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VOL. XXII

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MCH 26, 1904

NO 24

EASTER MILLINERY

Latest and Newest Pattern Hats on Display---Come and See Remember Everything New, no old Stock. All of them the very Latest

Dress Goods.

All latest Spring Weaves in wash goods, Silks and Spring Woolens from the BEST to the CHEAPEST



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Finest Line ever shown

Range of price from 50c up to \$15.00

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Special on Sorosis Petticoats cut price, overstocked, they are beauties, at

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New late styles in Whites and Colors Linens and fine Materials.

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Our STERLING line equal the best tailor made. They fit wear and hold their shape

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50 Suits Spring Weights 15 day sale worth up to 12.00 go at 7.50 per suit.

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36 inch LL Sheeting at 5c value now 7 1/2c
Short length Prints4cts
Fine line Percales, Dimities and Batiste values up to 15cts choice 5cts per yard
India Linon 5c, 7 1/2c, 10c, and up to 50c
We save 25 per cent here.

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Mens, Ladies and Childrens low cuts, new shapes, fine quality, low price. We can please you

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Hosiery of finest grades 5c to \$2 pair
36 Fine Ladies Parasols value \$18 go at\$10 each
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Our Stock is right—High Class—bought with judgment and cash, and will be found cheaper than many of our competitors buy same. Get our prices, we guarantee a saving in every line

Yours for Dry Goods Values

D. REEDER,

PHONE 58

BALLINGER

TWO TEMPTING THINGS

About our Candies.
Quality and Price
J. L. CHASTAIN,
Confectioner.

Crews.

It yet remains dry. Work on the Crews gin goes on. The dam for the tank is about completed. This will be a first-class gin when completed, something this country has long needed.
Mr. Mitchell, so we are informed, intends moving his gin to Truitt.
Mr. Ash is moving to the new town.
Seventy-five children are out of school in that settlement, as it is too far to the nearest school for them to attend.
Mr. Vaughn is having some front work done to his store.
Lumber is being put on the ground for Myrick & Borders store. Messrs. Hedgecoxe,

Marsh and Frazier have the building contract.

The W. O. W. are to have a W. O. W. Hall over the store. We expect then to do larger things in that line.

Mr. Tennyson has his residence about completed.

Our three blacksmiths are busy most every day and some nights until twelve o'clock.

Measles are spreading all around us.

Mr. Wm. Hale's child was taken with them in school Tuesday at Kirby school. Those in our neighborhood with them are Jim and Walter Perry and Cola Preston.

Hettie Mitchell is on the sick list, though not with measles.

Grandma Foreman has been quite feeble for some time.

Mr. R. M. Davis went to Hamilton county last week on account of his daughter, Mrs. Brunson, being sick. Mr. Davis telegraphed to Wallie Boone to meet him today at Ballinger as he would bring Mrs. Brunson home with him.

Mr. Campbell's children, also Mr. Grabener's, have once more entered school having been out on account of having measles.

Our school is having no trouble and attendance reasonably fair.

The Hull Bros. have been doing a live business in the photographer's line here for the past three weeks. Lone Star and Crews school groups have been taken.

We hear a considerable lot of objections to a primary this year. I would like to second "Question's" motion.

Mr. Editor, we will not try to keep up with local visiting and Sunday gait of the boys.

The Methodists have organized

a Sunday School at the Methodist church.

"If you have no part in a thing you are sorry to fight it."

The Deitz neighborhood has a literary society.

The Crews boys have organized a brass band. Luck to them and picnics.

Edgar Jayroe has gone to town after goods for Mr. Vaughn.

The water "which was witch-ed" failed to materialize in Mr. Vaughn's well

Geo. Borders has sold his lease and is moving into the

house with Dr. Myrick.

Ane Montgomery is now domiciled with Trout. R. L. C.

When you go to eat you want to know that you are going to have good bread and the way to insure good bread is to buy White Bilows flour. You can't keep from making good bread with it. Sold only by

J. B. ALVIS & BRO.

R N Alexander had the misfortune to get his foot badly crushed in the machinery at the oil mill Monday night. While quite painful we hope nothing serious will result from the accident.

We have a few more seed sweet potatoes and seed Irish potatoes for sale. Also all kinds of fresh garden seed.

J. B. ALVIS & BRO.

R M Walmsley, of Louisiana, an old friend of our fellow citizen Judge R B Truly, was in Ballinger a day or two this week.

Those latest improved metal fobs at J E Brewer's make a good guardian for your watch.

Some new, stylish jewelry novelties at Jas E Brewer's.

PEACE OR WAR

Is the Perplexing Question with Russia and Japan. Quality and Prices are more important with us. We carry a complete stock of
Grain, Hay, Staple and Fancy Groceries,
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Country Produce a Specialty. Courteous treatment and prompt delivery. Your trade solicited and appreciated. PHONE No. 40.

GODWIN GROCERY CO.,
J. W. GODWIN, Manager.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of the first order of sale issued to me R. P. Kirk, Sheriff of Runnels county State of Texas, on March 7th, 1904, and delivered to me on the 8th day of March, 1904, said order of sale having been issued out of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, 53rd Judicial District, in cause No. 20,893, in which said cause T. A. Thomson, R. M. Thomson and H. A. Thomson are plaintiffs, and G. R. Casey & Company, G. R. Casey, G. M. Casey, Joe Wilmeth, trustee, and E. R. Jackson are defendants, and in which said cause judgment was rendered on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1904, in favor of said plaintiffs and against said G. R. Casey & Company, G. R. Casey and G. M. Casey for the sum of sixty-two thousand, nine hundred seventy-two and 64/100 (62,972 64/100) dollars with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum, from the 15th day of February 1904 and costs of suit, and which said judgment is a foreclosure of a vendor's lien and of a deed of trust lien on the property hereinafter described as the same existed on the 14th day of August, 1902, and at all subsequent dates existed and still exists in favor of said plaintiffs, T. A. Thomson, R. M. Thomson and H. A. Thomson, and against the defendants, G. R. Casey & Company, G. R. Casey, G. M. Casey, Joe Wilmeth, trustee, and E. R. Jackson, and any and all persons claiming by, through or under said defendants by any claim acquired pending said suit, which said foreclosure is in satisfaction pro tanto of said money judgment, interest and costs. I, R. P. Kirk, Sheriff of Runnels County, State of Texas, did, on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1904, levy upon and seize, and I will, on the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1904, it being the 5th day of April, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. at the court house door of Runnels County, Texas, in the City of Ballinger, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest and claim which the said defendants, G. R. Casey & Company, G. R. Casey, G. M. Casey, Joe Wilmeth, trustee, and E. R. Jackson,

A Nervous Woman

Will often feel compelled to stop the clock whose ticking seems unbearable to her. In such a nervous condition the woman needs a building up of the entire system. It is useless to attempt the cure of the nerves while the cause of the nervousness remains uncured. A very common cause of nervousness in women is a diseased condition of the delicate womanly organism. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures womanly diseases and the nervousness which they cause. It changes irregularity to regularity, dries the drains which weaken women, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It is a perfect tonic and nerve, tranquilizing the nerves, promoting the appetite and inducing refreshing sleep.

"I was so nervous I had to have some one by my side all the time, even in the daytime, and I could hardly eat anything," writes Mrs. Selma Johnson, of 446 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minn. "I took all the doctors and began taking your medicine; I gained right away. I am as well and feel as good as ever."

\$500 REWARD FOR WOMEN WHO CANNOT BE CURED.

Reached up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases of womanhood peculiar to women ever achieved, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel warranted in offering to pay \$500 in any court of the United States, for any woman who, after using this medicine, is unable to get well of any of the following: Female Weakness, Protrusion of the Uterus, or Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and honest trial of their means of cure.

DR. J. C. PIERCE, MEDICAL ASSO. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, N. Y.

or any of them, had on the 14th day of August A. D. 1902, and at all times subsequent thereto and which they now have, and which any person claiming by, through or under them, or either of them, by any claim pending this suit, has in and to the following described real estate, which is situated in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, which is known as the G. R. Casey & Company pasture, and which is more particularly described as follows:

Twelve thousand eight hundred and thirty-one (12,831) acres of land, and is composed of the following described thirteen different tracts of land: 1st. The Norvell Travis league (4428 acres) known as survey 535 in Section 9, located by virtue of Certificate No. 776, issued by decree of District Court of San Augustine County, Texas, patented to Simeon Draper November 20th, 1854, by Patent No. 337, Volume 11.

2nd. The Domingo Diaz league and labor survey (4605 acres) known as survey No. 532 in Section No. 9, located by virtue of Certificate No. 93, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Hexar County, Texas, and patented to Edwin Dwyer, May 22nd, 1873, Patent No. 381, Volume 19.

3rd. The E. T. R. R. Co. survey No 147 (640 acres) located by virtue of certificate No. 103, and patented to W. H. Letchford, assignee, May 11th, 1872 by Patent No. 250, Volume 8.

