

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 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 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 58

BALLINGER

### Mrs. J Y Pearce Entertains.

(Omitted last week by mistake) A pleasing contribution to the pleasure of last week was the card party given by Mrs. J. Y. Pearce in honor of Miss Maggie Underwood. Each game proved to be a decided pleasure to the guests whether won or lost, for the pervasive cordiality of the genial hostess created an atmosphere of myrth that was highly contagious. The score cards & souvenirs were very artistic being the work of Miss Maggie Underwood. The souvenir consisted of miniature burnt leather suit cases upon which hotel tags were pasted as the fortunate ones won a game.

After the games Miss Jennie E. McClung favored all present with a number of vocal selections.

A dainty salad course was then served and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### School Notes

Yes sir, we are back again hard at it. Our family continues to improve in size. There are now more than 500 enrolled in our school and we have not finished the school year, either. Many of the children are working hard to be graduated at the proper time this next fall term of the school. The burning question with you now is, what can we do but enlarge our building? You'll need ten or twelve teachers next fall instead of eight your present number. If you'll get ready, you can have fifty or more boarders in your town within two years time. Really your possibilities are beyond what you consider them. You don't do your duty

to your school, however, for you simply stay at home or loll around town and never come near where your greatest interests are. Don't say you have no time. Take time and come anyway. Made your school such that your children have a reasonable education when they finish their course here.

Look out, now. Your school is just now demanding the earnest and favorable consideration of every citizen in and near Ballinger. You'd be surprised to know that the primary grade

contains eighty-one children enrolled. There are eight rooms in your present building. You have enrolled this school year four hundred and ninety-five school children and there only a few overs and unders on the rolls. If you'll make your school what you should make it, you can easily have from fifty to one hundred boarders in attendance upon your public school. Fifty boarding students would be worth one thousand dollars a month to your town and one hundred would be worth two

thousands. Now the money they would be worth to your town is the least thing of real value to your town. Your possibilities are great. Wake up and realize what you should do for your children.

Mr. Rucker has rented the L. Markowitz place and moved into same first of this week. W. L. Ellis moved into the house vacated by Mr. Rucker.

Phone 82 they will pay you cash for it

### A Big Wreck

Judge C O Harris was in what came near being a very serious wreck last Tuesday night as the south bound fast train was running at a speed of 45 miles an hour.

It occurred 2 miles north of Joshua, a little station north of Cleburne. This train only makes one stop from Ft Worth to Temple and that is at Cleburne.

They were speeding along when the engineer discovered some one taying to flag them looking futher a head he discovered that a freight train was on the track the distance of two telephone poles ahead the fire man immediately jumped but the engineer stryed with the train and he threw on the emergency air break, cut off the oil and put out the fire and then jumped from his train. It was impossible to stop the fast train however and they crashed into the caboose and mashed it into kindling wood and struck the car just ahead which was loaded with heavy machinery and scattered some some hundred yards.

Every window in the chair cars were shattered and the steps and platforms on most of the coaches were smashed.

No passengers were hurt though, many were jarred up considerably. The engineer and fireman only sustained minor injureis. The four puff man sleepers were not injured

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

Lankford & Hathaway  
Ballinger, Texas

### Vocal Music

Miss Jennie E. McClung

Studio at Cumberland Presbyterian church

.....RATES REASONABLE.....

## New Dry Goods Firm

The L. Markowitz & Co. Dry Goods business is now under a new management, having been purchased by the BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO. The new company will continue the business in the same old stand and will use the same liberal and courteous treatment that has been characteristic of this store

## COST SALE CONTINUED

The Cost Sals inaugurated by L. Markowitz & Co. to reduce the stock, has been a success and we will continue the Sale to get rid of goods that we would otherwise probably have to carry over. There are many good values in every department that we are going to sell

Actual Cost Until Further Notice

## Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

ROBT. MCGREGOR, MANAGER

### R. S. GRIGGS,

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Office at Court House

Will do a civil practice in all the courts.

Special attention given to probate matters, deed writing, examination of titles, etc.

**SONS OF VETERANS  
HAVE A PART.**

**Commander Tisdal Sends  
New Years Greeting to  
Camps.**

Rusk, Texas, Dec. 31.—N. R. Tisdal, commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, in circular letter No. 1, sends the following New Year greeting:

To the United Confederate Veterans:

"No nation ever rose so white and fair,  
None fell so pure of crime."

"This spotless fame, won by the Confederate states during its brief but brilliant career, is cherished by every true Confederate soldier, and held as dear as life. It is due to those who sacrificed their lives on the glory fields of the South, or languished and died from disease in the field, or in inhospitable northern prisons, in defense of the right and honor of their home land, that this reputation and characterization of the shrine for which they fell shall be cherished and preserved. \* \* \* Many, after surviving the rigors and dangers of four years deadly strife, and ending valorously in rebuilding the fortunes of the South, and as exemplary citizens, maintaining the dignity and honor of their sections in times of peace, have passed over the river and into the beyond. The survivors of that war are today the aged citizens of the country. When they look back on the ensanguined fields of the past, they now begin to realize that ere long there will be none of them to gather about the campfires or answer to the roll call here. They turn their eyes with unfaltering trust in the hills beyond the present, and feel that the safe keeping of the records and of those who have gone before them is in good hands."—J. W. Blackmore, in an address on the occasion of the dedication of the Confederate monument, at Gallatin, Tenn. Sept. 13, 1903.

The splendid principles that fired the hearts of Lee, of Davis and of Jackson, and their compatriots, purified by the refining fires of war and reconstruction the Confederate soldier lands down to posterity as the proudest treasure of which any land can boast.

And in the evil days that are to come—for such days will surely come—when militarism, commercialism and selfish greed have wrought their perfect work—an anxious and perturbed nation, seeking for relief and succor, will inevitably turn to the rugged principles of truth and honor, so brilliantly enforced and exemplified by the Confederate soldier, as the rock of its salvation.

The allotted time for many of the veterans is drawing near. They have one duty to perform. They should see to it that their sons and grandsons are enrolled in the ranks of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, whose chief duty is to perpetuate the personal war records of those who fought and those who died for their country.

To cultivate the ties of friendship that should exist among those whose ancestors have shared common dangers, suffering and privations.

To encourage the writing, by participants therein, of the accounts, narratives, memoirs, histories of battles, episodes and

occurrences of the war between the states.

To gather authentic data, statistics, documents, reports, plans, maps and other material for an impartial history of the Confederate side; to collect and preserve relics and mementoes of the war; to make and perpetuate a record of the service of every member of the United Confederate Veterans, and all other living Confederate veterans, and, as far as possible, of those of their comrades who have preceded them into

eternity.

To see that the disabled are cared for; that a helping hand is extended to the needy Confederate veterans' widows and orphans are protected and assisted.

To urge and aid the erection of enduring monuments to our great leaders and heroic soldiers sailors and people, to mark, with suitable headstones, the graves Confederate dead wherever found.

