

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1902

NO 23

L. Markowitz & Bro

LEADERS IN DRY GOODS

We have received our Spring line of Dry Goods, including the latest and handsomest things on the market and we are marking them. However we will take pleasure in showing you through our stock. We are sure we can show you a line of goods unequalled in West Texas. Yours to Please.

L. Markowitz & Bro.

EVERYTHING IN DRY GOODS

Pumphrey.

It has rained The sand that has been blowing around so much here of late got wet last night (Monday) about 12 o'clock while this morning at about 8 o'clock we had a rain almost equal to a water spout. The prairies are flooded with water and the drouth is no more. Faces are not so long and a smile has taken the place of a frown. Wheat and oats looking fine. Corn planting about over.

J. W. Helm has rented his farm to Mr. Will Cooper and has gone east. He did this just before the rain.

W. T. Middleton had his storm home nearly done when the rain came but he says he has no kick coming because he did not get it finished

W. H. Fullerton has sold his farm but will remain on it this year.

Emmett Meek has returned from Schleicher county.

Messrs. J. A. Nance and Frank Pumphrey were out prospecting Sunday afternoon.

Bert Eubank, who has been sick with pneumonia is now convalescent.

Ben Eubank will probably be able to use his crutches again soon.

I. B. Low of near Antelope school was in this community first of the week.

This place was fairly represented at Wingate's Literary Friday night.

We have been informed that the school at this place has been attended by contract for one re month.

Miss Ella Tidwell visited at last week.

Mrs. Hughes of Winters is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nance at this place.

The "if" has been removed by the recent rain and we will likely have more news next time. MARK HOPKINS.

"It's better than a letter."

Norton Notes.

This section of the country was visited by a fine rain Monday night and Tuesday morning, thus breaking the continued drouth. Grass is assured and the stockman as well as the farmer is pleased.

L. D. Eastland of Salado Texas visited his brother, J. P. Eastland, last week, leaving Friday to visit friends at Rock Springs.

Matt Rayborne has rallied sufficiently from an attack of the lagrippe to be chasing yearlings again.

Alvin Patterson, of Wingate, was shaking hands with Norton friends Tuesday.

Mr. Robt. Turner will commence his residence soon; the public well is completed; a windmill will be put in right away; a blacksmith shop is a certainty, "Gee," watch her grow.

All the houses have been prized back on their blocks, the wreck of the Taylor house removed and a new house built instead and now there is very little evidence of the recent storm.

M. C. Taylor's house was blown down Wednesday. The neighbors got to work and by Friday night the lumber for a new one was on the ground and by Tuesday night following the house was practically finished, all of which Mr. Taylor states he is very thankful for. Norton people don't do things by halves.

The singing at Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson's Sunday night was well attended by all.

Mrs. Whiteside is visiting her daughter Mrs. M. A. Wilkerson. The BANNER-LEADER is "catching 'em gwine and a coming" up here.

Housekeepers Delight is the finest made—sold by Davis-Noyes Co. 23 tf

—One of our policies will pay you for any damage however slight, caused by windstorm or cyclone. Stone & Gregg.

The Shakespearianites.

The Shakespeare club met at the residence of Mrs. D. M. Baker last Friday at 4:30. She had prepared a nice surprise for the club in the form of a dainty repast. At the close of the lesson the club was conducted to the handsomely appointed dinini room. The beautifully polished table was artistically decorated with battenberg. All present joined in the opinion that it was a most happy reunion after a few weeks break in the regular lesson. While refreshments are barred by the constitution Mrs. Baker's wise insight taught her that the comradeship and kindly feelings which exist among the members are closer sealed by sometimes breaking bread together.

The club is compose of twenty five earnest, ambitious ladies who desire to raise high and still higher their intellectual standard by systematic study. Meetings are held with members in alphabetical order every Friday at 4:30.

The program for the meeting vary but are about as follows. Roll call, response, quotations from lesson by members.

The lesson embraces from one to five scenes varying according to length of scene.

In the recitation diction, figures of speech, archaic words, grammatical construction, obscure passages, anachronisms, contemporaneous customs, wise sayings and denouement of plot, all receive a share of attention.

Last Friday will be remembered as one of our happiest meetings for time went by on "swallows wings" and all were lath to say good bye to our hostess who had given us such a pleasant afternoon.

The following appeared in the BANNER-LEADER nearly three years ago, but it is none the less applicable now: Did you ever raise hogs? If you have, you know without being told that of all vile odors that ever greeted the olfactory organs of a human being that of a hogpen easily takes rank as the vilest. A hog pen to be in its proper place be put in the middle of a ten-acre field and the field moved out of the country. A man doesn't have to be a mind reader to know when he gets in the neighborhood of a hog-pen. Something in the air tells him of the fact. A person whose five senses are in perfect working order has difficulty in finding the right side of a hog-pen, for the odor spreads out on all sides and the only-thing that seems to diminish its strength is distance. Aside from the odor, the noise made by four or five hungry hogs—and they are always hungry—is distracting. It sounds worse than—well, we haven't anything handy with which to compare it. Neighbor, if you are unfortunate enough to live on the South side, or, for that matter, the North, East or West side, of a hog-pen, you have our sympathy and pity.

—Come and see our laces and embroideries before you buy. Hixson Bros. Racket Store. 23 tf

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Headquarters for butter and eggs

Rev. M. S. Smith was in Talpa Monday.

D. C. Howard is at home from an extended visit over the state.

The district court has adjourned until Thursday, the 20th., when the Murray case will come up for trial.

The BANNER-LEADER failed to note the arrival of a fine boy at the home of W. J. Bowden, Sunday March 2nd.

Mrs. L. C. Mallow, of Clio, returned home first of the week after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Bowden.

Superintendent Scott of the Santa Fe was in Ballinger Friday looking after the interests of his company.

A. M. Hartung, the Brownwood photographer, who has had a branch gallery here, plans to re-open same shortly.

Under the efficient management of Professor C. J. Finger, the Episcopal church choir has improved wonderfully. The singers are well trained, the music bright and cheerful, and the choir membership regular. Last Sunday Miss Hassard's solo and the singing of "Lead Kindly Light" affected many strangely. Next Sunday morning Miss Underwood, contralto, will sing a solo with recitation.—San Angelo Press.

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

—It is always the unexpected that happens. Provide against unexpected financial loss by insuring with Stone & Gregg.

—We have just received a fine lot of embroideries and laces that we will sell at lowest cash prices. Hixson Bros Racket Store. 23 tf

—The tornado season is here Dig a storm house, insure your life and property with Stone & Gregg and let the wind blow.

—Cover your property above ground during the storm period with one of Stone & Gregg's matchless tornado policies.

Epworth League Program. March 16th, 1902. Subject.—A Noble Purpose. Daniel 1:3-20.

Leader.—J. E. Brewer.

Song.

Prayer.

Solo.—Miss Edna Sharp.

"Is there any stability in a life without a purpose?"—A. L. Greenwood.

"What constitutes a noble purpose?"—Rev. Bowden.

"Is a noble purpose a strong fortification against temptation?" Miss Nellie Grant.

"Is a noble purpose essential to a Christian life?"—Rev. C. M. Shuffler.

Benediction.

The attention of all voters in this county is directed to the announcement of Judie T. T. Crosson who solicits their support for re-election to the office of county judge. He has served only one term in the office and is before the people on his past record as a gentleman, as an attorney and as a judge. He is for all that is for the county's good and against all that is likely to be harmful. He plans to make a fair, square race, on his merits, and thus solicits the support and influence of the people. Give his candidacy consideration.

Rev. W. H. Matthews, presiding elder, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday night. Quarterly conference, the second for this year, will be held next day at one o'clock.

Rev. Shuffler, the Methodist pastor, was in Robert Lee and Wingate last week and this.

T. E. Moore and C. C. Ganaway, Wingate citizens, were in town Monday.

F. P. Abney, the grain dealer, spent Friday in Paint Rock.

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To the Banner-Leader and Many Readers.

