

BANNER-LEADER.

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NO 15

We are Still in Ballinger and THE BIG COST SALE

Is Continued in order to give the trading public further opportunity to buy seasonable Dry Goods at actual cost

Here is Our Cost Mark to substantiate our statement

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Remember the chance to buy Goods at Actual Wholesale Cost will not last long, so come early.

Yours for an Absolute Cost Sale,

B R I N S,
Eighth St. - - BALLINGER

WHO IS THE BIGGER?

The Mr. Bigger mentioned in this space last week died, and now the question is "who was the Bigger."

A Bigger Stock

Of Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Whips, Laprobes, Collars, etc., can't be found in Ballinger. My pricos, too, are bedrock.

T. S. LANKFORD

The Saddle and Harness Man.

Philo Recommends a Friend.

Mr. Editor; We feel constrained to speak as the spirit is upon us. We are rather sad this morning, on account of losing one of our best and most exemplary young men. Henry Bright leaves this morning for Waco to attend Hills Commercial College at that place. Henry is a good boy, and as I have known him nearly all his life I feel qualified to speak, and this community will bear me out in all I may, or can say in commendation of him. He received his education at this place and by close application to study became a scholar. Henry has a sound mind, one of his own, and to lead him you must show him good results; considers and investigates all things before concluding; does not jump too quick from premise to conclusion; a young man of good morals and kind disposition; and one must know him to fully appreciate him. We feel assured that the good people of Waco will love and encourage all such young men more and more as they become acquainted with them. While we shall miss Henry very much, we feel assured that the future sun of his life will shine very bright upon his success. PHILO.

Content Texas, Jan. 16, 1902.

Winters News.

The work on Mr. Albert Robert's residence is progressing rapidly. Mr. C. E. Woodrow contractor.

Messrs. Guion Gregg, Constable Pilcher and C. P. Shepherd, of Ballinger were among us this week.

E. A. Parker, Esq. marketed three bales of cotton in the chief city last Wednesday.

Mr. Tom Davis hauled a load of groceries out from Ballinger this week for Mr. Davidson, who is opening up a line of family groceries in the Bullard and Baird building.

Dave Rotramel, who has been attending school here, left the 15th for his home in Delta county.

Mr. A. J. Roper is a little indisposed at present. We hope to see him all O. K. again soon.

Mr. A. L. Cox and lady were shopping in Winters recently. Mr. Cox owns one of the best farms in Runnels county. He has about 200 acres in cultivation, level as a floor and as rich as can be. A fine peach and apple orchard is a valuable feature. A wind mill and tank are used to irrigate the garden and shrubbery. One of the most beautiful yards in the country is to be seen on the premises. Evergreens of many kinds grow among a heavy coat of Bermuda grass, which in the proper season is green, adding much to the already beautiful surroundings. In the beautiful yard stands one of the prettiest residences in all these parts. We hope to see many other such homes here about soon.

Miss Nellie Grant of Ballinger, is visiting in Winters at present. F. Ramsel has moved into the house he bought of Mr. Hill. He (Ramsel) has opened a blacksmith shop in the building recently vacated by D. S. Jones.

The Winters band is in excellent shape now, in fact this can be said of it at any time.

A good rain would not be objectionable here just now.

Mr. Jno. Eoff returned from Bell county last Tuesday. He says that it is dry there as well as here and that farmers are hauling water for their stock.

We are not so dry yet. There is plenty of surface water in the creeks and the wells are not failing in the least.

"A big time" is the anticipation of many to be had at the school house next Saturday night. NEMO.

Content News.

Miss Nellie Gregory, of Ballinger, is visiting her sister, Miss Katie Belle, at this place.

Mr. Henry Bright left Thursday for Coleman, where he boarded the train for Waco, to enter Hills Business College. Henry is one among Associate's favorite acquaintances and with a host of other friends we wish him success.

Mr. J. N. Patterson and Mr. Presler are in Ballinger on business this week.

Mr. Cagle, of Buffalo Gap, preached here Sunday night and he surely thinks Content is the "fastest" town, or village in the state from the information he gives; but we would advise him to leave a quiet place like this and "hie away to the slums of New York" and perhaps he would find a few hearers there who "needed" his council.

Prof Webb is going to send for some expert on "sliding" to come out and give him lessons, as he has been informed that he is "slick but can't slide!"

Mrs. H. T. Edgor has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. C. W. Miller has been real sick with lagrippe.

Joe Coats and Stella Smith have chicken pox.

Miss Jessie McNeice, of near Guion, is quite sick, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Cannon have a real sick child.

Mr. Guthree, Sr. is quite sick at the home of his son, Mr. Will Guthree.

Messrs. Jno. W. Dale and H. P. Harker, of Winters were in Content Thursday. Mr. Dale was not wearing that long smile as usual, as his "young lady" is still visiting in Eskota.

The young people know what is in store for them when an announcement is made that Mr. Alf A. Hanscomb invites them to his home to spend the evening, i. e. pleasure. Such was the occasion last Monday night, in honor of Mr. Henry Bright. Mr. Hanscomb proved himself a charming host, and games and music were indulged in until the "wee sma' hours" came without notice upon his guests. The event will long be remembered in the social circle as a pleasant occasion. Those invited were Mr. Paul Hamon and Miss Cordia Bright, Mr. Montgomery and Miss Katie Bell Gregory, Mr. Henry Bright and Miss Pearl Daniel, Mr. Jones Montgomery and Miss Nellie Gregory, Dr. Smith and Mr. Sidney Bright, sponsored by Mrs. J. N. S. West.

Our school is growing in interest and as an encouragement to the pupils we will give the honor roll of this month's examination to the public: Victor Bright,

Josephine Coats, Arthnr Edwards, Ellen Coats, Maggie Gathing, in Prof. Webb's room and Lonnie Coulson, Lena Gathing, Loice Hamon, Lottie Gathing, Clarence Coats and Stella Smith in Miss Katie Bell Gregory's room.

Mr. Editor we enclose cash for subscription, and send P. W. Miller's name to be entered on your book as a reader of the Banner-Leader at Content.

ASSOCIATE.

Epworth League.

Sunday, Jan. 19th.

Subject—Cabel choosing a hard thing, Josh. 16-9-14.

Leader—Rev. Bowden.

Song.

Prayer.

Numbers 13-30—Miss Maud Rape.

Song.

Paper—How are you choosing—Miss Sammie Padgett.

—\$2.40 buys a Seth Thomas clock at Jas. E. Brewer.

Until Further Notice.

I will have my dental office at my residence in West End, where I will be glad to serve my friends. Respectfully, F. R. Dickinson.

Seth Thomas 8 day clocks \$2.75 with alarm, only. ASA CORDILL.

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Respectfully,

T. A. FANNIN.

YOUR LAUNDRY

Having purchased the Laundry Agency heretofore owned by W. W. Chastain, I take this method of soliciting a continuance of your patronage, promising satisfaction in all respects. The Belton Laundry, which I represent, is unequalled. Phone 124 and I will call for your clothes. Basket leaves Tuesdays, returns Saturdays.

