

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1901

NO 11

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All.

In connection we desire to announce that as our lease on store building has not yet expired, our GREAT CLOSING OUT COST SALE will continue until further notice. The opportunity for buying Winter necessities in wearing apparel at Actual Wholesale Cost is still open. To convince the trading public that ours is a genuine BONA FIDE COST SALE we give our private cost mark:

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

Remember the Great Cost Sale will not continue long as we have made definite arrangements to leave Ballinger. The closing date of our Cost Sale will be announced later. Now is the accepted time to make your purchases and save money by buying your goods at Actual Cost.

Yours for an Absolute Cost Sale.

8th St., Ballinger, Texas. **BRINS'** The Dry Goods People

J. H. Grant, of the Brownwood Lumber Co., was here first of the week assisting J. R. McVay in taking inventory of the Ballinger Lumber Co.

The Ballinger Electric Light Co. has put in a new engine this week which will be used exclusively to furnish power for the lights. Heretofore the mill

engine has had to do double duty. Gas Noyes, the capitalist, was in town Wednesday looking after his numerous interests here.

B. B. STONE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

GUION GREGG, NOTARY PUBLIC.

### STONE & GREGG.

A new partnership entered into for the purpose of doing a general agency business.

We will insure your property in the best of Fire Insurance Companies; your life in the New York Life Insurance Company.

We will hunt you a buyer for any real estate listed with us, or a seller if you are in the market.

We make collections a specialty, and have made arrangements to loan money on good security at a low rate of interest.

Write or call on us at the court house.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

STONE & GREGG.

## A Merry Xmas To All My Friends and Customers.

In extending to you all the Greetings and Compliments of the Season, I also wish to make the suggestion, that if you are thinking of making a present to your wife or husband, that I have a good selection of practical and useful Xmas presents in the way of

Fine Wool Dress Patterns, Silk Dress Patterns, Ready Made Silk Waists, Silk Waist Patters, Ladies Jackets, Carperts and Rugs, Lace Curtains, Table Cloths and Napkins and many useful articles in Mens' wear. Prices are the lowest now.

**H. WINKLER,**  
BALLINGER, - - - - TEXAS

Judge A. P. McCarty, of Bronte, was a Ballinger visitor Thursday.

The schools of Ballinger closed Friday and will resume work Monday after Christmas.

Mrs. W. F. Becker, of San Francisco, a sister of the Hixson Bros., is visiting in Ballinger this week.

Prof. M. G. Hodnette and wife leave this afternoon for Brownwood to visit relatives during vacation.

The Banner-Leader has given largely of its space this week to the children, to correspondents and to advertisers.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler was in Brownwood Friday attending a meeting of the district Stewards of the Methodist church.

The Stafford Bros. minstrels which was announced to appear at the opera house on the 20th was compelled to cancel its dates here and at San Angelo, through failure to get what it considered fair rates from the railroad.

A letter from Dr. W. W. Fowler to the Banner-Leader states that he will be in Ballinger by January 1st. He has already left New York and is now in Culleoka, Tenn. visiting his children and his mother with whom he will spend Christmas. Dr. Fowler has enjoyed his stay in New York and has profited by his studies in the Polyclinic there, one of the most noted institutions of the kind in the world. Dr. Fowler writes "The Banner-Leader has been a regular and very welcome visitor. We are always glad to get it."

Miss Hermia Smith is expected home to night to spend the holidays. She has been holding the important position of musical directress in Lewisville college the past session. Little Miss Willie Ferguson, one of her pupils, will accompany her and will be the guest of Miss Marriotte.

W. A. Gustavus, father of the dentist, has arrived from Bryan with his family and is occupying the J. N. Adams place, which he recently purchased.

My stock of Holiday Goods is large and varied and suited to the requirements of all.



Your boy would like this horse.

## APPROPRIATE HOLIDAY GIFTS

To aid you in your choice of a gift for your friend or your relative the following list is given:

### FOR CHRISTMAS:

150 different kinds of Medallions, China Dolls, Kid-body Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Doll Cabs, Doll Euggies, Doll Surries, Doll Cradles, Toy Pianos, Toy Stoves, Tea Sets, Drums, Tin Horns, Bugles, Air Guns, Pistols, Games, Puzzles, Picture Books, Photo and Autograph Albums, Work Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Pictures, Terra Cotta Figures and a thousand and one things we have no space to mention.

**E. D. WALKER,**  
BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS

Our Stock is the largest, the brightest, the newest and the cheapest. Call and see it and be convinced.



Santa Claus' headquarters are at Walkers.

The Banner-Leader wishes all its readers and friends a merry Christmas.

Miss Mildred Erwin is a valued attaché of the post office, beginning work this week.

T. J. Watson, a well-to-do farmer of the Valley creek neighborhood, went to Temple Tuesday on business.

Rev. W. D. Humphrey, of Santa Anna, district evangelist of the Christian church, filled the Ballinger pulpit Sunday morning and night.

Lots of men and women are on the streets these days carrying bundles and a good guess would be that these bundles contain something to make others happy during the holidays.

J. B. Scurlock, a good citizen of the Winters country, thoughtfully remembered the printer man while in town Monday. The editor would never have a cause for complaint were all subscribers like Mr. Scurlock.

#### 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 Dec. 11, 1901. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Master, J. M. Starnes, J. Abb.

J. A. Ostertag is shortly to begin the erection of a handsome home on the hill near Edwin Day's residence. The plans show it to be something extra nice.

J. C. York, of Crews, has only recently returned from a trip to Cameron and other Texas points on an extended visit to former friends.