4th. 215 acres of land (off the west end) of the Day Land and Cattle Company 349 acre survey, No. 1, located by virtue of Certificate No. 52, and patented to R. M. Thomson and Thad A. Thomson, December 9th, 1890, Patent No. 371, Volume 7, being all of said survey, less 134 acres off the east end thereof sold to Geisecke.

5th. 230 acres of land (off the northern portion) of the E. T. R. R. Co. survey No. 145, located by virtue of certificate No. 102, and patented to W. H. Letchford, May 10th 1872, by Patent No. 287, Volume 8, being all of said survey No. 145, less the 410 acres heretofore sold to A. Herring

6th. 342 acres of land, part of H. A. Thomson 576 acre survey No. 148, located for the public school fund by virtue of Certificate No. 103, issued to the E. T. R. R. Co. and patented to H. A. Thomson June 26th, 1890, by Patent No. 533, Volume 10, being all of said survey, less 160 acres heretofore sold to L. E. Cresswell, and 74 acres sold to H. E. Dickinson.

7th. 96 acres of land, part of the Absolem Jett 3,525,302 square varas survey No. 530 4-8, located by virtue of unlocated balance Certificate No. 6-5965, issued by the Commissioner of Claims and patented to W. D. Thomson, November 13th, 1875, by Patent No. 377, Volume 2, being all the 230 acres acquired by R. M. Thomson, less the portion thereof theretofore conveyed by him to W. A. Thomson.

8th. 135 acres of land (off the west end) of the A. B. & M. 640 acres survey No. 25, located by virtue of Land Script No. 799, and patented to A. J. Rowe on 6th day of October, 1876, by Patent No. 131, Volume 26, being all of said survey, less 505 acres heretofore sold to Geisecke.

9th. 170 acres of land of the Samuel Gates survey of 177 acres, located by virtue of Certificate No. 500, and patented to the heirs of Samuel Gates, de-

ceased, by Patent No. 68, Volume 22.

10th. The T. T. Williamson survey No. 15 1/2, 188 acres of land, Abstract No. 857, located by virtue of Certificate No. 76, and patented to T. T. Williamson September 8th, 1883, by Patent No. 258, Volume 3.

11th. 15 acres of land out of the T. T. Williamson survey No. 529, Patent No. 912, Volume 2.

12th. 640 acres of land known as M. J. Parramore Survey No. 26, Abstract No. 834, purchased from the State of Texas by said M. J. Parramore and conveyed to H. A. Thomson and R. M. Thomson by said Parramore, and patented to said H. A. Thomson and R. M. Thomson, August 14th, 1902, Patent No. 560, Volume 24.

13th. 715 1/2 acres of land out of the George W. Dyer Survey No. 482, for 836 acres, located by virtue of Certificate No. 16-271, and patented to George W. Dyer October 27th, 1874, by Patent No. 403, Volume 20, being all of said survey now owned by R. M. Thomson and T. A. Thomson.

The said above described thirteen tracts of land comprise 12,831 acres, and it is the same property described in deed from T. A. Thomson et al to G. R. Casey & Company, recorded in Volume 31, page 304, of the deed records of Runnels county, Texas, and the same land which is described in deed of trust recorded in Volume 6, pages 10 etc of the records of Runnels county Texas.

The above sale will be made by me for the purpose of satisfying the above described money judgment of \$62,972.63, interest and costs, in full against the said G. M. Casey, but only pro tanto as against said G. R. Casey & Company and G. R. Casey.

R. P. KIRK, Sheriff of Runnels Co., Tex. Ballinger, Tex., March 8th 1904.

District Medical Association.

A district medical association was organized at Coleman last week. Fourteen counties are embraced in the association and a fair attendance is reported. Dr. A. S. Love of Ballinger was elected president of the district association and all presidents of the various county associations were made vice-presidents.

Miss Estelle Underwood, who has been in the city visiting her aunt, Mrs. Pomp Arnold, for the past month, left this morning for her home in Ballinger. Miss Estelle has many friends here who are always glad to have her visit here.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Jim Kornegay, of Miles passed through Brownwood Monday morning on his way home. Mr. Kornegay says he thinks if the census was taken of Miles now they would be given a population of 1,000.—Pecan Valley News.

Watt Harvey, who has been working at Ballinger for some time came home last Thursday evening to spend a few days with home folks.—Miles Messenger.

Invaluable for Rheumatism.

I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballards Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains. March 24th, 1902. John C. Degnan, Kinsman, Ills. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

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The time-worn injunction, "Never put off 'til tomorrow what you can do today," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it today!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it TO DAY—and let that remedy be Dr. Roschee's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated your cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. New trial bottles, 25c, regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

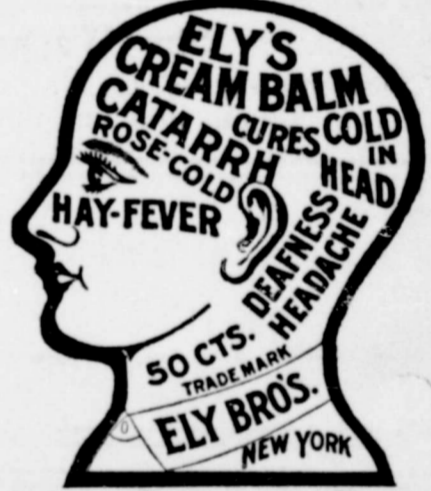
The Name Witch Hazel.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve, a certain cure for cuts, burns, bruises, eczema, tetter, piles, etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are all worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by E. D. Walker.

For Sale.

A three year old stallion of Hamiltonian blood. Will have him in Ballinger on first Monday in April. T. L. TODD, Maverick, Texas.

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ELY'S CREAM BALM
This Remedy is a Specific, Sure to Give Satisfaction GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE.

It cleanses, soothes, heals, and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. Applied into the nostrils and absorbed. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail.

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We have a large line of Guns, Rifles
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THE HUMPHREY LUMBER CO., Agents,
Ballinger, Texas.

Joe Wilmeth went down to
Brownwood Monday.

Get a new saddle at Bob Shaf-
fers. They are the best.

Will exchange new goods for
old. Lankford & Hathaway.

M. Cornelius, the Winters
merchant, was in the city Mon-
day.

Raby Padgett went up to Miles
Monday and returned Tuesday
evening.

A. L. Cox, of north of Winters,
had business with the Banner-
Leader Saturday.

The "Just as good" kind of
goods are not sold at J. L. Chas-
tain's. He sells only one kind—
the BEST.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of the Texas
Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery,
cures all kidney and bladder
trouble, removes gravel, cures
diabetes, seminal emissions,
weak and lame backs, rheuma-
tism and all irregularities of the
kidneys and bladder in both men
and women, regulates bladder
trouble in children. If not sold
by your druggist will be sent by
mail on receipt of \$1. One small
bottle is two months treatment.
Dr. Ernest W. Hall, Sole Manu-
facturer, P. O. Box 629, St.
Louis, Mo. Send for testimo-
nials. Sold by all druggists and
E. D. Walker.

Lockhart, Tex., Dec. 12, 1902.
Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo.
Dear Sir—In 1899 I suffered
from kidney and bladder trou-
bles and less than one bottle of
our Texas Wonder, Hall's
Great Discovery cured me and I
can cheerfully recommend it.
Yours truly,
S. S. NEWTON.

Epworth League Program.

March 27th, 1904.

Leader—Miss Genevieve Truly
Song.

Roll Call—Scriptural quotation
Song.

Prayer.

Subject—Christian Missions
in Japan—Ps. 72:1-11

Missions—Isa. 45:22-23—Mr.
Alexander.

Song.

How to make the Epworth
League effective as a missionary
force.

Matt. 13:15—Give ye them to
eat—Mr. Stovall.

Duett—Mrs. Kate Patterson
and Miss Maude Rape.

Mark 16:15—Miss Fannie
Hoffer.

Missionary talks by League
Collecting dues.

Song
Closing.

Capt and Mrs. Bonsal return-
ed one day last week from an ex-
tended trip to Nogales, Ari.
Houston, Tex., and other points
east and express themselves as
having had a very pleasant trip.
Mrs. Fred Noon, nee Miss Natlie
Bonsal, returned with her par-
ents and will visit friends in this
section for a while. Mrs. Noon
will be welcomed by a host of
friends in Ballinger.

John Given, who with his wife
has been in the city for a week
visiting his mother and father,
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Given, left
Monday evening to resume his
duties on the road.

Miss Maud Erwin left Monday
evening for Terrell to visit her
father's sister at that place, and
will then go to spend awhile with
her sister, Mrs. Joe Jones, of
Columbus, Texas.

A. W. Sledge made a quick
trip to Miles Monday.

Homer Alexander made a busi-
ness trip to Winters Monday.

G. W. Gray of the Maverick
country was in Ballinger Mon-
day.

Boon Royalty is at home again
after an absence of about two
months.

