



WE ARE AFTER YOU YOU WILL NEED US

During the year 1909 you will need some of those things that are sold by a drug store. Of course you will want the best. We sell the best and are after you to give us your business. If you are not among our customers give us a trial.

We wish to thank our patrons and wish for you a prosperous 1909.

Phone 13 **The Walker Drug Co.**

WAGON CRUSHES BALLINGER BOY

Fell From Freight Wagon Near Paint Rock

A ten-year-old boy, by the name of Watson, whose home is at Ballinger, fell from his father's freight wagon near Paint Rock Thursday afternoon, and three wheels of the heavily loaded wagons passed over his body, inflicting serious injuries which may prove fatal. The boy was carried to the Cooper hotel at Paint Rock for medical attention and it was thought Friday that he was dying, but a phone message Saturday afternoon stated that there was good chance for the lad's recovery. However one side is paralyzed and its use may never be regained.

The unfortunate victim of the accident was with his father, who was hauling freight from Ballinger to Paint Rock. The latter heard his son scream when he fell from the wagon, it was impossible to stop the several teams before three wheels had run over the boy. —San Angelo Standard.

Full line of Chase & Sanbourn coffees and teas fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted. —Miller Mercantile Company.

The Meanest Man in Town is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable. He can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Herbine for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Card of Thanks

To my many friends and neighbors that have so kindly watched over me in my affliction and have rendered assistance in many ways during this time, I beg to offer my most sincere thanks, and to bid you God's speed. We shall all ways remember your kind deeds in our time of sorrow, and suffering, and will always feel ourselves indebted to you.

Sincerely
D. C. Cadwell

Undertaking and Embalming.

We are still prepared to look after our undertaking and embalming trade, having a complete supply of undertaking goods on hand. Will appreciate all business given us.

tf Ostertag Furniture Co.

HOTEL BUSINESS DULL IN ANGELO

San Angelo is Well Fixed In Hotel Accommodations

Seventy-five rooms were vacant at the Landon hotel Thursday night, according to Landlord James Landon. He stated that no traveling men were in the hotel and that almost all of his regular guests were gone elsewhere for the holidays.

"Doesn't look like we need a couple more stories?" asked Mr. Landon as the Press News took a glance at the register. "Only seventy-five rooms vacant in the hotel at this time, and not a chance to fill them all for two or three weeks, until the traveling men begin to get out on the road again," said the hotel man.

Mr. Landon then went on to discuss whether or not it would be good business judgment to add several more stories to the hotel, as the Press-News published a short time ago he was contemplating. He added that there are sometimes several months when the hotel is not anywhere near filled, and said for that reason he was going slow.

The Landon hotel is not a small hotel by a great deal. There are few hotels in towns twice the size of San Angelo as large as the Landon. The Landon gets a great run of business but like all businesses, there are times when it is slack, and this is certainly one of the particular times. —San Angelo Press-News.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

On last Sunday afternoon Mrs. L. A. Graham left on the east bound train for Sabine county Texas to look after her interest in her father's estate which is said to be quite large. It is currently reported by her friends that in addition to getting her interest in said estate she will bring home with her a brand new husband.

To Much Face.

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia. Don't you? Save the face you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

J. O. Bigby and family were here from Garden City during the holidays visiting relatives. Mr. Bigby made the trip in his big auto.

STREET SUP'T VISITS BALLINGER

Brownwood Man Inspects Ballinger Streets and Makes Criticism.

G. A. Gwilliams visited Ballinger last week. Mr. Gwilliams is superintendent of the street work in Brownwood, and in making report to his home people of what he saw in Ballinger he says Brownwood streets are the best. His report as published in the Brownwood Bulletin is as follows:

"G. A. Gwilliams superintendent of public works in Brownwood, took advantage of the holidays and spent several days at Ballinger for the express purpose of studying street grading. Mr. Gwilliams is better pleased with the work done on the Brownwood streets since his return and says there is no doubt but that Brownwood is getting better results, even with her present machinery, than Ballinger has with her big steam roller and the latest improved grading machinery. He admits that Ballinger is packing her streets better than Brownwood is, with the little horse roller, but says the grade is not so good and that drainage will be an important problem with them. Mr. Gwilliams is very anxious for the city to purchase a large steam roller, because he thinks the streets can then be graded in a way that there will be no complaint.

