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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 1905

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WE WANT YOUR CASH

And will give you more and better goods than anyone else.

Clean-up what we have left, some at half price, others less than cost to most merchants

Our Clothing must go. A good selection.

Winter Goods Slaughtered
Lot Overcoats $\frac{1}{2}$ Price

This month means unloading all surplus. Do you know a value, if so see us.

This is in order to make room for our spring stock

D. REEDER

PHONE 53

BALLINGER

Removal Notice.

For 1905 I will be found in my new quarters over The First National Bank.

I have fixed up a pleasant sitting room. Also an operating room equipped with all the latest and best inventions for painless Dental surgery. I can perform all operations, absolutely without pain or inconvenience to the patients.

I guarantee all my work
S. L. Hicks.

Notice.

Judge B B Stone is in receipt of a request from the National Cotton Association asking that he call a mass meeting of all citizens of the county to meet at the Court House in Ballinger on Jan. the 11th to discuss the Cotton situation, but being informed that the Farmers Union has already called a similar meeting for Saturday the 7th he has decided that the same issues can and will be discussed on Saturday, an additional meeting is unnecessary.

If you want a loan on your land, meet our Mr. C. C. Compere at winters on 17th and 18th of this month. Be sure to bring your land papers.

Compere Bros.,
Land Dealers & Money Lenders,
Abilene, Tex.

Prof E. L. Hagen is suffering this week with eczema of the leg and in consequence we had no school.

Mr. J. F. Goodwin, of Lapara, gets the Banner Leader this week through the kindness of his friend Lon Mapes.

Vocal Music
Miss Jennie E. McClung

Studio at Cumberland Presbyterian church

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Getting Ready for a Big Implement Trade

For 1905 We Have this to Offer

We are going to try harder than we've ever done to merit your patronage. We will have even better, larger and more complete stock for you to select from and we will always price everything just as low as is consistent with conservative merchandising. In fact you can look here for the best and most up-to-date in
IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, HARDWARE

HALL HARDWARE CO.

Fewer gallons, wears longer; Devoe.

Phone 82 they will pay you cash for it

If you want something good try those new Mexican Apples at miller mercantile co.

All work at the Home Steam Laundry is guaranteed.

Trade Lankford & Hathaway your old furniture for new.

Georgia Ribbon Cane molasses just received at the Miller Mercantile Co.

Removals.

Dr. Hicks, the dentist is now over the First National Bank in Dr. Butler's old office and is neatly and comfortably established with all the modern convenience for dental work. Hison Bros. are now in the building recently vacated by W. A. Gustavus and are on the up grade having started a few years ago in a frame house 16x20 and now are occupying on of the best rock building in the city 30x90 W. A. Gustavus is now in the J. H. Miller Building opposite the Court House next door to Jim Hubbard's Saloon They have sold goods cheap in the past but propose to even do better in their new quarter.

See Here.

Christmas is over but I am at my old stand and have just received a nice bill of Toys Notions, Tablets, Pencils and many articles too numerous to mention. I pay cash and sell cheap for cash. Come to see me I appreciate your past business.

W. T. Swink,
Opposite Postoffice.

All of our loans repayable in ten equal annual installments.

If you want a loan on your land be sure to meet our Mr. C. C. Compere at Winters, on the 17th, 18th of this month. Bring your papers with you.

Compere Bros.,
Land Dealers & Money Lenders,
Abilene, Tex.

Miss Leslie Clancy will leave this evening for Ft. Worth where she will stay with her uncle, Senator Hanger, and study music.

Don't Forget

To go to JNO. G. KEYS Meat Market when you want a nice tender Steak, Barbecue or anything in the meat line.

Jno. G. Key,
BALLINGER, TEX.
New Wooden Building.

From Mary Rather.

La Luisa, Costa Rica. C. A.
Dear Mr. Shepherd:

Knowing that our friends who send a wish or a thought after us occasionally would like to hear of our trip and something of this country and as the ex-devil of the Banner Leader says "Mr. Shepherd might print it" so our excuse for the following.

We left New Orleans aboard the Bradford, Oct. 28. Our trip down the Mississippi was delightful and we thought how lovely a "Life on the Ocean Wave" must be and how we wished for our friends to enjoy it with us, but next morning when in the Gulf of Mexico we went on deck and took our places by the side of the other passengers who were clutching the railing and gazing intently down in the deep blue sea, how we wished we were in dear old Runnels county. After the first two days however we all got to be good sailors and after becoming acquainted with the other passengers, who like ourselves were bound for Port Limon or Colon and whose papas or kindred were employes of the United Fruit Co., we had a real pleasant voyage. On the third day out the Captain called our attention to the Island of Cuba, so we fought the Spanish war over again and thought of the Main and thought of the poor fellows who sank with her.

Our destination was Limon but as part of the Bradford's cargo was pilings for the Panama Canal we went by Colon.

We spent two days in that port and was there during the celebration of their first anniversary of independence. The display was grand. The streets and houses were decorated with flags, the band played their national airs, the ships in port were covered with bunting and flags of every nation were displayed. At the sound of a cannon all eyes were turned one way. The United States battle ship "The Dixie" with "Old Glory" flying from her peak was firing a salute to the new republic.

Colon is in the new State of Panama on the Atlantic side and Panama, the capital, on the Pacific is forty miles apart and connected by railroad. They say when the railroad was built the country was so unhealthy that each tie represents one life lost in building it. However it is expected that American enterprise and sanitary ideas that do much for Cuba will accomplish the same for Panama.

We left Colon Thursday and arrived in Limon, Friday evening too late for the ship to enter the port, so after the quarantine officer's visit and a lot of tropical red tape, papa came out in the Company's boat and took us ashore and I tell you Mr. Shepherd, we were glad to put our feet on land again.

Limon is a city of seven thousand inhabitants and is the most important sea port town in the tropics.