W. L. McAulay of Maverick
was among the visitors to Bal-
linger Monday.

Editor Shurman, of the Paint
Rock Herald, had business in
Ballinger Monday.

J. L. Todd of Maverick was in
the city Monday and kindly re-
membered the printers.

Ed Fancher went to San An-
gelo on business Monday return-
ing on the evening's train.

Ben Davis, from up the river,
was transacting business with
Ballinger people Monday.

J. Sam Hall and wife of the
Maverick country were trading
in Ballinger first of the week.

J. T. Snellgrove, of Norton, a
staunch friend of the Banner-
Leader, had business in the city
Monday.

Dean Swift came in Monday
from the ranch on the Pecos to
visit relatives and friends here
for awhile.

Sam Jones is having erected
on the lot next to his residence
a nice little cottage which will be
for rent when finished.

J. J. Martin one of the Ban-
ner-Leader's friends from the
Norton country had business
with our merchants Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Robinson of San
Angelo came in Friday last to
spend a few days with her par-
ents and friends in Ballinger.

Mrs. M. C. Cobb came in
Saturday from Santa Anna to
spend a few days with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chas-
tain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Harris left
Friday evening for Dallas to
visit their daughter, Miss May.
From there they will go to Ennis
to visit Mr. Harris' sister.

J. E. Saunders and brother,
who recently came in from Waco,
were in Ballinger Saturday and
express themselves delighted
with our country. They are
located down the river on the
Muncey place.

C. A. Doose sold this week the
C. J. Wilson tract of land in the
Norton country to W. J. Watson.
Consideration \$2889. This is a
fine piece of land and when im-
proved Mr. Watson will have
one of the best farms in Runnels
county.

Mrs. C. S. Woodward and
daughter, Miss Jesse, went
down to Coleman Friday of last
week to attend the funeral of
Miss Ione White, niece of Mrs.
Woodward, who died in that city
Friday morning. We offer sin-
cere sympathy to Mrs. Wood-
ward and family in this sad be-
reavement.

Charlie Stamps, a prosperous
stock-farmer of the Pumphrey
country, had business in Ballin-
ger Monday and paid his res-
pects to the Banner-Leader. Mr.
Stamps was originally from
Whitewright, Grayson county,
has been here three years and
says he can make as much farm-
ing in this section as at his
former home, which is consid-
ered one of the best farming coun-
tries in the state. Mr. Stamps
is a pleasant agreeable gentle-
man and we were pleased to
form his acquaintance.

W. P. Hawkins.

In this issue appears the an-
nouncement of W. P. Hawkins of
Wingate, for the office of Justice
of the Peace and Commissioner
of Precinct No. 3, subject to the
action of the democratic primary.
Mr. Hawkins is a man of recog-
nized business ability and having
made a success of his own busi-
ness is likely to do the same in
the management of the county's
affairs. He asks your careful
consideration and will appreciate
your vote and if elected promises
faithful and impartial service.

Mrs. Vernon Grady came in
Saturday to spend awhile with
her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Miles.

There is more catarrh in this section
of the country than all other diseases
put together, and until the last few
years was supposed to be incurable.
For a great many years doctors
pronounced it a local disease and prescrib-
ed local remedies, and by constantly
failing to cure with local treatment,
pronounced it incurable. Science has
proven catarrh to be a constitutional
disease and therefore requires constitu-
tional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure,
manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co.,
Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional
cure on the market. It is taken in-
ternally in doses from 10 drops to a
teaspoonful. It acts directly on the
blood and mucous surfaces of the system.
They offer one hundred dollars for
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We have the only complete and up-to-date Abstracts of Titles of
Runnels and Concho county lands. They have been compiled with
the strictest fidelity to the official records and represent a quarter
of a century's painstaking labor. Abstracts of title carefully com-
piled and furnished on short notice at reasonable prices.

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We have the oldest established land agency in Runnels county
and have a clientele of both resident and non-resident land owners.
We represent a large portion of the lands for sale in Runnels and
Concho counties, and can offer investors a wide field for selection
of either improved or unimproved land, at reasonable prices and on
easy terms. Correspondence solicited.

Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

W e answer this question. 1st. Where
the prices are right. 2nd. Where the
goods are fresh and first class. 3rd
Where you will receive Courteous and Honest
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PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger
11:30 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger
4.45 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES—Strictly Cash in Advance:
District Offices \$10.00
County Offices \$7.50
Precinct Offices \$2.50

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.
D. M. WEST.

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.
T. T. COSSON.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.
JOHN HOFFER.

For County Attorney:

GUION GREGG.
R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.
J. F. LUSK.
C. S. BOWDON.

For County Treasurer:

W. F. SHARP.
D. P. MOSER.

For Public Cotton Weiger's Prec. No. 1.

T. J. STOCKS.
FRANK STUART.
LOUISA MASSEY.
CHAS. E. NANCE.
H. P. HARKINS.

For County Surveyor.

H. E. DICKINSON.
S. D. WILLIAMS.
J. E. POWELL.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 1.

J. E. SMITH.
W. H. WEEKS.
G. W. NEWMAN.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 2.

J. F. BILLUPS.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.

T. S. CROWDER.

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W. P. HAWKINS.

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To Our Readers and Patrons.

April the first Clyde Cockrell will be one of the proprietors of this paper, J. M. Skinner having sold his half interest in the plant to him, the change to take effect April the first.

Clyde, as he is familiarly known, has been with this paper some six years and has occupied various positions on it from devil to business manager which position he has held the past two years. He is a practical printer and, by those who are in a position to know, is reckoned as a first-class ad and job man. He is a young man anxious and ambitious to succeed in his chosen work and we solicit a continuation of the liberal patronage that the public has extended to us in the past and we promise a better paper in the future.

We will add a gasoline engine and other equipments in a few weeks and will run a ten page all home print instead of eight, thus giving our subscribers more reading matter each week. C. C. Cockrell, Sr., will be retained as editor, solicitor and reporter, and Clyde will remain as business manager and foreman in the office. Our facilities, when our new equipments arrive, will be equal to any country newspaper office in the state both for efficient work and rapidity for turning out the same.

Thanking the public for the liberal patronage in the past and soliciting a continuation of the same, I am,

Yours for Business,

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Salutatory.

Referring to the above article, I wish to say that although comparatively young the larger part of the past eleven years of my life has been spent in the printing office, having commenced my trade at the age of ten in Brownwood. For six years I have been an employee in the office of the Banner-Leader and have always striven to do my best by my employer and further the interests of the paper. As a partner in the business it shall ever be my aim to furnish our readers the best paper possible and please our patrons in the minutest details of all work entrusted to us. The mechanical department will still be in my hands and I shall endeavor to do even better work in the future than the past.

Bespeaking your support and hoping to merit all patronage accorded, I am, Yours,

CLYDE COCKRELL

Valedictory.

This week's issue of the Banner-Leader marks the close of the senior editor's work as editor of the best county paper in West Texas. His place will be filled by the foreman, Mr. Clyde Cockrell. We regret that our many duties and interests preclude our continuing in the work but feel that the paper will be the gainer as our successor has been trained from early boyhood in the newspaper work and thoroughly understands every detail of it. He is a first-class workman and we kindly solicit for him from our readers a large part of the generous consideration you have accorded to me.

J. M. SKINNER.

We pay 8 1/2 cents per dozen for fresh eggs and 18 to 24 cents for chickens. See us if you have any to sell. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Baraca Supper.

The Baraca boys of the Baptist Sunday School gave quite a nice little fish supper and entertainment in honor of the Philatheas class composed of the young ladies of the school.

Sixty pounds of Red Snappers were ordered from Galveston and Mr. B. S. Taylor, that expert chef on fishing expeditions, superintended the cooking of them.

The supper was attended by a majority of the members of both classes and the Baracas had as their chaperone or chief guest Mrs. Marberry of San Angelo. Mrs. Bowdon and Mrs. Love, president and secretary respectively of the Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. Robertson of San Angelo, Mrs. Cobb of Santa Anna, Mrs. Preston of Florence and Col. J. G. Stocks were also guests.

Quite an enjoyable time was had. Games were enjoyed by the young folks during the time the cooking was going on. Plenty of fish and other good things made the supper one which was enjoyed by all present. After the supper the audience joined in singing the grand old national hymn "My Country tis of Thee."

Rev. E. A. Burton then addressed the crowd on the work of the two classes and the prospects for the future. A discussion was had as to the starting of a library for the classes and Mrs. B. C. Kirk, Pres. of the Philatheas, Dr. Love, Pres. of the Baracas, and the pastor, Rev. E. A. Burton, were elected as a committee to superintend said movement.

The audience was then given a delightful treat in a duett by Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Cobb. The evening will long be remembered by all present.

New Spring Hats.

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Dental Notice.

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S. B. Raby, D. D. S.