The opinion is general that Brownwood streets would be all right if the dirt and filth were swept off occasionally, and the superintendent believes it will be necessary for the city to do this to get satisfaction out of street grading. He thinks that with a very little work the streets in the business district can be put in first class shape and when the fund and bond issue is expended the citizens will have no complaining to make at the progress of street grading."

Ballinger is well satisfied with her paved streets, and we don't believe there is a town in Texas of a similar size that can boast of such splendid streets. Brownwood is a larger town than Ballinger is much older, and should have had paved streets long before Ballinger, but did not, and if it now has better streets than Ballinger the town is certainly to be congratulated, and we are glad to know the old town is waking up at last after a Rip Van Winkle sleep of many years.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters advertised for week ending Dec. 19, 1908.

A. C. Bone
Mr. Geo E. Brown
Mr. Geo Comming.
J. A. Denson
Mrs. Maud Horner
Ellissie Hough
Robert Honston.
Mrs. Little Hough
Mr. Mannel Cloud
Mrs. Nora Kirkbride
Mrs. M. A. Lowrey
Mrs. Ella Lee
Johnnie Pinkney
Wm. McBee
Mr. John Young
Philiz Jak (?)
Ivy Vanderner
Mr. William Wright
Preston Tanner
Martha Thomas
Mr. A. G. Thomas
Lawrence Sheffield
Cooper Smith
Mrs. Sarah Walker
Miss Gertrude Williams
Mr. M. L. Kelley.
Mr. A. L. Birch.
Mr. G. D. Eakin
Mr. W. J. Burton
Pack Mackintosh
Mr. Albert Buckaults
Mrs. B. H. Patterson
Mrs. Maggie Hull
Mr. Clarence Merton
J. N. Tatum
Dudley Spiree
Malcom Gyles
Robert McCarther.

MISERY IN STOMACH IS ENDED FOREVER

Tells Readers How to Relieve Indigestion in Five Minutes.

Why not start now—today, and forever rid yourself of Stomach trouble and indigestion? A dieted stomach gets the blues and grumbles. Give it a good eat, then take Pape's Diapepsin to start the digestive juices working. There will be no dyspepsia or belching of Gas or eructations of undigested food; no feeling like a lump of lead in the stomach or heartburn, sick headache and dizziness, and your food will not ferment and poison your breath with nauseous odors. Pape's Diapepsin costs only 50 cents for a large case at any drug store here, and will relieve the most obstinate case of indigestion and upset stomach in five minutes.

Garrett A. Dobbins, colonization agent for the Santa Fe, was here this week.

There is nothing else better to take Gas from stomach and cleanse the stomach and intestines, and besides, one triangule will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all your food the same as a sound, healthy stomach would do it.

When Diapepsin works, your stomach rests—gets itself in order, clenps up—and then you feel like eating when you come to the table, and what you eat will do you good.

Absolute relief from all stomach misery is waiting for you as soon as you decide to begin taking Diapepsin. Tell your druggist that you want Pape's Diapepsin, because you want to be thoroughly cured of indigestion.

European Trip Postponed

Ballinger Opera House Thursday

Jan. 7

FIRST TIME HERE

Of the Play That Has Stirred the Nation

The CLANSMAN FOURTH SEASON

Company of 40 People,
A Carload of Effects,
Troop Calvary Horses

4,000,000 Theatergoers Witnessed and
Echoed Its Timely Sentiment

Original New York Cast
and Production

Dramatized by Thomas Dixon, Jr.
From his two famous novels "The
Clansman" and "The Leopard's Spots"
Direction of George H. Brennan

Absolutely same Company and production
in the large cities of Texas.

Seats on sale Walker Drug Co.
Prices \$1.50 and \$1.00

Jones, Walton & Co.

Send to One and All
a New Years Greeting

And desire to thank you for your liberal patronage during the past year, sincerely hoping that we may have merited your friendship, and may enjoy your many favors through another year, which, we hope may be the most prosperous of any year that has past.

Mr. FARMER FRIEND, we are ready to serve you with the Sanders Disc, which stands without a peer in the mind of the progressive tiller of the soil.

You can't beat the Rock Island Special Sulky, Lone Star Cultivator, Chief of all Planters, Stalk Cutters, Yale Buggies, Hacks, Weber Wagons, Star Windmills, and everything in Hardware.

WE SELL 'EM ALL

Come to see Us. We make you feel good

Jones, Walton & Co.