Mr. Dave Cohen, manager of the Grand Leader, is all smiles this week in honor of the arrival of a charming little baby at his home Saturday.

Ballinger people, or at least a large number of them, are planning to spend the holidays with relatives in other portions of the state.

W. M. Pumphrey, from the town in this county bearing the same name, was in town Sunday enroute to Williamson county to spend a few days.

Mrs. J. F. Cross came down from San Angelo Sunday, visited her sister Mrs. Will Vaughn a day and on Monday returned to her home in Brownwood.

C. H. B. Spraddling returned Tuesday to his home in Caddo Mills. He is delighted with our country, its present and future prospects, and hopes to be one of us in another year.

Philipi's band, one of the finest musical companies in the west, came down from San Angelo Tuesday afternoon and furnished music for the K. of P. banquet that night.

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.

BUY YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS OF

**Jas. E. Brewer,** Ballinger's Jeweler.

THE BEST SELECTIONS--THE LOWEST PRICES.

F. M. Honea has a card in this issue for his planing mill and wood yard. He has recently bought out E. L. Weavers wood yard so now owns the only thing of the kind in Ballinger. His prices, though, are not high.

W. A. Tally, of Crews, returned Saturday night from Houston where he had been attending the Grand Lodge of Masons and Houston's big flower carnival. Brown of Winters, and H. E. Dickinson of Ballinger also returned that night from the same point. They enjoyed the trip and the sights immensely.

Phone 27, the Banner-Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cohen moved into their new home Saturday. It is located between the residence of Dr. Rape and T. Ward and is quite a pretty little cottage.

Mrs. Nora Stringer and daughter, Miss Irene, came in from Thomsons, ranch Monday to do some holiday trading with our merchants.

Esquire Pierce of Winters was a pleasant and agreeable Ballinger visitor Monday.

Mrs. F. M. Honea is in Glen Rose for the benefit of her health and to visit her father.

Patronize our advertisers.

The Banner-Leader job press has been busy this week with an order that required 20,000 impressions. This stationery order has heretofore gone to lithographing houses, but the Banner-Leader is equipped to duplicate any job in price and quality and on this representation we got the work. And further, the firm that gave the Banner-Leader this order will continue to give us orders for whatever stationery they need, being entirely pleased with the Banner-Leader's work. So don't send off your stationery; give it to us and thus keep your money at home.

**YES**

You can get Bran, Hay, Oats, Corn, Chops or any kind of Feed from F. P. ABNEY, Ballinger, Tex. He keeps a big supply on hand and sells in any quantity.

Something new in Town.....  
**Farmers' Wagon Yard**  
J. C. HILL, Proprietor....

Located near court house; has abundance of yard room and shelter; lots of feed and water; good camp house. Reasonable rates. Your patronage will be appreciated.

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 Attorney-At-Law.  
 Office up stairs in the Ostertag  
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 BALLINGER TEXAS.

**C. P. SHEPHERD,**  
 Attorney-At-Law  
 BALLINGER TEXAS.

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

**CHAS. S. MILLER,**  
 (Business established in 1879.)  
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 Every Job Guaranteed.  
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 Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted  
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You lose more than we do  
 if you don't  
 advertise in the Banner-Leader.

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 General Medicine and Surgery.  
 (Office up Stairs Walker Building)  
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**THOS. A. RAPE, M. D.,**  
 OFFICE AT  
 I. V. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.  
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Try the Ballinger  
 Steam Laundry. It  
 is the nearest, best  
 and healthiest.  
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**J. W. POWELL,**  
 Lawyer.  
 Special attention to probate  
 courts, settling estates of deced-  
 ents, acting as guardian of mi-  
 nors, 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 barbershops  
 or phone to No. 67 and I  
 will send for it. Basket  
 leaves Tuesday returns  
 Friday night.

**W. W. CHASTAIN,**  
 Phone 67.

**Dental Notice.**  
 My office will be open after  
 Jan. 1st only from 1st to 22nd  
 inclusive of each month.  
 Dr. W. A. Gustavus.

**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.  
 Unless nature's refuse is carried  
 off it will surely cause impure  
 blood, 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.

**Norton Items.**  
 I will send in a few lines this  
 week to let you know that we  
 did not freeze up during this  
 late cold spell, but we fear the  
 Banner-Leader has for we did  
 not receive it Saturday.  
 The cold weather has done some  
 damage to the wheat and oats,  
 and we fear some of the grain is  
 dead.  
 Nearly all the farmers are  
 turning their land for another  
 years crop.  
 There is a larger acreage of  
 wheat in this country than ever  
 before which is a great deal bet-  
 ter than all cotton.

Our school is progressing right  
 nicely with Miss Blanche Perri-  
 man as teacher.

Mr. Hopkins and family have  
 moved into our settlement, from  
 Grayson county and have bought  
 out Mr. Bob Turner. We under-  
 stand they paid him \$12 per  
 acre.

Miss Perriman leaves Satur-  
 day for a visit to the folks at  
 home in Navarro county.

We also hear that Miss Willie  
 Sadler will leave Thursday on a  
 visit among relatives and friends  
 at May, Brown county.

There was a singing at Mr.  
 Snellgroves Sunday evening.  
 The crowd was small but all  
 seemed to enjoy the evening and  
 singing too.

I see the waste basket looking  
 this way. A SUBSCRIBER.

**Millinery at Cost**  
 I offer my entire stock of  
 Pattern Hats, Laces, Ribbons,  
 Silks, Velvets and Trimmings  
 at absolute cost until January  
 1st 1902. This is done to save  
 carrying over. Give me a call.  
 Mrs. Stella Forbes at Currie's.

