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NO 25

WINKLER'S New Spring Goods

HAVE ARRIVED

We take great pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Ballinger and Runnels county, that our spring stock has arrived and ready for inspection.

OUR LINE OF SUMMER DRESS GOODS

Is the most selected that has ever been shown in Ballinger. All the newest weaves and colorings are represented in the line.

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We cordially invite you all to pay us an early visit and we will take pleasure in showing our goods whether you want to buy or not. Respectfully,

H. WINKLER

Pumphrey.

Bro. Bates filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

School is progressing nicely. Some few plow hands of course are dropping out now since the rain.

Miss Myrtle Alexander has been out of school for sometime on account of sickness, but hopes to start again soon.

Mr. S. L. Alexander and Tom Barrett each brought out a red wheel buggy from Winters last Saturday.

C. F. Awalt is attending court this week.

J. E. Greenfield candidate for commissioner of this precinct, had business in town first of the week.

J. S. Tidwell and M. L. Hill attended the W. O. W. meeting at Winters Monday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt, of Wintgate were in our community last Saturday.

Messrs. Pumphrey, Willcox and Butts left Monday for Scurry and other counties prospecting. Willcox and Butts are prospectors here from Falls county.

Afternoon of the 2nd and 4th Sundays we have singing. Everybody invited to attend.

Corn planting is a thing of the past. Oat and wheat crop promising at present.

The long looked for and much needed spring is now fast showing itself. The old poor cow seems to be much delighted, too, over its appearance. While Hopkins was in Winters the other day he was delighted to see the T. A. Fannin old drug store pushed off on second east street and the foundation of a new two story building in its stead. Three cheers for Winters!

Give us T. T. Crosson for county judge, R. P. Kirk for sheriff and a weekly visit of the newsy BANNER-LEADER and oblige.

MARK HOPKINS.

Cotton Seed Oil Mill.

Coleman and Ballinger have each been figuring on a cotton seed oil mill, and if either of them get one, San Angelo's opportunity is gone glimmering for years to come. Coleman is a little bit too near to the Brownwood oil mill, is a little short on water and reputed to be somewhat short on enterprise. Ballinger already has the cotton production, a fair water supply, reasonable enterprise but limited capital.

San Angelo has the best water supply in all the west, is pretty well fixed for capital, has an unlimited home market for cotton seed products, but is somewhat short on present production of cotton seed.

This, in a nutshell is the status of the possibility of a cotton seed oil mill on the Santa Fe-San Angelo branch.

Figured down to probabilities the situation is that the town of the three with the greatest amount of home enterprise is the one that will get the factory.

It's up to those most interested as to which it will be.—San Angelo Press.

The Press in summing up the oil mill question has put things solidly. It has conceded everything to Ballinger but the necessary capital with which to build. Ballinger is the proper location for an oil mill and she must endeavor to build one this year. We feel assured that if local capitalists do not unite and take advantage of this opportunity, the neighbor or new comer with a long purse and a desire to get hold of a sure thing will be erecting a building and placing machinery before many months. And this much too we would like to whisper, if Ballinger gets an oil mill first the neighboring cities will not attempt to build.

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

CUPID SCORES ANOTHER VICTORY.

Brewer-Gant.

There were no empty seats in the Methodist church last Sunday night, the 23rd. By 7:30 it began to appear that the house was about full, but they kept coming and crowding in until there was only standing room. At 8:00 o'clock instead of music by the choir, as usual, the organ began playing a beautiful wedding march and all eyes at once turned to the door only to behold Jas. E. Brewer and Miss Nellie Grant keeping step with the music in near approach of the altar, where Rev. C. M. Shuffler in well-chosen words united them in the bonds of holy wedlock.

The groom wore the conventional black and the bride was dressed in white silk.

After the marriage ceremonies, the bride and groom were seated and Rev. Shuffler preached an excellent, interesting sermon on "Song Service" after which congratulations were tendered Mr. and Mrs. Brewer.

It was the intention to have a quiet church wedding. No announcement was made and no invitations sent to any others than a few relatives. But Cupid quietly and gently told the secret, and while the wedding was quiet, lovely and perfect, to the surprise of the bride and groom the church was handsomely decorated with beautiful plants and flowers and filled with friends eager to witness the marriage.

Mr. Brewer is one of Ballinger's successful business men and for four years has been engaged in the jewelry business here. He is a Christian gentleman with a spotless record from the cradle to the marriage altar and his friends are numbered by his acquaintances.

The bride has resided in Runnels county for a number of years and in Ballinger for quite awhile. She possesses all the lovely graces of noble Christian womanhood, is pretty and queenly and worthy of all the praises spoken by scores of friends.

It has been said by many that no couple was ever better matched and that no couple could have more friends without knowing more people.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are now at home in rooms in the residence of Mrs. Bacon.

The BANNER-LEADER is pleased to join with this happy young couple's many friends in wishing them a perfect, joyous wedded life.

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F. M. HONEA

Announcement.

J. B. Greenfield, of Pumphrey, called at the Banner-Leader office Monday and authorized us to announce him as candidate for Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the democratic primary. Mr. Greenfield has been a citizen of the county for more than two years and during that time has proved beyond a doubt that he intends that the county and especially his vicinity shall not suffer from having attracted him as a citizen. He is intelligent; industrious, fair-minded and ably qualified for the duties of the office to which he aspires. At a call meeting of the citizens of Pumphrey he was unanimously chosen as the man the citizens of that place wanted to preside over their precinct court and preserve the peace of the community. If elected there is no doubt about Mr. Greenfield serving his constituents efficiently.

There will be made an important change in business on the first of the month. John Hoffer, groceryman, and F. P. Abney, the grain and feed man, will consolidate and do a general grocery, grain, and feed business under the firm name of Hoffer & Abney. They will occupy the building now occupied by Mr. Hoffer. We wish the new firm success.

—Buy yourself a new dress, make biscuit for supper with Housekeepers Delight flour and "all will be well"—Davis Noyes Co. 23-tf

The watch contest will close on the night of April 1st. All who come in and pay by that time will get a chance at the watch. JAS. E. BREWER.

—Cover your property above ground during the storm period with one of Stone & Gregg's matchless tornado policies.

Ballinger at San Angelo.

D. P. Gay, Jr., came up from Ballinger Tuesday.

Clint Crowell, of the Ballinger Tonsorial Parlor, was in our city this week.

Tol Cawley will go to Ballinger this afternoon to close a trade with a prominent cowman there for 2000 steer yearlings.

H. A. Thomson, a Ballinger cowman, was here Monday morning enroute to the Thomson Bros. Schleicher county ranch.

Rev. G. W. Newman, a Ballinger Christian preacher, came up Saturday morning and went out to fill an appointment at Lipan school house Sunday.

W. E. Allen of Ballinger, passed through Monday morning en route to Crockett county, after a bunch of saddle horses he has on the ranch formerly owned by Parks & Allen.—Press.

Remember next Tuesday will be election day to elect three city aldermen. The terms of J. Y. Pearce, J. R. McVay and R. L. Maddox will have expired and they or some other good men will be called on to fill their places for the next two years. We could do worse than to reelect all three of these gentlemen. They have represented their respective wards in the city court with fairness and diligence, always looking well to the best interests of their constituents and the general welfare of the city.