1909 Happy New Year 1909

Since reopening business we have enjoyed a splendid patronage, and we wish to thank our many friends and patrons for their liberal patronage, and to wish for you one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. During the year 1909 we will strive to make it to your interest to trade with us, guaranteeing to give you the best to be had for the money. When you want good furniture at as low a price as it can honestly be sold, call and see us.

Ostertag Furniture Co.

Phone Numbers 77 and 434. Furniture Dealers and Undertakers.

a hand painted paper Christmas bell, in the form of a booklet, with the request to write therein your most appreciated Xmas gift and why? Miss Hermia Smith collected the bells and read of varied presents and varied reasons for appreciation, many reasons provoking much mirth by their wit and originality.

Mesdames J. Y. Pearce, J. D. Leslie and Will Penn assisted the hostess in entertaining.

Refreshments were served en tete and featured those perfected by the caterer's art.

Those present were as follows: Mesdames Clara Miller, Dan Moser, M. C. Smith Frank Miller R. B. Creasy, S. S. Prince, Jones Ida Phillips, M. A. Traylor, Jack Nagle, J. I. Guion, Warren Lynn A. S. Love, Paul Trimmier, Geo. Holman, W. J. Miller, J. W. Powell, R. L. Maddox, Oscar Pearson, J. J. Erwin, Geo. Vaughn, J. Y. Pearce, Sallie Plummer, C. K. Hutton, Betty Boyle, Ed Walker, Herman Giesecke, G. G. Odom, J. F. Currie, Betty Holmes, Chas. Miller, Walter Davis, W. F. Sharp, Will Dunlap, J. W. Francis, J. D. Leslie, Will Penn, Jack McGregor, Bonner Raby, A. W. Sledge, Orgain, Homer Alexander, C. P. Shepherd, Walter Norman and Miss Hermia Smith.

A Dutch Party.

One of the most novel and unique entertainments that Ballinger's elite has had the pleasure of attending, was the Dutch party given by Mrs. Harry Thomson and her charming sister the Misses Underwood, at the pretty home of Mrs. Thomson, Tuesday Dec. 29th.

A week in advance of this delightful function, invitations were issued, daintily wrapped in tissue paper, tied with crimson ribbon and mistletoe, bearing

these words:

Merry Xmas
and
Happy New Year
Misses Underwood
At Home
with Mrs. Harry Thomson
December, twenty-ninth
—Cards—

Everyone knowing the charming entertaining abilities of Mrs. Thomson and her sisters, it is needless to state every invitation was accepted with much pleasure and delight.

On entering the home we gazed about with awe, and wonder if in only a moments time, it could be possible that we had been hurled by some mysterious means into Holland.

The hostess, assisted by the Azelia Club Madams Will Penn, Geo. Holman, Ira Hobby and C. P. Shepherd, met the guests in Dutch costume. Though a feeling of being in a foreign land and far from home crept over us, we still could not help from possessing a delightful sensation with the oddity and beauty of Holland scenery. Windmills the most characteristic feature of this foreign land, were everywhere to be seen, however all were at rest, resembling light-houses above the sea, save and except one which was constantly in motion and at each revolution the famous Dutch drink "schnapps" flowed freely, and was very gracefully dispensed with by a pretty "Gretchen," Miss Neil Guion, the only remaining, beloved spinster of the Azelia Club. Hand painted windmills were given as score cards. Progressive "High Five" was the feature of the most exciting games, salted almonds were served. Nothing would be given to quench the parched

throats except "schnapps." Were Coleridge present he would have said: "Water, water every where and not a drop to drink."

The card games came to an interesting close over a typical Dutch lunch, consisting of bean puree with tomato catsup, brick cheese with horse radish, rye bread, pickles, stuffed olives, coffee cake and cider.

Those fortunate enough to take this glorious trip to Holland in so short a time were:

Madams Nagle, H. Winkler, J. Y. Pearce, Paul Trimmier, Walter Buck, R. L. Scott, D. Reeder, S. B. Raby, Jno. Weeks, U. P. Melton, W. T. Robertson, Joe A. Jones, Ralph Risser, Oscar Pearson, M. A. Traylor, J. I. Guion Jr., J. F. Currie, R. A. Terry, R. L. Bennett, Joe Wilmeth, Clara Ransome, Misses Katie Ray and Ellie Ward, Delia Day, Irene and Kate Guion, Louise Orgain, Nelle Miller, Armor McGregor, Mae and Myra Penn, Alice Morgan, Olga Schawe, Scott, Blanche Baker, Verna Moser, Jennie and Emma Bennett, Clara Malone, Bauknight, Maggie Sharp, Adel Barbish, Hattie Hutton and Hermia Smith.

