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The White Store.

Ballinger, R. A. Risser & Co. Texas.

Our Offerings are a studious gathering of very new and desirable goods that will wear and give satisfaction to every one.

Our prices are as low as they can be any where in or out of the State,

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| Lovely all Silk Dresden Ribbon, 35c quality - - - - - | 19c | Embroidered White Wash Belts - | 15c |
| Handsome Sash and Neck Ribbon 5 inches wide, all colors - - - | 15c | White Canvas Ladies Shopping bags | 25c |
| 30 inches Floral Sheer Batiste - | 15c | Gilt Edge Polish, Whittemore Brand | 18c |
| Soft Finish Bleached Domestic, no starch - - - - - | 5c | Home Journal Patterns, Style Book free - - - - - | 15 & 10c |
| Lonsdale Bleached Domestic, best goods made - - - - - | 8 1-3c | 40 inches wide fine Persian Lawn, white only - - - - - | 20c |
| Solid colors Gingham, soft finish | 10c | 35c quality Mercerized Waistings - | 19c |
| Kind - - - - - | 6 1-2c | Infants Socks, all collars, Mercerized Silk - - - - - | 25c |
| Ladies or Misses Black Lace Hose very cheap indeed - - - - - | 15c | Tinsel Belting and Belts - - - - - | 25c |
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| 1000 Washable Turnover Collars, always sell at 25c - - - - - | 10c | 3 and 4 inches wide Sevilla Mechlin Lace - - - - - | 5c |
| | | 27 inches wide all silk Pongee circle dot worth double - - - - - | 29c |

New Designs in Millinery Coming Every Day.

Miss Leak, an experienced and stylish Milliner, will take charge of the department May 1st. The lady comes highly recommended and has the reputation of being one of the most stylish Milliners of the state of Illinois. Respectfully,

R. A. Risser & Company.

Senior League.

May 6th, Inventing our Lives. Leader—Miss Ethel Moore.

1. Worth more than our all, Math. VIII. 44-46.
2. The disciples initial investment, Luke V. 11.
3. Supreme gain or irreparable loss, John VII. 25.
4. Requirement of success, Luke XIV. 26-33.
5. For the gospel's sake, 1st Cor. IV. 10.
6. Supreme importance of our work, Acts XX. 24.

Such questions as these will be considered:

1. What have we to invest?
 2. How shall we invest?
 3. What are the returns for investment?
- Illustrated Incidents—Miss Annie Brown.

Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, of Lampasas came in Tuesday night to visit in our city for a few weeks.

Mrs. E. J. Voelkel returned home first of the week from Williamson county.

Preston McKinley, of Miles, was visiting Ballinger friends and relatives here first of the week.

Drs. Roscoe and Conn, of Madisonville, Texas, relatives of W. A. Gustavus were here this week prospecting.

Hon. C. F. Dickinson returned last Saturday night from the Confederate Reunion at New Orleans, and has been quite sick since his return.

Revival Services.

Sunday May 13th revival services will begin at the Methodist church. Rev. J. G. Miller is expected to assist in these services. Bro. Miller is pastor of the Methodist church at Brownwood. It is hoped that the members will make their arrangements to attend from the beginning. Let those who desire a revival pray daily for the blessings of God upon the meeting.

We very much desire the cooperation and prayers of all the churches in the town.

A special invitation is extended to the unsaved to attend. Let this be the auspicious time, brother, when you decide for Christ. The years of your life are slipping away from you. It will soon be too late to do anything. Our destinies will soon be fixed.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. We shall be pleased to see you at both these services.

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

W. A. Norman is now taking his friends to drive in a nice \$1250.00 automobile.

W. W. Spencer and two little nephews left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Talpa.

\$5.00 Reward.

For return of one bay mare mule that strayed off from my pasture 4 miles, south of Miles. She is 13 1-2 or 14 hands high and has gear marks on right thigh, is unbranded.

E. Boykin, Miles Tex.

John E. Quarles Co., solicit a part of your lumber trade. All kinds of building material such as doors, sash, blinds, moulding and shingles. It will pay you to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt returned last Tuesday from Mineral Wells where Mr. Van Pelt had been for the benefit of his health, and we are glad to note him much better.

Miss Clara Malone, stenographer for County Judge B. B. Stone, left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Brownwood and will go on to her old home at Odessa.

"In the announcements column of the Sun, this week will be found the name of Oscar Drennan for the office of Constable, Precinct No. 1 Sutton county, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Oscar is well known in Sonora and will make a good race."—Sonora Paper

Oscar Drennan above referred to is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drennan, of our city, and Oscar at one time made Ballinger his home and his many friends here join the Banner-Leader in the wish that he may be successful in his race.

C. S. MILLER,
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Vice-President.

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Pretty line of Low Cuts are in now. We have fine values in Ladies Oxfords, all new styles.

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Fine Line of Gingham, the good and reliable kind, per yard, at only 10 and **12 1/2**

Finest Line of Embroideries in Ballinger, special bargains, per yd 5, 10 and **15c**

36-in. Black Chiffon Taffeta, special value, regular \$1.25 yd quality only **1.00**

All kinds of the very Best Standard Calicoes, in blue, grey, garnets, light colors yd **5c**

6 New Pieces corset cover edgings, regular 35c quality, a bargain at that, only **25**

New Line of Ladies Neckwear.
New Line of Hand Bags.
New Line of Back Combs.

New Line of Ladies Muslin Underwear at Extremely Low Prices.

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Beautiful New Selection in light and dark patterns also the White Silk Pongee. Every shirt warranted to fit. Size 14 to 18. Price 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00.

The Hub.

Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years of Torture.

For more than twenty years Mr. J. B. Massey, of 3322 Clinton St., Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by sciatica. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time is beyond comprehension. Nothing gave him any permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application of that liniment relieved the pain and made sleep and rest possible, and less than one bottle has effected a permanent cure. If troubled with sciatica or rheumatism why not try a 25-cent bottle of Pain Balm and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Good Luck flour \$1.00 per sack. at J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Prosperity.

A certain farmer residing near Ballinger reports that he raised 51 bales of cotton the past year, that he is singlehanded and only spent \$21.00 for help in raising said cotton, except the picking. Prosperity seems easy for farmers in Runnels county. This man has sold 48 bales of this cotton at a fine price.

Mrs. C. A. Sheely and son left Saturday for a visit to relatives and friends at Royse City.

Mrs. J. F. Currie came in from San Angelo Wednesday, where she had been the guest of Mrs. Conda H. Wylie since Sunday.

White Mountain Refrigerators have germ proof atmosphere. Dry, clean, cleanable and cold as an iceberg. At Ostertag Furniture Co.

New Home Locals.

It has threatened rain so much for the last few days that Elm has a two foot rise this evening.

Farmers are about done planting cotton and some are done planting maize.

Jess McAdams of Ballinger was seen going up the creek Sunday morning don't no just where he stopped.

W. J. Wilkerson and family spent Sunday with Mr. Cox and family near Runnels.

Melvin Wilkerson has gone to Red River county.

Jim Brice and family visited at Pink Brown's Saturday night.

Paul Meachter, Charley Vaughn and P. W. Hinson were delegates to the district union at Mud Creek last Saturday.

D. P. Jones had business in Winters Monday and returned Tuesday.

C. A. Richey of Millerview visited at Jay Wyley's last week.

Jim Brice and wife visited Mrs. Brice's father, Mr. Elms at Crews last week. Mr. Elms has just returned from Oklahoma where he had been to have a cancer treated his many friends will be glad to know he is much improved.

Uncle Jonnie of Mazeland please tell us how long you have been in Runnels county. Some of my neighbors think you are a new commer and have not been here long enough to know the bad as well as the good.

You No.



Swell Line of Mens' Patent Kid, Patent Colt and Kid Oxfords on new Styles and Lasts. We warrant every pair to give satisfaction. Price - - \$8.50

The Hub.

Correction.

The letter of Rev. J. S. Moore to the District Conference, that appeared in the Banner-Leader last week, was published through mistake. It was handed to the editor through mistake instead of the Epworth League program. E. P. Williams.

White Mountain Refrigerator.

It is well to remember that these Refrigerators are the product of the largest refrigerator manufacturing plant in the world. For the reason that this factory is located near the great forests of pine and hardwood, raw material is purchased at the lowest possible cost. This is why the best Refrigerators in the world are sold at a moderate price. For sale by Ostertag Furniture Co.

Stomach Troubles

Mrs. Sue Martin, an old and highly respected resident of Faison, Miss., was sick with stomach trouble for more than six months. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured her. She says: "I can now eat anything I want and am the proudest woman in the world to find such a good medicine." For sale by J. Y. Pearce. Samples free.



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Chance

Of

Losing your property by Fire. Don't play Dice with the Hazard but take out insurance on your home and save worry and premature old age. See

LEE MADDOX,

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Look out for Armstrong's New Ice Wagon. If I gave you good service last year, tell your neighbor, if not tell me.

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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 trial will convince you.

Miller Mercantile Company

Jack for Sale.

For sale or trade a fine Jack. See

Justice & Cameron.

Try some of our New England Bread sold by. Godwin Grocery Co.