To instill into our descendants a proper veneration for the

spirit and the glory of our fathers and to bring them into association with our confederation, that they may aid us in accomplishing our objects and purposes, and finally succeed us and take up our work where we may leave it.

In this age of commercialism many have forsaken the teachings of their fathers, and in the pursuit of wealth have forgotten the man's perversions of truth that leave a stain on the fair names of their ancestors. Many histories that are taught in our

**We give Facts  
Not Hot Air**



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 Under wear 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, Domestics, Flannelets, 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**

**The Currie-Noyes Co.**

**We will pay top price for Cotton**

Our stock is head  
quarters for first  
class Groceries



schools brand the Confederate soldier as a rebel and traitor.

Did it ever occur to you that this application is the most odious that can be applied to man? The government looks upon a traitor as being worse than a murderer. Benedict Arnold was a traitor in the eyes of the world—there is no need to speak of his end nor of history's treatment of his case.

The G. A. R. post of Topeka, Kansas, on a recent occasion, expressed the opinion, or rather made the direct statement: "The day would come when the Sons and Daughters would refuse to recognize them"

If there is no organization in your community see to it that one is had at once. If there is one, and it is not a working camp, arouse new life into it and if your son is not a member see that he is enrolled.

Veterans, as an organization and as individuals, should see to it that a proper veneration is installed into the rising generation and that a permanent organization of sons is affected.

Do this now or soon it will be too late. It is not just that you should go down in your grave branded as rebels and traitors.

You would not have it so. We will not permit it if human efforts can prevent.

We will gladly give all the information necessary to the formation of those camps and aid in every way possible.

Get the boys together at once and write for necessary papers to organize permanently.

R. R. Tisdale, Commander-in-Chief, I. J. Stockett, Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

**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.

**Lost.**

Strayed or Stolen, one brown mare 6 years old branded horse shoe on left shoulder, hipped in left hip; also one bay horse 15½ hands high brand not known. Harness marks on both animals. Liberal reward for return or information to

Dan Gill,  
Ballinger, Tex.

Judge Harris chaperoned his daughter, Miss Mae and Miss Mary Lee Thomson to Dallas Sunday afternoon, where they will re-enter St. Mary's college for the spring term.

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

Miss Estelle Underwood returned from a pleasant visit to her sister at Gatesville last Saturday.

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

See Charlie Kennedy for a Carriage at any hour.

## Every Two Minutes

Physicians tell us that all the blood in a healthy human body passes through the heart once in every two minutes. If this action becomes irregular the whole body suffers. Poor health follows poor blood; Scott's Emulsion makes the blood pure. One reason why

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

is such a great aid is because it passes so quickly into the blood. It is partly digested before it enters the stomach; a double advantage in this. Less work for the stomach; quicker and more direct benefits. To get the greatest amount of good with the least possible effort is the desire of everyone in poor health. Scott's Emulsion does just that. A change for the better takes place even before you expect it.



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. SCOTT & BOWNE Chemists 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50 cents and \$1.00 All druggists

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THE GUARANTEED WORM REMEDY

THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY Ballard-Snow Liniment Co. ST. LOUIS, MO.

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Original and Best Remedy. SAFE. Always obtainable at the best Druggist for CHILDREN'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, with illustration. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutes and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist or send in stamps for "Pennyroyal," "Toothache" and "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return Mail. 10,000 testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. CHESTER'S Chemical Co., Madison Square, PHILA., PA. Mention this paper.

Rev. Carlise P. B. Martin, L. D.

Of Waverly Texas, writes: "Of a morning when first arising I often find a trouble collection of phlegm, which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge but a small quantity of Ballard's Hore hound Syrup will at once dislodge it and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it and it is so pleasant to take, I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

### Coleman Democrat.

Claud Baird left Tuesday for Crews to enter into duties of the farm.

Miss Bessie Miller of Ballinger, visited Miss Mildred McClellan Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fine saddles, fine harness at Lankford & Hathaway's Ballinger, Texas.

Jas. E. Brewer sells the celebrated "W" plain goldring-the best that's made.

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

Miss Sammie Padgett spent Sunday in Ballinger with home folks.

H. T. Williams, the Brown wood cotton man, had business in our city first of the week.

J. B. Ash sold his lease near Crews this week to W. S. Kelley who will take charge at once.

Miss May Penn left Sunday for Austin where she will enter the Whitis Preparatory school.

Dillan Dannelley, our second hand man, had business in San Angelo Wednesday of this week.

Monroe Brewer returned Monday from a few days visit to friends and relatives in Brown county.

J. L. Saunders, of Stephenville, Texas visited his brother here this week, returning home Wednesday.

Billie Callahan, of West End, left Tuesday for Temple where he has a position for the next few months.

W. R. Griffin and children came in Tuesday from Crawley where they have been for the past ten days.

Dr. and Mrs. Marberry came down from San Angelo last Sunday afternoon and were the guest of H. A. Thomson while in the city.

Uncle Johnie Rodgers, father of Mrs. J. W. Powell, came in Tuesday from an extended visit to relatives and old friends at Lampasas.

L. E. Lox, who bought the Watkins place, has moved in from Winters and is comfortably domiciled therein. We welcome him to our city.

Miss Mary Bland Millsbaugh, a charming young lady from San Angelo came down last Saturday and is the guest of Miss Beatrice Thomson.

C. E. Bullock kindly remembered us this week in a substantial way, and its these remembrances that makes the editor feel like life is worth living.

O. Hastings and family, of the Crews country, came in Tuesday from Birmingham, Alabama, their old home, where they had been visiting during the holidays.

K. V. Northington is now with W. M. McGinnis in the land business and A. Schawe has retired from said firm. Mr. Northington is a hustler and is well known all over this section and we predict success for the new firm.

E. S. McCarver, now teaching school in the Crews country, was among Ballinger friends a short while Saturday. Mr. McCarver has a good school and is giving general satisfaction both to pupils and patrons, so we are informed.

Tom Muse and wife, of Leon county, sister and brother-in-law respectively of Josie McKenzie, of our county, came in first part of the week and will make our county their future home. These are good citizens and we welcome them to our county.

LOST—One brown horse 14 hands high, don't know the brand, with plain leather rigged saddle branded W. J. P. across the seat. Got loose or was taken from hitch post in Ballinger. Liberal reward for information or delivery to this office.

Jack M. Nichols, Ballinger, Texas.

## \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggist 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation

### 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 Jan. 7, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

LADIES:—

Coats, Miss Minnie. Jones, Miss Pauline. Laughlin, Miss Lily

GENTLEMEN:—

Brice, J. W. Busnell, Haywood. Lear, Ed. Mullins, Auda. Mullins Hope. Pharis, E. W. Parr, Will. Rose, C. B. Strother, W. W. Strothers, T. H. Tayler, Will.