Precidio, San Francisco Cal.
March 5, 1902.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I see you took pains to print what I wrote the last time so I will write another sketch. I would like especially to write a few words regarding soldier life, and if possible undo a great mistake under which a great many people are laboring, in fact every one, in regard to the treatment of an U. S. soldier. First let me say that the U. S. soldier is fifty per cent better off than the common farm working hand; he is twenty five per cent better off than the average carpenter; he is better situated, better paid, better treated by seventy-five per cent than any foreign soldier and he is better treated than the volunteer. However do not understand me to say that the volunteers were mistreated intentionally for they certainly were not, but owing to circumstances in which they were placed by hurried enlistment they naturally did not get what treatment a regular soldier gets in time of peace. Had it not been for the regular soldier they would have fared even worse, for the regulars had had experience in drill, etc., and of course led the way to glory for the volunteers, fraught with less danger than it would otherwise have been. So they get the praise that was due the regular soldier and at the same time they make a terrible roar about bad treatment. Depend upon it, the regulars did not make any of this fuss. Of course I fully understand that their life was somewhat rough, being pushed instantly to the front they could expect nothing better; they never did learn to be a soldier. You do not dare compare them with foreign soldiers, if you do you will see one of the greatest contrasts you ever beheld. Look at Germany for example. Every man at a certain age is compelled by law to become a soldier. What does he get for it? Comparatively nothing; about enough to buy his shoe blacking and a few glasses of beer. Do we disgrace our officers as did France? She arrested, tried and condemned one of the most innocent men of our day, with a

sentence not equaled by any nation of modern history. No, no, my dear friends, you are not willing to see the good side of the matter. I know whereof I speak. I have been on the out line, no; but I can speak from experience for I was in the ranks myself, if I am in the hospital at present. So let me explain. When we enlisted we were called "rooky," a new soldier and a funny time a rooky has. However as we learn to drill, salute officers, etc. we are formed into companies; then we begin to have an easy time. We are put into large barracks, containing bath rooms with both hot and cold water, and in front of the barracks are nice flowers and lawns, we also have pool and billard tables to while away the time.

Do not misunderstand my meaning. I just simply want to clear your minds of any ugly feeling you had against the government or her officers for supposed bad treatment of the soldiers. It is just as much a crime for an officer to mistreat a private as for a private to mistreat an officer, and vice versa. I am no recruiting officer, therefore there is no money in this for me, but will say this: If you enlist and go through your three years with a spotless character you will have one that will stand forever for it will have been tried in the "firey furnace."

I close this with a few remarks on a subject I am more especially interested in. I know what a captain of the army is, as I encounter them every day of my life. They are perfect gentlemen, well educated, refined, respecters of ladies and lovers of the people and their nation, and their nation's good. Also do I know an old warrior who was a captain in the Civil war, and a better educated man you will not find in Runnels county. He is also true, kind and helping to the needy. I lived in his house for some time and know what I say. He has been for a number of years County Clerk and asks you, as a voting people, as a favor to elect him one more time. You know who I mean, and I assure you if I could I would take the responsibilities on my own shoulders to insure perfect satisfaction.

Remember your friend and wake up Saul and remind Rex to write. I am

AN OLD WRITER.

Notice.

I have all my old notes and accounts for collection and they must be closed up. Please call and attend to them at once.

LEE MADDOX.

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T. A. FANNIN.

DR. J. M. FLENNIKEN.

—Dr. Flenniken has now located in Ballinger and will treat all chronic and acute diseases. If you have been given up by others don't despair—there is hope as long as there is life. Come to see me at once at F. M. Honea's residence, phone 167.
20-1f
Respectfully yours
Dr. J. M. Flenniken, M. D.

Rev Manly Writes From Albany.

DEAR BROTHER MAYES:
I have thought for some time that I would write you a short note. I have been reading the BANNER LEADER as an exchange through the kindness of our editor here.

I am glad indeed to hear that Bro. Shuffler is doing so well at Ballinger. I trust that he will continue to please the people and that this may be a very prosperous year in all the interests of the church. I love the people of Ballinger and feel quite sure that I have many friends there. I am getting on well with my work all things considered. We have a great drouth in this country which makes it a little gloomy for the stockmen and farmers, in fact for all the people, as the whole interest, in these parts, depend upon farmers and stockmen. I trust that the good Father in Heaven may send us rain soon. However should He withhold it is no more than we deserve. The smallpox at Moran, one of my appointments, has kept me from accomplishing there what I expected ere this. We had a good quarterly conference last Saturday and Sunday. Our P. E. is a fine man and a splendid preacher. He preached two fine sermons Sunday. The Stewards have raised my salary \$100 from the assessment last year. I have a "Board" composed of fine men. Dry weather and grasshoppers, may reduce the salary as it will all the other wages, but if we have rain I think every cent will be paid. My regards to all friends
W. A. MANLY.

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 March 8th, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

Eisenberg, Mrs. Mamie.
Jones, Mrs. J. L.
Schart, Mrs. Clara.

GENTLEMEN:

Leamon, J. W.
Rivell, W. A.

J. W. POWELL,

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40 Shorthorn bulls, ones and twos will sell individual animals until April 1 then send them off. Fine animals in fine condition

**R. A. SMITH
BALLINGER, TEXAS**

Hudspeth's Views.

Hon. Claude Hudspeth, of Ozona, candidate for Representative of this district, was in Paint Rock this week shakin' hands and getting acquainted with our people. Claude is not a politician, but on every public question always takes stand with the plain people, and he don't hesitate a moment—when he believes he's right—to get out and speak his views openly. In other words, he never waits to see which way the popular move is coming to get in with the procession. He was the first man in the West to declare himself against the injustice of the quarantine line, and says if he is elected he is going to fight it to a finish—either to eradicate the line or see that his people get an open season free from inspection. In regard to the lease line, he wants to put all school lands on the market at the expiration of the present leases. Says let the State go out of the land business. Now, if these views meet your approval cast your vote for him in the primaries.—Concho Herald.

Messrs. Charlie Ludwig and Gaston Hardgraves were the guests of fair friends in Coleman city Sunday.

The Methodist pulpit was filled Sunday morning and night by Rev. Martin, of Blanket, and Wright of McCullough county, visiting ministers here in attendance on the Cumberland Presbytery.

B. M. Dorsey has purchased the I. O. Wooden confectionery business and is using printers ink to let the fact be known. He has his place as neat as a new pin, and those who know him know that it will be kept that way.

—Ballinger Steam Laundry will be in operation within 30 days with F. M. Honea as proprietor.

The views of our friend, Claude Hudspeth, candidate for representative, are expressed in another column of the BANNER-LEADER. Look up the article.

Dr. D. W. Harris and family desire the BANNER LEADER to state that they are under lasting obligations to the many friends for kindnesses rendered during the illness of their deceased wife and mother. In times such as these true friends prove a comfort and a consolation words cannot express.

Mrs. P. E. Truly received a telegram Sunday calling her to the bedside of her mother who was dangerously ill at her home in Eastland. Mrs. Truly left on the afternoon train and was accompanied as far as Brownwood by her husband, who, returning went to San Angelo to resume his newspaper duties.

Messrs. John Eskridge and Irving Rushing inspected the damage done to the Bronte school house by the recent high wind. The latter reported to the BANNER-LEADER that it would require only about \$650 to put the building in first-class shape again. The damage was much less than first reported.

It was the pleasure of the BANNER-LEADER scribe Wednesday to meet A. Creswell, who lives on the Colorado river in Coleman county. Mr. Creswell was here to serve as a witness in the Kilpatrick cases, the postponement of which he had not heard. He reported an immense rain in his section Monday night. Mr. Creswell settled on his present place 27 years ago, when he had to go to Waco to mill, and he says he is just now beginning to live.

THOS. A. RAPE, M. D.,

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gies and Saddles before buying.

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

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

Bones, Bones, Bones.

I want your dry bleached
bones, will buy until Apr. 1st
1902. I. O. Wooden.

