

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1902

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ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Public

The DAVIS-NOYES CO.,

Has been incorporated with the following stockholders: W. A. Davis, Gus Noyes, Jo. Wilmeth, W. E. Allen, J. N. Adams and J. F. Currie for the purpose of doing a general mercantile business. We have leased the building formerly used by Mr. Lee Maddox, giving us a floor space of 7200 square feet and are now having this large building arranged with proper shelving where we expect in a few days to open up one of the most complete stocks of

Dry Goods, Clothing
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps,
Gents Furnishing
Goods, Groceries grain
and all kinds of feed
to be found in the west

We shall be glad to have your trade believing you will find it to your interest to trade where you can get everything you need. It shall be our motto to give you good goods for as little price as can be given on fair, honorable business methods.

Respectfully,

The DAVIS-NOYES CO.,

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS.

B. W. Pilcher authorizes the BANNER-LEADER to place his name in its announcement column as a candidate for reelection to the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Pilcher came to this country 16 years ago, walking over from Abilene, the nearest railroad point, with his grip on his shoulder. That was before Ballinger was founded. Since the organization of the town, a few months later, he has made this his home and for the past nine years has been filling the office he now holds. He is fully acquainted with the duties of a constable. He doesn't claim to be qualified to fill any position in the gift of the people but does claim to be a good constable and that is all that is required of him just now. He has always secured the position by a handsome majority and he is working to the end that this may prove no exception.

In Postmaster Cady Ballinger has a citizen who is always actively at work on something which will be an advantage to the town and his fellow citizens. The best feature of his work is that he rarely fails to accomplish what he plans to do. For the past three years, from time to time, he has been endeavoring to convince the department at Washington that Ballinger was justly entitled to lower rental rates on her post office boxes. This week he received notice to lower the rate and it will be possible, beginning April 1st, to secure call boxes for 10cts a quarter, small lock boxes for 35 cents, medium boxes for 50 cents and large boxes for 75 cents per quarter, which saves the uses of these something like \$100 per year.

L. C. Proctor had quite a serious accident befall him about two weeks ago. While riding at break-neck speed trying to head off a horse, the one he was riding ran into the other and both fell. Mr. Proctor was caught under his horse, the pommel of the saddle striking him in the stomach. A doctor was summoned from Ballinger and in a week Mr. Proctor was able to be out with the aid of a stick. Dr. Rape who attended him said that had the pommel struck him an inch lower or higher he would have been killed instantly. Mr. Proctor is to be considered lucky that he escaped so lightly.

Dr. A. L. Taylor, of Sonora, was in Ballinger Thursday in the interest of his candidacy for the office of representative from this, the 102nd district. It was the pleasure of the BANNER-LEADER reporter to meet Dr. Taylor and we found him just such a man as his home paper represented him to be, affable, thoroughly posted, clear in his views, of good morals, and it is our honest, candid opinion he is the right man for the place to which he aspires. The impression he made on the Ballinger people was a decidedly favorable one, as the votes cast when the primary is held will show.

—W. W. McKinley is agent for the National, Steam Laundry Co., of Temple, and will be pleased to have your laundry work satisfaction guaranteed. 19 tf

To the Banner-Leader and its Many Readers.

Precidio San Francisco Cal.

Feb. 14, 1902.

DEAR MR. EDITOR: I received a copy of your valuable paper yesterday and it was almost like being conveyed in one's sleep across the continent back home again. It was next to receiving a letter from home, for it contained so much news that I longed to hear, and which could not be written in a letter. That I valued it very highly, and read every item of news that it contained. I see that I am a subscriber for some reason; let me express my hearty thanks and appreciation to the sender; but who else, besides a mother and father could have thought of such a thing? I have no doubt but that the thought originated in a mother's mind to send one both east and west at the same time, as I see my sister is a subscriber also. Let me again express heartfelt gratitude to the sender.

I was glad to see that "Rex" had not faded from the pages of history. Some day, no doubt, he will be a great writer, if he lives long enough. I truly hope that "Rex" has had his hearts desire, and in abundance, of sleighing, out if he were in California he never would see a flake of snow. Yes, and I would not forget dear old "Saul." Poor fellow, he has his troubles. But never mind "Saul" as long as your valuable friends hold out you will not want. Suppose you were another Job. Saul. Job had not a friend, and after all I guess you are right.

Well, Mr. Editor the "Golden City" is quite different from our Texas cities. I have been here six months and I do not believe that I have seen six nice sunny days; but some of the greatest flowers a person ever laid eyes on. "Golden Gate Park" is almost a solid bed of flowers. However the city and people are not to my liking at all, at all.

Oh, I almost forgot about "Mark Hopkins!" Well, Mark, I admire your honest effort to make a great town of Pumphrey. However, from the way Nemo writes, I do not believe she will ever be able to overtake her sister, Winters. Perhaps she may come up to Wingate. Let us hope by your constant efforts you may be able to accomplish great good for a great people. Hoping to receive another copy of the BANNER-LEADER before I awake, I am very respectfully a Runnels county citizen, or was and a friend to the old reliable candidate for county clerk.

AN OLD WRITER.

—I wish to say to all of my old customers and to the public that I will take charge of my old blacksmith shop by the Cameron wagon yard in Ballinger on the first of March. Give me a trial. 20-2t Wm. McKinley.

—Books to rent at Runnels County News Co., Ballinger Texas.

That Elgin watch that Jas. E. Brewer is GIVING AWAY is a beauty.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon, over Walker's Store.

Winters Darts.

Last Friday morning at 4 o'clock the Death Angel visited our community and took to adorn the courts above one of our best citizens in the person of Capt. J. P. Sprinkle. The Captain lingered on the verge of the grave for several months, but notwithstanding everything that loving hands, science and skill could do was done for him, yet a kind Providence that does all things for the best for those that love Him, saw fit that his earthly pilgrimage should come to an end. A loving wife, son and daughter and a host of other relatives and friends are left to mourn his demise. He was buried in the Winters cemetery, the 15th at 2 p. m.

Mr. W. F. Clark, of near Crews, is on the sick list at present. But we are confident that he will soon be well again as one of the best physicians in the state is attending him, Dr. J. H. Grant.

Chas. H. Jones, weather prophet, author and composer of poetry, prose and song, visited our "sanctum sanctorium" one day not long since. It was our pleasure, unalloyed, to listen to the words of wisdom as they fell from those venerable lips. He is introducing a soap recipe, "The Old Confederate," "super fine it is," so he says.

A nut, crack it: In the Abilene Reporter we read something about the monarchical disposition of certain postal clerks on the railroad.

Many here are complaining of the same disposition in the express and freight agent at the important shipping point, Ballinger, Texas. Why can't railroad and express men be civil? In any other vocation they would be "fired" forthwith.

W. S. Mullin is feeding a fine lot of cattle on his place here. He and all other stockmen will welcome the coming of grass.

Some poor friendless cuss who was too lazy to "earn his bread by the sweat of his brow" saw fit to enter a residence in our town Wednesday night of last week, and sneaked off with a coat, which, no doubt, he thought contained valuables. We are pleased to learn that he was mistaken. The thief can return coat to owner, with a K. of P. button that was in the lapel, pay for this notice, and not be molested.

Other reports have come to our ears, such as corn and maize stealing, meat hooking from farmers, etc. The scab breeding scoundrels should be put where the canine tribe can not defile itself with such vagabonds.

Mr. I. L. Beard has sold his wagon yard, house and lot, to Mr. Dick Oliver and Winters now has a free delivery. Quite a convenience, by the way.

Mr. Walter Bishop arrived the 13th from eastern points. The beautiful one came not with him, so we cannot hope to have his presence very long.

Born to Prof Kelly and wife a fine boy, the 17th.

Prof. Kelly will go back to Moro Sunday to open his school which has been suspended for several weeks past on account of the smallpox scare.

We will say the rest in our next. NEMO.