**PIERCE & MULLIN,**  
 Land and Live Stock Agents,  
 Winters, Texas.  
 OFFICE WITH WINTERS FURNI-  
 TURE COMPANY.  
 Call on or write to  
 us when you have  
 land to buy or to  
 sell.

Save the life.  
 "I wish to say that I feel I  
 owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia  
 Cure," writes H. C. Chresten-  
 on of Hayfield, Minn. "For three  
 years I was troubled with dys-  
 pepsia so that I could hold nothing  
 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.

**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.

—Asa Cordill has some beauti-  
 ful silverware.

—Watch repairing the very best  
 at Asa Cordill's

Jewelry the best, at Asa  
 Cordill's.

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

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

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

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

—List your lands with P. J. Bar-  
 on, he can sell them and get good  
 prices. 4-11

**A Bargain.**  
 In a choice tract of land on  
 Elm creek about 7 miles north  
 of Ballinger Fine farming  
 land—with abundance of wood  
 and water. Will sell from 500 to  
 600 acres or divide into three or  
 four smaller tracts—to suit  
 buyers—terms easy. This is  
 something extra fine and will  
 bear immediate investigation.  
 Apply to Chas. S. Miller,  
 4t. Ballinger, Texas.

**Notice to Trespassers.**  
 Notice is hereby given that all tres-  
 passers on the ranches and lands for-  
 merly owned by W. L. Turner in Run-  
 nels 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 & Douse Agents,  
 51t. Ballinger Texas.



**Large Square Ovens**  
**Even Bakers**

The  
**Acorn Steel Ranges**  
 and the  
**Acorn Cast Ranges**

have very high ovens. Baking can be  
 done on oven bottom and oven rack at  
 same time. A written guarantee goes  
 with every ACORN.

Sold by  
**HALL HARDWARE CO**  
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.  
 See the sign of the Big Acorn."

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**Groceries and Grain.**

All orders filled promptly at the  
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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  
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WHITE'S CREAM  
 Most in Quality. Best in Quality.

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE  
 SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS. GUARANTEED.

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

—You'll get the best watch  
 pairing at Asa Cordill's.  
 —New Saur Krout in  
 rels at John Hoffer's.

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The date opposite your name on the address label indicates the time up to which your subscription is paid; if incorrect please notify us at once.

## Santa Fe Train Service.

### Passenger Trains:

West-bound due Ballinger 12:08 a. m.

South-bound due Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

### Local Trains:

West-bound due Ballinger 3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

## Letters to Santa Claus.

### Norton Texas.

Dear Banner Leader:  
Please tell Santa Claus to bring little sister and I a sleeping doll a piece; and my two little brothers a top and picture each.  
Yours ever,  
Mary Floyd

### Ballinger Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll buggy and five irons, some candy, oranges, apples, nuts, and bananas, and a little wagon for Roy.  
Your little friend,  
Irene Clampitt.

### Winters, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll carriage, a story book and some candy and apples. And oblige.  
Your little friend,  
Bessie Brown.

### Wingate Texas.

Mr. Santa Claus:  
Church Peak, Texas  
I have never asked you for anything before but I am going to ask you for a little this time. I want some roman candles, fire crackers, apples, candy, some oranges and a harp.  
Your little friend,  
Jeff Riggs

### Winters, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please do not forget me just because we have no chimney. There are three flues and if you think best we can take down a stove. I want an airgun, some roman candles, caps for the pistol you brought me last Xmas and please see if you can find me a light hatchet. I wish you a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.  
Your little friend,  
Lawrence Sherrill

### Ballinger Texas.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a big doll buggy, kindergarten outfit and a box full of candy.  
Your little friend,  
Lucile Powell.

### Norton, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to please bring me a doll trunk, doll piano, doll iron and doll buggy. If you can't bring all please bring me the iron and trunk.  
Bye Bye  
Vera Patterson.

### Wingate Texas.

Well, Mr. Santa Claus as my little brother Jeff has written you a letter I will tell you what I want. I would be glad if you would bring me a large doll, some candy, oranges, apples and pecans, and papa said tell you to bring him a quart of "Old Crow."  
Your little friend,  
May Riggs.

### Winters, Texas.

Mr. Santa Claus:  
I want a few things for Xmas and I will tell you what I want. An airgun, some fire crackers and some roman candles and a doll and some candy to do me. I hope you

will bring me what I have wrote for. I will thank you very much so I will close. My name is Willie Curry.

### Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 8 years old and am going to school. I want a nice cap to keep my ears warm and a french harp and some oranges. Well I won't ask for anything more this time.  
Respectfully,  
Walter Duncan.

### Winters, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I would like you to bring me. I want a drum and fife and a soldier cap, and if you can find me a real Shetland pony do please bring me one. And oh Santa don't forget any of the little boys for they, like me, will expect you to visit them and bring them something nice. So good bye.  
Your little friend,  
Emmett Hood.

### Winters, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a knife, a nice story book, a drum and a gun. I am 8 years old and go to school.  
Your little friend,  
Oliver Fannin.

### Wingate, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would be much obliged if you will bring me a long tailed monkey, one that climbs a string when I pull his tail and when I turn his tail loose he will run down the string.  
Yours truly,  
Howell Bowen.

### Winters, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to please bring me a doll that can talk and call me "mama," not a doll all stuffed with saw dust, like my other dolls. And oh, Santa, do please bring me a nice book. And I want a little smoothing iron and a nice little work box. I guess that is all you can bring me this time, as you have so many more boys to bring to other girls and boys.  
Your little friend,  
Lorena Hood.