Two powerful syndicates, English and American, own and control the commercial enterprises.

The houses are one story, the streets are broad and level and abound in tropical flowers, fruits, coco-nuts, etc., and while almost every nation is represented, 80% of the entire population are Jamaican negroes, the native Costa Ricans, with few exceptions, live in the interior which is mountainous and has

a climate about like Runnels county in May.

The English and American companies have each a railroad terminating at their respective wharfs in Limon and each own their own line of steamers. The English railroad runs in the interior and their freight traffic consists mostly of coffee, sugar, chocolate and cattle. The American company, a syndicate of twenty-five millions, haul bananas, nothing but bananas. Mr. Shepherd what would you think to see 10 full trains, of 25

cars each per day loaded with bananas. Well the United Fruit Co. deliver to Limon on an average of that many trains each day to be shipped to all parts of the world where people will eat bananas.

Bananas only grow in the low lands near the coast and are owned and operated by the United Fruit Co. Each farm consists of about a thousand acres and requires two white men, manager and bookkeeper.

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**We give Facts
Not Hot Air**



Superb

It has never been our policy to over-paint our business, our methods are anything else in our advertisements. We believe the truth is best at all times and it does not cost any more to print the truth than it does to print a falsehood. When we advertise an article we always have the goods and the prices we advertise. You need not hesitate to come and call for the goods you'll get them as long as they last and as represented. If you want Underwear this is the place, we have a large line of good values and can suit from the heaviest to the lightest. If you want Dress Goods, Domestic, Flannels, Outings buy of us. If you want Ladies Skirts and Jackets all new goods and styles at a bargain. Call and see us, we've got a big line. We have the goods, you have the money, you need the goods, we need the money.

Come in and trade

Our stock is head
quarters for first
class Groceries



The Currie-Noyes Co.

We will pay top price for Cotton

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I walked a block I would cough freightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. Y. Pearce drug store.

Don't forget our clubbing offer for 1905. The Banner Leader, and the American Home Journal, and choice of Fort Worth Record Semi-Week news or Semi Weekly Post or most any other \$1.00 paper, making three for \$1.50 for 12 months. This is an offer you can't afford to overlook in arranging for your year's reading.

No Pity Shown

"For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Gullledge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce Drugstore.

J. A. Boykin an old and valued friend of the editor and a nephew of Eb Boykin of Miles was in Ballinger first of the week having land papers recorded, having made some investments in the Miles country. Mr. Boykin is a citizen we can all feel proud of should see fit to move to our country.

Saved Him.

"It did not kill me but I think would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieve and one box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." Clifton, Lawrence, Helena, O. T.

A. C. Hargrave renews with the Banner Leader this week, setting his figures up into 1906 and gets the Record and Journal in connection for the small sum of \$1.50.

Carriage on short notice for Funerals, Weddings and Entertainments, etc. See Charlie Kennedy at the Rock Livery Stable.

We have fitted hundreds of people with our periscope crystal lenses, we can fit you. Try us and "see." Jas. E. Brewer.

See Charlie Kennedy for a Carriage at any hour.

Colds

It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and prepares the system for the more serious diseases, among which are the two greatest destroyers of human life, pneumonia and consumption.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

has won its great popularity by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It aids expectoration, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions, effecting a speedy and permanent cure. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

Price 25c, Large Size 50c.

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Ballinger, Tex.

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Lankford & Hathaway,
Ballinger, Texas

Impoverished Soil

Impoverished soil, like impoverished blood, needs a proper fertilizer. A chemist by analyzing the soil can tell you what fertilizer to use for different products.

If your blood is impoverished your doctor will tell you what you need to fertilize it and give the rich, red corpuscles that are lacking in it. It may be you need a tonic, but more likely you need a concentrated fat food, and fat is the element lacking in your system.

There is no fat food that is so easily digested and assimilated as

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil

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We will send you a sample free.



Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

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All Druggists.

From Mary Rather.

and a hundred negroes. All farms are connected by railroad and telephone and are named, some for cities others for wives or sweethearts of stockholders who live in Boston, New York or New Orleans. Papa's farm is called "La Luisa," while we often speak of a neighbor who lives on Philadelphia, Boston or New York.

We spent two days in Limon and then came to Luisa. Papa has a large comfortable house of eight rooms and twenty four smaller houses for servants and laborers. Besides bananas we have on the farm bread fruit, coconuts, jimes and many kinds of vegetables. It is so nice and pleasant on the farm that we wanted to stay but the prevailing opinion among the physicians here is that mosquitoes transmit yellow fever so the managers' families only spend five months during the year in the banana district.

Cartago is a city in the interior and our trip from Luisa was delightful and interesting. The distance is sixty miles and is a gradual rise of about eight thousand feet, the road winds and twists through the mountains and we can see farms and villages hundreds of feet below us. Cartago is a city of fifteen thousand inhabitants and is built at the foot of Erizu, a mountain eleven thousand feet high, the houses are built of concrete and only one story high on account of earthquakes, the streets are wide and paved with cobblestone. The gutter

is in the center and the clear water from the mountains run down each street.

One of the interesting places is the market place on Thursdays and Saturdays. The market house is the size of a block with an immense roof over it, filled with stalls and peddler's booths. The Peons come from the country, dressed in their gaily attire, in ox carts bringing their produce, such as vegetables, dulce, coffee, cigarettes, pigs, chickens, etc. The market is crowded with a happy, noisy, good natured crowd in all kinds of costumes and styles. We often see a man or woman with a fifty dollar hat or a lace shawl on and barefooted. The natives are all Catholics and they have many magnificent churches and the bells! belles! they never cease. The "Aqua Caliente" is a health resort near the city, and we understand that the Panama canal is negotiating for it to establish a hospital for their employees.

The Erizu mountain is remarkable as being the only place in the world where you can stand at the mouth of the extinct volcano and see both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. We will make the trip up there in February as that is the only month when the atmosphere is clear enough to see both oceans.

