

BANNER-LEADER.

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NO 9

The Only Bona Fide Cost Sale

In Ballinger is

Brins' Great Closing Out Cost Sale.

When we say Cost we mean Cost and we give our Cost Mark to prove it.

OUR COST MARK:

G O D I S T R U E L Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 Rept

We are going to leave Ballinger and believe it to our best interest to sell our stock at actual wholesale cost rather than ship the goods. The third week of the Big Cost Sale begins Saturday Dec. 7th. During the past three weeks we have sold a tremendous lot of merchandise, the trading public are not slow to realize that ours is a Bona Fide Cost Sale and that we save you money on your every purchase. The opportune time to purchase is NOW. The early purchaser gets the best selections always. Remember that we must dispose of our stock at retail or in bulk by January 1st. Our lease on building and the building are for sale.

Yours for the Only Genuine Cost Sale,

BRINS'

Eighth Street.

Ballinger, Texas.

B. S. Reed, formerly in the livery business here, is in town this week from his ranch in Schleicher county. His wife is with him.

Miss Philips and brother Denis, returned first of the week to their home in Marquez. They have been guests of B. S. Reed and family.

The W. O. W. oyster supper which was to have been given Thursday night was postponed until Thursday night, next, on account of the ball.

Proclamation of Local Quarantine

A call meeting of the Commissioners Court of Runnels county was held Monday the 3rd, to consider the smallpox situation. The business transacted was as follows:

Order No. 1.—Whereas, it has been made to appear to this court that there exists smallpox within Runnels county at and near E. F. Delamater's farm; near Norwood, and there is danger of spreading of said disease therefrom.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by this court that quarantine be and is hereby declared within the said Runnels county. It is further ordered by the court that Dr. T. E. Butler, county health officer, declare and maintain quarantine herein proclaimed, and that he establish, proclaim and enforce all such rules and regulations consistent with law necessary to make such quarantine effective. All persons are hereby warned against a violation of above order or a violation of any rule or rules promulgated by Dr. T. E. Butler, county physician in the furtherance of said order, and the guards acting under the direction of the said Dr. T. E. Butler, or any sheriff or any constable of Runnels county are instructed and enjoined to follow up and arrest, wherever found, any persons violating the same.

T. T. Crosson,
County Judge.

The K. of P. lodge has our committees arranging for a big oyster supper on the night of the 17th.

Selling out at Cost.

In order to reduce our fall and winter millinery we will now sell you anything in stock at actual cost. Mrs. Alice Green.

Knights of Pythias Election.

At the regular meeting of the above order Monday night the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing six months: C. A. Doose, C. C.; L. Markowitz, V. C.; J. McGregor, Prelate; H. Winkler, M. W.; J. L. Chastain, M. F.; E. D. Walker, M. E.; J. F. Lusk, M. A.; W. A. Norman, K. R. & S.; Bob McGregor, I. G.; W. E. Ekridge, O. G.; R. A. Hall, Representative to the Grand Lodge.

Epworth League Officers.

The following have been elected officers of the League for the ensuing six months:

A. E. Turney, president; Mrs. Stella Forbes, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. F. Wright, 2nd vice president; Miss Sammie Padgett, 3rd vice president; Miss Mary Miller, secretary and treasurer; Miss Genevieve Truly organist. These are good officers and under their management we look for good reports from the League.

Take Notice.

My livery accounts are in the hands of C. P. Shepherd for collection and must be paid by Jan. 1st, 1902. Suit will be brought on each account if satisfactory settlement is not made by that date.

B. S. REED.

Cost Sale Prices

Put in the Shade by Our Special

15 per cent DISCOUNT SALE

The sale as advertised the first part of this month has been a great success and we have decided to continue the same. Our regular prices are always the lowest, and by taking off 15 per cent from our regular low price you buy the goods as cheap and in some instances cheaper than you could buy them at the cost sales. Come and get our prices before you buy from any house, and we will save you money on your purchases

H. WINKLER,

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Miss Minnie G. Francis returned Monday from a visit to friends and relatives in San Angelo.

Miss Minnie McGregor went to Coleman the latter part of last week to visit her brother and friends.

Cal Campbell, of Campbell Bros., painters, went to Comanche Sunday to spend the week with friends.

Tom Massey left Ballinger last week for Temple where he has accepted a position with the Santa Fe as passenger brakeman.

Messes Hardgrave and Kyle, two of Ballinger's popular teachers, spent Saturday and Sunday in Brownwood visiting friends.

Parker Woodward found a big bunch of wild geese up the river the first of the week. His gun was in good shape and eight were bagged.

W. A. McShan, of the Norwood community, paid the Banner-Leader office a brief visit Saturday, squaring himself on the editor's books.

Mrs. R. L. Maddox, and Joseph, departed Monday for Waco to visit with her sister Mrs. W. P. Nash. Uncle Jo Routh is at so visiting in Waco.

S. Reese stopped the editor Saturday evening and when we were allowed to proceed we were richer in purse, but we will remember longer the kind words of appreciation he gave.

Newspapers publishing certain "Home Gold Cure" advertisements, do so against the advice of people who have investigated the reliability of the concern sending out the matter. They are not the paying kind.

Write a letter to Santa Claus, sign your name, put the letter in an envelope, and address to the Banner-Leader, Ballinger, Texas. If your wants are not too many Santa will more than likely bring you the very things you want.

Send us \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the Banner-Leader, read the paper a year, and if you are satisfied at the end of the year that your dollar was not wisely spent we will take the pleasure in refunding you the amount.

The trustees of the Ballinger school are anxious that all subscriptions to the improvement fund be paid at as early a date as possible. The money is needed to meet pressing obligations. The Banner-Leader learns that there are only a few who are still in arrears in this matter.

C. H. Eoff, of Winters, was in town Saturday with his family making purchases of our merchants. Mr. Eoff is a former Bell county citizen, and he says "I have done very well this year; made a third of a bale of cotton to the acre in spite of dry weather; have done worse in Bell county a number of times." Mr. Eoff came to Winters something over a year ago, purchasing the C. E. Bell homestead, near town.

IT IS A FACT

That the best is always the cheapest. I handle the best Paint on the market. My prices are as low as the prices on the same grade of Paint in Ballinger, Abilene or Dallas. I buy from the manufacturers, therefore can compete with any.

Yours for honest dealings,

T. A. FANNIN,

Druggist Winters, Texas

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Nov. 30, 1901. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Boswell, Willie.
Hollis, N. H.
Hemphill, Lee.
Morris, J. C.
Morris, Moses.
Ruples, G. C.
Thorpe, T. B.
Waters, W. M.

Hard on Small Boys.

Extract from an act of the 27th Legislature

Sec. No. 1—If any person shall discharge any cannon cracker or torpedo on or across any public square, street or alley in any city town or village or in any street or within one hundred yards of any business house, in this state he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. No. 2—By the term "cannon cracker" is meant any fire-cracker or other combustible package more than two inches in length and more than one inch in circumference.

To the Children.

Following its usual custom, the Banner-Leader will open its columns to the children for the next two weeks that they may tell Santa Claus what they want him to bring them Christmas. There will be only two more issues of the Banner-Leader before Santa Claus is due to arrive and those children wishing to write should do so at once. When writing observe these rules; write plainly and be sure not to ask for too much. Don't write long letters. Sign your name to the letter. Don't wait too long to write. All letters addressed to the Banner-Leader, and intended for Santa Claus, will be published. Santa Claus is a regular reader of the Banner-Leader and will see your letter.

Auxiliary Program.

Topic—Echoes from the National Convention.

Song—"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens adore Him"

Prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings of the year.

Responsive reading, Isaiah 22.

Brief extracts from Secretary and Treasurers report. Mrs. Shaw.

Extracts from the report of the Superintendent of young peoples work. Mrs. Walker.

Solo, Mrs. Harris.

Brief report of our growth during the year, and of the work, undertaken during the past year. Mrs. Shoptaugh.

Five minute talk by the President on the "Watchword for the new year." Inspiration—Realization. 15,000 tidings, 50,000, women \$150,000.

Roll call with scripture quotations, followed by circle of prayer for the missionaries recently sent out and those under appointment.

Song, "We praise Thee, O God."

Business session; minutes, reports, items of business.

Call for new members and Tidings subscriptions.

