

BANNER-LEADER.

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NO 50

Fall and Winter Merchandise

Never before in the history of Ballinger have you had at your command such a complete stock of DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING and MILLINERY at prices lower

Specialties.

You will find in our store some of the following specialties: Complete line Stetson and Thoroughbred Hats.—Hamilton and Carhart work clothing, new stock.—Buckskin breeches and corduroys.—Thompson Glove Fitting Corsets.—Banner Brand Boys Clothing.—E & W. Shirts and Collars.—Painters white suits.—Kid Gloves all colors and prices.—Special 10 doz Kid Gloves most merchants get 1.25, go at 75c per pair.—Big lot sample caps for boys and men at 15c

Sterling Clothing.

They are the best tailored, best material, sewed with silk thread, come in slims, stouts and regulars, in sizes 33 to 46 and very little more cost than the ordinary run of poorly made garments. Complete stock of boys and childrens suits in all grades, pants in all grades, extra sizes in slims and stouts, waists up to 48 and 37 in length.

SHOES

Edwin Clapp Shoes for wear and style need no recommendation, everyone who knows them can vouch for same. Complete stock in all lines.

Dress Goods--Millinery.

Our Dress Goods, Silks and Trimmings are complete. Short lengths in Silks, Dress Goods and Waistings, coming in patterns for Dresses and waistings embracing stacks of them in fine materials at half value.

Best assortment Millinery at lowest prices, Pattern Hats now open, call early.

We figure your fall bill at a saving as our stock is large, bought right and we guarantee a large saving on same Rest room.

D. REEDER,

PHONE 53

Send for Samples

BALLINGER TEXAS

Notice to Buyers

Will you continue to buy from concerns that have been charging you from 10 to 25 per cent more than they should, or will you buy from the firm who opened fire on HIGH PRICES and shot them down to close profits. Read our list of prices and buy where your dollar will get the most. We certainly do lead in low prices.

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| New South Tobacco per lb | 45c |
| Old Kentucky " " | 45c |
| West Tennessee " " | 40c |
| W. N. T. " " | 60c |
| Drummonds " " | 60c |
| Star " " | 45c |
| Horse Shoe " " | 45c |
| 1lb Bale smoking | 15c |
| 2lb can Strawberries | 10c |
| 3 2lb cans Blackberries | 25c |
| 3lb can Grapes | 15c |
| 3lb can Green Gage Plums | 15c |
| 3lb can Nigger Head Tomatoes | 10c |

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|-----------------------|--------|
| A1 Corn | 10c |
| 3lb can Hominy | 10c |
| A can of good Salmon | 10c |
| S. D. Lard per lb | 8c |
| Good Bacon " " | 10c |
| Cooking Oil per gal | 50c |
| Good bulk Coffee 8lbs | 1.00 |
| Good Rice, 25lbs | 1.00 |
| Navy Beans, 22lbs | 1.00 |
| Pink Beans, 20lbs | 1.00 |
| 10lbs A & H Soda | 55c |
| Good Syrup, per gal | 40c |
| Cabbage per lb | 3 1/2c |
| Onions per lb | 3c |

All other goods in proportion. We are strictly the laboring mans friend. Yours for business

ROBERTS GROCERY CO.,

West Side Square at old Ostertag Stand

Prices Subject to change without notice

We Reflect Our Feelings.

Did you ever notice in our everyday life that we constantly reflect our feelings in our acts and conversation with others. The man who is striving to do his honest duty every day will always reap a fair reward of what the world calls success and he wears a smile and meets his fellowman in a hearty jovial, good natured way, and is not constantly attempting to roast some one.

A bitter sarcastic disposition is often caused by his failures and mistakes, and he is constantly reflecting his condition of mind in speech and action toward others.

Sometimes this feeling manifests itself in a spirit of bluff or braggartism, and is nearly always accompanied by a disposition to dig up something exciting. But how different is the man when reasonable success crowns his efforts. He is not constantly going about with his stinger out and a chip on his shoulder hunting some avenue to gain a foothold to his neighbor's disadvantage, and does not find fault with everything and everybody.

Verily our natures are either embittered or sweetened by our successes and failures.

Staffrod Bros. Minstrels

28th Annual Tour

A Circus in minstrelsy, featuring the celebrated SUNNY SOUTH JUBILEE SINGERS, 40 people each an artist

Don't be hypnotised by the claims of others. This is the real show, the Texas Show, owned and controlled by Texas people

If you can't laugh don't come

A genuine revival of old time minstrelsy. The big feature show presenting a galaxy of bright and shining stars Everything new and up-to-date. This is not a vehicle for the exploiting of old songs and time worn jokes

Clean, Wholesome Amusements

DON'T FORGET THE DATE

Ballinger, Thursday, Sept. 29

Big Parade and Open Air Concert Afternoon and Night

TO THE PUBLIC

We will open a Skating Rink in the Opera House this evening at 2 o'clock, Sept 23

We have first class fixtures and arrangement and will run it in decency and order. Open from 2 to 6 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 12 at night. Come and enjoy a few hours innocent pleasure and health-giving exercises. Don't forget the time and be on hand

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We sell on the installment plan or lease you all kinds of House Hold Goods

Lankford & Hathaway

More wood and better wood from J. N. McKay, phone No. 2

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wynn visited friends in San Angelo Saturday of last week.

Miss Ruby Green left Saturday afternoon for Dallas to visit relatives, for a few days.

Wood delivered on short notice if you phone No. 2.

J. N. McKay.

D. L. Coggin, from down the river, was supplying and marketing cotton in Ballinger Saturday.

Arthur Doose came in Saturday from Mineral Wells where he has been the past two weeks taking a much needed rest. He is looking much better and reports a very pleasant trip.

P. W. Squyres, while on the Concho, found a pearl worth \$1000 and another worth about \$300 and a number of smaller ones. The Concho is becoming famous, as quite a number of pearls have been found lately.—Miles Flyer.

R. Todd, ex-sheriff of Milam county, and again the present nominee for re-election, passed through Ballinger Saturday enroute home from his ranch in Coke county. Mr. Todd spent the day while here with old Milam county friends.

John Tabor, who has been boss of the gang grading the railroad track and putting in the new siding at this place, went up to Brownwood Saturday to visit home folks. Mr. Tabor is a splendid man and has made some warm friends during his short stay in Ballinger.

Miss Ethel Moore, former editor of the Winters Budget, is now established with D. Reeder in the millinery department. Miss Ethel is a pleasant, agreeable young lady and we predict a successful business in the millinery line. She will be glad to see her many friends when they come to the city, and will look after their comfort at all times.

J. M. Brown, who has been living north of Ballinger about 17 miles, left for his old home at Itasca, Hill county, where he will reside in the future. Mr. Brown is a substantial citizen and we reluctantly give him up. However, he has the Banner-Leader to follow him to keep him posted about Runnels county and we predict that twelve months will find him back in Runnels.

San Angelo Standard.

R. D. Hall, father of the cashier of the San Angelo National Bank, accompanied by his grandson, Vosburg Hall, returned on the 9th instant from spending the summer at the old home, Warrensburg, Pa.

The business of J. C. Murphy & Co., of Temple, with branch

land is located on the never-falling Colorado river in Coke county. He has purchased a fifty horse power Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine and a pump capable of pumping 2000 gallons of water a minute, from C. & G. Hagelstein Co., and by this method he can irrigate 200 acres of fertile land once in every seven days throughout the year.

W. L. McAulay is cutting up his 5000 acre tract of land near Maverick, Runnels county, and has put it on the market for sale in tracts to suit purchasers.

W. C. Penn, of Ballinger, bought 200 bales of cotton in San Angelo Wednesday and Thursday at around 11 cents.

GOLD AND SILVER DISCOVERED.

The land of the great Concho country is rich with mineral

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R. G. ERWIN & CO.

presents itself is, "Can the mines be worked profitably?" The prospectors answer an emphatic yes. The assayers report that the ore tests \$26 gold, \$18 sulphur and 50 cents silver to the ton. Certainly the sulphur alone would cover the expense of mining, transporting and marketing the ore. This test was made from a sample recently

As he gets further and further into the mountain foothills the ore becomes more and more valuable. The tests have increased from \$5 to \$26.50 in gold and silver alone within a depth of 40 feet. At a depth of 300 feet the prospectors hope to strike the very heart of the ore.

J. C. Hughes Killed.

Coleman, Texas, Sept 16.—While in town last night after medicine for his grandchild, J. C. Hughes of this place was thrown from his buggy, causing concussion of the brain, death resulting in a few minutes. His remains were shipped to Comanche this evening. The child died this morning.

Test Its Value.

Simmons' Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for constipation and disordered liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.

W. M. TOMLINSON,
Price 25c. Oswego, Kan.

The Robert Lee Observer has enlarged from a six to seven column paper, made necessary by its increased patronage. We are glad to see friend Cowan enjoying this wave of prosperity, and he certainly deserves it as he is getting up one of the best papers ever published in the county.

Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by but the trouble has not returned." MRS. KATE HOWARD,
50c per box. Little Rock, Ark.

Every day is SUIT day at The Fair. Our stock of clothing has arrived and our line excels anything that will be shown here this fall. TAE FAIR,
Leaders in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.

Remember

Frank Stuart is the duly elected Cotton Weigher. See his sign at Chastain's corner and be sure to take your cotton to him. The right hand yard going towards the river from town.

THE SAME OLD STORY

Just returned from market with a big stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods and Clothing

We spent some time selecting our 1904 stock and found prices that enable us to sell you, out of the best selected stock.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings

at easy prices.