San Jose, the capitol of thirty five thousand inhabitants, is fifteen miles from Cartago and is a modern city, having street cars, electric lights and water works. Its most interesting feature for tourist is its opera house, 'tis said to be the second finest in the world. For two colonies the guide showed us through. It is so magnificent it is impossible for me to describe it and do it justice, so I'll just describe the main reception room. The floor is made of inlaid wood of natural colors, the walls of Italian marble and mirrors; in the center of the room is a fountain, near the entrance is grouped marble busts of prominent dramatic writers and artist, notably one of Shakespeare; the ceilings contain paintings by the greatest modern masters. Near the grand stair way were three paintings representing Art, Industry and Commerce. The President of the republic has a box and private reception room replete with tropical splendor. The troupes come from Europe and generally make six months engagements and 'tis said that one troupe came near bankrupting the rich people of the country, and as you know this is a pleasure loving people and as each Senori had to have a new opera dress each day for six months and the dresses are of Parisian style, you can imagine what their papa's had to pay.

Well, I expect you are willing for me to close, so with our very best love to all our friends in Runnels, I am your friend,
Mary L. Rather.

Try trading a month with Ellis Groc. Co They will convince you that they are the cheapest place in town.

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

Watch and Jewelry repairing our specialty—we guarantee it.
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Jas. E. Brewer sells the celebrated "W" plain goldring—the best that's made.

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W. R. Kelly of the San Angelo National Bank was over Monday on important business for said Bank.

Jim Osburn, the fat jovial whisky drummer, spent several days in the city first of the week.

Call up 107 when you want good, fresh Groceries.

Notice to Buyers

ELLIS GROCERY CO. successors to Roberts Grocery Co., headquarters for Staple and Fancy Groceries. Call and get prices before buying. We can save you money

New South Tobacco per lb	45c
Old Kentucky " " "	45c
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W. N. T. " " "	60c
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Horse Shoe " " "	45c
3 2lb cans Blackberries	25c
3lb can Grapes	15c
3lb can Green Gage Plums	15c
3lb can Nigger Head Tomatoes	10c
3lb can Hominy	10c

A can of good Salmon	10c
S. D. Lard per lb	8c
Good Bacon " "	10c
Cooking Oil per gal	50c
Good bulk Coffee 8lbs	1.00
Good Rice, 25lbs	1.00
Pink Beans, 20lbs	1.00
10lbs A & H Soda	55c
Good Syrup, per gal	40c
Cabbage per lb	3 1/2c
Onions per lb	3c
Imperial gal Pickles that retail for 1.00 now going for 80 cents	

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

ELLIS GROCERY CO.,

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Lee Maddox

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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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.

Mrs. Forbes Entertainments.

Thursday night of last week Mrs. Stella Forbes entertained her Sunday school class at her home. This class has had the distinction of being the Banner Class at the Methodist Sunday School for the past two months.

The rooms were tastily decorated in pink and green and the colors were carried out in the punch and cream.

Some 25 lads and lasses were in attendance and all reported most pleasant time. Various games were indulged in and musical selections were interspersed to make the evening more pleasant. Each guest was presented with a pretty little souvenir with the season greetings on it.

When the hour for departure arrived all joined in one accord in voting their hostess a royal entertainer and wished for her happiness and prosperity for the new year.

Ayer's

Losing your hair? Coming out by the comb? And doing nothing? No sense in that! Why don't you use Ayer's Hair Vigor and

Hair Vigor

promptly stop the falling? Your hair will begin to grow, too, and all dandruff will disappear. Could you reasonably expect anything better?

"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a great success with me. My hair was falling out very badly, but the Hair Vigor stopped it and now my hair is all right."—W. C. Loushon, Lindsay, Cal.

25¢ a bottle. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

Thin Hair

The young lady school teachers who spent Christmas with home folks in Ballinger returned to their school work at the various schools in the country, first of the week. Among the number we note Misses Maud Lankford to Wallthall; Maggie Cockrell, Wingate; Ethel Truly, Cochran, Katie Bell Gregory, Bowman; Nell Gregory, Mustang; Sammie Padgett, Norwood; Lola Brown Norton; Maurice Truly, Content; Genevieve Truly, Rowena; Inez Butler, Davis.

Experience is the best teacher, we have it, and we save you money on saddlery goods

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Crews Items.

H A Montgomery Editor. Devoted to the Upbuilding of Crews. **CREWS DIRECTORY.**

Services at the M E church Saturday night before each 2nd Sunday; also Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. L A Clark pastor.

Baptist—3rd Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., also Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. W. C. White pastor.

SECRET ORDERS.

W O W Camp—First and third Saturday night in each month. W A Suggs, C. C.; R L Carleton, Clerk.

Farmers Union—Meets on 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings. G A Kincaide, President; R E Hardigree, Sec.

The death of Mrs. J. K. Kerby who died Monday of last week, was a shock to the entire community. To know her was to love her, she was so kind and generous hearted. Weep not dear ones, she is only sleeping, we think, to await the judgment morning and then to reap that rich reward God has promised the faithful and the true.

W. F. Borders is quite sick with slow fever. We hope to see him up again soon.

Messrs Miller and Redman, two prosperous citizens of San Saba county came in one day of last week with their families. Mr. Miller comes for the purpose of going into the mercantile business at this place. He has the material on the ground for building his store and dwelling house. Mr. Redman will farm on the lease he purchased from Jim Rainwater. We are glad to have such men with us and wish them success in their new undertaking.

Erown Hickman, of Williamson county came in Friday to visit his sister, Mrs. B. T. Hale, of this place.

Mr. Gus Jarrett the Photographer from Coleman is with us for a while, and where there is beauty he takes it and where no beauty he makes it.

Bro Carter filled his regular appointment at Mud Creek church Sunday Jan. 1st.