ROBERT MASSEY

The Talpa Merchant

Greets the people with a Happy New Year.

Call and get his NEW PRICES

B. U. Smith,
Talpa, - - - Texas.

Duncan McGregor, of Coleman, was a Ballinger visitor Sunday.

C. W. Odom, of Maverick, paid Ballinger a brief visit Tuesday.

Maurice Crews has accepted a position with C. S. Miller, the land agent.

Miss Leslie Lawhorn, of San Angelo, was a guest of Ballinger friends this week.

S. M. Farmer, real-estate agent, newspaper man, farmer, stockman, telephone owner, etc., of Miles, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Charles O'Neill, a prosperous young merchant of Duck Hill, Miss., was in Ballinger several days last week visiting friends and prospecting.

A. W. Sledge, of the Ledger, left Sunday night for San Angelo to take charge of his newly acquired property, the Press. The sincerest good wishes of Ballinger friends are with him.

Mr. Robert Turner, of Maverick, was in town first of the week buying stock for a store which he is now opening in his neighborhood. He will carry a line of general merchandise, such as will meet the needs of the people.

The San Angelo Standard's new society editor—we judge he is new or he would never have made such a break—last week attached "Mrs." to the names of the Ballinger young ladies who were visiting friends in that city.

T. S. Lankford has purchased for \$850 cash the property between his present place of business and J. F. Lusk & Co. It was owned by W. P. Rascoe, of Coleman. This is good property and worth every cent of the purchase price.

J. F. Currie has recently installed a new book-keeper, Mr. Max Winterberg, of Rockdale, a pleasant, affable gentleman, and, if the Banner-Leader mistakes not, a man skilled in the keeping of books. M. Winterberg hopes to move his family to our town in a short while.

Mr. Keith Chilton, of the firm of Chilton Dry Goods Co. has disposed of his interest in that business to his brother, J. W. Chilton, and on Tuesday left, accompanied by his family, for Comanche where he has taken an interest in a big mercantile establishment.

P. C. Gwinn, of the thriving city of San Angelo, spent a few hours in Ballinger first of the week arranging to establish a branch news agency with us. M. C. Cobb & Co. will represent his interests here. Mr. Gwinn is a thorough-going business man, successful in all his undertakings.

B. U. Smith, Talpa's popular merchant, was in Ballinger last week and one of the results of his visit is a card in the Banner-Leader inviting the people to visit his store. Mr. Smith is a live wide-awake business man and is enjoying a handsome trade.

Among the guests of the ball at San Angelo Friday night of last week were Misses Kate Thomson, Mildred Erwin, Louise Luckett, Edna Odom, Clara Guion, Neil Guion, Minnie Guion Francis, Messrs. S. M. Parks, Harry Thomson, George Holman and others from Ballinger. The occasion is remembered as one of the most pleasant of the season and places Ballinger young people under obligations to the young people of our sister city for a delightful evening full of pleasure and merriment.

The Dust Settled.

For the present, at least, the dust in and around Ballinger is a thing of the past, settled by a rain Monday night, which though not all that could be desired, still was enough to put hope into the hearts of our people and a smile on their faces. The rain, heralded by a few stray drops here and there, began about dark and continued falling until late in the night. It was not a down pour, nor gully-washer, but fell slowly and steadily, putting life into the small grain and season into the ground.

Col Melton not a Candidate.

At the solicitation of some of my friends, I consented to submit my name to the Democratic primaries for Representative of this district, but after mature deliberation I have decided that my business interests will require all my time and personal attention, therefore I will not make the race. To my friends in both Brown and Coleman who have so generously assured me of their influence and support, I desire to express my grateful thanks. W. T. MELTON.

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 Jan. 11, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

Team Stead, Mrs. Josie.

GENTLEMEN.

Foreman, J. A.

Hogan, J. W.

Roberts, M. A.

Messrs. Truly and Sledge, of Ballinger, on Wednesday closed a deal with Dr. Parsons and Needham Smith, whereby the San Angelo Press becomes their property at a consideration of \$2800. Mr. Truly is the proprietor of the Ballinger Ledger and will remain there while Mr. Sledge will conduct the Press. The Standard wishes the new managers well, and expresses the hope that the same good will and cordiality which has always existed between the two papers will continue in the future.—Standard.

J. A. Ostertag is blasting out a foundation for his new home on the hill. The location is a little rocky but when finished as Mr. Ostertag plans will be one of the most desirable sites in the city.

Judge M. C. Smith, one of Ballinger's prominent attorneys, was in Brownwood Tuesday conferring with Referee Coffee relative to the final disposition of the Maddox bankrupt stock.

We tip our hat to the Banner-Leader for reproducing our town write-up. We feel very proud of our town and the Banner's kindness will be worth much to us.—Miles Messenger.

J. D. Hull, of Proctor, Comanche county, spent Saturday in our city visiting his brother, George. He at the same time was looking after some land matters in which he is interested.

Don't get discouraged and give up the fight. Some of the most successful weather forecasters predict an abundance of rain for 1902.

Misses Odom and Luckett returned home Saturday from San Angelo where they were guests of Mrs. Charles A. Dailey.

Jas. E. Brewer, the Jeweler.

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 Cuntion Flannel	6½ worth 8½
Outing Flannels	3½c worth 5c
Outing Flannels	6½c worth 8½
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.

Misses Edna and Willie Sadler, who have been visiting friends and relatives in May for the past two weeks, returned to their home at Norton last week. Misses Clyde and Ruth Mayo accompanied them home and will spend several days visiting in the West.—Enterprise.

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

The Brady Enterprise has wonderfully improved under the editorship of our friend, Cyrus Tunnell.



\$ \$

You can save a number of the articles the above characters represent by buying your Grain and Feed from F. P. ABNEY, Ballinger, Texas. A full supply of Corn, Oats, Hay, Bran, Chops and Meal on hand.

A movement is being put on foot to provide a home in Philadelphia for indigent newspaper men. Henry Watterson and A. S. McClure are back of the movement.

The Santa Fe has issued bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 bearing interest at 4 per cent and running twelve years. The issue is for the purpose of largely increasing the line's equipment, and, possibly, to make certain contemplated extensions.

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 and healthiest....
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Laughter.
 Laughter is a positive sweet-
 ness of life; but, like good coffee
 it should be well cleared of de-
 leterious substances before use.
 Ill will and malice and the desire
 to wound are worse than chicery.
 Between a laugh and a giggle
 there is the width of the hori-
 zons. I could sit all day and
 listen to the hearty and heart-
 some ha, ha, of a lot of bright
 and jolly people, but would rather
 be shot than be forced to stay
 within ear-shot of a couple of
 silly gossips. Cultivate that
 part of your nature that is quick
 to see the mirthful side of
 things, so you shall be enabled
 to shed many of life's troubles,
 as the plumage of the bird sheds
 the rain. But discourage all
 tendencies to seek your amuse-
 ment at the expense of another's
 feelings or in aught that is im-
 pure. It was Goethe who said,
 "Tell me what a man laughs at
 and I will read you his charac-
 ter."