Ben S. Reed, an old friend of the reporter and formerly a citizen of Ballinger, passed through Friday en route to his Schleicher county ranch from Coleman where he purchased some fine stock.

Do you want shoes that fit your feet, that give satisfaction, that are reasonable in price, that are comfortable? If so, the Goodbar shoes are what you want. We sell them.

THE FAIR.

T. D. Shepherd, of Coleman, came in Friday to spend a day or two with his brothers here, C. P. Shepherd and J. M. Skinner.

J. M. Grace, one of the true friends of the Banner-Leader at Crews, was trading here Friday.

W. E. Hill, the Pumphrey merchant, was in the city Friday.

Judge C.H. Jenkins, of Brownwood, is in the city this week.

Ballinger Public Libray.

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Only \$1.50 for a two years' membership if taken now. After organization the membership fee will be \$2.00. About April 2nd 1906 the library will be closed out by dividing the book among the members.

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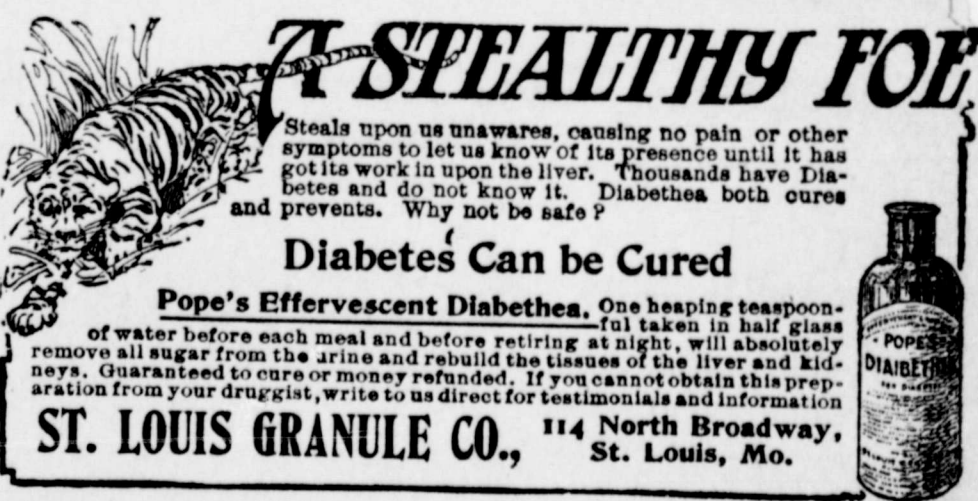
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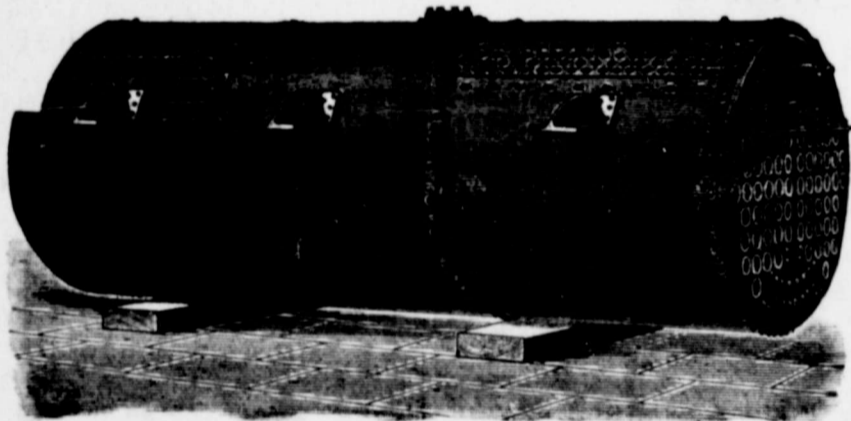
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MEMPHIS, TENN.

Pumphrey.

Bro. Newton failed to fill his appointment here Saturday and Sunday as he had been exposed to the measles and feared he would spread the pest in our community.

Mr. Collingsworth's little son Nathan is very low at present. He has something very similar to an abscess.

On last Sunday there appeared at the home of our new neighbor, Mr. Milam, two big twin boys. One weighed 8 pounds, the other 9½ pounds.

Mr. L. L. Mosley has a new girl at his house.

Mr. John Nixon has a new comer at his house in the person of a fine girl.

This is all the information of this nature we have to report this time. No marriages, no deaths.

J. B. Reed has sold his farm to Mr. Sears, of Whitewright, Texas.

Prof. Goodman begun a vocal school here Monday night. Mr. Goodman is an excellent singer, also a good instructor.

Mr. Jesse Dancer returned Tuesday from a visit to his home at Red Rock, Texas. He was accompanied by his little brother.

Mr. G. W. Noel's brother from Alabama is visiting him this week.

W. E. Hill continues to sell J. I. Case implements. He sends a wagon to town every week.

Our little town had several prospectors visiting here last week. Will give particulars next time.

R. S. Griggs, candidate for county attorney, has been in our community since last we wrote. We think Mr. Griggs will get a good support at this box.

Time's up. Mark Hopkins.

Convince your customer that you entertain the belief that his interests and yours are mutual, on the basis that you must treat him right to get his trade and must have his trade to success in business.

E. F. Hall, the patent right man, left Tuesday evening for home to spend a few days. He has a patent wire stretcher of his own invention and has made several sales here. It is a good thing.

Rev. R. M. Hall left for Galveston last Friday evening and delivered a sermon in the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Vernor Grady, of Santa Anna, was shaking hands with old friends in Ballinger this week.

Adam Where Art Thou?

Somewhere in Holy Writ we find the above question propounded to the first man of God's creation. He had transgressed the law and through shame and fear was hiding from his Maker.

The same question might well be propounded to a whole lot of the sons of Adam today.

Where art thou? Neighbor, friend! When Right and Wrong confronts you; when a Duty comes up that you should perform, will you leave it to conscience, will you show your colors before the world, or like poor old Adam, will you sneak off and hide among the bushes.

Sometimes it isn't popular to do a thing; you know it is right, that you should do it, but you are afraid it will hurt you in a business way, or make somebody mad. But if it is your duty you owe it to your country as a good citizen, and to your God as one of His creation, to do it. Jehovah Himself asks the question: Where art thou? You are responsible to Him for your position.

When the move for the Declaration of Independence came up God Almighty and the American people knew where Adams and Henry stood, and Britain soon found it out.

Oh, where art thou, in the open, standing up as a man battling against wrong, or under cover, afraid to speak, afraid to oppose that which you know to be damnable.

The other day our Texas senators were given the test. The ratification of the Panama treaty was up. It was business to ratify it. The commercial interests of the state asked for it. But these high-minded, conscientious statesmen, said no. They opposed it on moral grounds; they had God and Justice to satisfy, and though in a hopeless minority, and subjected to all kinds of abuse, they voted as their consciences dictated. That is manhood.

If you are not a Christian, you are a man anyhow, born into this world like everybody else, and the world is as much yours as it is your neighbors, you have just as much right to your opinion as he has. Where art thou? Standing in the open, exercising your privilege, or hunkered down with a policy sock in your mouth, unable to speak for fear of getting the butter swiped off of your bread?

To the mischief with cowards afraid of Duty; men with Christ in their hearts yet afraid to acknowledge him for fear of scorn. The world cannot afford to long abuse a man who stands out boldly for right. It will soon honor his bravery.

You needn't crouch and cower and play the mouse. You cannot afford to sever your relations with your Maker to tie to any man.

Get out on the mountain top, hold your head erect, and let everybody know that between the issues of Right and Wrong, you stand unqualified for Right. For every vote you cast and every act of your life you are responsible to the government under which you live. Your vote helps to make a law and to carry out the laws already upon the statute book. It goes its length for a wholesome, or an unwholesome administration, whether national, state or county. Not only are you responsible to your country for your vote and your acts, but you are responsible to your God. Then

don't permit any man to influence you against your conscience, against that which you know to be right, because he has some little pull, some little claim on you. Your country, that unfurls its flag of freedom above you, and guarantees the humblest citizen the same protection that it gives the greatest, and your God that has shown you a thousand tender mercies, should have as much "pull" or claim on you as any man. Descendant of Adam, where art thou? Are you with the legions of Right, standing like a stonewall in the open, or are you hiding away with the other gang among the fig trees?—Ozona Texan.

Sam P. Jones thus writes to the Atlanta Journal from Defuniak Springs, Florida: "The train on the New York Central railroad blocked yesterday by snow and the temperature above 86 here yesterday and today. What a great country is ours. From Alaska to the Florida keys, from Maine to Mexico. A fellow can get anything he wants between those extremes from Polar Bear to strawberries, from gold to gophers, from snow to surf bathing, from blizzards to sun blisters, from kraut to cabbage, from laplanders to sandlappers, from millionaires to bums. Everything to eat, to drink, to wear, to kill or to keep alive. I, for one, have always been so well satisfied that I never had any desire to even visit any other country and no special hurry even about going to heaven, though I sho' want to go there when I leave this country.