Offerings.

Doxology.

Benediction.

At Mrs. C. R. Crews at 4 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 1901.

Need Name Items

Mr. Editor: After a long time I drop in line again. Since I saw you and rode in that rubber tire buggy, behind your fine black mare and last, but not least under the fine mohair lap robe, I feel somewhat elevated and see that editors are like other people, and have fine things, too. In fact they all seem good and clever and talk like other folks. If all editors are as social as Ballinger's they are all a good lot of people and should be paid for their papers. The other day while in Ballinger I saw that long, tall, good looking sociable Banner-Leader man (C. C. C.) I was glad to meet him again I had heard that he was gone. Come around this way. The hogs are fat and we have lots of chickens.

Mr. Editor, the war is still going on about grass and water and will as long as there is a man and a cow left on the earth. The herders of Lot and Abraham differed about the same thing and yet we belong to the church and grabbing the dollar. We read the Bible and say "This don't mean me, and I don't do like old man B. or C. or D." I go to hear the man that says he is going to preach. Yes, you do and then raise the devil all over the country and say I am living the best I know. O, you viper, how can you escape the judgement of God. Dollars, grass and water will carry the most of the church to the devil. I can't see any way out of it.

SAUL.

Norton News

Mr. Editor: Seeing nothing in the Banner-Leader from Norton prompts me to send in a few lines of news.

Norton is not a city, like Winters or Wingate, but is a live, up-to-date community, inhabited by a class of good intelligent people. We Norton folks believe we live in the best part of Runnels county.

Mr. Stevens and family leave this week for Borden county also the Messrs. Durham and family leave for Bell and Falls county. We regret very much for these people to leave our community. They leave many friends here who wish them unbounded success in their new homes and an early return to old Runnels the best county in Texas.

Mr. Woody Patterson made a flying trip to Lampasas county a few days ago and in a week returned with his best girl as his wife. He was married to Miss Laura Hines, of Adamsville, Lampasas county. Wednesday morning Nov. 27 and immediately afterwards departed for Runnels county, their future home. They were raised in Lampasas county and have known each other since childhood. The groom has been living in Runnels county for the past two years. Thursday night Nov. 28 an entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Patterson in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Patterson, which was attended by a large crowd and all seemed to have a nice time.

Mr. Jo Snellgrove left Friday for a visit to his old home in Navarro county. We wonder if he has gone after his girl also.

Miss Dillie Rubyurn, of Belton, is visiting her cousins the Misses Morgan.

Miss Edna Sadler will leave this week on a visit to her relatives and friends at May,

Our Grocery Department is the most complete in town, handling everything for the table for ordinary or special occasions.

Get Ready For Christmas

You will want to be neatly dressed on that occasion. Buy your outfit early and avoid being rushed at the last moment. We can fit a man in wearing apparel from head to heel in the very latest styles and guaranteed qualities at a moderate cost. Compare our goods and prices with others.

Yours for Trade,

DAVIS & CO.

We buy Cotton and Produce at Top Prices.

City Market

Headquarters for all kind of Fresh Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage.

Turkeys Dressed and Delivered on Short Notice.

Parramore & Sale.

Subscribe for the Banner Leader. \$1.00 per year.

Brown county. She will be absent a month or more.

We have church the 3rd Sunday in each month and Sunday school Sunday evening at 2 o'clock.

I will close for fear this reaches the waste basket

A Subscriber.

Ballinger Magazine Library.

I am organizing a Magazine Library consisting of 36 of the best magazines obtainable. Subscribers can change copies as many times as they may want and so be able to read all of the magazines during each month. I will keep enough copies of each number on hand to do this. Subscription fee only 25 cents per month. This is less than one cent a day. Do not fail to subscribe. For further particulars see me at the opera house building.

Very respectfully

Dave Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collier returned Tuesday to their home in Hubbard City. Their visit here was a pleasant one.

J. W. Gannaway, of Wingate, and his good wife, were in town Tuesday trading.

John Seibert left Monday for Rockdale to visit farmer associations.

Bright's Disease.

The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands in San Francisco, Aug. 30, 1901. The transfer involved in coin and stock \$112,500.00 and was paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes, hitherto incurable diseases.

They commenced the serious investigation of the Specific Nov. 15, 1900. They interviewed scores of the cured and tried it out on its own merits by putting over three dozen cases on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, eighty seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

There being but thirteen per cent of failures, the parties were satisfied and closed the transaction. The proceedings of the investigating committee and the clinical reports of the test cases were published and will be mailed free on application. Address JOHN J. FULTON COMPANY, 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.

Winters Gin.

Owing the necessity of having to meet our obligations, we respectfully request all who are behind with their ginning to come forward and settle.

Respectfully,

5-4t WOODROW & HOOD.

You lose more than we do if you don't advertise in the Banner-Leader.

M. C. SMITH,
Attorney-At-Law.
Office up stairs in the Ostertag
Building.
BALLINGER TEXAS.

G. P. SHEPHERD,
Attorney-At-Law
BALLINGER TEXAS.

OFFICE WITH C. H. WILLINGHAM,
Over the Ostertag Building.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
(Business Established in 1879.)
BALLINGER, TEXAS.
Real Estate Agent, Abstractor
and Conveyancer.
Owner of Complete Abstracts of
Title to Lands in Runnels and
Concho Counties

G. W. Wilson,
Blacksmith & Woodworker
Every Job Guaranteed
Experts in Horseshoeing;
Prices Very Reasonable;
Your Patronage Solicited.

BALLINGER - MILLING - CO.
Full Roller Process Flour and Bolte
Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

You lose more than we do
if you don't
advertise in the Banner-Leader.

Drs. Halley & Love,
General Medicine and Surgery.
(Office up Stairs Walker Building)
- BALLINGER. -

THOS. A. RAPE, M. D.,
OFFICE AT
J. Y. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Try the Ballinger
Steam Laundry. It
is the nearest, best
and healthiest....
A. H. Friemel & Co.

Wall Paper
J. Y. PEARCE.

J. W. POWELL,
Lawyer.
Special attention to probate
courts, settling estates of deced-
ents, acting as guardian of min-
ors, administrator, trustee, etc.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

LAUNDRY AGENCY
By right of purchase I
have the only laundry
agency in Ballinger. I
represent a Laundry
which guarantees high
grade work at moderate
rates. Leave your laun-
dry at Pink Hubbard's
or Dancer's barber shops
or phone to No. 67 and I
will send for it. Basket
leaves Tuesday returns
Friday night.

W. W. CHASTAIN,
Phone 67.

WE CURE any
disease or deformi-
ty of the eye that is
curable. Examination free. If
you are not curable we frankly
tell you so; hence, you are out
neither time nor money. We
guarantee to cure any case of
granulated lids that exists. If in
doubt, come and place the cost
of treatment in bank subject to
our check when cured. Could
you ask for a fairer offer? Cata-
ract cases guaranteed reading
vision. Surgical and chronic
cases and the cases that have
received no benefit from other
treatments especially solicited.
We will straighten 20 cases o
cross eyes from each county
free. Have straightened over
500 in Texas. Write for names.
Reference, any responsible per-
son or business firm in Lam-
pasas. Respectfully,
ADAMS & FRANCIS,
Lampasas, Tex. Oculists.
52-02.

Health and Beauty.
A poor complexion is usually
the result of a torpid liver or ir-
regular action of the bowels.
Less nature's refuse is carried
it will surely cause impure
pimples, boils and other
eruptions follow. This is nature's
method of throwing off the
poisons which the bowels failed
to remove. DeWitt's Little
Early Risers are world famous
for remedying this condition.
They stimulate the liver and
promote regular and healthy
action of the bowels but never
cause griping, cramps or dis-
tress. Safe pills. E. D. Walk-
er.

Col. Abner H. Cook, of Texas
Home Mutual Fire Insurance
Co., of Austin, was in our town
Monday conferring with C. P.
Shepherd, his agent here.

An Evangelist's Story.
"I suffered for years with a
bronchial or lung trouble and
tried various remedies but did
not obtain permanent relief until
I commenced using One Minute
Cough Cure," writes Rev. James
Kirkman, evangelist of Belle
River, Ill. "I have no hesita-
tion in recommending it to all
sufferers from maladies of this
kind." One Minute Cough Cure
affords immediate relief for
coughs, colds and all kinds of
throat and lung troubles. For
croup it is unequalled. Absolute-
ly safe. Very pleasant to take,
never fails and is really a favor-
ite with the children. They like
it. E. D. Walker.