M.C. Cobb & Co., ...Confectioners...

Solicit the trade of all who appreciate a first class establishment of the kind. A full line of fresh Candies, Cigars, Tobacco, Periodicals, etc. in stock.

M. C. COBB & Company, On the Corner.

J. W. Chilton has been in the eastern markets the past two weeks "stocking up" for spring and summer.

L. Markowitz left Tuesday for the eastern markets to purchase spring and summer goods for his trade. His wife accompanied him.

"Saul" of Needname fame, was in town Tuesday, the first time in several weeks, having been kept at home by illness. His grip is as hearty as ever.

P. C. Gwin, proprietor of the Runnels County News Co., has been in Ballinger this week. He reports his business as increasing with fine prospects ahead.

E. M. Blackburn has a fine girl baby, now more than a week old, at his home. He states this as an additional reason why he should be elected to the office for which he is a candidate.

The BANNER-LEADER is requested to announce the meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Christian Church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The members are urgently requested to be on hand promptly at the hour designated.

Ballinger Athletic club meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of each week. All members come and bring their dues. None but members of this club will be admitted without the admission fee of 10 cents. The initiation fee is \$1. Dues 50 cents per month.

W. R. SPENCER, PRES.

S. A. Gaston is out this week after a long confinement to the house. Late in the fall he was threshing pecans and, not being well at the time, lost his grip on a limb and fell. He was unconscious when Mrs. Gaston found him several hours later. His body was badly bruised and wrenched and he yet shows signs of his narrow escape from death.

In Brownwood there is an association composed of the retail grocers and butchers of that city. Last Saturday night the members of the association met and agreed to demand of the local telephone company a \$2.00 per month rate for their business houses instead of \$3.00, the rate previously charged. Accordingly the telephone manager was apprised of the demand, and failing to comply, was ordered to cut out all phones of the association, which he did. Thus the matter stands, both sides declaring that they will not yield or compromise.

Ballinger Steam Laundry will be in operation within 30 days with F. M. Honea as proprietor.

For Sale on Easy Terms.

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. 20-tf San Angelo Texas.

Dr. Flenniken has now located in Ballinger and will treat all chronic and acute diseases. If you have been given up by others don't despair—there is hope as long as there is life. Come to see me at once at F. M. Honea's residence, phone 167. Respectfully yours. 20-tf J. M. FLENNIKEN M. D.

Who Can Answer?

Maverick, Tex. 2-10-02. EDITOR BANNER-LEADER: Will you or your readers please inform me where a press brick machine could be bought. The cost of machine, cost of operating, capacity, etc. Respectfully MRS. E. W. DANIELS.

For Sale.

One 3 inch Brown wagon.
One Casady Sulkey.
One 9 inch steel beam plow.
One 10 inch steel beam plow.
All good as new. For sale at a bargain by LEE MADDOX.

An Oil Mill for Winters.

Dr. J. H. Grant, one of Winters popular physicians, was in Ballinger Monday and Tuesday. In conversation with the BANNER-LEADER reporter he stated that Winters was contemplating the erection of an oil mill. A meeting of a number of the prominent men of that section last week result in the subscribing of as many thousand dollars toward the furthering of the enterprise and it is thought that it will be a matter of only a few weeks until the necessary amount will be subscribed in full. The plan is to erect a small mill of ten or twenty tons capacity, large enough to use all the seed produced in that section, thus providing a ready market for the seed at an advanced price, and furnishing cake to the stockmen at a small margin of profit. Winters is in the midst of one of the best cotton producing sections in the state and the plan as outlined appears feasible. True it is an inland town and some difficulty might be encountered in getting the oil to market but these are difficulties which can be overcome. Mr. Kipp, who is one of the promoters of the plan, intends going north shortly to inform himself more fully as to the cost, the "modus operandi," etc. The BANNER-LEADER admires the pluck and energy of the Winters people and we would be glad indeed to see plans develop into a certainty.

IF YOU THINK

We will not sell you Paints, Oils, Drugs, Stationery, etc., as cheap as you can get elsewhere in the west, get prices, come in and we will discount them.

Respectfully,
T. A. FANNIN.

Frank, Isn't It.

We notice in the Brownwood Banner-Bulletin that there's to be a Teachers Institute at Blanket on March 1st. Any one knowing of any matter of interest to the Blanket community will please have it published in the Brownwood papers in order that the Gazette may catch on before it becomes ancient history.—Gazette.

Dr. Fowler, of Ballinger, was over on professional business Monday. Will Gatlin sold the livery stable and four lots this week to Charley Ford for \$290. Henry Tipton passed through en route to Menard Thursday, and told us to give his regards to enquiring friends. A fine mare of R. C. Tillery ran into a barbed wire fence this week and killed herself.—Concho Herald.

For Representative 102nd District.

The name of Dr. A. L. Taylor, of Sonora appears in our announcement column this week as a candidate for Representative from this, the 102nd legislative district. The BANNER-LEADER is not personally acquainted with Dr. Taylor but believes that a man who comes as highly recommended by his home paper as he is, is surely a man qualified in every particular for the office. The Sonora Sun says:

"The Sun takes great pleasure in presenting to the Democrat voters of the 102nd Legislative District one of the best men of Sutton county; a gentleman who is loved by his neighbors, and whom his party associates deem worthy of the honor to which he aspires; and if he is nominated and elected, we say without fear of successful contradiction that the voters of the entire district will find that Sutton county has furnished them with an "Ideal Representative," and that their interests will be safe in his hands no matter how varied they may be.

To the rank and file of the Democratic party we will say: the man that Sutton county asks you to support in this campaign, for Representative, from this district, has all the qualifications necessary to fill that important position. He is honest; he is faithful; he is as true as steel; he is a Democrat; and he is making this race subject to the action of the Democrat party, through their chosen delegates, in convention assembled.

The Democracy of Sutton county, in meeting assembled, have raised their banner; they have inscribed thereon, the name of Dr. A. L. Taylor, of Sonora, and they propose to place that standard in the very center of the Democratic convention and ask the party to make him their standard bearer and lead them on to a glorious victory; a victory that will bring honor to the District, as well as to Dr. A. L. Taylor."

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 Feb. 15, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Muelke, Fred.
Power, J. H.
Schoonover, C. A.

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

Cleaning Up Sale! Extraordinary Inducements

To clean up all winter merchandise before spring season opens.

Lots of cold weather to come yet, so take advantage of the special values being offered and buy now. Note the Reductions—for Spot Cash only.

Ladies Jackets, well made and of splendid materials, the regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 kinds reduced to only \$2.25 e
Ladies Jackets of fine quality Kersey cloth, black only, the regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 kinds, now only \$3.25 e
Misses and Childrens Jackets reduced in same proportion as above

Underwear Bargains.

Men's Cotton Fleece Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy weight, regular price \$1.00 per suit reduced to 75 c per suit
Men's wool Shirts and Drawers, the regular price \$2.50 per suit, reduced now to only 1.75 per suit
Men's wool Shirts and Drawers, the regular price \$2.50 per suit, now only 1.50 per suit
Ladies, Misses and Children's Underwear at a great reduction in price

Blankets and Comforts.

Fine quality of all wool blankets 12-4 size. Regular price \$12 pair. Reduced now to only \$8.75 pair
Fine quality white and colored, all wool Blankets, the regular \$10.00 grade reduced now to only \$7.50 pair
Fine quality white and grey all wool Blankets the regular \$6.50 kind reduced to only \$4.75 pair
Regular \$5.00 Blankets white and colored reduced to only \$3.65 pair
Cotton Bed Comforts at greatly reduced price

Come early and get first choice; the quantities are limited and prices are extremely low. Very Truly,

H. WINKLER

CALIFORNIA AND BACK \$45

FEDERATION WOMEN'S CLUBS, LOS ANGELES, MAY, 1902. NO CHANGE OF CARS. STOPOVERS AT GRAND CANYON OF ARIZONA, PETRIFIED FOREST, PUEBLO VILLAGES, ETC. HIGHLY INTERESTING, ILLUSTRATED LITERATURE, TEN CENTS POSTAGE. SANTA FE W. S. KEENAN, GENERAL PASSENGER AGT GALVESTON.

