

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, OCT 1 1904

NO 51

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

Edwis 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 58

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.

New South Tobacco per lb	45c	A1 Corn	10c
Old Kentucky " "	45c	3lb can Hominy	10c
West Tennessee " "	40c	A can of good Salmon	10c
W. N. T. " "	60c	S. D. Lard per lb	8c
Drummonds " "	60c	Good Bacon " "	10c
Star " "	45c	Cooking Oil per gal	50c
Horse Shoe " "	45c	Good bulk Coffee 8lbs	1.00
1lb Bale smoking	15c	Good Rice, 25lbs	1.00
2lb can Strawberries	10c	Navy Beans, 22lbs	1.00
3lb cans Blackberries	25c	Pink Beans, 20lbs	1.00
3lb can Grapes	15c	10lbs A & H Soda	55c
4lb can Green Gage Plums	15c	Good Syrup, per gal	40c
3lb can Nigger Head		Cabbage per lb	3 1/2c
Tomatoes	10c	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

Linoleum at the Hub. Come and see for yourself.

Dr. Halley visited Miles between trains Thursday.

C. P. Shepherd had the misfortune to lose his buggy horse Thursday.

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

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

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.

The Roberts Grocery Co. was sold the 24th of September to W. L. Ellis of McNeil, Travis county. Mr. Ellis took charge the same date.

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

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

Cotton pickers knee pads at Bob Shaffer's.

Col. D. P. Gay made a business trip to San Angelo Thursday.

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

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

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

W. C. Hammons of Atoka, was selling cotton in Ballinger Thursday and divided his coin with us.

Our friend J. F. Riggs of the Crews country was among the crowd selling cotton in our city Thursday.

Mrs. Alice Green sold her residence near the Presbyterian church Thursday to Ed Globber, at private terms.

We are requested to announce that the Floral Club will meet with Mrs. Blanchard next Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock.

Miss Ethel Duncan came in Wednesday from a visit to relatives and friends west. Miss Ethel has an ad in this issue, look it up.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lewis went up to San Angelo Thursday, where Mr. Lewis goes to have Dr. Marberry operate on him for gravel.

The Miles Flyer changes hands this week, A. Lammers having sold out to Lee L. Clark, who until recently was with the Miles Messenger. The paper will continue to be printed in Ballinger by the Tribune.

F. A. Mater and brother L. H., and Fred Eisenhour, of San Antonio, went down into the Styles country prospecting and if the papers come up all right have purchased a ranch and cattle near that place.

The Ballinger Dye Works

Ladies and Gents Clothing Dyed, Cleaned and Pressed.

I have just opened a new shop opposite D. Reeder's dry goods store on 8th street. All work guaranteed to be first class.

YOUR PATRONAGE IS SOLICITED.

B. D. MATHIAS

PROPRIETOR.

A protracted meeting will begin at the First Baptist church in this city Sunday and will be continued on through the week. Everybody cordially invited and especially the Christian people of the town are requested to attend and assist in every way possible to make it a great revival of religion in our midst.

D. W. Harris, father of our fellow citizen C. O. Harris and Mrs. Fred Loop, came in Thursday from Elgin and will spend awhile in our city.

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

H. H. Pearce, the Robert Lee banker, administered to our wants this week in a substantial way.

Matting, very best grade
40 rolls to select from
16 1/2 cts to 50 cts

Shades, all Colors
7 feet long, springs warranted
25 and 50c

THE HUB
Leaders In
CASH Prices

Rugs
Nice, Large Selection at
Cut Prices

Linoleum
Wide and narrow very heavy
45c per yd

Walkers Drug Store

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

E. D. Walker

Communicated.

Crews, Texas, Sept 27, 1904.
Editor Banner-Leader:

You published some 2 months ago an article, under the heading of Crews news, signed by R. L. Carleton, containing damaging reports. I ask you in the name of the Lone Star Baptist church at Crews, to publish in your paper the accompanying resolutions. Yours fraternally,

J. L. Kerby, Church Clerk,
Lone Star Baptist Church,
Crews, Texas

Crews, Tex., Sept. 25, 1903.

Whereas, there have been very damaging reports circulated by Bro. R. M. Davis, detrimental to the character of our beloved Bro. J. C. Johnson, and whereas, Bro. Davis acknowledges his wrong in circulating said reports, and whereas, one R. L. Carleton has written misrepresentation to a newspaper concerning a difficulty between these brethren at a burying ground and as some of these papers copying have commented and added to these false reports thereby greatly damaging the good name of Bro. J. C. Johnson, therefore, be it resolved by this church here and now assembled that we condemn the course of Bro. Davis toward Bro. Johnson in every particular, also the course of said R. L. Carleton in writing these damaging reports and of making complaints against Bro. Johnson in the courts of our county and thus giving him untold trouble and mental anguish without a cause. We, having the facts before us, fully vindicate Bro. J. C. Johnson and commend him to the confidence of all good people as a pure, sound and able minister of Jesus Christ, also that this resolution be published. Passed by unanimous vote.

W. W. Scales, Mod. pro tem.
J. L. Golden, C. C. pro tem.
Other papers please copy

Fairland Baptist Association.

Fairland Baptist Association was organized at Crews, Runnels county, last Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. More than 450 Baptists were reported. Eight churches were reported. Over \$100 cash was raised for state missions. Among the visitors were Dr. S. J. Anderson of Dallas, Col. R. M. Humphrey of Brownwood and Rev. W. W. Scales of Milford. Rev. R. H. Hearrell of Bronte was the moderator and W. P. Cusenbary of Talpa, Treasurer. The good

citizens of Crews entertained members and visitors in royal style. More than \$500 was raised in cash and pledges for the different associational objects. H. H. Pearce, Clerk.

Most complete line of perfumes and toilet articles in Ballinger at Tisinger & Ashton's.

vertently misrepresented Bro. J. C. Johnson. The reports I circulated were hearsay and I ask Bro. Johnson's pardon and the church's forgiveness.

Signed. R. M. DAVIS.

After this the church (138 members) passed a ringing resolution, exonerating Rev. Johnson and condemning his traducers.

Following is a copy of resolutions passed by Fairland Baptist Association September 23 to 25, 1904:

Whereas, certain false reports have been circulated, by publication and otherwise, about our beloved brother, J. C. Johnson, concerning an assault made on him at a grave-yard near Crews, Texas, now therefore, be it

Resolved that Fairland Baptist Association in session at Crews,

HOME PROTECTION

IS BEST OBTAINED BY PLACING SOME INSURANCE ON YOUR HOME IN ONE OF R. G. ERWIN & CO'S. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

R. G. ERWIN & CO.

Don't forget that the new firm of Ostertag-Dunlap Co are now open for business in the stand recently vacated by the Ballinger Grain & Commission Co., under the opera house.

J. A. Barr, a staunch friend of the Banner Leader in the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday

All work at the Home St Laundry is guaranteed.

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

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

Thad Thomson left Tuesday for Austin where he will enter school for the ensuing year.

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

We want lots of eggs and will pay the highest market price.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. Joe Wilmeth and Roscoe and Miss Ethel Truly came in Monday from a ten days trip to the fair, and report a pleasant trip.

Luce Wood, of Runnels boarded the train here Tuesday on his way to St. Louis where he will enjoy the sights at the fair for a few days.

W. S. Westcott of Brownwood came in on Tuesday's train and went out Wednesday to look after landed interests in the Wingate country.

C. A. Doose left Tuesday afternoon for the fair at St. Louis. He was accompanied by Mrs. Doose and little son as far as Moody where they will visit relatives during Mr. Doose's absence.

A. J. Lee of Wingate was in the city this week and availed himself of our liberal offer of three papers for \$1.50 for twelve months, the Banner-Leader, Dallas News and American Home Journal. Mr. Lee knows a good thing when he sees it.

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

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, soc per box. Little Rock, Ark.

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 DeMolive as Dressmaker. Will charge reasonable prices for work.

L. MARKOWITZ & CO.

COTTON BUYERS.

VINDICATION.

Apology of Davis to Johnson Concerning the Graveyard Episode.

COPY OF R. M. DAVIS' APOLOGY.