The Brown hotel, under the management of Mrs. F. A. Mater, is finished and the house is complete in every respect. Mr. Mater presented the madam with a new \$65 Range stove which was highly appreciated by her and the guests of the house will also be highly pleased with the cooking done on that stove. Other improvements necessary to making the house up-to-date in every respect will be added as needed and at an early date.

W. S. Rodgers, who has held the position of engineer at the Ballinger flour mill, had us change his paper this week from Ballinger to Hondo, his future home. We regret to lose Mr. Rodgers from our town but trust he will find his new home both pleasant and profitable.

Dunc McGregor, of Coleman, brother of our fellow citizens, Jack, Bob and Pete McGregor, had business in our city first of the week.

Geo. Reeder, of Miles, came up Saturday and spent the day with his brother, D. Reeder, of our city.

W. G. Allen, of Wingate, came in Tuesday from a ten days visit to his old home in Paris, Texas.

J. F. Mitchell, of the Crews country, was in town Monday looking after business interests.

J. A. Hays, of Coke county, was in the city Monday shaking hands with his many friends

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D M MORGAN TPA Ft Worth, Texas  
J F LEHANE GF & PA Tyler, Texas

## MAKE A RESOLUTION

At the beginning of the New Year that you will have your property insured. But be careful as to the Companies. I represent the biggest and best on earth, such as the L. L. & G. and Hartford.

Lee Maddox

BALLINGER, TEXAS

## Try a Bottle of "Mellow Blossom"

For Sale By THE CROWN SALOON, HARRY SCOTT, MANAGER

## HOME PROTECTION

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

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### 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 fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the the health. Only 25c per Box. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Call up 107 when you want good, fresh Groceries.

### 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.

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



**IT TOUCHES THE SPOT  
IT CURES INSTANTLY**

**GRANDMA'S  
COUGH  
CURE**

**NONE JUST AS GOOD**

To be genuine the  
package must have  
the picture of  
Grandma Park.

**AT ALL DRUGGISTS  
25 and 50 cents**

**PARK LABORATORY  
COMPANY  
NEW YORK, N. Y.**

**List of Big Tax Payers.**

Following is a list of Runnels county tax payers whose rentals are \$5,000 and over.

Alexander S L	\$ 6465
Allen J A	6740
Allen W G	5260
Allen N J	8495
Aileo W E	15785
Allison hrs Mrs S A	8515
Applequist C H	5000
Ballinger Light & Ice Co	5000
Lbr Co	7340
Mills Co	18025
Barnett M D L	11165
Billups J T	8475
Brookshire Sam	20885
Castain M D	8180
Campitt J W	6400
Cayton B J	7025
G W	6375
F E	7015
Crews Furniture Co	5535
Curie J F	13320
Cuny I A	5325
Dickinson R A	5470
First Nat Bank	40000
Gannaway J W	5055
Gerngross Frank	5340
Giesecke H	14810
Gillham J E	8050
Glass Wm	5965
Frank	5770
Gus	5365
Grewe J D	5265
Grimes J A	7865
Gustavus W A	5065
Hall Hdw Co	9500
Harris C O	8245
Hoelscher F G	13955
Hoffman Jno	8825
Holiday J. R.	6830
Holly Wm	6855
Hubbard J J	11940
Johnson Joe B	41255

**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 620, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonial 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.

J M	10870	Simpson D C	7005	Our business manager attended the laying of the corner stone exercises of The Mayes Printing Co. at Brownwood, last Friday and expected to return Saturday but either the banquet was so elaborate or some fair maiden weilded such a suple influence he did not return until Monday noon.
Langing H W	6810	Smith R A	49870	J F Seaver came in last Friday from Willow Springs Mo. and spent a few days with his Uncle Rev Yates. They had not seen each other for 18 years.
Lankfork T S	7005	Sommer Joe	5505	Carriage on short notice for Funerals, Weddings and Entertainments, etc. See Charlie Kennedy at the Rock Livery Stable.
Lewis Van Ness	9100	The Humphrey Lbr Co	6000	
Loudamy G W	6005	Currie Noyes Co	16540	
Mapes Lon	6920	Citizens Nat. Bank	60000	
Markowitz L & Co	10715	Ballinger Cotton Oil Co	43715	
Maxwell J A	5485	Joe Thiele	10735	
McVay S L	13660	Vancil I	15024	
Meinecke Bank	10600	Vandervander A H	9665	
Miles Nat Bank	18000	Vanpelt A H	5485	
Millar A. M	12500	"	5000	
Miller J H	14630	Vanpel & Kirk	6300	
Miller Merct. Co.	6640	Walker E D	11670	
Miller Chas S	20575	Webb T J	5280	
Mitchell J R	5055	Whitaker & Co	8140	
Muncy Mrs M J	5060	Wilkie J H	6155	
Nichols A J	7025	Willingham C H	11870	
Nixon G B	7660	Wood L P	5980	
Odom G G	35075	Wood & Wright	16880	
Ostertag J A	6245	Woodward A L	6360	



**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.**

Olive Mrs Pauline	6475	Wyhe R K	197435
Pape H F	5595	Wylie Mrs Mollie	45520
Parramore H C	9225	Wylie H C	48410
Parrot H Z	12955	Yarbraugh Wm	5120
Pearce J Y	9665	Younger J A	8280
Proctor S T	6650		
Proctor L C	5780		
Pumphrey W M	5120		
Raby J W	7825		
Rayburn M I	6170		
Reeder D	5880		
Reese J S	6725		
Richards W T	10045		
Rodgers W H	5330		
Routh W T	12485		
Routh Mrs A M	5070		
Rutherford R	7950		
Sawyer C G	5450		
Schowe A	11325		
Schumann G.	12730		
Schumm E	6675		
Shaw T H	8475		

**Notice.**

We only have a few weeks run of seed on hand and will not buy seed after the Mill closes down. The Ballinger cotton Oil Co.

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

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



Can be obtained at this Bank—the safest, surest and cheapest way of sending money. Open an account with us for the New Year. Liberaitty and safety is our motto.

**The Citizens National Bank, Ballinger, Texas.**

**Ayer's**

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral quiets tickling throats, hacking coughs, pain in the lungs. It relieves congestion, sub-

**Cherry Pectoral**

dues inflammation. It heals, strengthens. Your doctor will explain this to you. He knows all about this cough medicine.

"We have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in our family for 25 years for throat and lung troubles, and we think no medicine equals it."  
MRS. A. POMEROY, Appleton, Minn.

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

**Weak Throats**

Ayer's Pills greatly aid recovery. Purely vegetable, gently laxative.

