Coal is no longer used. The curious are finding these engines objects of interest.

Services at the Christian church as usual next Sunday morning and evening, morning subject: "A church at work" evening "The new theology." The public cordially invited.

—Best line of watches at Asa Cordill's, get prices.

Regular services will be held at the C. P. church Sunday. At the morning hour the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lee, will preach on "Sanctification" and at night on "God's Call to His Church."

Remember Dec. 20th as the night for the appearance of Stafford Bros' big Minstrel show at the opera house. Nothing like it has ever been in Ballinger before. The best thing of the kind on the road.

Nicest line of ladies Brooch pins at Asa Cordill's.

C. H. B. Spraddling, of Caddo Mills, Hunt county, is in Ballinger this week looking after his property interest in this county. Mr. Spraddling is a good man, one who would honor any country. He hopes to be able to move here in the near future.

—I'll surprise you with prices on watches. Asa Cordill.

Dr. Weaver, mayor of the city of Itaska and president of the state board of dental examiners, was in town Thursday to enquire into certain violations of the state dental laws. While here he filed complaint against Dr. Sessum for practicing his profession without getting the necessary credentials from the state board.

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

The W. O. W. oyster supper Thursday night was the biggest thing of the kind Ballinger has seen in many a day. All the Woodmen were there, and all their kinfolks, until one had to go outside to turn round, but there were oysters enough and to spare, and cake, coffee, pickles, lemons, crackers, etc., in abundance. The supper was a success, and a credit to the Woodmen and their wives.

Coming—On the night of Dec. 20th Stafford Bros' Minstrels will appear at the Ballinger opera house. This company plays 35 people and bears a first-class reputation.

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<b>Father</b> Wants a fine carver.		<b>Come Often</b>
<b>Brother</b> Wants a new Buggy.		<b>Stay Long</b>
<b>Sister</b> Is just crazy for a Handsome Lamp.		<b>Make this store your Holiday Home. A Xmas Carnival of</b>
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**HALL HARDWARE CO.**  
BALLINGER, TEXAS

Good one, gave the editor five

**Former Ballinger Preacher Pounded.**

Thursday, November 28th, 1901. Rev. Manley and family, pastor of the Methodist church at Albany, received a regular old fashion Methodist pounding at the hands of the congregation. The members of the church met at the church house at 7 o'clock, p. m., and marched in a body to the residence of their pastor, loaded down with everything that was good to eat. Of course the pastor and family knew nothing of the arrangements, but when the congregation marched in and began to deposit the good things, it didn't take the family long to discover the object of the unexpected gathering. These donations were given as an expression of the love and respect that the congregation had for their new pastor. Rev. Manley has lately been assigned to the pastorate, but the short time that he has been here, he has endeared himself to his congregation and we predict for him a pleasant and profitable sojourn in the vineyard. Albany News.

**Writes of Ballinger**

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 2, 1901. MR. EDITOR:—As we promised so many of our Archer friends to write them, and having so little time, I take this method (by your permission,) to write them all.

Our trip through the country was very pleasant. We had as fine weather as could be desired. We made a little more than forty miles a day, reaching Ballinger at 12 o'clock Friday.

Well, as nothing occurred on the way worth attention, I will tell about our town and church.

Ballinger is a far better town than I expected to find. I have not seen an empty house, neither business nor residence, and the merchants are all as busy as if the year had been a most prosperous one. There is some beautiful stone work going up in the business part of town, and I can hear the saw and hammer on six fine residences right in our part of town. This looks like prosperity don't it?

Well, now to that part in which I am mostly interested. We have a magnificent church, built of grey stone 36 by 52 feet, in the front and to the right is a room cut off for a pastors study. I just got my books in and got them up today.

There is a bed in the study. What, between reading and sleeping won't I have a time?

The preacher's home is beside the church. A beautiful four room cottage with good barn and buggy house, nice garden and vineyard, with pipes everywhere for irrigation. Just come over Mr. Ed. and get something green in its season. And if you want to go fishing we are in almost a stone throw of the Colorado on one side and Elm creek the other, both of which furnish the finest opportunities to the angler.

We were sad at parting from the good people of Archer, many of whom we can never forget, but on coming here, we find many others who take us to their hearts and homes.

After a hard days work, I sat down this evening to rest, but soon I heard the rumble of wheels at the gate and upon looking out, I saw some ladies, heading a delivery wagon, and oh such a pounding! Everything good to eat, is not saying too much. May God help us to give the best service of our lives thus far in return for their kindness. Well

I will not ask for more of your space.