Friday evening of last week the little son of R. R. Dodgin had the misfortune to fall from a feed stack and struck the blade of a knife which was in the hands of his little brother. The doctors say the blade penetrated his lungs, but the little fellow was resting nicely at last report.

Our school seems to be moving along nicely.

Mr. Chas. Elms and Miss Jessie Gray were happily united in marriage Christmas day, Esq. Talley officiating. May joy be theirs through life.

The Crews Gin Co. made their last run for this season last Saturday. They have ginned 1155 bales to date.

The land deal between H. A. Bradley and several citizens of this county fell through. Mr. Bradley takes back all his lands.

Dr. Hale left Wednesday for St. Louis to re-enter school.

Johnnie Henderson of Lawn, who has been attending school at Fort Worth was visiting relatives in our community part of last week.

While acting Santa Claus for the Deitz school house Ollie Woods accidentally got his false whiskers on fire and before he could remove them he was severely burned about the face.

Miss Myrtle Mayben the teacher of the Mud Creek school came in Friday from Lampasas county where she went to spend Christmas with her parents.

M. B. Freeman, the genial manager of B. U Smith's business, spent Christmas with friends at Taipa.

J. D. Roper sold 127 acres of his land this week to F. L Adams for \$2,225.00.

Coss Dillard who had the misfortune to have his thumb and finger cut off of his right hand by getting it caught between the bed and front wheels of his wagon, we are glad to state is able to return to his work.

The wind last Sunday night blew so hard that our photographer's tent failed to stand the test, but no serious damage.

Dr. Janes has returned from Talpa where he has been for the past two weeks.

V. G. Pendleton was in town this week and tells us that he is improving his new place recently purchased near Winters.

Mr. Janes of Bell county is visiting his daughter Mrs. F. M. Hale.

We learn that Mr. Floyd Burson and Miss Grace Golden were married New Year's day. Mr. Burson is one of Crews' brightest young men and Miss Golden is a lady that he may feel proud of. May joy and peace be theirs always.

The young people of Crews enjoyed an entertainment at H. A. Montgomery's last Thursday night.

When you wish to subscribe for the Banner Leader see H. A. Montgomery.

If you want a home on short notice see Montgomery & Henderson.

Robert Penney was in the first to subscribe for the Item.

J. D. Roper one mile southeast of town is making preparation to build a new dwelling.

Jim Woods moved his dwelling last week to a more convenient place on his land.

R. L. Carleton was in Crews this week says his school in money moving along fine.

J. A. Henderson had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

The W O W Camp is moving out nicely at Crews. Applicants coming in so fast they decided to meet twice a month instead of once.

J. W. Rainwater contemplates moving to Crews soon and will occupy the place recently purchased from Perry Tenison.

Barney Gibbs had business in San Angelo this week.

B. F. Clark is in the Crews country this week looking for a place. He says Concho county is too dry for him. Don't know why, but it seems when a man once stays around Crews he can never stay away.

H. E. Grabener will move soon to the lease he purchased from V. G. Pendleton, a short time ago.

The old year has gone and a new year is here; let each and every one strive to make this the best year of our lives. Strive to be happy and make those happy around us. Farmers diversify your crops, plant corn, cane and maize and subscribe for the Banner-Leader and you will be happy.

Dr. J R Myrick is on the sick list this week.

The relatives of J. N. Henderson enjoyed a nice New Year's dinner at his home last Sunday.

For Sale,

One fine Black Spanish Jack 15 hands high, 8 years old.

Call on or write

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Gus. Hardigree, Proprietor.
CREWS, TEXAS.

B. U. Smith,

Dealer In

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Compere Bros.,
Land Dealers & Money Lenders.
Abilene, Tex.

Mrs R. S. Griggs came in Monday from a visit to relatives at Gatesville. She was accompanied home by her sister Miss Vergie Claxton, who will visit a while in our city.

Herman Otken our farmer friend of the Coyote creek country was among Ballinger friends first of the week.

Dist. Deputy W. A. Laughlin of Austin met with the Praetorian Council last night and exemplified the work of initiation.

He says the Supreme office at Dallas is rejoicing over the fact that so many official and business men of Ballinger have aligned themselves with this splendid Texas institution.

The following officers were installed:—

C. S. Bowden, S. A.; Sam Baker, W S T; E V Bateman, W J T; Hayden Routh, W F C; J T Bullock, W S C; J Whit Patterson, W R; E T Coldwell, W S S Judge C H Willingham W Atty. Mrs. C. S. Bowdon Praetorian Queen.

The plans and record of this order will bear the closest investigation and it is to be hoped that many more of our citizens will take advantage of the special rate of admission now offered.

Winters Budget

J. S. MOORE, Editor.

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

VOL. 1.

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.

APTIST—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., en S. Suliivan, pastor.

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Service each Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Mr. Eoff, leader.

LUTHERAN—Services each second Sunday.

Secret Orders—A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday on or before full moon. W. H. Brown, sec., W. S. Mullin, W. M. K. of P. meets each second and third Thursday nights. L. E. Jarmon, C. C., W. S. Mullin, K. R. & S.

W. O. W.—Camps meets each second and fourth Monday nights T. T. Davis, C. C., J. W. Dale, clerk.

I O O F—Meets every Saturday night, P. H. Williams, N. G., W. P. Springfiel, V. G., H. C. Springfield, sec.

Key-Towner.

At the home of Capt. W. L. Towner on wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. C. W. Yates pronounced the words that made John G. Key and Miss Irby Towner, man and wife. Groves Key is one of Ballinger's prosperous and promising young business men and the bride, Miss Irby is too well and favorably known for comment at our affairs. The marriage was quite a surprise to their many friends. However all join the Banner Leader in best wishes and a hope for them long life and prosperity.