Crews, Tex., Sept. 24, 1904.
To the Church:
I am very sorry that I had

Texas, with ample evidence before us, hereby express our confidence in Bro. J. C. Johnson as a gentleman and minister of the Gospel, and recommend him as such. Passed by unanimous vote.

R. H. Hearrell, Moderator,
Hubert H. Pearce, Clerk.

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.

If you care to flirt with the fancy styles in fall suits, call at THE FAIR, Leader in Low Prices, Ballinger, Texas.

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.

Wood delivered on short notice if you phone No. 2.
J. N. McKay.

PATRONIZE

JOE HARDIN

Phone 169. TRANSFER LINE

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

HANDLE and DELIVERS COAL TO ALL PARTS CITY.

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



THE HUMPHREY LUMBER CO., Agents, Ballinger, Texas.

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.
A. J. Whitson, Marcy, Tex.
J. R. Sutton, Sparta, Tex.
P. Kennedy, Salado, Tex.
A. R. Shannon, Mecca, Tex.
T. Griffin, Womack, Tex.
W. Y. Luke, Brazos, Tex.
Dan T. Bush, Goldthwaite, Texas

We had our eyes straightened by Drs. Adams & Daly on June 12, 1904. Each of us witnessed the operation on the others, which was performed without chloroform or pain:

Signed: J. A. Gilleland, T. W. Caruth, W. C. Hawkins, J. W. June, W. H. Perkins, W. J. Fugett.

The above are prominent citizens of Vernon, Tex.

The following people were led to Drs. Adams, Daly & Francis the past ninety days blind with granulated lids, ingrowing lashes, ulcers, iritis, etc. Most of them were treated for months before without results, and regained their sight:

Miss Hilton of Marcy, Tex.
Mrs. Frees' little daughter of Haskell, Tex.
J. S. Alexander's son of Marcy, Texas.
Bart Bacus' daughter, Sheridan, Wyo.
Miss Sammon of Abilene Tex.
S. J. Foster's wife of Anson, Texas.

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.

J. T. Hutto,
Sunny Lane, Tex.

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,
Iowa Park, Tex.

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.

L. R. Lancaster,
Brown Co. May, Tex.

Fewer gallons, wears longer; Devoe.

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

Family washing especially solicited—prices are right

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

Live Oak Flour, Phone 45 miller mercantile co.

E. D. Walker made a business trip to Dallas first of the week.

Mrs. R. A. Smith left Saturday afternoon for Austin where she will visit for a few weeks.

John Dale, of the firm of Dale & Smiley of Winters, was doing business in Ballinger Monday.

Attorney J. H. Baker came on the train Monday to look after some court matters.

A fine girl was born to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Flowers Friday night the 23rd.

O. Hasting, a successful and prominent farmer of the Crews country, was in Ballinger a short while Monday.

C. C. Gannaway, a prominent and successful farmer of the Wingate country, was doing business here Monday of this week.

Mrs. Yeager, of Taylor, Williamson county, daughter of J. C. Olive of our section, came in Saturday and will visit in our county for awhile.

Judge C. O. Harris and son Lawrence left Monday evening for College Station where Lawrence will enter the A. & M. College for the ensuing scholastic year.

Rev. A. M. Andrews of Wharton, Texas, father of Mrs. J. M. Edwards of our city, left on Saturday's train for his home after a few week's visit to his daughter here.

H. H. Pearce of Robert Lee, son of H. D. Pearce of our city, after transacting business at Ballinger and attending the new Baptist Association at Crews in our county, left Tuesday morning for his home.

B. B. Perry, a deacon of the First Baptist church at Robert Lee, passed through Ballinger Monday, enroute home from Crews, this county, where he had been to attend the first meeting of the new Baptist Association.

C. S. Miller in appreciation of the efficient work of the fire boys in saving his building last Saturday morning, presented them with \$50, \$10 of the amount to go to the company and \$40 to be divided between the individuals. This is the way to show your appreciation and others might do likewise. The boys work hard and faithfully and their exertions together with getting hot and wet brings on a spell of sickness sometimes in which case a little financial assistance is truly appreciated.

A Judicious Inquiry.

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade says he has often heard druggists inquire of customers who asked for a child or for an adult, and if for a child they almost invariably recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for coughs, colds and croup it is unsurpassed. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

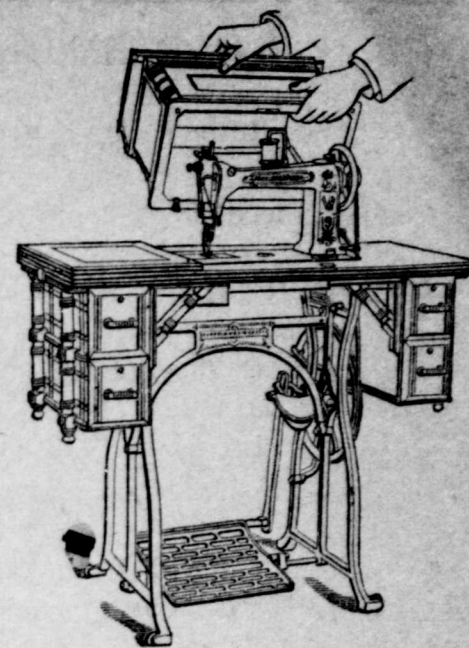
LOOK

The Largest and Best Stock of Sewing Machines

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

Yours for Business

W. M. McGINNIS,
BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS



How to Cure Corns and Bunions.

First, soak the corn or bunion in warm water to soften it; then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn a few days to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by J. Y. Pearce

Among the young men who left Monday to attend school at different places we note: Arno Schawe and Lawrence Harris to the A. & M. College; Geo. Murray and Howell Cryer, of Winters, to the Southwestern University at Georgetown; Roy Reeder to St. Edwards College at Austin. We wish them all a successful year and a safe return home when school closes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller returned Sunday from an extended trip of 5 or 6 weeks in the east recuperating. They visited the World's fair at St. Louis and their old home at Maryland while gone, got back much improved in health, and report a very pleasant trip all round.

Miss Annie Robinson of Gatesville, who has been spending the past several months in our city with her sister, Mrs. Tom Massey, left Saturday for her home. Miss Annie made many friends while here who will always gladly welcome her visits to Ballinger.

W. B. Stubbs, of Stubbs & Hartman, is on the sick list this week from getting over heated working at the fire last Saturday morning, but we hope nothing serious will result therefrom.

DR. THOS. A. RAPE, Physician and Surgeon, Office Phone 38, Residence Phone 44.

Good dry split stove wood always on hand at J. N. McKay's wood yard. Phone No 2.

M. C. SMITH,

Attorney-At-Law,
Office up stairs in the Osterag Building.
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I am running a Meat Wagon deliver Nice, Fresh Steak and Roast once a week. I butcher nothing but young, fat cattle and guarantee my meat to be better and cheaper than you get elsewhere. Watch for my wagon.

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All Night Cafe

Clean, Neat and Tidy. First Class Meals at all hours Fish and Oysters

J. H. Castellow, Prop.,
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SAVE YOUR PROPERTY

From Destruction by Fire.

Let Lee Maddox write you a policy in the HARTFORD; LONDON, LIVERPOOL & GLOBE, or some other big reliable company. I can also write you a life or accident policy in the best companies.

Lee Maddox

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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.

Cotton Report.

As we go to press, we gather the following data concerning the cotton statistics:

Ballinger Milling Co. have ginned 363 bales, the Day gin 549 bales, and the Perry gin 47 bales.

Receipts at the Hoffer yard 409. At the Stuart yard 2125. Total number received up to 2 p. m. Friday the 30th, 2534. Number received here up to same date last year, 2004, a net increase of 530 bales over last year's receipts up to same date. Friday's market varied from 9½ to 9¼.

Don't get excited about the price of cotton and don't pay any attention to the speculators. Sell enough to provide your immediate needs and market gradually. That will keep the price from going lower and may carry it higher.—Fort Worth Record.

Will Ward, brother to our Tom Ward, died at Mineral Wells Wednesday at 8 o'clock a. m., four hours before the latter reached his bedside.

Miss Nell Futler came in Sunday from an extended visit to friends at Brownwood, Temple and other points east.

