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The White Store. R. A. Risser & Co. Xmas Presents---Useful As well As Ornamental.

How many ladies are worrying as to what presents they shall give Xmas. They all know what to give their lady friends but are at a loss when it comes to the presents for the Gentleman. We offer the following, partly as timely hints partly as examples of what you can get at our store.

The collar of an overcoat soils the collar. Our fine silk MUFFLERS will prevent that. Black and white \$1.50.

The little things of dress make a man's appearance neat. Come and look at our ties and see if they won't improve any man's looks. Just received four-in-hands 3 1-2 inches wide in the richest and most favorable designs. The latest Ascots in Blacks, Whites and Dresden novelty effects.

Puffs for those who cannot tie an ascot. These are in Whites, Blacks and novelty effects.

We have a swell line of suspenders in Xmas Boxes. They are nice enough to satisfy any man.

When a man goes home after a wet disagreeable day what is more comfortable than to put on a nice pair of slippers. We have tans and blacks, kid lined, finished with patent leather, soft and wide, durable and comfortable.

THE GIFTS FOR THE LADIES ARE ALSO HERE.

Everyone will be appreciated, and will make the heart grow fonder. If you don't believe it take one home to your wife or to some one else who might be your wife if you use judgement. Judge these ideas maybe they will help you.

Ladies furs in browns and blacks \$3.00 value for \$1.50. A new shipment received.

Ladies fur collarets \$4.50 and \$4.00 values for \$2.25 and \$2.00.

Ladies Elizabeth lace collars long and short tabs. The latest and swellest. They make the plainest dress look elaborate.

Ladies turn over collars, many new designs. The very thing to wear with our swell line of Velvet ribbons.

Ladies fur-top slippers soft and warm, pretty and comfortable, cheap and durable.

Our fine white wool blankets are made of the best wool, finished with silk binding and are wide and long. They will last a life time and are sold at a bargain.

Ladies fine Linen handkerchiefs embroidered in the most beautiful designs. The quality is of the best and the work the finest and the price lower than you can buy the linen.

R. A. RISSER & CO.

Program.

For exercises at First Baptist church, Saturday night Dec. 23d.
1. Song—Old Old Story.
2. Prayer—Pastor.
3. Talk by Supt.
4. Recitation—"Why Santa Laughed" Geniva Currie.
5. Recitation—Lyman Moore.
6. Children's Song.
7. Recitation—Hattie Pearce.
8. Song—"Jesus Lover"—Effie McKay.
9. Recitation by six girls.
10. Recitation—Dwight Sims.
11. Recitation by boys—"The Second"
12. Quartett.
13. Recitation—Zula McKay.
14. God bless you" by class.
15. Introduction of Santa Claus.

The County Farmers Union meets at Maverick on Dec. 29th and 30th, Friday and Saturday, and they expect to have some prominent speakers on hand.

Little Jesse Nash Hurt.

While playing with a small piece of wire Wednesday morning Joe Nash accidentally stuck the wire in the eye of his little sister Jesse, and we fear entirely destroyed the sight. It was of course very painful, but the little one was at once attended by a physician and temporary relieve given. Mrs. Nash took the little one to Fort Worth on the afternoon train Wednesday, for treatment by a specialist. It was certainly a deplorable accident and their many friends sympathize with them in this distress.

C. S. MILLER,
President.

R. A. SMITH,
Vice-President.

E. D. WALKER,
Cashier.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Paid up Capital \$60,000.00.

Transact a general banking business,

Buy Vendor Lien Notes,

Loan money on Real Estate,

Performs all business pertaining to a Trust Company.

We bid you to open an account with us.

Authorized to do business under the new banking law of the State of Texas.

W. H. Rosser, of Houston County, was in Ballinger Thursday to move out on his farm recently purchase on the line of Runnels and Coke Counties, near Bronte.

Miss Maggie May Holiday and brother Francis came in on Thursday night from Waco where they are attending school and will spend Christmas with home folks and Ballinger friends.

There will be a Christmas Mrs. House at the Methodist church for the benefit of the Sunday School of that denomination. Old Santa will come down out of the chimney at the proper time and distribute presents to the audience.

Don't Lose Your Money but deposit it with us and take a check book and give checks for what you purchase. They are indisputable receipts. The Citizens National Bank.

Now is the turkey season and we are going to handle more turkeys than any body else in town so bring in your turkeys and get the highest market price. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt was among the excursionists from this place Thursday to the old states. She goes to Morrilton, Ark., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

We still have fresh California fruit. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

See Lankford and Hathaway for fine robes and whips.

NOTICE—We have just received the nicest line of Eastman Kodak ever in Ballinger. Walker Drug Co.

The Sunday School children of the 9th Street Baptist church will be entertained Christmas night at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Carpenter. The older members of the school are expected to be on hand to help amuse the Juniors and take a part of the amusement to themselves.

Nothing better than the White Cook Stove. Lankford & Hathaway.

Nothing nicer than a Eastman Kodak for a Christmas gift. Walker Drug Co. have them.

We want eggs and chickens. Be sure and see us before you sell.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Miss Mable Fowler came home from school at San Antonio Thursday night to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. B. B. Stone and little son left Thursday for Bryan and Austin where they will visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

B. B. Currie, of Buckholt, brother of Allen Currie, of our city, came in Tuesday night and will likely make Ballinger his future home.

J. W. Whitt, our efficient and popular contractor, left today for Sulphur Springs Ark., to visit his father and family during the holidays.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church will give a dinner New Year's day. The place of holding same will be determined next week.

F. Mountz, wife and daughter of the Valley Creek neighborhood left from this point on the afternoon train Wednesday for their old home at Irving, Ky., where they will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Your Christmas Gift

You should visit Stubbs & Hartman's Store before you buy your presents for the children.

TOYS Our line of Toys is the most extensive and most varied in the city.

FIRE WORKS We have Fire Works of all descriptions.

Stubbs & Hartman

Are you going to visit
The Old Homestead
During The Holidays?

Special Low Rates, Fast Trains, Elegant Equipment
Via



To

Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Nashville, Chattanooga, St. Louis,
Kansas City, Chicago, Atchison, St. Joseph.
In addition we will sell to many other points in the Old States, East
of the Mississippi River.

One trip will convince you of our
SUPERIOR SERVICE

JOHN F. LEHANE,
Gen. F. and P. Ag't
Tyler, Texas.

D. M. MORGAN,
Traveling Pass. Ag't
Fort Worth, Texas.

Write the under-
signed if you expect
to return home for
the Holidays; a pos-
tal card will do. We
will be glad to an-
swer all inquiries.

R. C. FYFE,
Asst. G. F. & P. Ag't
Tyler, Texas.

GUS HOOVER,
Traveling Pass. Ag't
Waco, Texas.

GOOD BARBER WORK

Is what you want and what we propose to
give you. Experienced Workmen, Clean Tow-
els, Keen Razors and Courteous Treatment.

BEN ALLEN.

In Crown Saloon Building.

Get a bucket of that pure hog
lard at the City Meat Market
and you will never buy any other
kind.

The City Meat Market has
this week some of the nicest,
juiciest meat ever handled in
Ballinger.

Winters Rocky Mountain tea
aply liquid electricity. It
to every part of your body,
aging new blood, strength and
color. It makes you well and
keeps you well. 35cents.

This is No Joke.

Hunt's cure has saved more people
from the "Old Scratch" than any other
known agent simply because it
makes scratching entirely unneces-
sary. One application relieves any
form of itching skin disease that ever
afflicted mankind. One box guaran-
teed to cure any one case.

Deeds, releases, contracts,
abstracts and etc., prepared by
W. L. Towner with promptness
and dispatch. Try him. His
office is with Justice and Camer-
on on 8th Street.

Beautifying methods that in-
jure the skin and health are dan-
gerous. Be beautiful with out
discomfort by taking Hollister's
Rocky Mountain Tea. Sunshiny
faces follow its use. 35cents.

Best in Existence.

"I sincerely believe all things consid-
ered, Hunt's Lightning Oil is the
most useful and valuable household
remedy in existence. For Cuts Burns,
Sprains and Insect Bites, it has no
equal, so far as my experience goes."
G. E. Huntington.

Eufala, Ala.

L u m b e r

We can supply you with all kinds of lumber. Let us
figure on your next bill. White pine, yellow pine,
sash doors, blinds, mouldings, shingles, lime, brick
and cement.

Humphrey Lumber Company.

Opposite Court House.

Ballinger, Texas.

IRONIZE

**JOE HARDIN
TRANSFER LINE.**

Merchandise Freights,
Trains, etc.

ALL

Yoakum Daily Times.

The following clipped from the
Yoakum Daily Times in reference
to E. F. Krebs, who recently
moved to our city and bought the
Fritz Ernest residence on 8th
Street, and will make Ballinger
his future home. He will engage
in business in our city in the
near future and we cordially wel-
come him to our business and
social circles:—"E. F. Krebs,
who has resided in Yoakum for
a number of years and who is es-
teemed by all of our citizens on
account of his uprightness of
character and splendid qualities
as a public-spirited citizen and
genial gentlemen, departed
Thursday for Ballinger, where he
contemplates locating. Mr. Krebs
retired from business here on ac-
count of ill health and it is for
this reason alone that he sought
another location, as he was high-
ly pleased with Yoakum and the
Yoakum country and with his
interests here. His mother-in-
law, Mrs. Wilder and sister, Miss
Nellie Krebs will go to Ballinger
later.

Winters Enterprise.

C. C. Cooper and family, left
this week, for Abilene, where
Mrs. Cooper and family will go
to Gray county on an extended
visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jarmon
leave for Roscoe, Sunday, their
future home. Mr. Jarmon will
engage in the mercantile business
at that place, we wish for them
much success.

Our good friend H. K. Reid
has sold his wagon and team to
Mr. Clary. Mr. Reid will move
his family to Ballinger the first
of the year and enter the employ
of Mr. Alvis of that place, we
regret exceedingly to lose Mr.
Reid.

A Rabbit With Horns.

Dick Stephens, who lives on
the old Hall irrigated farm now
owned by his father, R. M.
Stephens, was out hunting one
day last week and his dog ran a
rabbit into the crevices of the
rocks at the foot of the mountains
on the banks of Cedar Lake. He
proceeded to dig Mr. Rabbit out
at once and to his surprise found
that the rabbit had a full set of
horns. The horns were from
one-half to two inches in length,
there being three horns with
three points each, making nine
in all. In digging the rabbit out
he injured it so that it died, but
he brought the head to the Evans
Drug Store and had it preserved
in alcohol.

Coke county is humorously
termed the rabbit county of west
Texas, and, as in everything else,
she has come to the front in giv-
ing to science one of the seven
wonders of this century.—Robert
Lee Observer.

Mrs. M. H. Best, of Plainview,
was the guest of her friend, Mrs.
Frank Miller, of our city, this
week.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by B. Leatherwood
and estrayed before W. H. Weeks,
Justice of the Peace, Prec. No 1,
the following described stock, to-
wit: One brown mare about 10
or 12 years old, left hip knocked
down, branded 3 on left jaw, V
on left shoulder, K on left hip.
Owner will call and prove up
property or it will be dealt with
as the law requires.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, this 24th day of Nov. A. D.
1905.

W. H. Weeks J. P. Prec. No 1.

Holley Ranch.

We have just finished sub-
dividing the Holley ranch on
the head waters of Elm creek
near Truitt into tracts of 90
acres and upwards, which we
are selling on terms of one-
half cash, the remainder of
the purchase money due on
or before 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 years.

Do not miss this opportunity
of getting a home.
For particulars call on us at
our office.

C. A. Doose & Co.

**Can She
Save
Them?**



Many a poor
mother who feels
that those she
holds most pre-
cious are gradu-
ally slipping away from her
over the terrible precipice
of disease, would be thank-
ful to know what Doctor
Pierce's wonderful "Golden
Medical Discovery" has
done to restore thousands
of weak and wasted chil-
dren to complete rounded, rosy, healthy,
activity and life.

Five years ago this last fall I was taken
down with a fever and was very bad for
over a month," writes Mrs. Henrietta Bell,
several years ago, Ohio. She continues: "Finally
of D. I. from the fever, then my lungs
recovered very bad. The doctor said I had
become very weak, and that he had done all he
could for me, and he did not think that I
could for me. My case was a very danger-
ous one. I was very bad cough, night and day
sweats, also a spit blood. I felt as though
at times would be short. Requested
my time on cart. I took a bottle of Dr. Pierce's
Golden Medical Discovery, and perhaps it
would help me. I was almost gone. The next
bottle my cough was the night-sweats. I am
to disappear now. It had not been for you
almost sure that if it had been here to-day,
I would be only write to Dr. Pierce
concerning the ailments and valuable advice
will send them soon envelope, and without
in a plain sealed envelope. His remarkably
any charge whatsoever. I have had the local prac-
titioner, address D. R. V. Pierce, Buf-
falo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellet is a gentle
laxative, and two a day.

**TEXAN DROWNED IN
WRECK.**

Bell County Man Loses Life in
Caribbean Sea.

Special to The News.

Temple Tex., Dec. 18.—
cablegram was received yeste-
day by the relatives of A. J.
Rather, better known as Dr.
Rather, stating that he had
perished in a shipwreck of a
schooner in the Caribbean Sea
a few days ago. Mr. Rather
lived in Belton for many years
and is prominently connected.
About six years ago he went to
Bluefields, Nicaragua, where
there is quite a small colony of
former Bell county people. The
particulars of the cablegram
were meager and full details
will doubtless arrive in due
course by mail.—Dallas News.

The above was clipped from
Sunday's Dallas News, and was
confirmed by Mrs. F. T. Rather
wife of the brother of deceased.
Mrs. Rather states that the
party was out in a gasoline
yacht with three passengers
aboard, two of the passengers
were lost and all the crew ex-
cept one.

Our efficient deputy Sheriff J.
A. DeMerville went up to Brown-
wood Monday to get a negro,
Henry Jones, who stole some
money here and skipped out for
Dallas. No use for 'em to try
to get away from Runnels county
officials.

Notice to Patrons.

All parties owing the firm of
Grant and Allred are kindly re-
quested to meet them at Win-
ners Friday Dec. 15th prepared to
settle, as all unpaid amounts un-
less satisfactory arrangement is
made by that time, will be placed
in the hands of an officer for
collection.

Respectfully,
Grant and Allred.

C. N. Curry, one of the repre-
sentative citizens of the Winters
country, was looking after busi-
ness matters in our city Tuesday.

J. Y. Rankin, our popular and
highly esteemed Express Agent,
adds his name to the Ballinger
Leader's subscription list and will
linger this week. They are always
take the old reliable after a few
samples are seen.

Before another issue of this pa-
per appears Christmas will have
come and gone. Let us make
a day of enjoyment, but not
revelry and boisterous demon-
strations. This is the day our Savio-
was born and should be reverenc-
ed and observed in becoming and
decorous manner.

Ed T. Rucker,
Civil Engineer

Office over Glover & Cobb's.
Ballinger - - - Texas.

Have had 35 years' experience in surveying, conveyancing and abstracting land titles in central Texas. Special attention will be given laying out irrigation, water works and similar plants and grading and leveling for contractors and builders.

Lammers & Howard,

CONTRACTORS.

Will be glad to figure with you on complete stone, brick or wood work. Estimates given on short notice.

At New State Bank,
Ballinger, - - - Texas



S. A. Whitesides,

Eighth Street.

Ballinger, Texas.

Track and Road Shoeing a Specialty.

Citation by Publication.

STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or and Constable of Runnels County—greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon the Unknown Heirs of Lawrence Martin, Deceased, whose name and place of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger on the First Monday in March A. D. 1906, the same being the 5th day of March A. D. 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of Nov. A. D. 1905, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 760, wherein H. C. Wylie is Plaintiff, and the Unknown Heirs of Lawrence Martin, deceased are Defendants, and said petition alleging:—

State of Texas,)
County of Runnels,) In District Court, March Term, 1906.
To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:

H. C. Wylie, who resides in the County and State aforesaid, hereinafter styled Plaintiff, complaining of the UNKNOWN HEIRS of Lawrence Martin, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, represents: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 1st day of January 1905, Plaintiff was then and is now lawfully seized and possessed, holding the same by fee simple title, as hereinafter shown, the following described tract of land, to-wit: 960 acres originally granted to Lawrence Martin, by virtue of Certificate No. 3286, and patented to the HEIRS of LAWRENCE MARTIN, deceased, on the 11th day of February 1882, by Patent No. 347 Volume No. 16, Abstract No. 381, Survey No. 441, situated in Runnels County, Texas. That Plaintiff has been so seized and possessed of said land under General Warranty Deeds duly recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and paying all taxes due upon said land up to the date of the filing of this suit and in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same

enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit and that Plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the five years statute of limitations herein pleaded and asserted:

Plaintiff further alleges that he has been in the actual, peaceable, and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that Plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the ten years statute of limitations herein pleaded and asserted. That on or about the said 1st day of January 1905, while Plaintiff was so lawfully seized and possessed of said land, holding the same under the title hereinbefore pleaded, the UNKNOWN HEIRS of the said Lawrence Martin, deceased, Defendants herein, asserted and are now asserting some pretended claim of title in and to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to Plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon Plaintiff's title to said land and disturbed his peaceable possession thereto, to his great damage;

Wherefore, premises considered, Plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited by publication, in manner and form as required by law in such case made and provided, to answer herein, and that on final hearing hereof he have judgment against said Defendants for the recovery of title to said land, and that said cloud so cast thereon be removed, and that he be quieted in his possession thereto, and for all costs in this behalf expended and for general relief.

M. C. Smith,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness R. A. Terry, Clerk of District Court of Runnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 20 day of Nov. A. D. 1905.

R. A. Terry, clerk,
SEAL District Court Runnels County.

If you don't believe New Century flour is the best in town just try a sack and be convinced. sold by J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Have You a Friend?

Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it in the house. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors use a great deal of it for throat and lung troubles.