W. A. Gustavous, is now in the J. H. Miller building next to Jim Hubbard's saloon, and while he has been selling goods at a very close margin proposes to even do better until he gets established and it will pay you to hunt him up and price his goods before buying.

Miss Mary Lee Thomson gave an informal dance last Thursday evening prior to her return to St Mary's College, Dallas.

Mrs. Gregg, Miss Cornelia Guion, Miss Minnie Guion Francis, and Prentice Gregg, composed a party who went to San Saba last Sunday to be present at the wedding of Will Gregg and Miss Hart of that place.

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Are showing best line Tailor Made Skirts, Fancy Dress Shirts, up to date Pants and Shoes Sweaters for Men and Ladies, Millinery and Groceries.

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WINTERS, - - TEXAS

E. Sheppard, for the past few months with the 20th Century Confectionery, is now with the popular grocery house of Ellis Grocery Co.

Winters News too late for this issue. Will appear next week.

A L. Cox has plenty of cane with heads on it at 3cts per bundle. 5 miles Northeast of Winters.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

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

READ THIS

Dallas, Tex, April 24, 1902. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo Dear Sir—I was cured of kidney and bladder trouble in 1896 and have never suffered since and I can cheerfully recommend it.

Yours truly, Gustav Belitzer, 300 Main St.

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Watch Charms, from good cheap ones to the highest quality made, at Jas. E. Brewer's.

You take no chances when you buy Jewelry from Jas. E. Brewer. Its guaranteed.

Two cars fine furniture just arrived, don't fail to get our prices.

Lankford & Hathaway Ballinger Texas.

Notice.

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

H. C. WYLIE.

Fresh honey direct from the country at J. B. Alvis & Bro.

J. F. Mansker returned first of the week from a Christmas visit to Ft. Worth friends. He reported a great rush of travel all trains both ways being crowded.

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

Try a gallon of that new East Texas Ribbon cane syrup at J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Miss Alma Padgett left Thursday for Mazeland where she goes to teach the Mazeland school. This is Miss Alma's first year as a school teacher but we predict for her much success.

Get you a barrel or half barrel of Georgia Ribbon Cane molasses at miller mercantile co. before they are all gone.

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

New and fresh goods received daily at miller mercantile co.

Prices are all right on Georgia Ribbon Cane molasses at Miller Mercantile Co.

Try a sack of red Cross or Beil county's best flour.

Ellis Grocery Co.

Phone 45 for Live Oak Flour the best at miller mercantile co.

Get Red Cross and Beil County's Best Flour from Ellis Groc. Co. Every sack guaranteed.

Fine Property For Sale.

A L. Cox home place for sale, 5 miles Northeast of Winters on Moro Flat; 191 acres in tract, 135 acres in farm, level hog wallow land; good house, pailed yard full of trees and shrubery, well of pure water that can't be pumped out with wind mill; complete water works and hydrant at garden; the house, well and water works and yard are worth \$2,000.00; good young orchard.

This place is rented for 1905, can't give possession, but parties will take good care of the place and plant over 100 acres in cotton. This place can be bought for \$25 per acre, 1/4 down, 1/4 in 1906 and 10 years time on the balance at 8 per cent. Apply to A. L. Cox, Winters, Texas for the next 30 days.

Misses Blanche Perryman and Mamie Rall, after ten days visit to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Masters left Saturday for their home at Goldthwaite. These young ladies made many warm friends during their stay here who will gladly welcome them back at any time.

An Editor's Recommendation.

Mr. H. J. Keeler publisher of the Press, Maiden Rock, Wis., writes, "Allow me to say that I have recently used a bottle of Harts' Honey and horehound and found it a valuable remedy for a cold and cough. I have personally recommended it in several cases and hear a good word from all." When our readers need a reliable medicine for Colds, coughs, Croup, and Whooping Cough there is no other so satisfactory as Harts' Honey and Horehound. Large bottles 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker Druggist.

We sell the famous Thomas White Cook Stoves, best stove on the market.

Lankford & Hathaway, Ballinger, Texas

FOR SALE

456 4-10 acres of Fine Land

Situated 1 mile from Winters. Well improved, 150 acres in cultivation, at \$21 per acre, 1/2 down all time wanted on balance. This is a bargain, come quick or it will be gone. See or write

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REAL ESTATE AGENTS
Winters, *** Texas

Miss Jennie McClung Entertains.

Miss Jennie E. McClung entertained her music class and friends at the home of F. C. Miller New Years Eve.

Some dozen couple were fortunate enjoy this happy occasion charades and various other innocent games were played and as a closing scene delicious cake and ice cream were served.

A real Christmas Tree was arranged and each guest received a real present therefrom. When the new year's bells announced the coming of the New Year the departing guests bid their hostess goodbye and wished for her the richest blessings for the New Year.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," say W. H. Howard of Husoed, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried. In fact, she is never without it now and is all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

FARMERS

When you want a good meal go to Maud McDaniel's at the old Castellaw stand next door to Pink Hubbard's barber shop. Courteous treatment and a good meal will be given you.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substance, is some more disastrous than they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for cough, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Notice Farmers.

Dr. Jackson the well known Horse Doctor of Lott will be in Ballinger on the 25th, 26th Jan. and will lecture on the streets on the Disease of the horse. Come in and bring your horses with bad teeth, bad feet from wire cuts, bad eyes, warts, fistula pole-evil, collar-lumps, spavin ring-bone, or any surgical operation. Examinations make free.

Miss Lerlyne Hudson of San Angelo was joined here Monday by her father and they will visit for a while at Rockdale and Caldwell. Miss Hudson, is pleasantly remembered as the guest of Mrs. R. S. Griggs some weeks ago.

We want several big ranch loans, meet our Mr. C. C. Compere at Winters, on the 17th and 18th of this month, and bring your land papers, he will fully explain every thing to you.

Compere Bros., Land Dealers & Money Lenders, Abilene Tex.