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

To run a newspaper without
occasionally publishing an item
that is untrue or offensive, is
like running a railroad without
having smashups or accidents.
It can't be done. No man in
the world is so likely to be im-
posed upon as the editor of a
newspaper. Pushed with work
constantly—day and night—he
must rely to a great measure,
upon second or third parties for
information as to the events that
transpire during the week.
Frequently, statements are re-
ceived from good reliable citi-
zens but subsequently discovered
after having gone through
many mouths, to be without
foundation in fact. If, there-
fore, you find yourself aggrieved
by a statement in your home
paper, keep this in mind; Don't
"flop off the handle," but go to
the editor for a correction, and
take our word for it, in nine
cases out of ten, if your case is
just, you will be received like a
gentleman and the correction
made with pleasure.—Ex.

In a write-up of a funeral an
exchange says "the deceased lay
quietly in his coffin." That was
eminently decorous and a proper
thing for him to do. There is
nothing which mars the solemn-
ity of a funeral more than for
the corpse to get up and cavort
among the mourners. It re-
flects on the gentility of his
breeding.—Ex.

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

—Special price on plain and set
gold rings at Asa Cordill's.

Writes of Winters.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:

Winters is still on the "get-
there," drouth or no drouth,
while the farmers of the sur-
rounding sections are planting
corn. Oats are up and looking
lively and there will be some
wheat made.

I am no weather prophet, not
as good a one as a hog, but
sometimes rain or dry comes as
I look for and speak of it and
sometimes I miss any forecast
made.

Four years ago was a similar
dry fall, winter and spring and
we had our first rain April 26th
and good crops were made that
year. I look for big wind and
rain storms between the 18th
and 25th inst and much damage
wrought on land and water dur-
ing those seven days.

Col. Wash Jones, ex Congress-
man from Bastrop was up to
his ranch near Moro mountains
and expressed himself as well
pleased with conditions. His
loss of stock has been small.
The old Col. is 73 years old and
seems quite vigorous for that
age, as a walk of several miles
each day was his wont while
here. He thinks nothing of a
tramp of 15 to 25 miles.

D. H. Nall, visited Ballinger
this week, he is a clever good
citizen and has a fine ranch near
Moro mountains. Ballinger is
visited by many farmers, too
many for Winters good and
Winters should check such by
cheap goods and variety of
wares.

Winters has one business
man, Mr. T. A. Fannin, who dis-
plays excellent tact, skill and
judgement in the placement of
his goods, which has an inviting
and pleasing influence on all
customers, while his genial old
Texas Goliad demeanor insures
him a good trade and he certainly
deserves it, as there seems to
be a place for everything and
each thing in its place.

Winters has a splendid post-
master affable, and accommodat-
ing, while his fair young lady
assistant seems never to tire in
delivering the mail to all callers.
Postmaster Murray runs a large
hardware business and is doing
a rushing trade.

If Winters had a good news-
paper it would then glide up-
ward and onward and true to
its tread, but guess it will have
one before long. The value of
a newspaper, a home newspaper,
is inestimable, yet not regarded
in West Texas as it should be,
in town or country. Why a few
weeks ago, Winters let the world
know its worth through the
columns of the BANNER-LEADER
and now it poses in its true
light, as a town of great impor-
tance, with the world's commer-
cial and business eyes upon its
daily movements. Yes the
power of printers ink is wonder-
ful and magical in spirit and
profit, in fact.

The newspaper is surely the god
Of earth's entire business sphere,
And those who its columns long hath
trod

Say that they never fail to "get there."

Ye printers ink is the financial throne
On which is seen the commercial king,
Who rules the human world from zone
to zone

And of whom all nations love to sing.
It matters not as to affairs and "times"

The newspaper leads the human van,
Through all avenues and all climes
And by its scepter all people plan.

AN OTHER.

"It's better than a letter."

Miss Nelle Butler is visiting
relatives in Brownwood this
week.

Jess Bynum, the drug drum-
mer, paid his respects to our
druggists Tuesday.

H. H. Kendall and wife, of
Ennis, are in the city, guests of
Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Harris. Mrs.
Kendall is a sister of Mr. Harris

Editor P. E. Truly was in Bal-
lenger several days of last week
arranging to move his family to
San Angelo. Mr. Dorsey
freighted the household goods
across the country Tuesday.
The BANNER-LEADER regrets to
see this estimable family leave
Ballinger. We commend them to
the good people of the city which
they now call "home."

A telegram received first of
the week from Lewis Alexander
who is managing the telephone
system at Sweetwater stated
that a number of the 'phones
had been burned out by light-
ning and that he needed help.
Gaston Hardgraves, who is an
expert in such matters was sent
to his relief. Gaston will prob-
ably remain permanently in
Sweetwater.

J. E. Powell who lives in the
upper edge of the county, was
here this week after cake for his
cattle. While in Ballinger he
circulated the news pretty
thoroughly that he will be a
candidate for the office of county
surveyor. He is a graduate in
the civil engineer's course from
the University of Michigan and
has had large experience in that
particular line of work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Collier
left Wednesday for Borden
county where they will make
their future home, having come
into some valuable possessions
of land and cattle. Their pretty
home here will be closed for the
present. Later Mr. Collier will
return and dispose of same.
Ballinger regrets losing these
young people but wishes them
success in unstinted measure in
their new home.

The Central Texas Telephone
Co., with headquarters at Ballin-
ger, has enlarged its capital
stock from \$50,000 to 75,000, and
has purchased the Santa Anna
exchange and the copper toll
line from Coleman to Brown-
wood. Mr. N. H. Hollingsworth,
formerly owner of the Santa
Anna exchange arrived in Bal-
lenger Wednesday night and
will have active management of
the local system. Ballinger
welcomes Mr. Hallingsworth as
a citizen.

Dr. A. S. Love and wife re-
turned to their home at Ballin-
ger last week. The doctor has
been in New York for several
months taking a post graduate
course in the Polyclinic. During
his absence Mrs. Love spent the
time with her parents at Flor-
ence, Texas. We are sure they
are gladly welcomed back to
Ballinger. The doctor justly
enjoys a large practice. He is
a genial, soulful, warm-hearted
christian. As long as we have
a memory we shall never forget
their loyalty as church members
while we were their pastor.—
Telephone Messenger.

It is a matter of interest that
there is no day of the week
which is not set apart by some
portion of the human race as a
day of rest. For example:
Christians, Sunday; Greeks,
Monday; Persians, Tuesday;
Assyrians, Wednesday; Egypt-
ians, Thursday; Turks, Friday;
Jews Saturday.

"THE LONG TRAIL" OF THE CATTLE RANGE.

Has given prominence in history to the now world famous Texas
Panhandle. But a few years ago the wonderful possibilities of this
region as a wheat country became known, and great things were
prophecied for "The Granary of the South," which subsequent
harvests justified. Comparatively recent is the demand of good
livers for "Vernon Cantaloupes," but it's come to stay. Those
acquainted with this section and its wealth as a producer of feed
stuffs, corn and cotton have long believed in it, nor have they been
moving away. When Northwest Texas remained conspicuous for
its excellence in the face of almost universal discouraging crop
conditions, people began to see reasons for the faith of those invit-
ing them to enter and possess the land; and now, with farms and
ranches being bought daily by new settlers coming in by wagon
and rail, three new railroads now building and four more projected
seeking a share of the general prosperity, good reason is evident
for the favor with which the territory along "THE DENVER
ROAD" is regarded by prospectors.

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A change is made this week in the ownership of the BANNER-LEADER and it is now the property of the Mayes Printing Co., a firm composed of W. H. Mayes of Brownwood and H. F. Mayes of Ballinger, who are the owners of the Brownwood Daily Bulletin, the Brownwood Gunner-Bulletin, the Baxter Enterprise and the Santa Fe News. Owing to the fact that the greater part of my time will be required in Brownwood, Mr. George F. Kornegay, a newsman of experience and ability, has been employed as editor and business manager of the Ballinger BANNER-LEADER and will give his entire time and talent to that work. Mr. Kornegay is known to the older citizens of our town, having made this his home in earlier years. He has been chosen for this position because we consider him eminently fitted to fill it, and those who know him best, know that we are not wrong in our estimation. I bespeak for him your assistance and your cooperation. You will find him pleasant, affable, courteous, a thorough going business man and a hustler, one who will make you a good citizen. Call and get acquainted.