**From Cradle to Grave.**

The stork disappears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gantlet of measles, mumps and chicken pox he enters school. At the age of 10 he is a red headed, freckle face boy and the terror of the neighborhood. At 12 he is an apprentice in a printing office. At 18 he has acquired two cases of long primer and an army press, is the editor of country newspaper. At 25 he is married. At 30 he is bald headed, stoop shouldered and the father of a large family. At 35 he is a corpse in a cheap pine coffin, and as 50 delinquent subscribers file past his bier for the last look they are heard to say: "He was a good fellow, but he couldn't save his money."

The above eulogy does not apply to Ballinger newspaper men

**Never Dissapoints.**

Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunts Lightning oil is an exception. Confidence 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."

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**\$1.00**

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MODEL NO. 2 FOUNTAIN PEN

is constructed strictly on merit, and is equal if not superior to any \$3 pen on the market today. It is rich, ceased, writes fluently and is guaranteed not to leak

**\$1.00**

is a small sum to pay for a high grade fountain pen which with ordinary care will last a lifetime

Our Guarantee—The Pen is Solid Gold, guaranteed finest 14k Holder is made of the best quality rubber in four parts

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# Crews Items.

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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.

Situated in the north eastern portion of Runnels county is a community. It is of the growth and development of this section of our county for the last ten years that I wish to speak. Mr. Editor if you will allow me a short space in the columns of your paper.

In the summer of '94 when the writer first came to this county it was then very thinly settled. Some three or four ranchmen held and controlled almost all the land of the entire community. A few farmers, however, were scattered hither and thither with small farms on which they raised cane and weeds; with the impression written on their hearts and minds that they could not depend upon the farm alone for the necessities of life. They thought the turning of the soil during the winter months as advantageous to coming crop an absurdity.

The seasons were hardly ever right for farming. It was either too cold or too hot, too wet or too dry. This was the condi-

tion of things at that time, with but few exceptions.

However when men from the farming belts of the east pushed westward and looked upon the rich soil of this section and began to contemplate its possibilities, and willing to put forth their energy and means to convert these grass covered valleys and deep soiled plateaus into cultivated farms and growing orchards, it was then that a new era dawned upon this community.

The spring of '95 marks the beginning of this new era. From this date we see the home seeker fast pouring into our borders, we see men's minds gradually converted from the ranch to the farm, until many of our ranchmen have actually turned the soil of acres and acres of their pastures and are renting them, realizing more ready money from one fourth of the the products raised on their land than they could make on the whole of it raising cattle.

Today we have as dense a settled community as many of the eastern parts of the state, and where the herds roamed and grazed ten years ago the plowman turns the lomy soil. School houses have been built; churches erected gins put in, till it seems that almost all has been accomplished that fair minded men and women could hope or wish for. And yet this is not all. We have one of the neatest and most up to date little country towns in the west. A city set on a hill, which cannot be hid; overlooking one of the most fertile sections of country west of the Brazos River.

## FOR SALE

I will sell my entire stock consisting of Drugs and Groceries very reasonable, apply

**HALE BROS.**  
Crews, - - - Texas

T. L. Adams will move to his new home soon.

J. T. Spain, of Winters, was on our streets a short time Tuesday.

There was no services at the M. E. church last Sunday on account of the weather.

A. D. Talley has been very busy since the first transacting business with the leasers.

The Crews Gin Co. met last Monday for the purpose of winding up the year's business.

Several of the Crews people went to Ballinger on last Friday and Saturday to attend the speaking.

Edgar Jayroe is putting the finishing touches to his new building which is situated one mile east of Crews.

There is quite a number of new buildings in and around this place and there is room for several good carpenters here now.

The W. O. W. lodge has decided to wait until later in the year to unveil the monuments of their deceased sovereign, D. D. Campbell.

The weather has been so blustry this week that news is scarce and I will give you a short sketch of the growth of our community.

## For Sale,

One fine Black Spanish Jack 15 hands high, 8 years old. Call on or write

**W. H. Trout,**  
Crews, Texas.

There is considerable talk around Crews of trying to get the road opened up from this place to Ballinger. This is something that ought to be done and we hope that it won't be far in the future until steps will be taken to that place. Every other place in the county has an open road to the county seat and why not Crews?

Crews is getting to be quite a noted place for a health resort. There are several here at the present and say they are improving fast. Mr. Veals, of Missouri, has been here only a short time and says he has gained 3 pounds a week.

News is scarce this week, farmers have been busy having their implements repaired getting ready to begin another crop.

Mrs. Trout has returned from Ballinger where she has been for the past week visiting Mrs. G. A. Gadbury.

Mr. Menard and family, from Mills county, arrived here this week will locate somewhere near Crews.

Mr. Coyle, of Davis, was visiting his son-in-law, Edgar Jayroe of Crews.

## Montgomery & Henderson,

Dealers In  
Dry Goods, Staple and Fancy Groceries. We have bought our goods right and we will make prices to suit you. Call and see us  
**Montgomery & Henderson,**  
CREWS, TEXAS.

There has been several prospectors in Crews this week.

I. L. Beard, of Winters, was in Crews a short time Monday.

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

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

Dr. Young, of Hamilton county, was looking after a location this week. He bought out Dr. Myrick's drug store and dwelling. Dr. Young comes well recommended and has several acquaintances near here.

W. A. Talley informs us that he is on a deal to buy out the Steam laundry at Ballinger. Mr. Talley has had several years experience in that line and we feel assured that he will give the people satisfaction if he takes it in charge.

## Gus' Barber Shop.

When in need of anything in my line don't fail to give me a trial. Kind, courteous treatment to all. Laundry basket in connection, leaving Monday of each week returning Friday.

**Gus. Hardigree, Proprietor.**  
CREWS, TEXAS.

## B. U. Smith,

Dealer In  
Dry Goods and Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats and General Merchandise. Call on us and we will take pleasure in showing you through our stock.

**M. B. FREEMAN, Manager.**  
CREWS, TEXAS.

## COTTON GROWERS ORGANIZE.

### Runnels County Organization Perfected. Steps to Reduce the Acreage 25 per Cent.

Pursuant to a call made by J. T. Brown, of Winters, quite a number of farmers and business men met at the Court House in Ballinger last Saturday at 10 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Cotton Growers Association and to discuss the present cotton situation.

The house was called to order by J. T. Brown, who explained the object of the meeting and asked that a chairman and secretary be elected for the temporary organization. P. E. Truly chairman and A. W. Sledge secretary.

After considerable discussion by J. H. Cabe, Maj. J. C. Brazelton, J. J. Erwin, M. G. Caperton and others, as to the best steps to take for the best interest of the cotton growers and all others interested in cotton bringing a better price, it was decided to go into a permanent organization to co-operate with the National Cotton Growers Association.

The temporary officers were made permanent officers. M. G. Caperton made motion that precinct chairman be appointed to call meetings at every school house in the county and get the farmers to pledge themselves to

reduce the cotton acreage at least 25 per cent.