Starkey-Sharp

Miss Maud Starkey, one of Ballinger popular girls, was married at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Starkey, last Sunday evening at 2:30 o'clock to H. E. Sharp.

Rev. J. A. Biggs, of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

This wedding was quite a surprise to the many friends, as Mr. Sharp has been away from Ballinger for about a year, making his home in Roswell, New Mexico. Harry is a Ballinger boy, is industrious and competent to fill most any kind of a position in the business world.

Miss Maud has resided in Bal-

linger for several years and her friends are numbered by her acquaintance.

After the ceremony the happy couple left on the three thirty train for their home at Roswell.

It Will Stay There.

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunts Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly." R. M. Swann Franklin La

J. L. Carter was here from Pain Rock, first of the week.

Full line Loose-Wiles chocolates just received at the White Front Confectionery.

Dr. Dunlap Proctor returned to his home at Brownwood Tuesday, after a visit to his aunt, Mrs. O. Pearson.

BEAUTY OF PHYSICAL HEALTH.

No Attractiveness for Women Without Good Digestion.

"To look young and keep your beauty you must have a good digestion," says a beauty culturist. "We feed our patrons upon herbs: we give them greens, and we advise them to take acid fruits. When a gypsy woman gets out of sorts she lives upon dandelion greens; she mixes sweet herbs; she doctors herself with the fruits of the earth, and she recovers."

"Outdoor life is everything for the woman who wants to keep young."

"Her walk gives away the woman who does not want people to know how old she is. Usually she loses her elasticity. And she takes to high heels and a stilted walk. Wear conventional clothing and be elastic in your gait; in that way you will look younger."

"I advise women generally to join a dancing class. By taking the steps one can keep up one's elasticity winter and summer. I have a class of four women who come three times a week to learn the gypsy fandangoes and the Spanish dances. They find that they breathe better, feel better and are more healthy generally from this exercise."

Suspicious.

"I wish," said the hard-hearted landlord, "that you would watch the tenants in No. 3310. Be sure that they pay promptly in advance."

"Very well," replied the clerk.

"Have you heard anything to make you suspicious of them?"

"No; but they haven't asked for any repairs for nearly six weeks now. It doesn't look right."

His Serious Interruptions.

"I s'pose John is still takin' life easy," said the woman in the spring wagon.

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying an armful of wood. "John has only two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up to eat, an' the other is that he has to quit eatin' to sleep."

Classified.

"Who was that fool you bowed to?"

"My husband."

"Oh! I—er—I—humbly apologize."

"Never mind; I'm not angry. But what a keen observer you are!"

Coming.

The Clansman will be played in Ballinger, Jan., 7th. Watch for further announcements. See ad in this paper.

Positively no favorites, one price to all. Cash Grocery Co.

FIND WOMAN'S WIT UNCERTAIN.

As When This Wife Failed to Appreciate Her Husband's Pleasantry.

"Don't always rely upon the ready wit of a woman," said the man who is sometimes pleased to consider himself an oracle. "That ready wit business is sometimes prone to get 'way off."

"For example, my wife and children had been staying in the country for several weeks and I was regular with my letters, as every loving husband should be. Finally on the day before my wife was to start for home I concluded my letter to her with these words:

"This will be the last letter I will write to you for a long, long time."

"When I got down to my office the next morning I found a telegram from my wife waiting for me. 'What on earth do you mean?' read the dispatch.

"Later a registered letter came from her. She had blotted almost every line with tears. What it was all about I could not imagine.

"Then my telephone bell rang, and when I answered I heard my wife's voice speaking over the long distance 'phone."

"Oh, John," said she. "Is that really you? I thought you had committed suicide!"

Converted by Medicine.

A woman missionary, who was also a doctor, had a curious experience in Burmah, where, upon her arrival, she found a village community dying off like flies with cholera.

She made a house-to-house inspection, administered a specific, and, having broken the back of the malady, left behind her several bottles of the medicine to be used during her absence. Upon her return the head man cheered her heart by the greeting:

"Teacher, we have come over to your side; the medicine did us so much good that we have accepted your God."