Col. Smith, the San Angelo
Press editor, paid Ballinger a
brief call last Friday. He is
planning to dispose of his inter-
est in the Press and engage in
other pursuits.

Saved His Life.
"I wish to say that I feel I
owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia
Cure," writes H. C. Chrestenson
of Hayfield, Minn. "For three
years I was troubled with dys-
pepsia so that I could hold noth-
ing on my stomach. Many
times I would be unable to re-
tain a morsel of food. Finally I
was confined to my bed. Doc-
tors said I could not live. I read
one of your advertisements on
Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and
thought it might fit my case and
commenced its use. I began to
improve from the first bottle.
Now I am cured and recommend
it to all." Digests your food.
Cures all stomach troubles. E.
D. Walker.

A. H. Van Pelt moved into his
handsome new residence this
week.

C. F. Dickinson left Ballinger
Monday for Colorado City on
business matters.

Miss Maggie Underwood, of
Ballinger passed through town
Sunday enroute to Chicago to
take a course in music. Her
father accompanied her and Miss
Adele will return with him.—
Brownwood Bulletin.

Rev. T. O'Connell, well known
to the majority of the members
of the Christian church here, is
still confined in the asylum at
San Antonio, and is reported by
the superintendent as being a
maniac, excitable, noisy and de-
structive to his clothing.

The Banner Leader has received
a program of the Third An-
nual Recital as given in San An-
gelo last Friday by pupils of
Prof. C. J. Finger, the eminent
pianist. Ballinger pupils par-
ticipating were Misses Maggie
and Estelle Underwood, Nettie
Bacon and Kathleen Francis.
The latter receiving a hearty en-
core from the enthusiastic and
delighted audience of 350 or
more people. The entire rec-
ital, beginning with a quartette
and ending with a solo, was a
great success and is a credit to
both pupils and instructor.

Jewelry the best, at Asa
Cordill's.

—See Van Pelt & Kirk's Bug-
gies and Saddles before buying.

—You'll get the best watch re-
pairing at Asa Cordill's.

—New Saur Krout in half bar-
rels at John Hoffer's.

—DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, DENTIST,
Over Walker's Drug Store.

—28 stamp photos for 25c until
Dec. 1st only at Hartung's studio.

—F. J. Baron, Rowena, Texas,
Real Estate and Live Stock
Agent.

—You can save money by pat-
ronizing Hixson Bros Racket
store.

—List your lands with P. J. Bar-
on, he can sell them and get good
prices. 4-1f

International Live Stock Ex-
position and Annual Convention
National Live Stock Assn.
Chicago Ill. Dates of sale Nov.
30 and Dec. 1st. Rates one fare
plus \$2.00 per round trip.

For Rent or Sale.
The old W. J. Miller residence
upper side Court House, near A.
Schawe's store, apply to Lange
& Doose, Agts

Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that all tres-
passers on the ranches and lands
formerly owned by W. J. Turner in
Runnels county, near Wingate, for the
purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood,
gathering pecans, working stock or
hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the
full extent of the law.
Lange & Doose Agents,
51f Ballinger Texas.



ACORN
STOVES
AND
RANGES

**New
Iron**

ONLY is used in

ACORN

Stoves and Ranges

Not a pound of old scrap or burnt out iron is
permitted in their manufacture. They are made
in the best manner possible and of the best
material. They are **made to last.** Both
patterns and prices please.

Sold by
HALL BIRDWARD CO.,
Ballinger, Texas

See the sign of the Big Acorn

A

Good thing push it along

We have a good stock of Staple and
Fancy Groceries as good as can be
found in Ballinger Our prices are
low enough. Our salesmen are
polite and accommodating. Our
delivery of goods prompt. We are
enjoying a splendid trade but can
handle more. Can't we serve
you during 1901. * * * * *

Yours For Groceries,
Miller Mercantile Co.

SAFER AND BETTER.

Never send money by mail. A bank draft is al-
ways safer; it is also better in other ways. We sell the
draft; they are good throughout the United States and
Canada. Our charges are very low. Will allow interest
on time deposits. * * * * *

The W. C. PARKS BANKING COMPANY.

WORMS! VERMIFUGE!

WHITE'S CREAM

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. **EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.**

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.
Prepared by **JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.**

For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

—Feed of all kinds can be had
at Miller Mercantile Co., oppo-
site the post office. Phone No.
45.

Meeting of the Daughters of
the Confederacy San Antonio,
Texas. Excursion rates; dates
of sale Dec. 1st and 2nd.

L. MARKOWITZ & BRO'S.

MAMMOTH STOCK OF

Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Hats

OFFERED AT A GREAT

Sacrifice AND Slash of Prices

Which will astonish our friends and customers. We need the CASH and the goods MUST move.

2,000 yards of Brown LL Domestic worth 5 cents every where, will go now at.....	4 cts
1200 yards Cotton Plaids, extra good value at 5 cents, must move at.....	4 cts
The very best Calico, standard brands, your choice at.....	4 cts
Good heavy Outings, sell at 10 and 12 1/2 cents, will sacrifice at.....	8 1/2 c
French Flannelettes, worth 10 and 12 1/2 cents, will go at this sale for.....	8 1/2 c
All our Fine Dress Goods, in colors, worth from 75 cts to \$2.00 per yard, will move at only.....	75 c
Our 46 inch wide Worsteds, in all colors, worth 35 cents, will be sold at.....	25 c
Peau De Soie Silks, in black, our \$1.25 quality, will be sold at only.....	90 c
French Flannel Waist Patterns, a beautiful assortment worth \$1.00 per yard, will clean out at.....	65 c

CLOTHING. CLOTHING.

We will sell our genuine California Brown Bros Men's Suits worth \$18.50 at..... \$12.50
 Our \$10.00 Suits must move at..... \$5.00 and \$6.00
 Boys and Children's Suits—We have purchased 500 sample suits and we offer them at..... \$2.50

Remember, this is your opportunity if you need a suit for yourself or boys. Come and give us a look and you will sure buy.

SHOES SHOES SHOES

Must fly. We have about 200 pairs of small lots we will offer at a great SACRIFICE. The only thing we ask, bring your feet and pocket book along.

Ladies', Misses and Children's CAPES and JACKETS
 We offer at such low prices that they will astonish you

We have other Bargains, too numerous to mention. Come and be convinced Yours, for BARGAINS and VALUES,

L. MARKOWITZ & BROTHER,
Stamps Given. Ballinger, Tex.

HALL
 President

T. WARD
 Vice President

J. MCGREGOR
 Sec. and Treas.

THE
Hall Hardware Co.,
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Are in the market for your patronage in Hardware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Windmills, Piping, Glassware, Queensware and china. Get our prices before buying.....

Can We Serve You In Our Line?

O. W. DRENNAN,
Transfer and General Delivery.
 PHONE 134

W. C. T. U. Notes.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting at the Christian church last Monday. After reading of scripture and prayer by the president all enjoyed Miss Hardgraves report of the great convention at Ft Worth, but she had so many good things to tell that we found it was getting late before she was half through, though all that were present are looking forward with pleasure to our next meeting when she will continue her report. All members who are not at this meeting will miss a rare treat.

Our next meeting will be at the C. P. church, Dec. 16 at 4 o'clock p. m.

Program.

Song—Union.
 Scripture reading and prayer, President.
 Solo, Miss Echols.
 Select reading, Mrs. J. A. Starnes.

Recitation, Miss Luper.
 Talk on convention, Miss Hardgrave.

Our Union appreciates the following donations from the Sunday schools of town, Baptist \$3.00, Presbyterian \$2.50 Cumberland Presbyterians \$2.50, Christians \$1.25.

A few facts in regard to the National W. C. T. U. and what it has accomplished might be of interest to some.

Every state and territory in the U. S. has a state and territory Union including Alaska and Hawaii.

Ten thousand towns and cities have local Unions. One thousand new Unions were organized in 1900. Eight round-the-world missionaries have been sent from the National W. C. T. U.

The National W. C. T. U. is now the largest single society in the world, composed exclusively of women and conducted entirely by them, and is the most nearly perfect in its organization.