A story is going the rounds regarding a farmer who is greatly troubled with absent-mindedness. On the way home from town, so the story runs, he thought came to him that he had forgotten something and took out his note book and counted every item and checked it off and saw that he had made all the purchases he had intended. But as he drove on he could not put aside the feeling. When he arrived at home and drove up to the house his daughter came out to meet him, and with a look of surprise asked, "Why, where is maw?"

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Hungry People

Can satisfy their appetite with a meal made of almost any kind of old groceries, but to really enjoy your meal it must be composed of pure fresh groceries—the kind kept at our store. Our prices are on the best of terms with the pocketbooks hereabouts and the reason is very clear to those who have given us their orders. When you come right down to bargain facts it is prices and quality that tell the tale. We don't know of a store anywhere that meets these two requirements more faithfully than this, but to appreciate this you will have to give us a trial and be convinced. We do not keep any old stock and will make anything good that goes out of our store

THE CURRIE-NOYES CO.

Tom Shaw came in from the east Wednesday.

Joe Chriske of Brownwood is in Ballinger on business this week.

Ed Gentry bought one day last week the W. T. Ward residence for \$850.

Our friend, Sam Gray, of the Crews country, was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

Dan Bowen of the Norton country, had business with Ballinger merchants Wednesday.

Mrs. Warren, of Eden, mother of Mrs. W. D. Wilson is visiting her daughters in our city this week.

Mrs. I. N. Lewis came in Wednesday from an extended trip east and Bro. Lewis is looking as spry as a boy.

Prof. and Mrs. Larkin of Silver Valley, Coleman county, were visiting the family of Rev. I. N. Lewis this week.

Mrs. W. D. Wilson and sister, Mrs. Perryman, we are glad to note are able to be up again, after a siege of lagrippe.

Mrs. Ed Gentry and children returned Monday from Wingate where they have been visiting relatives for a week or so. Ed is now as smiling as a "basket of chips."

The city engineer J. Huffaker informed us that Ballinger water supply was getting low and unless we get rain soon arrangements would have to be made for draining another hole above the present one.

Died.

Mr. Ike Gatling, father of Mrs. G. W. Hull, of Ballinger, died last Friday night and was buried Saturday evening in the Ballinger cemetery. Mr. Gatling was an honest, honorable Christian man, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and died as he had lived in the true faith of a personal Saviour. Many friends join the Banner-Leader in sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

We are not complaining at any one, but it does look like the water facilities of the West End people might be remedied. They pay their taxes, water rents, etc. and there are whole days at a time that they do not get a drop of water.

Mrs. C. F. Dickinson informed our reporter that she is now ready to make abstracts for any who might need her services in that line. Her office is at the court house with W. T. Padgett, the assessor.

Miss Delia Day, who has been in the city the last two weeks on a visit to relatives, left this morning for home in Ballinger. —Brownwood Bulletin.

Attorney Jim Simpson of Concho county was here Tuesday looking after business matters. Mr. Simpson is now teaching south of Paint Rock.

Rev. D. M. West of Ozona came in Wednesday to shake hands with Ballinger friends for a day or two.

Dr. Myrick of Crews was in the city Wednesday.

Wm Glenn of Maverick was in the city a short while Wednesday.

Attorney M. C. Smith left Wednesday for Brownwood to transact some legal business.

Phone us, we will pay you good prices for Second Hand Goods. Lankford & Hathaway.

John Eskridge came in Sunday from Brady and will visit relatives and old friends for awhile.

We are glad to see little Otto Whitaker able to be out again after the serious accident of two weeks ago.

The Belton Steam Laundry gives satisfaction.

I. L. ALEXANDER, Agent. Phone 100.

Mrs. George Wright and little son are back from a very pleasant visit to relatives at Ballinger. —Brownwood Bulletin.

Austin Spencer, the merchant, base ball enthusiast and all round jovial fellow, of San Angelo, spent Wednesday in our city. Mr. Spencer wants our people to get up a base ball park.

What's the matter with Ballinger having a public park? Nearly all the towns our size and some of less pretensions are improving, decorating and otherwise arranging a place of public resort for their citizens. Let our enterprising and public spirited citizens think over the question and come together and build a park.

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W. G. Churchill is in Dallas to purchase machinery for the Ballinger compress. While there he will purchase some additional machinery for the Brownwood compress. —Brownwood Bulletin

There will be preaching services at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 at night by Rev. Stanley of Coleman. Everybody cordially invited to be present at this and all other services. It will do you good to hear this man of God talk.

The Big Four.

Ballinger now has an organization known as the "Big Four Whittling Society." Their place of meeting is in front of J. R. Tisinger & Co's drug store. The material for whittling is furnished by the above mentioned drug firm.

The members of this society are all expert fishermen and often try their hand at this sport and good luck nearly always attends their efforts.

Will Hardy, of Brownwood, of the firm of Hardy & Denny, painters, paper hangers and decorators, was in the city Wednesday. Hardy & Denny have the contract to paint, paper, and otherwise put the finishing touch on John F. Currie's handsome new residence.

The Shakespeare Club Reception

The following, copied from "The Crest," a monthly club magazine, ably edited by Mrs. Georgia Stenger, at Dallas, Tex., speaks words of deserved praise for the ladies of the Ballinger Shakespeare Club, who produced the parlor drama "A Stir in Colonial Circles," written by Mrs. Georgia Stenger, at the residence of Mrs. T. E. Butler, a fortnight ago:

Thursday, February 25th, the Shakespeare Club of Ballinger entertained in open meeting at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler.

On entering the house the guests were presented with red, white and blue programs by Miss Neil Butler who was beautifully costumed as a Colonial maid. By 9:30 the double parlors were filled with expectant guests to see the play "A Stir in Colonial Circles" performed by eight members of the club. Miss Adele Miller, a charming Puritan, gave the prologue. Mrs. W. R. Spencer won new laurels by her interpretation of La'ry Fairfax. Mrs. W. E. Odom sustained the role of Madame Custis admirably, the part being especially suitable. In the course of the play she sang "Ben Bolt" with much feeling. Mrs. Edwin Day as Lady Susannah, Mrs. Currie as Mrs. Philip Winwood, Miss Nell Gregory as Queen Aliquippa, the Indian chieftainess, were interestingly rendered and divided honors with the two friends, Patricia Landless and Janice Meredith, sweetly costumed by Misses Rather and Inez Moser. Mrs. Jo Wilmeth, as the maid, was artful and piquant, eliciting applause. The ladies of the club deserve much credit for their conscientious work, which was such a success. The play closed with the old-fashioned Virginia reel, creating much amusement.

Large American flags decorated the parlors, giving another touch of patriotism to the day.

After the play delicious fruit punch and cake were served. Miss Hadley presiding at the bowl. Mrs. Butler was fitting in her efforts to the occasion a memorable

Trustee Election.

Saturday, April 2nd, is election day for trustee. One man for Ballinger school district No. 9 is to be elected. Let everyone think about this matter and when election day comes around elect a live progressive man to this responsible position. Our public school is the most potent factor in the upbuilding of our city and should receive a liberal share of our attention. Every one should turn out and vote.

A Ball Park.

A ball park for Ballinger is now being agitated and will probably be consummated. We understand that if suitable grounds can be obtained a certain gentleman of this city will put it up as an individual venture.

This is a move that should receive encouragement as no town ever needed recreation and pleasure grounds more than Ballinger. Push this move along and lets have a ball park.

School books bought and exchanged at J. Y. Pearce's rugstore.

Phone 82 to buy, sell or lease household goods.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure in announcing to our friends and customers that our Spring Goods have arrived, and all that have visited our store during the last few days, pronounce our's the best assorted stock in the town, and they say too, that our prices are below our competitors prices. You will find all goods in our store at last year's prices and lots of them are being sold cheaper than in 1903.

We would be glad to have you call on us and let us show you our goods, the price and quality will talk for themselves.

SOME EXTRA GOOD THINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

Dimities and Lawns.

AFTON DIMITY, a pretty line of patterns fine sheer quality. This is a regular 20c cloth, while it lasts, it goes at, per yard..... **15c**

SEABRIGHT BALISTE, a fine sheer cloth, pretty patterns and coloring. The regular price is 12½c and cheap at that. On sale now, while it lasts at per yard..... **10c**

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Bargains in Men's Hats.