Brownwood Business College.

Opens on or Before January 15, 1902.

PRACTICAL WORK—NOT THEORY.—We have done the actual work for years in book-keeping and shorthand for wholesale firms, corporations, etc. Years of experience in teaching also. While doing private school work students leaving us "to finish" in so-called high institutions would write back that our methods and teachings were best. College will occupy hall over Jones' Book Store. Charges moderate. Terms reasonable. Write for circular to 22 P. H. BURNEY, Brownwood, Texas.

\$300,000—Responsibility of Stockholders—\$300,000

YOUR BANKING

No matter how small, no matter how large

The W. C. Parks Banking Co.,

BALLINGER, - - TEXAS.

Will give it careful attention. We loan money, discount notes, buy and sell exchange, receive deposits and transact a general banking business. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and personal attention, we allow interest on time deposits.

DIRECTORS: W. C. PARKS, BROWNWOOD R. A. HALL J. B. JOHNSON S. M. PARKS JO WILMETH

Children who are troubled with worms are pale in the face, fretful by spells, restless in sleep, have blue rings around their eyes, bad dreams, variable appetite, and pick the nose. White's Cream Vermifuge will kill and expel these parasites. Price 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

M. C. SMITH,
 Attorney-At-Law,
 Office up stairs in the Ostertag
 Building.
 BALLINGER TEXAS.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
 (Business Established in 1879.)
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.
 Real Estate Agent, Abstractor
 and Conveyancer.
 Owner of Complete Abstracts of
 Title to Lands in Runnels and
 Concho Counties

BALLINGER - MILLING - CO.
 Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted
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 COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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 General Medicine and Surgery.
 (Office up Stairs Walker Building)
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THOS. A. RAPE, M. D.,
 OFFICE AT
 J. Y. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Try' the Ballinger
 Steam Laundry. It
 is the nearest, best
 and healthiest....
A. H. Friemel & Co.

**THE FACTS
 IN THE CASE**
 When you read a thing you
 like to feel that it's the truth.
 The Dallas Semi-Weekly News
 gives the facts in the case.
**SPECIALLY
 EDITED**
 If you'll read the News awhile
 you'll like it. It holds the at-
 tention. It is specially edited,
 that's why. Brains and not hap-
 hazard go into the makeup of
 the News.
**TWO PAPERS
 YOU NEED**
 You need the Banner-Leader
 because it's your local paper.
 It gives a class of news you
 can't get elsewhere. You need
 the News because it gives you
 all the State news. The Banner-
 Leader and the Semi-Weekly
 News one year for only \$1.80,
 cash in advance.

GLOBER & SHAW
 Solicit your trade when you
 want the best meat—
**Pork, Veal, Roasts,
 Steaks, Sausage, Etc.**
 'Phone 126
 Free Delivery.

J. W. POWELL,
 Lawyer.
 Special attention to probate
 courts, settling estates of deced-
 ents, acting as guardian of mi-
 nors, administrator, trustee, etc.
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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

Banner-Leader \$1 per year.
 It is a great satisfaction at
 the close of life to be able to
 look back on the years that are
 past and to feel that you have
 lived not for self alone, but that
 you have been useful to others.
 Don't imagine that because
 your station in life is an humble
 one that you can be of no use.
 Live right, set a good example
 to your fellow man and you will
 be an honor to your family, a
 credit to the nation and a bene-
 factor to your neighbor.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Oint-
 ment is no panacea, but is rec-
 ommended for Piles only. These
 it will cure. Price 50 cents in
 bottles; Tubes, 75 cents at E. D.
 Walker's Drug Store.

A Ballinger lady, who was
 very anxious for her hens to lay,
 asked her husband to get her
 some poultry food to mix with
 their feed. He did so, and at
 the same time, to insure good
 results, purchased a couple of
 dozen freshly laid eggs. His
 wife began feeding the prepared
 food, and every morning her
 husband went out and brought
 in one or two eggs he had bought
 and gave them to her. She was
 astonished at the prompt action
 of the powder and told all her
 friends about its magical action.
 What she'll say when she sees
 this is left to the imagination.

The Doctor's Picture.
 The likeness of W. B. Cald-
 well, M. D., is on every bottle of
 the genuine Dr. Caldwell's
 Syrup Pepsin. Accept no other.
 Take it for constipation and as a
 regulator of the stomach and
 bowels. 50c and \$1.00.—E. D.
 Walker.

The Swede Wasn't a Fool.
 The poor Swede has to stand
 for many a joke these days—he
 has taken the place held by the
 Irishman so long. A reader of
 the Telegram, at Wichita, Kans.,
 sends in this joke which has no
 credit attached to it:
 Two travelers on a country
 road met with an accident to their
 buggy. While one of them held
 the team, the other went to a
 neighboring farm house for tools
 to make repairs. He asked the
 farmer, who happened to be a
 Swede, if he had a monkey
 wrench, and this was his reply:
 "No; Ai hef not got a monkey
 ranch; Ai have got a cattle
 ranch. Nels Felson hef got a hog
 ranch down by des crick, and a
 yankee fellar hef a sheeb ranch,
 bote fife mile down des road; but
 Ai bait you no feller bin blame
 fule enough to start a monkey
 ranch in des country."

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all tres-
 passers on the ranches and lands for-
 merly owned by W. J. Turner in Run-
 nels county, near Wingate, for the pur-
 pose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood,
 gathering pecans, working stock or
 hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the
 full extent of the law.
 Lange & Dooze Agents.
 Ballinger Texas.

Bones, Bones, Bones.
 I want your dry bleached
 bones, will buy until Apr. 1st
 1902. I. O. Wooden.

—My motto is to select the best
 quality and pay cash, thus en-
 able me to give you the most for
 your money. Jas. E. Brewer.
 Jeweler.

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

Esau Buck and the Buck Saw.
 An old farmer of Arkansas,
 whose sons had all grown up and
 left him, hired a young man by
 the name of Esau Buck to help on
 his farm. On the evening of the
 first day they hauled up a small
 load of poles for wood and un-
 loaded them between the garden
 and the barn yard. The next
 morning the old man said to the
 hired man: "Esau I am going to
 town today, and while I am gone
 you may saw up that wood and
 keep the old ram out of the gar-
 den." When the old man had
 gone, Esau went out to saw the
 wood, but when he saw the saw
 he wouldn't saw it. When Esau
 saw the saw he saw he wouldn't
 saw it. Esau looked around for
 another saw, but that was the
 only saw he saw, so he didn't saw
 it. When the old man came
 home, he says to Esau: "Esau
 did you saw the wood?" Esau
 said; "I saw the wood, but I
 wouldn't saw it; for when I saw
 the saw, I saw that I couldn't
 saw with the saw, so I didn't saw
 it." The old man went out to see
 the saw, and when he saw the
 saw he saw that Esau couldn't
 saw with that saw. When Esau
 saw that the old man saw that he
 couldn't saw with the saw, Esau
 picked up the axe and chopped
 up the wood and made a see-saw.
 The next day the old man went to
 town and bought a new buck saw
 for Esau Buck, and when he came
 home he hung the buck saw for
 Esau Buck on the saw buck by
 the see-saw. Just at this time
 Esau Buck saw the old buck in
 the garden eating cabbage, and
 when driving him from the gar-
 den to the barnyard, Esau Buck
 saw the buck saw on the saw
 buck by the see-saw, and Esau
 stopped to examine the new buck
 saw. Now, when the old buck
 saw Esau Buck looking at the
 new buck saw on the saw buck
 by the see-saw, he made a dive
 for Esau, missed Esau, hit the
 see-saw, knocked the see saw
 against Esau Buck, who fell on
 the buck saw on the saw buck
 by the see-saw. Now, when the
 old man saw old buck dive at
 Esau Buck and miss Esau and
 hit the see-saw and knock the
 see-saw against Esau and Esau
 Buck fall on the buck saw on
 the saw buck by the see saw,
 he picked up the axe to kill the
 old buck, but the buck saw him
 coming and dodged the blow
 and countered on the old man's
 stomach, knocked the old man
 over the see-saw onto Esau
 Buck, who was getting up with
 the buck saw off the saw
 buck by the see-saw, crippled
 Esau Buck, broke the buck saw
 and the saw buck and the see-
 saw. Now, when the old buck
 saw the completeness of his vic-
 tory over the old man and Esau
 Buck and the buck saw and the
 saw buck and the see-saw, he
 quietly turned around, went back
 and jumped into the garden again
 and ate up what was left of the
 old man's cabbage.—Ex.