Car of New Furniture.

Just received a car of new Furniture, of all kinds, iron beds, chairs, cribs etc. Spring house cleaning is here and you will want some new furniture. Give us a call.

Ostertag Fur. Co.

Men Don't Talk

Of Groceries

As much as women do, perhaps, but all the same they know good groceries when they are cooked and put on the table. -- -- --

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Stove wood

Then let J. E. Simpson
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Neat, Nice work and
prompt delivery guaran-
teed. Give me a trial
and be convinced.

WILL NORMAN,

8th Street - - - Ballinger.

Winters Items.

Well Mr. Editor, if you will allow a little space in your valuable paper for a few dots from Winters we will furnish them with pleasure.

Earthquakes and cyclones have been recorded in various places. Dowie has returned to Zion City and various other calamities that could be mentioned but our beautiful little town with its many advantages and attractions is still to be seen on the map of Runnels county and situated in the best part of it too. You would like to have us speak of the business, social and christian and other interests? That we will leave to your imagination and the invincible Enterprise, (The best county paper in the South.) If these will not suffice come see, and be convinced that the half has never yet been told.

The Winters High School closed recently after a successful term. Prof. and Mrs. Bailey gave an entertainment at the church on Thursday evening which was enjoyed by a large audience. The young men and young ladies also the children, acquitted themselves well. Which was evidence that they had been under the tutorage of no ordinary teachers. Vanderbilt University sends out educated men and women only.

The late rains have transformed the traditional long faces into more pleasing appearances. No wonder, for old mother earth has on the prettiest attire she ever wears. She promises to wear one of golden color a little later on. We should not forget to be thankful to the Great Father for such a mother.

As per announcement the people, or quite a number of them gathered at the church last Monday night to organize a prohibition club and to listen to an address by Mr. Turner Moore, the county chairman. For some cause he never showed up, but Rev. J. S. Moore of Ballinger being present was requested to address the meeting, which he did in an able way. We said among other things, the object of the prohibition was to create a sentiment in favor of prohibition and not to prejustice any one in favor of or against any person or political party. About 75 names at this place have been secured on a petition to the court for an election. J. L. Speer was elected chairman of this precinct and G. R. Tucker secretary. One of our best citizens says: "There is little hope for the old drinkers, but if we banish the saloon from our midst the citizens of the future will not be drunkards." And if any one thinks the law can't prohibit let him go to the Indian Territory. Uncle Sam dresses the breaches of the Prohibition law in stripes. Why not try that in Texas? This possibly would require a change in the Constitution. What of that? Has it not been amended a number of times?

The Sunday School will have a picnic the first Friday in June, Everybody invited to come and bring a basket. There will be an interesting program arranged so don't stay away. If you do you will miss a treat.

The Baptist church is about completed. It will be dedicated at the next regular meeting, which is the 2nd Sunday in this month.

Next Sunday is decoration day here. The memorial services will be at the M. E. church at 3 p. m. Then the congregation will repair to the cemetery where

the graves of the departed heroes will be decorated with flowers.

Miss Rossie White and William Pierce were happily married last Sunday at the home of the brides parents. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Bailey. This was some what a surprise to most of us. Miss Rossie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. White of our city. She was a favorite with both young and old. Willie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pierce also of Winters. He has many friends who wish him and bride smooth sailing on the matrimonial sea. They left Monday morning for Abilene.

"Chatter Box"

Mr. "Chatter Box" your chatter is all right and we will be glad to hear from you and your splendid little city at any time you see fit to write—Editor.

ECLIPSE \$3.50 SHOE



The Eclipse Shoes and Oxfords are the best for many reasons. They are made of the very best material, they are made on lasts that fit and hold shape, only the very best shoe makers are used in making Eclipse Shoes and Oxfords. Prices are reasonable for the fit, wear and comfort one gets. Price \$3.50, 4.00 and \$5.00

The Hub.

Concho Locals.

Clouds continue to hover over Concho and occasionally send down a sprinkle of rain.

People of Concho and surrounding settlements had quite a nice picnic, last Saturday, at the Ledford Grove. Saturday night the majority of the young people were invited over to Mr. Oscar Skaggs to spend the remainder of the evening in playing games. They report a delightful time.

Mr. E. E. Gann and daughter, went to Coleman to spend a day or two.

Mr. Bruce Rutherford and Fletcher Cope and others came in from near Sweet Water Monday, where they have been working on the new railroad. Mr. Rutherford will return to his work Wednesday but Fletcher Cope has come home to stay.

Mr. Goldwire who is living near Angelo was in Concho Saturday and Saturday night. He liked the surroundings so well that he says he is coming back again.

Chester Cope was hurt Friday night by a horse falling on him, breaking his collar bone and bruising him up. Sunday night a horse kicked him on the hip. Monday he was taken to the Dr. at Paint Rock. He set his collar bone and Chester seems to be doing very well.

Cotton is coming up and looking fine—But the farmers are not near through planting yet. Blue J.

Special prices on clothing at The Hub.

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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.

Merry Matrons.

Mrs. Will Dunlay entertained the Merry Matrons and a few intimate friends Friday afternoon of last week at her cosy stone cottage on Hutchings Avenue. The decorations in parlor and library consisted of profusions of spring flowers gracefully arranged in tall vases.

The guests were requested to bring their sewing, which added materially to the entertainment of the afternoon. Delicious ice cream, cake and salted almonds were the refreshments served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Dan Moser, Friday the 11th.

J. B. Smith Dead.

Mr. J. B. Smith, father of Mrs. B. F. Corum and Bob Smith, of our city died last Saturday at 1 o'clock and buried in the Ballinger Cemetery at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, funeral services conducted by Rev. G. W. Newman. The Banner-Leader joins the many friends of the family in condolence and sympathy in their sad affliction.

Lee Maddox can write you \$1000 tornado insurance on your residence or business house three years for \$5.00.

New line of Men's pat Kid and Kid Oxfords at The Hub.

Call around at the John E. Quarles, Co., for estimates on your lumber bills.

A swell line of Gents neckwear at the Ballinger Dry Goods Company's store. Call and see it.

J. B. Smith, of Waco, was here this week to attend the funeral services of his father which occurred at the Ballinger Cemetery 4 o'clock Sunday last.

Pale, Thin, Nervous?

Then your blood must be in a very bad condition. You certainly know what to take, then take it—Ayer's Sarsaparilla. If you doubt, then consult your doctor. We know what he will say about this grand old family medicine. Sold for over 60 years.

This is the first question your doctor would ask: "Are your bowels regular?" He knows that daily action of the bowels is absolutely essential to recovery. Keep your liver active and your bowels regular by taking laxative doses of Ayer's Pills.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.
Also manufacturers of
Ayer's HAIR VIGOR,
AGUE CURE,
CHERRY PECTORAL.

VICTORY FROM DEFEAT.

Two Notable Instances in the War Record of Great Britain.

Only on one occasion has a British force offered terms amounting to surrender before the commencement of an action, but this is what the Black Prince felt himself obliged to do by the overwhelming forces of the French before the battle of Poitiers. So certain did he consider defeat to be that he actually offered to give up all the plunder he had taken, disband the greater part of his force and give an undertaking not to fight against the French for seven years, and so confident were the French that they refused these terms. The result was one of the most brilliant victories that adorn the British arms.

In modern times the victory of Anbuera, in the peninsular war, is another instance of apparent defeat being turned into victory. After the charge of the French hussars and Polish lancers all seemed lost. Ammunition was failing, a deep gully prevented the use of the bayonet, and Beresford was preparing for retreat when the valor of Colonel Hardinge saved the day. The battle, which lasted only four hours, was the scene of terrible carnage, and when it was over the so far victorious French were driven headlong down the hill, on the summit of which 1,500 unwounded men, the remnant of 7,500 unconquerable British soldiers, stood triumphant.—London Spectator.

FEMININE HEROISM.

Women Have Often Fought in Defense of Their Native Towns.

During the oppression of the Netherlands by the Spaniards in the sixteenth century it was no uncommon event for women to fight in defense of their native town. When in 1572 Don Frederic at the head of a large army besieged Haarlem, among the garrison that defended the town were 300 women. Their chief was a widow of distinguished family, about forty-seven years of age, who, at the head of her amazons, participated in many of the most fiercely contested actions of the siege.

Seven years later, at the siege of Maestricht, the women were of great assistance in making mines, enrolling themselves into companies under the direction of officers, or "mine mistresses," as they were called. The service they rendered was inestimable.

At the repulse of the Spaniards from the walls of Alkmaar women and even children showed a like courage, assisting their husbands and fathers in the desperate defense. History, indeed, gives many examples of such heroism, among which may be mentioned the brave conduct of the women at the defense of Sarragossa in 1808, when they took the place of their slain husbands or brothers at the cannon side.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Artists as Frame Makers.

The frame for the picture is always a sore question with the average artist, as any one of them will confess and any frame maker testify to. Most painters have definite ideas on how their canvases should be framed, but when it comes to ordering and paying for them, that is another matter. As great an artist as Alma-Tadema always designed his own frames, and not a few New York painters design and make their own. There is one Boston artist who began by making his own frames after his own designs, and his effects were so artistic that several of his colleagues in that city begged him to make frames for them. He consented to do this in a few cases, until the fame of his work spread abroad, and as a result he received so many orders that he set up a frame making shop of his own.