See our standard brands of ready-to-wear Clothing and ladies' tailor-made suits that fit well, wear well and last long at short prices.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

We have in our store an experienced milliner with an up-to-date stock of Millinery, bought in connection with our big stock of Dry Goods, and the ladies are especially invited to visit this department before buying their new hat and millinery goods.

We have engaged the services of Miss Kate DeMotive as Dressmaker. Will charge reasonable prices for work.

L. MARKOWITZ & CO.

COTTON BUYERS.

office here, will continue as heretofore, except that the local office will be moved to Ballinger Monday, with B. E. Mulford in charge. The Standard regrets the departure of Mr. Mulford, and wishes him much success.

J. D. O'Daniel has probably solved the problem of successful farming in West Texas. His

veins, containing gold and silver. At least the indications as depicted by two "old timer" prospectors point that way. Assays of the ore have again and again been made and in almost every instance the reports of the assayers have been very encouraging. The percentage of the valuable metals and of copper, as obtained by samples, justifies the assertion that mining in this immediate section will prove highly profitable.

All surface indications point to mineral wealth. All samples of the ore obtained from excavations already made—and one is 40 feet—verify the statement of the prospectors that the whole hillside is rich with valuable metals remaining there for the hand of man to lift and convert into wealth.

If this statement be true, the all important statement that

sent and is the best obtained thus far.

The first sample tested only \$5.26 worth of gold and silver per ton of ore. Each assay made thereafter increased as the prospectors got further into the vein. And Mr. Hartzogg now estimates that the ore obtained from the vein he struck last week will test fully \$100 per ton.

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This body of about 13,000 acres of land has been subdivided by us into parcels of 150 acres and upwards and is being offered for sale by us to Home-seekers and Investors at prices ranging from \$8 50 to \$12.50 per acre, on terms of 1-5, or more down, balance two, four, six, eight and ten years time, 8 per cent per annum interest, all notes drawn on or before. Here is your opportunity to get a home. For further particulars call on, or write

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short notice, anything from a small
box to a car load. Give me your work
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Now is the time to buy your winter
coal. I am ready to supply you with
the very best McCalister coal. Buy
now and save money

HAYDEN ROUTH

Birthday Dining.

On Saturday night Sept. 17th,
City Marshall Pilcher was—well
somewhere under the half cen-
tury mark—of age, and, desiring
to celebrate the passing of this
"mile stone" he invited a few of
his friends to his hospitable
home for the occasion.

Mrs. Pilcher proved herself a
most excellent cook for the
supper prepared was one of the
best this reporter has had the
pleasure to help "put away,"
and the endorsement of all those
who partook of the sumptuous
feast was had in the happy little
"afterdinner" speech by Mr.
Alfred Doose.

After supper the city marshall
brought out a big box of cigars,
and "ye artists with the stringed
instruments," Messrs. Ryan,
Huffaker and Laxson rendered
some splendid music which was
enjoyed by all, till one by one the
guests took their leave wishing
for Mr. Pilcher and his good
wife many happy returns of the
occasion. The following were
present: Messrs. Alfred Doose,
Hermann Geisecke, I. O. Wood-
en, August Globber, Eddie Globber,
J. S. Collins, C. B. Armstrong,
W. G. Ryan, J. P. Huffaker, H.
Laxson, R. S. Griggs and Mayor
Hoffer.

A. M. Treadway, a former cit-
izen of our county but now of
Borden county, was in our city
first part of the week. He is
very well pleased with his new
location but says his boys are
not, and he came back and
bought land in the Winters coun-
try and two of his sons will
move back this winter. Run-
nels is hard to beat and when a
man once lives here he always
comes back or wants to.

Miss Daisy Pittman, a former
teacher in our public school,
spent a day this week with
Mrs. George Vaughn enroute to
San Angelo where she will teach
another year. Miss Daisy has
many warm friends in Ballinger
who always welcome her visits.

We are glad to see Ralph
Willingham on the street again
since the accident of falling
from the river bridge. Except
the broken wrist and the pains
incident thereto, says he is feel-
ing all right and glad he is still
alive.

Jewish Day of Atonement
which occurred on Monday last,
was observed by L. Markowitz
and H. Winkler of our city. They
neither eat nor drink anything,
not even water, from sun-up to
sun-down on that day.

Jim Osburn, the big, jovial
whiskey drummer for E. Epp-
stein & Co., of Dallas, was in the
city a few days the first of the
week, selling goods and looking
after business interests here.

M. Huffaker, county assessor
of Parker county, at Weather-
ford, who spent the week here
with his brother, J. P. Huffaker,
left for his home Saturday.

The Nat Perry gin got up
steam and ginned out its first
bale of cotton Monday, and
everything worked like a charm
and in perfect order.

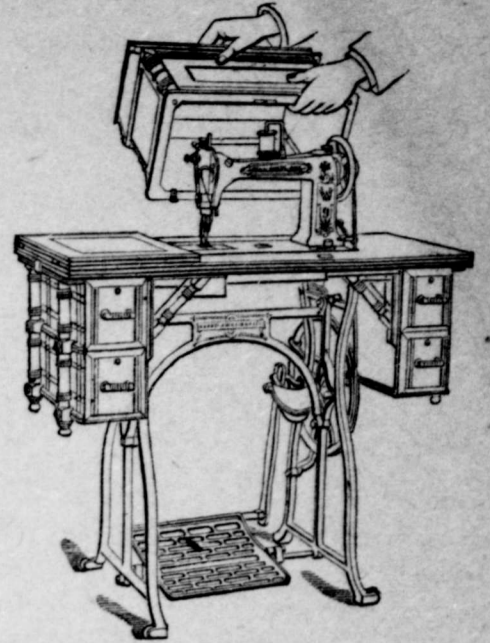
F. G. Hoelscher sold this week
640 acres of land, Section 9, in
the Dry Ridge neighborhood, to
John Nichols at \$8.50 per acre.

Josie McKenzie went up to
San Angelo Sunday and return-
ed on Monday's train. He was
looking after cotton pickers.

Capt. A. D. Tally and Ed
Baggett of Crews were doing
business in Ballinger Monday.

LOOK

The Largest and Best Stock of
Sewing Machines



In Runnels county to be found
at the old Racket Store oppo-
site Davis-Fancher Co. They
must and will be sold so come
early and get first choice.

Yours for Business

**W. M. McGINNIS,
BALLINGER, TEXAS**

Judge R. B. Truly made a
legal business trip to Paint Rock
one day this week.

Call for Live Oak Flour. It will
give satisfaction. Opposite Post-
Office at Miller Mercantile Co.

Little Miss Cordie McBeth,
who has been visiting the family
of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett,
left for home at Miles Monday.

F. B. Ballio, the veteran rep-
resentative of the Western News-
paper Union, of Dallas, was in-
terviewing our printers Monday.

Gaines Hall, who for some
time has been visiting his father,
J. S. Hall and family at Winters,
left Friday for his home at Dub-
lin.

Misses Olga and Louise
Scnawe and May and Annie
Massey left Friday evening to
attend the World's Fair at St.
Louis.

Miss Annie Robertson of
Gatesville came over from Bal-
linger Tuesday and spent the
day with Mrs. C. A. McBeth.—
Mlies Messenger.

Jas Asbell completed, this
week, the house for the cotton
scales at the Nat Perry gin and
left for his home at Brownwood
Monday afternoon.

H. D. Pearce came in Sunday
from his old home in Illinois
where he has been the past 31
days. He visited the fair at St.
Louis while gone and reports a
good time all round.

Judges John I. Gaion, M. C.
Smith, R. B. Truly and C. H.
Willingham went up to Robert
Lee first of the week to attend
to legal business before the
district court in that city.

Judge C. H. Willingham re-
ports the following land sales:
W. N. Spear to J. L. Tyson, 165
acres of land near Crews at \$12
per acre. 485 acres of land to
T. A. Tidwell and J. L. Whidden
at \$16 per acre.

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Fresh Steak and Roast
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my meat to be better
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C. C. COCKRELL, SR.,
ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger

12:20 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger

4:32 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger

3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger

10:40 a. m.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.

D. M. WEST.

For Judge 35th Judicial District.

JNO. W. GOODWIN

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.

For County Attorney:

R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.

For County Treasurer:

W. F. SHARP.

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

FRANK STUART.

For County Surveyor.

J. E. POWELL.

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

W. H. WEEKS.

For Constable Prec. No. 1.

B. W. PILCHER.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.

J. E. McADAMS.

For Constable Prec. No. 2.

E. W. BAGGETT.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 3.

W. P. HAWKINS.

A dog that will bring a bone will carry one back, is a very expressive old saying. Be careful of the man or woman with only an evil story to tell you about some neighbor and remember that they will carry one back if you give them but half an opportunity.—Ex.

The big packers claim that business is regaining its normal condition since the failure of the big strike. An officer of Swift & Co. is reported as saying: "We are gradually working back to normal conditions, and while in common with the other packers, we have incurred a substantial strike loss, the victory over the men has been a great compensation. I dare say almost any one of the packing companies would willingly have paid out of its treasury an amount equal to the strike losses to curb dictation from organized labor."—Texas Stockman Journal.

It was a pitiful mistake, an error sad and grim. I waited for the railway train, the light was low and dim. It came at last, and from a carriage stepped a dainty dame, and looking up and down the place, she straight unto me came. "Oh, Jack!" she cried, "oh, dear old Jack!" and kissed me as she spake; then looked again and frightened cried: "Oh, what a bad mistake!" I said: "Forgive me, maiden fair, for I am not your Jack; and as regards the kiss you gave, I'll straightway give it back." And since that night I've often stood upon the platform dim, but only once in a man's whole life do such things come to him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bateman are now comfortably situated in their beautiful new home near the C. P. church in Bowdon addition.