—See Jas. E. Brewer before you
 buy a watch or jewelry of any
 kind, he will not be undersold.
 —Asa Cordill will sell you a Seth
 Thomas clock without alarm for
 \$2.25.

Wall Paper
 J. Y. PEARCE.

—See Van Pelt & Kirk's Bug-
 gies and Saddles before buying.

Job work neatly done.

**White's Cream
 WORMS! VERMIFUGE!**
 Most in Quantity. — Best in Quality.
 For 20 Years has Led all Worm Remedies.
 SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.
 Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, S.
 For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

**"THE LONG TRAIL"
 OF THE CATTLE RANGE.**
 Has given prominence in history to the now world famous Texas
 Panhandle. But a few years ago the wonderful possibilities of this
 region as a wheat country became known, and great things were
 prophesied for "The Granary of the South," which subsequent
 harvests justified. Comparatively recent is the demand of good
 livers for "Vernon Cantaloupes," but it's come to stay. Those
 acquainted with this section and its wealth as a producer of feed-
 stuffs, corn and cotton have long believed in it, nor have they been
 moving away. When Northwest Texas remained conspicuous for
 its excellence in the face of almost universal discouraging crop
 conditions, people began to see reasons for the faith of those invit-
 ing them to enter and possess the land; and now, with farms and
 ranches being bought daily by new settlers coming in by wagon
 and rail, three new railroads now building and four more projected
 seeking a share of the general prosperity, good reason is evident
 for the favor with which the territory along "THE DENVER
 ROAD" is regarded by prospectors.
 W. F. STERLEY, A. A. GLISSON, CHARLES L. HULL
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*Well now, if you want the best
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Old, But Good.
 Franklin was dining with a
 small party of distinguished
 gentlemen, when one of them
 said: "Here are three national-
 ities represented; I am French,
 my friend here is English, and
 Mr. Franklin is an American.
 Let us each propose a toast."
 It was agreed to, and the Eng-
 lishman's turn came first. He
 arose and in the tone of a Briton
 bold said; "Here's to Great
 Britain, the sun that gives light
 to all the nations of the earth."
 The Frenchman was rather taken
 aback at this, but he proposed:
 "Here's to France, the moon
 whose magic rays move the tides
 of the world." Franklin then
 arose, with a quaint air of mod-
 esty, and said: "Here's to
 George Washington, the Joshua
 of America, who commanded the
 sun and the moon to stand still—
 and they stood still!"—Ex.

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 Constipation means dullness,
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 Little Early Risers stimulate the
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 lieve this condition. Safe,
 speedy and thorough. They
 never gripe. Favorite pills. E.
 D. Walker.

Clerk's Wise Suggestion.
 "I have lately been much
 troubled with dyspepsia, belch-
 ing and sour stomach," writes
 M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist
 of Attleboro, Mass. "I could
 eat hardly anything with-
 out suffering several hours. My
 clerk suggested I try Kodol
 Dyspepsia Cure which I did
 with most happy results. I
 have had no more trouble and
 when one can go to eating mince
 pie, cheese, candy, and nuts
 after such a time, their digestion
 must be pretty good. I endorse
 Kodol Dyspepsia cure heartily."
 You don't have to diet. Eat all
 the good food you want but
 don't overload the stomach.
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The Banner-Leader desires it understood that cash in hand must accompany all orders for insertion of names in these columns.

For Justice of the Peace and Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

CAPT. J. E. SMITH,
(Re-election)

W. H. WEEKS.

For Constable Precinct No. 1.

J. A. DEMOVILO.
B. W. PILCHER.

For Public Weigher:

FRANK STUART.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

R. P. KIRK (Re election.)
PARKER G. WOODWARD.
J. W. CLAMPITT.

For Treasurer

W. F. SHARP (Re-election.)

For County and District Clerk

E. M. BLACKBURN.
W. L. TOWNER (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.

For Representative to 2nd Representative District:

DR. A. L. TAYLOR,
of Sonora.

The Winners

The "Grab Sale" advertised last week's BANNER-LEADER was a big success, the 509 packages going like hot cakes. All were sold in two hours. Mr. Cordill handed us a partial list of winners as follows:

J. Whit Patterson, Winters, \$20 watch; Wm. M. Ledford, Talpa, \$30 solid gold watch; Portus Gay, \$25 diamond brooch; W. W. Chastain, \$20 diamond ring; Mr. Jeffries boy, set Rogers knives and forks; Hatten Laxson, 8-day Seth Thomas clock; Foster Ryan, gold filled watch; Ernest Plummer; watch; Robt. Massey, cut glass olive dish; W. C. Penn, cut glass tea bell; Mrs. Cal. Kirk, Chatelaine purse; Foster Ryan ruby ring; Dr. W. B. Halley, solid gold cuff buttons.

The childrens service at the Christian church Sunday morning will be postponed. I have asked twenty-five persons why they are not Christians. Their answers will be read at the evening service. Unbelievers especially invited.

J. A. SHOPTAUGH, Pastor.

Maverick Dots.

We neglected to write last week until it was too late.

We certainly have enjoyed the bright sunny days after the continued cold spell.

Some of our neighbors are losing some of their cattle. Miss Mattie Woods, of Abilene, is visiting her cousin Miss Alice Caperton.

We have been informed that the young people enjoyed a party last Friday night at the residence of Mr. John Castleberry.

Mr. Chas. Bullock was quite sick last week but, we are glad to state, is up now.

Miss Pearl Green, of Ballinger, has been visiting relatives at Maverick for the past two weeks.

Miss Rhine, an aunt of Mrs. Bowden, is visiting her.

Charley Bogart went to the Chadbourne country and brought back a load of hogs for Dr. Younger.

C. W. Odom made a trip to Olga, Nolan county last week.

W. L. McAulay and son, Alfred are "courting" in Robert Lee this week.

Messrs Harvy Grimes and Earl Chuger enjoyed a hog hunt in Mr Webb's pasture last week. They captured seven very fat ones.

T. L. Bowdon left last Friday for the Plains country.

Mr. John Grimes attended Commissioners court at Ballinger last week. **IKE.**

Norton Notes.

BANNER-LEADER: I thought I would send in a few lines from the thriving little burg of Norton.

Farming, and especially oat sowing, is the order of the day. The snow put the ground in fine shape for farm work and everybody has a smiling face.

Mr. Turner is doing a good business in the mercantile line. He says trade is better than he expected it to be.

Mr. Trimmier has finished his residence and will soon open up a stock of goods, also Dr. Mitchell has finished his residence and will open up a stock of drugs in the near future.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Willis is able to be out again and hope he will gain good health soon. It seems to me we are not thankful enough to our Master for good health which is more desirable than riches.