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

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.

How is Your Liver?
 This is the time of year to
 watch your eating and the con-
 ditions of your liver and bowels.
 Don't wait until May to clean
 out, but keep your liver working
 and your bowels in good con-
 ditions and save yourself much
 misery. The most effective
 remedy for liver and bowel
 trouble is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup
 Pepsin, which is sold in 50c and
 \$1 bottles by E. D. Walker.

What Baby Did in One Hour.
 He was a good natured bach-
 elor of the family, and, being the
 child's uncle, was left in charge
 of baby one hour while every-
 body else was out, and out of
 curiosity he made a list of what
 the baby did in one hour. Here
 it is:

1. Yelled fifteen minutes with-
 out taking breath. (The bach-
 elor timekeeper declares solemnly
 that this is a true statement.)
 2. Pulled enough hair from
 his uncle's head and whiskers to
 stuff a sofa pillow.
 3. Further decorated the
 wallpaper as high as he could
 reach with the poker.
 4. Broke a glass vase by sit-
 ting down on it.
 5. Swallowed six buttons and
 a good part of a skein of thread.
 6. Emptied the contents of
 his mother's workbasket into
 the fireplace.
 7. Tried to squeeze the head
 of the cat into a cup, and was
 scratched badly in the attempt.
 8. Knocked the head off a fine
 wax doll belonging to his elder
 sister by trying to drive a tack
 into a toy wagon with it.
 9. Fell off the edge of the sofa
 and brought down with him two
 costly vases, which were ruined.
 10. Broke two panes of window
 glass with a cane which uncle
 let him have.
 11. Fell into the coal scuttle
 and spoiled his new white dress.
 12. Set fire to the carpet white
 uncle was out the room trying
 up something to amuse him.
 13. Crawled under the sofa
 and refused to come out unless
 uncle would give him the jam
 pot.
 14. Got twisted amongst the
 legs of a chair, which had to be
 broken to get him out.
 15. Poured a jug of milk into
 his mother's slippers.
 16. Finally when he saw his
 mother coming, he ran to the
 door and tumbled off the steps,
 making his nose bleed and tear-
 ing a hole a foot square in his
 dress.
- And still the youngster's uncle
 thinks that boy will make some-
 thing yet!

Strayed.
 One brown horse, 5 or 6 years
 old, branded SF on shoulder and
 hips; one front foot slightly en-
 larged; paces well under saddle;
 will pay \$2.50 for return to
 R. P. Kirk, sheriff

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CONDENSED STORIES.
**When John Meech Carried His Audi-
 ence With Him.**

A standing joke for years among
 actors has been an expression about
 carrying an audience along with
 one's company. "I shall carry my
 own band and orchestra with me
 next season," says a manager in dis-
 cussing his plans. "Better carry
 your own audience, too," replies a
 listener. But there is on record one
 example of a manager's doing that
 very thing. Some years ago John
 H. Meech put on his son as a star
 in an old comedy called "Arabian
 Nights." The performance was bad,
 and the audiences were grotesquely
 small. But Meech was undaunted.
 He had decided to bring his son be-
 fore the public notice or die in the
 attempt. The last stand of the
 tour was Lancaster, N. Y., a vil-
 lage of about 3,000 population ly-
 ing ten miles outside of Buffalo.
 The day of the performance Meech
 came to a young man in Buffalo
 named Everson and requested his
 presence at the performance. So
 Everson journeyed to Lancaster.
 When he entered the theater, there
 were about 200 persons, all in even-
 ing dress, in the house. Everson
 afterward said that he never saw
 a worse performance in his life and
 never a more enthusiastic audience.
 Almost every line met with a hearty
 laugh or boisterous applause. At
 the conclusion of each act the per-
 formers were called before the cur-
 tain. Still wondering, Everson walk-
 ed out to the front of the house
 after the performance. Meech met
 him and told him that two special
 trolley cars were waiting to take the
 audience home. "Are all these peo-
 ple going back to Buffalo tonight?"
 asked Everson. "Oh, yes," answer-
 ed Meech. "I brought them with
 me. I was bound to have an audi-
 ence." "Well, what—what were the
 actual receipts tonight, if I may
 ask?" continued Everson. "Two
 dollars and twenty-five cents," re-
 plied Meech. "You see, I couldn't
 charge my guests." And the entire
 audience entered the cars that
 Meech had chartered and returned
 to Buffalo.

Two Things In His Favor.
 Mark Twain, says a London news-
 paper, was dining lately with a liter-
 ary dining club in London, one of
 whose rules is that each member
 should introduce his guests formally
 and in set phrase to the company.
 This unusual custom appealed to
 Twain, and when it came to his
 turn to return thanks he referred
 to it eulogistically.
 "I like it," he drawled, "for it re-
 minds me of a time I lectured in a
 little town in the Rockies. My
 chairman was a well to do 'cow
 puncher,' who found the situation
 evidently irksome. 'I'm told I must
 introduce this yer man 't'ye, boys,'
 he said, 'but I can only see two
 things in his favor. One is that he's
 never been in jail and the other is
 that I don't know why,' and then he
 sat down," as Mark Twain did.

French Police Stupidity.
 An extraordinary case of police
 stupidity is reported from St. Quentin,
 writes a Paris correspondent.
 The driver of a motor car which
 had run through a covey of par-
 tridges on the highroad was visited
 at his hotel by a gendarme and
 was asked if he had a shooting li-
 cense. No such document being
 forthcoming, the motorist was served
 with summonses for two distinct
 offenses—killing and carrying off a
 partridge and failing to declare
 game on passing through the octroi
 barrier. It afterward transpired
 that one of the partridges had be-
 come entangled in and was killed
 by the radiator of the motor car.

Dredging For Gold.
 Dredging rivers in gold bearing
 countries for gold has become a
 great industry, and dredges of won-
 derful power and capacity are being
 built to dredge sixty feet below the
 water line and to reach sixty feet
 above it, along the banks. Gold
 seekers in all countries where gold
 exists, even in very small quantities,
 are now organizing dredging com-
 panies to dredge for gold at rela-
 tively trifling cost. Millions upon
 millions of gold dust are to be re-
 claimed in this way.

Figuring on His Average.
 "How long has Graphter been in
 politics?"
 "Well, let me see. He's worth
 now about half a million. He must
 have been in politics ten years."—
 Chicago Tribune.

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Not long ago the wife of a
 Western Kansas politician asked
 him to lay aside politics long
 enough one day to dig the pota-
 toes in the garden and he
 agreed to do it. After digging
 for a few minutes he went into
 the house and said he had found
 a coin. He washed it off and it
 proved to be a silver quarter.
 He put it in his jeans and went
 back to work. Presently, he
 went in the house again and
 said he had found another coin.
 He washed the dirt off it. It was
 a silver half dollar. He put it in
 his jeans. "I have worked
 pretty hard," said he to his wife;
 "I guess I'll take a short nap."
 When he awoke he found that
 his wife had dug all the rest of
 the potatoes. But she found no
 coins. It then dawned upon her
 that she had been worked.—Ex.

