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E. D. WALKER

BALLINGER'S GRAND BALL.

Given by the Azelia Club Friday Night December 5, as Written By Jack Random.

I reached Ballinger last Thursday, springing lightly from the box car that had carried me from New Orleans. Now if there is one place on earth where bright eyes beam a welcome and extended hands offer warm friendship, that place is Ballinger, and this, I, Jack Random, ne'er do well and literary lack, am free to maintain. Further more, if there is an organization on earth whose units can offer as many attractions, both physical and intellectual, as the Azelia Club, of which the Misses Neil Guion, Beatrice Thomson, Minnie Guion Francis and Maud Erwin are the leading spirits, you can search me for the ticket! Who doesn't know the charming quartette, and who that knows them is proof against their winning charms? Now it being universally agreed that birds of a feather flock together, it follows as a logical necessity, that their friends and acquaintances are of like nature, and so it transpired. I remembered the club monogram and colors, directly I saw them at the end of the hall, and was astonished at the deftness and cleverness which had converted the great hall into a bower of bliss with evergreen festoons. That vivacious and charming lady from Angelo, Miss Blanche Marie Bell, I had seen not so very long since at a fashionable function in St. Louis and she graciously hailed me with a wave of the hand, calling my attention to the punch bowl corner. I sampled generously throughout the evening, and also approved of the supper set at the

psychological moment on the stage forming

A brilliant banquet, where the sound of poesy and music breathed around.

As is my wont, I frequently retraced my steps to the punch bowl corner, and each time the scene in the hall grew more picturesque. Gayer seemed the moving throng, daintier the dresses, fairer the women and nobler the men. The air seemed full of music and the world naught but merriment. Away with all! I, too, would dance. I chose a lovely partner and did some terpsichorean stunts on the waxy. Then indeed the hours fled for it seemed the span of but a couple of dances before there was a goodbye and a departure, for John and Phil Lee, Pink West and Sherman Murray were called westward, and trains are never late when fun is toward. The remainder of us danced on till past three on Saturday morning, and then only ceased because the orchestra could or would go on no longer. I tallied them as they went home and saw the ladies present, who were gowned as follows:

Misses Gale Evans, Brownwood, white organdie embroidered in wild roses; Marietta Hardiman, Brownwood, blue mousseline de soie; Pearl Parks, Brownwood, blue crape de chine, embroidered with pink roses, pearl ornaments, Jacqueminot roses; Mary Bland Millsbaugh, San Angelo, pink silk embroidered mousseline, pink carnations; Blanche Marie Bell, San Angelo, crape de chine over white liberty silk; Rossie Ede, San Angelo, white organdie with white ribbons; Grace Ede, San Angelo, white organdie, lace trimmings; Manie Mason, San Angelo, white embroidered swiss; Lurlyne Hudson, San Angelo, white organdie, white lace trimmings; Clyde McKinney, San Saba, white liberty silk over blue taffeta, point lace trimmings; Lee Thomson, Santa Anna, white embroidered organdie, white ribbons; Adele Underwood, black lace overdress over white satin; Maud Erwin, white liberty silk over rose taffeta, carnations;

Neil Butler, white point de sput over white satin, coral, point lace trimmings, carnations, Edna Odem, white crape de chine violet trimmings, diamonds; Clara Guion, black silk grenadine over black taffeta, red carnations; Neil Guion, white Paris mousseline with renaissance lace, lillies of the valley; Beatrice Thomson, white dotted silk net over white taffeta, with pink carnations; Kate Thomson, white Paris mousseline, with lace trimmings; Della Younger, black silk net grenadine over red taffeta, diamonds; Franc Baker, white organdie over white taffeta, Marechal Neil roses; Francis Cady, white embroidered mull over green silk, Malmaison roses; Minnie Guion Francis, yellow organdie with pink and white carnations; Edna Meyers, cream silk mull over cream taffeta, Daisy Pittman, pink silk tissue over pink silk; Maggie Underwood and Mamie Thomson street costume; Mesdames Bob Prater, Brownwood, lavender mousseline de soie with green chiffon trimmings, American Beauty roses; Sam Baker, white organdie; L. Markowitz, blue crape de chine, black velvet trimmings; Dr. S. B. Raby, white silk mull, black velvet trimmings; Mesdames, C. S. Miller, E A Trail, H A Thomson, R P Lirk, Tom Ward, I G Gregg, H Winkler, J W Francis, Max Lange, R L Bennett, O Pearson, all street costumes.