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

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

J. Q. Parson, of Crews, enrolls with us this week, and will get all the Runnels county news the next 12 months.

Mrs. J. N. McKay came in Friday from St. Louis where she has been attending the fair.

Remember we are still selling 100 bars of soap for \$1.75.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

D. Reeder made a business trip to Miles Wednesday between trains.

Horace Miller went up to Brownwood on Wednesday's train.

Pan-American Advertising Agency

A charter was recently issued by the Secretary of State at Austin, Texas, to the Pan-American Advertising Agency, of this city, with offices at 613 West Commerce street. The stock holders are all well known to the business community of the Alamo City and Southwest Texas. The officers as named in the charter are Wm. Ochse, president, Albert Kronkosky, secretary, and W. C. Burns, treasurer. The object of the Pan-American Advertising Agency is to place advertising in newspapers, periodicals and magazines and to carry on a general advertising business in the United States, Mexico and the South American Republics. While Texas is the largest State in the Union, the agency recently organized is the first to do business in San Antonio and one of the largest of its kind ever chartered in the Lone Star State. It is to be hoped that the Pan-American Agency will find ample encouragement and assistance from the newspapers and advertisers throughout the country in their efforts to obtain business in the legitimate field in which they have entered.

What is Re-Go?

Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup is a preparation originally put up for physician's use, and is still largely prescribed by the best practitioners. Its wonderful cures of Constipation and attendant evils, such as Nervous Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Bilioussness and Indigestion, have led the manufacturers to believe that a great service would be rendered to their fellow men by offering to the public this famous medicine in convenient form. They have such faith in the merits of the medicine that they offer a trial bottle free to anyone who will cut out this notice and present it to E. D. Walker, druggist.

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.

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.

Mr. Bauhof, manager of the N. A. Perry gin, has an ad in this issue offering to gin your cotton at 25c per hundred and put on the wrapping for 75c per bale. Look up the ad and read it.

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

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

J. H. Gray adds his name this week to the Banner-Leader's subscription list to the tune of \$1.00.

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

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

For Sale

At a Bargain, J. J. Erwin residence. call at miller mercantile co.

A New Business.
I Paint Roofs, Build Cement and Asphalt Side Walks, and put on Gravel Roofs. Asphalt Side Walks and Gravel Roof a Specialty. Work guaranteed. Out of town business attended to promptly. See me when you want this grade of work.
L. G. Doby,
BALLINGER, - - TEXAS.

BUY A HOME.
I have just secured control of a 1902 acre block of land off of the Lyla Forsyth survey one mile north of Wingate, all nice, smooth land which I will sell in blocks to suit the purchaser at \$12 50 per acre. 3-20 cash, balance on 10 years time. Notes drawn on or before 8 per cent interest on deferred payments, possession given any time. This is situated in the garden spot of Runnels County. Wingate has church, good school, cotton gin, several stores and a population of about 200. Call on or address me.
C. P. Shepherd,
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Looks Like Democratic Year
And Democrats Want a Democratic Paper.
TRY THE
FORT WORTH RECORD.
Semi-Weekly \$1.00 a Year.
Six Months 50 Cents.
In Combination with the Banner-Leader \$1.75 a year.
Six Months " " " " .75cts "
Send Subscription to this office.
Besides being Democratic the RECORD is About the Newsiest and Most Enterprising General Newspaper in the South. Market reports Superior to any.

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 railroad plot on hillside, one lot. Price \$1100, \$500 cash. bal in 3 equal annual payments at 8%, possession Oct. 1st next.
No. 3.—Good 7 room house, two galleries, 1½ lots, water 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.

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
"World's Fair Express"
Arrives St. Louis 7:18 MORNING
"Worles Fair Special"
Arrives St. Louis 1:30 NOON
"Worlds Fair High Flyer"
Arrives St. Louis 7:30 EVENING
Excursion tickets now selling
Your Choice—They are all Winners
Miles-Minutes-Money Saved
Through Sleepers and Chair Cars
See I & G N Agents for rates and complete information or write
L. TRICE, 2d V-Pres & Gen Mgr "The Texas Road" PALFSTINE, TEXAS
D. J. PRICE, G P & T A

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Stand For
SWIFT AND CONVENIENT SCHEDULE
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And Everything necessary to insure a Safe, - Speedy - Comfortable - Trip
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or address
A S WAGNER TPA Waco, Texas
D M MORGAN TPA Ft Worth, Texas
J F LEHANE GF & PA Tyler, Texas

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

CURRIE-NOYES CO

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

THE
BEST
GOODS

THE
LEAST
MONEY

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.

Things are in good shape. Our family is enlarging

Private schools will always be in demand, unless social conditions very materially change. The public school stands ahead of the remaining institutions of our governments for no other one so reaches and touches the national life.

We've not seen you at school,

The Secret of Long Life and How to Overcome Waste.

To "know thyself," is to take advantage of life's secrets and equip one's self with an armor which will successfully resist the attack of disease in the battle of life. The old idea of fate or "kismet," and that a person always dies when his time comes, is now exploded. Every mechanism whether made by God or man, has a definite amount of wear and its life can be lengthened or shortened according to the care that is given it. If accident or carelessness destroys the works of the watch or the human mechanism an end comes to its usefulness, but it has not actually "worn out." Man's system at times gets rusty like the wheels of the watch and only needs a little cleaning and oiling to put it in shape for life's battles.

An imitation of nature's method of restoring waste of tissue and impoverishment of the blood and nervous force is used when you take an alternative extract of herbs and roots, without the use of alcohol, like Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This vegetable medicine coaxes the digestive functions and helps in the assimilation of food, or rather enables the organs to take from the food just the nutriment the blood requires.

Hon. John E. Sutt, Registrar of Deeds, Court House, Durham, N. C., writes: "We have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in our family, and have known of some of our neighbors using it. We have always found it to do all that is claimed for it, and feel confident that it is a splendid remedy."

Mrs. Bettie Mill, of Cotton, N. C., writes: "I procured Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and took it for my cough. The medicine acted like a charm; cured my cough all O. K. I feel very grateful to you for your kindness. Use my name if you substitute for 'Golden Medical Discovery.' There is nothing 'just as good' for diseases of the stomach."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Peppets, the best laxative for old people. They cure constipation and biliousness.

either, have we? Come up some time and hear our classes in percentage and parsing. We are still of the opinion that it is worth something to the child to know parsing and the real analysis of sentences. Take the subject of percentage. The real foundation for clearness of ideas in percentage is laid when the child gets clear notions of ratio. Suppose we take a problem to illustrate our meaning: Find fifty per cent of twenty-five per cent of seventy-two per cent of \$900. The half of the fourth of 1825 of any number is 6-100 of the number. 9-100 of \$900 is \$81. Therefore, fifty per cent of twenty-five per cent of seventy-two per cent is \$81.

See how readily we pass to the result. Take some other plan and see if it is easier. In school we are not so much interested in getting answers as we are interested in the mental process necessary to reach conclusion. In the business world the answer is all you wish your child to get. People once considered the learning of calculations in interest to be of very great importance but, as the years go by, we see much less practical value to the banker, the merchant or business man.

Now one can buy a small book, for only a trifle, in which will be found the solution of almost any problem in interest, or he will find suggestions which will enable him to readily to the result. The so-called "practical" is likely to sweep one off his feet these days. Can you imagine anything more practical than a well-balanced, cultivated mind? It is a fact that a thorough mastery of mathematics,

Latin and Greek will give to the mind a power of concentration whose real value is well-nigh incalculable. These subjects, however, pursued to the neglect of the "humanities" will develop a cold heartedness of little real social value.

The old "fundamentals" are still of incalculable value, since they furnish the bases upon which to erect all else. It is a fact that no board of trustees should allow any subject taught in the public school until the subjects prescribed by the state are well provided for. I've known and still know schools in which the children's money is paid to the high priced teachers who have no work to do for the masses of the children. I knew a Latin and Greek teacher who had two Greek classes containing five each while a fifty dollar teacher had an arithmetic class of forty and a grammar class of forty-five. The truth is, the public school can teach successfully only a few subjects, say those subjects upon which you can build later.

We lack money and maybe something more important, an educational sentiment. So we must not expect too much. It has been suggested that if we teach the child to read we've made no very bad investment of our money.