Millions of Samples.
 A force of distributors have
 commenced work in this and
 other states, putting out samples
 of Dr. Caldwell's Pepsin the
 remedy for liver, stomach and
 bowel trouble. If any reader of
 this paper fails to receive a
 sample in due time, a postal
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 bring a sample by mail. E. D.
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The Banner-Leader desires it understood that cash in hand must accompany all orders for insertion of names in these columns.

For Justice of the Peace and Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

CAPT. J. E. SMITH.
(Re-election)

For Public Weigher:

Wm. REINBOLD.

Crews Items.

Well, Mr. Editor as I failed to write last week I will try to give you a few items this week. I was so busy last week I could not write.

People out here are very busy preparing for another crop notwithstanding the extreme dry weather. Wheat is doing very well not to have had any more rain than it has had. The freeze we had, some thought would kill but we are glad to note most everybody's wheat we have seen is doing very well.

Well, as I predicted, Jim Woods came back from Miles and bought Jim Legg's farm near Crews paying him the handsome sum of \$10 per acre for it. Jim has good judgment and he says this is good enough for him.

Mr. Henderson and Ade Montgomery have opened up a hardware, harness and general repair store in Crews. We wish them success in their new enterprise.

We notice a new building going up in "Santiago" or West Crews. Upon inquiry find it to be a blacksmith shop. It will be run by Mr. Mitchel, the gin man's brother. We hope for him success.

County Commissioner A. D. Tally was called to Ballinger Monday to look over the Paint Rock road.

There was a good big crowd at Justice Court Saturday. The court was trying a civil case between B. F. Kersey and E. R. Norred. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of Mr. Kersey.

The Misses Doggins, who have been visiting their cousin, Mr. Doggins, returned to Santa Ana, their home, Monday after a short stay. We were glad to have them come into community and hope they will come again.

Will Fruit went to Brown wood Monday night to meet his sister, Miss Kerby, who is to make this her future home. We are glad to welcome her into our community.

Messrs. Monroe, Hickson and Jim Rainwater went up to San Angelo and bought out one of the barbershops there and are going to move up there to take charge at an early date. We regret to lose them and can heartily recommend them to the Angelo people. Their many friends wish them success in their undertaking.

Mrs. Henderson and a part of her family spent a few days visiting relatives in Taylor county, near Oak Lawn, during the holidays.

There were several people Sundayed on Table Mountain on the 5th. We failed to learn all of their names. One young man however, says he has plenty unless they will eat their dinner down at the base of the mountain. He says carrying a jug and bucket of water to the top of that mountain ain't fun.

The Baptist missionary man is in this country this week.

Rev. Jackson filled his appointment at Star on last Sun-

day, preaching morning and evening to the delight and satisfaction of everybody present.

Mr James Montgomery and Miss Susie Booie were married at the home of the bride's parents at Crews Wednesday evening. Rev. Jackson officiating. A sumptuous supper was spread for the guests which were present. After which the young people engaged in different amusements to while away the small hours of the night.

Mr. Bates has a very sick child. Success to the Leader.

BILLIE.

—Repairing that's the best at Jas. E. Brewer.

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Pumpbrey.

FOR THE BANNER-LEADER:

On last Monday night the long dry weather faces began to shorten a little when there was heard a few pitpats on the roof. Even ye scribe adjusted his bed so as not to be molested, but as usual it was not a very copious shower. We think however, it was not harmful to the wheat and oats.

Our news this time is very limited. No sickness, so far as we know. No weddings but lots of "sparking."

C. F. Awalt and family have returned from their Xmas visit, accompanied by his mother who will spend a few weeks before returning to her home near Austin.

Miss Flora Little of this place has moved to Lampasas county which place she will make her future home for some time. Miss Flora is a bright, industrious and Christian young lady. No one here has more friends than she, and all wish her much contentment and pleasure at her new home.

W. T. Middleton and family visited at Guion Sunday.

J. S. Tidwell and family were the guests of Mr. Street and family of Wingate Sunday.

T. Woodfin, of Coperas Cove, is visiting his sister Mrs. J. E. Greenfield, of this place.

On last Sunday evening we noticed the following couples from Winters: Mr. Albert Spill and Miss Claudie Hunter, Mr. Ben Spill and Miss Hattie Bennett, Mr. Will Bennett and Miss Ella Adams. Come again.

Our school is still growing larger and is progressing nicely.

The following Sunday School officers were elected last Sunday: C. A. Nance, Supt.; M. L. Hill, Ass't. Supt.; and Miss Lela Pumpbrey, Secretary and Treasurer. The teachers are beginning with the Senior class, Prof. Brown; Intermediate, Mrs. J. J. Burk and Miss Mattie Church; Primary, Mrs. May Hudson and Miss Jenny Cooper. We have quite a large Sunday School and we hope the attendance and interest will be even better than it was the last quarter.

Our road petition has been signed up and notices posted. Wonder if we will get a public road to town. Yours truly

MARK HOPKINS.

Last Sunday, the twelfth of the month, will be remembered by those present, as a most enjoyable occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett. It was Miss Sammie's eighteenth birthday and a few friends had been invited to partake of the birthday dinner.

D. C. Underwood has been having serious trouble this week with his arm, blood poison having developed from a slight wound made by a mesquite thorn.

According to the Washington correspondent of the Houston Post Mr. John Hoffer, of Ballinger has been in that city seeking an appointment as United States Marshall for the West Texas District.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, John Seaman, C. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft and the unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons: viz: T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, J. Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, L. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. W. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Runnels county, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Ballinger, Texas, on the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1902, the same being the 3rd day of March A. D. 1902 then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of December A. D. 1901, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said court, No. 592, wherein J. E. McCord is plaintiff and T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, John Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft and unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons, viz: T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, J. Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft, are defendants, and said petition alleging plaintiffs cause of action in substance as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1901, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of that tract of land situated in the county of Runnels, and state of Texas, and is described as follows, to wit: 320 acres of land, located by virtue of Bounty Warrant 2342, granted by the state of Texas, to T. Carlin by patent No. 60, Vol. 11 dated 26th day of July 1860. Beginning at the N. W. corner of Sur. No. 317, made for Andrew Moore, a stake from which a liveoak bears N 86 degrees E 4 varas; a post oak bears N 42 degrees E 55 varas; thence S 250 varas, Spring Branch 1344 varas, a stake in the North boundary line of survey No. 314, made for Richard Brady from which a post oak bears S 2 degrees, E 24 varas; another, N 66 degrees, E 50 varas; thence W with the N lines of Nos. 314 and 315, made for Brady and White 1344 varas stake and mound; thence N 1344 varas stake and mound, and thence E 1344 varas to the place of beginning. Bearings marked "X" holding and owning the same in fee simple, and that he is still such owner and entitled to possession thereof; that on the 17th day of December, 1901, the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds same from plaintiff; that plaintiff, J. E. McCord and those whose estates he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, cultivating, using and enjoying, paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years, next before the 17th day of December, A. D. 1901, and after the accrual of any cause of action therefor on the part of defendants, if any they had, which is not admitted, but denied; that plaintiff, J. E. McCord, and those whose estates he has, claiming the same under written memoranda of title fixing the boundaries thereof, and having said land actually enclosed during said period, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said land as above described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next before the 17th day of Dec., 1901, and after the accrual of any cause of action therefor on the part of defendants, if any they had, which is not admitted, but denied; that the defendants have no legal or equitable claim to said land and they are naked trespassers. but

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LEE MADDOX.