—The BANNER-LEADER has blank chattel mortgages, blank crop mortgages and blank notes for sale. 28-tf

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Commissioner C. J. Horton was down from Wingate Saturday.

H. T. Clark, of Oak creek, was here Saturday in the interest of school matters. Mr. Clark is a school trustee of his district.

Bad Hutchinson was one of the number of citizens from the Norton country who visited the county capital Saturday.

Miss Tub Thomson returned last Saturday to Santa Anna after a delightful visit with her cousins, Misses Mamie and Katie Thomson.

Mrs. Arch Hutchinson, of Norton, came to Ballinger Saturday and took the evening train for Houston, where she will visit relatives.

Messrs. Speill and Voglesang, two sturdy, prosperous German citizens of Cayote creek, mingled with the throng in Ballinger Saturday.

Messrs. W. R. Nunn and Mr. Cabe were among those who came down from Runnels Saturday to purchase supplies and "see the people."

Tom Massey, who has been employed as passenger brakeman on the Santa Fe, with headquarters at Tempe, is at home for a month's stay.

C. A. Doose and Jo Johnson made a flying business trip to the thrifty little city of northern part of the county—Winters—on Friday of last week.

W. C. Parks, president of the Parks Banking Co., passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to his home at Brownwood. He had been to Concho county, where he has extensive ranch and live stock interests.

The editor had the pleasure of meeting M. A. Wilkerson, the genial postmaster of Norton, on the streets last Saturday. He reports his vicinity in a favorable condition, and said a number of his neighbors were already placing orders for harvesters and other machinery which means, of course, that the farmers of that locality have prospects of abundant crops.

Several of Runnels county's school teachers were here Saturday, same to draw their well-earned shekels and others to exchange their earnings for necessaries and to spend a day in the capital with relatives and friends. Among the number were the following: Miss Blanche Perryman, of Norton; Miss Minnie Perryman, of Pearce school district; Mr. Powell, of Fort Chadbourn; Miss Edna Sharp, of Wallthal; Miss Nellie Holmes, of Lone Star; F. E. Scott, of Norwood, and Miss Modina Whitehead, of Runnels.

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 March 22nd, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

Clark, Mrs. N. J.
Campbell, Mrs. Little D.
Marhart, Miss Louise.

GENTLEMEN:

Clark, Charlie.

Death of Mrs. Crutcher.

Mrs. Lou Crutcher died yesterday at the home of Mrs. D. F. Crawford in this city. She used to reside in Ennis and was known and held in high esteem by most all our people who have lived here for many years. It is said of her that she was a most estimable lady. She has relatives in Waxahachie and a daughter, Miss Mattie (now Mrs. Dickinson) at Ballinger. The funeral took place this afternoon, burial at Myrtle Cemetery.—Ennis County News.

T. D. Shider, of Miles, was attending to business matters in Ballinger Saturday. Mr. Shider said they failed to get a share of the rain at Miles two weeks ago, but that farmers are preparing their land and hoping for abundant rains. It is far better to be hopeful and continue preparations for the future than to complain and do nothing; and just here we wish to say that so far as we have observed the absence of idlers and grumblers in Runnels county is quite noticeable.

Judge G. W. Perryman, of Robert Lee, stated to a Banner-Leader reporter last Saturday that he had decided to withdraw from the race for representative of this district. This leaves just two men in the race, Dr. Taylor of Sonora, and Claude Hudspeth of Ozona, each of who has scores of friends and admirers.

J. W. Copeland, of Winters, sends the Banner-Leader to his brother, W. H. Copeland, of St. James, Arkansas, for a year paying cash in advance. By doing this he feels assured that his brother will keep about as well posted on what transpires in Runnels county as if he resided here.

Rev. Aids, preacher in charge at Dripping Springs was here several days of this week as an important witness in the Sam Murray trial. At the time of the shooting with which, Sam Murray is charged, Rev. Aids was a ranger, but has since entered the ministry.

We are requested to announce that there will be no services at the Christian church Sunday morning on account of Rev. Shoptaugh being absent at the District Convention at San Angelo. Regular services will be held at night.

The Santa Fe has granted a one and one-third fare to the District Convention of the Christian church to be held at San Angelo.

C. H. Eoff, one of the hustling business men of Winters was a welcome visitor at the Banner-Leader office.

J. R. Holiday was in from the fertile Cayote creek section of the country Saturday.

Capt. R. A. Smith ran down on Sunday evening's train from San Angelo.

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,
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One 9 inch steel beam plow.
One 10 inch steel beam plow.
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E. C. Allison has rented the J. J. Erwin place.

B. U. Smith, of Talpa, was in town trading Tuesday.

Whit Patterson, of Winters, was in town Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Bowden and wife, of Maverick, were trading in Ballinger Tuesday.

Ed Stricklin, brother of our meat market man, was in Ballinger this week on a visit.

A. T. Tuerpe, one of Runnels county's most prosperous farmers was in the city Tuesday.

R. K. Wylie, one of Runnels county's most prosperous stockmen was in Ballinger Saturday.

Mose Taylor, a druggist of Ozona, was here this week at the trial of Sam Murray as a witness.

Claude Hudspeth, editor of the Ozona Kicker, was a witness in the Sam Murray trial this week.

Lit Chastain has returned from Denison where he has been visiting relatives for some time past.

Ed Mears, of Menardville, was in Ballinger this week and carried out lumber with which to build a residence.

Mr. Lee, with Hall Hardware Company, has moved in the house vacated by Dave Cohen next door to Dr. Rape.

John Watson and family formerly of Blanket, passed through Ballinger Tuesday going to Eden where they will reside in the future.

Messrs. Watson and Hollingsworth, with the telephone system, made a trip to Sweetwater last week. Mr. Hollingsworth returned Friday and Mr. Watson Saturday.

T. M. Lankford is getting out rock for the erection of a stone building on the lot occupied by his saddle and harness store. It will be 30x100 feet and when completed will be used by him as a business house.

Wilson-Wilson.

A quiet wedding took place last Monday night at the residence of Rev. Shoptaugh, he performing the ceremony. Mr. J. B. Wilson, of Sterling City came to Ballinger and wired Mrs. M. B. Wilson of Waxahachie to meet him here. She came in on the 12 o'clock train and they went at once to the home of Rev. Shoptaugh and were married at 12:20. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left Tuesday morning in search of a ranch as they intend buying if a suitable one can be found.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Pharmacy of the 35th Judicial District at Coleman, Texas, on the 15th day of May, 1902, for the purpose of examining applicants for certificates and transacting other business that may come before the Board. 4t

Will Beville, of Menardville, was in Ballinger Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Cohen left this week for Houston to join her husband who has gone in business there.

Capt. S. M. Wood has been out to Ballinger on a business trip.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

Will Gregg, an old Ballinger boy but now in the drug business at Pilot Point, is in Ballinger on a visit to the homefolks and friends.

Prentice Gregg, who has been attending school at Dallas for several months, has returned and assumed his duties with C. S. Miller the land man.