## Knights of Pythias Banquet.

This banquet, several weeks before the event occurred, was the theme of many conversations. Since it has become a thing of the past all fortunate enough to be included in the list of those present are telling the less fortunate how good it was to be there. All unite in declaring that it eclipsed anything of the kind Ballinger has ever had. All day Tuesday committees were busy in arranging and decorating the opera house and by night every thing was in readiness for the invited guests. The banquet itself was a feast fit for kings and consisted of oysters, salads, chicken, turkey, pickles, olives, celery, sandwiches, tea, coffee, cake, etc. The table, brilliantly illumined and prettily decorated, accommodated forty people. It was on the stage the curtain being dropped while the supper was being prepared and raised when all was in readiness. After the supper was served the young people indulged in dancing, continuing this pastime until a late hour. Philippi's string band furnished the music for the occasion. Those present were Messrs. D M and Sam Baker, L Markowitz, J McGregor, B C Kirk, H Winkler, C O Harris, J F Lusk, J A Starnes, M Lange, W E Eskridge, Jno I Guion, W A Davis, J A Shop- taugh, J H Parramore, W A Norman, E D Walker, Asa Cor- dill, R A Hall, O Pearson, B B Stone, J B Wilmeth, J W Francis, H F Mayes, and their wives. Messrs. C S Bowden, C S Miller, C M Shuffler, R P Kirk, Litt Chastain, Guion Gregg, Bob McGregor, Geo. Wright, Dave Cohen, Joe Fain, W C Penn, C P Shepherd, W B Halley, S M Parks, Harry Sharp, R A Terry. Misses Simmons, Cady, Meyers, Francis, Matilda and Alma Doosa, Clara and Neil Guion, Maggie Sharp, Lockett, Younger, Kate Thomson, Harris, May Harris, Adele Miller, Bowden, Ethel Bowden, Josie Glenn, McGregor, Moser, Couch, Baker Mrs. Reinboldt. Messrs T S Crowder, I L

# COST SALES ARE A CHESTNUT

We do not advertise to give you our Cost Mark; but we will give you goods for less money than they are sold for at the SO CALLED COST MARK SALES.

## In Proof of this Note the Following Prices:

1200 yds best Calicoes at	3½c worth 5c
2000 yds good Cotton Check	3½c worth 5c
5000 yds good LL Domestic	4c worth 6c
Good Quality Cotton Flannel	3½c worth 5c
Our Good Canton Flannel	8c worth 10c
Our Good Cuntun Flannel	6½c worth 8½c
Outing Flannels	3½c worth 5c
Outing Flannels	6½c worth 8½c
Outing Flannels	8c worth 10c

Do not be gulled by so called 'Cost Sales' but come to Our Store and we guarantee to give you more goods for your money than any other house in Ballinger and will give you an assortment to select from that is unequalled in the city.

# L. Markowitz & Bro.

## Ballinger Planing Mill and Wood Yard.

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Solicits your patronage. All kinds of Planing and Scroll Work prices that will save you money.

Orders for wood cut any length will receive prompt attention. MILL LOCATED NEAR METHODIST CHURCH.

## Xmas is Coming

THE HAPPIEST TIME IN THE YEAR FOR CHILDREN

It is a time that all give gifts to loved ones. And then it is that Santa Claus makes his annual visit to gladden the hearts of millions of wee folks. For presents suitable for young and old go to

T. A. FANNIN,

HEADQUARTERS FOR SANTA Winters, Texas.

Beard, F L Pierce, J W Dale, W H Gee, C E Woodrow, J H Grant, W M Smiley, J W Patterson and wife, of Winters.

### Program.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church will give a special program Wednesday evening Dec. 25, to which all are invited. Following is the program:  
Leader—Katie Demoval.  
Song—Society.  
Prayer—Pastor.  
Song—"The New Song"  
Violin Solo—May Harris.  
Bible readings.  
Song—"Speed away" Quartette.  
How can the C. E. help the church—C. E. Crews.  
Song—Earl Gressett.  
How can the church help the C. E.—Mina Dorsey.  
Recitation—Pearl Luper.  
Song—Society.  
The past year—Katie Globber.  
Instrumental—Trio.  
Recitation—Trixie Sessum.  
The new year—Katie Demoval.  
Greetings from other societies.

### 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.

**KANTEEN PALACE  
CONFECTIONERY**

Full line Bulk  
Candies, 10 cts  
to 75cts a pound  
Fancy Box and  
Basket Candy,  
40cts to \$3.50 a  
package. Full  
line of Fire  
Works at the  
very lowest  
prices.

Be sure and bring Your  
CASH.

**KANTEEN PALACE  
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BALLINGER, TEXAS

**IN SETS OR  
SEPARATE**

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handsomest concep-  
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3 wire fence. This property can  
be bought cheap on easy terms.  
Apply to Chas. A. Bailey,  
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**Neely-Buford.**

A pretty wedding was that of  
Mr. Clarence M. Neely to Mrs.  
Birdie H. Buford at the home of  
J. S. Hall, father of the bride, on  
Coyote creek. The ceremony,  
Rev. M. S. Smith officiating,  
took place Wednesday afternoon  
at three o'clock. The bridal  
party then came to Ballinger  
where amid showers of rice, old  
shoes, and other good luck  
tokens the happy couple took  
the train for their future home  
in Hydro, I. T., where the  
groom is engaged in the dry  
goods business.

**League Program.**

Topic. The right use of ability,  
Matt. 6:22; Eph. 5:8 by leader,  
Miss Nell Grant.