"I had a terrible cold and cough and was threatened with pneumonia. I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and it gave me quick and perfect relief. It is certainly a most wonderful cough medicine."—EVA E. WHITMAN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.
Also manufacturers of
Ayer's SASSAPARILLA, PILLS, HAIR VIGOR.

One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will hasten recovery. Gently laxative.

Keep your eye on M. D. Chastain the grocery and grain man.

M. D. Chastain had business in San Angelo first of the week.

Miss Ruby Rucker, who has been visiting her sister at Dallas the past three or four weeks came home one day last week.

Mrs. J. C. McVeah, of San Antonio, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maddox and other relatives here left for her home last Saturday.

S. P. Herbert, the Waco Architect, was in our City first of the week and submitted the plans for the new First Baptist church at this place. The building, when completed will be a beauty and modern in every particular, and will be hard to beat in the West.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercy.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

An Opportunity

We want to impress upon the farmers of Runnels County,

The true value of the Products of Cotton Seed.

And will exchange one ton of Cotton Seed Hulls and five Sacks of Cotton Seed Meal for one ton of Cotton seed. This gives you 2500 pounds of feed for 2000 pounds, besides you get a better and cleaner feed, and will increase the Quality and Quantity of your milk and butter. Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls are the best and cheapest feed in the world. To the first 100 farmers that make this exchange with us, we will make them a present of One-Half gallon of high grade Cooking Oil for cooking. Give Cotton Seed Product a fair trial. Bring a jug for the oil.

THE BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.

Ask at the Mill for the little book, telling how to feed Cotton Seed Meal to Hogs, and some of the home uses of Cotton Seed Oil.

Our Laundry Work Is Important.

The Home Steam Laundry does first class work, is a home institution and gives you satisfaction.

Call up 167 and let us come and get your laundry and deliver it.

W. A. TALLY, Prop.

Say Boys when you want your face to have a real treat call at the

City Barber Shop

And let us fix you up.

You will feel better.

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PROPRIETORS.
C. C. COCKRELL, SR.,
EDITOR.

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Save Trouble and Dispute

by paying your accounts and bills by check.

The Citizens National Bank.

Tell "Old Santa" that you want a kodak for Christmas and he can find it at Walker Drug Co.

The prices are made to fit every one, on Eastman kodaks. Sold at Walker Drug Co.

You won't make a mistake if you get a keg or jug of that fine Ribbon Cane Syrup at Alvis Bros.

You could not give a nicer present Christmas than a Eastman Kodak. We have them. Walker Drug Co.

When we say a thing we mean it. Call and try some of the New Ribbon Cane Syrup, the best you ever used. Alvis Bros.

Try some of our \$2.00 flour. Missouri Milling Co.

Harry Scott had business in Coleman between trains Thursday.

Dr. Z. T. Day, of Panola County, came in first of the week and will locate at Winters to practice dentistry.

Aug. Stephens left on the afternoon train Thursday for Shiner, Texas, to look after some business matters a few days.

Austin Spencer, of San Angelo, came in on the 11:55 train Wednesday and went up to Winters to look after his mercantile interests in that town.

Pete Roberson, of Coryel County came in first of the week and will be the guest of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Middlebrooks, for a few days.

Mrs. Tom Muse left on the afternoon train Wednesday for Leon County where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bate Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Rayburn of the Norton country, left from this point Thursday to spend the holiday with relatives and friends at their old home at Water Valley, Miss.

Miss Kate Guion came in from Milford Thursday where she is attending school and will spend the holidays with her parents Judge and Mrs. Jno I. Guion and other relatives and friends.

At First Baptist Church.

Sunday morning subject, "The Church and the Lodge". Sunday evening subject, "The Angels, Message." A cordial invitation extended to all.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a doll and buggy.
Ethel Heath.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a doll buggy and doll and dishes and candy, apples and oranges.
Bertha Wilson.

Good flour \$1.00 at the Missouri Milling Co.

W. A. Norman, J. W. Whitt and Groves Key, under the firm name of John G. Key & Co., will soon install the machinery at this place to manufacture concrete blocks, tiling, etc. This is an enterprise that we are certain will meet with success and we hope and predict a profitable business for this substantial firm.

B. Lammers, the expert stone and brick contractor, was awarded this week the contract to make the addition to the Ballinger Ice Plant, and work will be commenced at once. We hope the plant will be enlarged so as to be in a condition to fill the demands of our entire city another season without having to send off for ice.

Thanksgiving is Over

But M. D. Chastain is still selling Grain and Groceries at the same old live and let live prices.

Groceries.

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and can furnish the best at the lowest prices.

Grain.

All kinds of feed stuff always on hand and at reasonable prices. Try us and be convinced.

M. D. CHASTAIN

BIG SHOE SALE

We will for a few days give some special prices on shoes, the very best shoes made. We quote a few prices below Note them.

SHOES.	SHOES.	SHOES.	BOOTS.
Ladies Dongola Kid patent tip lace, solid leader, heavy flexible sole, value 1.75..... 1.48	Ladies Drew Selby & Co. Shoes, very best made, lace or blucher, kid or patent kid, value 3.00..... 2.58	Mens Work shoes, buckle or Congress, value 1.50..... 1.23	Our full calf, double leg, extra long round box toe riding heel, value 7.00..... 5.98
Ladies Dongola kid patent tip lace, heavy or flexible single sole, value 2.25..... 1.85	Ladies Drew Selby & Co. shoes, none better, patent kid Dongola kid, welt or turn soles, medium or Cuban heel, lace or blucher, value 3.50..... 2.98	Mens Satin Calf, Congress or lace, single sole tip, value 1.75..... 1.48	Our Morocco leg, square box toe, Frey calf, solid leather, value 6.50..... 5.00
Ladies Dongola kid Drew Selby make, very best, value 2.50..... 1.98	Misses and Childrens shoes, Dongola, light or heavy sole, values 75c to 1.25.	Mens very best gun mettel calf and vicci kid, all solid, good style, price 2.50..... 1.98	Water proof Kangaroo calf. round box riding heel, long leg solid, value 5.00..... 3.98
Ladies Dongola kid, patent tip, lace and blucher, heavy or flexible sole, solid leather, value 1.75..... 1.48	Misses and Childrens Shoes, Dongola kid, light and heavy sole, all solid, value 1.25 to 1.50.	The Eclip 3.50 are the best on earth. They excell all others for wear fit and style.	All our Kangaroo calf, wax calf boots, flat heel and wide, value 4.00..... 3.48
Ladies Dongola kid patent tip, lace or blucher, welt or flexible sole, value 2.00..... 1.85		Infants shoes, sizes from 2 to 8 in patent kid white top, patent kid tan top, and all kid from 65c to 1.35.	Kip mud Boots, peg sole, price 3.50..... 2.48
Ladies Drew Selby & Co. shoes, very best kid, solid leather, lace or blucher, value 2.50..... 1.98			

If not satisfied with your purchase return and get your money.

THE HUB.

Walter Kent, of Glen Cove, was in the city a short while Thursday.

Frank Pierce the Winters banker, was on the streets of Ballinger a short while Thursday.

Whitt Patterson was able to be on the Streets Thursday after several days confinement to his room with fever.

Tom Powell and family, of Grape Vine, Texas, came in first of the week and will make Rannels county their future home.

Mrs. Lit Chastain, of Coleman who had been visiting relatives and friends in our city the past few days left for home Thursday.

Mrs. Monroe Martin, of Sanger Texas, who had been visiting her niece, Mrs. Ed Gentry and family left for her home Thursday.

J. W. Collins, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday and will put in the brick work on the new State Bank and Trust Co. The building is nearing completion and will be a model of neatness and modern in every respect and will be an ornament to our city.

Miss Jessie Woodward came home Thursday from San Angelo where she had been visiting relatives and friends the past week.

Mrs. E. L. Cheek, of San Angelo, come up on the morning train Thursday and will visit her brother Ed Gentry and family for a few days.

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. N. Ellis, of Rising Star, will hold a protracted Holiness meeting Christmas week at the Ballinger School House. Services day and night.

Sidney Cockrell, for some time past foreman of the Banner-Leader, left Thursday for Fort Worth where he has a lucrative position offered him, on the new daily soon to be started in that city.

A night watchman for the city during the holidays is very essential and as the city is not in a condition to pay for one, B. W. Pilcher, our wide-awake constable is circulating a petition and if a sufficient amount is subscribed to justify him in taking the job he will do so. The city will be in careful, safe hands if the job is entrusted to him.

Johnie Norman of Paint rock, was in our city Thursday to meet the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman.

H. A. Clem and family, left Friday for Pecan Gap, Texas, where they will enjoy a reunion of the Clem family during the holidays.

Miss Pauline Norman came in with the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman, and will visit her parents at Paint Rock, during the holidays.

Miss Lucy May Blanchard came in from Milford when she is attending school to spend the holidays with home folks and Ballinger friends.

On Saturday night before Christmas the Sunday School at the Presbyterian church will have a Christmas tree and other amusements for the school.

There will be Christmas trees, and other exercises given by the different denominations of our city for the benefit of their respective Sunday schools. Of course the exercises etc, are mostly for the children but all members of whatever age are cordially invited and are expected to attend.

Quarterly Conference.

On Thursday evening the 28 instant the First Quarterly Conference meets at 7:00 p. m. Rev. B. R. Bolton, Presiding Elder so orders.

E. P. Williams Pastor.

Christmas Sunday.

You are invited to attend services at the Methodist Church Sunday. Appropriate sermon and special music. Come.

Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Methodist church the children will entertain and receive confectionaries. Let the children come and bring their parents.

E. P. Williams Pastor.

The Missouri Milling Co is a Ballinger institution and sells as good grades of flour as the market affords. If your merchant don't handle it phone us your order. Prompt deliver.

J. K. Battles, of the Valley Creek neighborhood came in Thursday and left on the afternoon train for North Ark., his old home, where he will visit during the holidays and wind up some land matters in that section.

LOST—One Jersey Heifer yearling branded cross on jaw and white in flanks and on legs. Reward for return to

D. P. Moser, Ballinger, Texas.

If your merchant don't handle it phone the Missouri Milling Co, for good home made flour.

Story books, Poets and all kinds of beautiful gift books at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

We are prepared to furnish you any kind of feed for your cows, horses and hogs.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

We are expecting a car of Pure Ribbon Cane Mosses. See it and get prices before you buy.

Rasbury & Co.

Mrs. Peyton Orgain and her daughter Miss Louise, left on the afternoon train Thursday for Vicksburg Miss., where they will visit relatives and friends Mrs Ograin will return in two week but Miss Louise will be gone three or four months.

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

--For Farmers--

Did it ever occur to you how important it was, when you had something to pay, that you did not have the exact change, nor did the party to whom you were making the payment? Place your money with us and we will make the change and keep your accounts straight.

First National Bank.

BALLINGER,

TEXAS.



The Greatest Eye Glass in the World.

For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Your Christmas Suit,

Have you ordered your Holiday suit? If not we have just received some swell samples which we would like to show you. We are agents for the famous Royal tailors.

Ballinger Tailoring Co.

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.

Pickles, Pickles, Pickles.

Pickles of all kinds and size packages. Call and get prices. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

TOYLAND at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

Phone 67 for all kinds of feed for your self or stock.

Not at cost but for grain and groceries at a living margin at—M. D. Chastain.

Bring your new crop of pecans to M. D. Chastain, the grocery man, he pays top prices at all times.

Our California canned goods have arrived, just come in and see our stock and you will be convinced how we sell so cheap.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Lot For Sale.

Lot 100 by 130 feet near public School Buildings, price \$200. One half cash, balance one year at 10 per cent. For further particulars call at the Banner-Leader office.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family and through it I lost my Mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a cough or cold I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at J. Y. Pearce drug store. Trial bottle free.

That fine PICARDS' HAND PAINTED CHINA at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store direct from the studio of the finest artist in the U. S. It comes high but there are people who want the best that can be produced.

Missouri Milling Co.

Building on a solid foundation is the reason why our flour sales have grown so rapidly. You must have the right kind of flour if you wish to gain the good graces of the consumer. With much pride and pleasure we watch our sale grow rapidly as the days come and go. The newest process known in the manufacture of flour to make it pure and wholesome and to give to it the required baking qualities used in the manufacture of our products. If your grocer can't supply you phone the mill.

G. M. VAUGHN, Prest.

Say, Neighbor

When you decide to buy your wife a Xmas present, why not buy something she really needs—she has been cooking on that old broken stove for 10 years—make her happy by getting a new cook stove. Our line of heaters is complete and prices are guaranteed to be reasonable.

FURNITURE—Your wife has told you often that she wanted a certain piece of furniture. Lankford & Hathaway have it and will sell it at a reasonable figure. Don't buy trash but something that will last and fill a need in the household.

Lankford & Hathaway

Honor Roll.

Nov. to Dec. 8.

Grade 1 B.—Blanch Backwood, Evie Stuart, Lula Belle Puckett, Josie Harvey, Bernie Ward.

Grade 1 A.—Neta Breedlove, Esther Hopewell, Beatrice Greer, Mary Spencer, Giddy McAdams, Bertha Bullock, Roy Key, Lena Stringer.

Grade 11 B.—Mary Page, Nadine Currie, Seth Laxson.

Grade 11 A.—Alva Jackson, Martha Franke, Otelia Truly, Joe Egan.

Grade 111 B.—Allyne Storey, Marie Moore, John Bryan Johnson, Ruth Grundy, Amos Shepherd, Chester Layne.

Grade 111 A.—Elmer Bullock, Grade IV B.—Clifford Rankin, Jula McKay, Fanny Ramage, Alvice Stowe.

Grade IV A.—Eulalia Gressete, Marguerite Gregory, Johnny Thomas, Emmett Davis.

Grade V B.—Minnie Miller, Lelia Collins, Edward Spiel, Sophie Hopewell, Lucile Storey, Susin Rogers, Gertrude Eggans.

Grade VI B.—Lucile Reeder, Reuby Jeanes, Gladys Oliver.

Grade VI A.—Idie Voelkel, Earl Hardgrave, Edith Winkler, Bettie Miller, Winifred Trail.

Grade VII B.—Pearl Jackson, Leona Parks, Winnie Jordon, Maymie Sue Gressett.

Grade VII A.—Conoly Spencer, May Godwin, Homer Voelkel, Billie Gustavus, Johnie Jordon, Lemmie Davis.

Grade VIII.—May Butler, Raymond Davis, Guion Blanchard

Grade IX.—Idras Sharp, Amela Johnson, Ernest Ulmer, Victor Miller, Edee Belle Walker, Mary Rutherford, Ursula Ganaway, Willie Allen.

Grade X.—Louise Shawe, Homer Storey.

Junior League Programe.

Leader—Foy Walker.

Song—

Prayer—

Reading—Otto Whittaker.

Recitation—Melva Walker.

Song—

Bible Story—Allie Borders.

Reading—Sam Rather.

Reading—Emmett Davis.

Reading—May Butler.

Reading—Eunice Brown.

Song—

Benediction.

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 Oct. 16, 1905, in calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Arledge Mrs. J. C.

Benton Mrs. Mittie

Baker Miss Aleen

Britton Mr. John

Crump Mr. Vivian

Duncan Mrs. T. T.

Droke Mr. W. J.

Hutchinson J. D.

Sr. Juan Peralez Sibole

Senora Fitoria Doduges

Kelly Molly

Mckinley Mr. Joe

Morris Mr. Taylor 2

Price T. C.

Whiteley Miss Ada

Woody Mr. L. F.

Wright Mr. W. W.

A nice line of new rockers, and many other substantial articles suitable for Christmas presents at Crews Furniture Co."

San Angelo Daily Standard.

J. B. Royalty is in the city from Ballinger.

John C. Wylie of Ballinger has accepted a position with the San Angelo Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. H. Best of Plainview who has been visiting at the home of L. R. Knight for the past two weeks went Sunday to Ballinger to visit with Mrs. Frank Miller. Mrs. Best lived on the old Stilson & Case ranch on Dove Creek over twenty years ago. She sees many changes in San Angelo and the surrounding territory.

Congressman Smith has been notified by the chief of the Bureau of Navigation that he will have the privilege of appointing one boy of the 'Jumbo' district to the naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland, after March of next year. Young men who desire to become future admirals on the high seas should line up and go after the appointment. The applicants for the vacancy will probably be given a competitive examination.

E. Krc visited friend at Rowena between trains Tuesday.

B. W. Pilcher had official business at Rowena between trains Tuesday.

Augustus Cockrell and Clarence Wilson visited relatives at Miles Sunday last.

Try those nice, large fresh oysters at the City Meat Market Always on hand and always fresh.

Sam Farmer, the prosperous Real Estate man of Miles, was in our city between trains Tuesday.

Miss Clara Middlebrooks, who had been visiting relatives and friends at Lampasas the past few months came home on Tuesday's train.

Jerome Ray, of Norton, left from this point on the afternoon train Monday for Temple where he will spend the holidays with friends.

Dr. G. W. Johnston who recently moved to our city from Proctor, Texas, went back on Monday's train to wind up some business matters.

Rev. J. P. Rutledge, an friend of Rev. W. J. Moore, the first Baptist Church of our city, was here this week the guest of his friend, and preached an able sermon at their church here last Tuesday night.

G. G. Griffin, one of the Ballinger Base Ball team of last season, left Tuesday for Fort Worth, where he will spend the holidays, and it is whispered that he will "set up house keeping" on his return to Ballinger.

C. K. Harrington, of Wyoming who had been visiting his sister Mrs. J. W. Gardner, on Valley Creek, came in and left on the 3:57 train Wednesday for his home. He had not seen his sister before in twenty years and the meeting was truly a glad one.

It has been reported that Paul Franke, the painter, will move to Miles, but he informs us that it is not a fact. While he has established a branch office at Miles he has a man to attend to it and will make an occasional visit there, but will continue to make Ballinger his home.

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

Attention People.