The Stone of Destiny.

The historic stone known in Scotland as the "Stone of Destiny," in Ireland as the "Lia Fail" and in England as "Jacob's Pillar" or the "Stone" is said to have been brought from Egypt to Ireland by a beautiful princess, who placed it in Tara's hall in 580 B. C. At present this very ancient relic is fastened underneath the coronation chair in Westminster abbey. The stone is of dark color, streaked with red, and is twenty-six inches long, sixteen inches wide and eleven inches thick. Its surface is much defaced, and a deep crack almost divides it into two parts. Tradition says that this stone can be traced back to the plains of Luz, where Jacob laid his head upon it and dreamed his ladder dream, and that at the captivity Jeremiah carried it to Egypt.

A Love Test.

This tale is told in the orient: A lady one day found a man following her, and she asked him why he did so. His reply was, "You are very beautiful, and I am in love with you." "Oh, you think me beautiful, do you? There is my sister over there. You will find her much more beautiful than I am. Go and make love to her." On hearing this, the man went to see the sister, but found she was very ugly, so he came back in an angry mood and asked the lady why she had told him a falsehood. She then answered, "Why did you tell me a falsehood?" The man was surprised at this accusation and asked when he had done so. Her answer was: "You said you loved me. If that had been true you would not have gone to make love to another woman."

Getting Rid of Guests.

The late General Isaac J. Wistar of Philadelphia—it was after his family that the wistaria vine was named—had a multitude of anecdotes that he could draw on when he desired to score a point or to illuminate an idea. General Wistar was for a number of years the president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Natural Sciences. At one of the academy's meetings a rather old and original method of reaching the north pole was suggested. Of this method the president said, smiling:

"Doubtless in that way the pole might be achieved, but what an original way of getting there it would be. It reminds me of the way two San Francisco friends of mine once took to get rid of some guests.

"These guests came to spend the evening and didn't know when to depart. My friends were patient with them, very patient, but when 11, 12 and finally 1 o'clock struck the husband realized that something must be done. He was an original chap, and in his original way he looked at his wife and said mildly:

"My dear, hadn't we better get up to bed? Our friends may want to be going."—Washington Post.

Tonic Effect of Laughter.

We are not disposed to say anything about the physiology of laughter, but we are prepared to affirm that as a tonic there is nothing within the possibilities of human experience that can match a good, hearty laugh. There is something democratic about a laugh that makes it impossible to distinguish whether it is a prince or a plebeian who is moved to merriment. Hardly greater tragedy could be perpetrated than to wrest the power of song from the birds, but that would be a small calamity compared with the filching of laughter from life. If the conditions of this world could be such as to afford to every human being the frequent enjoyment of a pure, hearty peal of laughter, there would be no need that other favors be conferred. This alone would be ample testimony that happiness was paramount in the lives of men.—Baltimore Herald.

Letters in England Not Private.

You cannot regard any letter you may send through the post as being private. The government has a legal right to open any letter or parcel passing through the post and is also entitled, of course, to use any information thus obtained in furtherance of the interests of the law. At one time the official and secret opening of "private" letters was of such common occurrence that postoffice employees were sent to France to take lessons from an expert in the art of opening and re-sealing letters. In 1812 the postmasters of Manchester, Nottingham and Glasgow were instructed to "open all such letters as should appear to be of a suspicious nature and likely to convey seditious information," and so recently as fifty years ago there was an agitation to deprive the government of the right to open letters passing through the post. The agitation failed, however, so that your letters are still liable to be opened, and the law would be on the side of the official opener.—London Answers.

Snake Hunting With Noses.

When the Australian aborigine is pushed and can find no other game, he catches snakes for food. With his wonderful brown eyes he can see the faintest trail where a snake has zigzagged through the dry moss and leaves. At nighttime his broad nostrils take up the chase, and, stooping down among the bushes, with a tough forked stick in his hand to support him, he follows the track as unerringly as a bloodhound. When he runs a snake to earth, if he cannot surprise it in the open and kill it by a sudden blow of his stick, he squats over its hole, making a low hissing or whistling sound with his lips. Soon the snake puts its head out of the hole and peers round. In an instant the forked stick descends and fixes it to the ground by the neck, and the black fellow, seizing it behind the head, so that it cannot bite him, drags it out of the hole and either twists it head off or pounds it on the ground till its back is broken.

Humanity and Machinery.

Machinery is the cornerstone of modern society, the very foundation on which law, science, ethics, the arts, even the state itself, rests. It is so new that we do not yet know its poetry. We do not yet understand. Only two generations have lived beside the highway of steam; only one has seen the Bessemer converter transform the blacksmith into the master builder of ships and towers. The sewing machine, the far speaker, the typewriter, are common things of today, accepted as a matter of daily convenience, and yet are they teachers of the people. Machines that come close to our lives and homes insensibly teach truth, precision, the adjustment of universal laws to human needs, respect for that wise American idea that labor saved is labor released for higher and nobler toil. The machine is the head master of the high school of the race.—Reader Magazine.

Development Of The SOUTHWEST.

The problem is solved when the idle capital of the Northeast and the cheap lands of the Southwest are brought together. Intelligent organic co-operation is the key-note to this consummation. This again, is reached through the NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE REALTY CO., of Chicago, Ill., CAPITALIZED with \$350,000.00, of which, the WEST TEXAS LAND & LOAN CO. are members.

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West Texas Land & Loan Co.,
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LOS ANGELES
WITH THE
SHRINERS
IN
MAY
Via



HARVEY Serves the Meals.

THE head of the steam god is turned toward the Reddening Light of the Fading Orb of Day and you are bade mount in order that you may mingle with the faithful from every clime gathered for wise council and merry concourse. Drop me a card and I will tell you the "HOW" of going to California and the WHY of going SANTA FE.

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Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Jas. McWhirter returned Wednesday from a visit of several days to friends at Coleman.

Give us your trade for one month we will do our best to please you.
Godwin Grocery. Co.

John E. Quarles Co. Lumber dealers are new in Ballinger but long in the lumber business. Give us a trial at your lumber orders.

Mrs. H. Winkler, who had her arrangements made to go to Berlin, Germany, this week received word from her sister that their mother and father were dead, and she will not likely make the trip as it was to see them she was mainly going.

Bob Norman left on the afternoon train Tuesday for a visit of several weeks at his old home at Bearden, Ark.

Miss Zanette Willingham came in from the St. Mary's college at Austin Saturday night of last week, having finished her course in that institution.

Superiority in everything—construction, cleanliness, economy, convenience—in the many special features contained in no other household Refrigerators made; superiority, in short, in all the points that go to make up the best Refrigerators on earth—the "White Mountain." Also made with snow white enamel lining of porcelain hardness. For sale by Ostertag Furniture Co.

Map of Ballinger.

Don't you need a map of the City of Ballinger? J. E. Powell has just completed some showing all the additions and will sell them at a reasonable figure. Call at the Court House and see them.

PLAIN TALK

to Avoid Domestic Troubles and Keep Your Temper Sweet.

Advice to Married Men.

When you get up in the morning with a Headache, a Coated Tongue and a Bad Temper, don't scold your wife, box the children's ears, and make life miserable for everybody when you get down to the office.

Take a dose of SAL-TE-NA Effervescent Fruit Seltzer before breakfast.

It will take the bad taste out of your mouth, sweeten your stomach, dispel the headache, give you a good appetite and put you in a good humor.

Inside of an hour you will feel the laxative effects, and by the time you reach the office, you will be ready for a big day's work.

SAL-TE-NA is entirely harmless. Doesn't depress the heart's action like headache tablets; doesn't gripe like cathartic pills.

It is a natural laxative and tonic agreeable to the most delicate stomach.

Taken in a half a glass of water, makes a sparkling, pleasant drink.

Drink it as it foams!

Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles by leading druggists everywhere. For Sale by Walker Drug Co.

Ice Notice.

This is to notify the public that I have the contract for this season's out put of Ice at the Chrystal Ice Plant, of Ballinger, and will in a few days be ready to deliver ice to citizens of Ballinger in any quantity from a nickles worth up. I guarantee weights and courteous treatment at all times. I will appreciate your patronage, and promise prompt and efficient service.

Very Respectfully,
John Seibert.

seed potatoes at.

Godwin Grocery. Co.,

Bad Stomach Makes

Bad Blood.

You can not make sweet butter in a foul, unclean churn. The stomach serves as a churn in which to agitate, work up and disintegrate our food as it is being digested. If it be weak, sluggish and foul the result will be torpid, sluggish liver and bad, impure blood.