Messrs. Jas. E. Noel and Edgar Hargrave, of Brownwood, attended Ballinger's ball Thursday night.

—Best line of watches at Asa Cordills, get prices.

For Sale.

—790 1/2 acres of pasture land at \$1.00 per acre, located on North Line Runnels county. Apply to D. C. Underwood.

Will Play at Winters.

By request the "Unconditional Surrender," as played in Ballinger two weeks ago by local talent will be played in Winters on the night of the 14th for the benefit of the Winters band. The usual price for admission will prevail.

To the Ladies.

We have taken the agency for the well known firm of Chas. A. Stevens & Bros., of Chicago. The line consists of tailor made suits, cloaks, skirts, both ready to wear and special order shirt waists, petticoats, underwear, gloves, hosiery, etc. Please call and inspect our samples.

MRS. ALICE GREEN.

Rev. J. A. Shoptaugh returned Monday from attendance on the Lectureship of the Christian church at Waco. It will be remembered that Rev. Shoptaugh some time ago agitated the question of securing for Ballinger the state assembly of his church. At this meeting in Waco a committee, comprised of M. M. Davis of Dallas, C. McPherson of Ft Worth, J. C. Mason of Palestine, T. E. Sherry of Melissa and B. B. Sanders of Austin, was appointed to select a location for the Assembly or Chataqua grounds. This committee advises that if Ballinger wants it located here her citizens must decide quickly what inducement they can offer. As yet Mineral Wells is the only other contestant. Rev. Shoptaugh instead of preaching at Cameron, as the Banner-Leader last week stated that he would do, accepted an invitation to preach in Beaumont, which church is looking for a pastor. Rev. Shoptaugh visited the "gushers" and was fortunate in seeing one "brought in." While the church at Beaumont is one of the best in the state in point of membership and finances, Rev. Shoptaugh would not consider a call because of his health, the climate there disagreeing with him very noticeably.

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Mr. Frank Williams, of the Bell county Lumber Co., of Temple, has moved to Ballinger with his family and is arranging to open a third lumber yard here. Glad to have these people as citizens.

One on Mark Twain.

This story is told of Mark Twain: When he lived in Buffalo he made the acquaintance of some neighbors under peculiar circumstance. Emerging from his home one morning, he saw something which made him run across the street and remark to the people who were gathered on the veranda: "My name is Clemens; my wife and I have been intending to call on you and make your acquaintance. We owe you an apology for not doing it before now. I beg your pardon for intruding on you in this informal manner, and at this time of day, but your house is on fire."

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Two of Ballinger's most distinguished gents were out Thursday to consult with our commissioner in regard to the erection of a bridge on Valley creek just north of town. We hope it will not be long before the bridge will be built as it is something that is badly needed.

Mr. Will Moore was up Saturday and Sunday looking after his interests in this part. Guess he has surely found something up here that he likes pretty well as we notice he comes up quite often.

Quite a jolly crowd of young people from here went out quail hunting Thanksgiving and if all reports are true they bagged about 20 birds, several squirrels and most any amount of rabbits and prairie dogs. They all got back just in time for the Thanksgiving services which were held at the church that night, after which they were all seen going in the direction of Dr. Wyatt's, whistling "Bob white," and judging from the time they stayed they must have had a "bird fry." Following are the names of those that composed the party, T. E. Moore and Miss Minnie Gannaway, Chum Cathey and Miss Agnes Townsend, Jo Dean and Miss Una Wyatt, Ab Gannaway and Miss Cynthia Dean, T. J. Rawls and Miss Ethel Moore.

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Within ourselves we have the evidence of conscience, of happiness for good acts and unhappiness if we wrong our neighbor. I am a believer in happiness and unhappiness in this world, and it does not seem logical to defer the reward or the punishment to the world to come. A higher authority will decide that question. We are directly interested in the present. If our present responsibilities are discharged faithfully we need have little concern for the future. Ex

Among the many poker stories afloat a good one is told concerning "Dutch Hank," a well known player of Rochester, N. Y. Hank went into Daly's place in New York City one day and sat in a game, winning \$25,000 with very little trouble. Then he rose to go thinking it was time to stop.

Daly shook hands with him and asked him what was his hurry.

Hank said he would have to go to a Dutch restaurant he knew where they always cooked liver in a way that he particularly liked. "Oh, if that's all," said Daly, "just stay here. We can serve the liver just that way and you can go right on playing."

"Dutch Hank" had left some friends outside waiting, but he said he would stay and eat the liver. He sat down and ate and played. His \$25,000 soon went back to Daly in a turn of luck. Hank went out without a cent.

"What kept you so long?" his friend demanded.

"Well, you don't suppose a man can eat \$25,000 worth of liver in a minute, do you?" was the retort of Hank.

Methodist Statistics.

The secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist church gave out the following data:

Local preachers 373, members 71,341. Fifteen hundred and four infants have been baptized during the year and 3,383 adults have been baptized. There are 187 Epworth League members. The number of Sunday schools is 547, with 4,225 officers and teachers and 37,885 Sunday school scholars. The contributions for the year are as follow: For conference claimants \$8,666, for foreign missions \$11,284.42, for home missions \$11,012.48 for church extension \$3,730.32, for the American Bible society \$507, for presiding elders \$19,027.49, for pastors \$128,508.00, for the bishops \$2,406.69.

There are 925 chapels and 470-1-6 houses of worship owned

by them, valued at \$898,029.78. There are 232 pastoral charges and 219 parsonages, valued at \$203,935.50. There are twelve districts and nine district parsonages, valued at \$16,000; \$215,025 insurance is carried on the church property.

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It is recorded of a certain great philosopher that a friend who went to visit him met the philosopher's little daughter before he met the philosopher himself. Knowing that the father was such a deeply learned man, he thought that the little girl must have earned something very grave, something very deep from such a father, and he said to her:

"What is your father teaching you?" The little maid looked at him with her clear blue eyes and just said:

"Obedience."

That was what the great wise man taught his little girl and I believe that is the most important lesson for children to learn. "to be obedient." It is a lesson necessary for their happiness, for their safety, and I think we may say for their life.—Canon Wynne

Of Benefit to You.

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The American boy is ahead of the English boy, in the judgment of Sir Thomas Lipton, because he gets a better chance to show what is in him. In America the managers of large concerns are often very youthful. In English their youth would be a disqualification, since there a man must look old before he is thought to look wise. Sir Thomas believes that to be "a great error of policy in the affairs of a nation, a business firm or a family." He himself came to this country when he was fifteen years old. He declares his experience here "the best commercial training I ever had," and holds that "it would be a good thing to send every English boy to America when he is seventeen, and keep him there for a couple of years." This is generous and even flattering to us, but Sir Thomas' countrymen may find a flaw in the argument, reasoning from their point of view—that after the English boy had been here two years they might not be able to get him back.

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The Burns Murder.

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The Country Editor.

In opposing a bill introduced in the Missouri legislature to reduce the rate paid to the newspapers for printing the Australian ballot, Senator H. C. Heather, of Palmyer, said:

"No man in the community does more for the the public and receives less for it than the country editor. If all the space he employs in booming the town, in helping individuals, in making statesmen—sometimes out of pretty raw material were paid for even at half the legal rate, he would be the richest man in the country.

"Few country editor are rich, but they are of more service to the communities where they live than the wealthiest man. They are in the forefront of every movement for progress. They do the work and leave the emoluments to other. A good, clean honest, country newspaper, and most country newspapers are good, clean and honest, helps on every worthy cause and deserves every encouragement. It fights the party battle, holds up the hands of the reformer and makes the scoundrel afraid.