**Song.**

Prayer by pastor

**Song.**

Practical Reading, Christian-  
ity a social religion. C. F. Dick-  
inson; How we should shine.  
Mr. Turney

Scripture Reading, different  
talents, Matt. 25:14-16. Jas. E.  
Brewer; a burning light, John  
5:31-37. Miss Ada Maxey; lifting  
others up, Acts. 2:37-47. Ralph  
Shuffler.

Roll call, answered with a  
verse of scripture

All are invited. Strangers if  
you are in the city meet with  
us.

Robt Lusk returned Tuesday  
night from Moody to spend the  
holidays. After his vacation he  
expects to go to Dallas.

Willard Moser came in Wed-  
nesday evening from his Pecos  
ranch and will remain during the  
holidays.

For lack of space the Banner-  
Leader is compelled to omit sev-  
eral articles this week, the pro-  
gram of the teachers institute  
among others.

—Neest line of solid gold jewelry  
at Asa Cordill's.

Well now, if you want the best  
get the Live Oak Flour at  
Miller Mercantile Co

Fire was discovered in Will  
Jackson's hayrick Wednesday  
morning about nine o'clock.  
Neighbors assisted in putting  
out the fire, only a ton or two  
of feed being destroyed. The  
origin of the fire is a mystery.

TO THE FARMERS Walker, the  
Druggist, has a big supply of  
DeVoe's Celebrated Weather  
charts and calendars. They can  
be had for the asking. Call and  
get one.

—Best line of watches at Asa  
Cordill's, get prices.

—You can buy jewelry and sil-  
verware at Asa Cordill's for less  
money than ever before.

—Get prices on 1847 Roger  
Bros knives and folks at Asa  
Cordill's.

A. F. Adams brought in four  
bales of cotton Wednesday from  
Winters and sold for 7:65. He  
has about eight bales which he  
will hold a while for better  
prices.

**For Sale or Rent.**

A nice five roomed cottage and  
two lots on hill near High  
School building—Apply to  
Chas S. Miller,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. E. L. Hagen, of Gates-  
ville, arrived Monday night and  
is visiting her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. S. C. Royalty. Prof.  
Hagen has been called to Ken-  
tucky to be with his father who  
is reported dangerously ill.

Interstate holiday rates for  
students and teachers within the  
southwestern passenger bureau  
territory. One and one third  
fare for round trip. Dates of  
sale between Dec. 13 and 21st.  
Enquire for conditions of sale.

Masonic Grand Lodge, Waco,  
Texas. One and one third fares  
for return. Dates of sale Jan.  
1st and 2nd 1902.

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

—Neest line of ladies Brooch  
pins at Asa Cordill's.

—I'll surprise you with prices  
on watches. Asa Cordill.

If you want to sell Chickens,  
Eggs, Butter or any old thing  
that's fresh, go to  
Miller Mercantile Co.

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

—See me when you want the  
lowest prices on jewelry. Asa  
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**We are Breaking  
Up High Prices and  
Our Competitors are Failing**

To Keep up With the Procession

38 cts. in bbls, 40 cts. in 1-2 bbls.,  
and 45 cents in less quantities

Is the closing out price on our last car of PURE OLD RIBBON CANE  
SYRUP. You should not delay one moment as our stock will not last long at  
these prices. There was never such a price made on Pure Syrup in this county  
before.

**WE HAVE NINE BIG CARS**

Of Merchandise in transit which will overtax our storage capacity and we have  
decided to move out the balance of our Syrup at these Bargain Prices in order  
to make more room.

**WE MAKE BARGAINING LOW PRICES**

On everything which are demoralizing to Competition but we are looking out  
for the interest of our Customers. We consider well pleased and well treated  
customers a walking advertisement, hence would rather serve our customers at  
ten per cent than rob them at the old time credit on hundred. Come see us  
we can save you money.

**BALLINGER SUPPLY CO.**

Send your friend "back east" the Banner-Leader for a Xmas gift. It would be appreciated.

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Fine New  
Line For  
Xmas  
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**A MERRY SHRISTMAS  
TO ALL.**

The Latest  
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We are ready for the Big Xmas Throngs to take possession  
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Wants a fine car-  
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**Brother**

Wants a new  
Buggy.

**Sister**

Is just crazy for  
a Handsome  
Lamp.



Come  
Early  
Come  
Often  
Stay  
Long

Make this store your  
Holiday Home. A  
Xmas Carnival of  
—LOW PRICES.—

**HALL HARDWARE CO.**

BALLINGER, TEXAS

The following from one of our exchanges, so fully and clearly expresses our views on the subject, that we copy it without comment: "You have an undoubted right to stop a newspaper when you feel disposed, up on payment of all arrearages. Do not hesitate to do so on account of 'tenderness' for the editor. Don't you suppose he would stop buying sugar of you, or meat, clothing or dry goods, etc., if he thought he was not getting his money's worth, and why should you not exercise the same privilege with him? And when you discontinue a paper, do so manfully. Do not be so spiteful as to throw it back to the postmaster with a contemptuous 'I don't want it any longer!' and have 'refused' written on the margin and have the paper returned to the editor. If you do not longer wish to receive a newspaper write a note to the editor saying so—and be sure that arrearages are paid up. This is the way to stop a newspaper."

The Sun.

Mamie Burns is on trial for her life, charged with poisoning her husband, who was an inmate of the insane asylum at Jacksonville, Ill. Hon. J. Marshall Miller, ex-state's attorney of Morgan county, is assisting the prosecuting attorney. He says: "I think Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin the best medicine I can take for headache, arising from a disordered stomach. It is palatable and efficacious, with no unpleasant sensation." This medicine is sold in 50c and \$1.00 sizes by E. D. Walker.