J. B. Johnson shipped 85 calves to St. Louis Friday

J. H. Wilke shipped two cars of calves to the St. Louis market this week.

J. A. Thomas was appointed by the city council this week as city engineer, J. P. Huffaker having resigned.

See the quarter page ad of Dale & Smiley in the Winters Budget this week. They are after your business.

Mrs. Dan Moser left for Dallas Saturday where she will attend the marriage of her brother at that place.

Mr. J. J. Sayers, a former citizen of Ballinger, is in the city this week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Allison.

The City Council consulted with C. L. McCartney Monday from Brownwood on the franchise question and decided to employ Jenkins & McCartney to write them an opinion on the question.

Dan Hartman of Taylor, Texas, was here prospecting this week looking for a location for a machine shop. He is an expert mechanic and expects to put in something that will be of great benefit to our town and county.

We haven't had time to look after the other fellow's business this week as we have had about all of our own that we could attend to which is usually the case. Just cast your peepers over the Banner Leader; 12 pages all home print, and a regular pictorial edition when it comes to advertisements. Nearly every firm in town is represented in some way.

Our Patronage.

We point with pride to our advertising patronage this week. Ballinger merchants speak in highest terms of results from advertising placed with us. One merchant said he had done business in several other towns, but he got better results from advertising here than at any place he had ever used printer's ink.

A Tribute to Farmers.

In the course of a short talk on agriculture, at a country fair in West Virginia the other day Senator Davis, the Democratic vice presidential candidate referred to farming as a man's natural occupation, and the most important and useful to mankind.

"The agriculturists have always been found in the advance guard of the march of civilization" he said. "Nearly all who worked and fought for our independence and liberty were tillers of the soil; nearly all of our early presidents had been farmers; the majority of our successful men of today have come from the farms. Farmers as a class are liberty loving people. "Agriculture started England on the high road to prosperity and the commercial supremacy which she has maintained in the world for 500 years.

"Agricultural products feed us and pay much of our foreign debt. Between 60 and 70 per cent of all our exports are from the farm.

"The farmer can live well and prosper without the towns or cities, but the people of towns are bound to starve if the farmers do not feed them."

Cross Eyes Straightened and Glasses Fitted Free



Drs. Daly, Francis & Adams Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat SPECIALISTS

SAN ANGELO, - - - TEXAS

Next Visit to Ballinger will be

October 3 and 4

If you suffer with an Eye disease or deformity, or should you need glasses, call and we will tell you plain facts about your condition. WE POSITIVELY treat no incurable cases, and allow you to place your money in the bank until cured. We solicit Chronic, Surgical and Difficult Cases such as Granulated Lids, Ingrowing Lashes and Cataracts.

UNQUESTIONABLE references furnished from patients we have cured that were pronounced hopeless by others. REFERENCES from 1000 cases of Cross Eyes straightened. No need of persons afflicted with this humiliating deformity to go through life in this condition. We straighten a few case absolutely free, in order to prove to the minds of the skeptical that this delicate work can be accomplished.

Read the following testimonials—many of them you doubtless know. If we cure the other doctor's failures, don't you think we can give you satisfaction?

We, the undersigned, can conscientiously recommend Drs. Adams & Francis to the public as expert eye surgeons; in fact, we feel it our duty to do so; we were blind with cataracts, could not read letters 12 inches long held 12 inches in front of us, but now see to read newspapers.

Rev. Pinkley Hawkins, Belton, Texas.
H. A. Wear, Belton, Texas.
Mrs. Kate Wright, Belton, Texas.
Geo. Moss, Ranger, Texas.
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J. R. Sutton, Sparta, Tex.
J. P. Kennedy, Salado, Tex.
J. A. R. Shannon, Mecca, Tex.
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I suffered for 20 years with ingrowing lashes. In fact my eyes were so bad at times that I could not see to get around. Dr. Francis operated on my lids and cured me in 60 days. I can now see to do any kind of work and I can conscientiously recommend him to my friends as an expert eye surgeon.

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I was practically blind for 30 years and spent hundreds of dollars on my eyes trying to get relief. Dr. Daly restored my sight in 30 days and adjusted glasses that give me perfect vision. I know several patients that he treated here and restored their sight

Mrs. A. L. Hester,
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I had not read for ten years. My case was pronounced incurable. I was treated at Dallas and many other places without results.

Dr. Adams gave me reading vision in 60 days. I can still see to read and it has been more than 2 years since he treated me. I have sent several to his office that were blind and he gave them vision. Several were pronounced incurable, yet he restored their sight.

W. G. Wright,
Proprietor Thatch Hotel and Grocer, Minerals Wells, Tex

I have known Dr. Daly for several years and know him to be an expert in his profession. He fitted me with glasses after several noted oculists had failed. I sent several of my friends to him for treatment and he restored their sight.

L. L. McInnis,
Cashier First National Bank, Bryan, Texas.

I was blind in one eye. Dr. Francis cured me after others had pronounced my case hopeless. They advised me to have my eye removed to save the other.

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Character Building.

An engineer who starts to build and then keeps finding better places to put in his piers, and wondering whether or not he has selected the best place, will never get the bridge across the river. He must decide and then go ahead, no matter what obstacles he may meet. So it is with the builder of character. He must decide what he is going to do, and then make for his goal, refusing to look back and refusing to turn aside.

Tens of thousands of young people with good health, good education and good ability, are standing on the edge of a bridge of life's crossing. They think they are on the right thing yet do not dare to burn the bridge they have just crossed. They want a chance of retreat in case they have made a mistake. They cannot bear the thought of cutting loose all possibility of turning back. They lack the power to decide what course they will pursue.—Success.

Did you ever stop to compare the space of a life-time with the known years that have passed and the unknown years to come? Did you ever realize that but few people derive any profit from the history and experience of the past, and but comparatively few take any heed of the future? How is it with you dear reader? Is your life in harmony with the great harp of the universe or does it make a discord? Do you ever seek to peer through the thin mask of mortality? Do you ever stop to weigh the consequences of an act? Are you living all or mostly all for self? The most profitable hours of our lives are those spent in meditation—in seeking to discover our place in the scheme of the universe. If we once get a proper prospective of life we shall see that many of the things that discourage and trouble us are trivial. Likewise we shall have a great purpose in view and we shall make each day a step toward our ideal.—Glidden Graphic.

True Merit Recognized.

Last winter the oldest son of Mr. Paul F. Mueller, publisher of the Volksblatt-Rundschau, Lincoln, Ill., was afflicted with a very bad cold and cough. In speaking of how they cured it Mr. Mueller says: "We used different kinds of medicines without any benefit to him until we commenced to use Hart's Honey and Horehound. This medicine gave immediate relief and soon cured him. In my estimation Hart's Honey and Horehound is the most wonderful and certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by E. D. Walker, druggist.

Use Silk-Finish Flour, take no other. Rasbury & Bruce.

How Japanese Soldiers Write.

The Japanese government has found a novel and excellent use for postal cards. Realizing that, for various reasons, the soldier on campaign may not have leisure or opportunity to write home to his family, the military authorities have supplied to each army a sufficient number of post cards, already printed, to which the soldier has only to affix his name, or more exactly, his seal.

Since March 14, 1900, the date of the approval of the act authorizing the incorporation of national banking associations with a minimum capital of \$25,000, there have been more banks chartered in Texas than in any other Southern State by 500 per cent. In the Union Texas ranks second, only Pennsylvania exceeding in number of new banks organized and amount of capital invested in them. Thirteen Southern States named in

When an editor makes a mistake in his paper, all the world sees it and calls him a liar. When a private citizen makes a mistake, nobody knows it except a few friends, and they come around and ask the editor to keep it out of the paper. When the private citizen dies, the editor is asked to write up all his good qualifications and leave out the bad. When the editor dies, the private citizen will say, "Now, that old liar will get his deserts."—Ex.

Men of Oak

Timbers of oak keep the old homestead standing through the years. It pays to use the right stuff.

"Men of oak" are men in rugged health, men whose bodies are made of the soundest materials.

Childhood is the time to lay the foundation for a sturdy constitution that will last for years.

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Scott's Emulsion stimulates the growing powers of children, helps them build a firm foundation for a sturdy constitution.

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Latest Argument of the Vegetarians.

Over on the other side of the earth a little nation of men who hardly taste of meat in a year, who live on grains and vegetables, is giving the fight of its life to a meat eating giant who knows little of rice, but is alleged to consume candles, suet, blubber and soap with enthusiasm. The vegetarian army has proved itself quicker in its wits, keener in its fighting, stronger, nimbler and in all ways the better of the burly Slavs that were sent out against it. The American has been so pampered by a meat diet that he often forgets that there is any other. If he picks up a bill of fare in a restaurant or hotel he finds most of it given to accounts of steaks, chops, roasts, sausages, hash, cutlets—all the forms in which dead animals are served, and he begins his feast with half a dozen live ones, on ice.

But the questions arises. Have the Americans accomplished what they have because they were meat eaters, or because of the vegetables of which they have also consumed a considerable quantity?

Don't experiment with medicine. Bring your prescriptions to us where they will be filled correctly with pure fresh drugs. Tisinger & Ashton.