FREE TO MOTHERS.—A box of Dr. Moffett's "TEETHINA" (Teething Powders) will be sent without charge to any mother writing Dr. C. J. Moffett, St. Louis, Mo., giving the name of her druggist not keeping it. "TEETHINA" aids digestion, regulates the bowels, overcomes and counteracts the effects of summer's heat and makes teething easy.

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.

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.

Temple Hoffer went to San Angelo Tuesday between trains to transact some business.

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

A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Lessville, Ind., when W H Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from asthma but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure. Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist. Trial bottles free.

And now comes the Rock Island railroad company with the proposition that no cigarette smoker is to receive employment by that corporation. The officials believe that cigarette smoking impairs the mental faculties, and the road wants men its employ who can give their business the best possible attention—men strong in mind as well as in body. It is only a question of time when the young man who smokes cigarettes will have nothing to come between him and his favorite enjoyment—he won't have a job of any kind and nothing to do but smoke to his heart's content.—Ex.

S. W. Kerr, a prominent business man of Hurricane, Wis., says, "Your cough medicine, Harts' Honey and Horehound, is a good seller and seems to give excellent satisfaction." Harts' Honey and Horehound contains no opium or other stupefying drugs and is the best medicine in existence today for croup and whooping cough and the only safe one to give to small children. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Sold by E D Walker, druggist.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles most always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the night, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sized bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

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.

S. E. Sayers Dead.

In a wreck at Utah, S. E. Sayers was killed, and his remains, accompanied by a friend, was brought to Ballinger, and under the auspices of the Masonic order, of which he was an honored member, was laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Sayers was a brother of Messdames E. C. and C. G. Allison, of our county. His father J. J. Sayers, who formerly lived in Ballinger was here on a visit, and four brothers, Messrs. E. F. W. M., E. L. Sayers and wife and J. M. Sayers and wife, came in to attend the funeral services. His remains were met at the depot and carried by the Masons, to the home of his sister Mrs. E. C. Allison, where funeral services were held by Rev. W. J. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church at this place. We learn that the deceased was an honorable, upright gentleman and in the prime of his young manhood when stricken down. The sincere sympathy and condolence goes out from our entire people to the sad and bereaved relatives who mourn his loss.

Two men went into a hotel to get dinner. One of them called a waiter, and slipping a half dollar into his hand, gave his order. The other man took a \$5 gold piece from his inside pocket and laid it beside his plate in sight of the waiters. In a minute or two they were fairly falling over each other to wait on the man with the \$5 coin, while the man with had put up his four bits on the start was rather neglected and even had to do some roaring before he could get his dinner at all. When the man with the gold coin had filled himself leisurely with the best the waiters could bring and cleansed his fingers in the finger bowl, he quietly picked up his coin, put it in his pocket and walked out. "I have noticed frequently," he remarked as he picked his teeth, "that people will do more for what they expect to get out of you than for what they have already gotten."—Ex.

Silk-Finish Flour is the best.
Rasbury & Bruce

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

In this issue appears the written opinion of Jenkins & McCartney, attorneys of Brownwood, in regard to the telephone franchise question which has been up before the City Council here for some time. The opinion is virtually the same as given by Judge C. O. Harris last July to Mr. Hollingsworth, one of the owners of the telephone system, and also the same as the opinion recently given the City Council by Judges Jno. I. Guion and M. C. Smith, attorneys of our city. This last opinion settles the franchise question.

See L. G. Doby when you need your roof painted. Either red or black fire proof.

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

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. 24th, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

Riggs, Miss Mollie.
Cox, S. W.
Lee, G. R.
McCullon, John.
Nobles, John.
Trimer, L. Passor.

Pattern Hats Have Come.

Also ready to wear hats, big hats, little hats, and all round hats. Come, it will be a pleasure to show you through our stock. Misses Lola and Jennie Lewis.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, Oct. 2, 1904.

Subject—Different kinds of hearers.—Mark 4:1-9.

Leader—Miss Ethel Moore.

Song.

Song.

Prayer.

Roll call answered by scripture verses.

The responsibility to sow the seed of this Word abroad—Mark 4:10—Mrs. Forbes.

The Word a test and a judge of those who hear.—Mark 4:12—Mrs. White.

In the willing heart the Word brings an abundant harvest—Luke 8:15—Dr. Rape.

Select Reading—Monroe

Brewer.

Song.

Benediction.

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.

The Best Doctor.

Rev B C Horton, Sulphur Springs, Texas, writes, July 19, 1899: "I have used in my family Ballard's Snow Liniment and Horehound Syrup and they have proved certainly satisfactory. The liniment is the best we have ever used for headache and pains. The cough syrup has been our doctor for the last eight years." 25c, 50c, \$1. Sold by J Y Pearce.

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.

Mrs. Ella Mays of California, who has landed interests in our county in the hands of C. S. Miller & Co., left Wednesday for her home. She spent several days here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miller, and while here about decided to place her lands on the market for sale in tracts to suit purchasers.

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.

Cures Winter Cough.

J E Gover, 101 N. Ma'n St., Ottawa, Kan., writes: "Every fall it has been my wife's trouble to catch a severe cold and therefore to cough all winter long. Last fall I got her a bottle of Horehound Syrup. She used it and was able to sleep soundly all night long. Whenever the cough troubles her, two or three doses stops the cough and she is able to be up and well." 25c, 50c, \$1. Sold by J Y Pearce.

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

DR. TISHBROOK'S



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First Aid to Injured

Without equal for Wounds, Bruises, Sprains, Burns, Colic, Cramps, Headache and Neuralgia.

20 YEARS THE STANDARD

10 CENTS PER BOTTLE

Larger Sizes 50 Cents and \$1.00

Sherrouse 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 abcess 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.

Services Sunday morning and evening at First Baptist church. Business meeting at 3 p. m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered at morning service. W. J. Moore, Pastor.



Going for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Don't put yourself in this man's place, but keep a bottle of this remedy in your home. There is nothing so good for Colic, Cholera Morbus, Dysentery and Diarrhoea. It is equally valuable for Summer Complaint and Cholera Infantum and has saved the lives of more children than any other medicine in use. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take.

You, or some one of your family, are sure to need this remedy sooner or later and when that time comes you will need it badly; you will need it quickly. Why not buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency? Price, 25c; large size, 50c.

ANOTHER FIRE IN BALLINGER

The Old City Hotel and Contents Destroyed. The Building and Household Goods Partly Insured.

About three o'clock Saturday morning a fire alarm was turned in, and in about an hour the City Hotel was in ashes. But for the prompt and efficient work of the fire boys, assisted by other citizens the fire would have destroyed the C. S. Miller Co's office next to the hotel. Mr. Lewis, the painter, who has been boarding at the hotel for some time, as the first to give the alarm, going to each room and waking the inmates of the hotel. Mr. Lewis was apprised of the fire by the smoke that came into his room and upon investigation found the building on fire. The origin is unknown.

The building was the property of H. A. Cady and was valued at about \$2,000, and insured for \$1,200 in the L. L. & G. of Liverpool by R. L. Maddox, local insurance agent here. The contents, household goods, etc., were owned by Tom Osteen, valued at \$2000, and insured by R. L. Maddox for \$1300, \$700 in the Phoenix and \$600 in the Commercial Union of London.

This building was one of the old landmarks of the city, and was the last except one other of the early two-story buildings on the streets of Ballinger. It will soon be replaced by a modern, up-to-date building, but as to whether it will be used for a hotel or not we are not informed.

Cures Chills and Fever

G. W. Wriert, Nacogdoches, Texas, says: "His daughter had chills and fever for three years; he could not find anything that would help her till he used Herbine. His wife will not keep house without it and cannot say too much for it." 50c. Sold by J Y Pearce.

H. T. Hawkins of Winters, while in Ballinger Wednesday with cotton seed, received a message from Kileen stating that his father was quite sick and not expected to live. He was just in time to catch the 4:30 train and left Wednesday in answer to the message.

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

All work guaranteed turned out at R. L. Shaffer's.

8 Cents

Eight cents a pound is what a young woman paid for twelve pounds of flesh.

She was thin and weak and paid one dollar for a bottle of Scott's Emulsion, and by taking regular doses had gained twelve pounds in weight before the bottle was finished.