May the smiles of our Heavenly Father rest upon the people of Archer is the prayer of a friend and brother—C. M. Shuffler—In Archer Dispatch.

**The Burnes Murder.**

Mamie Burns is on trial for her life, charged with poisoning her husband, who was an inmate of the insane asylum at Jacksonville, Ill. Hon. J. Marshall Miller, ex-state's attorney of Morgan county, is assisting the prosecuting attorney. He says: "I think Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin the best medicine I can take for headache, arising from a disordered stomach. It is palatable and efficacious, with no unpleasant sensation." This medicine is sold in 50c and \$1.00 sizes by E. D. Walker.

**Hodge Crowder.**

The Angel of Death is in our land; Dec. 7, 1901 will go down in our memories as one of most profound sorrow. On that day the sad news announcing the death of Hodge Crowder reached our community. This worthy young man, actuated by that ardent desire for moral and mental improvement, which has ever characterized our most aspiring youth, was attending college at Waco. News of his rapid progress had frequently reached the home of his devoted parents. But, alas! for earthly hopes and aspirations there is no security. Death has claimed him at the early age of sixteen, and has left us to mourn his loss on this side the Mystic stream that divides the two eternities. He was buried at Winters on Sunday the 8th of Dec. surrounded by a host of weeping friends. May the Divine River of life console and comfort the fond parents in this hour of their most bitter bereavement.

**A Friend in Sorrow.**

In biliousness, Herbine, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

**For Sale.**

About 1000 acre pasture in Runnels county on Valley creek, about 2 1/2 miles above Wingate. Valley creek runs through this pasture, there being about 2 miles or more of solid creek front on both sides of creek. A fine body of land for farming purposes, and one of the best locations for a stock farm in West Texas. All fenced with a 3 wire fence. This property can be bought cheap on easy terms. Apply to Chas. A. Dailey, San Angelo Texas.

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D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns.—Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

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Fire Insurance,  
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**Dental Notice.**

My office will be open after Jan. 1st only from 1st to 22nd inclusive of each month.  
Dr. W. A. Gustavus.

The number of Christmas trees at the Ballinger churches will be limited this year.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw are the parents of a sweet little girl, born last Friday.

Mr. Edwin Day has been suffering this week from the effects of a wound in his foot, caused by stepping on a nail.

A handsome baby boy was ushered into the world last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wilson, of Norwood.

2,500,000

not dollars, but bottles of one kind of medicine sold by an Illinois company during the last year. This wonderful showing simply means that as a laxative and stomach remedy, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the leader. This wonderful remedy is sold by E. D. Walker, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

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Unless nature's refuse is carried  
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method of throwing off the  
poisons which the bowels failed  
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Early Risers are world famous  
for remedying this condition.  
They stimulate the liver and  
promote regular and healthy  
action of the bowels but never  
cause griping, cramps or dis-  
tress. Safe pills. E. D. Walker.

Chas. A. Dailey, the San An-  
gelo land agent, carries a "for  
sale" notice in this paper. Look  
it up. Perhaps it is just such a  
bargain as you have been wait-  
ing for all these months.

**An Evangelist's Story.**  
"I suffered for years with a  
bronchial or lung trouble and  
tried various remedies but did  
not obtain permanent relief until  
I commenced using One Minute  
Cough Cure," writes Rev. James  
Kirkman, evangelist of Belle  
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tion in recommending it to all  
sufferers from maladies of this  
kind." One Minute Cough Cure  
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tely safe. Very pleasant to take,  
never fails and is really a favor-  
ite with the children. They like  
it. E. D. Walker.

Jno Guion, Jr., left Saturday  
for Houston and Beaumont, at  
one of which places he expects  
to secure employment.

**Saved His Life.**  
"I wish to say that I feel I  
owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia  
Cure," writes H. C. Chrestenson  
of Hayfield, Minn. "For three  
years I was troubled with dys-  
pepsia so that I could hold nothing  
on my stomach. Many times I  
would be unable to retain a morsel  
of food. Finally I was confined to  
my bed. Doctors said I could not  
live. I read one of your advertise-  
ments on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure  
and thought it might fit my case  
and commenced its use. I began to  
improve from the first bottle. Now  
I am cured and recommend it to  
all." Digests your food. Cures  
all stomach troubles. E. D. Walker.

H. A. Shurmon, the Concho  
Herald editor, was soliciting  
business in Ballinger Monday.

W. M. Smiley, of Winters was  
in town Saturday. He is pleased  
with the fine weather we have  
been having, but like the rest of  
us would not object to a little  
more rain than has been falling  
to our lot.