Work has begun on a 25 foot extension to I. O. Wooden's building on 8th street occupied by the Crown Saloon. It will be used as a billiard and pool hall.

Tuesday evening Louie Honea went to Coleman to get a horse of Mr. Honea's that had gotten loose and started back to his old range. He rode the horse through the country to Ballinger Wednesday.

Last week the BANNER-LEADER mentioned that Dr. Flenniken, Mrs. Honea's father, was called by a message to the bedside of his wife at Cleburne who was very ill. When he arrived she was much better but later word from him says she is worse and may die. We hope to hear soon that Mrs. Flenniken has regained her health.

We note with pleasure the fact that our young friend, Geo. F. Kornegay the erstwhile mogul of the mysterious Blaquette Mystery, has stepped up a few rounds on the ladder of fame. He is now editor and business manager of the Ballinger Banner-Leader. Our friend Geo is fast rising to fame and fortune in the newspaper world and glad we are to hear of his success.—Brady Enterprise.

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Notice.

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—Asa Cordill will sell you a Seth Thomas clock without alarm for \$2.25.

—A pretty line of watches at bargain prices—Asa Cordill.

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

—Fashion Journals at Runnels County News Co., Ballinger Tex.

—Special price on plain and set gold rings at Asa Cordill's.

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Eggs, Butter or any old thing
that's fresh, go to
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Wingate Items.

And the wind doth blow.
The vast prairies are begin-
ning to look green once more.

Since the refreshing showers
you can see smiles on the faces
of our farmers and merchants
that have not been visible in a
long time.

Fishing time will soon be upon
us with all of its pleasures and
disappointments.

Our farmers are very busy
these days planting corn, millet
and sorghum and preparing the
ground for cotton.

Since the rain our barber, Mr.
Wiley Cathey, has reduced the
price of shaving to 10c on ac-
count of the faces not bring so
long.

J. S. Moore went to Ballinger
Monday after a load of supplies
for his store.

W. P. Hankins is up in the
woods this week chopping wood
to make ready for the ginning
season.

Several from here anticipate
attending the fifth Sunday meet-
ing at Hylton Sunday.

As stated in last weeks Ban-
ner-Leader there is a strong
talk of a railroad from Denver
to Ballinger and now as Wingate
is almost on a direct line be-
tween the two places we suggest
that our citizens meet and try
to induce them to come by at
least close enough that we can
hear the whistles blow.

Dr. Grant of the thriving little
town of Winters was over among
us one day last week.

One day last week while Miss
Una Wyatt was out horseback
riding her horse became unruly
and threw her violently to the
ground bruising her up consid-
erably but we are glad to state
that she has about recovered
from her fall and is able to be
out again.

Before the rain you could
hear the question very frequent-
ly asked, "when is this wind
going to quit blowing?" The
answer would almost invariably
be whenever it rains and vice
versa when is it going to rain
whenever the wind quits blow-
ing and now it has rained and
still the wind blows.

The Literary and Debating
Society met as usual on Friday
night last. The program was
good and well carried out. It

being the time for the election
of officers for the next month.
The Society went into the elec-
tion immediately after the pro-
gram was carried out. The fol-
lowing officers were elected:
President, J. T. Rawls; Vice
President, T. E. Moore; Secre-
tary and Treasurer Miss Cyn-
thia Dean; Critic, Mrs. Parker;
Sargeant at Arms, N. E. Smit-
stone and Editor of Paper, Miss
Una Wyatt. Several new names
were received for membership
and accepted.

REX.

Winters Correspondence.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:

The equinox storms are not
passed yet, but after this week
hope we may calmly enjoy life.

Planting has been the order of
farmers for several days and
ere long cotton and corn will
demand attention, while good crops
may be realized in good local
ities.

Prosperity is the mainspring
of a peoples enjoyment of life,
but selfishness is worse than too
much drouth, or rain, or cold.

At one time it was said that to
be Roman was to be a king, and
once it was that to be a United
States citizen was to be a free
man. Once all roads led to
Rome and it sat upon its seven
hills as mistress of the world for
about four hundred years, but
now where is that Rome? Echo
answers where? Once the torch
of liberty burded brilliantly at
the summit of "Uncle Sam's"
grand republic, but it has been
allowed to go out and the few
old Roosevelt anarchist soon to
assemble at Dallas, Texas, will
ask, "Where is that light of
freedom." Yet this is a grand
old world and I hope a great,
too great a country to go to
monarchy if so many names do
appear in our county offices of
men who perhaps sneer at and
would wreak vengeance on King
Edward for his spring show of
royalty. Yet these same office
seekers would, away down in
their hearts may be like to be a
king if they could, for what are
officers but rulers (king-embryo)
of a precinct county municipalit
or state or nation nowadays.

There are three causes to our
Nation's Republic's downfall and
they are Banks, Political Con-
ventions and the Roman
Catholic Church. Take the
history of our country and study
it closely and see if this trio of
power has not engulfed us into
the rugged seas of dissention we
now find ourselves, when, now
in a few years more, we will have
a monarchy, a king to whom
Gov. Jim Hogg will have to bow
in regal throne farceity. We
will have war then, say many.
No, we will have naught but a
monarchy. Why, they have
killed three Presidents and
stolen one from the people and
we had no war. I merely wonder
at the government we have,
when I note the selfish struggle
of each citizen to excel in the
obtaining of property and money
to be somebody and if we have
no wealth, what are we? While
if we have wealth, it matters
not as to what we have been
since a ten thousand dollar man
is law proof and a ten cent one
isn't worth a preacher's notice.
These are the daily conditions
that confront us today. To
assert it may be pessimism, or
of optonism, or it may be a
cross between a whang-doodle
and a whasisit opinion of some
poor old foggy with a diseased
liver and a disordered brain, but
its our country's condition any

way or the Democratic and Pop-
ulist papers lie. And all who
look can see it thusly. While ap-
propriations are the outcome of
Congress and Legislators, why
can't Texas appropriate enough
money for a State Guessing
School as we see that so many
papers are now installing their
readers into the teaching and
learning of guessing. Texas
might get the editor of the
Memphis Commercial Appeal
for its President.

Well, if I had children to
school I would rather send
them to such a school as they
would have one chance in a
million to get a prize of money,
and as it is today with our big
Book Trasts School system, if a
child gets a prize of knowledge
once in a billion times it certain-
ly would be a miracle. The old
Webster Blue Back Speller,
McGuffey's Reader, Smith's
Grammar and Daniel's Arith-
metic may not be up-to-date, but
when they are put away on the
shelf for the present usage of
books. I would prefer the
Arabian Nights or a magazine of
short stories and raise my boys
up to be candidates for some
office and my girls to be parlor
ornaments, then I'd be up-to-
date on palm life. Why, I heard
a "daddy" not long since hear-
ing his 14 year old future Presi-
dent trying to spell in two
sylables and he missed two out
of three words, yet the boy is in
the 4th or 5th reader and study-
ing an arithmetic without any
rules or explanations in it and
going to school to an up-to-date
teacher. No wonder he asks to
have his sums worked for him.

Will close by complimenting
the BANNER LEADER for having
such a worthy staff of rural
corresponbents and if they'd
get the merchants and shopmen
to invest in the Ballinger type
and ink lottery they'd draw a
prize each week.