I have bought the lease on the Star Wagon Yard, and solicitate a portion of your business. I understand the business and promise you faithful and prompt service at all hours. South of the Ballinger Lumber Co. Prompt attention and careful keeping to boarding horses.

Hugh Donaghe.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.



What to Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, 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. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Hobby horses, tricycles, guns, tool boxes, drums for the boys at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

W. H. DAVIS' December Specials.

Our buyer has just returned from the Eastern Markets where he attended the Big five clearing sale and purchased a great many bargains in up-to-date merchandise. Below we mention a few of the many Bargains

Ladies Coat Suits for less than they cost. \$12.00 Suits for \$8.98. \$10.00 Suits for \$7.98. Come quick if you want one.

Ladies and Children's coats and cloaks must go, price 98c to \$10.98. Ladies all wool Sweaters at one half value, price \$1.25 to \$3.50. Just received 5 dozen Petticoats at a special price 50c to \$2.00.

DRESS GOODS.

10 pieces fancy all wool Dress Goods worth 35c and 50c now 25c. 10 pieces Silk 75c yd now 60c. 11 pieces fine waisting value 35c to 50c they go at 19c to 39c. 3 pieces Silk Eolienne value 75 for only 50c. 7 pieces Broadcloth, colors Black, Red, Green and Tan the \$1.25

kind one price \$1.00. 5 pieces all wool Broadcloth colors Black, Red, Gray, Green and Blue at 75c. Special 10 dozen Ladies fast black Hose good value at 10c now 7 1-2. Ladies wool Hose 35c to 50c now 25 to 40c. Good Calico and Cotton Plads at 4c. 30 dozen Ladies 35c Vests now 25c. 20 pieces 7 1-2c Outing now 5c. Just received by Express for the Xmas trade, Ladies Hand Bags, Purses, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Collars, Combs and Pillow Tops. Just received large stock of the Artloom Tapesties "Registered" call and see them just the thing for a Xmas gift. Just received new stock of Clothing. Boots, Shoes, Eagle Brand Shirts, John B. Stetson Hats and hundreds of other new things.

We sell only first-class goods, and for cash only, call and get our prices before you buy.

Respectfully,

W. H. DAVIS.

Next Door to Katy Hotel----One price to all.

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Clear thinking decisive action vim and mind the sparkle of life comes to all who uses Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

All kinds of pictures from 15c to \$25.00 such as medallions sketches in crayon and oils. Call and look at them.

For Sale.

25 Choice Lots in Fairview Addition until Jany., 1st I will sell same for \$40. and \$50. Also several Blocks containing one to five acres 100, lots south of R.R. at reasonable prices. Improved residence property any part of town. Call on me, will show you. D. Reeder.

J. Y. Pearce's Mammoth Drug Store.

H. A. Clem, the lumber man, was looking after their lumber interests in San Angelo first of the week.

I. S. Baldwin, one of our substantial friends of the Content county, was supplying in Ballinger first of the week.

S. A. Kendig, traveling passenger agent of the Santa Fe at Galveston, was looking after the road's interest in our city Tuesday.

Capt. H. H. Haley, of Coke county, and an old veteran of many years, was circulating among his many Ballinger friends first of the week.

J. P. Brown, who recently sold his farm in the Thomson-Casey pasture for a good profit, was in Ballinger Tuesday and tells us that he has just bought land this side of his other place and was hauling out lumber to build another residence. Mr. Brown is a splendid good citizen and we are glad he has located near us again.

Dr. T. E. Butler left on Tuesday morning's train for his old home in Mississippi where he will engage in the practice of medicine and make that country his future home. Dr. Butler is a splendid good man and we regret to see him leave our city but wish for him full success in his new location.

Max Mayer & Co., sold for Dave Breeding of Ballinger, his fine registered trotting stallion, Tom Blackburn, to D. B. Cusenbary of Sonora. The horse was sold at \$600. Mr. Breeding took in exchange eight head of saddle hoases at \$70 apiece and and balance in cash.—San Angelo Standard.

There will probably be 75 or 80 visitors in the city during the County Teachers Institute on January 3, 4, 5, and 6, who will want to board in private families during that time. All those who are prepared to take such boarders will please give their names and rates of board as soon as possible to Judge B. B. Stone or Supt. C. C. Foster.

The City Barber Shop, Walter Knight proprietor, is now decorated with a nice new barber sign.

Young man, your honor is the pearl of great price to you. Guard it jealously. Worship at its shrine. Let it be to you, a "pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night" and it will lead you out into the fields of success from which you can gather the golden grain of contentment honor and peace.—Ex.

The Junior Sunday School Classes of the C. P. Church will have a Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Frank Miller Christmas night. The children and their teachers will meet at Mrs. Miller's at 3 o'clock in the evening and take presents over the city to the children who are not likely to be visited by Santa Claus.

The world looks bright and the people seem to be good to the man who tries to do right; but to the man who drifts with the tide and has no desire to do good the world appears to be on the downward course to perdition and the people seem to be getting more corrupt every day. It is up to us to choose the bright or the dark side of life.—Stockdale Advocate.

Don't Do It.

Should you have cough, cold or sore chest, do not rely on time and nature to cure. They may not. Use Simons' Cough Syrup. It is balm for Sore lungs and will cure you at once.

Man's Unreasonableness

is often as great as woman's. But Thos. S. Austin, Mgr. of the "Republican," of Leavenworth Ind., was not unreasonable, when he refused to allow the doctor to operate on his wife, for female trouble. "Instead," he says, "we concluded to try Electric Bitters. My wife was then so sick, she could hardly leave her bed, and five physicians had failed to relieve her. After taking Electric Bitters, she was perfectly cured, and can now preform her household duties." Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce Druggist, price 50c.

Xmas Suggestions.

There are a great many things in our store that will make useful Xmas presents, which we are offering at reduced prices. :: :: ::

Ladies Coats and Tailor-made Suits at Reduced Prices.

Fine line of Ladies Embroidered Handkerchiefs 35c and 40c values. Special while they last only, each **25c**

Fine line Xmas Novelties, such as work boxes, toilet cases, albums and pictures at Bargain Prices.

Fine line Art Squares and Rugs at Reduced Prices.

Special Reduction on all Mens' Suits.

Come and see our line before you buy your Xmas presents, we can save you money in every instance. Respectfully,

A. H. VAN PELT.
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Capt. A. D. Talley, of Crews, visited his son W. A. Talley and family Saturday of last week.

L. C. Hickson, one of our patrons of the Eola country, was supplying in Ballinger last Saturday.

J. A. Tyler, formerly of Rowena but now of Mites, was attending to business matters in Ballinger last Saturday.

J. P. Huffaker, one of the representative citizens of the Maverick county, had business in Ballinger first of the week.

Mrs. Jo Wilmeth who had been at the bedside of her friend, Mrs. Vernor Grady of Santa Anna, returned home Saturday night.

I. A. Epps and Joe Long, of Red River county, came in first of the week with their household goods and will locate in the Winters country.

Miss Laura Harrison, of Rockwood, who had been visiting the family of E. W. Long of our city, left for her home last Saturday on the afternoon train.

Our young friend Ed Schawe, the Bronte merchant, was transacting business and shaking hands with his many Ballinger friends Monday.

Don't forget the County Teachers Institute which meets in Ballinger, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of Jany. 1906. It is important that you be on hand.

J. L. Hinds left on the afternoon train Saturday for Attalla county, Mississippi, in answer to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father.

A. T. Teurpe, one of the prosperous stock farmers of the Mazeland county, was doing business in Ballinger Monday and contributed to our cash balance.

L. M. Vickers, of Greenville, was prospecting in our county this week and was delighted with our beautiful and productive county and expects to soon come back and locate.

L. E. Bair, one of the hustling members of the firm of Bair & Brown, came home last Saturday from a three week's visit to his old home in the Southern part of the State.

J. M. Grace, of the Crews county, came in Monday and boarded the 11:45 train for his old home at Fresno, where he will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

L. E. Jarmon, one of the Winters merchants, was looking after business matters in our city last Saturday and says he will soon move to Merkel, Texas, to engage in the mercantile business.

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.

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Not just "any od kind of goods" but

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DAVIS-FANCHER & CO.

BALLINGER, * * * * * TEXAS

Haydon Routh and his father Uncle Joe Routh, left Saturday for Glasscock county where Haydon will make his home in the future. They own some fine ranch land in that county and will engage in stock-farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Zappe, of Hallettsville, father and mother of A. J. Zappe who visited here the past week left for their home last Saturday. They report a very pleasant visit to our city and were well pleased with our section. Mr. and Mrs. F. Rodhen who were Mr. Zappe's guests also left for the same place Saturday.

Wm. Smiley, the prosperous dry goods merchant of Winters, was in our city Monday and Tuesday.

E. W. Long, who recently sold his West End property, says he will at once begin to build another residence and continue to make Ballinger his home. He divided part of his surplus cash with us this week.

J. W. Cunningham, the railroad contractor and grader, is at home this week from Mexia, and will spend the holidays with his family at West End. He is thinking of quitting railroading and settling down here for some kind of business.

A Piece Of Furniture

Would make a good Xmas present gift for mother, wife, sister, sweetheart or friend. It is something staple and will last. Go to Ostertag's Furniture store and let them show you through their big line of Furniture and make your selection.

Ostertag Furniture Co.

Rev. Dean, of Comanche, representing the Baptist Standard, was here last Saturday.

John Parton, a Brownwood Stone Mason visited his son in our city first of the week.

Robert Hollingsworth, the Telephone man of Coleman, had business in our city between trains last Saturday.

J. E. Taber, one of the Wingate merchants was doing business with Currie-Noyes Co., and Rasbury & Bruce Monday.

W. M. Hooper, of Santa Anna, was working our city first of the week in the interest of the Arrow, a monthly Journal published at Santa Anna.

Mrs. Geo. C. Wright and children came up from Miles Monday where they had been visiting Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Brooks and other relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Norwood left on the afternoon train Monday for Santa Anna to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Grady, who is quite sick.

Oscar Pearson, our genial Cotton Mill man, went up to Dallas Monday to meet with the Gin Men's Convention which convened in that city Thursday.

Rev. E. P. Keach, of Dallas, representing the Christian Observer was in our city Saturday and Sunday last, the guest of his friend Rev. J. D. Leslie.

B. R. Douglas, of Laudadale County, Alabama, came in last Saturday and went to spend a while with his old friend John Simmons living seven miles down the river.

Nice line of toys and Christmas goods suitable for presents. Chairs at Lankford & Hathaway.

Geo. Kornegay, of Blanket, formerly a member of the Banner-Leader force, passed through en route home from Miles Monday where he had visited his brother, Jas. Kornegay.

Rev. A. E. Turney and wife, of Wingate, left from this point Monday afternoon for Winchell to attend the marriage of Mrs. Turney's sister, and daughter of F. P. Abney formerly of our city.

John Z. White, the single tax lecture spoke at the Opera House last Saturday night to good size audience and in a very plain and explicit way discussed the subject of single taxation. Mr. White is a deep thinker, a forceful speaker and a man of more than the average ability while a great many do not agree with him, it is in most part for the reason that they have never studied the question, nor heard it properly handled by such students of political economy as Mr. White.

Past Chancellor E. F. Krebs is Presented with a Handsome Gold Jewel.

At a meeting of Loyal Lodge, K. of P., in this city last Wednesday night, a treat in the form of chocolates and other refreshments was tendered by the lodge to Mr. E. F. Krebs who left Yoakum Thursday for his new home at Ballinger, Texas.

The members of the lodge, through Mr. E. C. Koerth, in a heartfelt and beautiful speech, presented Mr. Krebs, who has served as their past chancellor for the past year, with a gold jewel on which was engraved a testimonial of faithfulness as a token of appreciation of his faithfulness and enthusiastic service is everything calculated to rebound to the dignity and sacredness of Pythianism. He is a true member of a grand and noble fraternity, and does it honor at every turn, and it is with sorrow that his brothers must say to him "Good Bye". Yet the good work he is to accomplish among those in his new home will inject a tinge of consolation into the grief we feel at his departure. —Yoakum Daily Times.

To The Public.

We will gin only on Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays of each week during the balance of the season.

Edwin Day,
Manager of the Day gin.

Mazeland Schoolhouse.

Mr. Bond is building an addition to his house in the north Turner pasture and will move in soon.

Mr. Harter has completed a neat cottage on his section and it is now occupied by Mr Durham.

Mr. Landers has bought land from Mr. Poe on the John Lovelace old place and is building a new house and will put in a farm. Mr. Bond and Mr. Harter will also put in more land.

A good house has gone up south of Mr. Colwell's but we have failed to get the name of the gentleman who is settling this place and there is also a good looking house going up south of Mr. M. T. Hansley's and also one south of Mr. Busher's but they are coming so fast I can't keep up with them.

I expect that the big firm of C. A. Doose & Co. are responsible for these new houses and new folks, and new fields. Welcome, gentlemen. There is room for more.

That Runnels county is settling up goes without saying. Let'er settle.

There is a great deal of land to lease in the county, but it seems almost impossible to rent a place with old land.

J. A. Allen one of the oldest citizens of the county and King Jordan who came here and made \$5000.00 in a few years, have bought eight sections in Glasscock county, and Mr. Jordan has moved out. We understand Mr. Allen swiped about \$10000.00 in profits on his two sections sold here. The citizens of old Runnels now carry big fat pocket books, sport good bank accounts and sing songs away up in G. Prosperity is abroad in the land.

Our E. B. Cox and Dolph Gannaway have bought land. Mr. Cox in Howard and Mr. Gannaway in Martin county, Dolph has sold his place near Wingate.

O. D. Britton, Jim Moore and

Homer Britton have moved to Mitchell county.

L. T. Britton has sold his place here and bought an improved half section in Mitchell county. John Ballew takes the other half. Mr. Cox and Ballew have not sold here. J. D. Rountree has sold but will be with us another year as will also Mr. Allen and Gannaway.

School commenced at Mazeland last Monday week with Miss Tommy Jones as teacher.

We understand there will be a Christmas tree at Mazeland.

We forgot to say that Eddy Elms has moved with his family to Howard county.

We regret to give all these good people up, but our loss is the great Western county's gain. It takes just such as these to build up a new country.

Uncle Jonnie, in haste,
Alias Uncle Nick.

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For the express

purpose of helping to build up and develop this great State, we have arranged to place in effect extremely low, one-way Colonist rates from Birmingham, Ala. to all points in Texas. On Jan. 2nd and Jan. 16th our ticket offices in Birmingham will sell these tickets at rates of one-half of one fare plus \$2.00. In previous years a great many people who spend the Holidays in the Old States bring some of their friends or relatives back to Texas. We want those friends and relatives out here and all Texas railroads are united in making every inducement to get them. Won't you be kind enough to tell all purchasers of of Holiday tickets about this rate, so they will be more enthusiastic in "Talking Texas."

To show how low these rates will be, I give below the exact figures from Birmingham to a few points: Paris \$11.15, Ft. Worth 12.50, Waco 12.55, Quanah 14.90, Wichita Falls 13.75, Bowie 13.25, Lampasas 13.65, Greenville 11.55, Sherman 12.00, Brownwood 14.40, Brady 15.10, Vernon 14.45, Amarillo 16.95, Cisco 14.20, Corciana 12.00, Dallas 12.00, Temple 12.85, San Angelo 15.85, Seymour 14.50, Dalhart 18.20, Dublin 13.60, Houston 12.00.

We also have a very complete and authoritative book on Texas which we will be pleased to mail to any address. Won't you help Texas? Help yourself and us by boosting just a little. Thanking you in advance and wishing you a successful holiday movement, with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

Very truly yours,
C. W. Strain.

Davis-Nichols.

While sitting in their buggy in front of Judge Week's residence, the Squire spoke the words that united in marriage Mr. Marchie Davis and Miss Irene Nichols, Sunday afternoon. These are two of Runnels County's highly esteemed young people and many friends join the Banner-Leader in best wish for a happy, useful and prosperous married life.

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Figure with Smith & Bateman before you buy your Lumber bill.

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I have 10 cars of Coal on the road that I look for every day. Will keep a full supply all winter. See me. J. W. Shepherd.

Call and see our Christmas goods—Lankford & Hathaway.

Leslie Baker came in from Austin Thursday night to be with his mother a few days during her illness.

We are sorry to note Mrs. J. T. Payne in quite delicate health this week.

If you want the best Ribbon Cane Syrup every brought to Ballinger see Alvis Bros.

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W. T. Swink

Has just received a \$700.00 shipment of fresh Christmas candies, confections, nuts, etc. Fire works of all kinds always on hand. See him at old stand opposite postoffice. He will appreciate your trade.

Let Us

Do your Blacksmithing and Woodwork- We paint vehicles of all kinds at reasonable prices.

T. J. Middlebrook & Son.

CHRISTMAS

WILL SOON BE HERE

But we are here already with the best assorted and highest grade stock of Jewelry and Holiday Goods that we have ever had! Our watch stock is very large and contains the best well known makes in the most beautiful patterns. Diamonds--lots of them, pure white and sparkling. Cut Glass exquisite patterns, finely cut and beautiful to look upon. Rings, lots of them, both plain and set, high grade solid gold. Fine Silk Umbrellas, Ladies Hand Bags, Silverware, Brooches and the smaller pieces of Jewelry in almost endless variety, also a nice line of beautiful Hand Painted China. In fact we have something suitable for everybody and the price will please you. Come let us show you.

JAS. E. BREWER,

First National Bank Building. = = Ballinger, Texas.

-- Notice --

I have opened a Barber Shop in the old Wardlaw Grocery Store building and I am prepared to do the best Barber Work in town. Easy Shaves, Neat Hair Cuts.

F. H. Flowers.

A Disastrous Calamity.

A disastrous calamity, you lose your health, indigestion and constipation sapped it away. Relief can be had in Dr. s New Life Pills. They up your digestive organs, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. Guaranteed J. Y. Pearce drug store;

Trespass Notice.

My place on the Colorado river 4 miles from Ballinger, known as the John Woods place, is posted and you are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, gather pecans or otherwise trespass on the same.