The people of Ballinger and Rannels county have given the Banner-Leader, under my management, a liberal subscription and I have tried to show my appreciation by giving them a good paper. I solicit for the new firm, of which I am a member, a continuance of that support, promising that the paper will continue to maintain a high standard of excellence.

As before mentioned, my interests in Brownwood will occupy a greater part of my time, but as business manager of all the papers named, I will visit Ballinger regularly and often, at which times I hope to see as many of my friends and patrons as possible.

The collection of outstanding accounts and the winding up of certain business matters will require my presence in Ballinger several days yet.

H. F. MAYES.

Former Governor John P. Altgeld of Illinois is dead. He died at Joliet, Illinois, Wednesday night after making a plea for the Boer cause. The energy and feeling of his address is thought to have caused hemorrhage.

Job work neatly done.

ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.

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)
W. H. WEEKS.
IKE O. WOODEN.

For Constable Precinct No. 1.

J. A. DEMOVILLE.
B. W. PILCHER.

For Public Weigher:

FRANK STUART.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

R. P. KIRK (Re-election.)
PARKER G. WOODWARD.
J. W. CLAMPITT.

For Treasurer

W. F. SHARP (Re-election.)

For County and District Clerk

E. M. BLACKBURN.
W. L. TOWNER (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.

For Representative 102nd Representative District:

DR. A. L. TAYLOR,
of Sonora.
CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH,
of Ozona.

For County Judge.

C. H. WILLINGHAM.
T. T. CROSSON (re-election)

A Bad Man Caught.

Sheriff Blevins of Throckmorton county was here this week on the trail of a horse thief. An account of his capture by Sheriff Goodfellow of Coleman county appeared in the Brownwood Daily Bulletin Thursday, and is as follows:

Bob Reeves, alias "Meeks" and "Mitchell," who committed many offenses against the peace and dignity of the state in the upper counties, and who was finally lodged in the Foard county jail, but broke out about a week ago and has up till Tuesday, been at large, was run down by three sheriffs from counties surrounding Foard. These sheriffs were on a warm trail on the Colorado river, in the southern part of Coleman county, but Reeves stopped at a ranch and went to work and they passed on to the south. Sheriff Goodfellow, of Coleman, followed them and apprehended and arrested the man and phoned ahead and had the sheriffs stopped.

There are now three indictments against Reeves in three separate counties, one for horse theft, one for assault with attempt to murder and one for robbery, and an additional indictment will follow for horse theft, as it is known that he stole a horse to make his last escape from Foard county on. It is now almost a sure proposition that no criminal can pass to the south and get further than the Colorado river before he is nabbed.

—Any publication supplied at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger, Texas.

—You have the best if you buy of Asa Cordill.

—Chatelaine purses, a few left on hand, will be to your interest to get one now—Jas. E. Brewer.

Influence of Reading.

I call to mind two families I used to know living in the same neighborhood, says a correspondent of the Country Gentleman. In the first there were two boys—bright, intelligent fellows. On the table at their home was always found the best magazines as well as weeklies—agricultural, religious and home news always at hand. In the other family there were four boys. At about the time of which I write not a single newspaper was taken, though afterwards I learned the father of these boys took one local paper, which a boy of intelligence would glean in a short time. Let us see as to the future of these two families. Of the first the elder became a brilliant scholar, was ordained to the ministry and sent as a foreign missionary. Returning on account of ill health he today stands high among those who have been called to proclaim the gospel tidings to a sin-cursed world. The younger of the two remains upon the farm, a comfort to his mother, and was a sure support to his grand parents in their declining years. Of the family of four boys the eldest reached the exalted position of switch tender on the railroad, and another fled the country because of acts that made it very uncomfortable for him to stay.

Does anyone doubt that papers and magazines found in one home and the total want of them in the other, had much to do with bringing about these results? Times may be hard, but rather than thus rob our children of the benefits to be derived from choice literature in the home, let us wear cheaper clothing, live more plainly, and if need be, do without some of the luxuries to which we have been accustomed.

Mr. John Eoff, of Winters, had a narrow escape Friday morning. He had loaded his wagon with freight at the depot here and was crossing the track going around a long string of empties when an engine bumped into the other end of the string, running the cars against Mr. Eoff's wagon, completely demolishing it. Fortunately Mr. Eoff and the team suffered no damage. The Santa Fe has agreed to replace the wagon. Mr. Eoff borrowed another wagon, reloaded and by noon was on his way home, with an experience to relate.

The program of the 4th Brownwood District Convention of the Christian church to be held in San Angelo March 28, 29 and 30, has been received. The names of a number of Ballinger people are noted, among others the Rev. J. A. Shoptaugh and wife, Judge C. H. Willingham, Judge C. O. Harris, Miss May Harris, Miss Maynette Kyle, which assures all visitors the program will be full of interest. A number of our citizens are planning to attend.

The BANNER-LEADER notes that the Rev. E. B. Watson, formerly of this city but now located at Brownwood; is president of the 4th Brownwood District Convention of the Christian church, to be held soon in San Angelo.

—Asa Cordill, the Jeweler.
—Books to rent at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger Texas.

Wall Paper

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To receive and open a part of the purchase of Dry Goods made by our buyer, Mr. J. F. Currie, while in the eastern markets. This line we offer for your inspection before making your Spring purchase of either staple or fancy Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes or Gents Furnishing Goods. We are confident we can please you. Give us a trial

WE ALSO DESIRE

To call your attention to our large and complete line of High Grade Groceries, Staple Goods and Feed. We make close prices and guarantee satisfaction. When you need anything in our line come and see us.

The DAVIS-NOYES CO.,

Watch for our ad next week

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Have you seen the latest in Planters? We have them in the Cassady Planter, the 20th Century Planter and the Empress Planter, which have no superiors.

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The finest line of Cultivators in West Texas, including Casaday Cultivator, Empress Cultivator, Eagle cultivator and Janesville cultivator. It pays to get the best and time and tests have proven these are the best will take pleasure in showing you these cultivators.

20th Century Harrows.

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FOREIGN FACTS.

The city of Metz not only has no debts, but it has a surplus of 879,400 marks.

The dunes on the French coast are said to be proving fine soil for the cultivation of asparagus.

Germany is beginning to object to the number of foreign students in her universities and technical schools. The latter have protested that something must be done to keep foreigners out.

There are now in operation in Belgium eleven extensive mills where cornmeal is ground. One mill at Alost has a capacity of 17,000,000 pounds per year. It is said that all the mills are crowded at present.

So little confidence is there in Turkish postoffice employees that when, some time ago, opportunity was given to send packages and registered letters only one of each was received at Stamboul in ten days.

St. Petersburg is preparing to celebrate its two hundredth birthday in 1903. The fact is recalled that when Peter the Great built a fort in 1703 on the shore of the Neva he had no intention of founding a city.

The wire ropes fastened to some of the most dangerous places on Swiss mountains have been found to constitute a new danger as well as a safeguard. They act as lightning conductors, and several tourists were stunned during the past summer.

THE TURF RECORD.

Electric Wilkes, 2:17 1/4, goes to Italy. The Lexington track will be resoled.

Onward Silver, 2:08, will make the season of 1902 at Bardstowp, Ky.

Boralma, 2:07, will probably winter at Granite State park, Dover, N. H.

Ashland Wilkes, 2:17 1/4, leads the sires. He has seventeen new performers for 1901.

Thomas W. Lawson has booked twenty mares to Red Clute, sire of Oxford Boy, 2:20.

Cinch, 2:09 1/4, pacing, this season, by Alcantara, 2:23, is the first foal of his dam, Lady Sheridan, 2:15 1/4, who in 1891 won no less than twenty-three races.

Though Major Muscovite did not reduce his record of 2:07 1/4 the past season, he was separately timed in 2:05 1/4 at Terre Haute in the heat won by Harold H. in 2:04.

Lecco, 2:08 1/4, who was taken sick early in the season just when he was getting ready for a race, is now strong and sound. Ed Mills thinks he will be a winner again in 1902.