Judge B. B. Stone was present and stated that he was in receipt of a communication from the National Secretary of the Cotton Growers Association, asking that he call a meeting for this same purpose, and was in the act of doing so when he learned that this meeting had been called, thought he would let it discuss the questions as presented by the National Secretary. Following is the communication:

NATIONAL COTTON ASSOCIATION.  
OFFICE OF THE SEC'Y.

Fort Worth, Tex, Jan 4, 1905.

—In compliance with resolution of the National Executive committee, you are requested to call all farmers, bankers, merchants and others interested in the cotton industry together on Wednesday, January 11th, 1905, 2 p. m. at the county site to elect vice presidents who will hold precinct meetings at each school house in your county Saturday, January 21, 2 p. m. for the purpose of taking definite action on reducing cotton acreage this year. At the meetings have all farmers who will sign this agreement:

"We the undersigned farmers, residents in voting precinct No. —Runnels county, Texas, hereby pledge ourselves to reduce the acreage of cotton to be planted by us in 1905, 25 per cent below the amount that we planted in 1904."

Those who will not sign take

names, address and number of acres they will plant this year. Have a committee appointed at the meeting, to secure their acreage. This request is sent to every county in the cotton states and unless prompt action is taken the acreage WILL NOT BE REDUCED. Texas has begun but it will take your support to avail anything. Give notice to all newspapers. Mail a written report January 18, giving names and acreage of all who sign and those who do not to

OSWALD WILSON,  
National Secretary,  
Fort Worth, Texas,

Our motto: "Diversification—something to sell every day."

It was decided to carry out the plans in the above, and the following named precinct chairman were appointed:

CHAIRMAN SCHOOL HOUSE  
J. T. Brown Winters  
E. Brown Antelope  
B. J. Clayton Norwood  
S. R. Muncy Walthall  
J. A. Allen Dry Hollow  
W. S. Morehead Crews  
P. J. Baron Rowena  
H. Conner Mustang  
W. L. McAulay Maverick  
J. E. McAdams Elm Creek  
W. E. Hill Pumphrey  
J. L. Bailey Audra  
D. A. Forbus Norton  
A. B. Hutchison Mazeland  
Joe Glenn Cockran  
Lon Mapes Davies  
Wm. Lehr Dry Ridge  
S. A. Gaston Pearce  
W. F. Meadows Medow  
R. L. Carlton Lone Star

J. K. Kirby Kirby  
I. L. Deitz Deitz  
C. P. Hughes Williams Springs  
Henry Mitchell Baldwin  
C. G. Schlake Sweet Home  
Kit Pearce Stone  
Lock Williams Francis  
Tom Curry Miles  
W. A. Sadler Center Valley  
Walter Gentry Center Point  
A. S. Tyree Barnett  
W. M. Davenport Runnels  
E. B. Walker Coyote  
W. G. Cathey Wingate  
C. E. Jordan Fairview  
Geo. Gronewald Gronewald  
M. E. Harrell Truitt  
I. S. Baldwin Content

The precinct chairman will get as many of the farmers of their precinct together as soon as possible and get them to pledge and if possible call on those who fail to attend the meeting and follow out the suggestion made

by the National Secretary as far as possible, make their reports and send in to the County Secretary, A. W. Sledge, as soon as possible.

Motion made that all the farmers present and all who were in sympathy with the move, to pledge themselves at this meeting to reduce the acreage 25 per cent below the amount planted by them in 1904, and the meeting was almost unanimous in signing the pledge.


### For Thirty Years.

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# 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 8 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., S. Sullivan, 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. Springfield, V. G., H. C. Springfield, sec.

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WINTERS, - - TEXAS

## A Big Fire in Winters.

On the morning of the 9th at 12 o'clock the fire alarm was given. Soon the citizens were on the streets fighting manfully. The fire originated in the vacant store house of Dale & Smiley. It just took the demon fire one hour to completely destroy six places of business. Those included in the fire, Jarmon & Bro. stock \$4500; 2 houses valued at \$1000, insurance \$3000, loss \$2500. Dale & Smiley, 2 houses \$2000; stock \$4500, insurance \$3000 total loss. Meeks Bros. stock \$800 no insurance. Moore & Co. loss \$1500, no insurance. Some goods saved. Mr. Reed also lost all his household goods, having stored them in the house where the fire originated.

This is a dreadful blow on our flourishing little town. F. L. Pierce loss by removal of goods \$400. insured. P. L. Meeks, land agent, loss \$35. no insurance.

The business men wish to express their thanks to their fellow citizens for their aid and sympathy in this loss.

Mr Guion Gregg of Ballinger, was in town Monday.

The Misses Cain of Odessa, are visiting friends of this place.

Rev. Sullivan of Bronte filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

The furniture store is doing a fine business this winter, we are having so many weddings.

Miss Mary Birdwell of Coleman, who has been visiting relatives here for some time went home last week.

A. A. Gannaway, George Miller and W. W. Moore were over at Winters Tuesday to see the destruction of the city by fire.

Owing to the lateness of our paper last week we failed to get it published and hope readers will excuse us this week as we have been so badly disturbed by the fire.

## 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, paved 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.

## League Program

Sunday, Dec. 15.

Each member chose their own subject.

Leader—Miss Pearl Speer.  
John 14:1-10

Song  
Reading—Etta Farrar.  
Prayer—Bro. Scott  
Recitation—Zerlie Sheely  
Song  
Talk—Robert Yates  
Psalm 19—by T. A. Fannin  
Song and Benediction.

Mr Hood got his head badly cut by a falling bucket during the recent fire.

The following officers were elected by the Epworth League at their last meeting: T. A. Fannin, Pres; Ethel Moore, Vice Pres; Lena Hunter, 2nd V. P.; Robert Yates, 3rd V. P.; Pearl Speer, Sec. and Treas. Following new members elected at the last devotional meeting: Mr. Cebring and daughter, Misses Lena Snively, Etta Farrar, Leta Vancil and Ivey Whitley. Our League is growing in interest and members.

The Winters band met and reorganized Thursday night and elected C. T. Grant manager, A. F. Roberts Sec. and Treas; Jno I. Guion of Ballinger was elected honorary member and attorney. Winters has always been proud of her band boys and we feel we will enjoy some fine music in the spring at our picnics, and with C. T. Grant as manager it can't be a failure, he being such a fine instructor.

School must be increasing as the professor has had to send to the furniture store twice this week for chairs. We have now enrolled near 200 children. We need more room and more funds with which we may employ a fourth teacher. Let's have it. It is too much for three teachers.

We are sorry to learn of Miss Laura Hughes' misfortune, having gotten badly burned in the railroad wreck while on her way from Fort Worth where she had been visiting her sister. The doctor reports her in a serious condition.

Lee Maddox of Ballinger, was out Monday seeing after the losses by the recent fire.

Will Hall has four cases of pneumonia in his family.

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

Miss Claudie Patterson after a short stay among friends returned to her home at Wingate Monday.

Mr. Ed Stone has a regular wholesale house now, having parts of three stocks of goods stored in his house. Most anything you want from furniture down to popcorn.