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each Japanese soldier carrying one as part of his outfit. On all the cards the same message is "This is to let you know that I am alive and well. I cannot give you my address, not knowing where I shall be tomorrow; but your letters will reach me some time or other if you reply to the place the name of which is printed in the postmark. Greetings to my family and friends."

Be sure and see J. B. Alvis & Bro. when you want good syrup.

the Comptroller's bulletin organized 475 of the minimum banks, of which Texas alone organized 217. The total capital invested for the Southern States was \$25,448,000, of which \$9,658,000 was in Texas.

When you have any produce to sell see us. We don't try to buy all the produce but will pay the highest market price for what we do buy.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

A Michigan paper wound up a compliment to a young school ma'am with a good word about "the reputation for teaching she bears." The next day the young school ma'am met the editor and chased him down the street with an umbrella, and at every jump in the road she screamed that she had never taught a she bear in her life.

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New Stock has arrived and is open for inspection, consisting of Dress Goods, Pants, Shoes and Millinery. The ladies are invited to call and inspect our New Hats. Miss Spear will be pleased to wait on you.

WINTERS, - - TEXAS

While it is declared that the butcher's strike is over, there are as always thousands of men out of a job, because of the refusal to discharge men who came in time of need and take back those who quit when the strike came on. The contest between capital and labor in the great cities is yet one of the problems of the world.—Ex.

Prospectors thick as hops here this week.

We had a good rain Tuesday.

F. Ramsel, one of our best German citizens, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Mose Cobb of Ballinger was on our streets Tuesday looking after the interests of his house.

Sheriff Kirk was here Saturday looking after the jurors and shaking hands with his many friends.

We learn that several of our young men will go to the fair next week. Of course the girls will go too.

The Dale & Smiley building will soon be completed and will add much to the north end of the town.

Mrs. H. C. Moore accompanied her daughter, Miss Ethel, to Ballinger Monday, returning the same day.

T. S. Crowder went over to Merkel one day last week, to make arrangements for moving his family over there soon.

Mr. Chumbly is here this week buying cattle. He seems to be getting quite a number and is paying fair prices for them.

Two men on crutches worked the town Monday but they did not do a land office business, so soon left for greener pasture.

Will Murray, formerly of Winters, but now living on Elm creek, was here Monday shaking hands with his many friends.

We notice that our up-to-date hotel and wagon yard man, Clay White, is adding more improvements. He says his business is increasing.

W. S. Mullin is hauling lumber to build a nice residence in the Speil addition to Winters. This will be the first house built on this addition.

T. S. Kellam left Saturday for Coleman. He reports the sale of five pianos while here. That speaks well for Winters people as music lovers.

We learn from Mr. White that parties in Abilene are contemplating putting in a first-class restaurant here. This will be a great convenience.

Rev. Albert Turney of Wingate passed through Monday with his mother who was enroute to Ballinger to take the train for her home at Blanket.

Clay White went to Abilene Friday, returning by way of Tuscola and bringing home his daughters, who have been visiting their grandparents there.

Winters is moving on lively. All the merchants report good trade. We saw six wagons leave Winters Monday morning with six bales of cotton on each wagon.

H. A. Snively of Wingate was here Thursday wanting to buy a house and lot, with a view of moving to Winters to the school. We would gladly welcome this good family.

Mrs. Wallace, who has been quite low with consumption for some time at the home of Mr. Collinsworth near Pumphrey, died Sunday and was buried here Monday. Rev. Turney of Wingate conducted the funeral services.

Dale & Smiley In Their New House

All New Goods call
and get our Prices be-
fore buying elsewhere

No Trouble to Show Goods

Mr. Tol Proctor received a phone message from Nolan, Nolan county, Tuesday stating that Mr. Lee Proctor's little boy had died very suddenly Monday night, and started at once for Nolan to attend the funeral. Mr. Lee Proctor had recently moved from Winters to Nolan and has many friends here who sympathize with him and family in this sad bereavement.

The heavy rains here lately have put the grounds in fine shape for sowing wheat. We hope our farmers will sow large crops of wheat this year, as it is at a good price now and promises to remain high for the next year. We should try to raise enough for home consumption anyway.

Z. W. Greenfield and wife of Pumphrey were in town Monday to acknowledge deed to land he had sold to C. A. Lloyd. He reported heavy rain at Pumphrey Sunday, also rain and wind at Wingate on Saturday which did some damage to windmills and barns.

Good League Sunday evening. Those who took part did well. We are glad to see the interest taken in the League. Nothing speaks better for a community than that the young people attend church and take part in the services.

At eight o'clock Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. Erwin Brown near Boldon, Mr. Joe Sawyer and Miss Anna Brown were happily married, Rev. F. M. Jackson officiating. We extend congratulations.

S. Z. Harpole, who has been visiting his brother in Denton county, for the past five weeks, came in Saturday evening. He reports crops good in Denton.

Mr. Roberts, of the firm of Fannin & Roberts, went to Ballinger on business Tuesday.

Dale & Smiley are opening up a fine stock of dry goods in the new building. See their ad in this issue.

John Hall, Guy McDonald, Earl Rogers and Willie Myers leave Wednesday for St. Louis and the fair.

Dick Barnett, our barber, has sold his shop to Mr. Tucker. Dick will remain with the shop until about the first of December.

Mr. Roach sold his home west of Winters to Mr. Cleghorn at \$17 per acre. We hope Mr. Roach will buy and settle here. We would hate to lose this family.

We learn that the gin at Pumphrey has been completed but is having some trouble about water. Hope they will get their pumps to working allright as a gin is much needed in that community.

In these days of rush and worry and pretense, how does the following idea of William Ellery Channing strike you: "To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable; and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the commonplace." Nobody does these things now. Did anybody really ever?

Honor and Honors.

Honor and honors are different things. A man who is loaded with honors may be destitute of honor, and a man who is the soul of honor may be lacking in honors. Honor is an element of character. Honors are dependent on reputation. Character is what others think of a man. A man of honor will be right and do right whether he gains or loses by it. A man can not have honors unless others think he is entitled to them. More than once a young student has won class honors in a college contest for a prize in composition and rhetoric by having an essay written for him, and has not had honor enough to confess that he was not entitled to the honor. It is always well to have honor. It is always well to have honors. Honors should never be counted the first object of life. Honor should always be given the first place in personal conduct.—Selected.

You can make the clock strike before the hour by putting your hands on it, but it will strike wrong. You can tear the rosebud open before its time but you may mar the beauty of the rose. So we may spoil many a gift or blessing which God is preparing for us by our own eager haste. He is weaving our lives into patterns of beauty and strength. He has a perfect plan for each. Don't pull at the threads of life. Don't hurry the Almighty's plan. We must live by prayer in ignorance of life. God's love is the motive of all delay—to give us unexpected and surprising blessings.—Ex.

Fall Goods are Arriving

Our Fall Stock, which is now beginning to arrive, was bought right and will be sold right. We don't believe a Nicer, Better or More Carefully Selected Stock will be shown in Ballinger this fall than the one we have bought, and we know that no one will make better prices, Quality of Goods considered than we will make.

What we Advertise is the Truth

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DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

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Remember us when you get ready to purchase your fall supply of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Groceries. We are still offering remarkable bargains in what few summer goods we have left and will make it to your interest to investigate our offerings in these lines. It will pay you well.

We are Making Prices to Get Your Trade

Public School Notes.

Did you ever consider the value of a few words in praise of the men and women who are giving the best in their lives to their child or children?

Cheerfulness is an indispensable element in every life having definite aims. You can help children acquire this element by doing only a small quantity of pleasant work. The teacher who gives the

child the advantage of his experience and his knowledge is justly entitled to the good will of the best people among whom he has cast his lot.

You cannot confer a much better favor on a teacher than to send him teachable children. All education ends in conduct. If one's conduct is bad, we naturally infer that his training is at fault somewhere.

The knowledge a child gets out of his books studied in school is perhaps the least valuable thing he gets out of his school life, for he will never likely find a problem in his business life taken from his book. To acquire power to think quickly, accurately and powerfully is of far greater value than what one is able to learn out of his text books; but thought without right actions is of little positive value; therefore one must be held responsible for his failure to act as well as how he acts.

From this it is evident that discipline is no small matter; for cheerful obedience to properly constituted authority is of prime importance.

It is no small thing to look after some four or five hundred children in school and should you fail to get just what you want for your children, consider the matter a little; there are possibly three or four hundred children after the same "plum."

Our school is growing both in numbers and in interest. Some important changes have been made this week, looking to the betterment of a large number of children.

And you have not visited the school as yet. Look out. One month of the eight will soon

have passed.

Is it possible that there are any children in this school district whose circumstances will not permit them to attend our public school? We should make it possible for every child, justly entitled to the benefits of the public school, to attend.

Come to see us.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

The Truth of the Matter.

It is not difficult to tell the truth about the furniture we sell. If it were poor stuff it would be another matter. We believe in it, because we know all about it, who makes it and how it is made.

Ostertag-Dunlap Co.,
Under the Opera House.

Live Oak Flour when once used will be called for again; to be had only at Miller Mercantile Co

LIQUIZONE, the great medicine, for sale by J. Y. Pearce, Druggist.

Notice.

To City Delinquent Tax Payers: The City Council has instructed me as City Attorney to proceed at once in the filing of suits against each and every name on the Delinquent Lists of 1903.

I am preparing the papers to file said suits, but having spoken to several of you and found a desire to pay said taxes without costs of a suit being attached, I give this notice to each and all that you will be given till the 1st of October 1904 to pay your taxes as appears on said delinquent list published in the Ledger of April 29th and succeeding copies as required by law. After that time I shall file said suits against every one not having paid his or her taxes. Most of the city taxpayers have paid their taxes for 1903, and it is nothing but right and justice that all should pay.