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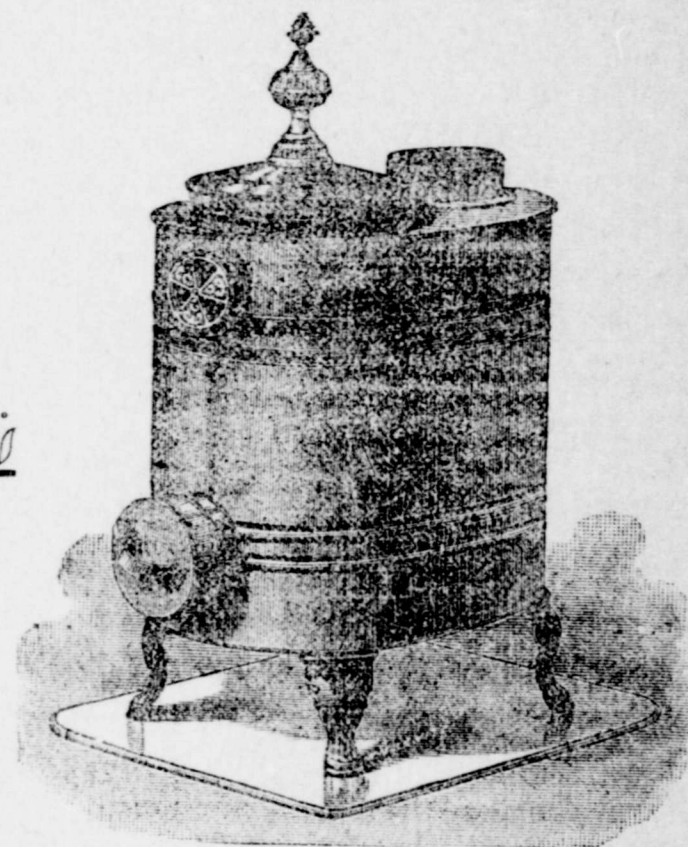
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FOR FARMERS

Value of Drainage.
 One farmer who has put underground drains in his part of them, learned this value of drainage in a well as in a wet season, says American Agriculturist. It gives the circulation of air through the soil that keeps it light and friable, so that the roots penetrate through the soil to find the moisture they need. The soil does not pack after a rain, partly owing to the coming up of air from the tiles through the very channels that the water followed when it passed down to them. Some noticed that the rows, particularly of corn, which were almost directly over the line of the drain kept green longer and produced a better crop than those which were between the drains, and the poorest rows or parts of the field were those farthest from the drain. Some say the yield doubled in the close vicinity of the drains, in which case we should think the drains were too far apart for a very dry or a wet season. But this is not all the value of drainage. Land that is properly drained can be worked much earlier in the spring and is much less affected by the frosts in spring or fall because it is drier. Wheat and clover are not so often lifted and the roots broken during the freezing and thawing of the winter and are thus less liable to winter kill.

The Ideal Farm Horse.

A good plow horse or farm horse is a heavy but not clumsy animal and one capable of exerting great power and endurance in plowing or hauling, says C. W. Knox in American Cultivator. At the same time the animal must be a fair road horse, not a trotter, but one that can get across the country roads at a moderate pace. The animal should also be a fast walker and not a slow, clumsy, mulish creature. Such ideal farm horses are bred now and to be found on thousands of farms. No farmer of any progressiveness would think of walking behind some of the old slow walking farm horses of a dozen years ago. Such an animal performs about one-half the work that a model farm horse does in a day.

Cold Frames and Hothouses.

So great are the use and importance of inexpensive hothouses and cold frames in starting early vegetables that no one should be without one or more, says a correspondent of American Agriculturist. Crops can be protected in these until very late in the fall, and semihardy plants can be kept in perfect condition all winter long. Where one raises vegetables for early market hothouses are of course absolute necessities, but even the ordinary farmer needs them for his early crops, whether he is engaged in the market gardening business or not. Tomatoes, lettuce, seed onions and scores of other vegetables can be started under glass months before it is possible to plant them outside.

Packing Comb Honey.

In packing comb honey for market it is to the producer's interest to face the cases honestly, says a correspondent of American Agriculturist. The row of combs next to the glass should be a fair sample of the whole case. Do not sell your reputation while selling your honey, for you will probably have some honey to dispose of in the future. Try to build up your reputation by dealing honestly. If light and dark honey are packed together in the same case, you may get the price for all light honey, but if the cases are opened you will surely get paid for all dark honey. The poor will depreciate the good, so pack each grade separately and face honestly.

Animals For the Farm.

The ideal farm cow, sheep or pig should be a medium between the high bred animal and the old scrub, says a Kansas farmer in American Cultivator. That is, each one should possess some of the hardness of the latter and be able to bustle a little for a living without suffering therefrom and yet be able to do good work, make beef or milk in good quantities or produce pork or wool that will pay. These animals show a degree of success on the average farm which makes them of great value. They are suited to a little rough, practical life, and yet when kindly treated they respond quickly to the improved environments.

Selecting Dairy Cows.

Color is only skin deep in a cow. Go more by the contour and size of her udder, says George E. Newell in Nebraska Farmer. I once knew a dairyman who never purchased a new cow until he himself had sat down and milked her. It is needless to add that he seldom made a poor purchase.

Care of Seed Corn.

Select as solid ears as possible and dry thoroughly, then keep in a warm, dry place over winter. A good plan for storing is to put the corn in heavy paper bags and hang these in the rafters in a dry garret. Kiln dried corn will sprout more quickly than that left to dry out naturally.

The SPORTING WORLD

Promising Young Jockeys.

Two young jockeys are well fixed for next year, and their marked success in salary getting will doubtless excite many more youngsters to take to the saddle for a livelihood. Wonderly and Redfern, the two youngsters who performed splendidly the last season, are the lucky ones, and if they continue in the way they have begun but a few years will elapse before they have bank accounts equal to Tod Sloane, Lester Reiff and Danny Maher.

Redfern has signed with John E. Madden's stable for a term of two



JOCKEY REDFERN.

years. He is to receive \$18,000 for that period, \$8,000 for the first year and \$10,000 for the second. Redfern is but seventeen years old.

J. B. Haggin, the multimillionaire owner and breeder of thoroughbreds, has signed Jockey Wonderly, who is only sixteen years old, to ride for him next year at a salary of \$15,000. Mr. Haggin receives second call on the boy's services. J. H. Carr, owner of a good string of thoroughbreds, developed him and holds the claim to first all. The \$15,000 which Wonderly receives for second call is greater than any salary heretofore paid to a jockey or similar services in either England or America.

International Six Day Races.

The great international six day race at Madison Square Garden, New York, will begin Dec. 9. The teams that left Europe to come here in quest of honors and American gold are as follows: Goultz and Simar, France; Chevalier and Fisher, Switzerland; Muller and Le Poutre, De Roeck and Kerff, Belgium, and Frederick and Jaak, Germany.

The contingent of continental cyclists is the most formidable that has ever taken part in Gotham's great annual cycle race, and Yankee speed and grit will be tested to their utmost to prevent one of the foreign teams capturing the laurels in this year's race.

Some of the pedalers who sailed are already well known on this side. Goultz and Simar, it will be remembered, were only a lap behind the winners last year and furnished considerable excitement throughout the week by their remarkable sprinting in an endeavor to shake off their fast flying opponents. Fisher and Chevalier, the wiss pair, took part in the 1899 race and created the sensation of week by stealing the only laps of the race that were gained in that fashion by serious, well timed spurts that killed off one after the other of the opposers. Muller rode here before, but as handicapped by a poor partner, his year he has as mate one of the best distance men abroad. Le Poutre is no stranger to the six day grind either, having on several occasions surrounded Europe by his wonderful stamina. Frederick, who has also frequently ridden in this country, is likewise better equipped with a partner than he has ever been before. De Roeck and Kerff will wear the Belgian colors in the coming battle on wheels. They have earned an excellent reputation on the other side and are said by McFarland to be a dangerous team.

New Jersey Game Laws.

Much has been said concerning the new game laws of New Jersey, which prohibit dogs from running loose in the gamefields, forbidding the removal of game from the state and the tracking of rabbits and quails in the snow, but most of the sportsmen agree that the right move was made for the preservation of the game during the close season and for the protection of game from pot hunters during the open season. Quails are more plentiful in New Jersey than for a number of years. Not many were killed last year, and most of the birds survived the winter season. Many sections have quails in sufficient number to furnish good sport.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Furnishing Dining Rooms.

Don't have an overmantel of looking glass with little wooden brackets and pillars at the sides. It has a fidgety appearance, and mirrors seem to be somewhat out of keeping in a dining room.

A pretty engraving in a plain deal frame stained to represent the same wood as the furniture is in far better taste and not nearly so expensive, considering that really artistic engravings of good pictures can be bought so cheap.