Joe Rayburn, brother-in-law of J. A. Dancer, returned first of the week to his home in Ada, I. T.

Henry Tipton has been in the Menardville country the past week renewing old time friendships.

S. M. Parks left for Dallas Thursday afternoon to consult an oculist with reference to his eyes.

—Jas. E. Brewer is selling Seth Thomas clocks for \$2.65 and \$2.40.

—At Jas. E. Brewer's you will find the best quality of jewelry at the lowest prices.

—Stamp photos 28 for 25c at Hartungs photo studio.

Take your watch repairing to Asa Cordill and save

Mr. Kirkpatrick is back in Ballinger after several months of peregrination.

Capt. N. F. Bonsall and wife, of Nogales, New Mexico, arrived in Ballinger Thursday night and are the guests of Mesdames Cohen and Trail.

A number of the little folks were royally entertained Monday afternoon by Miss Mary Simmons at her mother's home. Miss Mary proved a charming little hostess.

Mrs. John McCamant, who has been visiting Ballinger relatives and friends left Thursday for Trinidad Col. to join her husband, who plans to locate in that city.

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Herein fail not, but have before said court, on the first day of its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, W. L. TOWNER,

Clerk of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas.
Given under my hand and official seal of said Court at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 24th day of December, A. D., 1901.

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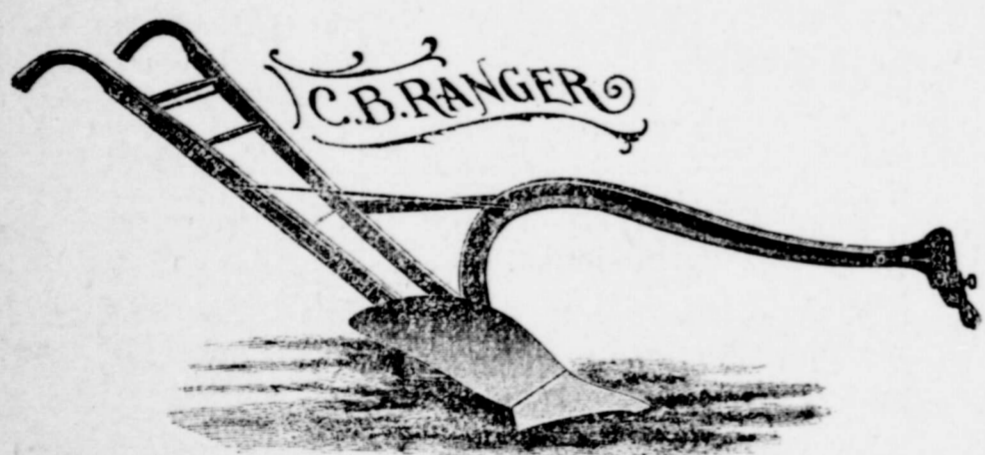
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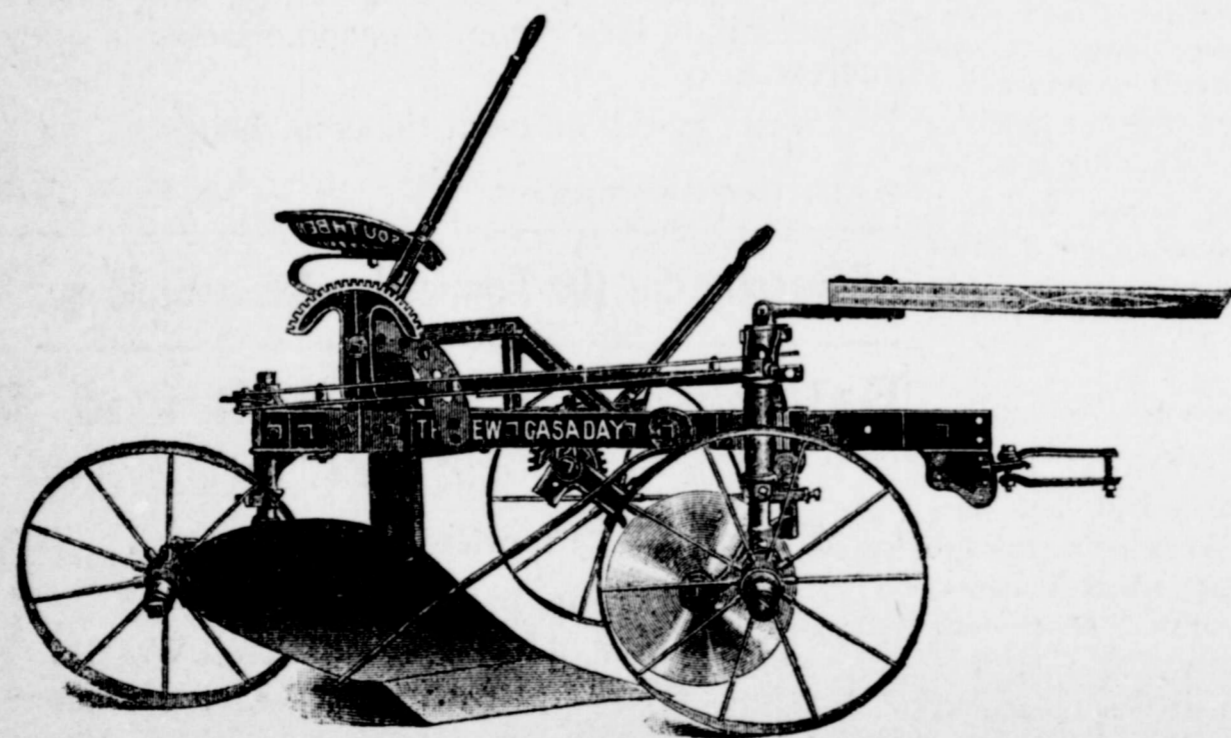
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At a meeting Saturday of the directors of the San Angelo National Bank, R. A. Hall, cashier of the W. C. Parks Banking Co., of Ballinger, was elected cashier of the first named institution to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major A. A. DeBerry. This is a merited compliment to one of Ballinger's best business men. While we regret more than we can say to lose Mr. Hall as a citizen of Ballinger, yet we are glad to note this recognition of his business ability. We believe Mr. Hall has no superior in Ballinger as an energetic, successful business man, and we feel confident that the San Angelo National Bank directors will never have cause to regret their action. Mr. Hall has been a citizen of Ballinger since the founding of the town; has contributed largely to every enterprise looking to the forwarding of the towns interests; and is a citizen whose place will be hard to fill, if ever. He expects to assume his new duties about February 1st, but will not move his family until later. His successor in the W. C. Parks Banking Co. has not yet been chosen.