Very Respectfully,
R. S. GRIGGS,
City Attorney.

More Rios.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c and satisfaction guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist.

The Bulletin is in receipt of a clipping from a Pittsburg paper announcing the marriage of Roger B. Given, clerk in the general offices of the Pennsylvania railroad system. He was married at St. Louis to Miss Beulah M. Sterling of Houston, Texas, who joined him at the fair. Mr. Given is an old Brownwood boy and a son of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Given and is quite well known here. Mr. and Mrs. Given will make a bridal tour to New York and the coast before going to their home at Sewickley, Pa.—Brownwood Bulletin

Sheriff Sam Sparks of Belton was sparkling in Brownwood society Sunday. This jolly sheriff is one of the few Texas peace officers who has remained steadfast to his bachelor principles, but we believe he is weakening and will yet surrender to one of the fairer sex.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Messrs. J. T. Billups and W. L. Golden, of Trutt, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Earl Gressett, who has been visiting friends at Miles the past few days, came home Wednesday.

Harry Scott came in Wednesday from Ft Worth, where he had been looking after business matters.

J. T. Bullock enrolls this week among the Banner-Leader readers.

W. W. Douglass of Miles had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

H. A. Thomson came in on Wednesday's train from Austin,

A WIFE'S CONFESSION.

Of course every one knew when they were engaged and every one pretended to be surprised when they heard it was suddenly broken off. It was first said she had broken it off, then that his heart had changed, but finally she confessed that she had been so irritable, so depressed and blue that she had fairly driven him away. Her good looks were vanishing. She was getting thin, pale, and hollow checked, with dark circles around her eyes. Suddenly all society was pleased again to hear of the engagement being renewed, and it was not long before a beautiful and radiant bride was taken to the altar. She had regained her good looks, her former happy disposition and strong nerve all through a secret a friend gave her. A few bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is what made two more lives happy and a radiant bride more beautiful than she had ever appeared before.



Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States, for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Collapse or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

"I am glad to let others know the great benefit I have received from Dr. Pierce's medicines," writes Miss Lottie A. Clark, of Ivor, Southampton Co., Va. "I suffered from loss of appetite, had very severe attacks of sick headache and nose bleed. I took two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and one of 'Smart-Weed' and, from the time I commenced these remedies, I felt better. To-day I am well, am going to school and can do all the work expected of me."

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.



The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's **Swamp-Root**, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Negro Resists Arrest.

City Marshall Perry Hale shot and instantly killed Napeleon Hallis, colored, last night at the latter's home near the compress.

Officer Hale and deputy, Jerry Miller, were near the compress looking after other matters, when a negro informed them that Hallis was causing a disturbance in the neighborhood and that he had threatened his life. The officers went at once to where Hallis was stopping, Mr. Hale going to the door and Miller to the window. Miller called to Hallis, who was at the time lying on a bed, and told him they wanted him, whereupon he jumped up and, according to Miller's story, reached for his gun before starting to the door. Miller called to Hale to look out or the negro would kill him, and when Hallis came in sight Hale fired at him, the ball entering the head just above the forehead and ranging downward passed through the skull to the scalp at the lowest part of the back of the head. Hallis fell forward and died almost instantly.

City Marshall Hale came up to town and informed Sheriff Denman and Squire Smith what he had done. Sheriff Denman went down to the house and found that Hallis was dead.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

The Miller Mercantile Co., ever on the alert for something good for their customers, dispensed coffee and cake free in their store Tuesday all day. The coffee was made from the New York Coffee Co's celebrated Breakfast Bell, and was certainly fine, made and handed out by the New York Coffee Company's special traveling agent.

One of the most important requirements in a medicine to be given to small children should be that it is pleasant to take. Bad tasting medicines disturb the stomach, destroy the appetite and it is extremely difficult to get children to take them. The pleasant flavor of Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup, the certain cure for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness pleases the most sensitive persons and is the ideal laxative for young children. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles sold by E. D. Walker.

If baby's health is dear to you, then let me tell you what to do. Ere pain has racked its tender frame, just let "TEETHINA" ease the same. "TEETHINA" allays irritation, aids digestion, overcomes and counteracts the effects of summer's heat, regulates the bowels and makes teething easy, and costs only 25 cents.

Negro Killing.

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin has the following to say in regard to the recent killing of a negro by the City Marshall in that city. We know Perry Hale, the marshall, personally and regret that it was his duty to have to kill one of these worthless brutes in human form, and such cases are happening all over Texas every week, where by some good man is forced to stain his hand with human blood. 'Tis a pity but can't be avoided, as nearly every town has a few of just such characters as the one killed in Brownwood that must go sooner or later. The Bulletin says:

"It is a matter of regret that it became necessary for City Marshall Hale in the discharge

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 Sept. 17th, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.
Mitchell, Miss Annie.
Smith, Mrs. Mattie.
Adkins, R. L.
Best G. A.
Caldwell, James D.
Continental Gin Co.
Foster, H. Z.
Griffin, W. M.
Hamrick, T. F. (2)
Land, Chas.
Morrow, Louis (2)
Sylvester, Alick.
Thompson, Tommie.
Watts, J. P.

Quarterly Meeting.

The fourth and last quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will be held in the Methodist church in this city Sept. 24th and 25th, 1904. Quarterly Conference on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The regular quarterly meeting services Sunday morning and night. Rev. W. H. Matthews, the Presiding Elder, will be present and conduct all the services. Everybody invited.

Tresspass Notice—Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.

C. A. DOOSE.

A Standard Household Remedy For 20 Years

FOR Wounds, Burns, Bruises, Sprains, Colic, Cramps, Headache and Neuralgia.

All Druggists or Sample Bottle Mailed 10 Cents.

SIERROUSE MEDICINE CO. NEW ORLEANS, LA.



A Miraculous Cure.

On this day personally came before me J. P. Brooks, a citizen of Runnels county who deposes and says that his wife, Mrs. Ada Brooks, has been afflicted with a protracted and serious spell of sickness from about the 1st of April past. That he had employed the best physicians obtainable, whilst she continued to linger and suffer with no abatement of the disease till the 1st day of August past, when the physicians whom he had employed stated that they could do nothing for her. At this time Prof. D. C. Williams, a magnetic healer, was called and commenced treating Mrs. Brooks on said 1st day of August, which treatment was continued and on August 14th she was able to take a buggy ride and her improvement has been steady and continuous to the present time, when she seems to be all right. She rides around and walks about and is cheerful and it seems her health is restored. The change in her condition has been so marked and wonderful in such a short space of time it seems a marvel to her family and friends.

It was claimed that she was afflicted with nervous prostration and abscess on the brain.

When Prof. Williams commenced his treatment, Mrs. Brooks was constantly confined to her bed and had been about two months, in fact she could not sit up in bed and her suffering was great. She is now regaining her flesh, strength and cheerfulness, in fact we believe her afflictions have ended.

Witness my hand this 30th day of August 1904.

J. P. BROOKS.
Witness: W. L. Towner, Clerk Co. Court, Runnels Co., Tex.

Conditions throughout the country are distinctly favorable to a Democratic victory. The people have come to realize that there is danger in Rooseveltism, because it stands for money and power, and that a stab at this ism means a stab at the trusts. Certainly there is nothing inviting in the personality of Mr. Roosevelt or in the issues on which he is seeking to override the people. On the other hand Judge Parker is safe, sound and conservative. The platform behind him is a statesmanlike, broad and patriotic enunciation of party principles, and with a united fight along these lines success for the party can but result.—Ex.

Judge Knox—Ephriam, what do you know of the previous witness' character?

Ephriam—Jedge, yo' bonah, it am unbleachable, sah.

The BUSY HARDWARE STORE

Busy all the time here because our patrons are treated fairly and courteously. There's nothing like this treatment to make and keep friends.

Get a Studebaker Wagon Free

See Us for a New Buck's Range



Household and Builders Hardware

You'll find many little supplies here at prices that are so low they will amaze you but our stock must go in order to make room for our large fall supply

This is "THE BUCK'S STORE"

Hall Hardware Co.

of his duty to shoot a bold, bad negro, but bad negroes are more plentiful than men of the Marshall Hale type, and he could not afford to risk his own life very far to save one of the worthless, law-resisting kind. In this connection, a word of caution is not out of place to other bad negroes that this is not a healthy town for them, and that precious little foolishness on their part will be tolerated. There are several here who are getting a little too gay for their own good."

Fresh Tomatoes, Pepper, Okra, and Peaches at Miller mercantile Co.

Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache, and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Silk-Finish Flour is the best. Rasbury & Bruce

Good, Fresh Texas Pat. Flour at Miller Mercantile Co.

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

Dr. Tom Luckett, who has been spending the summer in Ballinger and at Toyah, his father's home, left Wednesday for Galveston where he will finish his medical course this term.

Hon. Jerry Simpson, formerly of Kansas, but now living at Roswell, N. M., will stump the doubtful states in the interest of the Democratic party. Jerry is still a fluent speaker and able to do effective work.

Capt. J. E. Smith, who has been suffering some time with rheumatism, is able to be out on crutches this week, and we hope to see him soon restored to perfect health.

New Millinery

My stock of MILLINERY is now complete and has been selected with great care. My goods are prettier than I have ever shown in Ballinger before. I will be in the store myself and also have competent help. Call and inspect my stock

Mrs. EMMA GODWIN,
At The Hub * * * BALLINGER, TEXAS

N. A. Perry Gin

Is now ready for business. We have a complete Munger Gin and clean cotton and give as good turn out as any other gin in the county. Will pay more for seed cotton than you can realize by ginning it. Near the wagon bridge on the river.