A still cheaper method is to have a valance of stamped velvet or some oriental tapestry gathered to a little rod which shall be fixed to the wall about two feet above the mantel board, and just above the valance there should be a stained deal shelf to hold pottery.

Don't have only linoleum on the floor. It has such a chilly effect.

Don't have a medley of colors in a dining room, and let those which you decide upon be deep and rich in tone. The reds, blues and greens of the old fashioned Turkey carpets give the three best shades to work with, taking one or at least two for a room.

In a small room wall paper, curtains and tablecloths should be of the same color, and the carpet should either be a darker tone of the same or of oriental design.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Christmas Doughnuts.

A necessity of the colonial Christmas treat is a generous plate of raised doughnuts. A formula for these which is contributed by a famous New England housekeeper is as follows: One cupful of lard or butter, two cupfuls of milk, a cupful of yeast, three cupfuls of sugar, four or five eggs, nutmeg and a pinch of salt. Warm together the milk and lard, then add the yeast; stir in flour enough to make a batter and let it stand over night; then add the other ingredients. Knead soft and let it rise again; then roll, cut out and let rise before frying. Sprinkle with sugar and spread, not pile, on a platter over which a napkin has first been laid.—Harper's Bazar.

A Dainty Holder.

An especially dainty curling iron holder is shown in the illustration. This is made from buff linen drawn smoothly over a shaped cardboard. A ribbon across the back affords a place in which to slip the iron. The front



FOR THE CURLING IRON.

is embroidered with dainty colors, blue, delicate green, and a touch here and there of black to give character to the whole. The baby ribbon, made into full rosettes at the sides and at the top where it is hung, is of old rose. The combination of colors is soft and artistic.—Housekeeper.

A Firm Paste.

Take a tablespoonful of dry flour and half a teaspoonful of powdered alum, mix slowly with half a teaspoonful of cold water, set on the back of the stove and pour into it another tablespoonful or two of boiling water; stir briskly and cook but a short time. Pour into a wide mouthed bottle while warm and use a wooden paddle to take it out with. The paste may be perfumed and will keep indefinitely. I used this to fasten hanging cords on celluloid picture frames, putting a square piece of stiff white paper over each end of the cord, and it holds as firmly as would a screw on a wooden frame.

Everything For Use.

That dear old lady, Julia Ward Howe, bids the young homemaker to have nothing for show. She says in Good Housekeeping: "Let your rooms look as if they were lived in. Provide convenient cases for your books, comfortable chairs to sit in, tables or desks at which one can write with comfort, pleasant pictures or engravings to look at. Do not envy the melancholy splendor of superfluous apartments rarely opened and full of ghostly shadows. The time and money expended in the care of these possessions are out of all proportion to any pleasure that can be derived from them."

KINDNESS RETURNED

By H. I. Cleveland.

"I don't suppose I ever told you the story of how a prisoner of war showed his gratitude?"

"No. Let us have it."
 "It was toward the close of the civil war that I was placed in charge of the officers' hospital at Hampton, Va., and just back of Fortress Monroe. I found a good many invalid Union officers in the hospital, and there were between fifty and sixty Confederate officers there, all ill and all prisoners. My instructions in regard to the care and feeding of them were to take the same care of their living as was given to the Union men. I attempted to carry out these instructions in spirit as well as letter.

"There was another Chicago surgeon at the hospital besides myself, but he was under me. My work was agreeable, and I found the Confederates a gentlemanly set of fellows who had done their duty as they saw it, suffered and were now about ready to begin to prepare for a better kind of living than making war. Among them was a young lieutenant, Ellis Lewis, to whom I took quite a fancy.

"One day in making my rounds and on reaching the Confederates I found them pale, trembling, unnerved. In endeavoring to ascertain what was wrong with them I found that they had not had meat for more than a week, that their rations were being kept from them. Lieutenant Lewis said this had been going on for some time.

"Still," said I, "I have given explicit orders that you shall be fed the same as the Union officers here, and I have given no orders that meat shall be kept from you."

"But we get no meat," answered Lewis.

"I called up the Chicago man who was in charge of the feeding of the prisoners and who is now a prominent citizen, and I asked him if he was responsible for depriving the Confederate officers of meat. He said he was. I asked him why he did this when I had given contrary orders.

"Do you suppose," he asked, "I am going to give these men any more than I can help when their government is starving our people in Libby and Andersonville?"

"That has nothing to do with this case," I said. "You will feed these men as I have directed or one of us will leave this hospital. Charges will be preferred against you, and I will make them. We will have humanity here or I will know why."

"The meat came after that. Shortly after this incident took place I learned that charges had been preferred against me to General Butler. I was accused of favoring the Confederates. That was a pretty serious charge in those days, but I was compelled to laugh when I found out that the charges were based upon my having required that Confederate and Union sick should be fed alike.

"Colonel Schaeffer of General Butler's staff was directed to visit me with a board of inquiry and investigate the matter. I saw Schaeffer before the board commenced work, and he said to me:

"This is very serious business, doctor. You are charged with favoring the Confederates, and General Butler wants all the facts."

"My instructions," I replied, "have been to discriminate against none in this hospital. I do not understand that I am to feed Union men and starve Confederates. I do not understand that course is justified by any rules of warfare. What the Confederates themselves are doing does not concern me so far as the conduct of this hospital is concerned. I am not here to slaughter prisoners. You go back and ask General Butler if it is desired by him that I shall make this hospital a halfway ground between a battlefield and a graveyard. By —, if it is I'll fight the proposition!"

"Colonel Schaeffer posted off to General Butler at once and told him what I had said and also my detailing the circumstances of the meat order. Old Ben was a pretty shrewd man and sagacious in many things. When Schaeffer had finished, he looked up and remarked:

"I guess we had better let Rush alone."

"And they did. Some time after this a new batch of prisoners was brought to us and lodged in the same part of the hospital the other Confederates were in. They had only been there a short time when one rainy night Lieutenant Lewis, sick, barefooted, hatless, made his way to my headquarters and roused me.

"Doctor," he said, "you have been right with us, and we wish to show you that we can reciprocate. The new prisoners that have come in are armed. They purpose in the night to overcome the guard, kill him and get away. I come to warn you, but you must protect me, for if they know I had betrayed them they would kill me."

"I had only a single guard at the hospital, and an escape meant the ruin of my reputation. I got Lewis into a safe place and telegraphed Fortress Monroe for troops to be sent as fast as they

could come. I made it a rush message, and I got them fast. The hospital was surrounded, and in due time the new prisoners were disarmed and the escape prevented.

"I shivered through until I had enough soldiers on hand to save myself. It was too close a call. If the prisoners had escaped, I could never have explained the matter, especially in view of the fact that I had stood out for treating them with humanity at a time when most sane men were strongly prejudiced against acting toward the south with any mercy."—Chicago Record-Herald

Dyed Carpets.

It is not generally known that carpets can be successfully dyed and thus enter into new life. Almost any style of weave can be so treated; but, of course, ingrain must have no cotton thread on the surface. It is best always to select for the new color something quiet in both color and tone. A dead leaf brown is excellent, while an olive green or dull red is almost as good. Of course the dyed carpet must be a solid color, and this is why only the quietest shades should be chosen.

Killing Weeds With a Cultivator.

The great secret of killing weeds with a cultivator after they have got a start is to run the cultivator so deep as to tear them out root and branch, says S. H. Todd in National Stockman. There has so much been said on shallow cultivation, which is all right if understood, that the amateur farmer thinks he must keep on top of the ground even if he keeps on top of the weed roots to carry out this end. Weeds will bid defiance to that kind of treatment and in a few days will laugh, "Ha, ha! Come again, our backs need scratching."

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Has Made Astonishing Discovery.

The scientific world is greatly exercised over the discovery recently made by Professor Edward C. Pickering of the Harvard observatory. Professor Pickering has, through instantaneous photography, succeeded in obtaining the first spectrum of lightning ever secured. The result proved to be an unexpected and astonishing revelation, for, as Professor Pickering interprets it, the spectrum of lightning proves that the element hydrogen is probably



PROFESSOR EDWARD C.

a compound substance in lightning, as chemists have supposed, a truly indivisible basis of all the other elements.

Edward Charles Pickering, born in 1845, is a descendant of the famous Timothy Pickering, general under Washington, Revolutionary war and his state and war when he was president.