The ingredients of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery are just such as best serve to correct and cure all such derangements. It is made up without a drop of alcohol in its composition; chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine being used instead of the commonly employed alcohol. Now this glycerine is of itself a valuable medicine, instead of a deleterious agent like alcohol, especially in the cure of weak stomach, dyspepsia and the various forms of indigestion. Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says of it: "In dyspepsia it serves an excellent purpose. It is one of the best manufactured products of the present time in its action upon enfeebled, disordered stomachs; especially if there is ulceration or catarrhal gastritis (catarrhal inflammation of stomach). It is a most efficient preparation. Glycerine will relieve many cases of pyrosis (heartburn) and excessive gastric acidity. It is useful in chronic intestinal dyspepsia, especially the flaccid variety, and in certain forms of chronic constipation, stimulating the secretory and excretory functions of the intestinal glands."

When combined, in just the right proportions, with Golden Seal root, Stone root, Black Cherry bark, Queen's root, Blood root and Mandrake root, or the extracts of these, as in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, there can be no doubt of its great efficacy in the cure of all stomach, liver and intestinal disorders and derangements. These several ingredients have the strongest endorsement in all such cases of such eminent medical leaders as Prof. R. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, Chicago; Prof. Hobart A. Hare, M. D., of Medical Department, University of Pa.; Prof. Laurence Johnson, M. D., Medical Department, University of New York; Prof. Edwin M. Hale, M. D., of Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago; Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., and Prof. John King, M. D., Authors of the American Dispensatory, and scores of others among the leading medical men of our land. Who can doubt the curative virtues of a medicine the ingredients of which have such a professional endorsement? Constipation cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One or two a dose.

New line of Men's neckwear at Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. Robert Needham and children returned Friday of last week from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Leon county.

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.

Bob Castleberry, who recently moved back to the ranch in the Maverick country, was in the city first of the week and reports grass fine and farming interests in good shape.

Miss Robbie Reynolds, of Maverick, who taught school at Williams Springs in the northern part of the county came in Monday to attend the county school board of examiners, and stood a fine examination before the board. Reports from the patrons of her school are of the very best and both children and patrons express themselves well pleased with her work, if she should apply again would be the choice of the entire community.

Heaven Revealed.

By Benjamin Fiske Barrett. 383 pp., 5 1-4 x 7 inches; Large Type; Fine Cloth. For a limited period this book is offered at trade rates. 50 cents, with 9 cents postage for mailing.

CONTENTS.—The Origin of Angels.—The Essential Nature of Heaven.—Character of the Angels.—Testimony of Scripture.—The Sure Way to heaven.—Practical Tendency of this Disclosure.—Environment in Heaven and What Determines It.—Societies in Heaven.—A Heaven for the Non-Christian World.—Are Earthly Relationships Continued in Heaven.—Meeting and Recognition of friends in the Hereafter.—Personal Appearance of the Angels.—Rejuvenescence Growth in Heaven.—Houses and Homes in Heaven.—Garments in Heaven.—Children in Heaven.—Sex and Marriage in Heaven.—Work in Heaven.—The Three Heavens and How related.—Eternal Progress in Heaven.—Consociation of Angels with Men.

Address The Nunc Licet Press 42 West Coulter Street Philadelphia Pa.

John W. Bell Dead.

Jno. W. Bell, who died in a tent on the Colorado River last Friday, came to Ballinger the fourth of March in search for health. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. L. M. Bell, who continually cared for him during his sickness here. He seemed to improve for the first three weeks, but after this he gradually failed until the end came on the 20th instant. The deceased, originally from Red River County Texas, came directly here from the Indian Territory. His health having failed him about one year ago, he spent the time up to his coming here, seeking to regain it. He was a barber by trade. Mrs. Bell, accompanied by her little boy, arrived here on Wednesday preceding her husband's death. She was not aware of the fact that he was so near death; and hence the stroke came upon her with a crushing blow. Both she and the brother have the sympathy of all who are acquainted with the circumstances. The deceased was born Dec. 1st, 1871, and died April the 20th 1906. Age 34 years 4 months and 19 days. Services were conducted at the grave Saturday afternoon by the writer. The subject of this sketch professed faith in Christ and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church some years ago. When he saw that end was coming, he expressed himself as being ready to die; and there is no consolation so great as this to the bereft. We commend these sorrowing ones to Him who alone is able to comfort and support in such trying experiences.
Callin W. Yates.

L. Markowitz, of Cincinnati, was transacting business and shaking hands with Ballinger friends last Saturday.

Mrs. John F. Currie went up to San Angelo on the noon train Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Conda Wylie, and other friends for a few days.

If it Fails the Money's Yours.

Thousands of boxes of Hunt's Cure are being sold by the Southern druggists daily, for the simple reason that people are rapidly finding out that it is the best cure for any itching disease ever discovered. The first application relieves, and one box positively guaranteed to cure any one case.

Notice of Special Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Abilene & Northern Railway Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said company to convene at the general office of said company of the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank in the city of Abilene, Taylor county, Texas, at 9 o'clock a. m. on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1906, which meeting is called for the purpose of considering and authorizing the making, execution and delivery of the first mortgage bonds of said company in an amount not exceeding \$20,000 per mile for each mile of main line constructed or thereafter to be constructed by said company, said bonds to be payable in gold coin at a time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and to bear interest not exceeding 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be issued for the purpose of paying for completing, improving, equipping and operating the said line of railroad for the purpose of considering and authorizing the making, execution and delivery of a first mortgage on the property of said company, (for the purpose of securing said bonds,) to-wit:

The line of railroad now under construction belonging to the Abilene & Northern Railway Company and beginning at a point on the line of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad at or near the town of Hamlin in Jones county, Texas, and running thence in a south-westerly direction to and through the town of Anson in Jones county, thence continuing in a southeasterly direction through the counties of Jones and Taylor to the town of Abilene in Taylor county, Texas; thence continuing in a general southerly direction through the counties of Taylor, Runnels, Coleman, Concho and McCulloch to the town of Brady in McCulloch county, Texas, with a branch beginning at or near the town of Anson in Jones county, Texas, and running thence in a northerly direction to the town of Stamford in Jones county, including all the franchises of said Railway Company together with all the right of way, depot grounds, terminal facilities, sidings, structures, depots, improvements and real estate, together with all equipment, rolling stock, machinery, engines, round houses, shops, buildings, tools and any and all property owned by said Abilene & Northern Railway Company in the Counties of Jones, Taylor, Coleman, Concho, Runnels and McCulloch in the State of Texas, and such other property of said Railway Company that may hereafter be acquired or so much thereof as the stockholders of said company may authorize. Abilene, Texas, April 9th, 1906.

D. T. Romar
Secretary, Abilene & Northern
Railway company.

May 11 and 12.
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.
Friday and Saturday, May
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FIFTY LOTS FOR SALE.

\$75 Each--\$15 Cash and
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The Greatest Eye Glass in the World.
For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Imported CLEVELAND BAY.

Improve your horse stock by breeding to "Mac," imported from England by Pearson Bros., Austin. : : :

"Mac" is a Mohogony Bay 15 1-2 hands, with star in forehead, weighs 1250 pounds, clean limbed, heavy boned, fine style and action, and is the horse to use on ordinary mares for general purpose horses. : : : : : : :

Will make season commencing April 15th. at J. Ford Ivey's. : : :

\$10.00 for season. Insured.

Spectacles at Jas. E. Brewers.

Mrs. H. H. Luckett came in from Toyah Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

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

W. G. Cathay returned from Coleman Saturday where he had been as a delegate to the District Conference.

Judge C. O. Harris visited his ranch in the Maverick country last Saturday and reports everything in nice shape.

Dr. Scott, the G. C. & S. F. Ry Co's surgeon was here Saturday to make an examination of Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Lewis who were hurt by the train last week.

Sunday's Record had in it the picture of Hon. Erskine Williams a prominent Attorney of Fort Worth. Mr. Williams is a brother of our Rev. E. P. Williams, and is a Lay Delegate to the General Conference which meets in Birmingham, Alabama in May. An honor which Mr. Williams is eminently fitted to receive.

Do You Itch?

If so, you know the sensation is not an agreeable one, and hard to cure unless the proper remedy is used.

Hunt's Cure is the King of all Skin remedies. It cures promptly any itching trouble known. No matter the name or place. One application relieves—one box is absolutely guaranteed to cure.

San Angelo Marble Works.

SHIPMAN & IZARD, Props.

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.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Card of Thanks.

To all who were kind to me in rendering their valuable and prompt assistance in my recent sore affliction, and for their many words of condolence I wish to say that I have no words that can correctly voice my inmost feeling of thanks and gratitude and appreciation. Knowing that your services to me were lovingly and heartily rendered, they were done as unto the Lord, and verily you have an eternal reward in heaven.

Sincerely,
G. W. Nance.

Maverick Items.

Miss Winnie Huffaker and her brother Donnell were in town Saturday.

Miss Maudé McAulay after spending a few days in Robert Lee is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash were in town trading Monday.

Lloyd Brown was out here Sunday.

Several Bronte going people were here Sunday.

Tobe Little went to town Monday.

Mrs. Robbie Reynold went down Monday to spend the week in town with friends.

The Kid crowd enjoyed a frolic at Dr. Todd's on last Saturday evening.