While under the baneful influence of liquor one day this week a man, who when sober is considered a prince of good fellows, imagined himself able to whip his weight in wild cats and accordingly invited, in forcible language, one of his associates to step out on the sidewalk and receive a licking. The invitation was accepted but the result was different from that he anticipated, and came out second best. No serious damage was done on either side.

The political campaign in Runnels county bids fair to open at a lively rate within the next few weeks. A few candidates have already announced and the air is full of rumors of more to come. The political situation, the possible candidates, their chances of success, and like themes are the subject of nearly every street corner gathering, until one can imagine every man a candidate and every private conversation a political discussion.

Wm Reinbold desires it understood that he is a candidate for the office of Public Weigher of Runnels county, accordingly the Banner-Leader contains his announcement this week. Perhaps there isn't a man in the county better known than Wm. Reinbold. His name is synonymous with energy, integrity and ability, and we are confident his friends, appreciating these points, will accord him their hearty support.

On Friday Jan. 17, the ladies of the Parsonage and Home Mission society of the M. E. church will give a tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler. No effort will be spared toward making the occasion a pleasant one, a program, consisting of music and recitations will be carried out and all are invited to come, join in the social features of the occasion and help in a good cause. Hours from four to the p. m.

The "week of prayer" services have in a measure been successful though the interest manifested was not such as might be expected in a town containing as many church members as Ballinger. The preachers were diligent and faithful and if the services were in any sense a failure it was due to no fault of theirs.

One of the most distressing accidents the Banner-Leader has ever had to record occurred Monday at the home of Fred Machatka, a Bohemian, living on Mr. A. Schawe's place five miles south of town. While the husband was away from home the wife was making soap in the yard. In some way her dress caught fire. Frantic with fear and pain she rushed into the house but seeing her infant on the bed had the presence of mind to go outside again. By this time every vestige of her clothing save a waistband and shoes and stockings had burned off and her body was almost one solid blister. Removing her shoes and stockings she crept into the house and into bed and here her husband found her three hours later. Dr. Halley was immediately summoned but medical skill was of no avail and on Wednesday night her soul took its flight. Mrs. Machatka's parents live in Cuero.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of Capt. J. E. Smith who solicits the consideration of the people in his race for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Capt. Smith asks for re-election on his merits, believing that he has filled the office faithfully and well, and he has many friends who stand ready to vote for him as a good peacer officer and a faithful guardian of the interests of the county.

Mr. Joe Fain, who during the season now nearly at an end has been buying cotton in Ballinger, left for Coleman Wednesday to spend a couple of days. From there he goes to Tucson, Arizona, where he has large interests in a gold and copper mine, said to be splendid paying property. Ballinger friends trust that Mr. Fain may have even better success than reports from his mine interests lead him to expect.

Forty-four rattles and a button! It sounds big and is big, but that is what W. E. Allen was exhibiting on the streets Wednesday. His snakeship which carried this enormous caudal appendage was killed on the headwaters of the San Saba river, and as might be judged was a monster in size. Those skilled in snakeology declare that a rattle is added each year.

Owing to circumstances not foreseen at the time of his departure for New York, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh has decided to cut short his stay in that city and will arrive in Ballinger about the latter part of the month to resume his duties as pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here.

J. A. Burley will assist F. J. Williams in the management of the new lumber company. The buildings of this company are now completed and the lumber is being placed under shelter.

Jack Willingham, as contractor, completed the building of the new lumber company, 140x150, in less than 12 days.

C. C. Cockrell is now employed with the Ledger, succeeding A. W. Sledge as foreman.

Mrs. I. H. Turney, of Blanket, is visiting her son, A. E. Turney, this week.

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It fills the world with pleasure,
In field, in lane and street,
And brightens every prospect
Of the mortals that we meet.
"A pocketful of sunshine
Can make the world akin,
And lift a load of sorrow
From the burdened backs of sin;
Diffusing light and knowledge
Through thorny paths of life;
It gilds with silver lining
The stormy clouds of strife."
—Ladies Home Journal.

In a haphazard, indefinite way Texas is thinking of sending an exhibit of her resources to the St. Louis Worlds Fair in 1903. Texas should not be satisfied with a poor exhibit.

Since March 14th 1900 it has been possible to organize national banks with less than \$50,000 capital. Between that time and the present 104 new banks have been chartered in Texas alone. This record beats that of all other states.

It is understood that the Boers want peace. Likely enough they do. But it is pleasing to add that they will accept only such peace overtures as will permit them to retire honorably from a conflict maintained against such tremendous odds.

A bill has been introduced providing for paying pensions monthly. This might be a pretty good thing for the pensioners, but it would bankrupt the government to provide clerks to attend to the increased work, which the adoption of the proposed bill would necessitate.

Every time a Dallas man gets out of town, and can find a crowd to listen to him, he adroitly turns the subject of conversation to the last census report, and then relates how his town was grossly misrepresented by that same report, and in every way possible seeks to excuse Dallas for appearing in the census reports as third among Texas great cities.

Many Americans feel that Admiral Schley has been deeply wronged by the administration, but it is an unwise policy to attempt to put him in the president's chair simply to allay his wounded feelings and to express disapproval of the act of the investigating committee. Popularity is not always a mark of fitness for an office, and surely when so high an official position as the presidential seat is the one in question, a man should be nominated who is peculiarly fitted for the undertaking. Hero-worship has led the American nation astray before and her people should profit by past experiences.

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Errors in Pennybacker's School History of Texas

Judge J. M. Crosson, of Ballinger, who is visiting relatives in Paris, writes to the Dallas News as follows correcting errors which have crept into the History of Texas now in use:

"On page 266 it states, "21st February, 1862, Col. Canby crossed from New Mexico into Texas and engaged Sidley in the battle of Val Verde." Canby never crossed into Texas, and the battle was fought in New Mexico, above Fort Craig on the Rio Grande, some 200 miles north of the Texas line.

Again on the same page it states: "All went well until March 28, 1862. At Apache Canyon, Col. Scurry with the advanced detachment of the expedition, found his march blocked by Col. Slough, with 1,300 men and some cannon. The Union officer sent 500 of his brave soldiers over a secret mountain trail, etc., with instructions to attack the enemy's rear, while he led a dashing charge upon the front. The Confederates met a double attack and though the assault was finally repulsed, yet so serious had been the result of five hours conflict that Scurry was forced to send in a flag of truce."

Scurry had some 700 or 800 men. He never met a double attack, nor sent in a flag of truce.