## BARNETT & TINKLE,

Proprietors of

The West Side Drug Store

## FOR SALE 456 4-10 acres of Fine Land

Situated 1 mile from Winters. Well improved, 150 acres in cultivation, at \$21 per acre, 1/4 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

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

The disastrous fire at Winters is reported in full on the Winters page of our paper, and report given in full. These citizens have the sympathy of our entire town and county.

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

## 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 day, 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.

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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.

## Stove Explodes.

Shortly before nine o'clock yesterday morning the hot water coil in the cooking range at the residence of J. B. Wilmeth exploded with a terrific crash, demolishing the stove and scattering steam and fire all over the room. Miss Clara Malone, niece of Mr. Wilmeth, was in the kitchen at the time and had a miraculous escape from serious injury, as it was she received a severe shock and sustained a few cuts and bruises from the force of the explosion. Mrs. Wilmeth and son Roscoe were standing by the stove a few moments before the accident occurred but fortunately had just stepped into another part of the house.

## Small Pox at Miles

County physician W. B. Halley and county judge, B. B. Stone, were called to Miles first of the week to investigate the small situation and reported 25 or 30 cases in that town. Dr. Hamlin is keeping the patients excluded and the chances are that the disease will not spread. Every precaution is taken to prevent the spread of the disease, but our city officers have quarantined against Miles for the present.

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

Cicero Smith, of the firm of Smith & Bateman, of our city was here first of the week.

## Miller-Bowdon.

At the home of the bride's parents Mr and Mrs. C. S. Bowdon on Wednesday Jan'y 11th at 7:30 o'clock Rev W J Moore of the First Baptist church spoke the word that united in holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Hayward Miller and Miss Ethel Bowden. A reception was held at the home of Mr and Mrs W. E. Allen where congratulation were offered the young couple Refreshments served and an enjoyable time spent by all present. The groom is one of Ballinger's successful business young men and the bride one of Ballinger's fairest daughters. The Banner Leader extends, with numbers other friends a wish for them long life and a prosperous married life.

## A Traveling Man's Experience.

Mr. Albert Eldredge, 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.

Judge J. W. Powell left Friday afternoon for Milano Junction to be gone until the 18th. He will go to Robinson county before his return to look after his 270 acre farm there.

## CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

We have the following list of City property for sale described as follows. The listation below is subject to change.

No. 2.—Good six room dwelling, two galleries, in good neighborhood near school and church, good underground, cistern stable etc. Terms: \$1100. \$400 cash balance in two equal annual payments 8 per cent on deferred payments.

No. 3.—Good, 7 room frame residence, two galleries, 90 by 140 feet, watered by 3 hydrants from City water works and zink tank cistern, situated on railroad plot in good neighborhood and choice residence portion of the town. Terms:—\$1800. \$600. cash balance in 1—2—3—4 years in equal annual payments at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

No. 4. Five room frame residence, two galleries, two lots 60 by 140 each, on railroad plot, underground cistern, city water, in choice residence portion of the city. terms:—\$2000. \$600. cash balance in 1—2—3—4 years in four equal annual payment at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

No. 8.—New three room box residence weatherboarded and painted two galleries, find well of everlasting water, two lots 60 by 150 each, situated on Largent survey in good neighborhood good stable and buggy shed all fenced. A great bargain. Terms:—\$700. 1/4 cash balance

in three equal annual payments at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

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Office With Banner-Leader,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Rev. Carlise P. B. Martin, L. L. D.

Of Waverly Texas, writes: "Of a morning when first arising I often find a trouble collection of phlegm, which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it and it is so pleasant to take, I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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.

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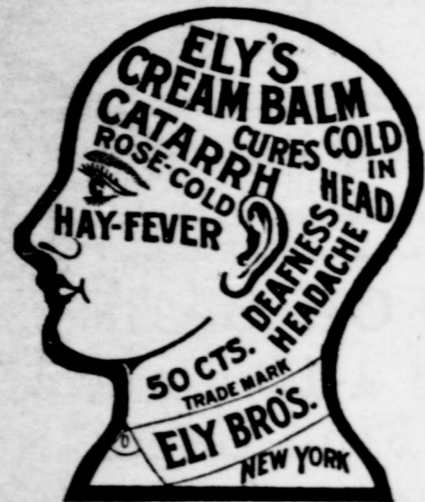
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#### Cured Lumbago.

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 leniments gave it up altogether. So I tried once more and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Leniment 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.

#### 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 Porterville, 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.

#### Imperfect Digestion.

Means less nutrition and in consequence less vitality. When the liver fails to secrete bile, the blood becomes loaded bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine will rectify this; it gives tone to the stomach, clears and improves the whole system. 50 cents a bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

#### Saved Him.

"It did not kill me but I think it 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,  
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We have fitted hundreds of people with our periscope crystal lenses, we can fit you. Try us and "see." Jas. E. Brewer.

SET RINGS—lots of pretty ones, guaranteed too. Jas. E. Brewer.

#### Phrenology.

(by N. S. Edens.)

All nature is represented, or has its counterpart, in man. When the Allwise Creator made this universe and gave it its forms and instituted its motions and laws; when he crowned the earth with verdure, and caused the trees and plants to grow in beauty and profusion; when He populated the land and the sea with living, moving creatures; when He fashioned man in His own divine image, and gave him a mind to think, a heart to love and a soul that should live for aye, He began His work of creation with the grossest materials and lowest forms of life; gradually ascending to the highest order of creature things. God never forgot or laid aside His first work, but introduced it into each ascending form. The earth He constructed from inorganic matter, and then by adding sunshine, moisture, and air, and proper chemical action He caused the dust of the earth to spring forth into life and beauty and the vegetable kingdom became a reality. Using the substances of the earth for a framework; introducing the laws of growth as in the vegetable, adding the powers of instinct and motion, the animal kingdom was formed. Starting again with the substances of the earth for a basis, ascending to the vegetable and animal kingdom through the powers of growth, motion and instinct, adding mind, intellect and soul we arrive at the loftiest work of the Divine Architect—man.

Now there are three grand physical departments in man. We designate them as temperaments. The framework of a man we class as the motive temperament, the life producing organs we class as the vital temperament, with their powers of feeling, sense and thought we class as the mental temperament.

Every individual has in his or her makeup some degree of each of these temperaments—and could not be all bones or brains—but sometimes it happens that an individual has one of these temperaments in a much greater degree than the others. If a man has a large, long frame he has the motive temperament and is adapted to a life of rough labor. If a man has a delicate frame and a large brain he cannot do hard physical labor but must enter some literary or artistic line of work, his is the mental temperament. If a person is very fleshy and rotund he possesses the vital temperament and must seek employment congenial to his nature, he would make a good physician.

Every individual has his own peculiar physical mental makeup adopting him to a certain line of work.