Rayner and Reed.

When Isidor Rayner, counsel for Admiral Schley, was a member of congress, Thomas B. Reed asked him what his attitude was as to glass. "We both live in glass houses and had better change the subject," was Mr. Rayner's rejoinder. Reed and Rayner were frequently in some verbal duel. "Did not the gentleman hear my speech Saturday?" thundered Mr. Reed on one occasion.

"No," replied Rayner; "I was home preparing a speech of my own. Candor is one of Mr. Rayner's strong points. In a political speech on occasion he made the statement that Democratic party in convention denounced the purchasing clause of the Sherman act and had pledged party to its speedy repeal. 'I am in favor,' added Mr. Rayner, 'of keeping Democratic promises according to the letter.'"

"All of them?" asked some one of the audience, ready to spring a carded plank of some previous reform.

"Well, every one of them so far they can be kept," rejoined the speaker, and the crowd, although not all his political faith, applauded him for his dexterous escape from the trap for him.—Saturday Evening Post.

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By S. S. Allcorn and estray-justice of the Peace, precinct D. Tally, Runnels county, following described animals,

own mare, 13½ hands high, ears old, branded "cross and ft thigh."
one brown filly, one year old, no brand.
own mare, 14½ hands high, years old, no brand.
black mare, 14½ hands high, 5 old, branded on left shoulder L. on left thigh T.

The owner of said animals is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take animals away, or they will be dealt with as the law directs.

Attest: W. L. Towner, Clerk of the County Court of Runnels county, given under my hand and seal of said court this, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1901.

W. L. TOWNER,
Clerk County Court Runnels County, Texas.

Notice.

All accounts made at Palace Saloon prior to Nov. 1st, 1901, are due me. Arrange at once to settle same. Either paying it to me or leave it at the Palace Saloon and take receipt for same.

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TEN PAGES.

Ballinger's Ball.

What is generally conceded the most delightful affair ever given in Ballinger, was the First Annual Ball by the Ballinger Social Club at the Opera House on the evening of the 5th.

The young people of the Social Club, assisted by some of the married ladies of the place, had devoted some time and talent to the decoration of the hall and stage and their labor was richly rewarded by the general effect. The color scheme of the decorations was green and white. The walls being draped in green and white bunting and the columns garlanded with vines. From an elevated stand in the centre of hall, hidden by foliage, Philippi's band poured forth its strains of popular airs, to the time of which, the merry dancers whiled away the happy hours of the club's first dance.

Invitations had been extended to the social "four hundred" of the adjoining towns, and there were present a number of representative young people from San Angelo, Coleman and Brownwood. On account of a number of guests having to leave on the midnight train, the Grand March was announced at half past eight and was led in splendid style by H. A. Thomson, Jr. and Miss Dazie Noel of Brownwood. It is estimated that some forty couples participated in the Grand March. The programs being filled, the dance progressed till eleven o'clock, when the curtain to the stage was raised, displaying the table with covers laid for twenty four, artistically ornamented with chrysanthemums and softly illumined by numerous candelabra. At each cover was a souvenir consisting of a daisy, and a bow of white ribbon.

The guests present were as

follows:

From Angelo: Misses DeBerry, March, Ede and Bell. Messrs. Alexander, Gunn, Baker, Jno. Lee, Phil Lee and Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rust.

From Coleman: Messrs. Kennedy, McCord, Cameron and McClland.

From Brownwood: Misses. Dazie Noel, Pink Noel, Lida Parks and Pearl Parks. Messrs. Noel and Hardgrave.

The chaperons present were:
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thomson.
" " " J. Y. Pearce.
" " " J. F. Currie.
" " " Jno. Hoffer.
" " " Max Lange.
" " " R. A. Hall.
" " " Sam Baker.
" " " Chilton.
" " " W. M. Wright.
" " " Will Odom.
" " " L. Markowitz.
" " " H. Winkler.
" " " S. B. Raby.

Mrs. Williams.
It was regretted that the 12:12 a. m. Santa Fe train took away so many of the San Angelo visitors while the evenings programme was as yet half completed.

At a late, yet early hour, weary of their revels, the dancers took their leave declaring it an evening of unmingled pleasure, and an occasion long to be remembered with delight.

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—Toys! Toys!! Toys!!! Pearce's Drug Store.

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Pumphrey Pencilings.

Bro. Carter filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday last. The Sunday school has been changed from morning to evening. So far the Sunday school has been very interesting.

Rev. W. D. Townsend, the missionary for the county, preached an interesting sermon here last Thursday night. Rev. E. T. Bates, the Methodist minister for this circuit for the ensuing year, was with Bro. Townsend but he was unable to state what day he could give this church. Bro. Townsend is doing a good missionary work and we believe he is very much interested in the great work he is doing.

Mr. Drake has completed his new residence.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Barrett of Grayson county into our community.

Mr. Collinsworth has already turned sixty acres of sod land this fall, with one ten inch walking plow.

Mr. W. T. Middleton visited at Moro last Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Middleton of Waco has come out to spend several days with his parents at this place.

Mr. Cheff is still slowly improving we are glad to report.

Mrs. Pelley is on the sick list this week—another case of slow fever.

Mr. Ben Eubank while running his horse Sunday afternoon, ran into a wire gate, causing a serious accident. His horse fell upon him breaking his left leg just above his knee. He received other bruises which were quite serious. At this writing he is doing well. The horse also was badly hurt.

Some are preparing to visit kinfolks east this Christmas.

A Christmas tree is being talked of at this place. While Christmas money is going to be scarce we believe that the children will enjoy Christmas better by getting their presents from a Christmas tree. Let's have a tree.

W. E. Davis while enroute to Winters the other Sunday on his bicycle, to see his "spice," dis-

covered a wire gate just this side of Mr. Tidwell. However he didn't break any thing save the Sabbath and the gate. If you ever heard the phonograph piece "Learning to ride a bicycle" you know about where he fell. He has since ordered a new pair of pants.

Mr. C. E. Nance went to see his girl the other night and had to wait till the moon rose to see how to get back home so he said.

No one need try to beat "Associate" on getting up news.

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MARK HOPKINS.

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Mrs. Mary Hunt Odom has returned to Galveston after an enjoyable visit with Ballinger relatives and friends.

C. S. Bowdon and daughter: Miss Ethel, were among the excursionists to Temple Wednesday. Before returning they will visit Austin.

Mrs. Mamie Roberts of Wingate has purchased the M. D. Chastain homestead and will move to Ballinger as soon as she can get possession.

Here is a good one now going the rounds of the press. A wife remarked to her husband that their daughter was 20 and should be married. "Oh, she has plenty of time. Let her wait till the right sort of a man comes along." "Wait nothing," replied the wife. "I didn't wait for the right sort of a man."

I have a tree in my garden planted several years ago. It has not blossomed or borne fruit as it should. I have often wondered why it has not been a source of profit and pleasure. To-day I have discovered the reason. On bending the tree slightly it broke off, showing that it was black-hearted, there being only a rim of healthy wood on the outside of the trunk. No tree can yield permanent good when possessed of a black heart. Neither can man or woman be productive of good works or of happiness, if they are false-hearted.

WELL! WELL!

I declare said a staunch old farmer to one of our merchants the other day. How they sell a buggy whip six foot long made of Java, full stock, no splice, water proof for 25 cts. is strange to me, but they sell them all the same at

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—If you want land, cows or horses, see P. J. Baron, Rowena, Texas, and he will fit you up. 4-11

Boys, never forget that you stand as the protector of every girl into whose society you may be thrown. Remember that as you treat her, so may your nearest and dearest be treated. Hold her as sacred in your thoughts and action as you would have your mother or sister held by others. Remember, too, that reason and right make it incumbent upon you to bring as clear a record of your life to the woman you would make your wife, as you demand of her.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Relief follows its use, and any one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A Silver City girl, says an exchange, who owns a kodak and delights in taking pictures, made an awful picture the other day. Her father was sitting on the front porch, and having the kodak primed, she took a snap shot. Presently the father went into the house and the hired girl came out, sitting down in the same chair, and the daughter took her picture also. When the picture was developed it showed her father sitting in the chair with the hired girl in his lap.