Col. Slough did make a dashing charge, which we repulsed. The Union forces were driven back over three miles. They made their last stand about 600 yards from Pidgeon Ranch, from which they were driven and the last seen of them they were retreating hurriedly in the direction of Fort Union, and this just after sunset.

The famous 500 was a small squad which burned our wagon train and captured the sick—some six or eight miles in our rear. Their most dashing exploit was the wounding of our chaplain, Rev. L. H. Jones, while waiting on a sick man, and having a hospital flag with him. Lieut. M. S. Winston, now of Livingston, Tex., was sick and was captured.

After the Union forces fled, Col. Slough sent in a flag of truce, and with a squad sought out their dead. Lieut. G. B. Crain, now of Nacogdoches, went with them over the field. We camped that night and next day upon the battlefield, and heard no further from the enemy. On account of the victory we gained, Scurry called it the battle of Glorietta. We lost some gallant men. Among others, Major Ragnet, of Nacogdoches, Major Shopshire, of Columbus, Capt. Buckholts, of Milam, Capt. Adair, of Cherokee. But enough, this is not intended as an account of the battle but to correct the errors in said school history.

J. M. CROSSON.

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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. S. Miller, Ballinger, Texas.

Richard Croker has voluntarily resigned his position as chairman of the finance committee, which position carries with it the leadership of Tammany Hall. Lewis Nixon was chosen as his successor, who gave his pledge to use his best efforts to strengthen and put new life into the organization. The newly appointed leader is only 41 years of age but has shown remarkable ability in things political.

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It is now rumored that Gen. Miles is of the opinion that he should be vindicated at the hands of the American people for the wrongs heaped upon him by President Roosevelt, and with that end in view he, it is thought, will seek the democratic nomination for president. Gen. Miles will find that southern people do not easily forget.

A Peculiar Fault.

J. V. Curlin, who for some years has been in the drug business at Lufkin, Texas, wrote to the manufacturers of a certain well known laxative and stomach remedy as follows: "The only trouble with your medicine is that it did not last long enough. Send me one-half gross Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, quick." This remedy is sold in two sizes, 50c and \$1, by E. D. Walker, and is guaranteed to cure.

An exchange says that a good citizen is a man who takes pride in his home town and pays his honest debts, speaks well for his neighbors, takes his home paper and pays for it; who does not squeeze every twenty-five cent piece until the agonizing screams of the eagle can be heard a mile down the valley. He will measure twelve inches to the foot in every way, will bathe and change his shirt once a week, and will see that the woman he loves doesn't have to use a hedge fence for a clothes line or break up ash barrels for fuel.

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MILL LOCATED NEAR METHODIST CHURCH.

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

I buy old gold; I make rings; I repair watches; I engrave on silver or gold; I sell jewelry. Can I serve you?
JAS. E. BREWER.

Wall Paper
J. Y. PEARCE.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is the only remedy for blind, bleeding or protruding piles, indorsed by physicians; cures the most obstinate cases. Price 60 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The Last Nickel.

The Philadelphia Record tells of a little Sunday school boy who always receives a nickel from his father to place in the collection plate. Last Sunday his father gave him two nickels, saying, "One is for the Lord, and the other is for yourself." As it was too early to start for Sunday school the little boy sat on the porch steps, playing with the two nickels. After awhile he dropped one of them, and it disappeared down a crack. Without a moment's hesitation and still clutching there maining coin in his clinched fist, he looked up at his father, exclaiming, "Oh, pop, there goes the Lord's nickel!"

Don't Live Together.

Constipation and health never go together. DeWitt's Little Early Risers promote easy action of the bowels without distress. "I have been troubled with costiveness nine years," says J. O. Greene, Depauw, Ind. "I have tried many remedies but Little Early Risers give best results." E. D. Walker.

Your "Uncle Sam" believes in educating his subjects, evidenced by the establishing of 885 schools in Porto Rico since he took possession of the island.

Coughs and colds come uninvited, but you can quickly get rid of them with a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25 and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Eugene Eldred of Brenham is out in a statement that crude Beaumont oil has practically cured him of consumption in two months time. He takes about 15 drops on sugar three times a day.

Children Especially Liable.

Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not so careful. As a remedy DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Draws out the fire, stops the pain, soon heals the wound. Beware of counterfeits. Sure cure for piles. "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my baby of eczema after two physicians gave her up," writes James Mock, N. Webster, Ind. "The sores were so bad she soiled two to five dresses a day." E. D. Walker.

W. T. George, a planter of Wolfe City, sold 1,100 bales of cotton this week, increasing his bank account about \$50,000.

Many an innocent little darling is suffering untold agony and cannot explain its troubles. Mark your child's symptoms, you may find it troubled with worms; give it White's Cream Vermifuge and restore it to quietness and health. Price 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.



John Deere Plows

Still the Best

Waukegan Barb Wire

Still the Best

White Elephant Buggies

Still the Best

Studebaker Wagons

Still the Best

Buck's Stoves and Ranges

Still the Best

Friendship

Is necessary to a man's happiness, but it is not mere friendship that brings the people for miles around to this store. It is the knowledge of the fact that we can save them money on the latest

Labor Saving Implements and Vehicles

Call and see Our Fine Line for Spring 1902.

Hall Hardware Company.

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.

A Mother's Love.

A pathetic instance of affection that could confront death rather than separation from loved ones was that of Martha Russel, who a short time ago died of starvation. She was the mother of four children, and, after being assisted for more than two years by the township where she lived, she was threatened with separation from her children. Being unable to earn more than what would buy food for the children, she supplied their needs and went without food herself. When found, the children were all well cared for and in good condition.

In pulmonary trouble, the direct action of Ballard's Horehound Syrup upon the throat, chest and lungs, immediately arrest the malady, by relieving the distress, cutting the phlegm and freeing the vocal and breathing organs. Price 25 and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The worst after effects of Influenza arise from deranged function of the liver. Clear the blood at once with Herbine, for it will strengthen the liver to withdraw from circulation the pillary poisons. Price 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A cablegram from London from President Stillwell, of the proposed Orient railroad, states that Chief Engineer Pratt has sailed for home after arranging for the shipment of 600 miles of rails for the Orient line in Mexico. These rails were bought and paid for by the Mexican subsidy and are to be delivered at Port Stillwell and Tampico.

Persons who lead a life of exposure are subject to rheumatism, neuralgia and lumbago, will find a valuable remedy in Ballard's Snow Liniment; it will banish pains and subdue inflammation. Price 25 and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

J. R. Crayton finds that \$10 land is too expensive for grazing cattle on natural grass and is putting a section of his pasture near Hylon in cultivation. Thus the grass lands of the country are being turned into productive fields and where a section or two formerly supported a family, the same will now be made to support four to ten families. It is to be hoped that the change will be made rapidly, and that comfortable homes will dot the plains thickly in all directions in a few years.—Abilene Reporter.