Eight cents a pound is cheap for such valuable material. Some pay more, some less, some get nothing for their money. You get your money's worth when you buy Scott's Emulsion.

We will send you a little free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS,
409 Pearl Street, New York.
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

The Runnels County District Singing Convention.

Meets at Baldwin the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in October with the following programme. Saturday afternoon will be taken up by business, interspersed with singing by all the classes.

SUNDAY.
9 a. m.—Song by President.
Prayer by Chaplain.
Talk by Prof. Brown.
Two songs led by Norman

Swo songs led by Prof. Brown Quartette from Pumphrey.
Two songs led by R. M. Rogers. Quartette from Pleasant Retreat.

Song led by George Middleton Mixed Quartette from Wingate class.
Duet from Pumphrey class.
Closing song by Charlie Nance
We extend a cordial invitation to all.

Com. { Minnie Gannaway,
Charlie Pumphrey,
R. M. Rogers.

Emil Pfuger, of the Rowena country, boarded the train here Wednesday for his old home at Pflugersville, Texas, and will be gone six or eight months.

Mr. and Mrs Henry Artles chewfsky left Wednesday for Taylor, Williamson county, where they will look after some land matters.

Will paint your shingle roof with fireproof red paint.
L. G. DOBY.

Combination Offer

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3 PAPERS 3

At Exactly HALF PRICE

- The Banner-Leader, regular price - - 1.00
- The American Home Journal - - - 1.00
- Twice-a-week Dallas News - - - - 1.00
- Price of all three - - - - - 3.00

Our Price until January 1st - - - - \$1.50

Until January 1st, 1905 we will give to all new subscribers the above three papers one year for \$1.50 cash in advance. To all old subscribers who pay all arrears and \$1.50 in advance we send them the three papers

The Banner-Leader is the local paper you want, clean, newsy, impartial reliable

The American Home Journal published in Dallas contains charming stories from Southern writers, the paper for your wife and children to read. Comes once a month.

The twice-a-week Dallas News needs no words of eulogy from us

The Houston Post, Fort Worth Record, or Bryans Commoner may be substituted for the Dallas News. You don't have to guess to be benefited, but each subscriber receives direct benefit.

BANNER-LEADER

Graham.
Quartette from Baldwin class.
Solo from Wingate class.
Two songs led by J. O. Landrum.
Duet from County Line.
Solo from Pumphrey.
Song led by A. A. Gannaway.
2 p. m.—Song by Mr. Davidson.
Male quartette by Wingate class.
Song led by Luther Pumphrey.
Duet by Pleasant Retreat.

Mrs. R. E. Hardin came in on Wednesday's train from Miles and will be the guest of Mr. Mrs. J. J. Erwin and other friends in Ballinger for a few days.

We learn that A. Schawe will kill some fine, fat calves and yearlings and in a few days put on a daily delivery wagon to all parts of the city.

L. G. Doby will paint your tin roof with fire proof asphaltum.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered condition of the stomach and is quickly cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

W. G. Churchill, of Brown wood, former manager of the compress here came in Wednesday to look after some business matters.

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

Ayer's

For coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, weak throats, weak lungs, consumption, take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Cherry Pectoral

Always keep a bottle of it in the house. We have been saying this for 60 years, and so have the doctors.

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for 40 years. It is the best medicine in the world, I know, for all throat and lung troubles."

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

The Lungs

Daily action of the bowels is necessary. Aid nature with Ayer's Pills.

Many farmers decline to raise sheep or goats and to keep bees because these items are looked upon as dangerous diversions from the regular farm work. Would not a little diversion be occasionally acceptable to farm labor and to the entire system of the farm? Telling John once each week to stop his team at four o'clock and kill a kid for the family's use, or taking his hat and smoke to the hive for a bucket of cotton-bloom honey, is no waste of time. The man who lacks time to plant a fruit tree or train a vine about the home lacks the American home-making instinct and will never truly thrive.—Farm and Ranch.

Saved His Life.
J. W. Davenport, Wingo, Ky., writes, June 14, 1902. "I want to tell you I believe Ballard's Snow Liniment saved my life. I was under the treatment of two doctors, and they told me that one of my lungs was entirely gone, and the other badly affected. I also had a lump in my side. I don't think that I could have lived over two months longer. I was induced by a friend to try Ballard's Snow Liniment. The first application gave me great relief; two fifty cent bottles cured me sound and well. It is a wonderful medicine and I recommend it to suffering humanity." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 Sold by J Y. Pearce.

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

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...VIA...
FRISCO SYSTEM
CHOICE OF ROUTES
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SHERMAN or PARIS
Perfectly Equipped Trains.
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Dallas, Tex. Travelling Pass' Agent,
SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
W. A. TULEY, Gen'l Pass'r Agent,
FT. WORTH, TEX.

September, 23rd, 1904.
To the Honorable Mayor and
City Council of Ballinger,
Texas, Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:

Complying with your request
to furnish you with a written
opinion touching the rights of
the City of Ballinger and the
Central Texas Telephone Co.,
we have the following to submit:

Article 698 of Sayles' Civil
Statutes authorizes telegraph
corporations to set their poles,
wires, etc., upon the streets of a
city. Subsequent to this enact-
ment of the legislature, in 1891
the legislature amended Article
642 of Sayles Civil Statutes and
authorized in sub-division No. 8
thereof, the organization of cor-
porations for the construction
and maintenance of "telegraph
and telephone" lines.

Construing these two articles
of the statute together, and
adopting the scientific definition
that a telephone is only an im-
proved system of telegraphy,
the Supreme Court of this state
has held, following practically
the uniform holdings of other
courts, that a telephone corpora-
tion has conferred upon it the
same rights as a telegraph cor-
poration. The decisions of the
Supreme Court of this state, to
which we refer, have so con-
strued these statutes in con-
demnation proceedings. Careful
consideration of them, as well as
the decisions of other courts,
has led us to the conclusion
that telephone corporations un-
der these statutes would have
the same right to enter upon
the streets of a city for the pur-
pose of setting their poles and
wires, as a telegraph corpora-
tion has. There are a great
many cases outside of Texas de-
cisions that so hold in unmis-
takable terms. The language of

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supply you, but this, like all other dry
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and will keep in any climate.

Your doctor, however skillful, could
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Chattanooga, Tenn.

the right of the telephone cor-
poration to place its wires and
poles in the streets is not sub-
ject to the consent of the city,
when this right is conferred by
an act of the legislature.

Article 419 of Sayles' Civil
Statutes vests in the city council
the exclusive control, etc., over
its streets, with authority,
among other things to "regu-
late" them. The words of this
statute are well calculated to
lead persons to believe, and in
fact have led most of the city
councils in the state to believe,
that this gave them an absolute
right to say on what terms the
telephone corporation could
enter the city. But it must be
remembered that the city, itself,
has no control over its streets,
except what the legislature has
granted to it. And this grant or
power to the city, being under
the general law, is subject to and
must be construed in the light
of any other act of the legisla-
ture, and the legislature having,
in so many words, conferred
this right upon telegraph and
telephone corporations, the
general language of the city
charter cannot stand in the way.
In other words the power of the
state over the streets and roads
within its boundaries is para-
mount to that of the local au-
thorities.

It may be argued with some
plausibility that inasmuch as the
original owner of this telephone
system had made a contract
with the city, or rather had
gotten its consent to place his
poles, etc., upon its streets,
thereby recognizing the right of
the city to control him, he would
be estopped to say that the city
did not have such right. But
inasmuch as the city undertook
to do what it had no legal right
to do, and only purported to
grant the owner of the telephone
system the legal rights which he
already enjoyed, such a contract
as was made would be without
any significance to fix the rights
of the parties, at least after the
expiration of said contract. And
we find this very point to have
been passed upon by a court of
learning and ability, and decided
as we have indicated.

The question then presents
itself: To what extent, if any,
has a city the right of regula-
tion? This question is answer-
ed, at least in the abstract, by
Article 702 of Sayles Civil Stat-
utes, which provides that the
corporate authorities may speci-
fy where the poles and wires
shall be located and the kind of
poles that shall be used and the
height at which the wires shall
be run, and also, that it may
make any alteration in the erec-
tion or location of the poles, etc.