Wm. Bauhof, Manager.

Town Cow.

The Cow stood round the busy town
Whence all but her was fed,
The rocks that hit upon her back
Showed that she was not dead.

Yet beautiful and bright she stood
As born to rule the town,
A creature of heroic blood
A Cow that is renown.

And so we thought we would put her out
But could not find a way
And now she takes her bonnet off
And says I've come to stay.

Cow Whips at
Lankford & Hathaway's.

Property for Sale.

I have a number of choice residences for sale as well as city lots in the railroad plot. If you are on the market call at my office and I will take pleasure in showing what I have. If you have lots or resident or business property for sale list them with me and I will give them personal attention as well as advertise them extensively.

If you have property to rent place it with me and it will be attended to.

Good vendor lien notes on county or city real estate bought. Following are some bargains I am now offering:

No. 2.—Good 5 room house, cistern, stable, city water, in railroad plot on hillside, one lot. Price \$1100, \$500 cash, balance in 3 equal annual payments at 8%, possession Oct. 1st next.

No. 3.—Good 7 room house, two galleries, 1½ lots, water by tank cistern and city hydrant, choice location in railroad plot, price \$1800, \$600 cash, balance in 4 equal annual payments at 8% on deferred payments.

No. 4.—Good 5 room residence in choice location in railroad plot. Two lots, city water, underground cistern, price \$2000, \$600 cash balance in 4 equal annual payments 8% on deferred payments, possession any time.

A few well selected farms and raw tracts of country real estate now listed. Call on or write me.

C. P. SHEPHERD,
Ballinger, Texas.

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Letter to E. L. Hagen.
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: You are a teacher; here's one for your boys:

If the painting costs two or three times as much as the paint, and one paint goes twice as far as another, how much are those two paints worth?

If Devoe is worth \$1.50 or \$1.75 a gallon, how much is the other one worth?

How much is a gallon of paint worth anyhow?

The answer is; Depends on the paint.

The reason is: paint isn't always paint. There are true and false paint and short measure.

How much is a short measure gallon worth? How much is false paint worth? How much is Devoe worth?

There are millions a year in the answer to this last one. Yours truly.

F. W. DEVOE & Co.
New York

P. S. Ballinger Lumber Co. sells our paint.

Elm Creek Pasture.

I hereby warn everybody not to trespass upon my Elm creek pasture just north of and adjoining the town of Ballinger, and any caught in there fishing, hunting, gathering pecans or otherwise trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. CHAS. S. MILLER.

Cotton Yard.

I have made an agreement with the committee representing the Farmer's Union to weigh their cotton and have cut off a division of my yard for their use. My yard is to the rear of M. D. Chastain's store on the right hand side of the road as you go towards the river.

Frank Stuart.

Hoffer & Brydson is the name of the firm that have opened a skating rink in the opera building. See their ad in this issue. Temple Hoffer, who is at the head of this firm, is too well known in Ballinger to need an introduction at our hands. Suffice it to say that everything will be conducted in a decent, orderly manner, and Temple will look after your comfort in every way possible. Call up and see them whether you take part in the skating or not. The exercise is healthful and invigorating and perfectly innocent.

The Farm and Ranch, ever on the alert for something attractive for its readers, and of benefit to Texas, comes out this week with a special World's Fair Extra, showing some beautiful illustrations of the different Texas industries and enterprises. It will be distributed at the fair and will be worth a great deal to Texas.

The live stock quarantine proclamation governing the movement of Texas cattle for the ensuing season, will make its appearance in a few days. It is said no changes will be made in the line, and the only change from last year is the recognition of Beaumont oil as the official dip.

A. B. Choate, who has been dispensing Breakfast Bell Coffee at the Miller Mercantile Co's this week, left Wednesday for Brownwood where he will advertise his famous coffee. Mr. Choate is a pleasant affable gentleman and the New York Coffee Co. have their business in good hands.

3 FLYERS

Now Flying Daily from Texas

To the Great World's Fair
at St. Louis

via I. G & N. The "True St. Louis World's Fair Line" Just one night out

Excursion tickets now selling

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Arrives St. Louis 7:18 MORNING

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2d V-Pres & Gen Mgr "The Texas Road" G P & T A
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Less than cost until present supply is sold.

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| Tooth Pick, per pound | 35c |
| Thimble, per pound | 35c |
| Maid of Clinton, per pound | 40c |
| West Tennessee, per pound | 40c |

FOR CASH ONLY

Grapes = Apples = Bananas

Alexander's Confectionery

Our friend Ben Reed, once the proprietor of the livery stable at this place, but now of San Angelo, passed through Thursday enroute to Fort Worth on stock business, and will go from there to the World's Fair at St. Louis. Ben has sold his ranch in Schleicher county, but still holds his cattle.

Chas. S. Miller Co. sold this week 320 acres of land to W. C. Hammond and Lonnie Baldwin out of the Lewis pasture at \$7 per acre. These gentlemen will go to work at once and improve this land and put it in cultivation for a crop another year.

Walter Kent went up to Glen Cove Thursday to look after some business matters.

We promptly obtain U. S. and Foreign

PATENTS

Send sketch and description of invention for FREE opinion as to patentability. We register Trademarks, Copyrights, Prints and Labels. Our handbook on Patents mailed Free. Prompt Attention, Special Facilities, Trained Assistants. We procure Patents that protect the inventor.

FREER & PARTLOW,
Opposite U. S. Patent Office, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Prof. C. L. Adair, of Tyler, Texas, one of the proprietors of the Tyler Commercial College, was in Ballinger Thursday advertising the merits of his institution. He expressed himself as very favorably impressed with Ballinger and surrounding country.

Try a sack of White Billows flour sold by J B Alvis & Bro.

DISEASE
Caused by
Constipation 80%
Through other 20%
Causes

**DR. THACHER'S
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A THREE-FOLD REMEDY for all ills due to functional troubles. Acts on the Liver and Kidneys and Purifies the Blood.

Thousands have used this reliable remedy with perfect confidence and success for 52 years, because they know just what it contains. The formula consists of Buchu, Hydrangea, Mandrake, Yellow Dock, Dandelion, Sarsaparilla, Gentian, Senna and Iodide of Potassium. Any doctor or druggist will tell you that this is a scientific and reliable combination of great merit for all diseases having their origin in the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. After years of experience and patient experiment, Dr. Thacher so perfected the process of manufacture, that it never fails to bring the expected relief when taken according to directions. Thousands of sick ones to whom life has been a burden have written grateful letters of thanks.

SPEED, MISSISSIPPI, Oct. 17, 1902.
"I have suffered greatly with indigestion, constipation, also a severe liver trouble, with loss of appetite. Could not rest well at night; in fact, had no energy to work or even walk around. I felt like I was packing a heavy load and, was easily exhausted, until I took Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup, which helped me almost from the first dose. When I had taken one and one-half bottles I felt like a different man, and I knew that it was due entirely to your medicine. I used in all three bottles, and consider myself perfectly cured. At this time my appetite is good, I sleep well, and feel strong and refreshed on arising in the morning."
T. L. SPEED.

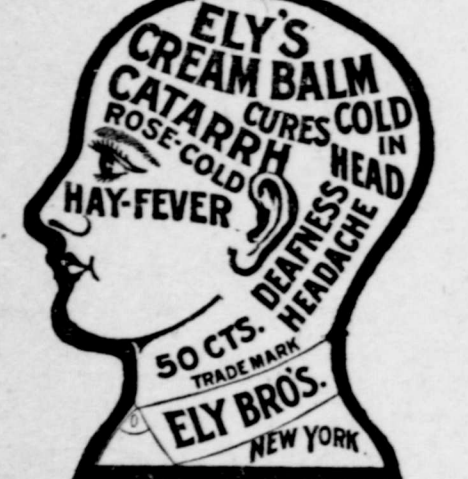
If you need a medicine write to-day for a Free sample bottle and "Dr. Thacher's Health Book." Give symptoms for advice. We simply ask you to try it at our expense. We know what it will do. At all druggists. 50 cents and \$1.00.
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Stock and poultry have few troubles which are not bowel and liver irregularities. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is a bowel and liver remedy for stock. It puts the organs of digestion in a perfect condition. Prominent American breeders and farmers keep their herds and flocks healthy by giving them an occasional dose of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine in their food. Any stock raiser may buy a 25-cent half-pound air-tight can of this medicine from his dealer and keep his stock in vigorous health for weeks. Dealers generally keep Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine. If yours does not, send 25 cents for a sample can to the manufacturers, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

ROCHESTER, GA., Jan. 30, 1902.
Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is the best I ever tried. Our stock was looking bad when you sent me the medicine and now they are getting so fine. They are looking 20 per cent better.
S. P. BROCKINGTON.

CATARRH



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.
ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York

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
BALLINGER TEXAS

Phone 45 for Live Oak Flour the best at miller mercantile co.
M. Cornelius and W. H. Rodgers of Winters were among the visitors to our city Monday.

C. L. McCartney, a prominent attorney of Brownwood, came in on Monday's train looking after some legal business.

W. H. McMahan and wife, who have been visiting relatives and friends in our city, left first of the week for their home in Crockett county.

Mrs. Dr. Turney and Mrs. Finrus Turney, who have been visiting relatives at Robert Lee and Wingate, left Monday afternoon for their home at Blanket. Rev. Albert Turney of Wingate accompanied them to the train at this place.