MEN'S HATS. We are closing out the Thoroughbred and Statesman Hats and offer them at the following prices:
\$3.00 Thoroughbred Hat at, each..... **\$2.25**
\$2.50 Statesman Hat at, each..... **\$1.75**

Dress Ginghams

CYPRESS GINGHAM, a serviceable cloth for children's Dresses, good patterns to select from, a regular 10c quality, on sale now, as long as it lasts, at per yard, only..... **8 1-3c**

CROWN ZEPHYR GINGHAM, a fine quality gingham, neat patterns, worth 12½c, on sale now, while it lasts, at only, per yard..... **10c**

RED SEAL ZEPHYR GINGHAM, a fine cloth, the most durable gingham made at any price, comes in a large range of patterns, all beauties, fast colors, on sale now at only, per yd, **12 1-2c**

PENNANT PERCALE, a fine 32-inch Percale, fast colors and serviceable, the best to be had, at only, per yard..... **10c**

ETONA PERCALE: a fine soft Percale, wears well, and the colors are fast, special value, at only **8 1-3c**

Special Sale of Sample Slippers.

DRUMMERS' SAMPLES LADIES' SLIPPERS.— We have about 100 pairs of these, which we divided into two lots; they are big bargains, so come early and get your size.
LOT ONE contains ladies' slippers worth as high as \$1.50 They are on the counter, your choice for, per pair..... **95c**

LOT TWO contains finer grades; all would be cheap at \$1.75 and \$2.00. Your choice in this lot, per pair..... **\$1.35**

No doubt you heard about how cotton goods have advanced Don't let that scare you. Come to our store and we will surprise you by selling you goods as cheap as you bought them a year ago. Yours truly

A. H. VAN PELT

H. WINKLER, Manager.

Lankford Corner.

Ballinger, Texas.

Ayer's

For hard colds, bronchitis, asthma, and coughs of all kinds, you cannot take anything better than Ayer's

Cherry Pectoral

Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor if this is not so. He uses it. He understands why it soothes and heals.

"I had a terrible cough for weeks. Then I took Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and only one bottle completely cured me."
—Mrs. J. B. DANFORTH, St. Joseph, Mich.

25c, 50c, \$1.00. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

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You will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

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Stupendous offer made by a well-known Philadelphia firm.

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Thousands of Persons in all parts of the country have been healed by this wonderful discovery

Every educated person has heard of Radium, its wonderful powers and healing qualities have occupied page after page in the Metropolitan publications. Almost everybody knows that it is the greatest remedy that God has ever given to suffering humanity. Disease germs of every description flee before it—they cannot stand the contact. We have such faith in our proposition that we guarantee absolutely to cure you. What is more we will give you a written contract to that effect. This offer has never been duplicated. Fill out the blank below and mark the malady from which you are suffering and receive by return mail information that will be worth hundreds of dollars to you. Ask any banking firm

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:—

Kindly send me free of cost information regarding your Radium treatment and your wonderful remedy "Radios"

Name.....

Address.....

City.....

State.....

Disease.....

Miss Jesse Woodward returned from Coleman Monday.

Wm Spain of the Crews country, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday.

Miss Ruth Cady, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Miss Francis Cady of our city.

M L. Hill and Mr. Pace of the Pumphrey country, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

Miss Carrie Hadley left Tuesday evening for a short visit to friends at Brownwood.

Capt. J. E. Smith left Tuesday evening for a short visit to old friends at Goldthwaite.

A. G. Arrant of the Norton country was here Tuesday doing business with our merchants.

W. R. Davis, the stock farmer of north of Winters, had business in Ballinger last Saturday.

Our prices have become familiar for their fairness.
Jas. E. Brewer, Jeweler.

Mr. Landen and family came in from Terrel, Tex., and have rented Mrs. Routh's place in Routh's addition.

W. J. Miller and wife left for Galveston Tuesday evening where Mrs. Miller will be placed under the care of a specialist.

C. S. Woodward purchased a new rubber tire buggy from the Hall Hardware Co. last week and, with his fine new horse, looks "out of sight."

Mrs. Park Smith arrived Monday from Marlin and Ballinger, greatly improved in health. Mr. Smith accompanied her home from Ballinger.—San Angelo Standard.

Mrs. C. S. Woodward returned Tuesday from Coleman. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. J. F. White and two daughters, Misses Vivian and Allene, who will visit for awhile in Ballinger.

The right of way fence of the Santa Fe was cut some time during Saturday night. It was cut between every post and all around except the east end and adjoining the section house. The citizens of Miles universally regret this occurrence, as it was thought by our people that the fence, which has been of so much inconvenience to our people, would soon be removed by the Company, and fear is expressed that the Santa Fe people will regard the cutting as the sentiment of our town. It is not—Miles Messenger.

Dr. A. S. Love accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller to Galveston Tuesday evening as their home physician, and while in Galveston the doctor will study up on surgery and anatomy.

Mrs. M. Maxwell, who has been visiting for some time at the home of H. A. Cady left Tuesday evening for Plantersville to spend awhile with Mrs. Cross Baker, her niece, at that place.

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 Mar. 19th, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

- Boyce, Mrs. Fred.
- Jowers, Miss Ethel.
- Madlock, Mrs.
- Craig, M. M.
- Fuller, Carl.
- Mays, Fayette.
- Ringer, E. B.
- Tonner, Micheal.

In the Peninsula of Abeheron, formerly belonging to Persia, but now a part of Russia, there is a perpetual or, rather, what the natives call an eternal, sacred fire which is known to have been burning continually for more than 2,000 years. It rises from an irregular orifice of about twelve feet in depth and 120 feet square. The flames, which are constant, rise to a height of from six to eight feet, unaccompanied by smoke or disagreeable smell, waving back and forth with the wind like a field of golden grain.

Just a word or two of encouragement and probably a little judicious flattery, will get more and better work out of most men than all the sharp words and orders that could be uttered. Any man with the pride of manhood, will instantly resent anything that smacks of a command for the reason that those who receive the commands are looked upon as inferior to the commander. A good humored word as to the work with a little compliment as to something done has won many men friends who found them very useful in the future—Beaumont Enterprise.

If I were a young man just starting in life I should make it a serious duty to fight against a suspecting disposition. Many a man makes shipwreck because he loses faith in his fellows. The great mass of the people are honest and sincere. The trouble usually lies in our jaundiced vision. Where suspicion is once aroused, it is easy to discover evidences of double dealing. The direct appeal, emanating from a free, frank and generous heart, is usually answered in like spirit. Even were it otherwise, were all men subtle, deceitful and treacherous yet would it be better for the heart's peace to be ingenuous and unsuspecting to the ragged edge of becoming the dupe of designing deceivers. When the garden has become overgrown with bitter and poisonous weeds, who shall restore the beauty and sweetness of the flowers? Suspicion is a serpent from whose venomous bite none ever entirely recover. The distrustful person, though rich as Croesus, is hardly to be envied. The apples he tastes turn to ashes in the mouth.—Ex.

Are you going to Build

The BALLINGER LUMBER CO., handle first class stuff for building purposes. They figure close and accurately on all bills and furnish just what they represent. When in need of anything in our line let me figure with you. Lime, Cement, Sash, Doors and blinds always on hand.

J. R. McVAY, Manager
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PATRONIZE JOE HARDIN TRANSFER LINE

For the Moving of Mercantile Freights, Household Goods, Pianos, Organs, etc.

HANDLE and DELIVERS COAL TO ALL PARTS CITY.

I give my personal and best attention to all business entrusted to me and guarantee satisfaction.

Gives Health, Vigor and Tone.

Herbine is a boon for sufferers from anæmia. By its use the blood is quickly regenerated and the color becomes normal. The drooping strength is revived. The languor is diminished. Health, vigor and tone predominate. New life and happy activity result. Mrs. Belle H. Shirel, Middlesborough, Ills., writes: "I have been troubled with liver complaint and poor blood and have found nothing to benefit me like Herbine. I hope never to be without it. I have wished that I had known of it in my husband's lifetime." 50cts. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by E. D. Walker.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in constipation, headache or liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjust this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

The Best Cough Syrup.

S. L. Apple, ex-Probate Judge Ottawa County, Kansas, writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

It's hard to fit your eyes with glasses on paper but you come here and we will fit you correctly.
J. E. Brewer.



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10 CENTS PER BOTTLE
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By going bare footed is the way of economical people in some countries, but the way to save money is to have Bob Shaffer half sole your shoes.

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I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
H. C. WYLLIE.

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Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.

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is a natural vegetable remedy, containing no mineral or narcotic poisons. It will correct any or all symptoms, make your health, appetite and spirits good. At druggists, 50 cents.

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Cure, Prompt, Positive. Cure for Impotence, Loss of Stamina, Seminal Emission, Spermatorrhoea, Nervousness, Self-Distrust, Loss of Memory, etc. Will make you a STRONG, Vigorous Man. Price \$1.00, 6 Boxes, \$5.00. Special Directions Mailed with each Box. Address: Ballard New Lintment Co., 2999 Lucas Ave., ST. LOUIS, - MO.

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For CONSUMPTION, Price 50c & \$1.00
CURE FOR COLDS

A Perfect Cure For All Throat and Lung Troubles. Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

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THE FAMOUS LITTLE PILLS.

For quick relief from Billousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Dizziness, and all troubles arising from an inactive or sluggish liver. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled.