A big family of Germans ar-  
rived in Ballinger Friday night  
from Illinois. They will locate  
in Concho county. The head of  
the family visited Ballinger  
about a year ago and at that time  
decided to locate near here.

B. F. Corum received last  
week a letter from his son  
Robert, who left Ballinger about  
two months ago. He and Mr.  
Perry have been taking the lat-  
ter's horses, about 80 head, to  
pasturage, though as yet they  
have been unsuccessful in find-  
ing sufficient grass and water.  
They are now near Eddy, N. M.,  
and Robert says he hasn't seen  
the sun rise or set in ten days  
on account of the mountains. He  
writes that he will be home  
about the 22nd.

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Notice is hereby given that all  
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formerly owned by W. I. Turner in Run-  
nels county, near Wingate, for the  
purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood,  
gathering pecans, working stock or  
hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the  
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**Etiquette of Gift-Giving.**

There is an etiquette governing the giving and receiving of presents, as there is about most things because there is always a best way to do everything. If we penetrate below the surface of the little courteous contentions we shall find that consideration for the feeling of others underlies all. Do not try to make your gift look as though it cost more than you paid for it. Aside from the paltry spirit of such giving it is a delusion and a snare, for next year your offering must seem to be as fine as the one of this season, or you may appear less anxious to please your friend. The best gifts are those which put no tax upon material resources, but trifles of which the recipients may make frequent use, and so keep the giver in mind. Take the time to write a few words of loving or cordial greeting on the card that accompanies your gift. Without that evidence of individual, personal thought the offering of even the finest present appears somewhat graceless and perfunctory. A message on a card is better than a note, because more informal, and one should not seem to make much of a gift. Having your presents daintily wrapped is not less a matter of courtesy. Let their outward appearance commend them. Leave them or send them to their destination the day before Christmas—unless you can insure their reception early in the day. A tardy gift appears like an afterthought—December Ladies' Home Journal.

The census for 1900 shows that there are 21,320,295 men of voting age in this country. Of this number 3,326,295 are illiterates. Is not this rather a large percentage of illiterates, in a nation priding itself upon its intelligence boasting that its mission is to enlighten the world, insisting that it is "destiny" that it should instruct the people of the Orient? Just now the United States government is calling for volunteers who will go to the Philippines and teach. Already a large number of teachers have answered the call. It would seem that when 10 per cent of the voters of this country are illiterates, that the American people have an educational problem at their own doors, a problem which they should solve, and to the solution of which they should devote their energies which they are now exerting to the subjugation of a people who aspire to self-government.—The Commoner.

**Hospitable Ballinger**

The San Angelo people who attended the ball at Ballinger report a most enjoyable occasion.

The ball was given in the new opera house and quite a number of young people from Coleman, Brownwood and other points down the road were present.

Some forty or more couples were in the grand march, and the hall was well filled.

The Ballinger Social club scored a success and their cordial hospitality was highly appreciated by their guests and by none more than the San Angelo contingent.

Elegant refreshments were served and everything done that could add to the comfort and pleasure of the invited guests.

The following well known society people of San Angelo, attended: Mr. and Mrs. Lew Rust, Misses Ed DeBerry, and Lela March, Blanche Bell, Rossie Ede, and Messrs. G. T. Gwin, John Lee, W. B. Hunter, B. C. Alexander, Phil Lee, and Dr. Percy Baker.—Standard

**Frank Dorsey.**

The death of this estimable young man occurred Monday at 3 o'clock, a. m. at the home of B. W. Pilcher in this city.

His death was a particularly sad one. He had arrived in Ballinger the previous afternoon from traveling over Western Texas in vain a search for health. His arrival, hastened by the feeling that his end was near, was unexpected by his family who were out of the city at the time. However he was not among strangers. That night he sat up unusually late, telling of his travels and retired feeling no worse than usual. An hour or two later he was attacked by a fit of coughing from which he never rallied. Runners were dispatched to Concho county for his family, who were found, after a long search, camping on the river. Bert, his brother, was in Fort Worth and was telegraphed for. Wednesday at 10 o'clock the assembled family and friends laid to rest all that was mortal of a young man whom all respected and esteemed. May He who rules and governs all temper the sorrow of those who are bereaved.

For fresh vegetables of all kinds go to Miller Mercantile Co

**League Program.**

Sunday, Dec. 15th.  
Subject—Perseverance.  
Leader—Sammie Padgett.  
Voluntary.  
Reading—Heb. 11, 11 to 20.  
Song.  
Select Reading—Miss Mary Miller.  
Duet—Misses Rape and Gauntt.  
Reading—Heb. XII 1 to 9—Miss Nelle Grant.  
Song.  
Address—H. F. Mayes.  
Song.  
Benediction.