#### Closeness and Thrift.

Two prominent Wall street brokers while at luncheon at the Hoffman House one day last week indulged in a series of good-natured recriminations about the tendencies of each to refrain from spending money. One said to the other:

"I don't blame you for being close. It is in the family; why I remember your father when he ran a grocery store. He was so close that if a fly settled in the sugar barrel he used to catch the fly, dust its feet off with a broom and let it go."

"So?" said the other. "You needn't get chesty. Your father was a farmer. I can remember when he raised bees. He made those poor bees work hard all day, and not satisfied with that he crossed them with lightning bugs and made them work at night."

"That's right," said the first, good naturedly. The old man was a thrifty chap. Why, I remember when he crossed strawberry plants and milkweed and got strawberries and cream."

And they had a drink.

2,500,000

not dollars, but bottles of one kind of medicine sold by an Illinois company during the last year. This wonderful showing simply means that as a laxative and stomach remedy, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the leader. This wonderful remedy is sold by E. D. Walker, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

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In biliousness. Herbine, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

#### A Splendid Sermon.

More could not be put into the lengthiest sermon. Better advice could not fall from the lips of wisdom than the thought contained in the following, which we find in one of our exchanges:

One of life's paradoxes is that he who gives gets. The way to success is by surrender. They who are the most lavish with of their own life are the ones into whose lap the world pours the richest treasures. Thousands of hearts are starving today because they are stingy. They have withheld themselves, and with the withholding have grown lean and poor. The fat and prosperous soul is the one which is liberal with itself, which offers itself as food and strength to every needy man and cause. There is no secret for greatness like the secret of giving—constant and unsparring giving of self's best.

Not they who seek to get to gather to themselves the world's best things, and thus find satisfaction—but they who bountifully offer themselves in sympathy and service to the world, learn life's deepest joy.

How shall young men and women secure greatest success? Simply by offering themselves on the altar of the world's everyday needs. Largeness of life, fineness of character, honor of the honorable, love of all, will crowd toward the young person who unselfishly labors to serve men through commonplace days and weary nights. In ways humble and high, by means insignificant and great, give up your best talents to all whom you can by any means help, and reward in time and eternity is certain.

Of Benefit to You.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns. Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

#### 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.

#### Marshall University Land for Sale.

I still have for sale over 1200 acres (subdivided into small tracts) of the Marshall University land—near Crews and about 10 miles east of Winters. This land is for sale on small payments and long time. Apply to  
Chas. C. Miller,  
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A Change of Heart'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 hesitation 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. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. E. D. Walker.

E. W. Pilcher and S. J. Carpenter are circulating a subscription list among the merchants, agreeing, if a sufficient amount is subscribed, to guard the town at night to prevent fires and burglaries during the holidays. They will begin about the 20 and continue 20 nights. They have the authority to arrest anybody shooting fireworks in the city limits and the boys are hereby warned to "look a little out."

#### To Printers.

The Banner-Leader has about 250 pounds of 10 point body type to dispose of. It is in fair condition and is good for several years wear. Will sell in lots of 50 pounds and upward, with cases, at 20 cents per pound, cash with order. Also have a lot of display type to sell at low prices. Write for further particulars to  
THE BANNER-LEADER,  
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GREATLY REDUCED RATES,  
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ON SALE DEC. 20, 21 AND 22,  
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ILLINOIS, NO. DAKOTA,  
IOWA, SO. DAKOTA,  
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A full supply on hand of all kinds  
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Pure Juices from Natural Roots.

REGULATES the Liver, Stomach and Bowels,  
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CURES Malaria, Biliousness, Constipation,  
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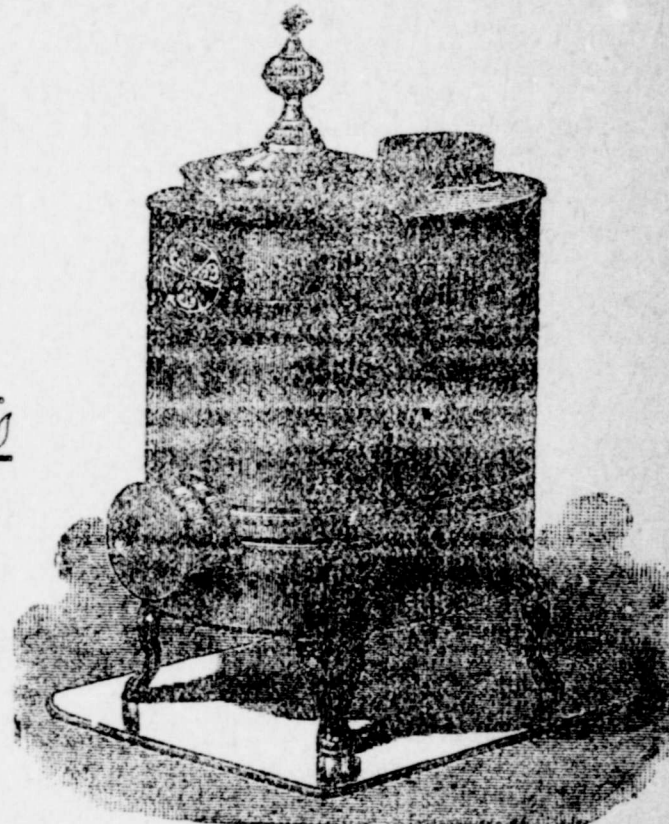
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### AIR TIGHT HEATERS

The above stoves are unequalled. We invite inspection. Any size. We also have a full line of Coal Stoves, Superior and Charter Oak Cook Stoves. Visit our store and let us show you why these stoves are better than others.