The following Maverick people attended Prof. Pennis picnic last Saturday: Misses Maude McAulay, Lelliare Caperton, Maude and Blanche Ellis, Messrs Calvin Robinson, Tobe Little, Elmer Clinger, Dudley Carlton and Leslie Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Odom went to Ft Chadbourne last Saturday returning Sunday.

On last Sunday afternoon after S. S. a number of young people drove to Earl Clugers and enjoyed a feast of ice cream, soda pop, lemonade and cake.

Maurene.

Advertised Letter List.

Of letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas, Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks at the close of Business on Saturday April, 21 1906. In calling for these letters please say advertised giving date of this list.

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Baker Mr. James A.
Bentley Mrs. Anna
Clayton Mr. J. L.
Duncan F. L.
Essary Mrs. N. J.
Evans Mrs. Clara
Evans Earl
Griffin Mr. Clarence
Hearn Mr. Jno. L.
Hullum Mrs. L. D.
Kimbell Mr. Alfred
McLaughlin Mrs. N. A.
Pringle Mrs. Vicky
Vincent Mr. W. T.
Willis Miss R. G.
Martin Mr. Lee

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 Pain Plucker.

If a burn or a bruise afflicts you, rub it on, rub it on. Then before you scarcely know it all the trouble will be gone. For an aching joint or muscle do the same. It extracts all pains and poisons, plucks the sting and heals the lame. Hunt's Lightning Oil does it.

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Phone 33. TRANSFER LINE.

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

HANDLE and DELIVERS COAL TO ALL PARTS CITY.

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

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.

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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.

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

CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO.,

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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.

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, blinds, mouldings, shingles, lime, brick and cement. : : : :

Humphrey Lumber Company.

Opposite Court House. Ballinger, Texas.

Judge C. O. Harris has been improving his residence property considerably the past two weeks by putting a new iron fence around the yard, building a new front gallery, and entrance Hall, a servant house and painting up everything. When the job is completed he will have one of the most attractive homes in Ballinger.

General Assembly Presbyterian church in U. S. A. Des Moines Ia. 15-29 1906. For above occasion we will sell excursion tickets to Des Moines Ia., and return at rate of one first class limited fare plus \$2.00 for round trip. Dates of sale, sell May 14-15-16-17-21 and 23. Final limit to return June 2nd.

B. D. Pelton, Agt.

Biennial meeting general federation of Womens Clubs St Paul Minn. May 30-June 7th. For the above occasion we will sell excursion tickets to St. Paul or Minneapolis Minn., and return at rate of one fare plus \$2.00 or round trip. Dates sales May 16th-28-29 and 30th 1906. Final return limit June 12th.

B. D. Pelton, Agt.

Neck Wear.

We have the swellest line of neck wear in the city, don't make your spring purchases until you have seen our line.

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Your Lumber Bill.

Let the Quarles Lumber Co. figure on your bill of lumber before making your purchase. They will save you money.

John E. Quarles Lumber Co. Successors of Clem Lumer Co.

The best alarm clock on earth at Jas. E. Brewers.

Fresh Vegetables at M. D. Chastain's, the grocery and grain dealer.

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

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

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

Albatross and New Century Flour are the best on the market sold only by J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Go to Bob Shaffer's saddle and harness store for the best shoe repair work, good work and prompt service.

Bob Shaffer's is the place to have your shoes or harness repaired. Quick and efficient service guaranteed.

You do your self an injustice if you fail to see the large collection of Souvenir Postal Cards on sale at the Walker Drug Co.

Ballinger Jersey Dairy.

The Ballinger Jersey Dairy and the Long Horn Dairy have consolidated and all Long Horn stuff will be cut out and nothing but the best and richest Jersey milk furnished our customers. We solicit a continuance of your patronage and promise to give the best service.

Yours for business,
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Pure old Ribbon cane syrup at J. B. Alvis & Bro.

We Deliver the Goods

Not just "any old kind of goods" but

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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.

Worthy of Note.

Rev. J. S. Moore, who is traveling over the County for R. A. Risser & Co., instructed us to add W. E. Puckett, of Mazeland, to our subscription list at that place. While in conversation Mr. Moore gleaned the following bit of history from Mr. Puckett: There are three of the brothers, Tom, Houston and W. E., moved to this county 1900, and with only a few dollars in cash and their wagons and teams started life. Today Tom owns two good farms, W. E., three farms and Houston two farms, a total of about 1200 acres of as fine land as the West affords; they made the money in Rannels county and dug the money out of the soil, and are still in good shape with not a bill over due. When they left Williamson county their friends there pitied them and said when they starved out would help them to get homes again in Williamson. They have nice comfortable cottage homes and on last Wednesday W. E. and Houston bought 117 acres of land in the forks of Fish and Valley creek near Wingate as a fishing and play ground for their families while enjoying the fruits of their well earned reward. They are all three ever ready to respond to the call of charity and for the up building of their part of the county.

Ice, Ice, Ice.

I want your ice trade, weights and prices the same the season through. Phone 194.

John G. Key.

Remember.

It's not how you live, but how's your liver. If not in perfect order, make it so by using Simmon's Liver Purifier, — tin boxes only. Its the surest, safest and most agreeable aid to that organ ever put up.

W. T. Ward was serving his country as a federal juror at San Angelo this week.

Mrs. G. L. Higgs and children left on the afternoon train last Sunday to visit relatives and friends at their old home at Hico.

The members of the Presbyterian church contributed \$50.00 last Sunday for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers, and the Sunday School of the C. P. church made a donation the same day of \$10.00 for the same laudable cause.

Litt Chastain, of San Angelo, visited Ballinger friends last Sunday.

Dick, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitt, of West End, is quite sick this week.

Willie Wilke and E. Jones, visited friends at San Angelo Sunday and returned on the noon train Monday.

G. G. Odom, J. A. DeMerville and H. D. Pearce returned last Saturday night from the Confederate reunion at New Orleans.

The Walker Drug Co. received the first of the week their handsome Innovation Soda Fountain and now have everything in shape for dispensing cold drinks.

Miss Maud Leake accompanied by her niece Miss Frankie Leake came in from Brownwood, on the noon train Monday. Miss Maud Leake will take charge of the Millinery department at R. A. Risser & Co's.

We are requested to correct the hour for holding the Confederate Decoration sermon at the C. P. church May 13th, the hour will be at 3:30 in the afternoon instead of the regular 11 o'clock hour as stated last week.

The District Conference of the M. E. church which was held at Coleman last week was largely attended and a harmonious and profitable meeting was had. The next meeting of the Conference will be held at Comanche, Texas.

The rabbit hunt in the McWilliams neighborhood last Saturday was a decided success in every particular, the number of rabbits killed being the largest at any one meet of the season. The number is estimated to be between 300 and 350. One enjoyable feature of the occasion was the splendid dinner prepared by the ladies of that neighborhood, supplemented by the fish and fine barbecue furnished by Messrs. Ben Smith and Josie McKenzie. There was over a hundred people in attendance, among whom was quite a number from Ballinger.

Letter to Bair & Brown.

Dear Sirs:—

When you see a well-dressed man you like to say: "There's a sample of my clothes. That man is worth two of himself as he was when he came to us."

We have the same feeling. Our paint on a house is worth twice as much as old-fashion painter's paint, lead-and-oil. It looks the same when first put on. In three months it don't. In three years it decidedly don't.

Lead-and-oil chalks off in three years; it is considered a first-rate job that lasts three years.

Devooe lead-and-zinc is about as good in three years as it was the day the painter left it.

Zinc is the secret of it: no secret at all. A good many painters know zinc; some mix it in with their lead. We grind it in: not a little: good deal.

It's the zinc and the grinding that does it. You can't mix zinc by hand. We grind it in by machinery.

Painters are finding us out, though some painters are slow.

You know that it pays a good man to wear good clothes. How many customers have you that know it?

Yours truly

F. W. Devooe & Co.

Ballinger Lumber Co. sell our paint.

Roy Reeder came in from Austin last Saturday where he had been attending St. Mary's College the past year, to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. D. Reeder, who is quite sick. As the term is so near out Roy will not return again this session, but will accept a position in the Reeder & Jones Lumber Co.

You may search the world over with a magnifying glass and you will not find another medicine equal to Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup for the cure of Constipation, Billiousness, Indigestion, and Stomach Troubles. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Walker Drug Co.

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Hacks
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We handle the Connersville and Moon Bros., and have just received a car of each. Call early and supply your wants. Our goods stand the test.

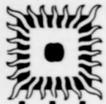
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We can sell you your Groceries at prices that talk—prices that are right—prices that enable you to share our profits.

Visit us and we can furnish the proof.

Grain and Hay.

We handle all kinds of Feed Stuff, at prices that are right.

M. D. Chastain

Concho Locals.

Mr. Tickle was in Paint Rock Saturday.

Mr. King and son are back from Odessa, where they have been attending to business interests. Mr. King traded his land at that place for property near Ballinger.

Eld. W. S. Griffin, who has been in Brownwood for the last six weeks, has returned home.

Mrs. Pierce and daughter, Mrs. Edmiston, of Paint Rock were the guests of Mrs. W. S. Griffin, last Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Gann and son have just returned from Leaday, where they have been for the last week on a round-up.