Billy Andrews is now located in New York with several of E. H. Harriman's horses, among them the "saucy little red horse" John R. Gentry, 2:00 1/2; Helen Grace, 2:11 1/4, and Elsie S. 2:11 1/4.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Trim and clean up the orchard and burn all the brush.

Both the currant and gooseberry bushes will be better off if well mulched.

Anything that is worthy of a place on the farm should receive its share of care.

The best treatment for an orchard after it comes into bearing is to seed it in clover and make a hog pasture of it.

It is often the case that an unfruitful orchard may be brought into bearing by a heavy broadcast application of manure.

Mildew is the great enemy of the gooseberry. If the vines are kept pruned so that the air can circulate freely and the ground is kept mulched, there is very little danger of mildew.

One of the best fertilizers to scatter broadcast around the fruit trees is made by taking two parts of wood ashes, one part of lime, and one part of salt. Of this only a small quantity need be used at each application.

BETWEEN THE ACTS.

Phoebe Davies says she isn't afraid of anything in the world except a first night audience.

Christie McDonald will have the principal part in "The Toreador" at the Knickerbocker theater, New York, on Jan. 8.

May Irwin is just as positive as she can be that she will never, no, never, be seen on the stage again after this season.

"Graustark," George Barr McCutcheon's popular romantic novel, has fallen into the hands of Jeannette L. Gilder for dramatization.

Maurice Campbell has arranged for Miss Henrietta Crosman to follow Mrs. Patrick Campbell at the Theater Republic, New York, on Feb. 3.

Frances Robinson-Duff, who plays Mrs. Farley in "The Way of the World," was formerly Paris correspondent of the Washington Post.

JAPANESE FOLKLORE.

He who puts a clog on one foot and a sandal on the other on a rainy day will become lame.

If you take a light out on a snowy night, you will meet with a big demon

behind a tree.

If you have a mole under your eye, drop three red beans into a well, and it will disappear.

He who weds a woman of uncommon beauty will fall into serious illness within three years of the marriage.

Footwear left outside on the night of the winter equinox should be thrown away. He who wears them will shorten his own life.

When the white fox of the shrine yelps, the harvest will be plentiful. The family that hears three yelps of the fox will reap an extra rich crop.

McNulty and Laura Keene.

A story is told of Laura Keene, the actress, who while playing in New York occupied a room in a hotel opposite a liquor saloon where Barney McNulty, the comedian of her company, who was a favorite of hers, spent much of his time. Barney was often called on to do such favors for Miss Keene as the forwarding of telegrams, mailing of letters and making any little purchase for personal or stage use. One morning McNulty called to see if he could make himself useful and instead of an errand received a lecture, and he stood up and took it very much as a big boy would, with many an interjected "Yes, ma'am."

Miss Keene went on to tell Barney how he was injuring his health in keeping such late and convivial hours, and, although it was fun for the boys, it was death to McNulty, the same as to the frogs in the fable. Thereupon Barney put on a bold front and with the airs of injured innocence exclaimed:

"What! Me up late in a barroom telling stories?"

"Yes," said Miss Keene. "I heard you with my own ears. Don't I know your voice?"

"Oh, you might have heard my voice, Miss Keene; I admit that. I have a habit of talking in my sleep."

Unmindful of Advantages.

Robert Lowe, afterward Lord Sherbrook, once saw a deaf member of parliament trying his best to catch with his ear trumpet the words of an extremely dull speech. "Just look at that foolish man," said Lowe, "throwing away his natural advantages."



PERSONALITIES.

King Edward of England wears a No. 7 hat, while the German emperor is fitted with a 6 1/2 and the Duke of Cornwall a 6 1/2.

Bethany college, at Lindsborg, Kan., has conferred the degree of master of letters on Major J. B. Pond, who formerly lived in that strite.

Luigi Carreno, a journalist of Rome, in order to get a story on the pope's daily life recently secured employment in the Vatican as a gardener.

General Greely, the meteorologist, who has been seeing the London fogs, expresses the opinion that with proper data it would be quite possible to forecast them.

Jules Verne, who has now begun his ninety-ninth book, has lived to see many of his fantastical tales of adventure by land and sea and air come within the bounds of possibility.

It is said that the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale of Boston has attended every annual meeting of the Boston Female asylum directors and inmates for forty-six years. The last was on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

A man named Ferris, employed at a pumping station near Barstow, on the Santa Fe railroad, is the latest victim of desert loneliness. For nine years he saw hardly anything except passing trains, and finally he became insane.

H. C. Thurston, who was the tallest man in the Confederate army, is living at Mount Vernon, Tex. Although 7 feet 7 1/2 inches in height and naturally a mark for sharpshooters, he was wounded only once in all the campaigns.

Harry M. Winslow, a sixteen-year-old schoolboy of Providence, R. I., is 6 feet 4 inches in height, and if there is another schoolboy in the United States taller than he would like to have a chance to look up at him. He weighs 147 pounds and is rather slim.

Chief Lenana of the Masai tribe, in British East Africa, gets the small sum of \$32 per month as ruler of that country. He exercises absolute power, which is based on superstition, for he is principal medicine man as well as commander in chief and king.

Senior Carlos Eseribana, a Peruvian gentleman, has written the shortest history on record. It is only 100 words in length and was awarded a gold medal offered by the Society of the Founders of Independence, Lima, for the best history of Peru comprised within that number of words.

—Pure cider made from wine sap apples at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite postoffice Phone 45.

One of the largest single school land sales in the history of the state was consummated this week. John H. Kirby of Houston was the purchaser of 64,640 acres for the Kirby Land Company. The price paid was \$5 per acre.

Willingham's Platform.

In offering myself for county judge of Runnels county I do so upon three distinct propositions which I shall do all in my power to successfully carry out if elected.

First:—Reduction of taxes, and to do this economy in all county affairs must be strictly enforced and carried out.

Second:—The upbuilding of our schools, and the fostering of the entire development of the whole county.

Third:—The opening and maintaining of good roads throughout the entire county.

If the people elect me I pledge my sacred honor to carry out the above mentioned purposes to their fullest extent, as speedily as possible. Upon this platform I ask the support of my people for this office.

Respectfully,
C. H. WILLINGHAM.

Rockefeller Chops for Exercise.

John D. Rockefeller is following the example of Gladstone and chopping wood merely as exercise on his road to health at his country seat in Pocantico Hills. Mrs. Rockefeller herself looks after the preparation of her husband's meals. The latter can hardly eat a full meal as yet, for he is suffering considerably from indigestion. Besides his woodchopping, Mr. Rockefeller exercises with dumbbells and in outdoor walking.

London-Made Clothes in Gotham.

London tailors make a fortune in New York every spring and fall. They send their representatives over from London and the latter put up at the best hotels in New York City and take innumerable orders for suits of clothes from the younger members of the swell clubs who cannot go over and who desire to own English clothes with the English mark in the neck of the coat.

A Great German Historian.

Prof. Mommsen, the great historian, was 84 years old on Nov. 30. It is more than fifty years since he was appointed professor of jurisprudence at Leipzig, and at the Universities of Zurich and Breslau he held professional chairs until 1858, when he went to Berlin as professor ancient history. He was at one time a member of the chamber of deputies of Prussia.

The Teacher Failed.

In a school for colored children there was a little boy who would persist in saying "have went." The teacher kept him in one night and said: "Now, while I am out of the room you may write 'have gone' fifty times." When the teacher came back he looked at the boy's paper and found the task completed. Fifty times had the little darkey written the words "have gone." But alas, upon the other side of the paper was written, "I have went home."

Faith and Works.

One day recently a Berkeley student in one of Professor L. Dupont Syle's classes came into the recitation room so late that the English teacher made a mild remonstrance at the extreme tardiness of the young man. "Professor," replied the young fellow in excusing himself, "my watch was slow. I shall have no faith in it after this." "My dear fellow," said Syle, "what you need is not faith, but works."—San Francisco Wave.



"For a Republic
We Must
Have Men."

For a successful business there must be buyers. A well equipped store, a well assorted stock of goods, efficient clerks, all attract buyers; but no matter what the store, no matter what the stock, no matter how agreeable or efficient the help, buyers will not be attracted unless they know the facts.