**To the Ladies.**

We have taken the agency for the well known firm of Chas. A. Stevens & Bros., of Chicago. The line consists of tailor made suits, cloaks, skirts, both ready to wear and special order shirt waists, petticoats, underwear, gloves, hosiery, etc. Please call and inspect our samples.

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2,000 yards of Brown LL Domestic worth 5 cents every where, will go now at..... 4 cts  
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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

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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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**O. W. DRENNAN,**

**Transfer and General Delivery.**

PHONE 134

**Take Notice.**

My livery accounts are in the hands of C. P. Shepherd for collection and must be paid by Jan 1st, 1902. Suit will be brought on each account if satisfactory settlement is not made by that date.

B. S. REED.

—Give Asa Cordill your watch work and you'll be pleased.

"I dislike these politicians who burden themselves with a lot of promises," remarked the serious man.  
"So do I," rejoined Senator Sorghum. "I'd rather pay cash every time."—Washington Star.

**A Common Disease.**  
"Do literary people suffer much from writer's cramp?"  
"Yes, a great deal, but it attacks their brains more often than their fingers."—Chicago News.

**Did His Best.**  
"Did young Blackstone ever try a case?" said one lawyer to another.  
"No," was the reply, "but he's tried to try one or two."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

**How about your subscription?**

A writer from Christoval, outlining the program of the teachers institute as rendered at that place pays the following high tribute to a nephew of C. R. Crews, of Ballinger.

"Mabry Norrell, of Sherwood, read a paper on "Patriotism in Our Public Schools," which touched a popular chord. It was called for again at night and read again, the crowded house being captivated by the talent of this young teacher."

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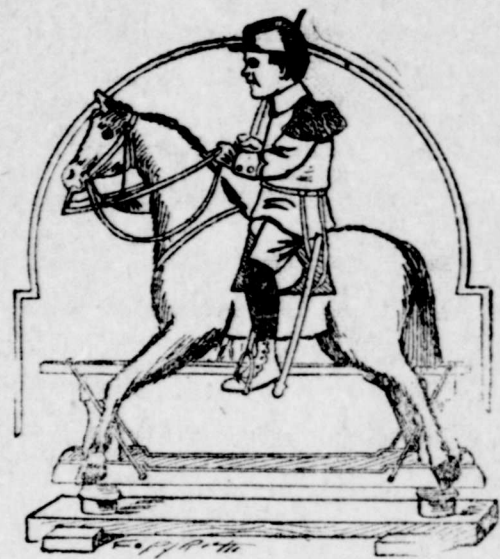
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**Card of Thanks.**

Through the Banner-Leader we desire to express our deep appreciation of the kindnesses extended by many friends in our late bereavement. Believe us, we shall not soon forget you.  
W. B. Dorsey and family.

My stock of Holiday Goods is large and varied and suited to the requirements of all.



Your boy would like this horse.

# APPROPRIATE HOLIDAY GIFTS

To aid you in your choice of a gift for your friend or your relative the following list is given:

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150 different kinds of Medallions, China Dolls, Kid-body Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Doll Cabs, Doll Buggies, Doll Surries, Doll Cradles, Toy Pianos, Toy Stoves, Tea Sets, Drums, Tin Horns, Bugles, Air Guns, Pistols, Games, Puzzles, Picture Books, Photo and Autograph Albums, Work Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Pictures, Terra Cotta Figures and a thousand and one things we have no space to mention.

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Content News.

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...ar from those good  
...ents last week. "Mark  
...has our thanks for  
...ment, however we are  
...e he is due the same compli-  
...ent.

recipient of a tongue lashing! But we will respect his feelings and not ask any questions.

Mrs. Pearl Sistrunk, Mrs. C. F. Freeman and Miss Cora Freeman are among the visitors in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wright are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl, born the 9th inst.

Dr. Smith and Mr. H. T. Edgar will have a nice supply of Xmas presents and also our merchants are opening up with holiday goods

Miss Pearl Daniels is helping in the post office this week, in Mr. Freeman's absence.

Our friend under the non de plume, "Wes Dennes" in the Gatesville Star-Forum, gives a

**Wingate Items.**

Well as our letter escaped the waste basket last week we will try it again this week.

Xmas will soon be here and our merchants are laying in a nice line of presents for the little folks and older ones too.