They act promptly and never gripe. They are so dainty that it is a pleasure to take them. One to two act as a mild laxative; two or four act as a pleasant and effective cathartic. They are purely vegetable and absolutely harmless. They tonic the liver.

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FEMALE WEAKNESS

542 1-3 Congress St. Portland, ME, Oct. 17, 1902.

I consider Wine of Cardui superior to any doctor's medicine I ever used and I know whereof I speak. I suffered for nine months with suppressed menstruation which completely prostrated me. Pains would shoot through my back and sides and I would have blinding headaches. My limbs would swell up and I would feel so weak I could not stand up. I naturally felt discouraged for I seemed to be beyond the help of physicians, but Wine of Cardui came as a God-send to me. I felt a change for the better within a week. After nineteen days treatment I menstruated without suffering the agonies I usually did and soon became regular and without pain. Wine of Cardui is simply wonderful and I wish that all suffering women knew of its good qualities.

Wilhelmina Swann
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

Periodical headaches tell of female weakness. Wine of Cardui cures permanently nineteen out of every twenty cases of irregular menses, bearing down pains or any female weakness. If you are discouraged and doctors have failed, that is the best reason in the world you should try Wine of Cardui now. Remember that headaches mean female weakness. Secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

WINE OF CARDUI

Celebrated Paul Jones Wine at Wilkes.

A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis coughs, cold and grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

Do You Want Strength?

If you want to increase your strength you must add to and not take from the physical. In other words, the food that you eat must be digested, assimilated and appropriated by the nerves, blood and tissues, before being expelled from the intestines. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure adds to the physical. It gives strength to and builds up strength in the human system. It is pleasant to the taste and palatable, and the only combination of digestants that will digest the food and enable the system to appropriate all of its health and strength giving qualities. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Fearful Odds Against Him.

Beridden, alone and destitute. Such in brief, was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with kidney disease and neither doctors or medicine gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies, "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for liver and kidney troubles and all forms of stomach and bowel complaints. Only 50c Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Charwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We can not do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by E. D. Walker.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Has world-wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for cuts, corns, burns, boils, sores, felons, ulcers, tetter, salt rheum, fever sores, chapped hands, skin eruptions; infallible for piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

The sixty horsepower traction engines used on Western ranches will pull simultaneously seventeen plows, plowing forty to sixty acres a day, or will plow, drill and harrow, all at one time, with properly arranged tools, from thirty-five to fifty acres a day.

The largest tree in Oregon was felled recently to be sent as a curiosity to the world's fair. It is an Aberdeen spruce and stood nearly 300 feet high and 118 feet from the ground to the first limb. Its age is calculated at 400 years, being a good sized tree when Columbus discovered America.

If your uncle has an aunt who has a nephew whose wife has a cousin that is married to an old friend of your wife's sister, whose grandfather used to live in the same town with an old schoolmate of yours whose son-in-law is now in St. Louis, you should renew the acquaintance with a view of saving hotel bills while attending the World's Fair.—Missouri Telegraph.

The man who discontinues his local paper because he has "no time to read it" is taking money out of his own pocket. If he will give attention to its pages—and he ought to find time to do this—he will save many times the subscription price in the course of a year. This is not a mere statement; hundreds are ready to testify to its truth, and others will be as they come to know the real value of their home paper.—Western Publisher.

When Gen. Grant was marching through Virginia an old lady sent her grandson out to ask him where he was going. Said Grant: "Go tell your grandma I am going to Petersburg or Richmond, or to heaven or hell." In a few minutes the boy came back to him and said: "Grandma says you can't go to Petersburg; Gen. Beauregard is there. You can't go to Richmond; Gen. Lee is there; and you can't go to heaven because Gen. Jackson is there."

"Taffy" or "Truth"—Which?

Let a paper or magazine contain an article of commendation concerning corporation, association or individual, and extra copies are at once in demand by said corporation, association or individual.

Let a paper or magazine contain an article of criticism concerning any corporation, association or individual, and at once comes an order to discontinue "our" or "my" subscription.

For our taffy and besmear the public and you are hailed as a great editor and proved a wise publisher.

Tell the truth as you see and know it and you are denounced as an enemy and hated as a critic.

Shall it be "taffy" or "truth?" is the question that comes to every editor who depends upon the public for the support of his publication.

"Taffy" or "Truth," which? The one is sweet, the other is right.

The one draws to you the great swarm that is seeking the sugar-coated comments of commendation, the other holds the attention of the few who would know and do the right.

The one fills the pockets of the publisher with filthy lucre; the other makes the lot of the editor one of doubt and uncertainty.

The habit of always doing one's best enters into the very marrow of one's heart and character: it affects one's bearing, one's self-possession. The man who does everything to a finish has a feeling of serenity; he is not easily thrown off his balance; he has nothing to fear, and he can look the world in the face because he feels conscious that he has not put some shoddy into anything, that he has nothing to do with shams, and that he has always done his level best. The sense of efficiency, of being master of one's craft, or being equal to an emergency, the consciousness of possessing the ability to do with superiority whatever one undertakes, will give soul satisfaction which a half hearted slipshod worker never knows.

When a man feels throbbing within the power to do what he undertakes as well as it can possibly be done, and all his faculties say "amen" to what he is doing and give their unqualified approval to his efforts—this is happiness, this is success; his buoyant sense of power spurs the faculties to their fullest development. It unfolds the mental, the moral and the physical forces, and this very growth, the consciousness of an impending mentality and of a broadening horizon, gives an added satisfaction beyond the power of words to describe. It is a realization of nobility, the divinity of mankind.—Success.

Thrift of time is as necessary as thrift of money, and he who knows how to save time has learned the secret of accumulating educational opportunity. If you have ten minutes in the morning, ten minutes in the afternoon and ten minutes in the evening, put them together by using them for one purpose and you have half an hour; put these half hours together and in the course of a week you have three hours and a half; and three hours and a half a week, patiently utilized, are sufficient for making the acquaintance of a great group of books or learning a language. Men who regard it as sinful to waste money, waste time with a prodigal's lavishness because they do not understand the value of short periods of time; society is full of people who might enrich themselves an hundredfold and make their lives immensely more interesting if they learned this commonplace truth.—Leonard Graphic.

Do not lose faith in your fellow man. He is generally honest in his purposes. Public servants as a rule possess at least the average of honesty and are entitled to confidence till the presumptions in their favor are removed. Charges of dishonesty, hoodling and grafting are common terms in their application to municipal officers, are easily and recklessly made and difficult of disproof. Do not be too ready to join in this character of hue and cry. Be slow to judge but unrelenting and certain in your condemnation when corruption is discovered.

In the Billville Backwoods. ■

"How far is it to the next town, my friend?"

"Bout fifty acres—or better."

"I mean—how many miles."

"Well, hit mout be two, or hit mout be six."

"You're a big fool."

"I know it; but—you orter seen my daddy!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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- Monthly residence rates: 16 cp lamps \$1 each the first two lights, additional 25c.
- Business rates: \$1 the first light, 75c each the next 6, additional, 50c.
- Saloons, \$1 each light.
- For 32 cp lamps double the former ratio. Arch light \$10.00 each.
- Meter rate 15c per K. W. hr.
- Plain incandescent wiring \$1.25 per droplight.
- No less than two lights will be installed.
- Remittance must be made by the tenth of each month.
- Your patronage solicited.

CITY BARBER SHOP,

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Hot and Cold Baths at any old time.
Hair cutting 25cts
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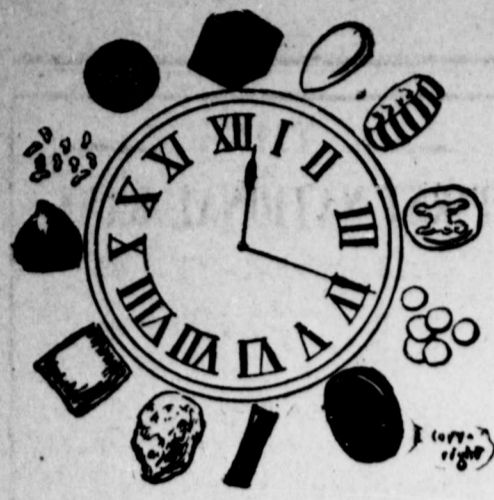
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In the day one can buy Candy here and get a new kind and new flavor each time. This gives an idea of the variety. Words cannot convey an adequate idea of the fine quality and delicious flavor of our

CONFECTIONERYS.

An investment of a small sum of money in any of our Candies will bring more knowledge of its goodness than thousands of words. Please examine our nice line of Easter Candies. We have an assortment that cannot be duplicated in Ballinger.

H. W. ALEXANDER.

Bowman School Picnic.

The older members of the Bowman school enjoyed a picnic at the German picnic grounds last Saturday. The picnic party was chaperoned by Mrs. Isaac Vancil, who is an ideal chaperone.

The Bowman school, which is located about 10 miles from Ballinger, is in charge of Miss Katie Belle Gregory and is considered a fine school.