Winters is now resting on its
oars of fame and future develop-
ment till late summer then
watch it grow next fall. Its
large furniture house can't be
excelled, and its blacksmith shop
by F. Ramsel and his assistant,
E. C. Toone is always crowded
with work and good workmen
they are too. W. H. Avery will
soon convert his present resta-
urant into a big commodius
lodging and dining resort. Billy
is liked by all and gives out good
meals, oysters etc. If he'd
get him a life partner his success
would be insured.

Mr. Fannin will build a large
two story drug house that will
give the town more than a drug-
gy appearance and benefit the
people at large.

Dr. Fred Tinkle displays a fine
line of medicines, paint and
toilet articles worth inspecting.
He is a skillful M. D. and is
reaping a rich reward in a good
practice.

As the weather, moderates
into gentle spring zephyrs our
brass band will soon make the
welkin ring with sweet strains
of music to add to earths psychi-
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Publisher's Notice.

Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and similar notices published in the BANNER-LEADER will be charged for at regular advertising rates. Advertising for church, school and charity benefits will be charged at half rates.

THE MAYES PRINTING CO.

Cecil Rhodes, "colossus of South Africa," is dead. He died Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock from an illness of several months' duration.

A nugget weighing eighty-five pounds and testing eighty-three per cent gold was recently unearthed by miners in the Devil's Canyon in the Wichita Mountains, near Lawton, Oklahoma, and Lawton is wild with mining fever.

Another heavy rain fell in the section of country extending from Ballinger to the north county line Thursday. We have not yet heard from other parts of the county. The rain in Ballinger was comparatively light—but we have a street sprinkler and do not need much rain.

The Santa Fe Railroad Company is preparing for an extensive movement of cattle from the San Angelo country and South Texas. It is stated that it will require over 6000 cars, or about 300 trains. These cattle will be moved to Indian Territory pastures.

George F. Kornegay, formerly proprietor of the Blanket Gazette, went to Ballinger this week where he becomes editor and manager of the Banner-Leader. George is a worthy young man, thoroughly capable of the position he has accepted and we heartily commend him to the people of Ballinger and of Runnels county.—Pecan Valley News.

J. Frank Matthews, a young rice planter of Vinton, Louisiana, and Miss Willie Beckham, of Molene, Georgia, were married on a train while enroute from Lake Charles to their future home. They can never hope to purchase the sacred ground on which they were married nor be wished a "smooth voyage o'er life's tempestuous sea." for the ground is "tied up" by the railroad and their ship is not "saleable."

ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.

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.
IKE O. WOODEN.

For Constable Precinct No. 1.

J. A. DEMOVILLE.
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 102nd Representative District:

DR. A. L. TAYLOR,
of Sonora.
CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH,
of Ozona.

For County Judge.

C. H. WILLINGHAM.
T. T. CROSSON (re-election)

For Congress 16th Congressional District:

O. T. MAXWELL, of Cisco.

Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

J. E. GRFENFIDLD.

Division Superintendent T. P. Coppage, accompanied by a party of lady friends passed through Ballinger yesterday in a special car attached to the local freight train. Mr. Coppage is making his initial inspection trip as division superintendent of this branch of the Santa Fe.

Miss Blanche Boise, a protegee of Miss Carrie Nation, horse-whipped Mayor Parker of Topeka, Kansas, in his office Tuesday. "The way of the transgressor is hard" in Kansas. The mayor, after ejecting the woman from his office, had nothing to "give out" to the reporters, but the woman talked freely announcing her intention of whipping the governor of Kansas.

On Tuesday afternoon Secretary Root made public his order to General Wood, military governor of Cuba, directing him to turn over the control and government of Cuba to its people on May 20th next. The order requires the Cuban government to assume all treaty obligations and directs General Wood to continue a small artillery force to avoid leaving the island entirely defenseless until the Cuban government shall have opportunity to organize its own force. Three cheers for Cuba!

—The tornado season is here Dig a storm house, insure your life and property with Stone & Gregg and let the wind blow.

Patrick is Guilty.

Albert T. Patrick, charged with the murder of millionaire Rice, and who has been on trial since January 20th, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and the penalty is death in the electric chair. The jury in this case was only out four hours. The case will be appealed.

Crusade Against Profanity and Slang.

The Rev. Dr. S. G. Grove in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

A very strong and commendable crusade is being made at this present time against profanity. In many cities and towns of the state there have been organizations effected to do away with this careless and sinful habit.

The evil is widespread and has not been confined to one class of persons, and it is high time that pure speech be the rule among all classes and that God's name be honored and hallowed; that it be held as sacred and more so than that of mother or father, for God not only demands it, but He is entitled to our most heartfelt gratitude and reverence.

Slang is too prevalent in conversation and in song. Even the pulpit is not altogether free from its use. Other agencies help to spread phrases and words which are not of the choicest and best character

Sayings from Success.

In a more real and salutary sense, we gain the strength we overcome; poverty and difficulty and hardships, when conquered, lend the force they formerly exercised in opposition to their conqueror.

Brightness, cheerfulness, alertness, promptness and energy of attitude and bearing are things which attract attention very quickly, and secure situations where dullness and carelessness of attire, though joined, as they sometimes are, with intelligence and wisdom, make undesirable employees.

Right thinking is the foundation of right living. To live the highest life of which we, as human beings are capable, we must firmly believe and live up to our belief that we can, should, and must resolutely master our thoughts as well as our actions; and that we must control the mental pictures in which we indulge as much as the words which issue from our lips.

The man who wakes in the morning and finds the world shouting his praise, you may depend upon it, did a long, hard day's work before he lay down to undisturbed slumber the night before.

A persistent affirmation that you do possess the qualities which are necessary for your higher success, that you will develop them to their utmost strength, aids wonderfully in acquiring the desired possession.

Brooding over the evil that you have done will never correct that evil. Rather will it make possible a repetition of the thing dwelt on. Set your mind the other way. Think honest, pure, kind, courageous thoughts all the time, and your mind will have no time for their opposites.

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ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

How to Make a Delicious Salad Out of a Pineapple.

Few people are aware that owing to the cultivation of pineapples for medicine they may be found, ripe, high flavored and inexpensive, even during wintry weather. For 10 cents one was bought recently that became the foundation for a salad "fit for the gods." When it is remembered that invalids who crave meat and hitherto have been denied it on account of its bad effects in certain diseases are now allowed it if eaten in conjunction with this delightful fruit. It is not to be wondered at, as it takes a higher gastronomic place than ever. For the salad choose a tender, juicy pineapple. Mind that it has bouquet. If not just ripe, keep it until satisfactory, as everything depends on due ripeness. Peel the fruit and cut in dice. Avoid sugar. Prepare a nice head of lettuce and spread fruit on the heart leaves in the center of the bowl. Add a little celery, also cut in dice, if liked. At the last cover with a thick mayonnaise and serve with saltine biscuits. Unless the fruit has a full pineapple aroma the salad will not be a success, and as it is when this fruit is too ripe to keep well that it may be bought cheap it is a luxury the home caterer who watches the market properly may allow, though she must use strict economy.

The Decorative Plate Shelf.