The disposition of children depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The printing press has made presidents, killed poets, furnished bustles for beauty, and polished genius with the sandpaper of criticism. It has made the world get up to roll call every morning, given the pulpit lungs of iron and the voice of steam. It has curtailed kingly power, embellished the pantry shelves and busted rings; has exposed frauds, brought criminals to punishment and furnished the female race with patterns; it has converted bankers into paupers, made wood sawyers of college presidents; it has educated the homeless lad and robbed the philosopher of reason; it smiles and kicks and cries and—but it can't be run to suit everybody, and the editor is a fool who tries it. —Reformer.

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Wanted—A Revival Like This.
Over in Delta county a holiness meeting is in progress, and it is working wonders. There have been many sanctifications, and the sanctified have startled the community by restoring articles stolen by them years ago. Three men went all the way to Arkansas and paid for three bee-gums which they stole eighteen or twenty years ago, and one restored a dollar that he cheated a neighbor out of. One thoroughly repentant brother brought forth "fruits meet for repentance" by going several miles to apologize to a man he threw an ax at during the war.—Honey Grove Signal.

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He Owned Up.

It was a dudish little man, but he had a loud voice, and evidently wanted everyone to know what he said. He and his companion, who he said to his credit seemed ashamed of the company he was in, stood in the hotel rotunda. The little fellow was talking about Ireland, and he said many hard things about the country and the people. A great big man stood near by listening to the little fellow's vaporings. He merely smiled until the little fellow said in a very loud tone: "Show me an Irishman and I'll show you a coward."

Then the big fellow slipped up, and touching the little fellow on the shoulder, said in a heavy, base voice: "What's that you said?"

"I said show me an Irishman and I'll show you a coward," said the little fellow, whose knees were shaking under him.

"Well, I'm an Irishman," said the big fellow.

"You are an Irishman? Well," and a smile of joy flitted over the little fellow's countenance as he saw a hole through which he could crawl. "I'm a coward."

Phone 27, the Banner-Leader.

W. H. Atkinson & Son, of Miles, have sold their drug store at that place to Dr. J. A. Spradlin who will also succeed Dr. Atkinson in practice of medicine there. Dr. Atkinson will devote his time to the Messenger and the real estate business. Dr. Spradlin is from Corsicana.

W. T. Forker.

a prominent merchant of Columbus, Kansas, says: "I am not accustomed to endorse proprietary remedies, but can conscientiously recommend Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin as an excellent preparation for stomach troubles. Sold by E. D. Walker."

Crude petroleum is a good thing to drive away prairie dogs. That is the discovery of a South Texas genius. His plan is to load a tank wagon with the oil and dose the dog holes with it. The odor is so offensive that the dog elevates his nose in the air and emigrates, with all of his family.

In sluggish liver, Herbine, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arise from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

An author advertising his book for sale has this frank statement to make: "The author cheerfully admits that hundreds of better books have been published, but insists that no other author wants to sell his works any more than he does. He wants to enjoy Christmas himself." It is questionable whether such frankness will add to the number of dollars in his pocketbook.

The man who gives up life's battle without a struggle is not worth the space he takes. The man who struggles shows that he is yet alive, and there is no other road to success.

"Lift your hat reverently when you pass the teacher of a primary school," says old "Pap" Eckert. "She takes the little bantling from the home nest, full of his pouts and passions, an ungovernable little wretch, whose own mother admits that she sends him to school to get rid of him. This young woman, who knows her business, takes a whole car load of these youngsters, half of whom, single handed and alone, are more than a match for their parents, and puts them in a way of being useful and upright citizens. And at what expense of toil and weariness! Here is the most responsible position in the whole school, and if her salary were doubled she would receive less than she earns."—Leader.

Ten Minute Lunches

mean dyspepsia, "the American disease." Take time for eating and to be on the safe side take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin after meals. It is a guaranteed cure for dyspepsia, constipation and all stomach troubles. Ask E. D. Walker.

A Good Showing.

Our enterprising artist, N. Rose made a great view this week that is a fine showing for Menardville. It was a wagon train of cotton from the irrigated farms of Gus Noyes, enroute to Ballinger. The street was simply blockaded and old Menard looked like a granger town. This editor is on the picture representing "Before Irrigation" while Rufus Graham represents "After Irrigation." Johnnie Bigham and Louis Spoon are the buyers. The cotton was in charge of Bud and John Westbrook, Lee Watkins, Will Howell and others.

Just a few short years ago Menard did not produce enough cotton to make a decent quilt; now the fleecy staple brings thousands of dollars here —Enterprise.

—Repairing that will stand the test, Jas. E. Brewer at First Nat. Bank Bld'g.

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Inspect our stock. You will find the assortment quality style and finish equal to any in West Texas.

Furniture of the Beautiful Bird Eye Maple, Fine Mahogany, Golden Oak, quarter sawed in suits, fancy odd pieces, etc., etc.

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NEW DESIGNS, NEW COLORS.

BIG LINE OF WALL PAPER TAPESTRIES, INGRAINS AND BLANKS.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Mr. Ben Smolinsky, of Goldthwaite, is visiting his cousin, Mr. Jacob Brin, this week.

Lee Watson, of the firm of Weakley & Waston of Brownwood, was visiting Ballinger friends Tuesday.

—Here I am with the best line of watches, clocks, silverware and jewelry. Come and get prices. Asa Cordill.

—Buy Xmas presents from Asa Cordill the leading jeweler.

On his farm down the river Judge C. H. Willingham has planted 100 acres of wheat and 150 of oats. While sowing wheat Monday he was fortunate enough to find during the day a good hammer, a fine pair of spectacles in their case, and a ten dollar gold piece. Monday surely was the judge's "lucky" day.

Two cases of smallpox have been discovered in the county at Norwood, about eight miles east of town. Mr. Delamater and son are the victims. Proper quarantine has been enforced and the parties are doing well as could be expected. No spread of the disease is anticipated.

—See me when you want the lowest prices on jewelry. Asa Cordill.

—Give Asa Cordill your watch work and you'll be pleased.

Carl Wilson has resigned his position with J. H. Webb, the liveryman.

Mrs. Kate Brown, of Coleman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. S. Woodward.

A Comanche man was here first of the week figuring on putting in a grocery store. There were no vacant houses to accommodate him.

The good ladies of the Methodist church, assisted by the purses of the gentlemen succeeded in administering a first-class "pounding" to Rev. C. M. Shuffler and family Monday evening.

Charles Moberg has gone to Moody to complete a job of masonry. He will return to Ballinger as soon as the work is finished. He says this is the finest little town in Texas. He has purchased property here and plans to build later.

Sheriff Kirk received a 'phone Tuesday from Waco saying that Mr. T. S. Crowder's son, who is in school there, has been attacked by pneumonia and was not expected to live. Mr. Crowder, who lives at Winters, was notified and reached Ballinger in time to take the train that afternoon for his sons bedside.

While viewing the dancers through a window from an adjoining roof Thursday night John Harvey made a misstep and fell through a skylight into Winkler's store. Fortunately he fell on a counter of clothing and, aside from a few bruises and cuts, was unhurt. However to look at the skylight, the damaged gas fixtures, etc., his escape was remarkable.

Millinery Business for Sale.

Our stock fixtures and a good trade for sale. If you are interested would be glad to have you call. Can give satisfactory reasons for wanting to sell.

Mrs. Alice Green

Mr. J. Brin received a telegram Wednesday at noon stating that his mother, Mrs. Jacob Brin, had died the previous night at nine o'clock at her home in Brooklyn. Out of respect to the memory of his mother, Mr. Brin closed his store the remainder of the day. Mrs. Brin was 45 years of age and had been an invalid a number of years. She leaves a devoted husband and three sons, Harry of Forney, Texas, Ben of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Jacob of Ballinger, to whom the Banner-Leader extends deepest sympathy.

Few papers in Texas have better correspondents than the Banner-Leader. They write newsy, entertaining letters and have long ago placed this editor under such lasting obligations to them that he fears he will never be able to repay. This week we have letters from Norton, Pumphrey, Wingate and Need Name. Next week we expect to hear from Maverick, Crews, Content and Winters, in addition to the ones appearing this week.

Ballinger has received more cotton this week than during any week since the season began. The sudden advance in price is answerable for the increase in the number of bales offered for sale.

—I have the best and nicest line of solid gold jewelry in Ballinger, come and see. Asa Cordill.

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