Telling the facts in regard to your business is advertising. That method which will tell them to the largest number of prospective buyers is the best method.

It is obvious that the best method of telling the facts to the buyers of this community is through the advertising columns of this paper. Are you employing this method to the best advantage?

Platter 400 Years Old.

Mrs. Octavia Dancy, of St. Louis, served her turkey Thanksgiving day on a platter 400 years old. It was brought to America in 1700 by John de la Pryme, in whose family it had already been for more than 200 years.

Aztec Language.

The Aztec language, in use in Mexico at the discovery of America, lacked the sounds indicated by our letters b, d, f, g, r, l, j, and v.

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has brought permanent relief to 1,000,000 women who suffered every month. It makes the menstrual organs strong and healthy. It is the provision made by Nature to give women relief from the terrible aches and pains which blight so many homes.

GREENSWOOD, LA., Oct. 14, 1900. I have been very sick for some time. I was taken with a severe pain in my side and could not get any relief until I tried a bottle of Wine of Cardui. Before I had taken all of it I was relieved. I feel it my duty to say that you have a wonderful medicine.

Mrs. M. A. YOUNG.
For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sour Lake, Texas, has a gusher which is said to eclipse any oil well in the state in its producing ability. The oil was found at a depth of 640 feet.

A Chinaman at El Paso, who had been playing in hard luck, committed suicide in a way all his own. He filled a lemon with opium and then sucked out the contents.

A wealthy New Yorker, Cornelius Van Ness, rated as an octogenarian millionaire, has recently gratified his lifelong ambition to be baptized in the river Jordan.

Corsicana is still the leading oil city of Texas. At present she has 596 producing wells. In all 1098 have been drilled, but slightly less than half have proven failures.

London's big show, the coronation of King Edward is being given a lot of free advertising by the newspapers. It makes splendid space filler but has not excited a great deal of interest among American citizens.

As a punishment for the wholly unwarranted massacre of 5000 Chinese the Russian General Isbki has been dismissed from the army. To the ordinary American civilian the crime and the punishment appear incommensurate.

Owing to extremely heavy losses throughout the United States, the insurance companies have agreed that the rating on all risks will in the near future be raised 25 per cent. They are now delaying because of the trust law which as yet they have been unable to get around.

Despite the fact that we try to excuse the unusual manifestations made in honor of Prince Henry's visit to America by saying that it was done for the benefit of our commercial interests, the thinking man must admit it is but a lame excuse. The truth of the business is we are toadying too much to royalty. We should return to old fashioned American customs.

The result of an over indulgence in food or drink are properly rectified, without pain or discomfort, by taking a few doses of **Herbine**. Price 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The American government is holding Turkey responsible for the abduction of Miss Stone and has, through the American Legation, presented a note to the Porte so stating. Turkey very naturally repudiates all responsibility.

Favorite Nearly Everywhere.

Constipation means dullness, depression, headache, generally disordered health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers stimulate the liver, open the bowels and relieve this condition. Safe, speedy and thorough. They never gripe. Favorite pills. E. D. Walker.

American capital is continually seeking new fields for investment. Lately a number of new banks have been established in Mexico backed financially by Americans and they are reported to be in a flourishing condition.

To allay pains, subdue inflammation, heal foul sores and ulcers, the most satisfactory results are obtained by using Ballard's Snow Liniment. Price, 25 cts. and 50 cts. at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The Lanchester Herald says: "A man is sometimes judged by the clothes he wears, a business house by the stationery used and a store by the kind of advertising carried in the local newspaper. All are pretty good barometers and are watched more closely by the public than is generally supposed."

You can be cheerful and happy only when you are well. If you feel "out of sorts" take **Herbine**, it will brace you up. Price, 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A Plain Plug.

After all, the plain plug of a man is the happiest man in the world. His pants may bag at the knees and he may not be acquainted with the latest style of whiskers. He may not hold down a throne or presidency of a railroad, but as he patters through life he gets as much calm satisfaction out of it as his dignified brother. He knows there is no crank waiting around the corner with a gun or a knife. He can sit down to his frugal meal and eat his pie with his knife with impunity, knowing there is no danger of having it spiked with rough on rats. Doubtless it is lots of fun to be hailed whenever you step out on the front porch and have yourself misquoted in the newspapers, and to know as you hang up your crown for the night and crawl into your luxurious couch that a guard is standing in the yard to keep the admiring public from throwing bricks through the windows, but notwithstanding these joys, the common every day chap who wears the best clothes he can and a hat that is eight years out of style, gets the most out of life in the long run.

—See Jas. E. Brewer before you buy a watch or jewelry of any kind, he will not be undersold.

None but the initiated know the intricacies required in a printing office, says the Press Specter. The average reader who detects a misspelled word or a letter upside down feels that his mission on earth is not fully accomplished till he has called the overworked editor's attention to the glaring defect. He does not notice the thousands of letters that are in the right place nor the multitude of words correctly spelled, but his eagle eye is glued on the one that is out of place. So with our deeds. Man does a thousand good things and no attention is paid to them, but if he makes one mistake it is flashed all over the world. A lifetime may be spent in building up a reputation that may be wrecked in a moment. The world is a harsh critic, exacting to a fault, and if the father of all does not temper justice with mercy we may fail of heaven.

Clerk's Wise Suggestion.

"I have lately been much troubled with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested I try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure which I did with most happy results. I have had no more trouble and when one can go to eating mince pie, cheese, candy, and nuts after such a time, their digestion must be pretty good. I endorse Kodol Dyspepsia Cure heartily." You don't have to diet. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests your food. E. D. Walker.

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Hit Hard.
The owner of a place on Second avenue, says the Detroit Free Press, stood in his barn door on the alley the other day, when a man with a wooden leg and a crutch came along and passed the time of day and finally said:
"Say, I want you to do me a favor, I want to leave my leg with you for a few minutes."
"Who?"
"I want to go around on Second avenue and work a house for a half a dollar in money. I've got a pointer that the folks are very sympathetic. If I go with one leg I'm sure of it."
"Very well, just leave your leg here and I'll take care of it."
The wooden substitute was unstrapped and handed over

and the cripple used the crutch to help himself down the alley. Five minutes later he rang the door bell of a house around the avenue, to have it opened by the man he had seen at the barn.
"W—wha—what" he gasped in astonishment.
"Very sympathetic family lives here," quietly replied the other.
"You seem to have met with a sad loss, and I'm anxious to help you. Here is a wooden leg which may fit you."
The leg was handed over. The man sat down on the steps and strapped it on and, as he stumped through the gate, he said to himself.
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About 1000 acre pasture in Runnels county on Valley creek, about 2 1/4 miles above Wingate, Valley creek runs through this pasture, there being about 2 miles or more of solid creek front on both sides of creek. A fine body of land for farming purposes, and one of the best locations for a stock farm in West Texas. All fenced with a 3 wire fence. This property can be bought cheap on easy terms.
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Intelligent Advertising

"If advertisers would give one-half the thought and care to the preparation of copy, after they have arranged for advertising, that is given to the consideration of whether they ought to take space or not, the result would be a good deal more satisfactory," says the Inland Printer, and this is even so. Some firms will think over the matter of whether they should take space for months and when they have decided to take the space they will turn the preparation of advertising copy over to any one who will assume to write it, and then think it strange that they do not get returns from their advertising. Some will write an "ad." and let it remain without change for months, and wonder that they do not hear people speak of it. Study your advertisements and make them spicy, and new every few weeks at least. Your advertisement should be as much a feature of your expense in business as clerk hire or house rent. This is the only way to get the best results from advertising, and one year's trial will convince you that such advertising pays.—Orange Citizen.

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"After using a few bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure my wife received perfect and permanent relief from a severe and chronic case of stomach trouble," says J. R. Holly, real estate, insurance and loan agent, of Macomb, Ill. "Before using Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she could not eat an ordinary meal without intense suffering. She is now entirely cured. Several physicians and many remedies had failed to give relief." You don't have to diet. Eat any good food you want, but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will always digest it for you. E. D. Walker.

Should Read the Paper.