J. Ford Ivy.

Get you a nice dining table at the Crews Furniture Co.

Brownwood Bulletin.

Last week the Bulletin mentioned the rumor that Judge S. C. Coffee would probably be in the race for district attorney. The Bulletin now learns that instead of running for district attorney, Judge Coffee will probably offer for county attorney as the discharge of the duties of that office will not require his absence from home so much.

Sheriff Denman arrested a negro here yesterday who is wanted in Ballinger on a warrant charging him with thief of \$25.00. The negro was sent to Ballinger this morning.

George Kornegay, of Blanket, passed through the city last night on his way home from a visit to his brother at Miles. He will return to Brownwood in the morning, having accepted a position with the Mayes Printing Co. Mr.

Kornegay has hosts of friends here who will be glad to have him again in Brownwood.

J. Lee Norman of Ballinger passed through the city last night enroute to Fort Worth for a few days visit. From there he will go to Ennis, where on December 19th he will wed Miss Elizabeth Adams, a charming young lady of that city.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

"Go you one better" 15 bars soap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains. 52 ft.

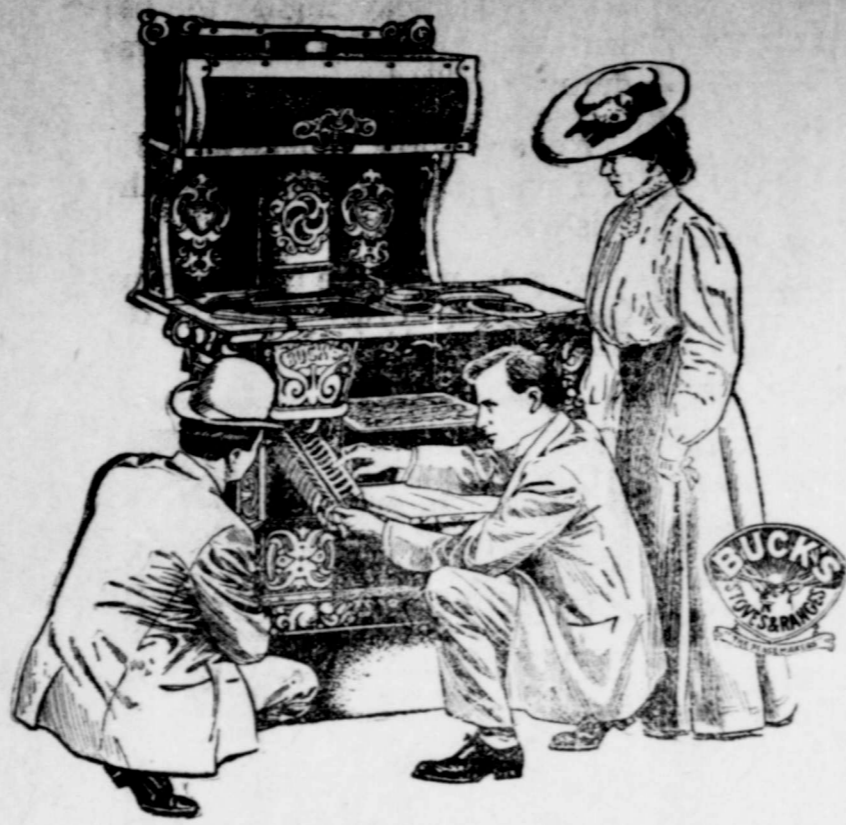
Notice.

After the 1st of January 1900 I will be in Ballinger and be prepared to treat all chronic cases. Cancers a specialty. I guarantee all cases.

R. H. Womack, Wingate, Texas.

There are many old ex-Confederate veterans, but not so many of them as there have been. There are not so many of them as there were one year ago, or even one month ago. The time will come when there will not be left a single one of the old heroes of 1861-65. These lines or thoughts, were suggested by the reading of a recent notice that another of the old soldiers has passed away from earthly scenes. As the years multiply, they will go away more rapidly, and the times and places that now know those who still remain with us will soon know them no more forever. Deal kindly with them, young people, for they are worthy of your profoundest respect. The nation has no grander legacy than can be found in their marvelous deeds of heroism and patriotism.—Exchange.

Dr. J. H. Grant, physician and surgeon. Office over Walker Drug Co.



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Why Not Give Your Mother a Buck's Range for Christmas.

Its a gift the whole family can enjoy and one that will please mother because it saves at least an hour's work a day in the kitchen.

Buy your Gift Goods here now.

Standard and Jno. Deere Implements, Disc Plows, Disc Harrows, Plows, Cultivators, Planters. Racine Buggies and Hacks, Schutler and Studebaker, Wagons, Shelf Hardware, Cisterns, Tanks, Troughs, Pipe work our Specialty.

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For Sale.

Good 7 room house in West End for sale at a bargain. Good cistern, water works and all needed improvements. Apply at Banner-Leader or T. S. Lankford.

You should see the fine line of Eastman Kodaks at Walker Drug Co.

"I Thank The Lord!"

cried Hannah Plant, of Little Rock, Ark., "for the relief I got from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured my fearful running sores, which nothing else would heal, and from which I had suffered for five years." It is a marvelous healer for cuts, burns and wounds. Guaranteed at J. Y. Pearce drug store; 25c.

Lessons in Phrenology by Mail.

Prof. N. S. Edens, a graduate of the American Institute of Phrenology of N. Y., is arranging a thorough course in Phrenology to be taught by mail.

The course will consist of fifty-two lessons or one a week for an entire year. When you have completed this course you can read the character of men as readily as you read a book.

Your character and talents read from your photograph. Your money refunded if not entirely satisfied. Send ten cents for sample lesson and further particulars.

Address N. S. Edens, Box 502, Ballinger, Texas.

Window glass all sizes at Crews Furniture Co.



TAKE THE HINT.

And take out that fire insurance policy now. Now that winter fires are started up there is more danger of loss than ever. You can't afford the risk yourself. Have your

Policies written up before Thanksgiving

You will then enjoy the day and rest in security if it's in our companies. Don't delay—fires occur and the unexpected often happens.

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A small Payment down and a small payment each week will get a fine suit of furniture from Lankford & Hathaway.

STRAYED or STOLEN

One sorrel mare. 4 years old, about 15 hands high, two white hind feet, star in forehead, snip on nose, branded "S" on thigh and "S" on jaw. She had a short rope on her neck when she left. Strayed between Nov. 1st and 10th. \$5.00 reward for her recovery.

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CHRISTMAS IS NEAR

And Our Change Sale Continues

Many nice Presents, both for Christmas and New Year still in Stock

Many Bargains Yet in Big Change Sale.

This Sale Will Run From Nov. 3rd, 1905 to Jan. 1st, 1906.

Now is the time to secure your fall supplies at a Great Sacrifice. At prices heretofore unknown to the Consumer.

==== Come and Bring This Paper With You. ====

SHOES.

Hamilton Brown Line.

We have on hand \$8,500.00 in Shoes alone. All must go.

Gents' "America"

Former Price \$1.75, now \$1.25.

Success School Shoes,

Former Price \$2.00, now \$1.55

Security School Shoes.

Former Price \$2.50, now \$1.95 until lot is exhausted.

Gents, "Good as Gold" Shoes

Former Price 2.50, now 1.95.

The "American Gentleman" Shoes.

In black vici and box calf. Former price \$4, now \$3.

Big stock of Work Shoes. All go at cost.

Ladies Pine Knot Shoes

Former Price 1.50, now 1.25.

"Hamilton"

Former Price 1.75, now 1.30.

"Picknick"

Former Price 2.50, now 1.90.

We carry a large line of Staple Shoes. These prices are only given as an example.

HATS.

Black and White.

Lots of them but all must sell

Big Bear

Former Price 2.50, now 1.90.

Our Lion Special

Former Price 3.50, now 2.50.

Liberty Bell

In Gents' and boys', Former Price 1.50, now 1.20.

Don't Fail to Avail Yourself of this Opportunity

For they will go

At Actual Cost!

As the Stock

Must go by January 1st.

So as to arrange for such changes as will take place January 1st, 1906.

We will meet any prices in the Grocery Line.

This is no fake. The goods must go, and will go. No goods charged to anyone. Come in and look through. The stock is full and complete in every particular.

CHANGE

Sale Prices are the Cheapest.

FOR INSTANCE

WE SELL: Domestics, brown, worth 7 1-2c, for 5c
U. S. Standard Sheeting, small lot for 7c
Sagamore LL Sheeting for - - - 6 3-4c
Cotton Checks - - - 3 1-2 to 5c
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Bed Sheeting for less than wholesale cost today.

Bleached Domestic, a large stock to go at actual sacrifice

Warm Clad Cotton Flannel, former price 10c now 8 1-3c
Our stock of Wool and Cotton Blankets is complete.
All going at a sacrifice.

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Just to give you a few pointers on the Reduction in Clothing, here are a few sample prices:

\$19.00 Suits for - - - \$13.50
15.00 Suits for - - - 10.00
10.00 Suits for - - - 7.50

Space is too limited to go over all the prices in our \$12,000.00 stock. Suffice it to say the prices are cut all the way through in proportion to these.

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And phone me at Walker Drug Co., and tell me what you want. My stock of Dolls and Toys is more complete than it has ever been before. I want you to meet me too in person, as I will spend a few hours during the Holidays with the Walker Drug Co. The older ones will be interested as we have the very nicest line of Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Bibles, and presents, and our prices are right. We will give 5 per cent of our Holiday sales to the Cemetery fund of Ballinger.

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A Busy Medicine for Busy People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Live
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If the train is late he will call
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Leave your orders or Phone 110
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For best instructions in music,
See Miss Messenger, at Mrs.
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We have purchased from the
Railroad Company all choice
building lots on north side of
track and we offer them for sale
at reasonable prices. If you
want a home close in see us at
once.

C. C. F. Blanchard & Co.

Notice.

Any cattle you may see or
hear of with the ring trail brand
please leave word at Banner
Leader office and oblige
Josie McKenzie.

J. D. Drake living out on the
Ballinger and Wingate road was
marketing cotton here last Satur-
day and dropped a couple of
"plunks" into our hands before
leaving. Runnels county people
seldom ever forget their friends,
the printers.

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Where You Buy Groceries.

Some people sell any kind of stuff
for first-class groceries at prices we
charge for the VERY BEST.

We Can Demonstrate

To You

That we sell the best for less
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Put in Electric Lights

Your children can study better.
No dirt, no fretting to fill lamps.
The cost is moderate. Phone our
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The SANTA FE has very
low rates to practically all
points between the Mountains
and the Lakes, and to the
Old States in the Southeast.

Tickets on sale December
21st, 22nd and 23rd, limited
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Ask the nearest Agent or this
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stooping of workmen, the
woman's household cares, are
too great a strain on the kidneys,
Backache, headache, sideache,
kidney troubles, urinary troubles
follow.

W. S. McDermitt, barber, San
Angelo, Texas, says: "At sev-
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last four years my back has
given me considerable trouble.
It seemed that every time I
caught a cold it settled in my
back causing a dull pain or
soreness, which bothered me
when stooping or standing in a
strained position as barbers have
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I was advised by a friend to
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my trouble disappeared, and I
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Doan's Kidney Pills deserve to
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use them.

For sale by all dealers. Price
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Buffalo, New York, sole agents
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Remember the name Doan's
and take no other.

Methodist Reunion.

As per announcement the
union was held at the Metho-
d Church last Friday night. A large
audience was present at the
appointed hour, to enjoy the
occasion. The crowd for some
20 minutes was at ease and en-
gaged in social converse and in
introductions, thus affording the
new members of the church an
opportunity to get acquainted.

A snappy and well received
address was delivered by Hon.
C. F. Dickinson on the relation
of the Laity to the pastor. Dr.
Fowler in a few well chosen
words told how the stewards
might assist the pastor. Mr.
Turner Moore then made a very
appropriate talk on the Epworth
League as an auxiliary to church
work and development. Mr.
Moore showed a thorough ac-
quaintance with his subject and
his remarks were well received.
The choir rendered sweet music
which added much to the
evening's enjoyment. It was
truly a reunion in every sense
of the word and much good will
result from this comingling and
will tell on the success of the
coming year's work.

Among the list of postoffices to
be raised to the presidential class
from fourth class offices on Jan.
1, will be the postoffice at Miles.
The salary after that date will be
\$1,100.

New Lumber Yard Hill Lumber Co.

Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash Ec.

Yard in rear of Rock Stable.

CLAY ROERTS, Manager.

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Norman-Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman, who were recently married at Ennis came in on the train Thursday and were met at the train by quite a number of their Ballinger friends.

The bride and groom and several young couples went to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett of West End and enjoyed a nice dinner prepared for the occasion. A reception was given at 6 o'clock in the evening at the home of W. A. Norman, uncle of the groom, where quite a number of the friends assembled and offered congratulations, and listened to some nice music by Misses Mae Harris, Estelle Underwood and Cathlene Francis and partook of a five course luncheon. The following young people were present:

R. G. Erwin, Pannie Norman, I. L. Hobdy, Clara Malone, Raby Padgett, Alma Crews, M. C. Crews, Alma Padgett, Herbert O'Bannon, Mae Harris, Jno. Norman, Willie Westbrook, Temple Hoffer, Minnie Lewis, Norman, Tom Patterson, Norman, Mr. Jo. Wilmeth, Wilmeth, Clyde Matthews, Hoffer, E. C. Seitz, Wood, Ethel Truly, Dr. Key, Miss N. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Norman, Prentiss Gregg, Estelle Underwood, Ralph Webster, Minnie Guion Francis.

H. W. Lynn left on the afternoon train Thursday for his old home at Covington, Ky. to visit his wife and babe and other relatives during the holidays. If his baby is well enough his family will return to Ballinger with him when he comes back.

City Bond Issue Carried.

The election Tuesday to determine whether bonds to the amount of \$14,000.00 should be issued to improve the City's water system, carried unanimously. On account of the inclement weather the vote was light, there being only 53 votes cast. The city council met in session Wednesday and received the vote and employed J. B. Howley, the Fort Worth engineer, to submit plans for the new improvements.

Wanted.

Young men to Board and room, price for Board and room \$16.00, price for meals without room \$13.50. Mrs. Anna Glenn, at old Rape Residence.

Hamilton Ward is at home this week from School at Austin to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. V. L. Peyton left on the train Thursday evening for Marlin where she will visit for few weeks.

Miss Ada Allen is home this week from the Kid-Key School to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Mrs. Ed. Shinn left on the evening train Thursday for Mangram, I. T. to visit Mr. Shinn's parents for a few weeks.

Mose Garlington is having the foundation rock hauled this week to build a nice cottage on one of the Lope lots in West End.

E. C. Seitz, of Brownwood, came in on Thursday's train and will be the guest of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett for a few days.

Mattison D. Leslie, son of Rev. J. D. Leslie, of our city, came in on Thursday's train from Kansas City to spend the holidays with home folks.

The pastor and members of the Christian Church organized their mid week prayer meeting Wednesday night and are now in good working order.

Mrs. Jno. McMinn, of Brownwood, who has been with her sister, Mrs. D. M. Baker, the past two weeks left for home Thursday afternoon.

There will be a christmas tree for the Sunday School of the First Baptist church building Saturday night Dec 23 and also some interesting exercises by the children.

E. Shumm, our German friend of the Coyote Creek neighborhood tells us that they are preparing to have a nice Christmas tree at Cochran School house Christmas night for the benefit of the Sunday School at that place.

Clem-Matthews.

At the residence of Dr. T. A. Rape at 10 o'clock Thursday night, Rev. W. J. Moore, of the First Baptist church solemnized the marriage ceremony between Mr. H. R. Clem and Miss Inus Matthews, in the presence of the relatives of the bride and groom and a few intimate friends. The happy young couple left on the 3:57 train Friday afternoon for Pecan Gap, Texas, where they will enjoy a reunion of the parents, brothers and sisters of Mr. Clem during the holidays. Miss Inus is one of Ballinger's favorite young ladies and is the exponent of all those beautiful and lovely traits of character that go to make up model young womanhood and Mr. Clem was fortunate in securing for a life partner such a treasure. Mr. Clem has only been in our city a few weeks but by his noble, manly bearing has made many a warm friend both in our social and business circles. He is connected with the Clem Lumber Co. of our city.

The Banner-Leader joins many friends in congratulations for a continual round of bliss and future happiness for the young couple.

A Sad Accident.

Will Saxton had the misfortune to get his hand and arm badly mangled in the linter saws at the Oil Mill Thursday, and it became necessary to amputate the arm near the elbow after he was taken to his home Dr. Love very successfully amputated the limb and at present he is resting very nicely under the circumstances. Will is a steady, reliable attachee of the mill and was the main support of his widowed mother and little brothers and sister and the entire city deeply sympathize with the family in the accident. His father, after a lingering illness of many months died about a year ago, and the past season a younger brother was smothered to death in the cotton seed at the same place. The accidently happened so quickly that Will himself says he scarcely knows how it happened. Harry Scott headed a list and all the saloon men of the city gave him \$5.00 a piece also Clabe Armstrong \$5.00 to assist the family in its present helpless condition. A meritorious act on the part of the saloon men.

FRA DIAVALO

Beggar Prince Company Makes a Hit.

Friday's Daily. Manager Kleine was all smiles last night at the conclusion of the performance of Fra Diavolo. The large audience was more than pleased and showed their appreciation with rounds of applause and frequent encores. Many patrons shook hands with Manager Kleine and complimented him on securing such an excellent company, although the largest ever attempted here was more than raised and both the company and house managers were well pleased with results. Several reverber remarks heard about expresses the general opinion of the entire audience. "Wasn't it fine? Good as they make 'em." "They deliver the goods all right." and similar remarks were frequent. A pretty acknowledgment was shown at close of the opera by a party of young folks who literally showered the stage with fresh cut roses.