J. G. Hughes, of Winters, formerly in the Sheriff's office here was shaking hands with Ballinger friends first of the week.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

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

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

Notice! We have moved to the Gustavus old stand on 8th St. Hixon Bros.

We also buy Vendors Lien notes. If you have any for sale, meet Mr. C. C. Compere at Winters on 17th and 18th of this month. Bring your land papers with you.

Compere Bros., Land Dealers & Money Lenders, Abilene, Tex.

W. W. Moore, of Wingate, was looking after business matters here Monday.

R. S. Griggs, made his wife a Christmas present of a nice rubber tire buggy and also bought a beautiful sorrel mare from Henry Walker to go with the buggy.

W. G. Churchill the Brownwood compress manager was here first of the week looking after the compress at this place.

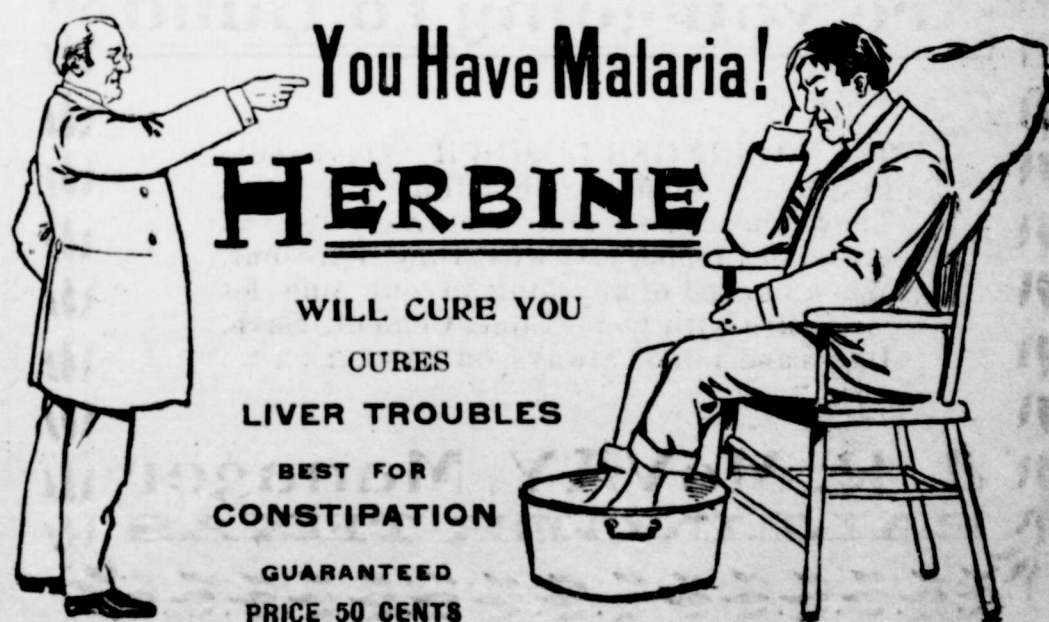
Mr. and Mrs. O. Burson, of the Crews, Country, came in on Tuesday's train from the east where they had spent the holidays.

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

CHICHESTER'S PENNYROYL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine
SAFE, Always reliable. Tasteless, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Beware of Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies" in letter by return Mail. 14,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, PHILA., PA.
Mention this paper.

Look! We have moved to the Gustavus old stand on 8th St. Hixon Bros Racket store.

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HERBINE
WILL CURE YOU
CURES
LIVER TROUBLES
BEST FOR
CONSTIPATION
GUARANTEED
PRICE 50 CENTS



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Not just "any old kind of goods"
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Pure Fresh Groceries and Feed Stuff of all kinds

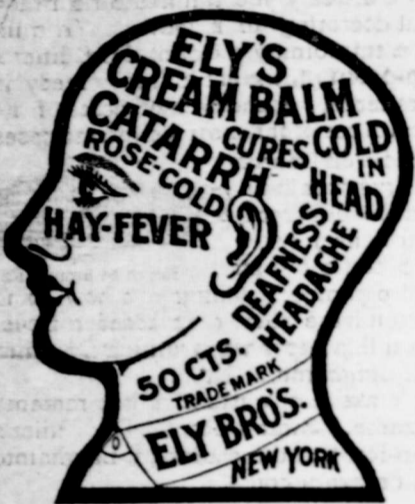
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This Remedy is a Specific, Sure to Give Satisfaction. GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE.

It cleanses, soothes, heals, and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. Applied into the nostrils and absorbed. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York

Try for Health

222 South Peoria St., CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 7, 1902.

Eight months ago I was so ill that I—as compelled to lie or sit down nearly all the time. My stomach was so weak and upset that I could keep nothing on it and I vomited frequently. I could not urinate without great pain and I coughed so much that my throat and lungs were raw and sore. The doctors pronounce it Bright's disease and others said it was consumption. It mattered little to me what they called it and I had no desire to live. A sister visited me from St. Louis and asked me if I had ever tried Wine of Cardui. I told her I had not and she bought a bottle. I believe that it saved my life. I believe many women could save much suffering if they but knew of its value.

Georgia Dunbar

Don't you want freedom from pain? Take Wine of Cardui and make one supreme effort to be well. You do not need to be a weak, helpless sufferer. You can have a woman's health and do a woman's work in life. Why not secure a bottle of Wine of Cardui from your druggist today?

WINE OF CARDUI

Are you going to Build

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

J. R. McVAY, Manager
BALLINGER TEXAS

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listless into energy, brain fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per Box. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

J. B. Barrett an old friend of the Banner Leader was in town Monday and left us \$200 richer. Mr. Barrett has purchased the Hotel at Winters and will engage in that business for awhile. Winters is a fine location for a hotel and Mr. Barrett is a good man to run it and we predict success for the new firm.