The language of this statute is
very sweeping upon its face, but
it must have a reasonable con-
struction. This statute proba-
bly does not confer any higher
authority upon the city than it
already had under its general
police power. In other words,
the law is that all legislative
grants to private corporations to
occupy streets with electric
appliances are made subject to
the police power of the city to
regulate or change the location
of such appliances.

We find it to be decided under
the law authorizing city councils
for good cause to prohibit the
use of poles on certain streets,
that this power must be exer-
cised in the light of reason, and
not with the view of prohibiting
the company from doing busi-
ness in that locality by reason of
prohibiting the use of such

only to protect the public against
unnecessary obstructions and
inconveniences.

Leaving out of view the stat-
ute last cited, we are of the
opinion that the city would have
the right, especially in exten-
sions hereafter to be made, to
say, keeping within the bounds
of reason at all times, where the
poles and wires may be placed.
And if any good cause existed,
such that a good reason therefor
could be given, we think it would
have the right to compel a
reasonable change in any of the
existing poles or wires.

The power being granted to
the city under Article 702 of
Sayles' Civil Statutes, and for
that matter under the General
Laws, to supervise the construc-
tion of telephone systems within
its streets and public places in
order to prevent danger to its
citizens from their defective
condition, would, we think, give
the right of imposing upon such
company a reasonable charge to
pay for such supervision. Such
charges have usually been im-
posed upon each pole at so much
per year. A great many such
ordinances have been upheld,
but under a recent decision of
the Supreme Court of the United
States, it has been held that if
such charge was imposed on a
revenue basis, and not for the
purpose of such supervision,
that it would be void. In other
words, the charges imposed
must bear a just relation to the
burden imposed on the city to
so supervise. And in a small
place like yours, it could not be
very much.

Ordinances have been sustain-
ed imposing a charge of \$1.00
per annum on each pole, and in
another instance \$1.00 per an-
num on each pole and \$2.50 per
annum for each mile of wire,
but these were in large cities
where the expense of super-
vision was necessarily consider-
able.

You will observe that an occu-
pation tax on telephone compa-
nies is expressly prohibited by
Article 5243 of Sayles' Civil
Statutes. But the tax to which
we refer is not an occupation
tax, or rather it is not strictly
speaking any tax at all. It is
more properly denominated a
charge.

This covers all the points upon
which you sought our informa-
tion. In fact, we do not know
that you sought it on the last
proposition, but we submit it
anyway.

It has occurred to us that
probably it would be suggested
to you that the original owner
of this telephone system being
an individual had no right to
enter upon your streets even if
you had not contracted with him.
We do not believe that he would
have had such right. The stat-
ute authorizes this right and
confers it upon corporations
alone. In our opinion a corpora-
tion alone can enter the streets
of a city without its permission,
and that an individual is entitled
to no such rights. And while it
is wholly unnecessary, accord-
ing to the view we take of the
questions propounded to us, to
say whether the city of Ballin-
ger had any right to grant an
individual the privilege of erect-
ing a telephone system in its
streets, we wish to say that we
very seriously doubt if they had
any such right. The city had no
right, whatever, to incur its
streets except to the extent that
the authority to do so was con-
ferred upon it by statute.

While the terms of our statute

confering powers on the city
council over its streets are rather
broad, yet we find that it has
been expressly held by many
courts under statutes of similar
wording that no such power
vests in the city council as to
give them the right to contract
for the erection of such a tele-
phone system on its streets.

It is but fair to say that the
contrary has also been held, and
the most that we can say on this
point is that it is extremely
doubtful. But be that as it may,
it cannot help your case for the
reason that even though the
original owner of this telephone
system went on your streets
wrongfully, yet as the Central
Texas Telephone Company has
legally acquired the property
from him it being a corporation,
we think places it in as good
position as if it had originally
placed the property on your
streets. The power to exist as a
corporation and to exercise the
right of using your streets
as against the public, was vest-
ed as soon as it acquired cor-
porate existence, and the city
has no power to add or to take
therefrom, except in the exer-
cise of its power of regulation
as above indicated.

With reference to the question
as to whether there is any differ-
ence in regard to the rights of a
strictly urban and local tele-
phone company, and one engaged
in long distance service, we are
driven to the conclusion that
there is not.

In fact, looking at the history
of the telephone in this country,
it is apparent that the right to
use the streets was recognized
long before the use of public
roads, and we find this point has
been passed upon by courts of
learning and ability, which hold
that this right of a telephone
company is not confined to rural
routes, but exists in towns as
well.

While the foregoing is plain to
us according to the language we
have used, yet we know that a
person does not always succeed
in making his own ideas thor-
oughly understood, and if there
is any point covered by this
opinion which you do not under-
stand, please consider your-
selves at liberty to interrogate
us upon it, and we will endeavor
to make it clear.

Yours Truly,
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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.

Robbed the Grave.
A startling incident is narrat-
ed by John Oliver of Philadel-
phia, as follows: "I was in an
awful condition. My skin was
almost yellow, eyes sunken,
tongue coated, pain continually
in back and sides, no appetite,
growing weaker day by day.
Three physicians had given me
up. Then I was advised to use
Electric Bitters; to my great
joy, the first bottle made a de-
cided improvement. I continued
their use for three weeks, and
am now a well man. I know
they robbed the grave of an-
other victim." No one should
fail to try them. Only 50 cen-
ts guaranteed at J Y Pearce
drugstore.

Mr. C. J. Edmonds of Lincoln, Ill.,
traveling solicitor for a large printing
house, who is well and favorably known
throughout Central Illinois, says under
date of May 11th, 1903: "I have used
Harts' Honey and Horehound for the
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There will be one more picnic
in the Smaldt pasture near Win-
ters on Saturday October 15th.
Premium shooting, music by the
band and the other usual amuse-
ments. Come out and enjoy
yourselves one more time as the
platform will be moved after
this occasion.

Joe Ashbacher,
Joe Clements,
Committee.

Among the returning excur-
sionists this week from the
World's Fair we note Mr. and
Mrs. Doc Vancil of the Coyote
Creek neighborhood. Miss Katie
Bell Gregory and Drs. Halley
and Fowler. They express
themselves as having had a very
pleasant and enjoyable trip.

B. D. Mathias has opened up
a dying and cleaning shop for
ladies and gents clothing in the
building next Cameron wagon
yard. Mr. Mathias appears to
understand his business and is
a hustler after work.

Winters Budget

J. S. MOORE, Editor.

"Devoted to the Up-building and Advancement of Winters"

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Winters Directory.

METHODIST—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening; also preaching on first Sunday evening. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. L. Speer, supt., Epworth League at 3 p. m. each Sunday evening. T. A. Fannin, pres. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night—F. M. Jackson, pastor.

BAPTIST—Preaching every second Sunday morning. Sunday School at 9 a. m., James Flint supt. Y. P. U. every Sunday afternoon 4 p. m., S. W. Pratt pres., S. Sullivan, pastor.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—Preaching every first Sunday and night, Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor.

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LUTHERAN—Services each second Sunday.

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WINTERS, - - TEXAS

The gins are running on full time this week. Wright & Cryer report up to noon Wednesday 355 bales, Winters Gin Co. 347, with about 15 bales on the two yards.

Mrs. Walter Murry and Mrs. Springfield will leave Thursday for Dallas and Cleburne where they will visit for some time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chapman Tuesday 20th, a fine girl. Lark is all smiles.

R. S. Griggs went up to Crews Friday to take some deposition in a railroad case.

Rev. F. M. Jackson went to Glen Cove Monday evening.

Have you seen that fence at the parsonage? Isn't it nice.

Howel Cryer left for Georgetown Monday where he will enter school.

Moore & Co. have put in a double deck show case this week for their millinery.

W. M. Smiley is having several tenant houses built on his farm west of Winters.

Misses Etna Springfield and Lola Rodgers left Thursday for Cleburne and Dallas for a two weeks visit

Mr. J. S. Moore of Moore & Co. will take your application for insurance in the Friend-in-Need or Circle.

We hear some of the girls changed their religious faith Sunday night. Don't know why. What about it girls?