An attractive addition to dining room or den is a plate shelf eight or ten inches in width. In the dining room it may extend all around, if desired, to hold ornamental china, pitchers or other objects of which the housekeeper has a collection.

The height should conform to the wall decoration, and the shelf may be as high as the door casing with advantage.

In a den or sitting room, where it is intended for bric-a-brac, photographs and such trifles, it is better not to put the shelving entirely around the room, but in sections, and even at irregular heights.

There is room for the display of a good deal of taste in the placing of the plate rack. The articles that are to stand upon it, the furniture of the room, the arrangement of doors and windows, all have to be taken into consideration. The finish of the shelf, too, is of importance. It is better to match the woodwork of the room if possible.

Arranging a Bedroom.

A pretty arrangement for a bedroom is found in a group of furniture sketched in an English paper. A tall cheval glass has before it a low square seat and at one side a double tier wicker table with a wide arching handle, used often as a needlework table, but in this instance holding the impedimenta of the dressing table, brushes, combs, mirrors, bottles and the like. The frame of the glass, the seat and the frill around the upper shelf of the table were of cretonne matching the hangings of the room. This arrangement is to be recommended where space must be considered and is of value also in securing the best possible light for hairdressing, as the seat and table are easily shifted about the room when not in use.

For a Cough.

This homemade medicine will often loosen a hard cough: Pour one cup of cold water over two ounces of pulverized gum arabic and two-thirds of a cup of sugar. Put two heaping tablespoons of unbruised flaxseed to steep in three cups of cold water. Set in a hot place, but not where it will boil, says a writer in Good Housekeeping. When this grows thick, strain it over the sugar and gum arabic, which ought to be like a thin jelly. Add the juice of two lemons. Take a tablespoonful every half hour till the cough begins to loosen.

Serving Grape Juice.

Grape juice for a first course at luncheon may be served in a lemon cup. The top of the lemon is cut to form a cover, the meat of the shell being entirely removed. Into this is put the grape juice flavored with a little of the lemon juice, the top restored, a perforation made in it permitting two straws to be inserted, a tiny ribbon bow tied round them at the point of insertion. Through these without removing the cover the contents of the lemon cup are taken.

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There will be regular services at the C. P. church tomorrow.

D. C. Underwood will, after tomorrow, occupy a room adjoining the Banner-Leader office as his land office.

Miss Mertie Woodward, of Coleman, who has been visiting at Sonora, arrived Thursday afternoon and will spend a week with the family of her brother, C. S. Woodward, before returning home.

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

Sante Fe Excursion Rates.

Homeseekers' Excursion to California, first and third Tuesdays of March, April and May 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.

Biennial meeting, Knights of Pythias, San Francisco, Cal. August 12th, to 15th, 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.

Meeting Lumbermen's Convention, Houston Texas. Dates of sale April 6th and 7th. Rate \$11.70 for round trip.

Texas Veteran Ass'n. and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Lampasas. One and one third fare, date of sale April 18.

Grand Lodge Knights, of Pythias of Texas, Waco. Convention rate, date of sale April 20 and 21.

United Confederate Veterans Reunion, Dallas Sale April 21st at rate \$5.80 for round trip. Convention rates on April 22nd and 23rd.

National Baptist Anniversaries, St Paul, Minn. May 20th to 28th, limit May 29th, rate, one standard first class limited fare plus \$2.00.

Southern Baptist Convention, Ashville, N. C. May 8th to 14th, limit May 24th, rate, one standard first class limited fare.

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian church, Springfield, Mo. May 15th to 23rd, limit May 27th, rate one standard first limited fare plus \$1.00.

Annual Conference and Sunday School Institute of Northwest M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas, one and one-third fare.

Southwestern Gas Electric Light and Street Railway Ass'n. San Antonio, Texas, one and one-third fares for round trip, date of sale April 17th.

United States Revenue Inspector, Guy P. Cobb, of the Cherokee Nation, has issued an order prohibiting the importation of Texas or Arkansas cattle into the Cherokee Nation for grazing purposes in order to prevent the introduction of Texas fever. Herds now en route have been stopped and a quarantine will be strictly enforced.

The men who have made marked success in business have been men of nerve. The men who have become discouraged at the first bad season or when business becomes dull have been the men who have failed. Persistent effort and success are inseparable. After a lively season of business when the dull days come on there is more reason than ever for exercising business nerve. The duller business becomes the more effort should be put in advertising a business. In this way business will be attracted to your store, for it is then the faint-hearted quits hustling, and you have the advantage. It's easy to win a trade when the other fellow gives up and lays down. The man who faints by the wayside finds recovery a very slow business. Trade is sure to forget the man who forgets to solicit trade. It is fickle and requires a great deal of courting. Try regular, persistent, faithful never-give-up, stick-to-it, always advertising in this paper, and half the fight for fortune will be done. Keep the stock that the public wants and treat your customers honestly and courteously, and the other half will certainly follow. Try it.—Selected.

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Editor Hervey Mayes, of the Banner-Leader, announces this week the consolidation of his newspaper interest at Ballinger with that of his brother, Will H. Mayes, of the Banner-Bulletin under the name of the Mayes Publishing Co. In making the announcement he gives out the welcome news that he is to come back to Brownwood to live. Every one likes Hervey down here and the people of Brownwood will indeed be pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Mayes with us again, and we wish much success to the Mayes Publishing Co.—Pecan Valley News.

A Business Change.

An equal co-partnership, under the name of the Mayes Printing Co., has been formed between Will H. Mayes and Hervey F. Mayes, owners of the Brownwood Daily Bulletin, The Weekly Banner-Bulletin, The Ballinger Banner-Leader, The Brady Enterprise and the Santa Anna News. George F. Kornegay, of the Blanket Gazette, assumes management of the Ballinger paper, no changes being made at the other places. H. F. Mayes will be here Monday to take the business management of the papers. The new partnership will make a division of labors and responsibilities that will result in more efficient work in every department. Both members of the firm have had an experience covering many years in the newspaper business, and each is adapted to the department which will be under his management. There is not in the entire state, except in a few of the larger cities, a printing establishment as completely equipped in every way as the Mayes Printing Co., and there is hardly a class of printing that cannot be satisfactorily and speedily handled by the firm. The change not only strengthens the Brownwood business, but will prove equally beneficial to the offices of the company in the other towns. Every energy will be bent to give the best service possible.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin of March 21.

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Mrs. KATE BROWDER.

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

The grand jury of Runnels county recommends the suppression of domino playing in public places. Follow this species of reform to its logical conclusion and it will soon be an offense for a fellow to spank his own kid or kiss his wife without locking the doors and crawling under the bed.—Coleman Democrat.

And to allow this species of sport to continue would encourage the youth of the land to gamble and disregard the law. Only in public places did the grand jury recommend suppression of domino playing. The wife-kissing and kid spanking question of reform will never be considered by any other than a grand jury composed of old bachelors, and we doubt if twelve could be found in any county in the state who would not evade a summons to serve on the grand jury.

The friends of George Royalty announce him in the Messenger this week as a candidate for alderman from ward 2. His name however does not appear in the announcement column, because that had been printed when his name was handed in, but will appear there next week. Mr. Royalty is one of Gatesville's most successful business men, and if elected, will make us a good alderman.—Gatesville Messenger.