He led her to his house and into the apartment sacred to his worship. There, arrayed upon the shelf, were the medicine bottles, and he, with all his household, instantly bowed down and prayed to them with thankful and contrite hearts.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

We are in the market for all your wheat, oats and milo maize. Missouri Milling Co.

Postmaster Cady returned yesterday from a visit to his daughter Mrs. J. Cross Baker at Plantersville.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Judge C. H. Willingham was attending court in San Angelo, this week.

Judge C. O. Harris was attending court in San Angelo, first of the week.

Lewis Baker is at home from Trinity University to spend the holidays with his father, D. M. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Moser returned to their home Monday after spending the holidays with relatives in Ballinger.

J. L. Chastain left for Dublin, Tuesday.

Orland Simms, a prominent young man from Paint Rock, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Don't pass by our shop when you want harness and saddle repair work. R. L. Shaffer.

See That Spot!
Take It To
"THE CLEANER"
AT
MOREHEAD'S

To Our Friends and Patrons:

We take this method of extending to you, one and all, our thanks for your liberal patronage during the year just closing, and extend to you our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Winkler Dry Goods Company

WE Have Enjoyed a Splendid Patronage

Through the Year 1908

And we are very thankful for it. We intend to render better service through the coming year, that we may not only merit the continued patronage of our present customers, but may gain many new ones. With best wishes for a prosperous 1909—

Miller Mercantile Comp'y

We wish you---

A Happy, Bright and Prosperous

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Hall Hardware Co.

Citizens of Early Days.

The following correspondence was published in last weeks Paint Rock paper...

Dear Billie:—I received your pamphlet of Concho county yesterday, and it is well gotten up...

I can't keep from thinking of A. J. Hall, Looney, Goodrum, Judge Alexander, Jake Stark, Perryman, John Viser, John Pendleton, Bates and Proctor...

timers. Your friend C. C. F. Blanchard, Amarillo, Texas. Dec. 17, 1908.

Part of Mr. Montgomery's reply: We old timers reading letters like the above find our eyes growing a bit moist.

Yes Charlie there is a tender feeling between all of us old time friends that cannot be understood by those who have come to Concho county in later years...

Yours fraternally, W. C. Montgomery.

Lame Shoulder

This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely twice a day...

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Sad Death Near Bronte.

A man by the name of Smith who was traveling through the country, died near Bronte last Sunday. The man with his wife and five children were traveling in a wagon...

Don't Take the Risk

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis, or develops into an attack of pneumonia...

J. D. Scott and two daughters Misses Verda and Irene of Lancaster, are here on a visit to Mr. Scott's daughter, Mrs. W. F. Buck...

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently.

Dr. E. C. Baskin, dentist office over Brewers jewelry store. tf

Dick Oliver is here from Big Spring on a visit to relatives.

Live Oak Flour the best Try a sack from Miller Mercantile Co.

W. J. Miller went to Abilene Wednesday to confer with parties in reference to the right of way for the new rail road.

W. N. McGinnis is here from Sweetwater.

We have buyers coming our way. List your property with us. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, Texas.

GRAFT AND GRAFTER

ONE LITTLE HOMEY WORD THAT CONVEYS MUCH.

MANY HUMBBUGS IN DISGUISE

Human Nature Much the Same in All Ages—People Easily Deluded Into Making Poor Investments.

Cant phrases have been invented, and words more noted for their force than elegance, have become popular as expressive of common things.

It is quite evident that "graft" has a place among euphonius words, and conveys an idea plainly and tersely. The famous Barnum, who said something about the people anxious to be humbugged had a pretty good idea of human nature...

Pick up a copy of any current Sunday newspaper, farm journal, religious publication, magazine or other periodical and look over its pages! Graft is evident in each and every one. It is covered under the guise of artistic advertising. Thousands of cure-alls, wonderful discoveries, great bargains from bankrupt sales, exceptional chances for investment and Lord knows what-not, beams from the pages to catch the eyes of the person who has not received sufficient lessons in the "school of graft"...