We notice a beautiful fence is being put around the parsonage yard this week. Glad to see this needed improvement.

Moore & Co. have opened up a fresh stock of Groceries in connection with their dry goods business, and will be glad to fill your orders in that line.

I. Beard and family came in from Coleman Monday. Mr. Beard has bought the Kit Cooper place in the northwest part of town and will remain in town.

Uncle Frank Flint was over from Wingate Friday. We are always glad to see him. These grand old men are fast passing away but their works do follow them.

Mr. Smiley and family of Wingate were over Monday prospecting for a place in town. think they will move over soon. We are glad to see good people like these coming our way.

Winters Budget: Please announce in your paper that there will be an Ice Cream supper Oct. 8th, at the Antelope School House for the benefit of the school. Stella Graham.

Rev. W. H. Matthews came in Sunday evening and preached a fine sermon Sunday night. He held 4th quarterly conference Monday, then went to Glen Cove and will return here Wednesday and from here to Hylton.

Miss Stella Graham, of Baldwin, was here last Friday shopping and informed us that she would teach the Antelope school this term. Miss Graham is one of our best teachers, and we are proud that our home talent is being appreciated.

The ladies of the M.E. Church South will meet at the home of Mrs. T. A. Fannin Wednesday at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of organizing a home mission and parsonage society. This is a good move, and when our ladies begin to work we expect something to be done.

Dr. Alfred was a pleasant caller at this office Thursday. The doctor came here six months ago and we are glad to say that at once he identified himself with all the public institutions of the community and has labored for the same at all times. This is one thing Winters can boast of, its public spirited business men looking to the interests of all.

League Program.

Oct. 2nd

Subject—Different kinds of hearers. Mark 4:1-9.

Leader—Robert Yeats.

Prayer—Bro. Scott.

The responsibility to sow the seed of this word abroad—Bro. Speer.

Song

Recitation—Pricilla Jones.

Reading—Pearl Speer.

Prayer by Leader.

Song

The word a test and a judge of those who hear.—Bro. Moore.

Reading—Emmett Yeats.

Song.

Paper on 3rd subject—T. A. Fannin.

Prayer by young Leaguers.

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Registered at the City Hotel. Clay White proprietor.

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We have had some business men from other points here this week prospecting for business. Winters and surrounding country is attracting all classes, and while the town is improving the country is keeping pace with it. Yet we need more people, and we have room for them. If you have anything to sell advertise with us and we will soon find a buyer.

Will some one take up the matter of building a few small cottages in Winters to rent in order that those who want to stop here may find a place for their families.

Wm. Spain, of Crews, passed through here Tuesday moving to Terry county. He and family spent Monday night with his brother-in-law, T. A. Fannin.

G. W. Brown, of the County Line, was here Tuesday selling cotton and laying in supplies. While here he took out a policy in the Friend-in-Need.

Miss Elsie Spear is now with Moore & Co. She seems to be at home with the yard stick.

John Jackson is putting the finishing touches on Dale & Smiley's new store this week.

Will Mullin is putting up a nice cottage on his lot in the Spill addition to Winters.

Several Prospectors here Monday night but left for Norton early Tuesday morning.

We learn there is a good deal of maize for sale around Winters at 50 cents per bushel.

Rev. Morrison preached here Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday at 11 o'clock.

George Murray left Monday to enter school at College Station.

Mrs. Walter Murray

Will leave Thursday 29th for Dallas where she will take a six weeks course in Prof. Landon's Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Murray will take the teachers course and also take the kindergarten course. She is a fine teacher and will be better prepared than ever when she returns to teach

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Three gallons saved is \$12 or \$15 earned.
Four gallons saved is \$16 or \$20 earned.
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Yours truly,
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New York.

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

We received a letter with check for \$2.00 from our good friend and old citizen of Runnels county, Job Davis, requesting us to change his paper from Lynn to Tahoka, Texas. Such kind remembrances as these make life worth living.

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READ THIS
Abilene, Tex., Oct. 16, 1901.
Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir— I suffered two years with kidney and bladder troubles and one-half bottle of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured me entirely, and I cheerfully recommend it to all. Yours truly,
GEORGE HAYDEN.

The Richard & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels that will appear at the opera house Monday, Oct. 17th, have fifty royal colored minstrel entertainers appearing at every performance and fun runs riot through the entire program of varied acts—big hits, every one of them—study the list: Famous Clarence Powell, Clever Billy Young, Pete Woods, Pat Bartlett, Happy Beauguard and Robert Williams. These are the six men that will shine on the end.

The olio consists of the following acts: Cooper and his Wood en Headed Family; the famous Ham-Town Serenaders Quartette; Bailey & Crawford, dealers in music; Clarence Johnson, Hoop Controller; Bloomsy, for eight years the assistant of Herman, the Great, who will entertain with tricks in magic; Clarence Powell, in an up-to-date monologue. (The performance will conclude) with the funny farce "Jim Jackson at the World's Fair."

Robert Lee Observer.

Judge R. B. Truly of Ballinger attended court here this week. Banker H. H. Pearce is in Ballinger this week on business and visiting relatives. C. H. Willingham, John L. Guion and M. C. Smith, lawyers of Ballinger, are attending court here this week.

Mr. B. B. Perry, a deacon of the First Baptist church, is absent on a trip to Crews, Runnels county, attending the new Baptist Association.

The grand jury returned a bill against W. B. Green and J. D. Davis for killing A. P. Smith, and James Dally for killing Harry Sawyer. They also returned two other bills for misdemeanors.

Some Seasonable Advice.

It may be a piece of superfluous advice to urge people at this season of the year to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before winter is over, and much more prompt and satisfactory results are obtained when taken as soon as a cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system, which can only be done by keeping the remedy at hand. This remedy is so widely known and so altogether good that no one should hesitate about buying it in preference to any other. It is for sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Irion county will soon have her first cotton gin. The gin will be established at Sherwood. The machinery is to be installed right away. This machinery passed through San Angelo last Saturday afternoon. The owners of the gin anticipate a good business, as cotton planting in our neighboring county on the west is rapidly increasing, and that scourge of Texas industry, the pestiferous boll weevil is not there to interfere with the plant.—San Angelo Press.

Insomnia and Indigestion Cured.

"Last year I had a very severe attack of indigestion. I could not sleep at night and suffered most excruciating pains for three hours after each meal. I was troubled this way for about three months when I used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and received immediate relief," says John Dixon of Tullamore, Ontario, Canada. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Hall of the Maverick country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, Dentist, Over Walker's Drug Store. Charges right—work guaranteed

When you fret and fume at the petty ills of life, remember that the wheels which go round without creaking last the longest.

We are in the market for your chickens and eggs, also your grocery trade.

Godwin Grocery Co.

J. S. Stubbs and little son of Comanche, who has been visiting his son, W. B. Stubbs, here for a few days, left for home on Monday afternoon.

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.

J. A. Thomas, the newly elected city pump man, took charge of the works Friday and J. P. Huffaker and family left for his position on the Dr. Younger ranch, near Maverick, the same day.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co. are successors to J. A. Ostertag & Co., furniture dealers, funeral directors and embalmers. Their place is on the corner under the opera house in the building formerly used by the Ballinger Grain and Commission Co.

We want the city trade and we also want the country trade, and in order to hold what we have and to gain new customers we have added a new man so we think we can give you better services and better satisfaction. If you have not tried us give us a trial. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

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

12 tickets were sold at this place to the Galveston excursion last Saturday.

Miss Josie Roark went up to Brownwood Saturday to visit relatives and friends a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Terry and R. P. Kirk were among the excursionists to Galveston last Saturday.

Miss Lucile Reeder went up to Miles Saturday to visit relatives, and returned Sunday day afternoon.

F. A. Nott and family came home Saturday after a two week's visit to the World's fair and other points.

Bob Deese came in on Saturday's 12:25 train from McGregor where he has been working with the Santa Fe carpenter force.

Mrs. H. F. Pape and little son and Mrs. Louie Affebach and little son, were among the excursionists to Galveston Saturday.

A. Schawe desires us to thank the fire boys and other citizens for their faithful and efficient work in keeping his corner building from catching fire the night the City Hotel was burned.