The Odd Fellows' Home.

at Corsicana, Texas, where over eighty children and a number of widows of Odd Fellows are cared for, uses as a laxative and stomach remedy Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This highly endorsed remedy is sold in 50c and \$1 bottles by E. D. Walker.

A Profitable Investment.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$1,000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. E. D. Walker.

An exchange very properly contends that if parents were to encourage their children to pay more attention to the reading of newspapers by subscribing for and taking one or more of them into the family, they would soon discover how much faster their children increase their stock of knowledge. Books soon become monotonous to the child, while a newspaper is fresh every week and is looked for with as much interest as a promised present. The home newspaper is the poor man's library and the children's fount of knowledge. Any man can save enough money in one week to supply his family with reading matter in the shape of a newspaper for one year.

Col. Ambrose A. Maginnis, a rich cotton mill owner of New Orleans, died a few days ago and among other beneficiaries was his negro body servant, who received \$10,000 and a house. This servant, over 60 years of age, had been with Col. Maginnis since before the war.

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

Davis & Co.,

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES.

We thank the people of Ballinger and surrounding country for a most liberal patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of the same during 1902 promising every courtesy possible.

DAVIS & CO.,
BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS

WINKLER'S JANUARY PRE INVENTORY SALE.



We will begin taking stock about the 25th of this month, but before doing so we propose to unload all Winter goods possible by that time. Below we have prepared a list of Bargains, which should command the attention of every economical buyer of Dry Goods. To make the sale an interesting one in every way we have included many lines, which are not strictly winter goods, but as we are rather overstocked on many lines, we are willing to sacrifice values and profits, in order to have as small a stock as possible by stock taking time. Cut out this advertisement and bring it with you, and see that you get everything at the price advertised.

Look Over This List Carefully and See How Much You can Save

Ladies, Misses and Children Jackets
At
**33¹/₃ Per Cent
DISCOUNT**

Ladies Waists and Skirts.
\$2.50 Flannel waists reduced to **\$1.75**
\$2.00 Flannel waists reduced to **\$1.35**
\$1.50 Flannel waists reduced to **\$1.00**
\$1.25 Flannel waists reduced to **85c**
75c Flannelettes and Satene waists reduced to **50c**

Ladies and Childrens Underwear.
Ladies Union suits, regular 50c quality reduced to **35c**
Misses and childrens union suits 50c quality reduced to **35c**
Ladies ribbed vests fleeced and extra heavy, the 50c kind reduced to **35c**
Ladies ribbed vests the 40c quality reduced to **30c**
Ladies ribbed vests the 25c quality now only **19c**
Childrens union suits, the 35c kinds reduced to **20c**
Ladies vests medium weight 20c kinds reduced to **12¹/₂c**
Boys heavy fleeced under shirts and drawers 35c and 40c sizes reduced to **25c**

BED COMFORTS.

85c quality comforts now	65c
\$1.25 " " "	95c
1.50 " " "	1.20
1.50 cotton blankets	1.20
1.75 " " "	1.30

In order to make a clean sweep of all blankets now in stock we will offer the entire line at a
Grand Discount
33¹/₃ Per Cent
One-third Off from regular price.

WOOLEN DRESS GOODS BARGAINS.

Entire line of Fine all Wool Venetians, Covert Cloths and Granite Cloths. Our regular 60c line, reduced now to only **45c**

52 Inches wide, Fine quality all wool Ladies Cloth, our leader at 85c yd, Reduced to only **65c**

52 Inches wide, Fine finished all wool Broad Cloth, the regular \$1.25 quality reduced for this sale to only **95c**

52 Inch Pastel Venetian, finely finished goods, our leader at \$1.35 yd. reduced to only **\$1.05**

Several odd pieces of woolen dress goods, regular price 25c, to close the lot, your choice at only **15c**

Several odd pieces of wool Worsteds, our regular 20c quality, price cut to close at **12¹/₂c**

Flannelettes and Outing Flannels.

French Flanneletts 36 inches wide in Persian designs stripes and figures, regular 20c line reduced to only **12¹/₂c**

Same as above 32 inches wide, regular 15c quality reduced to **10c**

Same as above 28 inches wide regular 12¹/₂c line to close at **8¹/₂c**

Entire line of flannelettes and Outing flannels, the best 10c goods retailed to close at only **7c**

White Bed Spreads at Greatly Reduced Prices.

\$3.00 quality white bed spreads reduced to only **\$2.25**

\$2.75 and 2.50 grades white bed spreads reduced to **\$2.00**

\$2.00 quality white bed spreads reduced to **\$1.60**

\$1.50 quality white bed spreads reduced to **\$1.15**

Table Linens, Napkins and Towels, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Fine quality table damask 72 inches wide, pure linen, regular \$1.25 quality reduced for this sale to **\$1.00**

72 inch table damask all pure linen, the \$1.00 quality marked down for this sale to only **85c**

70 inch table damask all linen warranted, the 85c quality marked to only **72c**

60 inch table damask, good heavy goods and pure linen, the 60c quality reduced to **49c**

Half bleached table linen, good serviceable goods, 46 inches wide, our 25c leader reduced to **19c**

Turkey red table linen regular 20c line reduced to **15c**

75c quality damaske linen towels reduced to only **60c**

65c quality fine line towels reduced to **50c**

40c quality fine line of towels reduced to **30c**

35c quality linen towels reduced to **25c**

\$3.50 and \$3.75 grades of fine napkins reduced to only, per doz **\$2.95**

\$3.00 and \$2.75 grades of fine napkins reduced to, per doz **\$2.25**

\$2.00 quality linen napkins reduced for this sale to, per doz **\$1.60**

\$1.50 quality linen napkins reduced for this sale to, per doz **\$1.15**

Mens Suits and Over coats, Boys Suits and Over coats, Mens Pants and Boys Pants all go at an even Discount of

25 Per Cent

One-fourth Off from regular price.

Mens Wool and Fleeced Underwear
\$1.25 quality mens woolen Shirts and drawers down to **95c**

\$1 quality Mens woolen shirts and drawers only **80c**

50c quality Mens Cotton Fleeced and Ribbed Under Shirts and drawers for **37 1-2c**

REDUCTION IN MENS HATS

\$3.00 quality Hats only	\$2.50
2.25 " " "	1.90
2.00 " " "	1.65
1.50 " " "	1.20
1.25 " " "	1.00

Mens Shirts at Reduced Price

Gold Shirts the best \$1.50 shirt made, with collars and cuffs attached, and no collars and cuffs detached reduced to **\$1.20**

Silver Shirts the best \$1.00 shirt in America—all styles reduced to only **85c**

SPECIAL SHOE VALUES.

We place on sale a lot of ladies shoes where we have only 3 or 4 pairs of a kind, values range from 1.25 to 1.75 per pair, to close them out at a rush have placed them on counter at only **75c pr**

Lot No. 2, a lot of ladies shoes only 2, 3, and 4 pairs of a kind, they sold regularly at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 but to close them out in a hurry they are on the counter marked out only **\$1.00 pr**

Ballinger, Texas.

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