Every member of the company is an artist far above the usual opera singer. The comedians were great the soloist fine and ensembles grand. Manager Kleine at the conclusion of the opera renewed the contract with Mr. Wade for a return date, Dec. 4, when the company will present "The Beggar Prince," one of the best best Mr. Wade personally will appear in his pet comedy role, the "Prince." ("Gonzales Texas Globe Nov. 25 1905)

The above excellent organization will present Fra Diavolo on Tuesday night and "The Beggar Prince" on Wednesday night Dec. 26-27 in Ballinger. Brownwood on Dec. 25, and San Angelo on Dec. 28-29-30, will be the only West Texas towns that secure this treat.

AT The Globe

I have as usual placed my immense and beautiful line of Xmas Goods with Bair & Brown.

- 1st. Because they look after the children's wants.
- 2nd. Because they sell at the most reasonable prices.
- 3rd. Because they carry the most complete line.

For these three of many, many, good reasons why you should call on and make your purchase there.

And for DOLLS! They always have the finest and the largest assortment.

And FIREWORKS! Don't fail to buy your fireworks of them, that is also the most complete line.

Now comes the SWEETS! Which stock is composed of a beautiful and delicious line of Duerler's Candies.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and that you will call the Globe for bargains, I am

Yours as ever,

"Santa Clause."

Shakespeare Has Said:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood leads on to fortune." As a general statement this is true and every man has opportunity knock at his door once in life. Accept the opportunity and open an account with us at once.

The Citizens National Bank.

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Where Others Failed.

Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Huut's Cure which promptly cure me. Two years have passed by but the trouble has not returned.

Tresspass Notice Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock gathering pecans or tresspassing in anyway on my place near Mazeland will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. T. Tuerpe

Prices That Get Business

Gaanelated Sugar 18 lbs for	\$1.00
Beans 20 lbs for	1.00
Bacon per lb	10c
Irish Potatoes 1 Bushel for	1.00
Good Laundry Soap 14 bars for	25c
Union Oat Meal	25c
Coffee 3 to 7 lbs for	1.00
Onions 25 lbs for	1.00
Lard (good) per lb	8c
Krout 5 gal	1.25
" 16 "	3.50
Salmons 12 1-2 to	25c
Tomatoes per can	10c
Rice 30 lbs for	1.00
Hominy per can	10c
Corn per can	10c
Blackberries 3 cans for	25c
Syrup per gallon from 25c to	1.50
Pruns per lb	6c
Arm & Hammer Soda 3 1/2 lbs for	25c
Euripon Oil 5 gal	90c

This is only a few of our bargains and we have many others too numerous to mention, a trial order will convince any person that they can get value received for their money from us. We have the largest stock of can goods than anyone in the city. Our goods are the best quality and the lowest possible price. The Farmer is our friend come in and let us show you what we have. Ask yourself the question, how does these prices compare with what you have been paying? :-: :-:

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NO 19.

A WHITE SALE AT THE WHITE STORE.

R. A. Risser & Co.,

Ballinger Texas.

You cannot fail to be interested in this sale of Snowy Undermuslins. The Garments are all well made, every article offered is a BARGAIN.

Childrens Muslin Drawers, all sizes, made of good material, hand worked Button Holes, nicely tucked, a great saving to Mothers	10c	B A R G A I N S	Misses Muslin Gowns good material	59c
Dainty Corset Covers of good quality domestic	10c		Ladies Muslin Gowns, Embroidered and Ruffled	98c
Misses Drawers of good Muslin, finished and tucked	17 1-2c		Ladies Fluffy Petticoats, Cambric, Deep Flounce, trimmed with Lace	\$1.25
Ladies Cambric Corset Covers, nicely finished and ruffled	19c		Handsome Wide Embroidery 35c value	15c
Ladies Drawers, good Muslin, the cloth is worth more	20c		Fine Inserting and Edging, Cambric 20c value	10c
Childrens' Flannelette Skirts with Muslin Waists	25c		All silk White Pongee 27 inches wide 50c value	29c
Childrens' Drawers made of good Muslin, Tucked and Ruffled	20c		White All Silk Mull, 35c quality	18c
Ladies Umbrella Pants made of good Muslin and tucked	25c		White India Linon 20c value	10c
Ladies Corset Covers daintily Trimmed	25c		White Panama Cloth 20c value	12 1-2
Childrens' Night Gowns, well trimmed with embroidery	30c		American White Waistings, Lace Stripes	20c
Ladies Muslin Gowns Tucked and Ruffled	55c		White French Lawn, 46 inches wide	20c
Ladies Corset Covers made of fine Cambric, Trimmed with Lace	50c		Sheer Linen Cambric, 36 inches wide	65c
Ladies Muslin Gowns, Embroidered and Ruffled	50c		Soft Finish Cambric	8 1-3
Misses Outing Gowns 75 cts Quality, now	59c		The Best Quality Soft Finish Domestic	8 1-3
			A. F. C. Gingham	8 1-3
		Zephyr Gingham	8 1-3	
		Bleached Domestic, good quality, no starch	5c	
		American Prints, Blue, Red and Gray	5c	
		Oil color Prints, Red, Yellow, Blue and Green	5c	

R. A. RISSER & CO., ——— Ballinger, Texas.

M. M. C.

The member of the Merry Matron's Circle were entertained in a most delightful manner at the cozy home of Mrs. R. L. Bennett, Friday afternoon of last week.

Three tables were engaged in playing the interesting game "42." After which delicious refreshments were served.

The next place of meeting will be with Mrs. R. S. Griggs Friday, Feb. the 16th.

Valentine Social.

The ladies of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will give a Valentine Social at the residence of Mrs. James Brewer next Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:00 and from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. Refreshments served. Come and bring 15 cents; Benefit church improvement fund. Don't fail to come. Let the children come too and bring 15 cents.

C. S. MILLER,
President.

R. A. SMITH,
Vice-President.

E. D. WALKER,
Cashier.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

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Buy Vendor Lien Notes,

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Performs all business pertaining to a Trust Company.

We bid you to open an account with us.

Authorized to do business under the new banking law of the State of Texas.

Our young friend Ed Schawe, of Bronte, while in our city last Saturday, informed us that as soon as he could dispose of his stock of goods at Bronte would retire from business for the present, and finish his education.

We are glad to note that the little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Adams, who had been quite sick, is much better at present.

Judge B. B. Stone went East on business on the afternoon train Wednesday.

C. C. Cooper, of Winters, was in Ballinger Friday of last week and set his figures up on the Banner-Leader a year.

The ladies of the 9th Street Baptist Church will give a White Sale soon watch for the date.

✕ Mail Hack Burned.

The mail hack running from Ballinger to Abilene by the way of Winters was burned Monday between Winters and Abilene. The fire was started by a foot-warmer in the hack. Most of the mail was destroyed and one registered package containing \$600.00 was slightly damaged. The hack was totally destroyed and all the baggage of a passenger on the hack.

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin of Feb. 7th announces a very pretty wedding that occurred on last Sunday at Belton, in which our young friend Rob Rankin, a brother of our popular Express Agent, J. Y. Rankin, Jr., of our city, to Miss Fannie Wright. They will make their future home at Muskogee, I. T., where Mr. Rankin is prominent in business circles.

Extra Special

FEBRUARY TRADE STIMULATORS

We have just opened up a lot of New Spring Wash Goods, which we offer at SPECIAL PRICES.

One case containing Three Thousand yards of a well known Zephyr Gingham—50 or more patterns to select from, and all are very pretty and in fast colors. This lot comes in short lengths from 19 to 20 yards in the peace. It is one of the best 12 1-2c Gingham on the market. **While it lasts, special price only 10c per yard.**

72 Pieces of the famous Book Fold Red Seal Gingham. On sale now at only 12 1-2c yard.

White Lawn 40 inches wide, a regular 12 1-2c quality, on sale now at only 10c yard.

White Checked Dimities extra nice quality—is cheap at 12 1-2c. On special sale now at only 10c yard.

Fine Quality White Jap Wash silk, 20 inches wide. Special while it lasts at only 29c yard

Fine Quality White Jay Wash Silk, 36 inches wide. Special sale price only 49c yard.

See Our Embroideries on Special sale. These are bargains you can not afford to miss. Special at 5c, 10c and 15c yard.

A. H. Van Pelt,

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TRY US A MONTH

Let us sell you your Groceries a month and show you that our prices and the quality of our goods can not be excelled in the city. Careful attention to all orders and prompt delivery is our rule of business. A months trial will convince you.

ELLIS GROCERY CO.

A New Organization.

The order of The American Boy, and Boy's Library are proposed by Ballinger Commercial School.

The above order is a National Non-secret Society for American Boys, and is under the auspices of The American Boy." (Magazine).

Object:—The Cultivation of Manliness in muscle, mind and morals.

The object more definitely stated: To promote mutual and helpful friendships among boys; to give wider circulation to high-class boy literature; to cultivate

in boys physical, mental and moral courage, and develop them along social, intellectual and moral lines; to cultivate purity of language and actions; to discourage idleness, and encourage honest sport and honest work; to cherish and emulate the examples of great and good men; to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country; to prepare boys for good citizenship; to cultivate reverence for the founders of our country, and to stimulate boys to all worthy endeavor.

Ben S. Long, the real estate dealer, had business in Miles between trains Tuesday.

Mass Meeting at the Opera House.

As per announcement about 25 citizens assembled at the Opera House Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. this week.

J. W. Powell called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of it. C. P. Shepherd was elected Secretary.

The object of the meeting was to get an expression from the citizenship, as to where to install the new pumping station.

A large number of the citizens want the additional water supply from the Colorado River, while others contend that the ingredients as shown by chemical analysis make this water unfit for general use and especially for boilers.

After considerable discussion Judge M. C. Smith offered certain resolutions favoring the installation of a pumping station on the Colorado River these resolutions were voted down by a vote of 16 to 6.

It seemed to be the desire of the majority of this assembly that the City Council go ahead and expend the money derived from the sale of the bonds as outlined by Mr. Hawley, the Civil Engineer from Fort Worth, whom the Council engaged to furnish plans and specifications some time ago. Of course, on all public questions a diversity of opinions prevail, and this water works question is no exception to the rule.

Bob Castleberry came in from the West Tuesday on the 11:55 train.

Geo. Vaughn, the flour mill man, had business in Miles between trains last Saturday.

J. N. Taylor and family, of Cooper, Texas, old friends of J. N. Harris, of our city came in Friday of last week and will make Runnels county their future home.

New Or Second Hand.

Yes you can buy at Lankford & Hathaway's new or second hand "Most Any Old Thing."

OUR AIM

Is to suit every pocket-book and condition in life.

We carry stoves of all kinds new and second hand.

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Yes, we can sell you a Buggy cheaper than our Competitor.

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We Carry a Full
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Buggies are the
Best
We Sell 'em.

Van Pelt & Kirk.

Get a bucket of that pure hog lard at the City Meat Market and you will never buy any other kind.

The City Meat Market has this week some of the nicest, juiciest meat ever handled in Ballinger.

**HOLLISTER'S
Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets**
A Busy Medicine for Busy People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 25 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis.
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We Can Convince You

That we are selling groceries at a lower figure than our competitor. Our long experience in the business and our idea to divide profits with our customers enables us to do this.

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M. D. CHASTANI.



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Waco, Texas.
R. C. FYFE,
Asst. Gen. Frt. and Pass. Agt.,
Tyler, Texas.

Mazeland.

A subscription is being circulated to pay for drilling a well and hauling gin machinery from Ballinger and we understand a plant will be moved out and installed at Mazeland, a move in the right direction.

A petition for a division of the present Wingate school district is also being signed by patrons of Mazeland school asking for a new district four miles square with Mazeland Schoolhouse near the center.

Now what enterprising citizen will take the initiative move towards securing a telephone line either from Wingate or Norton. Have we any enterprising citizens? Can't we see the necessity of a line? Can't we see the pleasure and profit to be derived from a telephone line.

We now have daily mail and a railroad coming in eight or ten miles of us and every thing is favorable for an up-to-date community if we will only take hold and push.

The Farmers Union will meet at Allen's school house on Saturday night 17th to elect new officers and make an effort to move the place of meeting to Mazeland school house as being more accessible for a majority of the members.

Our school is so badly crowded that some of the pupils have to stand up, but money is being given freely by the patrons to buy more seats. These people never hesitate to "dig up" when necessity presents itself. We love to plank down the "long green" when we know it to be for the benefit of our neighbors and neighbors children and know that we are getting the worth of it. But when the dad-blasted agents come whining around we beg to be flat busted. We have seen so many good, honest unsuspecting people humbugged that we deem it space well used in any good paper to warn its readers against the sharks and fakirs, dad blast their lousy hides.

We are up near the merry blue sky where health is mighty good for the right kind of people, but that it is an unhealthy climate for niggers and agents goes without saying. We crave the reputation of being the hardest community in the county on niggers and agents.

We want to be honest and law

abiding and hospitable and generous, but we are not willing to sit idly by and see widow women and honest men robbed by slick tongued agents who sell their wares for three times their actual value.

The good house wife should have a sewing machine, and the new farms, which, by the way, are numerous in Runnels county should be beautified by fruit and ornamental trees, but the darned agent should be "cut out."

Old citizens are generous and good hearted and courteous and none of them want to be forced to use any harsh or strong language and therefore your correspondent feels that the sentiment of the community should be made public.

We need men and need them badly and if these shysters will roll up their sleeves and walk into the fertile fields for honest toil and the respect of his fellow man we will take him by the hand and give him an honest lift. No man needs to be idle in Runnels county and no one need to work for a mere pittance. The farmers are offering all kinds of money for farm help and there is no excuse for a man to resort to questionable methods.

Now shall we be honest with ourselves and the agents and tell them plainly our convictions, or shall we let them pat our shoulders, flatter our wives and kiss our babies, and reduce the size of purses.

Your Uncle Johnnie.

Adolph Stephan returned home Wednesday from a visit to his father and family Aug. Stephan, now of Miles.

Spectacles at Jas. E. Brewers.

I. N. Green and family who have been residents of our city the past 12 months or more left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Palestine, Texas, their old home, to reside in the future. We regret to see Mr. Green and family leave our section, while their stay here was short they made many warm friends who wish them success in their change of locations. Mr. Green in his business dealings here was ever found honorable and upright, and was ever ready to lend his aid and influence for the good of our city and her enterprises. We wish him well.

Letter to O. Voglesang.
Ballinger Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Two years ago the estate of the late Congressman Scott, of Erie, Pa. painted 24 Rolling-Mill houses one coat Devoe at a saving of 11 per cent for paint (lead-and-oil oil was after the job).

That's how the tale reads. We infer what really happened.

The buyer, as usual, went by the cost of paint; got bids. Lead-and-oil bid low and guessed the quantity low; the saving was only 11 per cent.

Nobody seems to have thought of this: the painting costs two or three times as much as the paint. How much did we save on the painting? Don't know.

The tale ends with this: We often refer inquiries to those houses, for wear of Devoe.

That's a good enough story; but nobody knows what it is. Our only difficulty is want of paint intelligence.

Yours truly
F. W. Devoe & Co.

Ballinger Lumber Co. sell our paint.

Mrs. Ada Billert, the night phone operator, is a new student in Typewriting.

The right kind of house paint saves money. Forty years practical paint experience proves that



is the "right kind."

Write Kinloch Paint Company, St. Louis, for free booklet on "What the Householder Ought to Know."

Notice.

I have opened a grocery store at Norwood, and will carry a complete line of pure fresh groceries and ask the people of the Norwood community for their patronage.

A. S. Knott

Mr. and Mrs. Litt Chastain came in from Coleman Tuesday night and will again make Ballinger their home. We cordially welcome them at home again.

F. N. Cranford, the Contractor, is now in the Restaurant business, having bought an interest this week in the Farmers Restaurant, next to Pearce Hotel

Abilene and Northern.

The Attorney General approved and the Secretary of State filed the charter of the Abilene and Northern Railway Company of Abilene. Capital stock \$200,000. Purpose, construction of a line of railroad commencing at Hamlin, Jones County, on the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, and through Jones County to Anson, thence to Abilene and from there through Taylor, Runnels, Coleman, Concho and McCulloch Counties to Brady, the present terminus of the Frisco, a distance of about 100 miles, and a branch line from Anson to Stamford, a distance of fifteen miles.

Incorporators: Ed. S. Hughes, William S. Swenson, Henry James, H. O. Wooten, Abdou Holt, Will Stith of Abilene, Ben. W. Fouts, Joseph E. Willis, D. T. Bomar, C. A. Sanford, Fort Worth. This road was pronounced a Frisco-Rock Island proposition.

B. W. Pilcher left Wednesday for Fort Worth to look up some violators of the law and may possibly go to Clifton, Texas, before returning.

A nice new assortment of signet hat and scarf pins.

Jas. E. Brewer.

Hall Hardware Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us and if necessary we will send our reporter to get data.

Advertising Patrons.

The Banner-Leader accepts advertising under the guaranty that its **Actual Bonafide paid Circulation** is as large as any paper published in Runnels County.

A Pleasant Party.

The following young people were entertained Thursday night at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jo. Wilmeth while waiting to see the eclipse of the moon. They enjoyed themselves in conversation and at 42, and at the proper hour delicious refreshments were served. Those present were, Misses Lewis, Clem Currie, Ethel and Maurice Truly, Laura Dunn, Verna Moser, Katie Spencer, Nelle Butler, Lena Shaffer, Ada Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman and Messers Will and Arthur Doose, Clyde Mathews, Adolph Stephan, Carlos Dunn, Pitts Alvis, Everett Hardgrave, Will Gressett, Louis Alexander and Jack Green.

Recitation Contest

As per announcement, there was a recitation contest at the Methodist church Thursday night under the direction of Miss Annie Brown.

Seven girls contested for a silver medal. A large crowd was present and besides the speakers in the Contest, a number of songs, duets, and solos were rendered. The judges in the Recitation Contest were, Rev. C. W. Yates, Mrs. W. T. Padgett, and C. P. Shepherd. After comparing grades Miss Pearl Farris was awarded the silver medal in a few fitting words by Rev. E. P. Williams. The selections rendered were temperance in sentiment as well as the songs on the program.