Mr. Wooly, the butcher of Paint Rock, was out in the Concho settlement hunting fat cattle last week. Cattle are in fine shape.

Everybody is planting cotton, and ploughing corn and maize. A three foot rise came down

the Concho River last Saturday.

Mr. J. M. King, Chester and Leonard Cape, Mr. Rozzelee and Mr. R. C. Tillery were in Paint Rock last week on business.

The families of Messers. E. E. Gamit, J. M. King, W. S. Griffin, Prof. Clay, Mesdames Pierce and Edmiston, enjoyed a fine dinner under the shade of the Ledford Pecan grove last week.

Prof. Clay and wife returned to their home, in Paint Rock, Monday.

Frank and Earnest Leatherwood were in Paint Rock Tuesday.

A number of young people were over from Smith school house Sunday.

Blue J.

Have you pains in the back, inflammation of any kind, rheumatism, fainting spells, indigestion or constipation, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes you well, keeps you well. 35 cents. Ask your Druggist.

Your Spring Suit.

Let Borders take your measure for a Spring Suit, his sample books are here and the "swellest" lines ever shown in Ballinger.

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Santa Fe Specials.

State Retail Grocers Association, Denison, Texas June 12th-13th, 1906. For the above occasion you may sell excursion tickets to Denison and return at rates 1 1-3. Dates of Sale: Sell June 11th and for trains Arriving in Denison morning of June 12th. Limit all tickets to cotinuous passage in each direction and to June 14th, 1906, for final return. Rates for children 5 and under 12 years of age will be one half of the adult rate, adding 2 1-2 when necessary to make child's rate end in 0 or 5.

State Convention Knights of Columbus, San Antonio, Tex., May 6-10, 1906. For the above occasion you may sell excursion tickets to San Antonio and return at rates 1 1-3 fare. Dates of sale, Sell May 5th and 6th. Limit tickets to May 11th, 1906, for final return. Rates for children 5 and under 12 years of age will be one half of the adult rate, adding 2 1-2 when necessary to make child's rate end in 0 or 5.

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ill., May 17th-24, 1906. For the above occasion you may sell excursion tickets to Decatur, Ill., and return at rate of One Standard First Class Limited Fare Plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Sell May 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 1906. Limit May 30th,

Kentucky Home-Coming, Louisville, Ky., June 13-17, 1906. For the above occasion you may sell excursion tickets to Louisville Ky., and return at rate of One Standard First Class Limited Fare Plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Sell June 11th, 12th and 13th. Limit (30) days from date of sale.

Meeting Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, Yorktown, Tex., May 3d-8th, 1906. For the above occasion you may sell excursion tickets to Yorktown and return at rates 1 1-3 fare. Sell May 2d and for trains arriving in Yorktown morning of May 3d. Limit to May 9th, 1906, for final return. Rates for children 5 and under 12 years of age will be one half of the adult rate, adding 2 1-2 when necessary to make child's rate end in 0 or 5.

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Have been at the carpenters trade for 50 years, but only work at the bench now, and I can sharpen your saws and put them in as good shape as new, and guarantee good work. Work from all over the county solicited and from carpenters in town who are two busy to sharpen.

J. C. Carter,
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"An ounce of prevention is a pound of cure." Persons who have weak lungs or suffering from a bad Cold, have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should always keep a bottle of Hart's Honey and Horehound at hand. It is a certain preventive of Croup and Pneumonia, and never fails to cure a bad Cold quickly. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Walker Drug Co.

Chas. H. Harrington, of Wheeling, West Va., was in our city this week. He has been in the West several months for the benefit of his health, and will likely spend several weeks in our city.

J. S. Graves, who recently moved to our county from Proctor and bought property, enrolled on the Banner-Leaders list at Ballinger this week.

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For District Attorney:
WALTER U. EARLY.

For Representative 102nd Dist:
W. B. SILLIMAN.

County Judge:
B. B. STONE.

For County Attorney:
R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff:
HENRY A. MITCHELL.

A. S. JUSTICE.
C. C. CULWELL.

R. P. KIRK.

For Assessor:
EDWIN DAY.

W. T. PADGETT.

For County Clerk:
R. A. TERRY.

For County Treasurer:
W. F. SHARP.

For J. P. and Com. Prec. No. 1:
W. H. WEEKS.

W. W. MCKINLEY.

For Constable Prec. No. 1:
B. W. PILCHER.

For Public Cotton Weigher Prec. No. 1:
FRANK STUART.

T. A. TIDWELL.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:
J. E. McADAMS.

Luncheon.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, Mrs. B. B. Stone gave a Luncheon in honor of Mrs. Ralph A. Risser and Miss Mildred Erwin, from 3 to 6 p. m.

After the guest had been received by the hostess, they were invited to the beautifully decorated dining room where an elegant luncheon was served. The table decorations consisted of white tulle, gracefully suspended from the chandelier to the four corners of the table, in the center of which stood a handsome cut glass vase filled with white carnations and ferns. The place cards were heart-shaped pen and ink sketches of cupid being suggestive of an approaching wedding.

Before being seated at the table, Miss Minnie Guion Francis in her own original manner announced the engagement of Miss Mildred Erwin and Mr. George Holman. This toast was responded to in an appropriate manner by the hostess; then Miss Hermia Smith gave a toast to the bride-to-be, after which Mrs. W. C. Penn toasted the groom.

The refreshments consisted of a dainty salad course, ice cream and cake. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing whist.

A Boyish Looking Mayor.

Otis U. Walker, who though only 28 years old, was recently re-elected mayor of Alliance, O., is smooth shaven and looks not much unlike a school boy. Before entering politics he was city editor of the Alliance Leader, and served in the Eighth Ohio in Cuba during the late war.

Tuskegee Idea Not a New One.

Rev. Thomas Dixon has been looking over some piles of Southern newspapers dating back to 1865 and was astonished to find that Booker T. Washington's platform of negro education was advocated in speeches delivered by Confederate generals after their return from the civil war.

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If you are figuring on a trip anywhere, just drop me a line. All information regarding rates, routes, etc., cheerfully given.

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Fort Worth, Texas.

An Election--Perhaps?

"That all is not unity and oneness of purpose in the ranks of the prohibitionists on the advisability of precipitating an election with all its direful consequences on the people and business interests of Runnels county at the present time, is evident to the most casual observer.

Those veterans in the ranks of the pros who stood the the brunt of the battle of two years ago, are not unmindful of the costly experiences there gained, and, if one may judge by an expression dropped here and there, they have little sympathy with the present movement.

The late session of the grand jury, composed of a number of the leaders of two years ago, searched the highways and byways for infractions of the law. Every clue was run to the ground every trail was followed to the end, with the result that no indictments could be found against a saloon men, or any other in the town of Ballinger. This is a fact that these veteran pros refer to as an evidence of the law abiding disposition of our people, and knowing the sufficiency of the laws when enforced, they can see no good purpose to be served by throwing this people into a tornado of excitement and bitterness, in order to satisfy the whims of a few new-comers who do not seem to realize the gravity of the steps they are taking.

It had developed also, beyond peradventure, that one precinct is the prime mover; that the leaders realize their town will lose largely in trade if local option should be adopted in the single precinct, and in order to prevent Ballinger obtaining that advantage are endeavoring to precipitate the entire county in the contest.

Taking all these things into consideration it is not, by any means, a foregone conclusion that the necessary 200 signatures can be obtained to a petition for a prohibition election in the county, under the existing circumstances."—Daily Ledger of Thursday.

An Election--Sure.

From the above it would seem that the Editor of the Ledger seems to think that all is chaos in the ranks of the prohibitionists in Runnels county, but a closer investigation will prove that there is more "unity and oneness," than would appear on the surface.

And as to the "veterans" who passed through the previous campaign and "stood the brunt of the battle" before not being in sympathy with the present move, an investigation of the petition, now being circulated, will show that "the veterans" are there to stay.

As to the present move being instigated by "newcomers" we admit that a large number of new comers are among the number of agitators as well as the old "veterans" and we see no reason why they, (the newcomers) should not participate in this move, the majority have come here to make this county their home and whether they have been here three months or thirty years they have the same right to use their efforts in this worthy cause as an "oldtimer."

And besides from the results in 1903, it shows that we need some new comers to help us out in the matter and we certainly welcome them to our ranks and wish there were "more of 'em," especially if they see fit to cast their lot with us and assist in the fight.

And as to one precinct being

the prime mover in this campaign and trying to pull the balance of the county into it for trade reasons, as one who is informed on the question, we say that this is not true. Miles. (that is the precinct referred to) notified the Ballinger Prohibitionists that they intended to have a prohibition election in their precinct and then a Ballinger delegation went up there and persuaded them to join us and make it a county matter, so please do not lay the blame on Miles for this matter, for Ballinger persuaded them not to have a precinct election but to join us in a county election, so that the handsome majority which they will roll up will help us out.

And as to the necessary 200 names, do not lose any sleep on that question, as they are already obtained and one half will be gotten in the city of Ballinger alone.

Colorado Herald.