For a few years a young man with ambition and a liking for work struggled along in the mercantile line in a large central western city. He decided to enlarge. He needed money. A splendid scheme presented itself. Why not get dollars needed to carry on a big business from the people? They needed a chance for investment. He was just the fellow to help 'em out. He organized a big cooperative concern. He advertised broadcast. Told of the wonderful possibilities of his business, and lo! the dollars rolled his way by the hundreds of thousands. Soon the government ended his game. He was charged with using the mails to defraud. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost by those who invested in his "cooperative society"...

The wise man, be he farmer or doctor, stockman or storekeeper, will avoid jumping at such chances for investment. Look out for the cooperative organizer. Beware of the grafters who want to interest you in their business affairs, and at the same time hold the combination to the safe.

AGAINST PREMIUM GRAFT.

Laws Passed by Some States Prohibiting Prizes in Packages of Foodstuffs.

Some classes of people when they wish to purchase goods, look more after so-called bargains than quality, and quite often the bargains prove expensive. It seems that the getting of something for nothing is attractive to the average person. Of late years there has grown up a practice among manufacturers of staple articles, particularly in the food line, of giving a prize with each package of their goods. It is apparent that there is an inclination towards gambling in the make-up of most people, and this spirit is appealed to largely by the giver of prizes. The purchaser seems to overlook the fact that he receives nothing other than he pays for. Whatever article is given as a premium represents so much money value and certainly the manufacturer does not lose by the operation. The value of what is given must be made up by either the retailer or the consumer, and it is generally the consumer who pays the cost.

Retail grocers, as well as the people in general, have cause to be thankful to the lawmakers of some states for making it illegal to place premiums in packages of foodstuffs. Such a law is now in force in the state of Nebraska. Premium and prize giving has been a cause of trouble and disturbance, and has resulted in the making of inferior goods, palming off their poor productions, relying more upon the prize given to secure trade than the merit of goods. The wise housewife in whatever state she may live will be careful to discriminate between quality, and quality backed up by prizes. It is well when you buy articles in the food line to avoid buying anything which has a prize attachment. You are compelled to not alone pay for the goods that you require, but the prize as well.

HAPPY AND DELIGHTED

Will be every Housewife by using our QUEEN of The PANTRY FLOUR

A Flour that stands all by itself in Quality above all. Do not forget that we carry the most complete line of all kinds of

Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Nuts, Candies etc.

Your patronage Respectfully Solicited,

Dornberger & Hopkinson

Telephone No. 107

Prompt Delivery.

IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW

What a Heap of Happiness It Would Bring to Ballinger Homes.

Hard to do housework with an aching back.

Brings you hours of misery at leisure or at work.

If women only knew the cause—that backache pains come from sick kidneys, 'twould save much needless woe.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys.

Mrs. O. M. Black, living on Bradford St., Brownwood, Tex., says: "Over a year ago I was cured of kidney trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills, and have never been bothered since."

Before using this remedy I was rarely free from a dull heavy aching across my kidney regions and upon more than one occasion I was confined to my bed for several days. The least movement caused excruciating twinges to shoot through my back and at times into the back of my head. The secretions from my kidneys were also badly disordered. The use of two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills did all that was required by effecting a complete cure. It is needless to state that I always recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to any of my friends whom I hear complaining of kidney trouble."

Plenty more proof like this from Ballinger people. Call at Walker Drug store and ask what customers report.

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.

See our line of wagon harness. R. L. Shaffer.

Miss Vivian Humphrey returned to her home at San Angelo, Wednesday.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic.—City Drug Store, Special Agents.

Elmar Sheppard came down from Miles to spend the holiday with Ballinger friends.

We will have some nice offices for rent in few days, over the White Front Confectionery. Apply to Conn & Wiley.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler came in from Plainview, Wednesday to visit Ballinger friends.

Fireworks of all kinds at the White Front Confectionery.

Miss Edna Routh returned from a visit to South La Grange Goldthwaite and other places, to-day.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

J. O. Cline, the Katy Cafe man left several dozen fine oysters at the Leader office this week. Mr. Cline received three barrels of oysters in the shell for the holiday trade, and sold out everything and called on his competitors for a loan.

Will Dunlap orders the Leader to go to P. S. Graves at Buckholtz for one year.

HERE TO STAY

Able to do your work Satisfaction guaranteed Solicit your sign painting. Leave orders at Express office.

S. S. PRINCE Jr.

Hulls and Meal

COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive value than common hay which costs 50 per cent more; is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and is healthful and appetizing.

COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

THE MIXED FEED forms a "balanced ration," giving better results, increased milk and butter production in Cows, and in Flesh, Fat and general condition in all animals than any other feed in the World

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

The Gateway to Success

is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.

Some carry keys, others who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. LISTEN !!!

No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank

No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity--A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.

We offer you our Bank and its facilities to help you.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

FROM THE

Ballinger Dry Goods Company

We feel that we have received our share of the 1908 business, and we wish to thank those who have made our store their trading place for dependable Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc. We respectfully invite others to give us a portion of their 1909 business, and guarantee you your money's worth on everything you buy from us. Wishing you, one and all, a Happy and Prosperous 1909.

Ballinger Dry Goods Company

"QUALITY FIRST"

See That Spot 
Take It To
"THE CLEANER"
AT
MOREHEAD'S

W. G. Churchill came up from Brownwood, yesterday.

Chas. W. Northington purchased J. A. Weeks stock in the Winters Building and Loan Association and became president of that company.

Wagon harness the kind that stands hard pulling and long wear, at Shaffer's.

J. F. Stuart went to Corpus Christi last Saturday to spend the holidays with an uncle who is in bad health.

A. C. Homann, Cashier of the Rowena State Bank, was here yesterday to see a Ballinger dentist.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Mrs. Trousdale, mother of R. P. Kirk, went to Abilene yesterday on a visit.

The best wagon harness at Shaffer's.

R. L. Boggs Scott and family went to Abilene on the auto yesterday evening.

Every dollar worth one hundred cents—no more, no less. Cash Grocery Co.

W. A. Osburn, an old and respected citizen of Brownwood, was found dead in his bed at his room in that city yesterday. The man had not been seen since Christmas and the body was badly decomposed and the rats had been eating it when found.

The Missouri Milling Co. is paying the highest market price for wheat, oats and milo maize, kaffir corn, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doose received for their Christmas present a handsome rubber tire pheaton, a gift from their sons C. A., Arthur and W. M. Jr.

Ed Day, N. F. Norris and Tom Edmonson, of Waco, Mr. Herbard, of Memphis, Tenn., spent several days on the Concho this week.

When you see Ernest Plummer think of insurance: when you think of insurance see Earnest Plummer.

I. L. Dietz, one of the Leaders good friends from the Crews country, made us a New Years Call and moved his subscription figures up to 1910.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Maurice Crews came up from Brownwood and spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Vivian Humphrey returned to her home at San Angelo, Wednesday.

We want your cotton seed and will pay you the highest market price.—Rasbury & Bruce.

Ballinger Gins Busy
Notwithstanding that the year 1908 is a thing of the past, and farmers are planning for another crop, the Ballinger gins are run on full time and late up into the nights. They helped ring out the old year last night by the buzz of the saws, and could be heard running when the merry makers got busy to give the new year a cheerful welcome. There is no longer any doubt about the receipts of cotton at Ballinger passing the 50,000 mark.

USE LEAF AS A STIMULANT
How Coca is Cultivated—Preventive of Sleep and Fatigue.

Coca is the South American invigorant. The shrub from which the coca leaves are obtained grows under favorable conditions to a height of about four meters. It is cultivated in Peru and Bolivia.

At the time the crop is gathered the seeds are sown in beds, when they germinate and grow, and in two months the growing plants reach a height of about a foot. The leaves, grown in the proper sunlight and shade, are yellowish, small and thick.

This is the kind of leaf that is preferred for chewing by persons using the leaf as a stimulant, fortifier and preventive of sleep and fatigue in the performance of arduous work, inasmuch as they prevent rheumatism, from which miners suffer when working in mines that contain much water. Indians who masticate the leaves of this plant can work 24 hours without eating or sleeping.

Coca leaves are used by the natives when engaged in long and fatiguing journeys and by soldiers when subject to hardships and privations. They may be used with all kinds of food and are said to cure dyspepsia, either taken as an infusion in the shape of tea or by masticating the leaves. The life of the plant when perfect is 80 years.

ASCRIBED VISIT TO PRAYER.
Father Evidently Had Faith in Daughter's Supplications.

Among my esteemed neighbors there is a family known for the piety of its members and their implicit confidence in the efficacy of prayer. One of the daughters, Miss Kate B., has almost reached the age when she could be referred to gallantly as an old maid. She is the target for many a good-natured quip pertaining to her alleged hopes and endeavors in the direction of matrimony.