Pleasant and Most Effective

T. J. Chambers, Ed. Liberty Texas, writes Dec. 25, 1902: "With pleasure and unsolicited by you. I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it in my family and can cheerfully affirm it is the most effective and pleasantest remedy for coughs and colds I have ever used." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

J. G. Chumley was in Monday and put his figures up on the Banner Leader. Mr. Chumley is thinking of moving back to Bronte soon.

Stomach Troubles and Constipation.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are the best thing for stomach trouble and constipation I have ever sold." J. R. Cullman, a druggist of Potterville, Mich. They are easy to take and always give satisfaction. I tell my customers to try them and if not satisfactory to come back and get their money but have never had a complaint." For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Mrs. E. Allison and children went up to Miles on Saturday's train to visit relatives for a few days.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with Lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments gave it up altogether. So I tried once more and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

W. R. Browne made a business trip to Miles Saturday of last week.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce druggist.

Seed Oats, Wheat and Barley

For Winter Sewing.

Lowest Prices on Corn, Oats, Chops, Bran, Prairie and Alfalfa Hay and SEEDS. Your patronage solicited by the

The BALLINGER GRAIN and COM. CO.,
GEORGE F. SCHROEDER, MANAGER

Your Barber Work.

I have purchased Mike Boyd's Barber Shop and will retain both Mr. Stewart and Mike Boyd. Clean Towels, Easy Shave, Neat Hair Cut.

Ben Allen, (Boyd's Old Stand.)
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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best Made.

"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Cora Walker of Porterville, California. There is no doubt about its being the best. No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so sure a preventive of pneumonia. No other is so pleasant and safe to take. These are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after having once used this remedy. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

I will sell you good glasses cheaper than you can buy poor ones from peddlers, and test your eyes free. Jas. E. Brewer

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

T. J. Middlebrook & Son, Blacksmiths & Wheelwrights.

All kinds of Wood and Iron Work Done. Carriage painting, repairing tops, cushions etc. Shoeing interfering horses a specialty. Give us a trial.

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Dr. King's New Discovery
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A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles.
Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

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Fulfills the above requirements in every respect. Give us a trial order and we are sure you will be our regular customer.

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**SOLD!
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We have only sold a little over one-third.—4 500 acres, of the THOMSON-CASEY 13,000 acre pasture in the past nine weeks but still have some of the cream left, ranging from 200 acres and upwards, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$12.50 per acre, on terms of one-fifth down, balance "on or before," 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years, 8% per annum interest. So if you want a home, come early and avoid the rush.

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Go to THE CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., Ballinger, Texas, for certified Abstracts of Title. We guarantee all our work to be accurate, neat and up-to-date. We also have many improved places for sale at bargains and unimproved lands in any size tract on small cash payment and long time. Call and see us.

CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO.
BALLINGER, TEXAS

A Registered Druggist Speaks.

Mr. Homer Alvey registered pharmacist and manager of the West Side Drug Store, Lincoln Ill., in speaking of a medicine advertised in our columns says, "I have sold Hart's Honey and Horehound for two years and regard it as a medicine of exceptional merit for the cure of Croup, Coughs and Colds and La Grippe." For childrens Harts Honey and Horehound is undoubtedly the safest and best as it contains no opium or other narcotics and is pleasant to take. 25c 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by E. D. Walker.

In our write up of the Christmas holidays entertainments in last week's issue the printers failed to set up notice of the Christmas tree at the Methodist church which was one of the largest and best attended in the city.

A Traveling Man's Experience.

Mr. Albert Eldrege, representing the Edgar Printing Co., Paris Ill. says: "I used Harts Honey and Horehound during the winter of 1901 and 1902 for a bad cold and la grippe. I found it an excellent medicine, which effected a cure in a short time." Our readers are invited to call on the druggist named below and secure a large, sample bottle. Sold by E. D. Walker.

We had the pleasure of listening to a fine sermon Sunday at the Methodist church by the new Pastor, Rev. E. P. Williams. If at any time you have no services at your own church you will enjoy a treat by attending the Methodist church.

Never Dissapoints.

Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunts Lightning oil is an exception. Confidence in it is never misplaced. Dissapoint never follows its use. It is surely the grandest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains. I know no equal.

Geo. E. Padlock,
Doniphan, Mo.

Miss Ora Lane, of Richland Springs, who has been visiting relatives at Paint Rock, passed through Saturday enroute to San Angelo where she will visit a few days before returning home.

For Thirty Years.

"Inclosed find money order for one dollar for which please send me its worth in Simmons Liver Purifier put up in tin boxes. I have been using the medicine for thirty years."

Thos. H. Reilly,
Jonesville, La.

No comments necessary.
Price 25c per box.

Will Francis for a year or more in the grocery department of the Currie-Noyes Co. is now with Rasbury & Bruce. Will is a fine business young man and we predict success for him at his new place.

Trials of Winter.

Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to pneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Be wise; use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

Charlie Kenney is ready to serve you with his Carriage at any time day or night. Polite attention. See him at The Rock Stable.

W. J. Miller and little son left on Saturday's train for Bellville to visit old friends and relatives for a week or ten days.

Try a gallon of pure Gorgia Ribbon Cane syrup.
Ellis Grocery Co.

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

Good Advice.

Make your boy your confidant. Be his friend, not his master. It is, of course, a trifle to you, but the loss of a favorite "agate" is a serious thing to him. If he does wrong it is seldom necessary to whip all the pantaloons off of him. Don't humiliate him when he makes a bad break. Perhaps you wasn't any smarter at his age. As long as he tells you his trouble he is safe. When he doesn't do it, he is in danger. Tell him of these dangers before he blunders into them. It is not necessary to flag an old well after a man has fallen into it. Always tell you boy the truth, for if he detects you lying he loses confidence in you. Teach him pure honesty and show him how happy he can be when he does right. Show him the beauties of this life, and how God has placed happiness in reach of every human being. See that he knows how to earn a living at some honest profession, and I will guarantee your little boy will grow to be a solace to you declining years, and an honor to the community in which he lives. Give the boy a chance, and he will not disappoint you.—Harpoon.