The young folks enjoyed a valentine party at the residence of Mr. Trimmier Friday night. The sale of the young ladies to the highest bidder in ounces of love was very amusing. The bidding began quietly at 15 to 25 ounces but soon gained activity and prices soared up to 130 but soon declined until the close when a few married ladies were offered and no bids made. After that they all repaired to the store and the young man treated the ladies to candy, oranges, gum, etc. Then came the valentines which were read by Mrs. T. L. Patterson and enjoyed by all. There must have been fifty or more. Miss Mary Morgan and Mr. John Snellgrove needed a sack to carry theirs home in. All departed about 12 o'clock expressing themselves as having had a delightful time.

Bro. Sullivan preached an excellent sermon Sunday on "The signs of the times."

A large crowd was out at the singing at Mr. T. L. Patterson's Sunday evening.

No marriages lately but lots of courting going on.

Why can't we have a regular

correspondent from Norton as well as all other burgs in the county? I like to hear from them all. **ONE UVEM.**

To my Friends and Customers.

Through this paper allow me to express in part the appreciation I have for those who have shown themselves to be my friends during my business career in Ballinger. I shall never forget those, through whose kindness, friendship and liberality my business grew and prospered and if at any time either now or in the future I can do them a favor I will do so willingly and with great pleasure. I am now with the Davis-Noyes Co., in the Lee Maddox old stand where it will afford me pleasure to serve my friends and former customers, promising the same courteous, fair treatment heretofore given, and where I shall be glad to have you call on me. Yours gratefully

JOHN F. CURRIE

My Reasons for Withdrawing.

Several weeks ago I announced as a candidate for the office of public weigher of Runnels county expecting to receive a majority of all the votes cast in the county, but since that time several lawyers have decided there is no such office as public county weigher; that according to law it is a precinct office; and it was decided to elect weigher for precinct No. 1 alone, which would give the farmers no voice in the election of the man who handles their cotton; hence I have withdrawn from the race, as before mentioned.

However I have purchased the block known as the baseball grounds, where I will establish a private yard for weighing cotton. I have given a \$2500 bond, as the law directs, and same has been approved by the commissioners court of Runnels county.

Personally I still favor the plan of making the office of weigher a public one, by petition, and that all the precincts of the county, except Miles, be united and be allowed to elect a man for the place.

Very Respectfully,

WILLIAM REINBOLD.

Van Pelt & Kirk sold Thursday their saddle and harness department to Messrs. Weeks Currie and Bob Shaffer who will continue the business at the same stand. For the present Van Pelt & Kirk's buggies will occupy space in the store. The BANNER-LEADER welcomes these gentlemen into the mercantile world and wishes them abundant prosperity.

"The Fair" is the name by which the store of W. A. Gustavus and sons will be known. They are now receiving and displaying goods and will be ready for business next week. They expect to handle dry goods, groceries, and racket goods.

Mrs. Alice Green has received a letter from Miss Lola who is in Dallas saying she would be home next week and that the stock of spring millinery she has purchased will begin to arrive about March 1st.

P. R. Henson, of the Hylton community, while in town this week found time to pay the BANNER-LEADER a social visit.

Miss Katie Murray of San Angelo is the guest of her brother, C. H. Murray.

W. K. Shipman, the San Angelo monument man, was here Friday.

FOR SALE: Farm and Ranch Lands.

We are now offering the G. G. Odom Ranch, comprising about 17,000 acres, located in the North Western part of Runnels County and the North Eastern part of Coke County, for sale, either as a whole, or in parcels of 1500 acres and upwards.

The Land is all fenced and cross fenced; there being several different enclosures.

Old Fort Chadbourne is located very near the center of the land; several of the old original rock buildings still remaining intact; some of which are utilized at the present time as residences and some as outbuildings. There are also several different Farms on the Ranch. The Land is of different qualities; containing a super abundance of timber, consisting of both Post Oak and Live Oak, Mesquite, Elm and Hackberry. There is a School House located near the center of the Land, while there are others located near the outskirts of it.

The Land is watered by Oak Creek, which traverses it diagonally, for some 8 or 9 miles, besides being watered by wells and windmills and tanks.

It is located near Wingate, a thriving little village in the North Western part of Runnels County and Hylton, a thriving little village in the South Eastern part of Nolan County just 5 or 6 miles east of the proposed route of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad.

The Titles to this land are absolutely straight. Price \$5.00 per acre. Terms 1-3 cash, balance 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, 8 per cent interest.

For particulars call on or write.

LANGE & DOOSE, Ballinger, Texas....

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—Pure cider made from wine sap apples at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite postoffice. Phone 45.

Something special offered in Jas. E. Brewer's window. Stop and see.

—Any publication supplied at Runnels County News Co., Ballinger, Texas

Last week's BANNER-LEADER contained an ordinance by the city ordering the Santa Fe railroad to remove all obstructions from 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th and 12th streets and to provide first-class wagon crossings where the railroad intersects these streets. The Santa Fe depot, passenger and freight, is squarely across 9th street. Its removal would entail considerable expense to the railroad, since the city offers to bear none of the cost moving, and would work a hardship on our people, in that the railroad people say that if the depot be moved the most available location is across either Elm creek or the Colorado river. Either location would be not easy of access to our citizens, and would be a detriment to the growth of Ballinger. Better let well enough alone, and allow the depot to remain where it is.

The BANNER-LEADER learns with deep regret of the death of W. P. Sprinkle, of Winters, last Friday. This death was due to blood poisoning from an ingrowing toe nail. Our sympathies are with the family.

Bert M. Dorsey, who for the past season has been with a big firm of cotton buyers at Fort Worth, returned home Thursday night.

Ernest Cabe, of Fulton, Ky. will receive the BANNER-LEADER hereafter, with the compliments of his father.

The BANNER-LEADER and its force are indebted to Miss Francis Cady for a box of sandwiches, cake, pickles, etc., a feast fit for a king, and highly appreciated by printers. If our paper is late to-day it is because our "devil" has fundered himself on the good things. The "force" tip their caps to the fair donor and wish there were more like her.

The Talpa Merchant

Greets the people with a Happy New Year.
Call and get his NEW PRICES

B. J. Smith,
Talpa, - - - Texas.

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TALPA, - - - TEXAS.

SPECIALTIES.—Diseases of Women and Children and Diseases of the Stomach.

Aphorisms.

Our delinquent subscribers may have good intentions, but they are like alarm clocks that don't go off.

Some people are better sick than when they are well, and many are better dead than either sick or well.

This would be a better world if people would take their own advice instead of giving it all to others.

A boy does not become a man until he is 21 years old, but a silk dress becomes a woman at any age.

This is an age of trusts, but most of the woman of this town know their husbands too well to trust them.

Some people who have no confidence in newspapers, believe every word they read in medical almanacs.

When you are tempted to abuse deceitful people remember that you are one of them yourself. Everybody else is to some extent.

There are more lies told in the sentence: "I am glad to see you," than any other six words in the English language.

There are precious few people in this world who are willing to leave the punishment of a poor sinner all to the Lord.