Not long ago a certain society of young men which had interested itself in the campaign for higher saloon license sent a committee to visit the homes of the district and obtain signatures to a high-license petition. When this committee, numbering a half dozen members, ascended the steps at the B— home my friend's wife was the first to see it through the front window.

"Laws, John!" she exclaimed to her husband. "See all those young men coming to visit us!"

Mr. B— glanced out of the window, noted the number of the invading force and remarked, with an air of conviction:
"Humph! Kate's been praying again."
—San Francisco Call.

Quaint Fijian Plant.
There is nothing under the sun quite so quaint, so weird and witchlike as the pandanus prairies of Fiji. The pandanus, or screw plant, as it is called, is a most grotesque specimen of the vegetable kingdom even at its best. In its very young days it is of an extraordinary screwlike shape and looks as though some unkind hand had taken hold of its long, swordlike leaves and twisted them round and round. Later on it straightens out a bit and from it grow a number of tall wooden stilts. Its foliage is simple, a number of drooping, ragged tufts for all the world like mops, and very mournful looking. Among these mops hangs the fruit, in shape like a pineapple, made up of hard red and yellow kernels, woody and fibrous, and quite uneatable from a European's point of view.

Live Oak Flour the best
Try a sack from Miller Mercantile Co.

B. F. Allen
The House Moving Man.

I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.

Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

Don't It Jar You.

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmon's Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

Prof. J. H. Baugh, of Brownwood, one of the Howard Pay in faculty was visiting friends the city this week.

Take your wheat, oats and maize to the Missouri Milling Co.

Farm, Ranch and city property. A good list to select from. Rogers & Hall, Winters, Texas.

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Let Us Help You

Make 1909 a Happy and Prosperous year. We wish all our customers a Happy New Year, and thank you for your patronage through 1908. Buy your 1909 Groceries from us and we will help you to be prosperous and happy.

M. D. Chastain
Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.

1909 PROSPEROUS 1909

WE THANK OUR MANY FRIENDS and Patrons for the liberal patronage given us through 1908. We have enjoyed a good business, and feel grateful to those who have patronized our store. May the year 1909 bring you prosperity and happiness is the sincere wish of

The Hub

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

A Safe, Certain Remedy for Suppressed Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Satisfying. Guaranteed or Money Refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, to be paid for when relieved. Samples Free. If your druggist does not have them send your orders to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, Pa.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

DR. U. E. G. DYE

Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.

Brewer Building (Up Stairs), Ballinger

Supt. E. L. Hagan moved into his new home last Saturday and is now comfortably domiciled in one of the prettiest homes in Ballinger.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Prof. J. S. Hunphreys, acting president of the Howard Payne College of Brownwood, was here yesterday in the interest of his school. He placed an ad of his school in the Leader.

See Morehead, the Tailor

The Leader is under obligations to Miss Hermia Smith for special favors this week. Miss Hermia is one of Ballinger's best young ladies is prominent in society. She is a good friend to the Banner Leader, and we appreciate such friends.

C. M. Davis and Miss Parlee Nabours were married in Ballinger last Sunday at 2:45 o'clock and left on the three thirty train for their home at Galveston, where Mr. Davis is in business. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Nabours, one of the proprietors of the City Meat Market.

Want Column

RATES: One cent a word for first insertion. One-half cent a word for each additional insertion.

Gray hairs won't come ten years ahead. Regular schedule time if you solve our little worries in the Want Ad. Why not advertising column the little way? The day you neglected to read Want Ad you "dropped a stitch" probably. The day you "dropped a stitch" saved.

HOME FOR SALE—Good four room house on corner lot on Tenth street for sale at a bargain. For further particulars see me at Higginbotham Currier Co.—J. A. Baldwin. 2t

SAVE YOUR CARPETS. By placing old papers under them. 5000 old papers for sale at Leader office. You fix the price.

FOR SALE. A 10 room residence well located in a convenient part of Ballinger, 2 lots, one corner, one inside, each 60x150 feet. House new, and modern in appearance. Price \$1800, \$600 cash, balance in three equal notes \$400 each due in 1, 2 and 3 years at 10 per cent. A bargain if taken at once. C. P. Shephard, Ballinger, Texas.

OFFICES FOR RENT.—Everything new over the White Fruit Confectionery. Apply to Conn & Wyley.