George Royalty's Ballinger friends believe him capable of serving in any official capacity from alderman up. His friends will be fortunate in electing him as their alderman, for he is true as steel.

Clerk's Wise Suggestion.

"I have lately been much troubled with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without 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. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests your food. E. D. Walker.

Oddities.

To make light of one's handiwork is the height of ill-breeding, and to sneer at any human being is an insult to God.

Scandal finds its richest tidbits in the failings of good men, the decline of the powerful and the decay of the prosperous.

A learned man is not necessarily wise. Knowledge is the accumulation of these facts to the best possible ends.

One of the saddest things to contemplate is the marriage of a beautiful cultured woman to a boorish old biped whose only recommendation is the size of his strong-box.—Greenville Herald.

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Who Was Rich?

"If I were as rich as he is!" muttered a boy, who had just found a crust of stale bread in a garbage barrel, as he eyed a poorly dressed boy leaving a baker shop with a basket of whole fresh loaves.

"If I were only as rich as he is!" said the boy with the fresh loaves as he saw another boy on a bicycle munching candy.

"If I were only as rich as he is!" sighed the boy on the bicycle, as another boy rolled past in a pony-cart.

"If I were only as rich as he is!" grumbled the boy in a pony-cart, as he caught sight of a lad on the deck of a beautiful private yacht.

"If I were only as rich as he is!" this lucky fellow wished, as his father's yacht cruised in foreign waters, as he spied one day a young prince attended by a retinue of liveried servants.

"If I were only as free as he is!" impatiently growled the young prince thinking of the boy on the yacht.

"If I could drive out alone with a pony and nobody to take care of me but myself!" thought the pampered boy on the yacht.

"If I could only have a good time like that boy on the bicycle!" longed the driver of the pony.

"How happy that boy with the basket looks!" said the boy on the bike.

"If I could relish my dinner as that boy does his crust!" said the baker's boy. I am sick and tired of bread!"

Which one was rich?—Christian Endeavor World.

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An army officer who recently returned from our Pacific possessions says: "The Filipinos, whatever may be their faults, make the best servants in the world, if you can cure them of petty thievery. Overcome that, and you have an ideal servant. At home here we are confronted everlastingly by the servant-girl proposition. Bring the Filipino men here and the servant girl will be a dead issue. The men are small, active and not afraid of work. They could be trained to do general housework, just as the Chinese do out on the Pacific coast."

First Lake Superior Ore.
The first discovery by white men of the iron ore of the Lake Superior region was made September 16, 1845, near the eastern end of Teal lake, in northern Michigan, by William A. Burt, a deputy surveyor of the general government. In June, 1845, the Jackson Mining Company was organized at Jackson and in the same year it secured possession of the celebrated Jackson iron mountain. The ore from this mountain was first used in a bloomery at Jackson and afterward in 1847 and subsequently in bloomeries in northern Michigan.

Feud Exists in Wyoming.
Wyoming has 35,000,000 acres of good grazing lands. There are about 1,000,000 cattle and 3,000,000 sheep in the state. Between the cattle men and sheep men exists a feud that not infrequently leads to murder. Sheep, as you may or may not know, feed in so close order that when a flock has fed over a range, not a spear of grass remains. Cattle browse at random, and leave behind more than they eat, so that the range may provide sustenance for two or three herds, one following the other.

In the Woman Suffrage States.
The four states in which woman suffrage is established, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming, are noted for the radical changes which they made in declarations of political preference. In 1896 the fusionists carried Colorado by 134,000 majority. A year later they had 3,900. Utah gave Bryan 33,000 majority in 1896, and four years later went against him by 2,100. Wyoming was carried by the Republicans in 1892, by the fusionists in 1896, and by the Republicans again in 1900.—New York Sun.

Nine-Tenths of all the People Suffer from a Diseased Liver.

HERBINE.
Pure Juices from Natural Roots.
REGULATES the Liver, Stomach and Bowels,
Cleanses the System, Purifies the Blood,
CURES Malaria, Biliousness, Constipation,
Weak Stomach and Impaired Digestion.
Every Bottle Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction.
LARGE BOTTLE, SMALL DOSE.
Price, 50 Cents.
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis, Mo.
For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

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.



Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

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

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Prepared only by E. C. DEWITT & Co., Chicago
The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.

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Safe. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists.

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Mention this paper.

Much pain and uneasiness is caused by piles, sparing neither age nor sex. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment cures the most obstinate cases. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Practically Starving.

"After using a few bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure my wife received perfect and permanent relief from a severe and chronic case of stomach trouble," says J. R. Holly, real estate, insurance and loan agent, of Macomb, Ill. "Before using Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she could not eat an ordinary meal without intense suffering. She is now entirely cured. Several physicians and many remedies had failed to give relief." You don't have to diet. Eat any good food you want, but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will always digest it for you. E. D. Walker.

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

This is the way a Missourian confessed at a campmeeting: He was pressed hard to repent and finally at last got up: "Dear friends," said Bill, "I feel the Spirit moving me to talk and tell what a bad man I have been, but I can't do it while the grand jury is in session." "The Lord will forgive you," shouted the preacher. "I guess that's all right," said Bill, "but he ain't on the grand jury."—Ex.

CAUSES OF STOMACH TROUBLES. Four Professors Claim That Quick Lunches Bring on Diseases.

The "business lunch" threatens to accomplish the destruction of the human race—or so much of it as dwells in large American cities—if the statistics adduced by eminent physicians and surgeons, at a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society are bound to be the unflinching mirrors of destiny that the doctors promise.

In the alarming increase of intestinal or "gastric" ulcers such eminent medical practitioners as Dr. N. S. Davis, Jr. W. A. Evans, J. B. Herrick and E. W. Andrews announced in a symposium that they feared the American stomach would give out in the course of time unless the public becomes wise enough to curb and regulate the lunch counter method of hasty eating.

It would seem that danger from gastric ulceration is not confined alone to the men, who are the consumers of the business lunches, but that women are also threatened. To the women's habit of eating a few bites at many hours of the day their imminent peril is ascribed.

Everyone should counteract the danger brought about by too hasty or overeating by taking at meal times Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and Herb Laxative Compound. This wonderful medicine will keep the stomach in a perfectly healthy condition, preventing and permanently curing indigestion, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and all complications arising from stomach trouble. Try it today. Its pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles. For sale by E. D. Walker.

The span of life is gradually expanding. We live longer and get more out of it than our grandfathers did. Whether the cause of this is a better knowledge of natural law or more skillful surgery we will not undertake to say. At any rate people think this is a pretty good world to live in and want to stay here as long as they can comfortable. The man with 100 birth anniversaries behind him is not such a remarkable fellow after all.—Ex

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

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. J. Turner in Runnels county, near Wingate, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gathering pecans, working stock or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Lange & Dooze Agents.
Ballinger Texas.

To the Voters of Runnels County.