Dr. Wyatt is making some substantial improvements on his drug store this week.

Mr. T. E. Moore one of our dry goods and grocery merchants was in Ballinger several days this week laying in supplies for his store.

Misses Anna Gannaway and Una Wyatt was over on Oak creek v... first of the week.

Owing to... were weather... day night at 3 o'clock.

sure. Many thanks to you Mr. Editor for the compliments paid the Leader correspondents last week.

Mr. Brown who recently purchased him a nice little farm of 140 acres just north of town is having a nice dwelling erected upon it this week.

Esquire C. J. Horton was in Ballinger the latter part of last week on business.

Rev. Bates the new Methodist preacher for this place preached his first sermon last Wednesday night. The regular day of preaching has been changed to the 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock in each month and at New Hope on the following Sunday evening at 3 o'clock.

The children must not forget to write to Santa Claus through the Banner-Leader.

Uncle Charlie Malloy, one of Concho county's best, was visiting in Ballinger Wednesday.

Misses Fannie and Kate Turner, of Wingate, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Collier this week.

A. F. Bowden has leased the C. S. Woodward farm, two miles up the river for the next year and took possession Monday

S. H. Miller, one of the substantial citizens of Crews, visited the Banner-Leader sanctum Tuesday leaving coin of the realm with us.

Prof. G. W. Brown, New Hope's teacher, and they say he is a good one, gave the editor five

# SELECTIONS

## BAD AIR IN THEATERS.

**A Boston Professor Says It Is Due to Downward Ventilation.**

Professor S. Homer Woodbridge of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston believes that the chief cause of bad air and annoying drafts in the modern church or theater is the use of the so called "downward" method of ventilation, whereby fresh air is introduced at the ceiling while outlets are provided for the vitiated air in the floor. The principle of this method, he says, is obviously wrong in that the fresh air drawn in at the ceiling is cooler than the air immediately surrounding the audience, and, since the warmer air tends to ascend in spite of every effort to draw it out through floor openings, a state of unstable equilibrium is created which results in drafts, fitful or steady as the case may be.

Professor Woodbridge recommends in place of downward ventilation the adoption of exactly the reverse method, or upward ventilation, stating that the results obtained by the latter have in many cases been extraordinary. Thus in the hall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the "increment," or increase during the occupation of the hall, of carbon dioxide, the presence of which is an indication of certain poisonous elements in the air attending its use by many breathers, sank from 14.86 under previous conditions to 1.92. Professor Woodbridge's experiments were extended with similar results to the legislative halls of the Maine statehouse, the new chambers of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island legislatures and the senate chamber, the house of representatives and the supreme court in Washington.

More generally interesting, however, are the results which he gives for several of the large Boston theaters. In one of these, near the close of a performance during which the seats were well filled and many persons were standing, the carbon dioxide increment was found to be less than 1.6 in 10,000 parts of air. The increment is naturally greater in the balconies than on the orchestra floor, due, of course, to the fact that they do not receive the full benefit of the flow of air from below, but even here the results are far superior. Professor Woodbridge says, to these obtained by the common methods of downward ventilation, where the carbon dioxide increment under similar conditions has been found to range from 15 to 45.

## OFFICE OF CHIEF POISONER

**Not Generally Known That This Government Maintains One.**

In a little house in south Washington is located a federal institution without which the Smithsonian institution and National museum could not exist. It is the department of the chief poisoner, Mr. Joseph Farmer. The office of chief poisoner was not unusual in countries ruled by despots, but it may be a surprise to many to learn that such an office is maintained by our own republican form of administration.

However, Mr. Farmer, unlike his contemporaries in Turkey, Spain, Arabia, etc., is not engaged in putting obnoxious and exuberant statesmen out of the way, but in placing the objects on exhibit in the institution and museum beyond the reach of thieves, rust and cockroaches.

Everything that is received by these institutions, whether it is a rare book, a Filipino bolo or a stuffed and mounted animal, is sent to Mr. Farmer to be poisoned. He is an expert in the preparation and use of preservative compounds. For stuffed animals and birds he finds that arsenical compounds bring the best results. Every object of metal receives a coating of something that prevents rust, while fabrics, basketry, silks, furs, etc., are poisoned in much the same manner as stuffed animals.

Even the shelves and cases of the museum in which the objects are placed have passed through Mr. Farmer's hands and have been treated to a fluid that causes a bug, moth or cockroach to think that he is walking over a redhot iron the minute he strikes their surface. By these means the museum is forever freed from vermin. Even the bones of the bottle nosed whale will on their arrival next April be treated to a poisoning process for fear some new variety of insect might undertake to prey on their softer parts. —Washington Post.