The information is going the rounds of the press that Hon. T. M. Campbell is the only candidate so far in the race for governor who has to, and does pay his fare over the railroads. Ex-Attorney General Bell has been an office holder for more than twenty years, and while attorney general of this state he earned the right to demand of the railroads transportation whenever he needs it. Messrs. Colquitt and Brooks now hold important judicial positions and it is the policy of the railroads to try to get on friendly terms with all influential officials. Hence these gentlemen are furnished with transportation to be used in their own discretion. Hon. T. M. Campbell has never held an office. He went from the farm to the practice of law and has made a pronounced success in his chosen profession. He has stood out boldly against the trusts and combines and gave his loyal support to Governor Hogg during his eight years in the office of attorney general and governor. For twenty years Campbell has been openly and constantly in opposition to the trusts and combines which have finally won out, even to the extent of taking charge of and owing the Democratic party organization in the state. Mr. Campbell has nothing coming to him in the way of passes over the railroads. He was hostile to the railroad consolidation bills and he openly opposed and advised against the rechartering of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. He made himself obnoxious to grafters and legislators a few years ago through interviews and public utterance against the pass packing system. The other three candidates may feel just as does Mr. Campbell concerning the matters we discuss, but there has been no such opposition by them as would bring about a rupture and open hostility with these forces which are fighting to retain control of the Democratic party organization and the state government and its legislators.

Wat Harvey and Sanford Simpson, have about completed a fine concrete walk around the Citizens National Bank new location on 8th Street.

E. F. Jackson and Paul Tremmier have formed a copartnership in the real estate business this week and will be located in Mr. Tremmier's office over the Green Front Saloon.

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.

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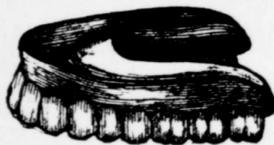
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Jas. E. Brewer is after your Jewelry business see us in First Nat'l Bank Bldg.

The tornado season is approaching. Let Lee Maddox write you some Tornado Insurance.

State Sunday School convention San Antonio Texas. June 19th-21st For the above occasion we will sell excursion tickets to San Antonio and return at rate of \$12.35 sell June 18th final limit for return June 2nd.

The Texas Wonder.

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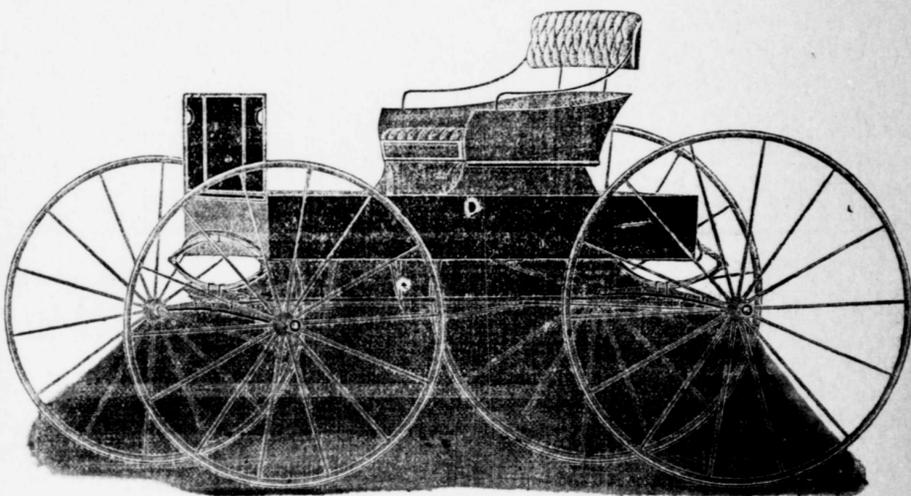
Have you weakness of any kind—stomach, back, or any organ of the body? Don't dope yourself with ordinary medicine. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the supreme curative power. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your Druggist.

Home Mission Society.

The Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the parsonage, Monday May 7th at 4 p. m. All the ladies of the church are invited. Members of the society are requested to come prepared to settle dues and conference expense fund for the first quarter. Come promptly at 4 o'clock.

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Land Notes.

Wanted to buy some good land notes on county real estate, parties having same call on me. Property which secures notes must be within Runnels county. C. P. Shepherd.

Pure Georgia cane Syrup at Godwin Grocery. Co.

The Walker Drug Co. has just secured the agency for the celebrated line of Schroft's fine candies, where all lovers of sweet may be supplied.

Jewell Wylie, came up from San Angelo on the noon train last Saturday and spent a day or two with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wylie and Ballinger friends.

Gents Repair and Cleaning a Specialty, also Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing Ladies Skirts.

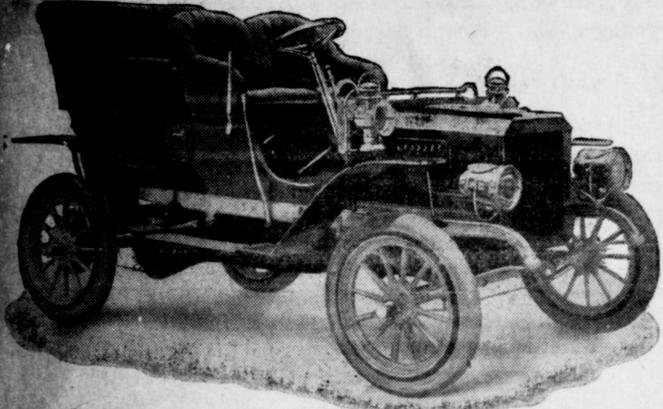
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Whether you have just arrived here or whether you are an Old Citizen we invite you to connect yourself with this Bank and to avail yourself in every way of whatever aid and assistance it can offer you.

The Citizens National Bank.

Paul Tremmier moved into his new home on Ninth Street next to Col. W. Z. Brazzleton Saturday. Mr. Tremmier recently purchased this place from Mr. Alexander for \$1750.

Rev. H. A. Boaz, president of Polytechnic College, Ft. Worth, was a pleasant caller at our sanctum Saturday. He informed us that the College now has an enrollment of over 600 students.

J. A. DeMerville got in from New Orleans Saturday night where he has been to attend the Reunion, while there he met his oldest son from Pikeville, Miss., whom he had not seen for 28 years. He enjoyed the trip as did all the others who attended from here.

This is just the right size town to settle down in and enjoy life. Everything for the comfort of life can be bought here and \$10. will go as far as \$25. will in larger cities. When you want to leave the farm, come to our town and build a nice comfortable home and be among the best people in the world.

In those days of strife between two great political parties we must remember that after all we are just a band of brothers here on earth, traveling from the cradle to the grave. We live side by side, our children attend the same school and after the smoke of the battle has cleared away, we will still be friends and neighbors. Let the bitter things go unsaid. At best, life is short, and we get out of it a full measure of sorrow. Let us in our little city live as one big, good natured family.

Time Changed.

Time for evening services at various churches will be 8:30 until further notice.

The Ministers Association will meet next Monday morning at 10:00 with E. P. Williams. Let all pastors be present if possible. This by order of President,

E. P. Williams, Secretary.

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B. Y. P. U.

Meets at 9th Street Baptist church. May 6th, 7:15 p. m.

Leader—Mrs. Lynch.

Song.

Prayer.

Topic—Among the wheat or the tares. Where am I? Math. 13: 24-30.

The Christians place, Math. 4: 18-22—Miss Alice Thomas.

The place of safety, John 1: 35-42—Mrs. Braden.

The place of power, Acts 1: 1-8—James Taylor.

Song.

Paper—Miss Norma Harris.

Solo—Mrs. J. E. Powell.

The place of glory, Mark 9: 2-10—Talk by L. E. Bair.

Song.

Union Benediction.

Notice to Farmers.

I am writing hail Insurance this year. If you want your wheat or oat crop insured against hail, write to or call on

Ernest Plumer,
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Good clothing at very lowest prices at The Hub.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary A. Smith died at Cedar Hill, Texas, Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p. m. of Bronchial Pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Buckner, pastor of the Baptist church, at 12 o'clock Friday and she was buried at Bethel Cemetery at 3 p. m.

She was born Dec. 22, 1871 in Grayson county, professed religion and joined the Baptist church at old Runnels Sept., 25, 1892, being baptized by Rev. W. O. Baker.

She leaves a husband, two girls and three boys. These little ones are so dear to me and it is sad to think how lonely it will be without her smiling face. God be with them day by day in all they do through life. She strived very hard to teach them the way to the precious Saviour, would read the Bible to them at night and have them say their prayers and kiss "papa" and "mamma" goodnight.

How shall I give up those sweet, welcome letters that came so promptly and were so comforting to me. "The world may seem icy and cold and we may have our trials and troubles, but our Father in Heaven will aid and help us and will never, no never, forsake.

Our loved one is gone to be with the Angels in Heaven. She said there was room for one more in the hearse and asked us to bring her white slippers and white clothes, that she was nearing the grave and the Great White Throne. The last song I heard her sing and play is ringing today in my ear. It was "Nearer My God to Thee."

Five of our dear children have gone to rest in that land so bright and fair. God be with us that we may meet them in Heaven. S. E. Pearce.