The Value of a Sunny Soul.

The world is too full of sadness and sorrow, it needs cheerful lives which radiate gladness; it needs encouragers who will lift and not tear down, who will encourage not discourage, who can estimate the value of a sunny soul, who scatters gladness and good cheer wherever he goes instead of gloom and sadness. Everyone is attracted to these cheerful faces and sunny lives and repelled by the gloomy, the morose and the sad. We envy people who radiate cheer wherever they go and fling out gladness from every pore. Money, houses and land look contemptible beside such a disposition. The ability to radiate sunshine is a greater power than beauty or than mere mental accomplishment.—Success.

The Brown Hotel.

Is now newly fitted up and modern in every respect. We solicit local and transient custom, by the day, week and month. Nice new comfortable rooms and table furnished with all the market affords. Remember The Brown Hotel.

Mrs. F. A. Mater,
Ballinger, Texas.

Experience is the best teacher, we have it, and we save you money on saddlery goods
Lankford & Hathaway,
Ballinger, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart of Seoba Miss., who has been visiting the family of Frank Stuart the past two weeks, left for home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Holman of San Angelo first of the week.

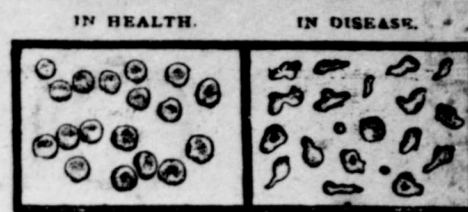
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Evans came in from Santa Anna Sunday to visit relative and friends for a while in our city.

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

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If you want to know about your body, read Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, which can be had for the cost of mailing, 31 cents in one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound book, or 21 stamps for the paper-covered volume. 1008 pages. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the bowels and stimulate the sluggish liver.

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Following our usual custom of not carrying over merchandise from one season to another we will hold a General Clearing Sale of all Winter Goods. The reductions herein quoted are genuine values, as all of you that have been buying from us, are aware of the fact that our prices in the first place are as low as they can be made, and never attempted to mislead you with fictitious values.

Dress Goods Reduction

\$1.23 quality Dress Goods including Broadcloth, Venetians Mohairs and Mannish suitings. Clearing Sale price, per yard. **99c**

\$1.00 quality Dress Goods, includes every piece of \$1 Dress Goods in stock. Clearing Sale price, per yard. **83c**

65c quality Dress Goods Mohairs, Zibelines and fancy Suiting. Clearing sale, per yd. **50c**

1 lot French Flannel Waistings in short lengths, to close quick we offer them in this sale at. **35c**

Fine quality Flanneletts, 25c quality, Clearing Sale price. **16c**

12 1/2c quality Flanneletts very pretty patterns to select from. Clearing Sale price.

Special Sale of Embroideries.

We have just received a big assortment of Embroideries. There are about 3500 yards in the lot, bought on a direct import order from one of the largest embroidery houses in the United States, bought at a bargain and we offer them to you the same way. Embroideries worth from 15c to 25c per yard, We put them in one lot at your choice for per yard. **10c**

We also have newest designs in Matched Patterns and they are all beauties. The prices now are special to introduce the line. Come and see the good things.

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Ladies Tailor-made Suits, just a few left. They are \$17.50 to \$20.00 values, but these must go this season. We make the price for choice at. **\$12.50 and \$15.00**

Mens and Boys' Clothing all reduced in price.

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Have some good bargains. If you want to buy come to see us. If you want to sell list with us. Will advertise some special bargains later.

Our loan man, C. C. Compere will be in Winters on the 17th and 18th of this month, any one wanting a loan on land meet him there with your papers.

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Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Dec. 31, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

LADIES:—

Scarolion, Miss Marie.
Allen, Mrs. Annie.
Lambert, Miss Pearl,
Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth.
Miller, Miss Sadi.

GENTLEMEN:—

Arrant, D. G.
Bohnan Charlie.
Brown J. S.
Cunningham, Jack

Brashear, R. M.
Graig, M. M.
Guthrie Wesley.
James, J. R.
Jones J. J.
Littimore, John.
Norman P. J.
Miller, Master Estin.
Scheffer, Henry
Scholz & Hammonds.
Smith, George.
Whittaker, W. L.
Whittaker, E. L.
Weathersmee, A. J.

Epworth League Programe

Sunday Jan. 8th 1905
Subject: The Lord's Prayer.
Adoration of God, the Father.
—Miss Angie Butler.
Prayer for the Coming of the Kingdom—Miss Alma Paggett.
Prayer for personel Benefits.
Dr. T. A. Rape.

Raby Padgett came in first of the week from San Fancisco, Cal., where he has been for some months past. His many friends were truly glad to see him back home

Back to School.

The following young men and ladies left for their respective schools this week: Miss Ada Allen, to Weaterford; Miss Besie Miller to Belton; Miss Mabel Fowler to San Antonio; Miss Maggie Holiday to Waco; Misses Estel Boswell, Irene and Kate Guion to Patton Seminary, Dallas; Misses Marylee and Mammie Ray Thomson, to Austin; Lawrence Harris and Arno Schawe to the A. & M. college Trad Thompson, to Austin, Miss Lida Givens to Waco; Leslie Baker to Waxahachie

Pat Fox of Live Oak county came in Tuesday to visit relatives in our county for a while

Herbert O'Bannan, left Tuesday for Dallas where he has a lucrative position and will likely be gone for a year or more.

Tom Rape and Jim DeMoville came in first of the week from the Phillipines to the delight of their Many Ballinger friends.

K. C. Greer says I can't do without the Banner Leader, start it again.



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C. W. Odom was in from the Maverick country Friday and renewed his allegiance with the Banner Leader and Houston Post.