I have the opinion of Judge John I. Guion (well considered and paid for) to the effect, "That the Public Weighers Act of 1899, the present law is not intended to prevent ginners and warehousemen from weighing cotton for their customers, or farmers offering produce for sale from having it weighed by the purchaser or by any person who may be willing to weigh it." See Whitfield vs. Terrell Compress Company 62 S. W. Reporter page 116. Further that the Law is unconstitutional in this, that it places a limitation upon the right of the owner to control in the matter of the weighing of his produce, when he is present and acts for himself. Consequently a public weigher in this county has no greater privileges or rights than is given to a PRIVATE WEIGHER. Therefore I am no longer a candidate for Public Weigher but shall continue in the business of weighing cotton at my yard in Ballinger. I have never felt the least doubt but what I would be re-elected and I wish to return heart felt thanks to the people of Runnels county who have heretofore given me their support, for no one ever held an office who appreciated and cherished their good will more than myself. I consider it my duty to inform the people of their right to have their produce weighed by whomsoever they choose, whether he be a Public or Private Weigher.

Respectfully,
W. E. ESKRIDGE.

Woman.

True, she cannot sharpen a pencil, and, outside of commercial circles, she can't tie a package to make it look like anything save a crooked cross section of chaos; but, land of miracles, see what she can do with a pin! She cannot walk so many miles around a billiard table with nothing to eat, and nothing (to speak of) to drink, but she can walk the floor all night with a fretful baby. She can ride five hundred miles without going into a smoking car to rest (and get away from the children.) She can enjoy an evening visit without smoking half a dozen cigars. She can endure the distraction of a house full of children all day, while her husband sends all them to bed before he has been home an hour. A boy with a sister is fortunate, a fellow with a cousin is to be envied, a young man with a sweetheart is happy, and a man with a good wife is thrice blessed more than they all.—Rurdette.

Could Not Breathe.

Coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, other throat and lung troubles are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. One Minute Cough cure is not a mere expectorant, which gives only temporary relief. It softens and liquifies the mucous, draws out the inflammation and removes the cause of the disease. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. "One Minute Cough Cure will do all that is claimed of it," Says Justice of the Peace, J. Q. Hood, Crosby Miss. "My wife could not get her breath and was relieved by the first dose. It has been a benefit to all my family." E. D. Walker.

—See Jas. E. Brewer before you buy a watch or jewelry of any kind, he will not be undersold.

Surgeon's Knife Not Needed.

Surgery is no longer necessary to cure piles. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures such cases at once, removing the necessity for dangerous, painful and expensive operations. For scalds, cuts, burns, wounds, bruises, sores and skin diseases it is unequalled. Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

"Some years ago," said a preacher, "we inaugurated in our Sunday school the practice of our children quoting some scriptural text as they dropped their pennies into the contribution box. On the first Sunday in question, a little shaver walked up and said: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and in dropped his penny. "Charity shall cover a multitude of sins," and in dropped the next. "It is is more blessed to give than to receive," quoted the third, and so on. Just then up walked a little fellow with the unmistakable remnants of molasses candy on his chubby face, and, as he dropped in his cent, bawled out: "A fool and his money are soon parted."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

If your child is cross or peevish, it is no doubt troubled with worms. White's Cream Vermifuge will remove the worms, and its tonic effect restore its natural cheerfulness. Price, 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

How to Succeed.

If your seat is too hard to sit upon, stand up. If a rock rises up before you, roll it away, or climb over it. If you want money, earn it. If you wish for confidence, prove yourself worthy of it. It takes longer to skin an elephant than a mouse, but the skin is worth something. Don't be content with doing what another has done—surpass it. Deserve success and it will come. The boy is not born a man. The sun does not rise like a rocket or go down like a bullet fired from a gun; slowly but surely it makes its round and never tires. It is as easy to be a leader as a wheel horse. If the job be long the pay will be greater; if the task be hard the more competent you must be to do it.—Home Life

Have you a cough? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will relieve it. Price, 25 cents and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

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 attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not haphazard 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.

The Chicago News says Prince Henry has been made an LL D., but as he has not been elected a Daughter of the American Revolution he will go home with a great, unsatisfied longing in his heart.

The Hidden Sin.

A majestic tree fell at its prime—fell on a calm evening, when there was scarcely a breath of air stirring. It had withstood a century of storms and now was broken off by a zephyr. The secret was disclosed at falling. A boy's hatchet had been struck into the tree when it was a tender sapling. The wound had been grown over and hidden away under exuberant life, but it had never healed. There at the heart of the tree it stayed, a spot of decay, ever eating a little farther and deeper into the trunk, until at last the tree was rotted through and fell of its own weight when it seemed to be at its best.

So do many lives fall when they seem to be at their strongest, because some sin or fault of youth has left its wounding and its consequent weakness at the heart.—Dr. R. J. Miller.

For the Complexion.

The complexion always suffers from biliousness or constipation. Unless the bowels are kept open the impurities from the body appear in the form of unsightly eruptions. De Witt's Little Early Risers keep the liver and bowels in healthy condition and remove the cause of such troubles. C. E. Hooper, Albany, Ga., says: "I took De Witt's Little Early Risers for biliousness. They were just what I needed. I am feeling better now than in years." Never gripe or distress. Safe thorough and gentle. The very best pills. E. D. Walker.

While one boy is regretting his want of opportunity, his lack of means to get a college education and remains in ignorance, another with half his chances picks up a good education in the odds and ends of time which other boys throw away. From the same material one man builds a palace and another a hovel. From the same rough piece of marble one man calls out an angle of beauty which delights ever beholder, another a hideous monster which demoralizes every one who sees it.—Success.

The result of an over-indulgence in food or drink are properly rectified, without pain or discomfort, by taking a few doses of Herbine. Price 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

"What is home without a newspaper?" has been asked again. To the best of our knowledge it is a place where old rags are stuck in windows, cats sleep in the flour barrel, chickens and goslings parade the kitchen floor, children wipe their noses on their sleeves, the wife chops the wood, milks the cows, plows the corn, goes to mill and a hundred other things, while the husband loaf on the street corners, whittles on goods boxes, cries hard times till a late hour, when he gets off his perch, sneaks home with the gable end on his trousers ripped and raises Cain with his wife because his ancestors were not millionaires.—Ex.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Makes the bread more healthful.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menacers to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Thursday's rain insures fine grass and early vegetables.

Mr. Cathey and son, Wylie, were down from Wingate Thursday buying supplies.

Mrs. Dr. Marberry, of San Angelo, arrived Thursday afternoon and is visiting friends.

If you want to reach the people place an attractive advertisement in the Banner-Leader. It brings results.

G. A. Beeman, editor of the Coke County Rustler, was in Ballinger Wednesday soliciting business for his paper. He was a welcome visitor at the Banner-Leader office.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler was a passenger on yesterday's train for Comanche, where he will attend the Missionary Conference of the Methodist church.

Runnels county is not the home of many men who "wait for something to turn up," but it is filled with men of energy and vim, men who are constantly endeavoring to "turn something up."

F. M. Honea will shortly move his wood yard and steam laundry from the present location on Seventh street to a place near the railroad bridge on the river. He will also move the building.

W. R. Vier, of the firm of Lumpkin and Vier grain dealers of Miles, was in Monday buying in wholesale lots for their store. Mr. Vier was driving one of the "swellest" little buggy teams of this country.