There are a great many things by which one can judge a man's real fitness for office. Every officer should be public spirited; that is should have the interest of the public at heart. To do this it is necessary that he be acquainted thoroughly with conditions, and with the people. He should be a student, and thoroughly conversant with all local public matters. The only way in which this knowledge can be acquired is through the press. Therefore it can be put down as a pretty safe proposition, in three cases out of four, that the man who does not subscribe for and read his local paper is unfitted for public position. In the very nature of things that is necessary to acquaint him with local county matters. One of the very best tests, then, to apply to a candidate is the question, "Are you a regular reader of the local papers?" If he is not it is a pretty safe thing to vote for that candidate's opponent who does read the papers. The man who is not enough interested in his county to take the local papers and read them is hardly interested enough to serve the people acceptably, and would, if elected, most probably serve his own interests more than those of the public.—Brownwood Bulletin.

CAUSES OF STOMACH TROUBLES. Four Professors Claim That Quick Lunches Bring on Diseases.

The "business lunch" threatens to accomplish the destruction of the human race—or so much of it as dwells in large American cities—if the statistics adduced by eminent physicians and surgeons, at a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society, are bound to be the unflinching mirrors of destiny that the doctors promise.

In the alarming increase of intestinal or "gastric" ulcers such eminent medical practitioners as Dr. N. S. Davis, Jr. W. A. Evans, J. B. Herrick and E. W. Andrews announced in a symposium that they feared the American stomach would give out in the course of time unless the public becomes wise enough to curb and regulate the lunch counter method of hasty eating.

It would seem that danger from gastric ulceration is not confined alone to the men, who are the consumers of the business lunches, but that women are also threatened. To the women's habit of eating a few bites at many hours of the day their imminent peril is ascribed.

Everyone should counteract the danger brought about by too hasty or overeating by taking at meal times Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and Herb Laxative Compound. This wonderful medicine will keep the stomach in a perfectly healthy condition, preventing and permanently curing indigestion, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and all complications arising from stomach trouble. Try it today. It's pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

Gen. Methuen, who has been a leader in the campaign against the Boers, was captured last Friday, his command cut to pieces and four guns captured. This feat was accomplished by Gen. Delarey.

Could Not Breathe.

Coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, other throat and lung troubles are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. One Minute Cough cure is not a mere expectorant, which gives only temporary relief. It softens and liquifies the mucus, draws out the inflammation and removes the cause of the disease. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. "One Minute Cough Cure will do all that is claimed of it. Says Justice of the Peace, J. Q. Hood, Crosby Miss. "My wife could not get her breath and was relieved by the first dose. It has been a benefit to all my family." E. D. Walker.

Peel a good, sound Irish potato and cut it into long, thin slices. When the craving for liquor commences, dip the slices of potato in pure cold water and sip this water from the potato. Continue until the craving for liquor ceases. Repeat whenever the appetite craves for strong drink until entirely cured of the disease.—Plano Star.

If it wa'n't fer th' price o' spuds, an' th' fear that it might cure us, we'd try that jest fer fun; but we'd have ter have a carload o' potatoes an' an' artesian well ter enable us ter keep it up till th' cravin' fer good red licker left us.—Alkali Eye.

Judge John H. Reagan, who has been dangerously ill, is reported as improving.

For the Complexion.

The complexion always suffers from biliousness or constipation. Unless the bowels are kept open the impurities from the body appear in the form of unsightly eruptions. De Witt's Little Early Risers keep the liver and bowels in healthy condition and remove the cause of such troubles. C. E. Hooper, Albany, Ga., says: "I took De Witt's Little Early Risers for biliousness. They were just what I needed. I am feeling better now than in years." Never gripe or distress. Safe thorough and gentle. The very best pills. E. D. Walker.

Secretary Long has resigned to take up the practice of law. His successor is Mr. Moody of Massachusetts.

If your child is cross or peevish, it is no doubt troubled with worms. White's Cream Vermifuge will remove the worms, and its tonic effect restore its natural cheerfulness. Price, 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Many a mother grows old, faded and feeble long before her time, because her boys and girls are not thoughtfully considerate and helpful. When they become old enough to be of service in a household, mother has become so used to doing all herself, to taking upon her shoulders all the care, she forgets to lay off the burden, little by little, on those who are so well able to bear it. It is partly her own fault, to be sure, but a fault committed out of love and mistaken kindness for her children.—Ex.

Have you a cough? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will relieve it. Price, 25 cents and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

On last Sunday the church at Ballinger unanimously called Rev. W. G. Caperton of Albany for full time. One of the deacons writing us about the conference says: "Our church is certainly a unit. Every member present voted and every member voted on first ballot for Bro. Caperton." We have never intimately known the pastor-elect, but have known of his work in the state for several years. He has always made a success of everything he has undertaken. And as for the church we know it will do its part.—Brownwood Telephone-Messenger.

Surgeon's Knife Not Needed.

Surgery is no longer necessary to cure piles. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures such cases at once, removing the necessity for dangerous, painful and expensive operations. For scalds, cuts, burns, wounds, bruises, sores and skin diseases it is unequalled. Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. J. Turner in Runnels county, near Wingate, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gathering pecans, working stock or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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—My motto is to select the best quality and pay cash, thus enable me to give you the most for your money. Jas. E. Brewer, Jeweler.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The Dallas Semi-Weekly News gives the facts in the case.

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The Stone Case.

It is stated in a dispatch from Washington that the reported demand in the Stone case made by our minister, Mr. Leishman, upon the government of Turkey, and also upon the government of Bulgaria, is rather in the nature of a caveat to save all future rights than anything else. An unqualified demand for the punishment of the brigands and the repayment of the ransom will, it is stated, be made as soon as the state department has concluded the exhaustive investigation it is now engaged in making into all of the facts of the case.

The American people look to the government to handle the Stone case vigorously. Here is a lady who has for years been engaged as a missionary, who had offended in no way, real or imaginary, either Turk or Bulgarian, bodily kidnapped on her way from Samakov by a party of bandits dressed as Turks, but speaking the Bulgarian tongue, who carry her off to the mountains and hold her captive for five months, until a ransom of \$72,000 is raised and paid. On February 6 the money was actually paid over by Chief Dragoman Garguilo of the American legation at Constantinople and W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American mission in that city. We are coolly told that an American was selected, as America was regarded as the nation most likely to promptly pay the ransom demanded.

Now that Miss Stone's safety is assured, we should emulate the example of Julius Caesar, who returned and captured the pirates, who has been his captors and had extorted ransom and crucified them. It is a duty that we owe to our own citizens and to civilization that such things should cease. The bandits should be sought out and punished—these are the men we should hunt down instead of the innocent Filipinos. The governments of Turkey and Bulgaria should be made not only to return the ransom, but should be heavily mulcted in damages besides. The case calls for smart-money, and the unspeakable Turk should be required to pay enough of it to teach him that American women are to be sacredly respected.—Houston Post.

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General Medicine and Surgery.
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- BALLINGER. -

The Finest Cake

Is made with Royal Baking Powder. Always light, sweet, pure & wholesome.

—We have it, and at the right price. Hixson Bros. Racket Store. 23-tf

H. Winkler paid Coleman a business visit Tuesday afternoon.

Aimes Flocher, of Winters, was in Ballinger Sunday enroute to the convention at Ft. Worth.

Miss Adele Underwood visits San Angelo each Saturday, having a class in painting in that city.

Mrs. J. A. Austin returned Sunday to her home in Allen, I. T., after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Smith.

Mr. Nathan Winkler who has been in the employ of H. Winkler, his brother, has gone to San Angelo and is now employed by the Winkler-Hudson Co.

Messrs. Zack Jenkins, Ben Taylor, Jim Eoff, R. A. Yates, J. W. Murray, R. A. Bishop and A. H. Cox were among the Ballinger visitors the latter part of last week. These are all citizens of Winters.

Influenced by the appearance of threatening clouds in the north west and by the news of destructive high winds over the state Mr. J. R. McVay, manager of the Ballinger Lumber Co., is having a storm house dug in his yard.

C. A. Doose is carrying his head unusually high this week and will scarcely deign to converse with ordinary mortals. A handsome baby boy appeared at his home Sunday night and is answerable for Alfred's demeanor. Our best wishes are with the boy.