The day was simply perfect for an outing and everyone present enjoyed the different games, target shooting and other amusements.

During the day a vote was taken to ascertain who was the prettiest young lady present, a box of candy to be awarded the one receiving the largest number of votes, and when the final count was made Miss Laura Stovall was the favored one.

In the target shooting contest Miss Nelle Gregory of Ballinger was presented with a dainty box of bonbons.

Among those present from Ballinger were: Mrs. Frank Rather, Mrs. W. R. Spencer, Mrs. Thomas, Misses Carrie Gamorell, Mary Rather, Nelle Gregory, Messrs. Price Maddox, Prof. Thomas, Pickens, Sam Rather, Gambrell and Rather of Central America.

When the festivities of the day had closed the young people of the school drove over to Winters to have a large group photo taken and the Ballinger guests returned home, after voting the Bowman school picnic a decided success and a most enjoyable affair.

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We are just opening up in the old Winkler building a nice line of Gents Furnishings, Ladies Misses and Childrens' Shoes, Notions, Laces, Embroiders, Glass and Queensware, Tin and Enameled ware, light Hardware, etc., etc., at prices that will interest you. Our goods are not all in but will quote you prices on some things that are now on sale

Nice line Prints5c to 6 1/2c
White Lawn20c down
Ladies 2 5/8 Shoes for2.10
" 2.00 Shoes for1.65
Other styles as cheap accordingly
Window Shades25c up
36 sheets good Note Paper 5cts
35 good Envelopes3cts
Nickle Tip Lead Pencils1c
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Men's Fur Hats\$1 and up
" fine Shoes \$1 " "
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Mens work shirts 25c up
" negligee shirts45c up
Don't fail to see our line Midget String and Four in Hand Ties
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Beautiful assortment mercerized White Goods for Ladies Shirt Waists from30c down

Let us take your measure for a suit of tailor made clothes. Have had eight years experience in this line, therefore you need not be afraid of getting a misfit. Our prices are right too

We are sole agents for the celebrated WALK-OVER SHOES for men. The shoe that is as comfortable when new as an old shoe and as shapely when old as a new shoe.

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You are cordially invited to call compare prices and quality promising you at all times fair and courteous treatment. Remember please, our lowest, OUR ONLY prices are those marked in plain figures on our goods. Will give you more prices later. Yours for Business,

Bair & Brown

Look at Jas. E. Brewer's show window.

See us for Plow Gear. Lankford & Hathaway.

G. W. Keel of Pumphrey had the business in Ballinger Thursday.

The best alarm clock in the world for the money at J. E. Brewer's.

Lime, brick, cement and all kind of building material at the Ballinger Lumber Co.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and garden seed at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite Post Office.

When you want good pickles and olives see J. B. Alvis & Bro. They handle Heizz's goods.

Mrs. J. A. Marberry came in Thursday evening from San Angelo to visit Ballinger friends.

Just think of it! California canned fruit at J. B. Alvis & Bro. for only \$1.50 per dozen.

We make a specialty of leasing goods. Charges reasonable. LANKFORD & HATHAWAY.

Ben D Lee, of Belton, ex-county clerk and now candidate for sheriff, had business in our city this week.

Miss Charlie Cusenberry, who has been visiting friends in Ballinger, left Thursday evening for her home at Talpa.

Mrs. R. A. Hall came in from San Angelo Thursday evening to spend awhile with relatives and friends in our city.

From every point of view our stock of jewelry is desirable—in beauty, in style, in quality, in saving price. Jas. E. Brewer.

Herman Geisecke, Harry Scott, John Hoffer and L Markowitz composed a party out from town Thursday on a fishing trip.

A pretty girl in bloomers on a crowded street would not excite the interest among shoppers that my low prices are doing. THE FAIR.

Some of the young people enjoyed a moonlight picnic Monday night at the Bowman school picnic grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Vancil chaperoned the crowd, and all the lucky ones seemed to enjoy themselves to the limit and are hoping they shall again have the same pleasure before long.

Among the late arrivals is a shipment of men's shirts. These go on along with some others which we desire to close out without delay in order to move them. We have made the prices \$1.00, some at 75c and others at 65c. THE FAIR.

Don't fail to secure seats to Gov. Bob Taylor's lecture at the Opera House, Friday night Apr. 1st. Reserved seats 75cts. On sale at Asa Cerdill's.

Notwithstanding the dusty, windy weather of Wednesday the ladies report quite a good business at their millinery opening.

Judge J. W. Powell left on Thursday's west-bound train for Sherwood, where he goes to look after some land business.

Say? when in town don't forget to let Boyd Bros. do your barber work, and clean your old Hat.

You can get fresh vegetables and straw berries most any old time at J. B. ALVIS & BRO'S.

We call attention to H. Winklers 4 column 16 inch ad in this issue. It will pay you to read it.

Why not let Boyd Bros. have your old Hat made new. It saves buying a new one.

C. F. Dickerson sold his residence in West End this week to Mrs. A. B. Griffin.

Boyd Bros. want your barber work and will treat you right. Hair cuts 25cts.

Shoe repairing is done the best at Bob Shaffers

Look at J. E. Brewer's show window.

John Bryant, of Wingate, was transacting business here Friday.

Guion Gregg and Mr. Dallas, of Temple, made a business trip to Maverick Thursday.

W. G. Allen, the Wingate gin man, was interviewing our business men Tuesday of this week.

We understand a new livery stable will be built soon back of T. S. Tankford's saddle and harness shop.

Thos. J. Hocker, the library organizer of Lampasas, is in the city this week and will establish a library at this place.

John Loveless, one of Wingate's prosperous farmers, treated himself to a new buggy Friday. Van Pelt & Kirk made the sale.

If you would be pungent, be brief, for it is with words as with sun-beams, "The more they are condensed, the deeper they burn."—Southey.

Mrs. J. H. Miller and daughter Aileen left Tuesday evening for Dallas and from there they will go to Marlin and other points east for the benefit of Mrs. Miller's health.

We do our drumming by giving bargains. Our bargains are in quality not quantity. We have too many canned goods. The cut is in price, not quality. THE FAIR.

Prof Hocker of Lampasas is here organizing a public library. A \$1.50 membership will furnish you all the good books you can read in two years. His books are on display at Tisinger & Co's drug store. Up-to-date books a specialty.

A promising young man of—recently presented his better half with a handsome piano lamp on her birthday. He was flattered when she told him that she intended to give it his name, until he asked her reasons for so peculiar a proceeding. "Well," she said, "you know dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, requires a good deal of attention, is remarkably brilliant, is sometimes unsteady on its legs, liable to explode when only half full, flares up occasionally, it is always out at bed time and is bound to smoke.—Selected.

The Influence of the Home.

When a mother takes a child into her arms she little knows the possibilities that lie within it, to be developed by careful training through the cultivation of the conscience and those virtues and graces that make up Christian character and form the genuine purpose of life. A child who has been well born and well reared has, to start with, an education and culture that transcend every form of knowledge. The moral bias given in those early years will so root itself in life and character as to almost be unchangeable. The most lasting impressions are received at home. It is there the seeds are sown that germinate and develop either into a noble and self respecting purpose, or into a life of lawlessness, dissipation and crime.—Selected.

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W. E. Odom, M'gr.,
Ballinger, Texas.

Excursion Rates.

State Medical Ass'n, Austin, Tex. Sell April 20 and 26 Limit **May 1st. Rate \$8.70**

State Convention T. P. A., Austin, Tex. Sell April 28th. Limit **May 1st. Rate \$8.70**

Grand Lodge K of P, Houston, Texas. Sell April 23 and 26 Limit **April 30. Rate \$12.80.**

Convention Hotel Men. San Antonio, Tex. Sell **May 24 and 25. Limit May 28. Rate \$11.30.**

General Conference of the Methodist church, Los Angeles, Cal. Sell **April 23rd to May 1st. Limit June 30. Rate \$45.00** from Galveston. See agent for particulars.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, Paris, Texas. Sell **April 11th and 12th. Limit April 17. Rate \$12.05**

Lecture by Gov. Bob Taylor, San Angelo, Tex. Sell **March 31. Limit April 1. Rate \$1.40**

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Tex. Sell **May 18 and 19. Limit May 28. Rate \$7.75**

District Federation of Womens Clubs, Cuero, Tex. Sell **April 4 and 5. Limit April 9. Rate \$13.75**

General Board of Missions M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas. Sell **May 2 and 3. Limit May 10. Rate \$7.75**

Meeting International Good Roads Ass'n, New Orleans, La. Sell **April 3 and 4. Limit April 9. Rate \$23.05.**

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A first-class, modern college. Thorough preparation for the best positions. Courses in book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting, penmanship and Spanish. Competent teachers, reasonable rates, day and night. Book-keeping scholars! Stenography scholars! Penmanship per month \$2. Enter now. Special inducements. For further particulars address

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