Respectfully,

## VAN PELT & KIRK,

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You lose more  
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Headquarters for all kind  
of Fresh Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage.

Turkeys Dressed and Delivered  
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Via Brownwood and Ft. Worth. Ft. W. R. G. train No. 4 leaving Brownwood at 10 o'clock p. m. has a Pullman Buffet Sleeper Car and is an ideal train for the public, as it arrives in Ft. Worth before departure of any of the early morning trains on other lines.

For further information regarding rates, etc. apply to or address any agent of the company or to L. B. Comer, G. P. A. Ft. Worth, Texas. D. F. Johnson, Agent. Brownwood, Texas.

## 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.

## 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.

Respectfully,  
P. J. BARON.

Special prices on watches and clocks at Asa Cordills.

—An elegant line of Christmas books at Pearce's Drug Store.

—The newest, the brightest, the largest the best stock of holiday goods at Pearce's Drug Store.

## 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

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.

## Flights of Fancy.

"Children," said the teacher, while instructing the class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy, but simply be yourselves, and write what is in you. Do not imitate any other person's writing or draw inspiration from outside sources."

As a result of this advice Johnny Vise turned in the following composition:

"We should not attempt any flights of fancy, but rite what is in us. In me there is my stomach, lungs, hart, liver, two apples, one piece of pie, one stick of lemon candy and my dinner."

## 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.

1847 Roger Bros. silverware at Asa Cordills, get prices.

—Regardless of dull times talk Jas. E. Brewer is doing a good business. Drop in and see him, he will treat you right.

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.

## A Marriage by Telegraph.

Miss Maude Wilcutt stood in the telegraph office at Bowling Green, Ky., Saturday night and became the bride of Dr. J. W. Simmons of Peaster, a small town nine miles northwest of Weatherford in Parker county, Texas. They were married by wire. The questions were asked from the Texas end by a justice of the peace and were answered by Miss Wilcutt. Miss Wilcutt, whose home is at Lewisburg Logan county, Kentucky, is teaching school in Butler county. She and the doctor recently met while en route to Rochester. The operator and newspaper acquaintances were the Bowling Green witnesses. Mrs. Simmons leaves this week for Texas to join her husband. He will meet her en route.

Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The boy who spends his evenings around the fireside, reading some good book or some good newspaper, and spares that gray haired mother, those sighs and heartaches of wondering, "where is my boy," is the boy who, some of these days in the near future, will be looked for by the man who has important positions he wants filled. He is also the boy who will fill the most important positions of public trust in all the vocation of life. This has ever been the case to some extent and is growing more so as time rolls on.—Wood County Democrat.

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

W. T. Parker.

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.

## The Right Kind of a Man.

I love a young man who loves his mother so fondly that for her sake he is chivalrous to all women. I love a young man who will step out of his way to avoid crushing a worm, and will not deem it beneath his dignity to succor a stray kitten. I love a young man who believes there is a nobler career in life than to be a good dancer or a successful society man. I love a young man who is not ashamed of tears or other's sorrows, for a tender song or for a beautiful thought. I love a young man who hates whiskey as angels hate satan, and thinks too much of his brain to make smoked meat of it. I despise a "goody goody" young man but I love a good one. I would not like to be even the cousin to a dude, but I love a young man who is a hail fellow well met with nice girls, and earns not the championship of his sister.—Ex.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Fabler's Buckeye Plie 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.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised sores, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

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

# Be Cautious! Be Frank!!

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.**

NEW LINE OF CARPET SAMPLES JUST FROM THE MILLS  
NEW DESIGNS, NEW COLORS.

BIG LINE OF WALL PAPER TAPESTRIES, INGRAINS AND  
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Our Store is a feast to the eye. Come in and dine with us.

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## Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It is unequalled for all stomach troubles.

**It can't help but do you good**

Prepared only by R. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago  
The 51. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 6c. size.

# 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 \* \* \* \* \*

## T. S. LANKFORD, The Saddle and Harness Man

### Crews Items.

I will give you a few dots about this part of the country. If this don't find it's way to the waste basket I may come again. We are having some fine hog killing weather out here.

The people are getting ready for Xmas. We are going to have a Xmas tree at Lone Star school house on the night of the 24th. Come out Mr. Editor. and get a horn with us.

Mr. S. C. Hickson has closed out with Low Bros. and now has entire control of the postoffice and merchandise of which he was formerly proprietor. Jim Rainwater is tending store for him.

We are glad to note the presence of Tillery Bros. and son in our community. We learn they were up on business, and returned today.

Mr. Jim Kerby is expecting to spend a few days on the Concho this week, the guest of Tillery Bros.

It is too dry to write more this time, when it rains will write more. BILLIE.

### Need Name Items.

Mr. Editor: News at this place is short and I don't know what to say. I don't want to bore the editor for he is very kind to me and I want to treat him as well as I can for I need his paper and at this time can't wait do without it, so let her come along.

Our old time friends Mr. and Mrs. Copeland of Coke county, spent Monday and Tuesday with my better half and I, and they will visit two or three days this week and then go back to the rabbit country. Well come again. Mr. Copeland said he wanted me to come to see him for he had a good twister and the rabbits are fat. I am sure to go soon.

Sunday morning I went for some water about day light and I thought my time had come and I wanted to say something good and could not get my breath for the cold wind. I told my better half I would not live long and she got up, made some good coffee and I got better and I am still alive and doing well.

I assisted A. T. Tuerpe yesterday to butcher a fine fat hog and left him with a smile on his brow and those fine boys having a big time.