K. O. Berry of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday. He was the fourth or fifth man that asked us about a little notice in our last issue in regard to mare to trade for cow and calf. Tell us that advertisements are not read! We reach the people and when a bargain is offered the people come jumping.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism 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 Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists.

READ THIS
Hallettsville, Texas, Oct. 26, 1901.—
Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—
In the year 1896 I used your Texas Wonder for Kidney and rheumatic troubles and I can safely recommend it to others who are suffering in the same manner. Yours Respectfully,
A. B. DEVAL, County Treas.

Our business men and cotton buyers have decided that the very top notch shall be paid for cotton coming to Ballinger, and goods shall be sold at the lowest possible profit, making it greatly to the advantage of those who come to this town both in buying and selling. It is safe to assert that, no matter if the cotton crop is short, this fall will be a hummer in Ballinger, and trade conditions will be made so attractive and advantageous that those who come here regularly will have no complaint to make when they have made out their balance sheet at the end of the season.

A fine rain again Tuesday, and it is reported that a regular downpour occurred in the Norton, Maverick and Bronte country. The rains were the heaviest for more than two years past, and the creeks and water holes are overflowing. This will greatly benefit the stock interests and make fall feed crops much better.

C. R. Elliott came in the last of last week from Marlin and other parts of Falls county where he has been for some time. He has been suffering from a strain of fracture of the shoulder joint which has given him considerable pain and trouble. We hope he may soon recover the entire use of his arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denman, special friends of the writer, passed through Ballinger Tuesday enroute from San Angelo to Brownwood their old home. Mrs. Denman was Miss Ina Coggin, who has visited relatives and friends in our section and is pleasantly remembered here.

J. C. Olive now of Borden county, but formerly of this county, is back and will locate with us again as soon as arrangements can be made. Mr. Olive is a substantial citizen and we gladly welcome him and family back among us.

W. E. Odom left Saturday evening for Brownsville, where he will engage in the lumber business. Mrs. Odom and the children went on to Ardmore, I. T., where Mrs. Odom will visit her father and then join Mr. Odom at Brownsville.

Wm. Bauhof of Brownwood came in Monday and will be the manager at the Nat Perry gin. Mr. Bauhof is an experienced gin man and comes highly recommended to our city.

Tisinger & Ashton are expecting a fine line of cigars in soon. Among other brands they will have what they think will be a winner. 'The Martin W. Lyttleton.

Crews Furniture Co. have received their fall opening stock of furniture. Call and see their new lines and get their low prices before buying.

Mrs. Woodward, of Coleman step mother of our fellow townsman, C. S. Woodward, came in Monday to spend a few days with relatives.

Capt. S. M. Wood, the veteran fruit tree man of Brownwood, was doing business in our city this week.

We will sell you goods cheaper than anywhere in town.
THE HUB.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith of West End, a fine girl baby, Tuesday night.

Harness, saddlery, and everything in that line at R. L. Shaffer's.

GROCERIES

Are one of the main essentials for good and wholesome living, and

Pure, fresh groceries

Are the only kind that will produce such results
Buy your Groceries

From us and you will get none but the good and wholesome kind.

Davis Fancher & Co

Phone 63. All kinds of feed stuff.

For Trade.
A good work mare 15 hands high for a good milk cow and calf. Apply at Banner Leader office.

He Cured the Little Girl.
Mr. Herman Muller, senior member of the firm of Muller & Leykom, extensive lumber and general merchants at Polar, Langdale county, Wis., says, "My little girl was troubled with a bronchial cough and we tried several remedies without satisfactory results. We finally gave her a few doses of Hart's Honey and Horehound which quickly cured her." Hart's Honey and Horehound is a never-failing cure for all throat and lung troubles to which children are subject. It is very pleasant to take and the absence of any deleterious or dangerous drugs makes it especially valuable for small children. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Sold by E. D. Walker druggist.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Muncey and his three children, viz: Albert Muncey, Ada Muncey and Florence Burnett and her husband — Burnett, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 1st Monday in October A. D. 1904 the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of August A. D. 1904 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 711, wherein E. S. Sandusky is plaintiff and Mrs. L. A. Tolleson,

Charles F. Tolleson, I. F. Tolleson, Mrs. K. D. Morgan, Albert Muncey, Ada Muncey, Florence Burnett and her husband — Burnett, W. H. Muncey and S. P. Tolleson are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore, to wit, on the 1st day of August 1904 plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the tract of land hereinafter described, situated in the said county of Runnels, State of Texas, holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold possession thereof. Said land is thus described: Being Survey No 419, beginning at a stake the lower corner of survey No 418, from which an elm bears south 39 1/2 west 2 varas, a willow bears north 30 east 3 varas, thence south 30 west 36 1/2 varas a stake and mound, thence south 60 east 950 varas a stake and mound, thence north 30 east 3955 varas a stake on bank of river from which an elm bears south 80 west 1 vara, another bears north 53 east 5 varas. Thence up the river with its meanderings to place of beginning. Plaintiff further avers that defendants are asserting some kind of pretended claim to said land, thereby casting a cloud over plaintiff's title and disputing his right thereon to his damage \$1000. Plaintiff prays for judgment for the title, restitution and possession of said land and premises, for writ of possession and that he be confirmed in his title and that all claims asserted by defendants and all clouds existing upon plaintiff's title be declared void and of no effect for costs of suit, etc.

Herein fail not, but have before court at its aforesaid next regular this writ, with your return the showing how you have executed same.
Witness W. L. Towner, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1904.
W. L. TOWNER, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County.

Walkers Drug Store

Is Headquarters for Wall Paper of all kinds, Paints Varnishes, etc. Prescriptions carefully filled
E. D. Walker

20 Car Loads

Of Wood to arrive this summer. We are going to have plenty of wood all winter. We have wood now ready for prompt delivery, phone your order to the

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My line of MILLINERY has arrived and I am showing some of the prettiest designs in Head Dress ever before shown in Ballinger

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Polite attention and Courteous treatment. We want your business. * * * * *
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Ice cold Watermelons at the Ice Factory at all times. Prices reasonable. Edwin Day.

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Complete Murray System.

The only Gin that cleans all trash from your Cotton and thereby makes it worth More. This Gin has no Connection with any Oil Mill or other Enterprise.

Near Railroad Bridge on the River.
Turn North From County Bridge.

Curious Ways of the Japanese in Railway Carriages.

When a native lady enters a Japanese railway carriage she slips her feet from her tiny shoes, stands upon the seat, and then sits demurely with her feet doubled beneath her. A moment later she lights a cigarette, or her little pipe, which holds just enough tobacco to produce two good whiffs of smoke. All Japanese people sit with their feet upon the seat of the car, and not as Europeans do. When the ticket collector—attired in a blue uniform—enters the carriage he removes his cap and twice bows politely. He repeats the bow as he comes to each passenger to collect the ticket from them. Think of the conductor of the street car bowing to the passenger.—Ex.

The business men of Waco have inaugurated a system of cotton storage for the convenience of the farmer who might wish to hold his cotton for better prices. The plan is a very simple one and can easily be done in any town where the local banks can be induced to take hold of it. The banker simply advances to the farmer money on his cotton on the basis of 8c per pound, and charges the farmer 8 per cent for the loan. Now the cotton is good collateral so long as the banker will stay a cent or two below the market price, and the farmer can afford to pay 8 or 10 per cent for the loan if thereby he is enabled to get from 2 to 3 cents per pound more by holding his cotton. This plan no doubt will be perfected and utilized all over the south, thus enabling the farmer to get his own price for cotton.

Davis-White.

While seated in their buggy in front of Judge Crosson's residence, the words were said by the Judge that made Mr. Henry Davis and Miss Dovie White man and wife. Miss White is one of South Ballinger's popular young ladies and Mr. Davis is a promising young man of the Panhandle country. The Banner-Leader extends congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

Stock Ordinance Election.

The election last Saturday to decide whether stock should run at large in the city limits passed off very quietly, very little interest being manifested on either side, and the vote stood 11 in favor of the stock running out as in the past. The people have spoken and the matter is now settled and should be dropped.

Always Ready.

Cheatham's Laxative Tablets cured me of third day chills and rid my system of malarial poison. They do what you say they will. I now carry a package in my vest pocket. They are always ready.
L. M. DUNCAN,
25c per box Pleasant Hill, La.

Tibbs-James.

Mr. John Tibbs and Miss Mollie James, of Audra, Taylor county, were united in marriage Monday at the court house in Ballinger, Judge T. T. Crosson performing the ceremony.

Another One.

T. W. Alexander, Bracken, Mo., says: "I had a chance to purchase and use one bottle Hunt's Lightning Oil. I think it the best liniment I ever saw." Mr. Alexander speaketh wisely and truly. 25 and 50c bottles.

Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

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Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Meeting State Federation of Labor, Galveston, Texas. Sell Sept. 17, and 18, '04, limit Sept. 23, '04, \$13.25.

Meeting Grand Lodge United Order Silver Fleece Leaf, Palestine, Texas. Sell Oct. 10, and 11, '04, limit Oct. 16, '04, one and one-third fare.

Home Visitors Excursion to Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Sell Sept. 20 and 27, and Oct. 11 '04, limit ticket 30 day, one fare plus \$2.00. See agent for particulars.

Ninth Annual Congress Farmers Industrial Society, Hempstead, Texas. Sell Oct. 4 and 5, '04, limit Oct. 10, '04, one and one-third fare.