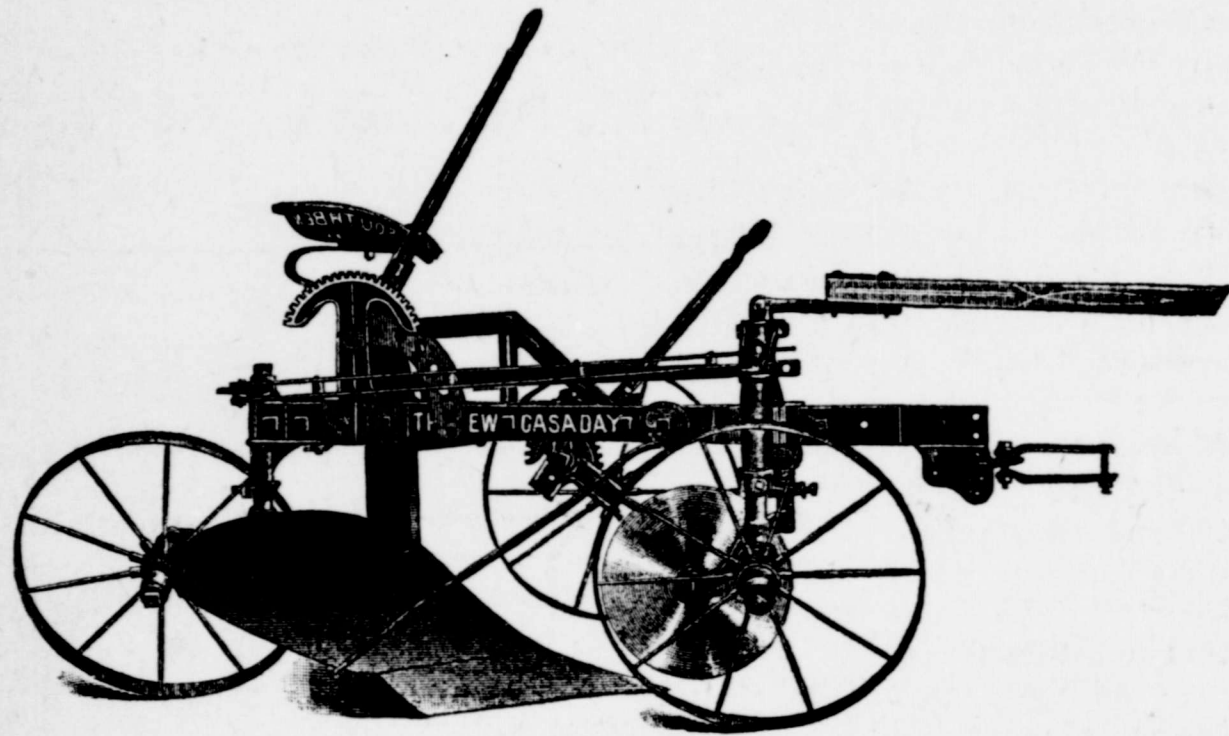
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Having been in the Saddle business for 8 or 9 years I feel better prepared to give my customers the very Best Goods for their money. Thanking you all for your liberal patronage and soliciting a continuance of same, I am, : : : : : Yours for Business,

T. S. LANKFORD

The Saddle and Harness Man.

YOUR LAUNDRY

Having purchased the Laundry Agency heretofore owned by W. W. Chastain, I take this method of soliciting a continuance of your patronage, promising satisfaction in all respects. The Belton Laundry, which I represent, is unequalled. Phone 124 and I will call for your clothes. Basket leaves Tuesdays, returns Saturdays.

ROBERT MASSEY

Periodicals for February at Runnels county News Co. Ballinger, Texas.

—At Jas. E. Brewer's you will find the best quality of jewelry at the lowest prices.

League Program.

Sunday, Feb. 23.
Subject.—Some Modern Missionary Achievements.
Leader.—Mr. Turney.
Song.
Prayer.
Do they indicate the possibility of evangelizing the world in this generation.—Rev. Shuffler.
John 14:12.—Miss Mary Miller.
Matt. 8:11.—Genevieve Truly.
Isa. 45:2-23.—Miss Winn.
The evangelization of the world in this generation.—C. H. Dickinson.
Song.
Benediction.

Wanted.

A woman to cook and do household work. Good wages. Apply to
JOHN HOFFER.

Programme.

For the San Saba Presbytery of the C. P. church at its meeting at Ballinger, March 6-9 1902.

1. Thursday, March 6th, 7:30 p. m. Opening sermon and election of moderator.
2. Friday, March 7th, 11:00 a. m. Consideration of the duties of Ruling Elders, as presented in section 17 of the constitution of the church,—lead by Elder D. Q. McCarty.
3. Friday, March 7th, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Hamby. Subject, "Identity of the Church."
4. Saturday, March 8th, 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. M. E. Chappell. Subject, "Justification."
5. Saturday, March 8th, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. E. O. Kerr. Subject, "Atoneement."
6. Sabbath, March 9th, 11:00 a. m. Sermon by F. M. Gilliam. Subject, "The Comparative Relation to Christ of the Infant and the Adult Believer."
7. Sabbath, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. A. L. Barr. Subject, "The Communion."
8. After the sermon the "Supper" will be administered by Rev. J. B. Atkinson
F. M. GILLIAM, S. C.

The Drawback to Originality.

"Why do you keep repeating quotations?" asked the irritable man. "Why don't you say something original?" "My dear sir, there is no use of that. Every time I think of anything good enough to be original I find that somebody said it years ago."—Washington Star.

Dairying in New York.

Outside of the business of supplying New York city with milk, the farmers of New York state have an investment of \$43,450,000 in cows and a corresponding amount in dairy farms and fixtures, the total being not less than \$150,000,000.

THE KING HAD TO BORROW.

On a recent occasion King Christian of Denmark while out for a walk met one of his courtiers who was renowned for his stinginess. As it happened, on a previous occasion the king had "treated" him, and it had come to the royal ears that the courtier had not yet finished grumbling at having been "bilked." Full of desire to repair the past, the king rushed up to his subject.

"Now, my dear count, I am really going to stand treat on this occasion," he said.

Then, lo and behold, as usual, on searching for money the king found none! Luckily at that moment he saw through the open door the crown prince and his equerry riding by. The king rushed out and called to his son:

"For goodness' sake, lend me some cash. I've stood treat to Count So-and-so again, and if he finds himself done for the second time he will raise a rebellion."

The situation was saved, but the court has not yet finished its laugh.—Candid Friend.

Looked the Part.

Senator Bard of California is said to be rather careless about his dress and is rarely seen in the frock coat and shining silk hat generally supposed to constitute the garb of a senator. His brother, who somewhat resembles him, is, on the contrary, very particular about his apparel. A story is going the rounds to the effect that the brothers were traveling together through the interior last summer when they met many of the senator's constituents.

At a little station that lay on their route a rough old miner boarded the train and, holding his hand out to Mr. Bard, said: "How d'ye do, senator? Glad to see yer in these diggin's."

"I'm not the senator," explained Mr. Bard. "It's my brother here that you are looking for."

The miner gave one withering glance at Senator Bard. "Waal," he remarked slowly, "ef yer ain't the senator yer ought to be, fur yer look the part an' he don't."

Tramps' New Scheme.

The hoboes who wander up and down the highways in Kansas have invented a plan that furnishes them the best living possible. One of the promoters of the scheme went to a hotel man in the western part of the state not long since and represented that he was an employee of a railway company and was working on the section near the town. He made arrangements to board at the hotel until he had received his first check.

He was given a good room and plenty to eat. Every day his dinner pail, which the landlord had bought for him, was filled in the morning, and he went down the track to work, as it was supposed. He boarded at the hotel for two weeks and one morning left and did not return. He took the dinner pail along. Investigation proved that he had never worked on the section and the only work which he performed which left any visible results was on the credulity of the hotel keeper.

A Common Governor.

The Kansas City Journal says that some of the young women composing an orchestra visited the Kansas statehouse the other day. They were wandering aimlessly about when a gentleman, observing that they were strangers, took them into the office of the governor and introduced them to that dignitary. Governor Stanley is an adept at making people feel at ease, and he soon had the young women laughing and joking at a great rate, but the most amusing thing of all did not occur until the party had passed from the governor's office into the corridor.

There one of the girls commenced to jump up and down and said excitedly: "Glory, glory! Now I can go home and tell papa that at last I have seen a live governor. But," she continued more soberly, "I did not expect to find a governor so common that he would meet people without his uniform on."

A Merry Can.

"I can fly kites, oh, awful high, away up higher than the sky!"
Thus Bobbieboy began.
"You can!" said I, with a quick surprise at Bobbieboy's indignant eyes.
Cried he, "I'm not a can!"
Then, laughing at his queer mistake, I said: "My word I never break."
So, Bobbieboy, my man,
A 'can' you are, a 'can' were born,
But yet a 'can' we do not scorn,
For you're A-mer-i-can!"
—G. Herbert Clark.