### The Smiths.

"I have always thought that a man named Smith or Jones or Brown was handicapped in the race for a career, but now I have reason to take a more hopeful view of it," says a man named Smith, quoted in the Philadelphia Record friend of mine about some ambitions that I have long cherished, and he said to me: "You'll have to change your name. The world refuses to take a man seriously whose name is Smith." Although he said this jokingly, I was somewhat impressed, for it was rather in the line of my own thoughts. Several days later I picked up a copy of "Who's Who in America," a book that contains biographical sketches of per-

### Woman in the Dock.

In three of the most prominent of the criminal causes now awaiting decision by the courts of this country women are the defendants. Mrs. Jane Toppan, a nurse, is accused of poisoning one or more of her patients and will have to meet the charge in the courts of Massa-



MRS. IDA LOLA BONINE.

chusetts. Mrs. Elizabeth Howe Dale is charged with causing the death of her five-year-old daughter by poisoning in a Hoboken hotel.

Just now the trial of Mrs. Ida Lola Bonine in Washington, charged with the murder of young James S. Ayres, a census department clerk, is the leading of these three cases in public interest. Mrs. Bonine is the wife of a traveling salesman. She has two young sons.

### Horse Chestnuts.

Horse chestnuts contain about 27 per cent of albumen, this remarkable proportion being greater than is found in any cultivated plants, but their bitter taste, due to the presence of about 10 per cent of bitter rosin, has condemned them as unfit for food. By extracting the bitter principle Flügge of Hanover claims to have made useful another waste material. After partial roasting to loosen the shells, the kernels are removed and pulverized, and the powder is placed in a tight percolator, with alcohol, for about a week. To extract the bitter completely it may be necessary to replace the fluid with fresh solvent. The alcohol dissolves out the rosin, leaving a pleasant and nutritious meal, which contains all the albumen and starch of the chestnuts and is a valuable food.

### One Boy's

He was at school in Florida, and it was his first day in the geography lesson was his

# HUMAN

## TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

**Unless the Cook Showed Some Fault She Would Be Fired.**

A Chicago man who met one of his acquaintances at lunch the other day said:

"I saw your wife yesterday, Parker. She looked terribly worried. What's the matter? None of the children sick, I hope."

"Oh, no. It's the servant girl question. We had a girl, by George, that didn't seem to have any more idea of the way things ought to be done in a kitchen than a brindle cat has of algebra. She would serve the coffee in the teapot and set the cream in the oven to keep it from getting sour. She would give us doughnuts that we could not eat and order the grocery boy to bring cookies for her own use. As for breaking things—heavens, we had to get a new set of dishes every two weeks, and one evening when I took a friend of mine out home to dinner we were right in the middle of the meal when she came in with her sleeves rolled up to tell us that she had found a mouse drowned in the milk pitcher. Oh, she was a lovely one! It didn't do any good to tell her things, because she kept right on in her own way just the same.

"Well, my wife finally gave up and told her to go. Then we had a streak of luck. We found another cook right off, and, say, I never saw anything like her. She can't find enough things to do. In addition to giving us the best meals we ever had, she washes the windows and scrubs the steps, and blamed if I didn't go home the other evening and find her raking up the leaves in the yard. She's a wonder. The girl's worth \$15 a week, and we get her for \$1."

"And she's going to leave you, is she?"

"Leave! Not that I know of. She told my wife the other day that she hoped she could stay with us as long as we kept house, because she never felt so much at home anywhere else."

"But what has all this to do with Mrs. Parker's worried look that I spoke of?"

"That's just it. My wife says there must be something the matter with the girl or she wouldn't work the way she does and stay in at night without asking for the privilege of having company in the house. Unless the girl develops a disagreeable trait of some

## WILLIE'S PROFESSION.

When Willie was a little boy, his doting father saw But one thing that was fit for him, and that was the law.

"See how his high brow bulges," Willie's father often said; "It's as plain as Henpeck's wife is that he has a judge's head."

But Willie's loving mother somehow fancied she could see That a doctor was the only thing her son could ever be.

"He's so noble and so gentle and so clever," she would say. "Ah, he'll have a splendid practice—I just know he will—some day."

Willie's grandma told his parents that his manner and his speech Indicated very clearly that he ought to learn to preach.

So they argued over Willie, of whom each of them was proud— Argued long and argued often and occasionally loud.

Willie of the gentle manner, Willie with the bulging brow, Regularly acts as dealer at a faro table now. —Washington Star.