C. S. Adams, formerly of Gatesville, but recently from Coleman, is visiting his brother in our city this week and will likely locate with us.

Jr. League Program.

On account of the inclement weather the Jr. League of the M. E. Church did not meet last Sunday and the same program will be used for to-morrow, as follows:

- Leader—May Butler.
- Subject—A Christain Friendship.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- 1. The highest friendship, John 16: 15; James 2: 23—Sam Rather.
- 2. Friendship used for salvation Act. 10: 24—Eunice Brown.
- 3. The first part of friendship Luke 10: 38-42—Otto Whittaker.
- 4. Love the bond of perfection, Col. 3: 14—May Godwin.
- 5. The value of friendship and how to maintain it, Prov. 18: 24—Fern Hoffer.
- Song.
- Benediction.

Spring Oxfords



Drew Silby Make

The very latest new styles and last, in Kid and Patent Kid, heavy and turn sole. Price \$2.50 to \$4.00.

AT THE HUB.

New Home Locals.

The coldest weather that we have had this winter struck here Sunday morning, it was very disagreeable after about three weeks warm weather.

Some sickness to report this week. Wright Henson has been on the sick list at this writing but is able to be up again.

Jim Brice's baby has been very sick but we are glad to report better.

Willie Tendall and Elward Bentley of East Texas, are new comers in our neighborhood. Mr. Bentley has hired to Pink Brown and Mr. Tendall has hired to Wilse Whitaker.

John Wilkerson of Red River county is visiting his uncle W. J. Wilkerson.

Owing to bad weather there was no services at the school-house Sunday.

The latest thing for New Home is a petition for a Post Office. It is being circulated by Ollie Pike, the blacksmith.

Mr. Bedoe has moved his wind mill from his well down to the creek for the purpose of irrigating.

Mr. Donn, of North Texas, has rented the Kenady place and we are informed will move out at once.

Mr. Abbernathy has rented the Walter Mullins place on Eagle Branch.

Mr. Sides has sold his place and will move to town. We are informed that John Clendmon has bought the place.

You No.

H. Zdril, the cotton buyer and expert accountant, is helping in the Sheriff's office this week.

Lost—A duck over coat between the Day gin and Oil Mill. Finder please leave at Banner-Leader office.

Robt. Royalty and family came in from San Angelo Saturday of last week and will make Ballinger their future home. Mr. Royalty will manage the Royalty hotel in the future.

Spring Oxfords



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New Style Cuban, French and Medium Heels, Heavy, Walking and Turn Soles, Vici and Patent Kid. Price \$2.50 to \$4.00.

AT THE HUB.

City Secretary's Report.

The following is the condensed report of J. R. Lusk, city Secretary up to Jan. 31st 1906: Hon. Mayor and Aldermen: Ballinger, Texas.

Sirs:

I have the honor to report as follows for the year ending January 31st 1906.

On February 1st 1905 the city had outstanding \$15000.00 water work bonds, with \$900.00 interest past due on same, also \$3500.00 in time warrants outstanding and \$262.00 interest past due on them making a total indebtedness of \$19,662.00. On February 1st 1906 the city's indebtedness is only \$15000.00 water works bonds, with all interest paid to July 1st 1906.

Court News.

County Court convened Monday morning and held for two days. As this was non-jury week not much business of importance was transacted. Next Monday the Commissioners Court will meet in regular session and the following Monday the jury docket of the County Court will be taken up. District Court in and for Runnels county convenes in Ballinger the first Monday in March, being the 5th day of the month.

Gas Plant Franchise

The City Council in session on last Tuesday granted a franchise to C. A. Doose, E. L. Rasbury, their associates and assigns, to establish a Gas Plant in the city of Ballinger, said franchise to last for 40 years. This Company will at once get a Charter from the state and will be composed entirely of Ballinger and Runnels County citizens, and the work on plant is to begin in about three months and rushed to completion. The plant will be modern and up-to-date in every particular, the best of material and most expert mechanics employed. Mr. Doose showed us an estimated amount of the cost of the plant which will be about \$30,000.00 including all contingencies. This enterprise is characteristic of the push and energy of its promoters and in which all of our people feel a pride. Inside of 12 months we may expect to have the plant in operation for lightning, heating and cooking purposes, which will mean a saving of many dollars to the people of Ballinger.

Master Robert Norman entertained quite a number of his young friends on Friday night of last week at the hospitable home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman. Progressive 42 was indulged in and highly enjoyed by all present, delicious and wholesome refreshments were served at the conventional hour. A very pleasant evening is reported by those fortunate enough to be present.

Fifty Years the Standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Cream of Tartar Powder Made From Grapes No Alum

The Pearce Hotel Sold

On last Thursday the deal was closed and papers passed in which J. O. Mixon becomes possessor of the H. D. Pearce hotel property on the corner opposite the Opera House. The price paid was \$2,750.00. Mr. Pearce has not decided yet what he will do. Mr. Mixon will at once have the property thoroughly renovated and remodeled and will arrange the lower story for a business house and the upper rooms used for offices, etc. This would be a splendid location for a fine two or three story rock hotel, containing 75 or 100 nice rooms, and it is not at all improbable that such an enterprise will be undertaken. Mr. Mixon is a thoroughly practical, and progressive man of means and with the proper encouragement might construct such an edifice. This is a valuable piece of property, in a central and convenient location, does'nt matter which way the city should build. Not to disparage other hotel enterprise, which we have already a number of nice, comfortable and well arranged places, yet larger and more commodious hotel facilities is the crying need of our fast growing and prosperous city.

Bob McGregor had business in the "City" of Rowena between trains Friday.

Miss Ada Norman, of Paint Rock was in our city this week the guest of her uncle, W. A. Norman and family.

Clem Lumber Co. have added materially to the front of their office by putting up a neat porch and the unique feature is that the posts are of the natural pine posts, just as they come from the woods.

For Sale.

Green cord wood for sale 4 miles west from town up the river at \$2.50 per cord on the ground.

Wilmeth & Doose.

Diamonds at Jas. E. Brewer's. Nothing better than the White Cook Stove.

Lankford & Hathaway.

The biggest and best stock of watches, Jewelry and etc at Jas. E. Brewers.

Just received large spring line Calcutta Prints, Percales, Gingham.

W. A. Gustavus & Sons.

High grade \$2.00 made by the Missouri Milling Co. If your merchant don't handle it phone us, and we will tell you the place.

The Missouri Milling Co. is a Ballinger Institution and sells as good grades of flour as the market affords. If your merchant don't handle it phone us your order. Prompt delivery.

The quarterly Statement of the Citizens National Bank appears in this issue and shows the steady substantial growth of business done by this popular bank. It shows \$684,946.22 total resources and \$372,375.41 individual deposits subject to check.

Moses Artiberry, of Mulkytown, who recently purchased land in South Ballinger sends us a check this week for the amount which insures his reading the Banner-Leader the next 12 months.

We Will Pay You

TO HELP US MAKE ROOM.

We have due here two cars of Furniture and have not sufficient room to store it. So we have decided to close out our flour and feed stuff. Our flour is from one of the best mills in the entire country and every sack guaranteed.

Strickly high patent flour	- -	\$2.40
Fancy high patent as fine as made at any mill	- -	\$2.65 per cwt
Meal per sack	- - - -	45c
Bran per sack	- - - -	\$1.05
Chops	- - - -	1.10
Corn	- - - -	59c
Oats per bu.	- - - -	40c

1000 Best Parlor Matches For 5cts.

It will pay you to come at once and get your share of this Special Sale. Our line of Furniture, Hardware, Queensware, Paints, Varnishes and in fact any thing to furnish a house from start to finish, is complete. We are anxious for your business and will do all we can to merit it.

BALLINGER INSTALLMENT CO.
E. A. JEANS, Mgr.

We save our customers 75 to 100 per cent. on Wall paper.
Low prices on Coffins and Caskets.
Under Opera House.

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

L u m b e r

We can supply you with all kinds of lumber. Let us figure on your next bill. White pine, yellow pine, sash doors, mouldings, shingles, lime, brick and cement.

Humphrey Lumber Company.

Opposite Court House. Ballinger, Texas.

DO YOU GET UP

WITH A LAME BACK ?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and Home of Swamp-Root dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists. 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.

Dr. J. H. Grant, physician and surgeon. Office over Walker Dr. Co.

Lot For Sale.

Lot 100 by 130 feet near public School Buildings, price \$200. One half cash, balance one year at 10 per cent. For further particulars call at the Banner-Leader office.

The Yellow Fever Germ has recently been discovered. It bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria poison and constipation. 25c. at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

Phone 67 for all kinds of feed for your self or stock.

"Go you one better" 15 bars soap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains. 52 tf.

McGinnis Transfer.

Does a general transfer and baggage business. Carriage to answer all calls day or night. If the train is late he will call for you just in time to catch it. Leave your orders or Phone 110 and take a nap before the 12:05. M. W. McGinnis, Prop.

We Deliver the Goods

Not just "any ood kind of goods" but

Pure Fresh Groceries and Feed Stuff of all kinds

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

The Jar of Coughing

Hammer blows, steadily applied, break the hardest rock. Coughing, day after day, jars and tears the throat and lungs until the healthy tissues give way. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops the coughing, and heals the torn membranes.

"I always keep Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. It gives perfect relief whenever any of us have coughs or hard colds. I have used it for a great many years and so know all about it."—MRS. MARY O'BERTAN, Varysburg, N. Y.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Also manufacturers of
Ayer's SARSAPARILLA, PILLS, HAIR VIGOR.

Efficacious, constipation retard recovery. Cure these with Ayer's Pills.

Its Dangerous.

To neglect a cold the results are too often very serious. Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia and Consumption are frequently the consequences. Upon the appearance of a cold, sore throat or chest, use Simmons Cough Syrup. It soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm and promptly cures you.

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

Attention People.

I have bought the lease on the Star Wagon Yard, and solicitate a portion of your business. I understand the business and promise you faithful and prompt service at all hours. South of the Ballinger Lumber Co. Prompt attention and careful keeping to boarding horses.
Hugh Donaghe.

Don't Worry.

Someone has truthfully said its worry and not work that kills.

Insurance on your Home or Business

will prevent a great deal of of worry. I write Insurance in the best companies and will treat you right.

LEE MADDOX.

"We Have Many Similar."

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers of Stuttgart, Ark: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lightning Oil at Milligeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ere. had in my house. It cured me of a bad case of the bloody Flux in less than one-half hour, and it cured my grand-daughter of a bad case of Colera morbus in a very short time."

Wanted.

Gentlemen Boarders \$16.00 per month. Nice comfortable rooms and table furnished with all the market affords. Located on 10th Street & Seely Ave. near Steam Laundry.
Mrs. C. A. Newman.

Not at cost but for grain and groceries at a living margin at—
M. D. Chastain.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON the unknown heirs of Nathan Taylor, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1906, the same being the 5th day of March A. D. 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of August A. D. 1905 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 748, wherein R. T. Smith is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Nathan Taylor, deceased are Defendants, and said petition alleging:—

The State of Texas, (County of Runnels.) In The District Court of Runnels County, October Term, 1905.

To the Honorable District Court of said County:—

Now comes R. T. Smith, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of the unknown heirs of Nathan Taylor, deceased whose names and places of residence are to the plaintiff unknown, hereinafter called defendants, and for cause of action herein plaintiff represents to the court:

1. That on or about the 1st. day of August, 1905, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in said Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: Two Hundred acres of land, being all of the Nathan Taylor Survey No. 362, Certificate No. 299, patented to the Heirs of Nathan Taylor, deceased, on May 8, 1856, by Patent No. 1197, Vol. 12, and Forty acres off the south end of Nathan Taylor Survey No. 363, Certificate No. 299, patented to the Heirs of Nathan Taylor, deceased, on May 8, 1856, by Patent No. 1202, Vol. 12,—said 200 acres being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the lower corner of the Calvin Weaver Survey No. 361, on the north bank of the Colorado River, at a point from which an Elm bears S. 13 W. 3 varas, another bears N. 18 W. 3 varas; Thence N. 30 E. 3134 varas to a stake; Thence S. 60 E. 711, 7 varas to a stake; Thence S. 30 W. 954 varas to a stake on top of high bluff of River; Thence up the Colorado River with its meanderings to the place of beginning,—and that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withhold from him the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000; and that the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.

2. That plaintiff, claiming to be the true and lawful owner of the above described tract of land, has had and held under color of title from and under the State of Texas, peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof for a period of more than three years next preceding said date of Aug. 1, 1905, which he is ready to verify.

3. That he, plaintiff, and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the above described lands and tenements, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next preceding said date of Aug. 1, 1905, and this he is ready to verify.

4. That he plaintiff, and those under whom he claims and whose estate he has, claiming to have good and perfect right and title to the above described land and premises, have had and held peaceably the same, and have had adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years next preceding said date of Aug. 1, 1905, and this he is ready to verify.

Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment of the court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described land and premises, and that writ of restitution issue, and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, general and special, in law and in equity, that he may be just entitled to.

B. B. Stone,
Attorney for plaintiff, R. T. Smith.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before

said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 28th day of Dec. A. D. 1905

R. A. Terry, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County.

Ballinger Commercial School.

Among the new students who recently entered the Business department are:

E. Sheppard and Luther Gressett, of Alvis & Bro.; Dougal Cameron, T. M. Osteen and Louis Butler, of Currie-Noves Co.; and Johnnie Gray of Rowena.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store. Price 50c.

Henry Hollingsworth Dead.

A message was received here last night announcing the death of Henry Hollingsworth which occurred at Portales, N. M., at 7 o'clock last night. Interment will take place there Mr. Hollingsworth began business at Santa Anna, where he put in a telephone exchange. Later he went on long distance line to Brownwood and Ballinger and bought the Ballinger exchange. When the West Texas Telephone company was organized here Mr. Hollingsworth became a stockholder, and would have devoted his time to the company's interests had he not contracted that dreaded disease consumption. When he learned that his lungs were affected Mr. Hollingsworth began to travel in hope of finding a climate that would give him relief. For several months he has been at Portales attended by his mother. His death was not unexpected, but is deeply regretted.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

Good looks bring happiness. Friends care more for us when we meet them with a clean, smiling face, bright eyes sparkling with health, which comes by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents.
Ask your Druggist.

Try those nice, large fresh oysters at the City Meat Market Always on hand and always fresh.

Prof. Nance has engaged another teacher, Miss E. Ballard of Austin, who will teach in the Stenographic department.

Paul Franke and his four piece band, went up to Valera on the afternoon train Monday where they will discourse sweet music at a ball given at that place Monday night. They will play at Coleman Wednesday night before returning home. This band makes nice music and their services are in demand all over this and adjoining counties.

New Hardware Store.

New Stoughton Wagons,
Rock Island Plows, Gasoline Engines,
Repeater Planters, Star Wind Mills,
Lone Star Cultivators
K. C. Buggies and Hacks.

See Us For All Kinds Of
Hardware and Implements.

Jones, Walton & Co.

Ballinger Commercial School.

Prof. Nance uses the very best of typewriters in his Stenographic department, Remington No. 6 with tabulator.

Mrs. Boone and children of Dallas, came in Saturday night of last week to join Mr. J. A. Boone, who is now with the Clem Lumber Co., of our city.

For Sale.

Good 7 room house in West End for sale at a bargain. Good cistern, water works and all needed improvements. Apply at Banner-Leader or T. S. Lankford.

Fresh Live Oak and mill flour on hand all the time, each kind guaranteed and made good if you should find a bad sack at Miller mer. Co.

FIFTY LOTS FOR SALE.

\$75 Each--\$15 Cash and
\$5 per month until paid
out.

C. H. Willingham.

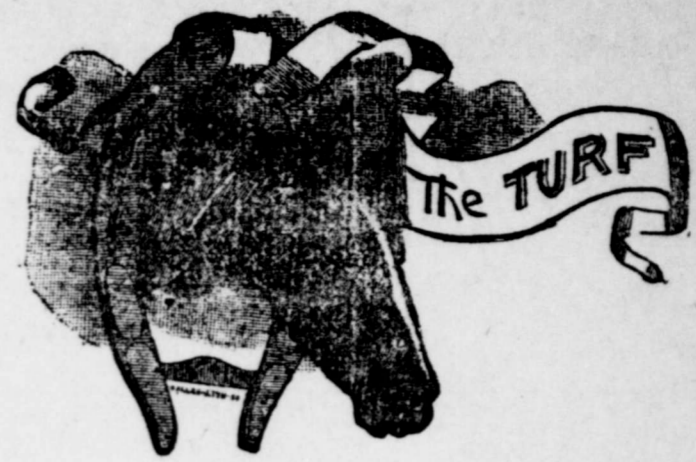
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Williams, who had been visiting Mr. William's brother D. Reeder and family, of our city, the past few days, left Monday for Granger, where they will visit relatives before returning to Kimmunity, Ill., their home. They report a very pleasant stay in our section, and will read the Banner-Leader the next twelve months with the compliments of D. Reeder.

Mrs. H. G. Schenlle, mother of Mrs. R. L. Bennett, of our city, came in on the 12 o'clock train Monday and will spend some time with her daughter. Mrs. Schenlle's old home was Dallas, but the family have moved to Kansas City, where Mr. Schenlle is in business, and after the winter months are over she will join her family at the latter place.

Missouri Milling Co.

Building on a solid foundation is the reason why our flour sales have grown so rapidly. You must have the right kind of flour if you wish to gain the good graces of the consumer. With much pride and pleasure we watch our sale grow rapidly as the days come and go. The newest process known in the manufacture of flour to make it pure and wholesome and to give to it the required baking qualities used in the manufacture of our products. If your grocer can't supply you phone the mill.

G. M. VAUGHN, Prest.



Road and Track Shoeing a Speciality.
S. A. WHITESIDES,
Ballinger, Texas.