Mrs. J. A. Starnes returned Friday of last week from a visit near San Antonio, and we imagine Prof. Starnes' account with the barber will be lighter now, since his face is not so long by a yard or two.

Rev. Eugene T. Bates, pastor of the Methodist church at Wingate, spent Thursday afternoon and yesterday in Ballinger and left on yesterday's east bound train for Comanche, where he will attend the Methodist Missionary Conference.

Postmaster Cady reports a considerable increase in postal receipts for the quarter which will end with the close of this week, and says that the receipts are fifty per cent greater than when the census was taken.

Rev. M. S. Smith will finish his fourth year, as pastor of the Presbyterian church, tomorrow. He has been faithful and the church truly appreciates the service he has rendered. He will no doubt be retained as pastor of the church, if he will consent, for it is the wish of not only his church but the entire citizenship of Ballinger.

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

Mr. James E. Brewer, a prominent Ballinger jeweler, and Miss Nell Grant, were married at the Methodist church in Ballinger Sunday night, March 23rd. Ballinger has two jewelers—live competitors—and they are now brothers-in-law. Mr. Asa Cordill, one of the two, was married to Miss Attie Grant a few months ago.—San Angelo Press.

The friends here of Mr. Brewer, unless it be a few of the young ladies at whom he once made goo-goo eyes, will congratulate Mr. Brewer and wish him a life of much happiness.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

J. D. Norwood, manager of the Hub, claims credit for giving the first dry goods opening ever had in Ballinger. The opening was announced for Wednesday and the Hub on that day was indeed a beauty. The windows and interior were handsomely decorated and the goods artistically displayed, and throngs of ladies attended the opening. Mr. Norwood understands his line of business perfectly and will enjoy a liberal patronage. He is an advertiser—and they always succeed.

Lack of space in the BANNER LEADER prevents the publication of sermons, long religious articles, other long articles not so religious and yet void of news or anything that would be interesting to but very few readers, essays and spring poetry. We are delighted to publish interesting, newsy communications from different points throughout the county and any news handed or sent us from any quarter of town or country.

We the undersigned have agreed to close our shops at 8 o'clock p. m. from April 1st until Sept 1st, 1902.

J. A. Dancer.
T. P. Hubbard.
J. L. McWhirter.
Lee & Copeland.

Dr. D. W. Harris left Monday for Ennis to visit relatives for a time. The doctor will probably go north to spend the summer. The BANNER-LEADER wishes him a pleasant sojourn and a safe return to Ballinger.

Arthur W. Jones, of Comanche, delivered a temperance lecture at the Christian church Wednesday night to a crowded house. The lecture is said to have been very interesting and effective.

Mrs. E. A. Roaten and daughters, of Wingate, were in Ballinger Wednesday shopping and while here paid the BANNER-LEADER a pleasant visit. Call again ladies.

Three lectures on temperance were delivered in Ballinger this week and one last week. The temperance people are awake and are losing no time in their work.

Attorney C. O. Harris accompanied his father to Ennis on Monday and from there made a flying business trip to Midlothan.

W. C. Crews was one of the number to come over from Crews Monday.

Charlie Low, of Brownwood, spent Thursday in Ballinger on business.

P. H. Brooks, of Miles, was a visitor here Monday.

—We have just received a fine lot of embroideries and laces that we will sell at lowest cash prices. Hixson Bros Racket Store. 23-1f

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FULL OF NEW SPRING GOODS

Fresh crisp and beautiful. Bought with the nicest and most discriminating taste and regard for established and correct styles for the season of 1902 :: :: :: :: ::

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Quality Considered, made by any house in the West. We give you as much as possible for your money, but never lower the standard of quality which makes it after the finest economy to consider wearing qualities before prices

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Special on Ladies Shirt Waists from \$1.00 to \$3.50, choice at **75c**

We sacrifice a beautiful line of Black Cheprons for skirts, goods worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per yard, must move at **75c yd**

EMBROIDERIES

2000 yards of short length, extraordinary values Give us a look.

We have 250 pairs of Ladies Shoes and Oxfords. Small lots will sell at half price.

We have other Bargains which are to numerous to put down. Come to see us and if you are from Missouri we will show you. Now this is strictly a CASH price, no tickets or charges will be made so dont get offended but do your part and bring your pocket book.

Yours for Bargains

L. Markowitz & Bro

F. P. Abney visited Winters Thursday.

Dr I. H. Turney, of Blanket arrived Thursday night on a visit to his son A. E. Turney.

Read the publishers' notice at top of column on editorial page and govern yourselves accordingly.

J. T. Grant and wife, Mrs. John H. Kipp and family, Herbert Grant, Mrs. Whit Patterson Miss Carrie Dyke and others whose names we did not learn were down from Winters Sunday evening to witness the Brewer-Grant wedding.

New subscribers enrolling daily make us feel very gaily. We could write four columns of poetry (?) like this but for lack of space and a desire to make ourselves and our readers tired. We are gratified, however, that we can truthfully announce that newspaper readers of the entire county are showing due appreciation of the Banner-Leader by enrolling as subscribers and speaking words of praise for us. We are delighted and will endeavor to continue furnishing them with one of the best weekly papers in the state.

—It is always the unexpected that happens. Provide against unexpected financial loss by insuring with Stone & Gregg.

J. S. Hall, a prosperous stock-farmer of Oak Creek, was in Ballinger Wednesday and called on the Banner-Leader to see about the date of his subscription. He informed us that farmers in the vicinity of Maverick were up with their work, that grass was growing rapidly, and everything in admirable condition. He complimented the Banner-Leader on being all that could be expected of a first-class county paper and better expressed his appreciation of it by leaving a dollar which pays his subscription till March 1st, 1903. We are delighted to meet substantial, agreeable gentlemen like Mr. Hall.

The Sam Murray trial began Monday afternoon and still continues, but it is thought that all the evidence will be in and that the attorneys will argue the case today. It has been a complicated case and many are anxious to know the termination of it. Attorneys Jenkins, of Brownwood, and Wright, of San Angelo, represent the defendant and Buck Walton, of Austin, and Snodgrass, of Coleman, are the State's attorneys. A number of other attorneys are also interested.

August Globber will move his tin shop to a building in the corner of Cameron's wagon yard.

W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Nannie Curtis has been with us two days this week. It will be remembered Mrs. Curtis is State Organizer of the W. C. T. U. She is an earnest enthusiastic worker truly a woman full of the love of God and for all suffering humanity as well. We feel sure parents that heard these lectures, shall always remember them and those who failed to do not know what they missed. We ask the Christian people of Ballinger one and all to give us your help in this work that this woman of God has commenced and that we are trying hard to keep before the people. I repeat, give us your hearty co-operation and lets all work together for surely we will gain the victory. We were encouraged that so many were made to realize the great responsibility resting on them as Christian men and women. A manifestation of this was that so many signed the pledge and are wearing the white ribbon. We say God speed the day when every man, woman and child shall wear the white ribbon and like Daniel of old be faithful and true to the trust put upon us.

W. C. T. U.

—A watch given away at Jas. E. Brewer's. Call and see the conditions.