### Hard Luck.



"Now, I ain't goin' to hang up me stockin's dis year. I done it las' year, and blamed if some one didn't steal em!"—New York Journal.

### His Proposal.

Of course he was an ingenious man and she was a meeting jansel. "Let us," he said, "I understand that you are Porto Rican and the U. S. States."

"Oh, I don't know," she said, "I'm so much thinking."

"But this doesn't matter," he insisted.

"How do you play it?" she asked. "Why, I simply annex you," he answered.

"It's not such a bad game," she admitted after awhile.—Chicago Post.

### Her Turn Finally Came.

Having been elected a member of the school board, she was appointed to the chairmanship of the committee

# WELL! WELL!

I declare said a staunch old farmer to one of our merchants the other day. How they sell a buggy whip six foot long made of Java, full stock, no splice, water proof, for 25 cts. is strange to me, but they sell them all the same at

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### Bright's Disease.

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.

### 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.**

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

### 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

The following excellent advice to young men is taken from an exchange: "Stand to the rack, young men: you will find fodder in it. Put on your working harness every morning and see that you keep at work and you will make want a stranger. Do not wait for the job you want but grasp the nearest chance. If you can't get \$50 a month take \$25 anything until you can do better, even if it is only board. But work, for the world is watching you. The farmer, the merchant, the business-men are looking for honest workers. Don't strike, for the world will know it; and don't take on any bad habits, as they will put you down. There is a good living, a good shop or good office of your own, with home attached, for every bright youth, who has grit enough to spend 10 hours a day battling for it.

Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The man who gives no aid or encouragement to public enterprise, whose energies are constantly employed in dragging into his net everything that comes within his reach, and who gives out nothing in return, is worse than useless to a community. He may claim that he is only a shrewd business man in reaping personal benefit from the labor of others, but to thinking people his actions must appear in any but a favorable light. Such men sit around and criticize what others do for the public welfare and growl because certain other things are not done, but refuse to pay one cent or spend one hour's time in an effort to have such things done. They reap all the benefit they can from the efforts of the more public spirited, but are always on the lookout for some loop hole through which they may evade their share of the burden of the support of those things by which they are benefitted.—Italy-News-Herald.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

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### 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.

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Prepared only by E. C. DEWITT & Co., Chicago  
The 21. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 10c. size.

W. T. Parker.

a prominent merchant of Columbus, Kansas, says: "I am not accustomed to endorse proprietary remedies, but can conscientiously recommend Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin as an excellent preparation for stomach-troubles. Sold by E. D. Walker.

A dispatch from France says an inventor has a scheme for running plows with power furnished by alcohol and that it gives promise of success. Everybody knows what a great motive power alcohol is. It will run a fellow in debt, run him into jail, and finally run him to the grave. If it can be made to run plows some good may come from a great evil after all. Italy-News-Herald.

In sluggish liver, Herbine, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arise from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

An insurance agent out in Kansas was boasting that his company recently paid a life policy to a widow on the next day after the funeral of her husband, and insisted that no company was ever so prompt in payment. "That's nothing," remarked an agent of another company. "One of our patrons recently fell from the top of a four story building and his policy was handed him as he passed the second story window."—Ex.

### Ten Minute Lunches

mean dyspepsia, "the American disease." Take time for eating and to be on the safe side take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin after meals. It is a guaranteed cure for dyspepsia, constipation and all stomach troubles. Ask E. D. Walker.

Phone 27, the Banner-Leader.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Relief follows its use, and any one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

H. L. Gabbot, of T. K. Wilson's ranch, while away from home this week had a \$25 suit of clothes, pair of \$7 pants, two suits of under clothes, and a pair of \$5 shoes stolen from out of the house. Mr. Gabbot at the time, was a little bit vexed about the matter, as he had taken off his every day clothes and started to "dress up" to go to "White Swan" or somewhere else, when to his great dismay he could only find a pair of socks and a standing collar. Concho Herald.

The disposition of children depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

### 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 Dec. 8, 1901. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

#### LADIES:

Campbell, Mrs. M. A.  
Craddock, Miss Mattie.  
Roberts, Mrs. Vastie.  
Wright, Miss S. C.

#### GENTLEMEN:

Lambert, R. F.  
Livingston, S. D.  
Lindery, J. H.  
Trawick, Lesley. (2)  
Townsend, Joe.

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

Mrs. J. O. Lee went to Coleman Sunday to spend the week.

Hugh Parramore sold 72 head of calves Saturday for \$6 a head.