God made man of the dust; He animated this dirt with life, He awakened this life into thought. He endowed this thought with immortality no thought ever dies. It is recorded somewhere in this universe or lives in the mind of God. The vital temperament is first in the list, though it would seem from the foregoing remarks that the motive should be as the earth material is always used and represents the motive elements in man's being. It seems that the Creator has reversed the order of things as He ascends in the scale of creation, for man has life before he has a devel-

## Seed Oats, Wheat and Barley

For Winter Sowing.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

oped body. It is the life within him that builds and develops his body. I believe the soul is first ushered into existence and then creates its body in accordance with its own nature.

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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.

An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Any kind of Watch you want from \$1.00 to \$100.00 at Jas. E. Brewer's.

## 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.

Nothing has ever equalled it. Nothing can ever surpass it.

### Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION Price 50c & \$1.00  
COUGHS and COLDS

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

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

## Try for Health

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

Eight months ago I was so ill that I was 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 pronounced 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.

*Surgis Dumber*

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

## Where Shal I buy my GROCERIES

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

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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. . . .

## The Miller Mercantile Co



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

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 tracts on small cash payment and long time. Call and see us.

CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO.,

BALLINGER, TEXAS

**Report Water Works Superintendent.**

Hon Mayor & City Council of city of Ballinger.

Sirs:  
I have the honor to submit the following report of the operation of the Water Works Department for the month ending Dec 31st 1904.

Water Collections.	
Household purposes	\$222.95
Irrigation	28.60
Business & Mfg	182.90
Meters	5.40
Fines	1.00
Total	\$440.85
Less rebates on pipes	16.10
Net	\$424.75

for which receipt of City Treasurer is hereto attached.

The brought forward amount is \$3.05, against \$118.30 for Nov. showing prompt payments and the use of very little water that is not being paid for.

A good many customers have cut out irrigation, and two gins and ice factory not operating.

Operating expenses	
Fuel Oil 114 7 Bbls at \$7.56 per bbl.	\$86.70
Fuel coal 5760 at \$4.90 per ton	11.95
Fuel Wood 1 cord	3.90
Engine oil and coal Oil	2.00
Supt. Salary	50.00
Engineers Salary	50.00
Total	\$204.55

leaving a surplus of \$216.20 for extensions and repairs.

The total collections for the months of November and December amount to \$995.75 or an average of \$497.87 per month more than the average for the previous ten months.

Permits have been issued to make six taps of the 2 inch mains and 407 1/2 feet of 1/2 inch of service pipe laid. Also permits to make one tap of the 4 inch main, and 69 feet of 3/4 inch service pipe laid.

I would recommend that the family of five and 20 cents per month for each additional person and that boarding houses be put on basis of family rate; also that a minimum charge on meters be fixed and a rate on water closets. The shortage of our water supply is well known to your honorable body and should it fail to rain sufficiently within the next two months our present supply of water will most likely be exhausted.

As the superintendent cannot carry the necessary tools and reach all parts of the city on foot, I respectfully asked and allowance for horse feed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hoffer,

Sup't. of City Water Works

P. S. I would further recommend that irrigation rates be raised to \$1.00 per month per 1000 square feet and a rate of 50 cents per square to those irrigating more than 1000 and not less than 2000 sq. ft.

John Hoffer,  
Sup't.

**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.

We lease you anything you want

Lankford & Hathaway,  
Ballinger, Texas

**Fifth Sunday Meeting.**

To be held with the First Baptist church of Ballinger, Texas January 26 to 29, 1905

**PROGRAM**  
THURSDAY.

7:30 p.m. Sermon by Rev A M Lackey

FRIDAY.

9 30 a.m. Devotional Service. Rev. W. S. Maddox. Soul winning.

10 00 a.m. (1) The public preaching of the gospel in soul winning. Rev. B. S. Sullivan.

(2) Personal work in soul winning. Rev. J. A. Hicks

1 45 p.m. Devotional service by Rev R Cook.

2 00 p.m. (3) The Sunday School in soul winning. Rev W J Hicks.

(4) The Holy Spirit in soul winning. Rev W I Newton.

7 15 p.m. Devotional Service. Rev Theo Estell.

7 30 p.m. Sermon by Rev W A Knight, followed by question box, queries to be on topic discussed.

SATURDAY.

9 45 a.m. Devotional service, by Rev W Graham.

The Sunday School.

10 00 a.m. (1) Qualification and duties of the superintendent Rev R M Cumbie.

(2) Qualifications of the teachers. Rev S T Hazel.

1 45 p.m. Devotional services, Rev D W White.

2 00 p.m. (3) The pastors relation to the Sunday school, Rev D E Adams.

(4) The value of teachers' meeting, Rev W A Knight.

7 15 p.m. Devotional services, Rev J F Matthews.

7 30 p.m. How can we best maintain spirituality in our churches, Rev R M Cumbie.

Services to close with an experience meeting.

SUNDAY.

10 00 a.m. Sunday school mass meeting led by Rev B S Sullivan.

11 00 a.m. Sermon by Rev A R Watson.

All topics will be followed by general discussion. Everybody invited to attend these services.  
COMMITTEE.

**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 undoutedly 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.

**No Pity Shown**

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

**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 Crugh Syrup. I cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

Everything that can be had in vegetable and fruit, you will find at Miller Mercantile Co.

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



**THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.**

The professor who announced that "love and romance die out with the sound of the wedding bells," was the first to start the ball rolling. It would seem a brave woman who marries with this echo in her ears, yet we have not heard that there were fewer marriages during the year. There are unhappy married lives, but a large percentage of these unhappy homes are due to the illness of the wife, mother or daughter.

During a long period of practice, Doctor Pierce found that a prescription made up entirely of roots and herbs, without the use of alcohol, cured ninety-eight per cent. of such cases. After using this remedy for many years in his private practice he put it up in a form that can be had at any store where medicines are handled.

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

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures headache, backache, nervousness, sleeplessness and other consequences of womanly disease. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong and sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women.

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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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Plans, Specifications and Estimates made on any kind of work and work superintended.....

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Will do a general practice. All calls night or day answered promptly.....

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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

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**W. W. Fowler,**

Physician and Surgeon.

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Will do a general practice.—All calls day or night, answered promptly.

**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 medicins failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cure me and I gained 58 pounds." It's 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.

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

## Ought to be Arrested

Any person or firm that will wilfully overcharge their customers. Lend us about two minutes of your time and convince yourself. Our goods are fresh and we sell everything in proportion to prices as follows:

3lb can of Tomatoes	10c
2lb can of Blackberries	10c
A No 1 can of Corn	10c
California Peaches	15c to 30c
Pears	20c to 25c
Good Bacon per pound	1.0c
" Lard "	8c
Gal Ribbon Cane Syrup	50c
Call and get prices in calf barrel lots	
Good Laundry Soap	13 bars for 25c
We have 9 different brands	
Lima Beans	13lbs 1.00
Pink "	20lbs 1.00
Black eyed Peas	20lbs 1.00
5 gals Euprion Oil	90c

Yours for a trial

**ELLIS GROCERY CO.,**

West Side Square at old Ostertag Stand

Prices Subject to change without notice

## Its a Pleasure

To get an easy shave and a neat hair cut, improves your looks too. Go to Ben Allen's and get an easy shave, neat hair cut, shampoo, etc.