Superiority in everything—construction, cleanliness, economy, conveniencer—in the many special features contained in no other household Refrigerators made; superiority, in short, in all the points that go to make up the best Refrigerators on earth—the "White Mountain." Also made with snow white enamel lining of porcelain hardness. For sale by Ostertag Furniture Co.

Sore Nipples.

A cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

J. R. Cline joins the Banner-Leader readers at Ballinger this week.

Money to loan on Farms and Rancees by The W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. J. W. Cunningham left this week to join her husband at Standford, where Mr. Cunningham is building a railroad.

Miss Eva Slucom, of Bloomington, Ill., arrived in our city Friday night of last week to visit her aunt, Mrs. N. Bonsal, and will spend a few weeks with her aunt before going on to visit relatives in Arizona.

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No Alum**

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Psalm for responsive reading, 27th.
Prayer.
Song.
Topic, Service for lips, Jas. 3: 15—May Godwin.
Key Text; Taro him let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God Continually, Heb. 13: 15.—Otto Whittaker.
Central Truth: The power of speech is a great responsibility for good or ill—Ruby Camel.
Truth to be applied: The control of speech is self control—Alline Moore.
Connecting link—George Moore.
Point of contact—Emmett Davis.
The Text—Agnes Jeans.
The tongue as the instrument of speech effects the whole character—Louise Tucker.
Evil speech can do a great deal of danger besides wrecking one's own character—Pearl Farris.
But the good the tongue enables the Christain to do is as great as the evil—Kate Collins.
Application—Robbie Truly.
Bible illustrations.
Some thoughts on prudent speech, Prov. 16: 21-24.
The consequence of evil words, Prov. 20: 28-20.
A little girls great service to her master, 2 Kings 5: 2, 3.
A boy's service to an apostle, Acts 23: 16-21.
An encouraging message, Acts 9: 17—Lelia Collins.

Routh-Gregory.

On Thursday afternoon Rev. L. W. Russell, pastor of the 9th Street Baptist Church said the words that united in marriage Mr. Haydon Routh and Miss Nellie Gregory, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory, of West End. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Lawton, Okla., where they will make their future home, where Mr. Routh has a prosperous drug business. These are two of Ballinger's popular young people, having almost been raised in this county, and the best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life attend them in their new home in which the Banner-Leader heartily joins their many friends.

Let us figure with you on your Bread for Picnics we will treat u right and give you the best Godwin Grocer. Co.,

We have a lot of nice Bulk Honey also 1lb sections.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

W. J. Gardner, of Concho, was here first of the week and gave his order for a nice bill of stationery.

Mrs. Ed. Zurcher, of Houston, came in first of the week and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke for a week or two.

John E. Quarles Company, Lumber, want to figure with you for any kind of building material. Call around and let's get acquainted.

Miss Anna McChristian of Paris, Texas, who had been the guest of her friends Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hathaway the past few weeks, left for home on the afternoon train Thursday.

What a good time the tariff protected trusts are having plundering the people with high prices and how fully they must endorse that Republican Kansas platform: "Let well enough alone."

Misses Ruth and Evadne Cady, of Chicago, daughters of our genial post master H. A. Cady and sisters of Mrs. George Pearce, came in on the noon train yesterday and will spend the summer in our city. The pleasure of their coming is highly appreciated both by their father and Mrs. Pearce.

We knew a newspaper man once who started out to reform the world; finally he trimmed the undertaking down to his own nation. After vainly struggling with the nation some time, he concluded his own state was large enough field. So he gave the state a few forceful lessons but the state failed to digest it, and it soured on its stomach. Realizing that "Charity begins at home," he fixed his energies on the county, and eventually gave that up, concluding that his own town would engage his entire attention as an object of reform. Something turned up that started him to thinking, and he thought long and seriously. The result was he yanked off his coat; rolled up his sleeves and decided to reform himself—he's still hard at it.—Eye Witness.

Rev. W. B. Holland, of Coleman, was here and preached a splendid sermon at the 9th Street Baptist church Wednesday night and installed as deacons Dr. A. S. Love, L. E. Bair and L. E. Parish left for home Thursday.

If its in the Grocery line we have it.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Fresh Straw Berries, Snap Beans, New Potatoes and other fresh vegetables daily at miler mercet co.

Mrs. W. G. E. Roloff, of Fort Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. T. Rucker came in last Tuesday night and will visit in our city for a few weeks.

Judge M. C. Smith left Monday for Austin to argue the case of Jim Brown (col.) before the higher courts, and returned home Thursday.

Lost—Three year old sorrel horse, fore top cut out any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by R. A. Terry, County Clerk.

Mrs. L. Litt, of Coleman, who had been here a day or two the guest of her friend Mrs. H. Winkler left for home on the afternoon train Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Love, of Salado, cousins of our Dr. A. S. Love were here this week recuperating and for the especial benefit of Mrs. Love's health.

We were glad to see our young friend Dougal Cameron on the street yesterday for the first time in a week or ten days, from the effects of a nail wound in his foot.

Quite a crowd of our citizens attended the Rowena Picnic last Wednesday and all report a very pleasant time and are loud in praise of the hospitality of the Rowena citizens.

The John E. Quarles Co., lumber dealers are adding additional shed room on their lots on 8th Street this week, which will give them ample storage room for a large stock of building material.

There will be a protracted meeting beginning July 28th at the Camp grounds of Rev. J. W. Raby on Valley Creek by Rev. Rodgers and wife, of Los Angeles, and will continue two or three weeks. Definite announcements will be made later.

Rev. L. W. Russell, pastor of the 9th Street Baptist church received a letter first of the week which stated that Rev. F. M. McConnell would be here to begin a protracted meeting at their church the first Sunday in July. J. F. Harrell, a noted revival singer will be with him on this occasion.

Globe Department Store.

We have just received a new line of Men's, Boy's and Children's clothing. Come in and see them and get our extremely low prices. They will make you open your eyes.

Men's Suits \$2.85 to \$11.75.

Boy's and Children's as cheap accordingly.

Our White and Colored Lawns, Mercerized Goods, Batiste, etc. can not be duplicated at the price we ask.

New line of Ladies Muslin Underwear.

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| Ladies fine Bleached Knit Vests 3 for | - - - - | 25c |
| " Hose, seamless, 3 pair | - - - - | 25c |
| " " Lace, pr. 15c to | - - - - | 50c |
| 1 set 5 Palm Table Mats | - - - - | 33c |

Beautiful line of Jap. Chinaware.

Wool Blankets? No, not wool blankets, but you ought to see those beautiful SUMMER Lap Robes and there are more to follow.

All sorts of Fishing Tackle.

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| 2 fine Jap. Cane Poles | - - - - | 25c |
| 10 feet Minnow Seine | - - - - | 78c |

Men's Work Shirts, black Negelige, with or without Collars.

Washboards and Washing Powders.

Ice Cream Freezers \$1.45 and up.

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| 45 bars Death-on-dirt Soap | - - - - | \$1.00 |
| Common Egg Beaters 3 for | - - - - | 5c |
| Dover | - - - - | 10c |
| Window Screen Wire 26 inch, per yd | - - - - | 18c |

Other widths as cheap accordingly.

Walk-over Shoes and Oxfords a specialty.

Yours anxious to please,

Bair & Conn.

Gus Noyes, of Menardville, was here first of the week looking after his many interests in our city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Risser came in on the noon train Thursday from Calvert and other eastern points.

Mrs. Joe Wilmeth left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Houston, Paris, and other points in Texas for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson left on the afternoon train Thursday for Marlin Wells for the benefit of Mr. Johnson's health.

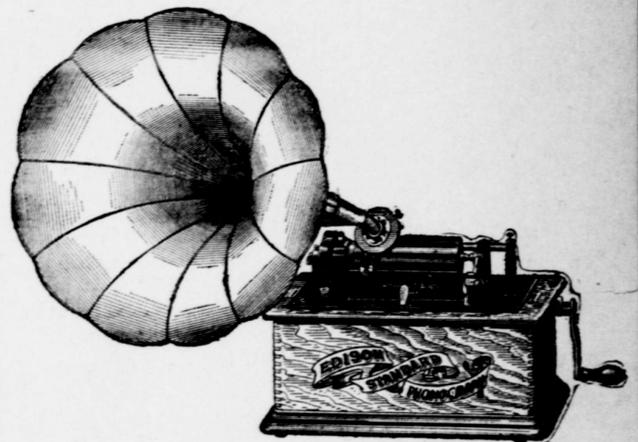
Mrs. John Hoffer took charge of the Katy and Royalty Hotels May 1st and under her efficient management we may expect first-class service in this change.

We were glad to see Rev. J. D. Leslie, of the Presbyterian church, able to be out Thursday for the first time in a week or ten days.

J. B. Harris, of the Stephenville Appeal visited home folks at Ballinger this week and reports his country in good shape and his paper prospering.

A letter received this week by Rev. J. W. Raby, of Valley creek, states that Rev. and Mrs. Henry Cagle, of Arizona, noted evangelists and their fine singer C. Gregory, and Rev. B. F. Neel and J. D. Cypher, singer will use the City Park in Ballinger for a series of services beginning June 17th 1906 and continue three weeks.

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