Mrs. Wm. Brown, of Coleman, has been a guest of Mrs. T. A. Rape this week.

M. E. Harrell, of Winters, was in town Monday with two bales of cotton, for which he got a good price.

Sam Jones went to Miles Sunday to meet his wife who was returning home from a weeks visit to friends at Lipan Flat.

Mrs. Kate Scroggin is planning to move to Denton shortly, where her daughter Miss Brie is attending the North Texas Normal.

Brownwood intends giving a grand ball, similar to the one Ballinger recently gave, during the holidays and already a number of our young people are planning to attend.

Misses Lyda and Pearl Parks returned Sunday to Brownwood accompanied by Miss Beatrice Thomson who will be their guest for several days. Later Miss Thomson will visit relatives in Austin.

F. S. Millard, formerly of Concho county but now a citizen of Schleicher was in Ballinger last week. His cattle are in tip top shape and unless something unusual happens will go through the winter easily. The range in Schleicher is fine, he reports.

### Ballinger Magazine Library.

I am organizing a Magazine Library consisting of 36 of the best magazines obtainable. Subscribers can change copies as many times as they may want and so be able to read all of the magazines during each month. I will keep enough copies of each number on hand to do this. Subscription fee only 25 cents per month. This is less than one cent a day. Do not fail to subscribe. For further particulars see me at the opera house building.

Very respectfully  
Dave Cohen.

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BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS.

J. D. Hopkins, of Grayson county, arrived last week with his family, and is here to stay. About 12 years ago Mr. Hopkins bought 400 acres of farming land near Norton and is just now moving out to settle on it.

In the rush of last week the Banner-Leader failed to report that a little daughter had arrived to brighten and bless the home of Sheriff Kirk and wife.

T. J. Connor, of Bronte, squared his account with the Banner-Leader man Tuesday. He is now prepared to move to Hale county, from which county he has just returning after purchasing a home. He and J. H. Petit, both of Bronte, will be near neighbors.

L. W. St. Clair, the Ballinger photographer Sundayed in Brownwood.

Quarterly Conference is to be held Saturday night at the Methodist church, immediately after preaching services conducted by Rev. Matthews, the presiding elder.

Seventh street, the one in front of the livery stable, has recently been graded, getting it ready for the time when the Santa Fe will put in the long talked of crossing on that street.

Millinery Business for Sale.

Our stock fixtures and a good trade for sale. If you are interested would be glad to have you call. Can give satisfactory reasons for wanting to sell.

Mrs. Alice Green.

Walter Wyatt's baby, a year and a half old, died at the family residence in South Ballinger Monday and was buried Tuesday.

L. A. Harper, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Thursday. He says the coming winter will be hard on stock owing to scarcity of feed. Mr. Harper has a number of horses, colts and mules to carry through the winter but thinks he will suffer little loss.

The Banner-Leader has had on display the past two weeks a mammoth sweet potato grown by J. F. Mansker in South Ballinger. It had been partly destroyed by rabbits but still measured twenty inches round the smallest way. It shows what Runnels county soil can do.

H. D. Pearce, the government's weather observer here, says there has been less rain fall during the year 1901 in Runnels county than during any twelve months for nearly a quarter of a century. So that the man who weathers this year need have little fear of the future.

—Here I am with the best line of watches, clocks, silverware and jewelry. Come and get prices. Asa Cordill.

—See me when you want the lowest prices on jewelry. Asa Cordill.

Alvin has already begun shipping strawberries.

Lufkin is to have a new court house, to cost \$50,000.

Four train wrecks were recorded in last Saturday's daily.

The Methodists are to build a new district parsonage at Waxahatchie to cost \$1,000. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, as presiding elder, will occupy it.

J. W. Powell spent several days first of week in San Angelo attending court.

John Loveless, one of the substantial farmers of prosperous Wingate, was in with cotton first of the week.

C. B. Black, the lawyer and land agent, left Wednesday for a few days visit to his old stamping ground in Leon county.

Reguar services will be held at the Methodist church every Sunday morning and night. Rev. W. H. Matthews, the presiding elder will fill the pulpit Sunday.

The 10 town cows and loose horses (there have been several additions to their ranks lately) have been putting in about 14 hours each day, but in spite of their best efforts they are getting behind on street cleaning and considerable waste cotton, paper, rags, etc is blowing about the streets waiting their attention. Said cows and horses are getting so fat on the feed they steal out of the farmers wagons that they are beginning to turn up their noses at dainty, delicious pieces of waste paper.

Stafford Bros' Minstrels—35 people—at the opera house Friday night, the 20th.

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