Rev. W. J. Moore and family came in Saturday and will locate permanently among us, having been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at this place. We extend them a cordial welcome to our city.

Mr. Tom Ward, of the firm of Hall Hardware Co., left Tuesday for Mineral Wells where he goes to be at the bedside of his brother who is reported quite low. We hope his brother will be better upon his arrival.

Dr. Tom Luckett, who was reported to have left for Galveston last Saturday, did not get off until Monday of this week and went to the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, one of the largest medical colleges in the east, instead of Galveston Medical School as heretofore stated. He will go by the way of St. Louis and enjoy the fair before going on to College.

The market outlook is not bright for the immediate future, but there is good reason to believe that those who hold back their cattle will find a better market later in the fall. With plenty of feed on the range and more roughness than has been had for years, it is folly to give cattle away at present prices. The market can take care of the strictly choice fat cattle and until the grass stuff that must go is out of the way, low prices will prevail. After that look out.—Denver Record Stockman.

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, Pleasant Hill, La.

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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.

Notic.

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Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

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.

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An Opinion.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 24, 1904.
Honorable Mayor,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:

A recent inspection of the fire protection of your city discloses the fact that there exist a number of defects in the equipment, the correction of which should commend itself to the consideration of the city authorities. Our inspector reports to us that during his stay in your city, he was favored with an audience by the city council, and that it took action looking towards making the necessary improvements. We are pleased to note this favorable disposition on your part, and now beg to submit to you for your guidance, recommendations for making the fire protection of your city adequate for its needs. Being mutually concerned with your citizens, in the maintenance of a thoroughly efficient system of fire protection we trust the advice we offer will be received by you in the spirit in which it is tendered; i. e., for the benefit of your citizens, as well as the interests we represent.

STANDPIPE: It was found at the time of the inspection that the man-hole and shut-off valve leaked. The necessary repairs to stop these leaks should be made without delay if they have not already received attention.

PUMPING MACHINERY: The foot valve on the pump in use was not in good working order and should be repaired.

In view of the fact that there is only one pump in service, a break down would leave your community entirely without protection until repairs could be made. We therefore recommend the installation of an additional duplex pump, of 1,000,000 gallons per diem capacity. Considering the size of your community, the Fire Protection Committee has held that it will waive the purchase of a third class steamer in your case (a part of our standard requirements for a second class city), if this additional pump is secured and a man kept at the pumping station at all times (day and night), and steam is constantly maintained. Pressure gauge to be installed in a prominent place in the business section, showing at least 55 lbs of pressure.

The same reason which makes necessary duplicate pump calls for duplicate boilers as well, and we recommend the installation of an additional boiler, of at least 100 h. p. capacity.

The fuel oil equipment, which feeds oil by gravity system, should be abandoned for a standard installation, specifications for which we shall be glad to furnish. We consider gravity feed to burners a very hazardous installation, and recommend its discontinuance, as a fire in the pumping station may cripple the entire protection of your community.

MAINS: An examination of the mains in your community shows that they are only 4 in., and that a part of the supply mains are only 6 in. In order to supply proper distribution and an adequate volume of water for a sufficient number of fire streams, the supply mains and mains in business section should be not less than 8 in. while mains in residence section should be not less than 6 in. We therefore recommend that present mains be replaced as suggested, and that additional mains be laid on 8th and 9th streets from Railroad to Hutchings, and on rail-

road from 8th to 9th.

HYDRANTS: Some of the hydrants were found to be set too low in the ground, some others having different size valve stems, others being vertical pipe type, still others not well cared for. We recommend that all hydrants be thoroughly overhauled, those set too low in the ground be reset properly; that all valve stems be made uniform, to fit one size wrench. The installation of 2 in. hydrants should be discontinued. Hydrants in business district should not be more than 300 feet apart, and in residence district not more than 600 feet apart. The cost of a fire hydrant is no more than that of the additional hose otherwise required, and while the life of hose is limited, hydrants are of per-

chase of a hook-and-ladder truck, and 600 feet of additional hose.

We would recommend that arrangement be made with livery stable to furnish a team for the hook-and ladder truck. A very desirable arrangement of this kind is to offer a certain amount of money to the stable reaching the fire station quickest. It will be found that this will encourage speed in getting to the fire station, as it has proven so in other communities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The number of volunteer members should be increased to 30, and one full paid man should be at the station at all times, in charge of the apparatus. Horses belonging to the department should be exercised daily.

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The Perry Gin will gin your Cotton
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necessary for the efficient protection of a Second Class City of your size. Ballinger has enjoyed

good advice in regard to Ballinger's fire department and should receive the careful consideration of our city council and our citizens generally.

A Runaway.

Last Tuesday afternoon the grey team used by the Hall Hardware Co. for delivery purposes took a spin up Hutchings Avenue. Leon Ward was driving them at the time. The cause of the runaway was the tongue dropping down. They started near the Gay livery stable and threw Leon off at the Star wagon yard in a patch of thistles and dashed on up the street and ran broadsides with a wagon loaded with cotton, resulting in skinning and scarring up both horses considerably. The wagon was considerably demolished.

A Farmer's Union was organized at the court house last Saturday, by Geo. W. Brister, organizer for this district, and the following officers were elected: J. W. Clampitt, president; S. J. Bishop, vice president; C. H. Midgley, lecturer; P. E. Truly, secretary-treasurer; W. F. McShan, chaplain; John Gressett, doorkeeper; J. H. Walker, conductor; J. W. Clampitt and J. H. Walker, messengers to County Union. The next meeting will be held at the court house in Ballinger on Saturday, October 8th, at 4 o'clock.

The San Angelo Carnival Committee and citizens generally are exerting themselves to make it the best of any in its history. The date is October 18, 19 and 20, and among the attractions will be bronco bursting, polo games, balloon ascensions, racing and all kinds of juvenile sports. San Angelo is our sister city and her people have always patronized our entertainments and Ballinger people and Runnels county citizens should return the compliment by attending the Carnival. A nice time is promised you.

We call attention to the ad of D. D. Mathias on the front page of this issue. Mr. Mathias is prepared to do all sorts of cleaning and dyeing and wants your trade.

Miss Maide J. Allen of Bartlett, was here this week the guest of her cousin, W. E. Allen of West End. Miss Allen is traveling for the Pythian Banner.

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

Notice.

I will do plain or fancy sewing at my father's home (B. D. Duncan) in front of the Day gin, or will go to private family and do their sewing. Will be glad to have your patronage.

Miss Ethel Duncan,
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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.

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manent value when properly taken care of.

We also recommend that all additional hydrants be installed, part in district north of Murrell, and part in district east of Broadway, between Murrell and Railroad, as suggested by our inspector.

APPARATUS: We observe that you have only hose reels drawn by hand. We beg to suggest that it is important for a Second Class City to have at least one hose wagon, drawn by horses, and we suggest that one be provided. In this connection we wish to recommend the combination hose and chemical wagon, which, by reason of the chemical tank, makes a very valuable addition to the fire-fighting appliances and will be found of much service, especially in fighting fires in the residence section.

We also recommend the pur-

FIRE ALARM: Telephone service in fire station and pumping station should be provided; also a tower bell for general alarm should be installed.

ORDINANCES: The many serious fires due to the storage of large quantities of gunpowder, fireworks, dynamite, and other explosives, as well as to defective electrical installations, necessitate the adoption of strict regulations in order to safeguard both lives and property. This can best be done by the adoption of ordinances governing these matters, copies of which we shall be glad to furnish upon application.

IN GENERAL: The Fire Chief should keep a record of the time and date of all alarms, cause of fires, value of property, amount of loss and amount of insurance.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the adoption of the above recommendations is

this classification for a number of years, although its protection has been below the standard. We trust, therefore, that it will appeal all the more to the interest of the city authorities and business men to give these matters the careful, and, we trust, favorable consideration which their importance and the welfare of the community demand, in order that we may be spared the necessity of informing our members that in its present condition the fire fighting facilities of Ballinger are insufficient for the protection of a second class city and entitled only to that of a Third Class Town.

We ask to be advised of your disposition to make the improvements suggested, and remain
Yours very truly,

J. L. BLUMENTHAL, Sec'y.

The above letter from the Texas Fire Prevention Association at Dallas gives some very