Meeting District Medical Association, Yoakum, Texas. Sell Oct. 11 and 12, '04, limit Oct. 14, '04, \$11.15.

Annual Live Stock Show, Kansas City, Mo. Sell Oct. 15 to 19, '04, limit Oct. 25, '04, one fare plus \$2.00

Encampment Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., Corsicana, Texas. Sell Oct. 9 and 10, '04, limit Oct. 12, \$9.25.

Meeting Grand Chapter of Eastern Stars, Galveston. Sell Oct. 9 and 10, '04, limit Oct. 14, '04, \$13.25.

If you want absolutely the best repair work done go to R. L. Shaffer.

Scientist claim that there are ten pounds of glue in the human body that's the reason every body is stuck on those Concho Cigars at Godwin Grocer Co's

Silk-Finish Flour is second to none. Silk-Finish Flour is sold by Rasbury & Bruce.

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Linoleum at the Hub. Come and see for yourself.

We carry boneless hams fresh on ice. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Why yes you will find it at the Hub. Shades, linoleum matting.

Mrs. W. S. Davis and daughter, Miss Flossie, went up to Miles Friday.

See Ostertag Dunlap Co. for everything new and up-to-date in the furniture line.

Everybody says "It's good." They mean the "Oris" cigar at Tisinger & Ashton's.

Hello are you looking for mattings. We have a good selection at the Hub all new.

Yes, we have them. Window shades by the dozen. All colors. THE HUB.

John G. Lee of Brownwood came in on the train Friday to look after business matters.

Editor Truly made a business trip to Rowena on Friday's train, returning the same day.

Mr. J. H. Roach, one of Winters' successful farmers, was doing business in Ballinger Friday.

Nathan Winkler of San Angelo was in the city this week, visiting his brother, H. Winkler and family.

C. S. Bowdon left on Saturday for Talpa (2) and may visit the World's Fair and other points before returning.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co., furniture dealers have just received four full cars of new furniture. Call and see them.

L. G. Doby has the contract to put down an asphalt sidewalk around the First National Bank and will begin work soon.

If you never tried a sack of White Billows flour just try a sack and have no other.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Good music, good singing, good dancing and funny comedians at Stafford Bros. show which will be here Thursday 29th. Don't miss it.

Mrs. V. L. Grady of Santa Anna, is in the city this week visiting her father, Mr. Frank Miles, and family, and sister, Mrs. J. D. Norwood.

Remember the meeting of the Farmer's Union at the court house today at 2 o'clock. G. W. Brister of the Crews country is to organize a local union.

We have lots of syrup and will make you close prices on same, so when you need any be sure and get our prices.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mr. Railey, father-in-law of our grain and commission man, Geo. F. Schroeter, came in the first of the week from Colorado and will make Ballinger his home in the future.

Marriage License.

The following marriage license have been issued since our last issue:

Joe Sawyer and Miss Annie Brown, Sept. 17th.

Henry Davis and Miss Dovie White, Sept. 17th.

John Tibbs and Miss Mollie Jones, Sept. 19th.

For Sale.

A nice 7-room residence on corner lot near the Presbyterian church. A bargain. Call on or write, Mrs. Alice Green, Ballinger, Texas.

Stafford Bros. minstrel show, which will be here Thursday, Sept 29th, and is said to excel anything of the kind ever shown in Texas. Remember the day and date, and don't forget the grand street parade on day of exhibition.

Dr. Daly, of the firm of Drs. Daly & Francis, of Lampasas, came in Tuesday and is now at the Royalty hotel. The doctor is a pleasant, affable gentleman and seems to thoroughly understand his business.

W. S. Boswell of Fuzzy creek was in Ballinger Thursday and closed up a deal in which he sells a residence in Ballinger near the steam laundry to Mr. John Dunn, consideration not learned.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

Be sure to try a sack of Silk-Finish Flour Rasbury & Bruce.

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Messrs. W. A. Norman and Sam Jones had business in Miles first of the week.

Mrs. Voss left on Monday's train for Gatesville, where she will visit relatives and friends a few days.

Be sure and see Stafford Bros great minstrel show which exhibits in Ballinger Thursday, the 29th.

We are in the market for all the eggs we can get and will pay the highest market price.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

J. W. Spencer, who recently bought the C. S. Bowdon place at West End, is now buying cotton for the Currie-Noyes Co. Mrs. Spencer and little daughter came in from Eden this week and are now snugly domiciled in their new Ballinger home.

J. W. Powell reports the following sales this week: Two lots Powell addition, consideration \$250 to W. B. Dorsey. Two lots Powell addition, consideration \$250, to C. B. Armstrong.

Three hours of fun and amusement, clean and refined, at Stafford Bros. minstrel show the 29th.

Mrs. W. A. Pringle of Christoval, is visiting her brother, Luther Long of our city, this week.

Cotton Exchange Moved.

The cotton exchange office here closed up Saturday afternoon and removed to Ballinger, where the office was to be open for business Monday. B. E. Mulford will be manager of the Ballinger office. Mr. Mulford states that the object in moving to Ballinger was to get a more central location for the business which comes from this section. The business at San Angelo having been light and a good patronage coming from Ballinger and Coleman, it was thought that by removing to Ballinger the business from the other points might be held and the entire volume handled to better advantage.

This office is one of a chain of exchanges. The company owning these exchanges is capitalized for \$250,000 and operate exchanges at Cleburn, Temple, Waco, Belton, Taylor, Brownwood and Ballinger.

The death of J. C. Murphy, one of the principal stock holders in the concern, will not interfere with the business which will be conducted the same as heretofore.

Mr. Mulford, in speaking of the move, said that he regretted to leave San Angelo, that he had formed many friendships here and that no better people could be found anywhere than in San Angelo.

Mr. Mulford is a courteous, agreeable gentleman and the San Angelo people are sorry to see him leave.—San Angelo Press.

Referring to the above will say that Mr. Mulford is here snugly domiciled in his quarters in the Opera House building and has everything in ship-shape for business. Mr. Mulford is a pleasant, agreeable gentleman to do business with. Drop up and see him, he will be glad to see you and will treat you nice while in his office.

Calls for Help.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 20.—A letter has been received here from T. L. Kleinman, a Presidio, Texas, merchant, calling for aid for the flood-swept needs of that town. Mr. Kleinman says:

"Over six hundred people have been left without a home; every vestige of crops for 100 miles below Presidio, and for over one hundred and fifty miles above, on the Concho river has been destroyed, and the poor are left without clothing, farm implements and food, and no relief of the situation can be expected until the next June wheat harvest."

The Business men's club of San Antonio has taken the matter up and a relief movement will be started.

Cotton Report.

Following is the report on cotton obtained by our reporter at a quarter past two Friday afternoon, Sept 23rd:

Number of bales of cotton weighed at Hoffer's yard 252. Number weighed at Stuart's yard 1387.

Number bales ginned at Perry gin up to same date as above, 5. Number ginned at Day gin, 373. Number ginned at Miller gin 285.

Read our add. Our competitors don't like us much. We mean Roberts Grocery Co.

Call for Live Oak Flour. It will give satisfaction. Opposite Post-Office at Miller Mercantile Co.

COTTON, COTTON

We are unable to tell you what the price will be, but wish to say that we will make liberal advances on your cotton, tell us your wants, we are prepared to take care of you. We keep in close touch with the agricultural interests of this section, and want the farmers to know that we are their friend, and will render them satisfactory service at all times. If you owe land notes or interest on land notes deposit your money with us, and we will make the payment for you, and should you need assistance, will gladly help you.

We buy Vendor Lien Notes, loan money on land and render assistance by taking up and extending maturity of land notes.

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A. Tidwell bought this week 6 acres of land 1 1/4 miles from town in South Ballinger from Webb Logan at \$25 per acre. Mr. Tidwell will start a poultry farm and truck patch.

J. L. Doby went up to Santa Anna, Wednesday, where he has the contract to do some asphalt work. John Hoffer, Jr., and Willie Pilcher accompanied him to assist in the work.

Chas. T. Stifflemire, assistant cashier of the bank of Elgin, Texas, is in the city this week. Mr. Stifflemire is an old friend of Tom Scott of our city.

K. O. Berry of Valley Creek and M. D. L. Barnett sold this week 34 head of calves to Frank Miles at \$3 per head delivered in Ballinger.

Remember we are still selling 100 bars of soap for \$1.75. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Fred Eieshaur, of San Antonio, and L. H. Mater of the Katy railway, were in Ballinger this week the guests of F. A. Mater.

Mrs. Tom Ward came in Thursday from Mineral Wells where she has been the past month. She is much improved in health.

J. W. Tippett, a rustling farmer of the Crews country, was doing business in Ballinger Thursday and kindly remembered the printer.

A. R. Votaw, of Galveston, who has been visiting his brother-in-law, J. L. McWhirtar of our city the past ten days, left for his home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddox left Monday for a trip to Stacy, Eden and other points in Concho county. Lee was looking after insurance business. They returned Thursday.

O. S. Boyers, of Taylor, Texas, has accepted a position with D. Reeder and began work Tuesday of this week. Howell Knight having resigned. Mr. Boyers is an experienced dry goods man, speaking German, Bohemian and Spanish, which will enable him to be of great service in the department.

Prof. W. B. Hughes came in Thursday from Trinidad, Colo., where he has been spending the summer. He returned by the way of St. Louis and enjoyed the fair a few days. He reports a very pleasant vacation all round.

We are glad to know that the little girl babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norwood is much better, after a severe attack of bowel trouble.

For Sale

At a Bargain, J. J. Erwin residence, call at Miller Mercantile Co.