Rev. W. A. Davis, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister from Blanket, lectured Thursday night in the Methodist church, using temperance as his theme. He has regular temperance work over a district embracing Brown, Coleman and Runnels counties.

Mrs. J. A. Forbes, whose letter from St. Louis appeared in these columns a few weeks ago, took sick while in that city and since her return home has been confined to her room and bed with what the physicians fear is a severe attack of pneumonia. We are glad to note, however that she is recovering.

—The day is set; the place is known; you are invited—to attend Mrs. Alice Green's millinery opening Tuesday March 25th. Pains and expense will not be spared to make this an opening worth attending.

—W. W. McKinley is agent for the National Steam Laundry Co., of Temple, and will be pleased to have your laundry work satisfaction guaranteed. 19 tf

—Asa Cordill sets the pace in jewelry circles. Get his prices always before buying.

It affords the BANNER LEADER no small degree of pleasure to extend to Mr. Max Lange congratulations on having passed a successful and quite creditable examination for admission to the bar. The examination was before Judge Godwin Monday and was conducted by attorneys John I. Guion, M. C. Smith and R. B. Truly. Mr. Lange has been studying law under the tutelage of Judge Smith and to the credit of both pupil and tutor it is said few candidates for admission to the bar have passed a better examination. Hence our congratulations.

Cumberland Presbyterian ministers in attendance upon the meeting of the San Saba Presbytery at the C. P. church last week occupied pulpits last Sunday as follows: At the Methodist church Rev. J. M. Martin of Blanket at 11 o'clock and Rev. J. B. Wright of Waldrip at night. At the Christian church Rev. A. L. Barr of San Angelo in the morning and Rev. W. A. Davis of Blanket at night. At the C. P. church Rev. F. M. Gilliam of Brownwood in the morning and Rev. A. L. Barr of San Angelo at night.

Messrs. T. H. Shaw, Lon Mapes, Charlie Gallagher, John Brown, Foster Ryan, Portus Gay, D. P. Gay, Lee Good, Addison Day, A. M. Millar, Aimes Flocher, Harry Scott, H. A. Thomson and John Hoffer were among the number who went to Ft. Worth Sunday afternoon to see the sights and to attend the convention of stockmen.

Messrs. Geo. Vaughn, H. H. Lockett, G. G. Odom, Rubin Gentry, W. L. McAuley, of Ballinger; Dan Molloy, Charley Molloy Sr., G. H. Garland, Ed Dozier of Concho county, Jas. Callan, John M. Tipton, Louis Resman and W. M. Bevans of Menard county bought tickets here Monday for Ft. Worth to take in the stockmen's convention.

Dr. Flenniken, who has recently located here, has been called to Cleburne on account of the dangerous illness of his wife. He left Thursday afternoon for her bedside. The BANNER LEADER trusts that on his arrival he may find her much improved.

The cattlemen and others who went to Ft. Worth first of the week returned home Thursday night. All were delighted with the proceedings of the convention.

Mrs. Noah Rose passed through Ballinger Friday enroute to Menardville from a visit to her parents at Wichita Falls.

A very neat little cottage is being erected in the rear of the Methodist church. It is the property of Mr. Green.

Mr. John F. Drew left Thursday afternoon for Moody to look after some contract work.

J. N. Thompson of Brownwood was registered in Ballinger Thursday.

W. A. Swinney, the Eden ranchman, was in town this week trading.

A. C. Davison and Chas. Woodrow, citizens of Winters, were in town Wednesday.

The Hub will move next week to the building formerly occupied by J. F. Currie.

The death of Tom Morrison at Crews Tuesday night is reported to the BANNER LEADER.

Judge White of Coleman spent several days in Ballinger last week and this on legal business.

Messrs. W. C. Walton and G. W. Gideon, prominent citizens of Bronte were trading in our burg Thursday.

The Ballinger W. C. T. U. will meet at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Ladies Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. F. P. Abney Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Parks left Wednesday for Coleman to spend the summer with a brother. Her daughter, Lena, accompanied her.

The next meeting of the San Saba Presbytery, which has just closed a session in Ballinger, will be held at Blanket, in Brown county.

J. W. Remington, Hurlbut Hardware Co's. man from Brownwood, visited Ballinger Thursday interviewing our hardware merchants.

Ballinger and all Runnels county was blessed with a bounteous downpour of rain Monday night and Tuesday. The rain was general and everything bids fair for a great harvest this fall.

Davis-Noyes Co. are leaders.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon, over Walker's Store.

—A watch given away at Jas. E. Brewers. Call and see the conditions.

—The BANNER LEADER has blank chattel mortgages, blank crop mortgages and blank notes for sale. 23-tf

—Your presence is desired at the millinery opening to be given by Misses Lewis, at Winkler's store, on Tuesday, March 25th. Come, look, and buy or not as you please. All are cordially invited.

Judge C. H. Willingham, the present representative in the legislature from this district, is announced as a candidate for county judge in the Ballinger papers. W. N. Gentry a substantial citizen of Runnels county arrived in the city accompanied by his wife, on a visit, visit to their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Clark Sunday. Nathan Winkler, late of Ballinger, has accepted a position with the Winkler & Hudson Co. W. A. Norman the Ballinger telephone man, was at Sweetwater last Thursday when a telegram was received ordering railroad contractors, grading north from Sweetwater on the K. C. M. & O, to put on 600 more teams and scrapers. Mr. Norman believes that the new railroad will be in San Angelo in less than a year, and that San Angelo is the coming metropolis of West Texas. He says it will be the Fort Worth of West Texas in a very few years. The Press proprietor went down to Ballinger last Wednesday to settle up some business matters and arrange for moving his family to San Angelo. Part of the household goods were packed and in readiness for shipment, and Sunday evening Mrs. Truly received a telegram stating that her mother, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, was dangerously ill, and she took the train for Eastland where her parents live. We hope that during the next few days we will be permanently located in a little home near the scouring mill, so that we can give our entire attention thereafter to the Press.—San Angelo Press.

—March 25th is the date set for Mrs. Alice Green's millinery opening, and judging from the past, those who attend will see a handsome display.

—Buy yourself a new dress, make biscuit for supper with Housekeepers Delight flour and "all will be well"—Davis-Noyes Co. 23-tf

Mrs. J. E. Harris. Mrs. J. E. Harris, wife of Dr. D. W. Harris and mother of C. O. Harris, died at the family residence in this city Sunday night after an illness extending over two years. She was advanced in years and her death came not unexpectedly. Dr. Harris and wife have been citizens of Ballinger ten years and were well and favorably known. The interment occurred the following day at 4 o'clock, Rev. Shoptaugh conducting the services. A brief obituary has been handed the BANNER LEADER and is as follows:

Miss Joanne Elizabeth Cress was born Nov. 19, 1833 at Elizabethtown, Ky. Was united in marriage to D. W. Harris Nov. 22, 1849. To this union eight children were born, one dying in childhood, the others growing to manhood and womanhood, and all becoming Christians. Sister Harris was baptized when ten years of age and she was a Christian 55 years. Her sweet, pure life was one of constant love and devotion. She was a constant inspiration to her family, and all who knew her. The last two years of her life were full of suffering, yet she bore it with fortitude and when the end came, silently and peacefully, changed the crown of suffering for a crown of life. She with her husband and family were pioneers in the church here, and have been loyal supporters of it from the beginning.

—Now is the time to buy tornado insurance. Stone & Gregg will sell you \$1000 worth for \$5.00 —Stone & Gregg propose to protect you against financial loss in consequence of the following most destructive and dreaded agencies: wind, fire, robbery, sickness, accident and even death itself. If you fear any of these call on us.

—The ladies of Ballinger who have not yet purchased are requested to delay buying their spring millinery for a short while until Mrs. Stella Forbes recovers sufficiently from her attack of grippe to display her stock. She is recovering and hopes to be out and at work shortly. Her stock is the finest obtainable, was bought in St. Louis, and is the very latest, and the prices will justify the wait. She will be with the Davis-Noyes Co.

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