**Ben Allen**

**\$1.60 - PER GALLON - \$1.60**

For Mound City Horse Shoe Paint or The Mosaic Paint

**E. D. Walker**

## The First National Bank

Solicit your business for 1905. Accommodations as liberal as good banking permits. Safe, Reliable and as Solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

J. A. YOUNGER, Pres. D. M. Baker, Cashier.  
C. S. MILLER, Vice Pres. SAM BAKER, Asst. Cashier

## The City Barber Shop

I have two Porcelain Tubs and can accommodate you at any old time. We solicit your trade and guarantee to please you

**Walter Knight, Prop.**

## W. L. TOWER,

Conveyancer and Notary Public,

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Office at Court House

Solicits your business

## A Reunion.

There was a reunion of the Powell family in Baird on New Year's day and the family were all together for the first time in many years. The family consists of the mother, Mrs. Ann Powell, six sons and two daughters living in three states, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas. The mother, one daughter and three sons live in Baird. Below we give the names according to the age:

Mrs. Ann Powell, aged 75 years, Baird.

Dr. I. W. Powell, eldest, Holcomb, Missouri.

Judge J. W. Powell, Ballinger, Texas.

Dr. R. G. Powell, Baird, Texas. T. E. Powell, Baird, Texas.

Mrs. A. M. Miller, Baird, Texas. Mrs. L. P. Nutter, LaGrange, Texas.

H. O. Powell, Baird, Texas. Harry F. Powell, Clyde, Texas.

We note the following trades and professions in the family:

I. W. and R. G. Powell, physicians. J. W. Powell, lawyer. T. E. Powell, merchant. Mrs. A. M. Miller, milliner. H. O. Powell, druggist. H. F. Powell, teacher.

All the children were born and raised in Kentucky, except Harry, the youngest, who came to Texas when a boy. Possibly that is why he grew so much taller than his brothers.

We never knew a family so large as the Powell family that bore a more striking resemblance to each other. Some of the boys are larger than others it is true, but when you meet one of them you at once note the resemblance to all the others.

Occasion was no doubt a happy one to the aged mother, who has a right to be proud of her sons and daughters and every one of the children, from the oldest to the youngest are noted for the veneration and respect they have for their mother. The father, Thomas Powell died in Baird several years ago. Those present mother six sons and two daughters are all of the family that is living. They attended services at the Methodist Church Sunday morning in a body. May they all live to enjoy many such reunions is the wish of their friends including this scribe.

Dr. I. W. Powell has, returned to his home in Missouri, Judge Powell to Ballinger and H. F. Powell to Clyde. Mrs. Nutter and Mrs. J. W. Powell are still here.—The Baird Star.

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. Comper at Winters, on the 17th, 18th of this month. Bring your papers with you.

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

My motto in business is to sell Good Goods at low prices. Try me for awhile and I will convince you. Dry Goods and Groceries, The Fair, The Fair, nothing fairer than the Fair.

The Fair,  
W. A. Gustavus, Prop.  
Phone No. 128 J. H. Miller Bldg.

D. McGregor came up from Coleman first of the week and will make his home in Ballinger, being one of the purchasers of the L. Markowitz & Co dry good business.

Hayden Routh has purchased the McKay wood yard and will continue to run same at the same stand.

Fewer gallons, wears longer; Devoe.

All work at the Home Steam Laundry is guaranteed.

Come in and see us at Gustavus old stand.

Hixon Bros.

At First Baptist Church. Sunday morning. Subject. "Act of Baptism." Evening. Subject. "Design of Baptism"

The city Council met Thursday and quarantined against Miles on account of the small pox cases now in that town.

Staple and Fancy Groceries at low prices The Fair.

W. A. Gustavus in J. H. Miller House, Phone No 128.

J. J. Erwin is having his two houses on seventh street moved to other lots this week preparatory to the erection of an elegant new residence in their place.

Services will be held by the Ninth St Baptist church at 11 a m Sunday Jan. 15th at the Christian church. Rev W. C. Hamil of Brownwood will preach. All are cordially invited to attend.

Shoes to fit anything from an elephant to the tiniest feet. We handle M. D. Wells line exclusively; guarantee every pair to give perfect satisfaction at low prices.

The Fair, W. A. Gustavus, Phone 128.

The Miles Messenger is now the property of W. A. Perry and J. B. Pickle who have just assumed charge and under its present management we predict success and a paper the Miles people can feel proud of.

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## The Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

In this issue appears the quarter page ad of The Ballinger Dry Goods Co., who are to succeed L. Markowitz & Co. We are not apprise of all the parties who constitute this Co but we note that Robt McGregor is to be manager and this is a sufficient guarantee that the Company's interests will be looked after right.

Mr. McGregor has been the leading salesman with L. Markowitz for some ten years and during this time has made many warm friends who wish him all kinds of success as manager of this new firm; he is perhaps as well acquainted with the dry goods business as any man in West Texas and the firm's success is assured.

## Card of thanks.

Editor Banner-Leader  
We desire thus publicly to thank our friends and fellow citizens for their kind assistance during the fire last Sunday night for we realize our losses would have been much greater had it not been for the prompt and heroic work of the firefighters.

The business Men of Winters  
Fannin & Roberts  
Moore & Co  
Meeks Bros  
Jarmon Bros  
Pierce & Co  
Tinkle & Barnett.  
Ed. Stone  
Grant & Alfred  
Murray & Pedford  
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S. Lipp

**T. T. Crosson  
& Co.**

**Land Agents.**

At The Court House.  
Notary in Office.

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.

Here are some of our bargains

643 acres, 215 in cultivation, 3 good dwelling houses, barn lots and sheds. Living water, well and windmill, close to market.

491 acres, clear living stream running through it, unimproved fenced.

3 acres well improved, close to Ballinger, 6 room house, barn, lots and sheds; bearing fruit trees, peaches, apricots and plums. Some fine grapes fine well of water, wind mill, 60 bbl irrigation tank, irrigation pipes laid, hydrants 3 acre uow under irrigation underground cistern 160 bbls.

80 acres fine land under fence lot in cultivation, close to market.

1630, acres clear running stream through it, 4 room house well with house barn, lots & etc 100 acres in cultivation on public road.

207 acres 3 room house good well and wind mills, 100 acra in cultivation on public 1st class road.

All the above well be said on good terms.

We have several other tract of land whice can sell on terms to suit purchaser.

Call to see us we with not fall out with you if you don't bet.