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Tombs, Tablets, Marble and Granite of all kinds, also handle Iron Fencing. We buy our material in car-load lots which enables us to sell at very low prices.

WRITE FOR PRICES.

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Tom Crosson & Co.

Land Agents.

We have listed with us some of the finest pieces of Farm and Ranch lands in this section.

We invite your inspection of Prices, Terms, Ect.

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Write us or call on us at our office in this city.

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EVERYTHING
New and first-class. Prices are right.

We deliver "the goods" to any part of the city. Give us a trial order.

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The First National Bank.

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Capital Stock \$50,000.00
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Safe, Reliable and Conservative. Your Patronage Solicited.

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TEXAS.



The Greatest Eye Glass in the World.
For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Citation by Publication.

STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon H. D. Blume, whose residence is unknown to plaintiff, also, the unknown heirs of the said H. D. Blume by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1906, the same being the 5th day of March A. D. 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 4th day of Jan A. D. 1906 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 768, wherein J. J. Hubbard is Plaintiff, and H. D. Blume and unknown heirs of the said H. D. Blume are Defendants, and said petition alleging:—
The State of Texas)
County of Runnels) In the District
Court of Runnels County, Texas,
March Term, 1906.
To the Hon. J. W. Goodwin, Judge of said Court:

Now comes J. J. Hubbard hereinafter styled plaintiff who resides in Runnels County, Texas, complaining of H. D. Blume whose residence is unknown to plaintiff, also, the unknown heirs of the said H. D. Blume, the name and place of residence of whom is to plaintiff unknown. And for cause of action herein plaintiff avers that heretofore to-wit: On or about January 1st 1906, plaintiff was and still is lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land to-wit: 169 acres of land situated in Runnels County, State of Texas, known as Survey No. 104, Abstract No. 26 Certificate No. 1049.
That plaintiff had and held and still has and holds under deed duly recorded in the deed records of Runnels County peaceable, continuous, adverse possession of the heretofore described land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same paying all taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years, next preceding the said 1st day of January 1906.

Plaintiff further alleges that by and through those under whom he holds, he has had and held actual exclusive, peaceable and adverse possession of the hereinbefore described land, for a period of more than ten years next

preceding the filing of this suit. That defendants herein are asserting or holding some kind of pretended claim in or title to said land, which casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto to plaintiff's damage.
Wherefore premises considered plaintiff prays that defendants be cited by publication as the law directs to answer herein and that upon final trial hereof he have judgment against defendants for the title to said land and that the cloud so cast on plaintiff's title be removed and that he be quieted in his title and possession to and of said land, and for all costs of suit and for general and special relief such as he may show himself entitled to either in law or equity.

Dickinson & Crosson,
Attys. for plaintiff.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
WITNESS, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 5th day of January A. D. 1906.
R. A. Terry Clerk,
District Court Runnels County.
SEAL
A true copy I certify, R. P. Kirk, Sheriff. By Jno. Maddox Deputy.

In every town you will always find one or more men who manage to get their names in the local paper nearly every issue. I once had a good old friend living in the country who never came to town without breaking into the local papers, but he was the best and squarest I ever met. I printed a weekly paper at the county seat, and as soon as he reached town he made a dead break for my office. He seldom came inside, but would poke his head in the window, toss a half dollar on the table and say: "Hello, Bonner! I just got in. Things are booming out my way. You know your business. Well, so long. Come out and see me." That man got the nicest personal mentions that ever went in my paper. He had sense, and was too proud to sponge on a newspaper man. He said he "liked to be nicely mentioned in his home paper, but did not want to be a deadhead."—Harpoun.

Note The Difference.

J. M. Ayer & Co., Cotton Brokers of New York, under date of Jan. 23rd 1906 has the following in regard to what some people want to call a gigantic cotton Trust, because the former are holding and demanding a certain price for their product, compared with what a Trust actually is:

It is a fundamental, moral principle (and ought to be an active principle) that the producer of anything is entitled to most of the benefits of the article produced. With this premise as a basis, it is easy to point out some very radical points of difference between what is called the proposed Farmers Trust and other organizations known as Trusts.

The planters are the producers of a commodity for which they propose to secure, if they can, a profitable price—perhaps a very profitable price. Their undertaking does not contemplate that any general profits which may accrue from their movement shall go exclusively into the pockets of a few people, as is the case with other Trusts. The purpose of each planter seems to be to benefit himself and in doing so to unavoidably benefit his friend and neighbor. While the success of their efforts may result in some increase in prices of the manufactured product, the ratio of increase could not be considered a burden on any individual consumer. The highest price asked for what they produce can be paid, and yet permit the manufacturer to realize a profit on his product at a very slight advance over present quotations, and in some instances perhaps, no advance at all.

The planters do not propose to use any increased profits secured for their product as a basis for oppressing anybody else. They do not intend to go into the money markets of the world as professional lenders, and by contracting the circulation of any money they may control, increase the rates of interest to 30 per cent, as is the record of the Money Trust.

They neither propose nor intend to depress the price of a produced raw article and then realize the highest profits on the finished manufactured product, as is the record of the Beef Trust. This last named organization has demoralized the cattle industry by forcing down prices to the raisers or producers and then selling the product of their slaughter houses at oppressively high prices to the consumer.

They do not propose to use any increased profits that may accrue to them for the purpose of paying "grafters" salaries of from \$20,000 to \$150,000 a year, and using other funds for speculation and stock juggling purposes, taking profits when there are any, and charging losses to the helpless, as is the record of the Insurance Trust.

They do not propose to say to any one you shall pay our prices for what we have to sell, and at the same time say we will pay our prices for what you have to sell, as is the record of the Tobacco Trust.

They do not propose to use any increased profits that may accrue to them for the purpose of employing "lobbyists" in the halls of Congress and in the halls of various legislatures, or for buying the elections of U. S. Senators, Congressmen and State legislators, as is the record of the Railroad Trust.

They do not propose nor intend

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Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash Etc.

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CLAY ROBERTS, Manager.

Ballinger, : : : Texas.

to throttle or discourage the efforts of one of their number to produce anything for living purposes, or to crush any one of their neighbors out of business as is the brazen record of the Oil Trust.

They do not propose to sell a small quantity of their product to people who cannot buy large quantities, at distressingly high prices, and a large quantity of their product to people who can pay at much lower rates, as is a part of the infernal record of the Coal Trust.

They do not propose to corrupt Judges and Juries, or to bring disaster or despair on thousands of people by swindling, manipulative tactics, as is the record of the Copper Trust.

In fact it appears that the so-called Farmers Trust is one which has for its highest aim the benefit of the greatest possible number of producers; and this is a purpose that has no thought or consideration in the scheme of any other known Trust in the world.

They simply say we have produced something. We think it is worth a certain price. We brought it forth from the ground which is the source of all sustenance and supplies. It is ours by right of the labor of our hands, the application of our intelligence and the sweat of our brow.

The promoters, managers and owners of all other Trusts are almost without exception those who traffic and speculate in commodities in which they do not participate as producers. The farmers simply propose to manage what they themselves produce.

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best.

One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualitively and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of SKIN DISEASE. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of ITCHING known.

ECZEMA, TETTER, RINGWORM and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

Have you been betrayed by promises of quacks, swallowed pills and bottled medicine without results except a damaged stomach. To those we offer Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Ask your Druggist.

Bring your new crop of pecans to M. D. Chastain, the grocery man, he pays top prices at all times.

Talpa Tribune.

E. M. Jones and J. E. Perkins had business in Ballinger Monday.

Be cheerful. Put on a smile rather than a frown; speak a kind word rather than an unkind one; think of the happiness in your life rather than the unpleasantness and you will add to others' happiness and soon forget that your life's pathway ever led over rough ground.

A Tribune man enjoyed some fine music Monday night discoursed by Messrs. Levy Layne, of Santa Anna, and Mark Able and Will Thomason, of Ballinger. Mr. Layne is a popular violinist among our young people and they always consider themselves fortunate when he plays on their festive occasions.

We appreciate your good trade and will treat you right. Cotton and Grain buyers. Miller Mer Co.

Methusala was all right, you bet. For a good old soul was he. They say he would be living yet. Had he taken Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your Druggist.

Whit Patterson of Ballinger was in the city Sunday as the guest of his brother Tom, manager for the Wylie Hardware Co. —San Angelo Daily Standard.

Abandoning State Lands.

Information reaching Austin from the western part of the state is to the effect that many home-seekers who purchased state land September 1st are abandoning their claims and returning to eastern states. They purchased land without seeing it, that is they paid the first payment, which was 1-4th of the entire purchase price, and had within 60 and 90 days to move on the land and further establish their claim.

Of course, many of them are trying to get their first payments returned to them, but the state cannot do this. The land office is getting many letters requesting a refund of the money.

The people no doubt expected to find improved farms with fences and all out buildings, close to churches and school houses at a low price. Failing in this, they are pulling out and returning to their old homes.—Bulletin.

ERNEST PLUMMER

SELLS

Insurance.

DON'T LOSE MONEY

Figure with Smith & Bateman before you buy your Lumber bill.

Brick, Lime, Cement in fact all kinds of Building Material at bed rock prices

SHERWIN - WILLIAMS PAINTS are the Best. We have it in all colors

CICERO SMITH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rates---Cash in Advance.
 District Officers \$10.00
 County " 7.50
 Precinct " 2.50
 Subject to Democratic Primary.
 For District Attorney.
 WALTER U. EARLY.
 For Representative 102nd Dist.
 W. B. SILLIMAN.
 For County Attorney:
 R. S. GRIGGS.
 For Sheriff:
 HENRY A. MITCHELL.
 A. S. JUSTICE.
 C. C. CULWELL.
 R. P. KIRK.
 For Assessor:
 EDWIN DAY.
 For County Clerk:
 R. A. TERRY.
 For County Treasurer:
 W. F. SHARP.

Rock Foundation Work.

All kinds of Foundation work and flue building with brick or rock neatly and promptly done at reasonable prices. Orders left with McAdams transfer will reach me, or call on or address me:

JOE GUENTER,
 Ballinger, Texas.

Citation by Publication.

STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are HEREBY COMMANDED to summon H. Rudnick by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty Fifth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Thirty fifth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1906, the same being the 5th day of March A. D. 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of Jan. A. D. 1906 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 772, wherein D. Reeder is Plaintiff, and H. Rudnick is Defendant, and said petition alleging:—
 D. Reeder }
 vs } In the District
 H. Rudnick }
 Court of Runnels County,
 Texas. March Term A. D. 1906.

To the Hon. Judge of said Court:—
 Your Petitioner, D. Reeder, hereinafter called plaintiff complaining of H. Rudnick, hereinafter called defendant, respectfully represents and shows to the Court; that plaintiff is a resident citizen of said Runnels County, Texas, and that defendants place of residence is unknown.

That heretofore, to-wit: on the 29th day of June 1886 The Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Co., a private corporation, was the owner in fee simple of the lots or parcels of land herein-after described; that on the 29th day of June 1886, the said Railway Co., executed and delivered its deed, by and through its proper officer to the defendant H. Rudnick, in consideration of a payment in cash and of two notes for which the defendant executed and delivered to said Railway Co., two promisory

notes, due respectively one and two years after date of same, being for the principal sum of \$88.33 and \$88.34 respectively and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid and in each of which a vendor's lien was retained on the lands hereinafter described conveying to the defendant, H. Rudnick, the following described tracts or parcels of land, Lot one (1) in block fifty five (55) and Lot No. Eleven (11) in block No. thirty-three (33) in the town of Ballinger, in the County of Runnels, and State of Texas, in which deed a vendor's lien was expressly retained, to secure the payment of said deferred payments and to secure the payment of said notes executed by said H. Rudnick, as and for such deferred payments.

That on the 27th day of March 1905, the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Co., by deed duly executed by the proper officers of said Company, sold, conveyed, assigned and transferred to D. Reeder, the plaintiff herein the said vendor's lien in said notes retained on said aforesaid lots, together with all and singular all the other rights, titles and interests in and to the above described lots that the said Railway Co., had in and to said lots under and by virtue of the premises aforesaid and its prior ownership of same. That said notes are long past due, and though often requested, the said H. Rudnick has wholly failed and refused to pay the same, and plaintiff being the legal and equitable owner and holder thereof, has and does hereby elect to rescind the contract of sale so made. Plaintiff further alleges that heretofore on or about the 1st day of April 1905 he was lawfully seized and possessed of the said tracts, lots or parcels of land, holding same in fee simple, and that on the date and year last aforesaid, the said defendant H. Rudnick entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully with holds plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage \$1900. That the rents, profits, etc. of said premises are reasonably worth two hundred dollars per annum.

Premises considered, plaintiff prays for citation to the defendant according to law, and unless the defendant shall prior to that time voluntarily pay the amount of principal and interest of said notes and the costs of suit, that the plaintiff have judgment, cancelling said deed of conveyance from the said Railway Co., to defendant H. Rudnick and against the defendant herein for the title and possession of the above described lots, tracts, and parcels of land and for the rents and damages and costs of suit and for all further relief to which plaintiff may be entitled in law and equity. The defendant, H. Rudnick, is notified to produce on the trial of this cause the above described deed from said Railway Co., to him to said above described lots, otherwise secondary evidence will be introduced on trial of the contents of same.

(Signed) Harris and Shepherd, Attys for Plaintiff.
 HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of Said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 31st day of Jan. A. D. 1906.

R. A. Terry Clerk,
 (SEAL) District Court Runnels County.

A true copy I certify R. P. Kirk, Sheriff Runnels County Texas.

Let me fit you with a pair of peroscopic crystal lenses then you can see.

Jas. E. Brewer.

The Missouri Milling Co. make as good flour as comes to the market. Try it and be convinced.

The best alarm clock on earth at Jas. E. Brewer's.

YOUNG MAN START NOW

Yes! Start now to save and when you are old, poverty will have no fears for you.
 The best way to save is to deposit your money in a good, strong Bank.
 We will be glad to have your business no matter how small, and we will give you prompt and courteous service.

FOR EVERYBODY

A Bank Account is a good thing for you as well as anybody.
 It is a very simple matter for you to deposit your money with us and draw it out as you need it. Begin a small account with us and you will be surprised to see how fast it will grow.
 You are always welcome in our Banking Rooms, whether you want to open an account or not.
 We allow interest on time and saving deposits.

The Citizens National Bank,
 Ballinger, Texas.

W. F. Sharp.

What Did You Say?

The best place to buy Candies, Cigars and Cold Drinks, where nothing but the best is handled at

Doose & Wright's,
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

AN Opportunity.

We Want to Impress

The true value of the Products of Cotton seed. And will exchange one ton of Cotton Seed Hulls and five sacks of Cotton Seed Meal for one ton of cotton seed. This gives you 2500 pounds of feed for 5000 pounds, besides you get a better and cleaner feed, and will increase the Quality and Quantity of your milk and butter. Cotton Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls are the best and cheapest feed in the world. To the first 100 farmers that make this exchange with us, we will make them a present of One-Half gallon of high grade Cooking Oil for cooking. Give Cotton seed product a fair trial. Bring a jug for oil.

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Ask at the Mill for the little book, telling how to feed Cotton Seed Meal to Hogs, and some of the uses of Cotton Seed Oil.

In this issue we call attention to the announcement of W. F. Sharp for the office of County Treasurer of Runnels county. Mr. Sharp is so well and favorably known that we do not feel it necessary to offer any words of praise in his behalf. But since Runnels County has recently received so many new people within her borders to take part in the County affairs, we take pleasure in stating that this writer has known Mr. Sharp a number of years and we have never heard anything but the highest commendation of him both as a citizen and public official.

He is a hightoned Christian Gentleman, kind and considerate for all, and honest to the core. We take great pleasure in presenting this gentlemen to the voters of Runnels county for their consideration and we fully believe that he will and does merit any favor you may see fit to show him.

SEASON OF OPERA.

F. A. Wade's Famous Beggar Prince Opera Company May Be Secured For Ballinger.

On Friday and Saturday night Feb., 23-24 Manager Hardgrave has an opportunity to secure this excellent organization presenting "The Olivette," "The Beggar Prince," "Giroffe-Giroffa."

The company is one of some years standing, and perhaps the most successful in the comic opera field. During the last five years they appeared in all the central and western states, and including Canada and British Columbia. A 14 weeks stay in Des Moines, Ia., 4 weeks in Winnipeg, and 12 weeks this past summer in a city no larger than Albuquerque, N. M., argues well for their merits.

In the company are such well known operatic stars as Miss Gertrude Hutchinson, Kittie Nice, Addie Murnford, Lelia Thorne, Bertha Stancliff, Mr. F. A. Wade, Jay C. Taylor, Geo. Byron Bronti, Frank Burgess, F. Wade, Cleveland, Lawrence Powers, Stanley Brady, Louis Perle and others equally as well known in the comic opera world. The production of "Fra Diavola" is carried complete in every detail by the company, and there is no music more tuneful than Auber's. The Comedy is well looked after by Mr. F. A. Wade and Lawrence Powers, comedians.

REMEMBER

Both the H. C. and R. K. Wylie Ranches owned by our company will be sold by us on the extraordinary low terms of one-fifth cash, balance "on or before," 2, 4, 6, 8, or 10 years, 8 per cent. per annum, interest payable annually, which contain some of the best land in the county.

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

Ballinger, - - - Texas.

Citation by Publication.

STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable
of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are HEREBY COMMANDED to summon J. M. Ross by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty fifth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Thirty fifth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the First Monday in March A. D. 1906, the same being the Fifth day of March A. D. 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of January A. D. 1903 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 653, wherein Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company is Plaintiff, and J. M. Ross and W. S. Harmon are Defendants, and said petition alleging:

Your petitioner, the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company, hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of J. M. Ross and W. S. Harmon, hereinafter called defendants, respectfully alleges that it is and was at all times hereafter mentioned a corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, and has its principal office in the County of Galveston in said State; that the defendants J. M. Ross and W. S. Harmon reside in the County of Runnels in the State of Texas; That heretofore, to-wit: on or about the 29th day of June, 1886, the said plaintiff was the owner in fee simple of the lots or parcels of land hereinafter described. That on or about the said 29th day of June, 1886, the said plaintiff executed and delivered its deed by and through its proper officer to the defendant J. M. Ross, in consideration of a payment in cash and of two deferred payments, for which the defendant J. M. Ross, executed and delivered to the plaintiff his two promissory notes, due respectively in one and two years from said date, each being for the principal sum of Ninety-six & 50-100 (\$96.50) dollars and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid, and in each of which a vendor's lien was expressly reserved on the lands hereinafter described, conveying to the defendant J. M. Ross, the following described tracts or parcels of land: Lots number one (1) two (2) and three (3) in Block number forty five (45) and lots number thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) in Block number forty-four (44) in the town of Ballinger, in

the County of Runnels, State of Texas, in which deed a vendor's lien was expressly reserved to secure the payment of said deferred payments, and to secure the payment of said notes, executed by said J. M. Ross as and for such deferred payments. That said notes are long past due, and though often requested the said J. M. Ross has wholly failed and refused to pay the same, and plaintiff being the legal and equitable owner and holder thereof, has and does hereby elect to rescind the contract of sale so made. That the other defendant W. S. Harmon herein claims some interest in said lots of land or parts thereof. Plaintiff further alleges that heretofore, on or about the first day of January A. D. 1902, it was lawfully seized and possessed of the said tracts, lots or parcels of land, holding same in fee simple and that on the date and year last aforesaid the said defendants J. M. Ross and W. S. Harmon entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiff the possession thereto to its damage in the sum of \$2000.00 dollars. The rents, profits, etc. of said premises are reasonably of the value of Two Hundred and No-100 dollars per annum.

Premises considered the plaintiff prays for citation to the defendants and each of them, according to the law, and that on hearing hereof, unless the defendants shall, prior to that time, voluntarily pay the amount of the principal and interest of said notes, and the costs of this suit, that the plaintiff have judgment cancelling said deed of conveyance from it to the defendant J. M. Ross, and against all of the defendants herein, for the title to and restitution of and possession of the above described lots, tracts and parcels of land, and for said rents and damages and costs of suit, and for all other and further relief to which the plaintiff may be entitled in law or equity. This action is brought as well to try the title, as for damages.

(Signed)
C. O. Harris, J. W. Terry,
Attys. for Plaintiff.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 24th day of January A. D. 1906

R. A. Terry Clerk,
SEAL District Court Runnels County.

R. L. Barnes, a prominent transfer man of Rockwall, was in our city first of the week prospecting with a view of locating in our city.

Bring us your red top cane seed.

Rasbury & Bruce.

For Sale.

Green cord wood for sale 4 miles west from town up the river at \$2.50 per cord on the ground.

Wilmeth & Doose.

Mrs C. S. Woodward left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Fort Worth in answer to a message stating that the little child of Mrs Andrew Mansker, her daughter, was quite sick. We hope the little one will be better by the time she reaches its bedside.

International Celebration.

"Down by the Rio Grande"

Many years ago the citizens of Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating George Washington's Birthday (February 22) by suitable "Mexican-American" fiestas, and from a small source this has grown to a magnificent Annual Event unsurpassed in its splendid surroundings and interesting particulars by anything of a similar nature ever held in Texas.

International in its character, located on the border line between the Great Republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are ideal, this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the celebration will consist of five days' continuous festivities, February 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, and the program will comprise many new and interesting features, among which may be mentioned Famous Spanish Bull Fights, Cattle Roping Contest, Naval Fire Works on Rio Grande River, Gen. Washington Crossing the Delaware, Military Drills, Historical Pageants and Trades Display, Flower carnival, U. S. and Mexican Bands.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be in effect to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs arrangements have been made for the sale of excursion tickets to Monterey, Mexico, with ten (10) days limit, permitting stop-over at Laredo to witness the International celebration.

For further particulars, call on ticket agents, or write.

D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A.
Geo. D. Hunter,
Asst. G. P. & T. A.

"The Texas Railroad."

Palestine, Texas.

See Lankford and Hathaway for fine robes and whips.

Fresh line of good groceries on hand all the time at Miller Mer. Co. Call and see us.

Buy your meats from the City Meat Market one time and you will be sure to go back again.

Fresh garden seed, onion sets, seed oats and grain at Miller Mer. Co., opposite Post Office.

Mr. and Mrs Pink Parks, of Lipan Flatt, were visiting Ballinger relatives and friends Saturday and Sunday last.

For Sale.

I have several suits of clothes for sale and odd pants left over by parties ordering. There are some good bargains call early. They won't last long.

Ballinger Tailoring Co.

Spring... ...Shirts

Did you ever
try one of these
FERGUSON
McKINNEY
SHIRTS?



We have opened up the New Spring Shirts, shirts that fit and wear. Detached and attached cuffs, nice, neat patterns, Dark and Light Colors. Our price

50c to \$1.25.

Every Shoe Warrented.

THE HUB.

Rev. J. S. Moore went up to Miles Wednesday where he organized a lodge of the Home Circle society.

A. M. Luckett, representing the Southwestern Oil Co., of Fort Worth, was in our city Wednesday. He is a cousin of Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, whose guest he was while here.

Mrs. Preston McKinley, who had been visiting relatives here the past few days left for her home at Miles Wednesday.

Miss Elva Parker, of Lexington, came in on the morning train Monday and will take charge of the millinery department at the Hub, so we are informed.

Let Us Show You

That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

Years Of Experience

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's tryal will convince you.

Miller Mercantile Company



Do you want a good load of **Stove wood**

Then let J. E. Simpson send one up. He handles freight of all kinds. McCallister Coal.

J. E. Simpson

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Pasture to Lease.

We have for lease for a term of three years beginning April 1st 1906 a 5120 acre pasture in Tom Green county about 5 miles north east of Miles. Will have a house built on it, and will permit tennant to put 200 acres in cultivation. For particulars apply to

Chas. S. Miller Co.
Ballinger, Texas.

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Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Bottle for Ladies." in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, PHILA., PA.
Mention this paper.

ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE
Most complete in the Southwest. All the latest songs, marches, waltzes, etc.
HALF PRICE. All publications. Please Order. Values decline, etc.
We handle Everything Musical. Write for catalogue and prices. Book of 100 Old Time Songs FREE. 650, ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Put in Electric Lights

Your children can study better. No dirt, no fretting to fill lamps. The cost is moderate. Phone our man.

Ballinger Light & Ice Co.

TAKE IT IN TIME.

Just as Scores of People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect the aching back, Urinary trouble, diabetes, surely follow.

Doan's Kidney Pills relieve backache, cure every kidney ill.

Frank Roberts, hotel clerk at the Landon Hotel, of San Angelo Texas, says: "It is about a year ago that my back started to annoy me. It was a dead ache which became very irritating and the action of the kidneys was irregular, sometime too frequent and too scant. There was also a hot burning pain in the neck of the bladder. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I bought a box. I had only used them a short time, when I felt relief, and since finishing the contents of the box I have had no return of the pains. Doan's Kidney Pills are certainly all they are represented to be, a splendid remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

We are sorry to note Mrs. J. E. Fancher quite sick this week.

J. R. Elliott was attending to business matters in Ballinger last Saturday.

The Derry Standard, a paper from old Ireland, was shown us Tuesday by J. W. Powell, in which there was a notice of the death of J. P. Smyth, at the advanced age of 92 years. Mr. Smyth at one time owned the land on which Ballinger is now located and was represented in a suit between the railroad company and himself by Judge Powell and gained the suit and also a suit to other lands in this county.

Adequate and Safe Warehouse Facilities.

Alabama and other States are leading us in preparing to store cotton. At the New Orleans convention, one of the best speeches was made by President Harding's thoughtful and helpful address was to indicate how the farmer of the south can secure for his great crop a fair price, which he can do if the foreign spinner and the home speculator are left free to buy or bear the staple ad libitum. Organization, said Mr. Harding, is the road to a proper solution of the problem, for organization will lead to the proper warehousing of cotton, which is highly combustible and is easily damaged by exposure, and proper warehousing will give the farmers the credit in the home banks that they need in order to fully develop their great industry, and it will also enable them to hold their bales until a fair price can be obtained for them.

Mr. Harding explained at

length the advantages of warehousing in the care and marketing of the crop. Suffice it to say, he desires to put within the reach of every producer in the south a warehouse receipt that would be good at the mills, at the railroads, or at the banks in all parts of the country. He desires to see established a chain of warehouses, and organization will bring that about.

Texas must awake to the importance of adequate and safe warehouse facilities. Alabama and other of the old mother-states are leading us along this line. — Cotton Oil News.

For Sale.

Green cord wood for sale 4 miles west from town up the river at \$2.50 per cord on the ground.

Wilmeth & Doose.

Ask your merchant for Missouri Milling Co's flour and if they don't handle it phone us and we will tell you where you can get it.

Your Furniture Trade.

FURNITURE

It makes a difference where you buy your Furniture. We buy in large quantities, hence get a big discount and can save you money on each and every article in the furniture line. We have the largest stock to select from in the west, and you can find just what you want, and at the price to suit you. We have some fine bargains in Bedroom Suits, and it will pay you to investigate our stock before making your purchase.

FURNITURE

Ostertag Furniture Co.

Home Made

Have your cake, muffins, and tea biscuit home-made. They will be fresher, cleaner, more tasty and wholesome.

Royal Baking Powder helps the house wife to produce at home, quickly and economically, fine and tasty cake, the raised hot-biscuit, puddings, the frosted layer-cake, crisp cookies, crullers, crusts and muffins, with which the ready-made food found at the bake-shop or grocery does not compare.

Royal is the greatest of bake-day helps.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK

Harber-Jeans.

At 8:30 o'clock Thursday night at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jeans, on 10th Street, Mr. John A. Harber and Miss Minnie Jeans were married, Rev. E. P. Williams, of the M. E. Church, performing the ceremony.

It was a quiet home wedding only the relatives and a few intimate friends being present.

Mr. Harber is the highly esteemed manager of the W. H. Davis dry goods business at this place and is one of Ballinger's most prominent business men, beloved and esteemed for his many traits of noble character that go to make a splendid citizen in whom all feel a just pride, and the lovable young bride is a modest, retiring young lady and among the best families of our city, in whose welfare all feel a deep interest and the uniting of these popular young people is a matter of rejoicing to all our citizenship. They start upon life's matrimonial sea with the very best wishes of a large number of friends for a happy, prosperous and contented future, in which the Banner-Leader heartily joins.

Joe Connor went up to Brown wood Tuesday in answer to a message stating that his little brother was quite sick.

Y. P. C. E. Program.

(At Chirstian Church.)

Opening Song Service.
Prayer—Rev. Cabe.
Reading of the lesson—Mae Harris.
Song.
Avoid Tempters, Prov. 1. 10-17
—Miss Kate Demoville.
Watch and Pray, Eph. 6. 10-20
—Miss Minnie Lewis.
A promise of overcoming,
1 John 5: 1-5—Miss Alma Crews.
Song.
Through the Spirit, Gal. 5: 16-25—Mr. E. D. Walker.
A Crown in the End, Job 1: 2-4, 12-13—Miss Kate Glover.
Our Exemplar, Luke 4: 1-13
—Mr. Maurice Crews.
Prayer—H. A. Moore.
Short talk on Temperance—Mr. W. A. Norman.
Pastor's five minute talk.
Closing Song.
Sunday Evening 6:30.

Col and Mrs. R. K. Wylie left on the afternoon train Thursday for Mineral Wells.

A Pet Owl

Virgil Silman, of South Ballinger, was annoyed by something killing his chickens and set a trap and one morning this week caught a large horned owl, and upon examination pronounced it a pet owl, as the wings had been clipped and otherwise marked as a pet.

R. S. Griggs For County Attorney.

In this issue appears the announcement of Robert S. Griggs as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Attorney, of Runnels county subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Mr. Griggs has held this office one term and if there has been the least bit of complaint or dissatisfaction with his official acts during his term, we have failed to hear it. Mr. Griggs is an honorable, honest, conscientious gentleman, strong in his convictions of justice and right, and is in no way half hearted in the discharge of his official duty and we believe we voice the sentiment of our entire citizenship when we say that R. S. Griggs will be the unanimous choice for County Attorney at the next election. He needs no introduction to citizen who have lived here for the two years or longer but for the benefit of the strangers who have located in our midst, we make the above remarks.

No. 6757.

Report of the Condition

Of the Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas at the close of business, Jan 27th, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$324,061.20
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	67,153.34
U S Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Premiums on U S bonds	2,875.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	13,255.89
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	15,185.58
Other real estate owned	1,549.25
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,374.11
Due from state bank and bankers	29,531.70
Due from approved reserve agents	93,891.13
Checks and other cash items	5,157.77
Notes of other national banks	500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	143.95
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	15,367.30
Legal tender notes	20,867.30
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer [5 per cent circulation]	1,400.00
Total	\$684,946.22

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,424.78
National bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other national banks	6,022.45
Due to State banks and bankers	4,364.04
Due to approved reserve agents	971.20
Due to trust companies and savings banks	
Dividends unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check	372,375.41
Demand certificate of deposit	5.00
Time certificates of deposit	3,331.60
Cashier's Checks outstanding	1,401.74
Bills payable in 'c'd certifi of deposit for money borrowed	70,000.00
Liabilities other than above	
Total	\$684,946.22

State of Texas,
County of Runnels } ss:
I, Jo Wilmeth, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JO WILMETH, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
Tom Ward }
C. A. Doose } Directors
B. B. Stone }
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Feb., 1906.
R. G. Erwin, Notary Public.

Sewing Club.

Miss Leone Bowdon entertained the Junior Sewing Club Saturday afternoon. At the same time little Sylvanus Bowdon had a real party for some of his small friends. The work for the afternoon consisted in apron making under Mrs. Abe Millar's kindly direction, after which Mrs. Bowdon invited all to the beautifully decorated dining room where they were served to cake, chocolate with whipped cream and fruits.

The following club members were present:
Ruth Grundy, Annie Truly, Merle Truly, Marguerite Gregory, Willie Delle Schawe, Notie Davis, Aline Routh, Zelma Miller, Leone Bowdon.

THE GLOBE

The only One Price Cash Store in Ballinger.

Buying for CASH and selling for cash ONLY and being satisfied with less profit are the main reasons why we undersell all others in our town. We believe in dividing the profits with our customers. Glance at the following convincing prices, which are only a few of the many bargains which we are offering you daily:

Dietz Lanterns	\$.50
Diston Hand Saws	1.75
Hopkins & Allen Single-barrel shot gun	4.25
Nice Door Bell	.58
Tea Bell	.05
Call Bell	.15
Mrs. Pott's Sad Irons, per set	.95
Bird Cages	.65
Coat and Hat Hooks, per doz	.15
Large Bicycle Pump	.50
7 in White-wash Brush	.13
Key Hole Saw	.13
Solid Steel Hammer	.23
Solid Steel Hatchet	.30
Alligator Wrenches	.27 and .35
Tire Bolts, per Box	.25
1-2 inch Hose Bibs	.50
Mens' Gloves	25c and up
Glass Lamp complete	.25
Shot Gun Cleaner Rods	.35
Gilt Edge Shoe Polish	.20
Elite	.20
Good heavy Tumblers, per doz	.35
Nice lot Jap. China just in, to late for Xmas, but have opened it and will give you some good bargains.	
Canvas Tacks, per lb	.13

We still have some fine bargains in Shoes, Shirts and Hats. Full line Stationery—low prices. Another big lot Hose, Men Woman and Childrens' Underwear just arrived.

Watch This Space Every Week.

BAIR AND BROWN.

March 3rd & 4th.

In Ballinger.



Drs. DAILY & FRANCIS
Eye Specialists,

Abilene, Texas.

We limit our practice to eye diseases and deformities and are prepared to cure any eye trouble that is known to be curable, such as Granulated Lids, Ingrowing Lashes, Cataracts, Pterygiums, Over flow of Tears, Lid Tumors, White Spots over Pupils, Opacities, etc. Glasses accurately fitted for Far Sight, Near Sight, Old Sight and Astigmatism. Many nervous troubles and headaches can be cured by wearing glasses properly fitted. We give you references from Runnels county people that were led for years, who now see to read, and they had often been told that no one could restore their sight. Call and investigate their cures. No charge for examination.



At Royalty Hotel.

Saturday and Sunday,

March 3rd & 4th.

Our friend J. M. Grace, of the Crews county, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday and divided his cash with us.

Wanted—To work a farm on the half-share in neighborhood of Ballinger. Have force to run two teams. Would want to be furnished by land owner. Write to W. T. Campbell, Rockwall, Texas.

The Pearce Hotel.

The Pearce Hotel has resumed the serving of meals. R. R. and Mrs. Morgan in charge of the culinary department. This is to inform old patrons and friends that we are prepared to entertain them as of yore and hat their patronage will be appreciated.

H. D. Pearce Prop.

For reliable footwear go to

W. A. Gustavus & Sons

C. S. Woodward, the land man, went East on the afternoon train Wednesday to stir up some land deals.

John Parks and Dr. C. A. McBeth, representative citizens of Miles were in our city Wednesday.

J. H. Grant, the Brownwood lumber man, was looking after lumber interests in our city between trains Wednesday.

Just received carload flour, will figure your grocery bill at rock bottom prices.

W. A. Gustavus & Sons.

WANTED: Men, women, boys and girls to represent McClure's Magazine, Good pay. Address 67 East 23d St., N. Y. City.

The telephone Company are now comfortably located in their new quarters over the Walker Drug Co's old stand, and they are certainly nicely and conveniently fixed up. The young lady operators are delighted with their new place and say they will give better service in the future than ever in the past, which is saying a great deal, for their prompt and patient service has been a marvel in the past. This is no fulsome flattery, but a fact known and appreciated by our entire citizenship.



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