A JUDGE'S OPINION OF WOMEN

Which is the truthful sex, or, to modify, which is the less truthful sex? Magistrate Mott says:

"There's this difference between a man and a woman: When a woman thinks a thing is so, she is ready to swear to it. But it's different with a man. He doesn't swear to anything unless he knows it."

Wait till you hear the howl that goes up from the all potential She when the full force of the magistrate's remarks strikes in. She willing to swear to a think! She not sure of her facts! She an untrustworthy witness! Wow!

Magistrate Mott has in the past said and done things which have caused the man among us to name him anathema, but until this utterance he hadn't succeeded in drawing down upon his aged head the wrath of the feminine. But a storm approacheth. One needs not to look at the barometer or to read the weather reports furnished by Brother Moore to be apprised of a disturbance en route.

It comes right down to this: Is woman intentionally or unintentionally a liar?

Let's hear from the sex.—New York Telegram.

He Took the Beer.

Not long ago Professor N. R. Leonard, who was called recently to the presidency of the mining college at Butte, Mon., feeling indisposed, consulted his physician, a German, very scientific and acknowledged as one of the leading men in his profession in Montana. The doctor advised Mr. Leonard to work less at the desk, exercise more outdoors and take beer as a tonic, something the professor had never cared for.

The doctor met his patient a few days later as he was leaving the college and stopped to inquire how he was feeling.

"About the same," replied the professor.

"Did you take beer as I directed?" inquired the physician.

"Yes," responded the professor; "I took it a few times, but it became so nauseous that I had to discontinue it."

"How much did you take?"

"Why, I bought a whole bottle and took a spoonful before each meal," answered the professor.

An Unsolved Problem.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine of Chicago, whose scheme of employing servants by relays and only for certain prescribed hours attracted such attention a few months ago, has had to give it up. Report has it that after faithfully testing the plan Mrs. Blaine retired to the country this summer, a perfect wreck—utterly worn out through her efforts to solve the servant question in a way hailed by theorists as the only salvation both for maid and mistress.

"Somewhat recuperated," says the New York Sun, "Mrs. Blaine will venture back to Chicago this winter, but her house, the scene of the late domestic experiments, will remain closed. She has taken an apartment. Her meals will be taken at a restaurant, and whatever service she requires will be performed by the attendants of the apartment house. It begins to look as if the only way to get rid of the servant question was to get rid of the servants."

The High Mountains.

The reason, Signor Mosso tells us, why so few have attempted the ascent of the highest peaks on the face of the earth is the conviction that man cannot withstand the rarefied air of these altitudes. "Heroism shrinks from such prolonged sufferings as those due to lack of health." His own experiment and observations, however, give us assurance that man will be able slowly to accustom himself to the diminished barometric pressure of the Himalayas. "If birds," he says, "fly to the height of 29,000 feet, man ought to be able to reach the same altitude at a slow rate of progress."

Suited Them Best.

Mr. Wilson Barrett often tells the following story of his appearance as Hamlet at the Princess' theater, London. The day after the first performance he overheard some old stage carpenters discussing the various performers of Hamlet they had seen in their day.

"Well," said one of them, "you may talk of Irving and Booth and now Barrett, but give me Fechter's Hamlet. He was done twenty minutes sooner than any of 'em."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, John Seaman, C. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft and the unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons: viz T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, J. Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft and F. W. Sholcroft, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county or there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Runnels county, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Ballinger, Texas, on the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1902, the same being the 3rd day of March A. D. 1902 then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of December A. D. 1901, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said court, No. 592, wherein J. E. McCord is plaintiff and T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, John Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft and unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons, viz. T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, J. Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft, are defendants, and said petition alleging plaintiffs cause of action in substance as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1901, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of that tract of land situated in the county of Runnels, and state of Texas, and is described as follows, to wit: 320 acres of land, located by virtue of Bounty Warrant 2342, granted by the state of Texas, to T. Carlin by patent No. 60, Vol. 11 dated 26th day of July 1860. Beginning at the N. W. corner of Sur. No. 317, made for Andrew Moore, a stake from which a liveoak bears 286 degrees E 4 varas; a post oak bears N 42 degrees E 55 varas; thence S 250 varas, Spring Branch 1344 varas, a stake in the North boundary line of survey No. 314, made for Richard Brady from which a post oak bears S 2 degrees, E 24 varas; another, N 66 degrees, E 50 varas; thence W with the N lines of Nos. 314 and 315, made for Brady and White 1344 varas stake and mound; thence N 1344 varas a stake and mound, and thence E 1344 varas to the place of beginning. Bearings marked "X" holding and owning the same in fee simple, and that he is still such owner and entitled to possession thereof; that on the 17th day of December, 1901, the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds same from plaintiff; that plaintiff, J. E. McCord and those whose estates he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, cultivating, using and enjoying, paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years, next before the 17th day of December, A. D., 1901, and after the accrual of any cause of action therefor on the part of defendants, if any they had, which is not admitted, but denied; that plaintiff, J. E. McCord, and those whose estates he has, claiming the same under written memoranda of title fixing the boundaries thereof, and having said land actually enclosed during said period, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said land as above described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next before the 17th day of Dec., 1901, and after the accrual of any cause of action therefor on the part of defendants, if any they had, which is not admitted, but denied; that the defendants have no legal or equitable claim to said land and they are naked trespassers, but

there is a cloud upon plaintiff's title plaintiff prays for judgement for all of said land against defendants and the cancellation of defendants claims there-to, and general relief. That endorsed on the said petition is the following: "This action is brought as well to try title as for damages."

Herein fail not, but have before said court, on the first day of its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, W. L. TOWNER,
Clerk of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

Given under my hand and official seal of said Court at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 24th day of December, A. D., 1901.

W. L. TOWNER,
Clerk District Court of Runnels County, Texas. 12

Be an Immune.

As by vaccination you may become immune or safe from smallpox, so by taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin you will become immune from constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, and all stomach and bowel troubles. 50c and \$1.00 bottles.—E. D. Walker.

The Bonham News has the following: "A Springdale girl has started trouble for local bankers by dropping a ten cent piece down the back of a strange young man, who sat in front of her at the theatre one night. He called on and married her. Now there is a threatened ten cent piece famine at Springdale, and any eligible young man who goes to the theatre can expect to have a good week's wages chucked down inside his collar. The men have arranged a secret device whereby the money is shot into their pockets."

Stock Panic.

A panic in Wall street, involving millions of dollars, is no more nerve racking than the panic which seizes the man who realizes that he is hopelessly in the grasp of constipation, dyspepsia or any form of stomach or bowel trouble. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the only guaranteed cure for these troubles.—E. D. Walker.

At a village shop the other day a plain old country woman drove up and stopped. Her horse, though not young, was restless, and she had trouble in making it stand. Men and women passed by without a glance or thought. Finally, a school boy came along who took in the situation. Stepping to the horse, he held it by the bridle and encouraged the driver to alight. Then he tied the Rosiante. Not satisfied with that, he helped the grateful woman unload some bundles from the vehicle and carried them into the shop. This done, he lifted his cap with a courteous air, smiled in reply to her thanks, and sprang away to join his companions. To one onlooker he did not look less chivalrous than did Sir Walter Scott on a famous occasion. To the knight the presence of his august sovereign was an inspiration. The lad had none other than the innate kindness and gentle breeding of his own royal nature. "Ah," said one who witnessed the act, "I must know his mother. She cannot fail to be a lovely woman."—Good Housekeeping.

Are you restless at night, and harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballards Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep, and effect a prompt and radical cure. Price, 25 cents and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Pointed Paragraphs.

An infant prodigy at four may be a fool at forty.

Wall street continues to be the favorite winter watering place.

Many a well bred girl discovers that her first cake is dough.

Don't count your chickens until they are big enough to bluff a cat.