I am not trying to keep up with or beat Content and Pumphrey for those places are some note and this place is like Gilgal after Saul left it, a place for owls and bats and all manner of unclean birds, so you will not expect much from here. The fact is I did not go to school more than three months in all, so you see I don't know much and can't tell much. I'd like to have a good education but don't have time now, in fact my age will not permit it. Well, boys and girls, go to school all you can. You will need it unless you have got good hard horse sense. So many new things in this modern day to decay you off the road you have to be careful or you will step aside

from the right and if you make a misstep then you will have plenty of help to go all the way. Take the advice of your father and mother. They are your best friends and will stick to you when those that profess to be friends will desert and mock when you need them. That has been tested in this community lately. Read good books and they will lead you right. Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, said "My son beware of the time when there shall be many books that will be hurtful to the mind." And it has come nine hundred and sixty-seven kinds of creeds and books as the sand of the sea shore, without number. SAUL.

### Winters Happenings.

Mr. Editor: Here we come again asking for a little space in your valuable columns. We, too, thank you for the compliments to the correspondents.

It is a sure thing that Winters is soon to have a phone exchange. Col. Nesbit has the posts set; while the switch board, phones etc., arrived this week. So by Xmas, "Hello Central" will be coming from all directions.

Some one, through mistake, or otherwise, carried off the wrong bale of cotton from the gin yard recently. The cotton belonged to Mr. Williams who would be pleased to have same returned to owner immediately if not sooner.

We were greatly disappointed in not being honored with "Unconditional Surrender" last Saturday night as per announcement. We hope that in the near future it may be our fortune to have this renowned play personified in our town hall.

Dept. Sheriff, R. A. Terry, was in Winters last Sunday. The old home and "associates" have attachments that are hard to give up. You are welcome, Mr. Terry, not by "one" only but by us all.

At the last meeting of the Knights of Pythias the following officers were elected: C. T. Grant, C. C.; W. M. Smiley, V. C.; T. A. Fannin, Prelate; F. L. Pierce, M. W.; J. W. Dale, M. F.; Dr. J. H. Grant, M. E.; P. W. Murray, K. R. and S.; C. E. Woodrow, I. G.; Simon Farrar, O. G.; J. Whit Patterson was elected representative to grand lodge.

Chas. Miller, Jr., of Content, was in town one day recently. He reports everything moving on nicely in the "come" city.

There are a few cases of pneumonia in these parts just now.

Mr. Call Eoff's son, Jesse and John Seilers both have a severe attack. Z. T. Drake's son has the appendicitis.

As has been our custom for years, we will again celebrate Xmas by having a Christmas tree on the eve thereof. We drop the same hint as did "Associate" last week.

On the evening of the 26th at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Leander A. Dale, of Abilene, will lecture at the school house. Don't fail to be on hand. If you do not you will miss a treat. His subject will be "Sunshine and Shadow" or "Both sides of Life." He is said to be the best lecturer in the state. He is a brother of our Jno. W. Dale. The Winters band will furnish excellent music for the occasion.

The following named citizens of Winters have recently treated their residences to a fresh coat of paint, Profs. Fuller and Rotramel, Messrs. J. M. Chumley, W. H. Mullin, Esquire F. L. Pierce, Dr. J. H. Grant, Steve Pratt and T. A. Fannin.

Mr. Steve Pratt's brother from Delta county is visiting him and family this week.

T. S. Crowder, Esquire F. L. Pierce, W. M. Smiley, Jno Dale, J. W. Patterson, Ira Beard, Bill Gee, C. E. Woodrow, J. H. Grant et al, attended the K. of P. oyster supper of Ballinger on the evening of the 17th.

I. T. Avery reports his two children very sick at present. It is sincerely hoped that all the sick may soon recover.

Rev. Jackson, the new Methodist preacher, preached his first

sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday. Notwithstanding the severe cold weather, there were a goodly number present. We congratulate the Methodist people in securing the services of so able a preacher. There was no preaching Sunday night, Bro Jackson being called by phone to attend the bed side of a dying sister at Bronte. We deeply sympathize with him and the other bereaved, but trust that a kind Providence may restore the loved one to perfect health.

The following are the pupils of the Winters school who are entitled to have their names placed on the "honor roll" for the last scholastic month, they having making an average grade of 95 per cent or above as reported by the Professor:

Ruth Farrar, Roy Nesbitt, Minnie Small, Eula Cook, Helen Sherrill, Carrie Pike, Lucy Tinkle, Etna Springfield, Lydia Eoff, Ethel Eoff and Myrtle Eoff. The enrollment of the Winters public school to date is 192, with others yet to come.

Wishing the editor, correspondents and readers of the Banner-Leader a merry Xmas, we close NEMO.

### Maverick News.

Good evening, Mr. Editor. As we had not seen any news from this place in a long time we decided to write a few lines.

Dr. Younger's fine house is almost completed and the carpenters, Messrs. Willingham and Gressett, expect to return to Ballinger soon. They have many friends here who regret their

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### departure.

Mr. Bill Little and family, from Travis, have moved to their new home near Maverick. We hope they will be pleased with our county.

Maverick's photographer, Mr. Beeman is doing a good business here.

Our school is progressing nicely. Prof. Bullock is improving his residence.

Mrs. I. J. Good and family from Coke were visiting in Maverick last week.

T. L. Bowdon is out prospecting. We do not know when he will return.

Mr. Sam Parkinson and family moved to Big Springs last

### week.

Mr. Andie Francis, of Querry, passed though Maverick Tuesday with a herd of cattle.

Mr. Bedford Caperton returned from Abilene Monday. He has sold his residence in that city and intends to improve his place near Maverick.

As news is scarce we will bring our letter to a close. Success to the Leader.

### ROSE AND VIOLET.

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