The man who doesn't know right from wrong almost invariably does wrong.

Adversity may have its uses, but it's the abuses thereof that makes a man sore.

One way to earn a living is by honest labor, but lots of men never think of trying it.

Probably no work is so well done as the work his satanic majesty finds for idle hands to do.

Solomon's reputation for wisdom may have been due to his having originated the habit of giving advice.

If a young man is in love with a girl and she refuses to marry him it may break his heart: if she does marry him the chances are it will break his pocket book.

A Cashier Testifies.

Gentlemen:—After twenty years of aches and pains caused by constipation brought on by sedentary habits, I have found more relief in two bottles of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin than all of the hundreds of other remedies I have tried, and I take pleasure in giving you this testimony, believing you have the finest preparation made for stomach troubles. Very truly yours, D. F. Lange. Cashier Wabash R. R., East St. Louis. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Dr. Varnadoe, a noted professor of Greek, is very fond of flowers, and some days ago, on returning from his college duties, he found in his front yard a pestiferous calf belonging to a neighbor. The doctor gave chase, and the animal plunged toward the flower pit and in another instant dashed through the glass cover and mixed with the pots and plants below. When another professor passed a few minutes later he said gravely: "I do not understand, Dr. Varnadoe, why you should object so seriously to having a modest cowslip added to your fine collection of plants." The doctor's frowning face relaxed. "Ah, Sanborn," he retorted; "you see this was only a worthless bull-rush."

Fault of digestion cause disorders of the liver, and the whole system becomes deranged. Herbine perfects the process of digestion and assimilation, and thus makes pure blood. Price 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A few days ago one of the Ballinger school marms had occasion to send a small boy out to wash his face. Upon his return the cheeks were well cleaned, presenting a marked contrast to a well defined circular line of soil reaching from ear to ear across his forehead, just above the eyebrows. "Johnny, why didn't you wipe the upper part of your face?" "Please mum" the lad stammered, "er-uh-m-my shirt wouldn't reach any further."

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REGULATES the Liver, Stomach and Bowels,
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True Economy

The difference in cost between an alum baking powder and the highest-class cream of tartar baking powder would not amount for a family's supply to one dollar a year.

Dr. Price's is the standard cream of tartar baking powder. It makes the food delicious and healthful.

NOTE.—You cannot, if you value good health, afford to use cheap, low-grade, alum baking powders. They are apt to spoil the food; they do endanger the health. All physicians will tell you that alum in food is deleterious.

Dr. A. S. Love and wife are expected home Tuesday night.

The Shakespearianites entertain at the home of Dr. T. E. Butler Tuesday night.

Chas. A. Dailey, the well known and popular land agent of San Angelo, visited Ballinger Wednesday.

W. T. Young, who has recently opened a grocery store in our city, is dangerously ill at his home, this side the mill.

W. B. Halley and Miss Lousue Luckett, George Holman and Miss Maud Erwin attended the Coleman ball Thursday night.

Miss Maud Northcutt returned home Wednesday from San Angelo where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Arch Holman.

J. L. Miller, of the prosperous little village Wingate, was in town Friday and while here visited the BANNER-LEADER, which paper he receives regularly.

John M. Dean, of El Paso, well-known throughout west Texas, was in Ballinger Monday. As he did not visit the newspaper offices of the town during his stay here we presume he did not wish his business known to the public.

The BANNER-LEADER learns from reliable sources that Judge G. W. Perryman, of Robert Lee, is in the race for representative from this district. Claud Hudspeth, of the Ozona Kicker, is also a candidate for the same office, and this issue contains the announcement of Dr. Taylor of Sonora.

Richard & Pringle's Minstrels are billed to be in Ballinger in the fall. However one member of the troupe may be here in spirit but surely not in person. A mob at New Madrid, Mo., took him out a few days ago and made him chief participant in a lynching bee.

FOUND—On Paint Rock road about Feb. 1st some articles of dry goods, bought of Markowitz. Owners can have same by describing articles and paying for this notice. Enquire at BANNER LEADER office.

Mrs. T. E. Butler was the guest of friends in Brownwood a few days this week.

Mr. Don Cameron, a handsome beau from Coleman, paid his respects to certain of Ballinger's fair ladies Sunday.

Miss Katie Belle Gregory, who instructs the "young America" of Content, spent Saturday and Sunday in Ballinger with relatives.

Miss Edna Sharp, who teaches a thriving little school down the river, was at home several days the past week on account of illness.

Mr. Wm. McKinley has purchased of Mr. Geo. Wilson the blacksmith shop next door to Abney's grain store. He takes charge March the first.

The quarterly report of the county treasurer, W. F. Sharp, is in this issue of the BANNER-LEADER, published by the authority of the Commissioners court.

Brown county has let the contract for a new jail to cost \$25,000. The plans show it to be a handsome building of modern designing. Moody & Martin of Comanche secured the contract.

While suffering from temporary mental aberration Sunday afternoon S. S. Mapes, who has been dangerously sick the past week, made an ugly wound in his throat with a dull butcher knife. Happily no vital spot was touched, and aside from being disfigured for a time it is thought no serious results will follow.

You don't have to buy but a small amount to get a free draw at the gold watch Jas. E. Brewer IS GIVING AWAY.

A Valentine Event.

A very enjoyable Valentine party was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thomson in honor of Miss Katherine Thomson on Friday evening. Some fifteen couples were summoned from Cupids roll of followers, and assisted in the celebration of St. Valentine's day as only true believers can.

The decorations used for the occasion were suggestive of the proverbial havoc supposed to be wrought by this indiscriminating little god. The idea being carried out in numerous bleeding hearts and daintily gilded bows and arrows. Many unique features for the evening were taken from the traditions of St. Valentine which averted the sameness so often attendant upon social functions. As the evening progressed refreshments were served; these were dainty and suggestive, as also were the decorations of the dining room; the color scheme of both being red and white.

The tact and entertaining powers of the host and hostess at all times in evidence, were upon this occasion exerted to their fullest, and the success of the party justified the exertion.

Below we print a list of those summoned:

Misses Kate and Mamie Thomson, Maud and Mildred Erwin, Clara and Neil Guion, Minnie Guion Francis, Francis Cady, Edna Odom, Lousue Luckett, Edna Meyers, Nelle Butler, M. McGregor, Inez Moser; Messrs. Sam Parks, Conda Wylie, Dan Moser, Portus Gay, Mr. Chilton, Guion Gregg, Percy Moser, Bob McGregor, Foster Ryan, Dr. Fowler, George Holman, Harry Thomson, T. S. Sharp, Dr and Mrs. Raby, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce.

L. Markowitz & Bro's. CLEARING SALE.

We have just purchased the entire stock of THE GRAND LEADER where we had an interest and will consolidate it with our Mammoth Stock already on hand. We must make room and in order to do so we will sacrifice the goods at the following prices for **CASH ONLY.**

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Men's, Youth's and Children's Suits at 35 per cent Discount
Men's, Youth's and Children's Pants at 35 per cent Discount

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

For Men, Women and Children must move at 25 per cent Discount.

Ladies, Misses & Childrens Jackets & Capes Will Sacrifice at 50 per cent Discount

Blankets.

All Wool, California and others, a big line of Comforts at 25 per cent Discount
MEN'S and BOY'S HATS at greatly reduced prices which will make them sell
MEN'S SHIRTS at a Discount of 25 per cent

MEN'S, LADIES and BOYS NECKWEAR at 25 per cent Discount

We have just received a large line of EMBROIDERIES for Spring Trade. THE CHEAPEST EVER SHOWN IN BALLINGER.

We have other Bargains which when you call to see us we will only be too glad to show you. A visit to our store will save you money. We are here to stay and our advertisement is no fake, we will do what we advertise. Wishing you a happy New Year, We remain,
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S. L. McNay, of Wingate, called on the BANNER-LEADER Wednesday, renewing his allegiance to the best paper in the county.

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