The gentlemen present from San Angelo were, S E Gantt, Russ Hamilton, Ed Stowe, Sherman Murray, Pink West, John and Phil Lee and Ford Day; from Brownwood, Will Penn and Will Scott; from Coleman, Donald Cameron, Will Gay and D P Kennedy; Mr. Montgomery, Kansas City; —Fitzhugh, John Winship, R E L Jackson, Abilene; from Ballinger, Horace and Rector Thomson, John Gay, S M Parks, Foster Ryan, Harry Thomson, Conda Wylie, Guion and Prentice Gregg, Arthur Chilton, George Holman, Percy Moser, Rolla Casey, Dr. W B Halley, "The Smart Set," C S Miller, E A Trail, L Markowitz, Dr S B Raby, Bob Prater, R P

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And now the Azelia Club has indeed set the mark of generous hospitality at a high notch. Well here's to you, young ladies, and may beauty and goodness ever go hand in hand with you as now. Ever may grace be in your steps, Heaven in your eyes, and dignity and love in every gesture. Long may you dance in the golden light of the sun of happiness.

The above write-up is taken from the San Angelo Press. as it is a much better one than we are able to give.—Editor.

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Lee Upton Endorsed.

At a meeting of the Tom Green County Bar Association held last Saturday Mr. Lee Upton received the endorsement for district attorney of the Fifty-first Judicial District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late D. D. Wallace. Mr. Upton is a high-minded gentleman, and an able attorney with "an old head on a young pair of shoulders," and will fill the office with credit to himself, with pride to his friends and with justice to all concerned.

It is reported that Mr. Slack of Eldorado, and Mr. W. A. Anderson, of Sonora, are also candidates for the position.

The Ozona Texan announces that J. B. Johnson, county attorney of Crockett, will be an applicant for the appointment as district attorney by the governor to succeed Hon. D. D. Wallace, deceased.—San Angelo Press.

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Thanksgiving at Potter College.

Among the attractive decorations of Thanksgiving in this city last Thursday, none surpassed those at Potter College, where the young ladies, dressed in Puritan costume, added grace and beauty to the elaborate decorations of the dining hall, which presented a scene of the olden time in New England society.

Here the forests brought forth their luxury of foliage, the orchards their fruits, the fields their flowers, and whatever of wealth the gardens had to offer.

Promptly at three o'clock, before the bell had ceased its welcome call, the student body (consisting of one hundred and fifty young ladies) to the strains of martial music filed into the dining hall, whereupon the music turned into a doxology, in which every student joined, presenting a scene altogether appropriate for the occasion and most effective in its solemnity.

After the Doxology, the first course was served, consisting of oyster soup, wafers, celery and olives, followed by the rendition of the National air "America." This was followed by the second course, consisting of turkey, cold ham, sweet peas, macaroni, sweet potatoes au Italien, after which Miss Ranch of Mississippi gave reflections on Thanksgiving followed by "The Star Spangled Banner." The third course was then served consisting of chicken salad and uneda biscuit, which was followed by a toast to P. J. Potter by Miss Leopold of Louisiana. Then came the good old time mince pie, after which Miss Lyda Cook of Arkansas gave a Thanksgiving poem. The fifth course of Nesselrode pudding and fruit cake was followed by "A toast to our Alma Mater" by Miss Floy Alvis, of Ardmore, Indian Territory, to which President Cabell responded in the following words:

"Oh for the power the gift to give us
To speak the speech that wouldn't betray us.
For where words are few and thoughts are fewer,
Tis hard to speak a speech that's truer
Than the one just already spoken!"

Young ladies: In all the range of the civilized word there is nothing that so keenly touches the heart of the mother as that of filial devotion. The mother is a being of very peculiar endowments. She stands alone, as it were, in the make up of her emotional nature, a nature with which man has no knowledge because he has no experience and it is experience that makes one wiser than another. By nature we all have our mother. Oh, how dear that word! The one to whom we can go to at any time, anywhere, and tell all the heart has to tell. From her we expect

the sweetest words of comfort, guidance and advice Her words are the sweetest, her touch the tenderest, her cheek the softest and her heart the warmest. And why? Because she loves us. So for this love let us love her, with a pure, unfeigned love, that her kindly benediction may never be misplaced. Again some of us have, and I trust all of you young ladies will have, another motherly opportunity, an Alma Mater to whom you can refer with pride and pleasure in the days to come. She may at times during your wardship seem rigid and exacting but the full measure of her love will not be known until you move out from her and view her from a distance and recall her solemn warnings and compare them with the words of the world. Therefore as daughters be true. True to your homes, true to your church vows and true to your 'Alma Mater.'"

Then came the always palatable bonbons, fruits and nuts followed by coffee. Then came our grand old college song. We marched from the dining hall to the strains of "Dixie." When all the young ladies had been seated in the elegant parlor, Mr. Cook, a visiting gentleman, recited "The little boy at the dime museum," and "The one legged goose." Mr. Cook is a fine mimic and his recitations were highly appreciated by all.

Miss Fannie Eva Wray of Louisiana then sang "For all Eternity." Walnuts were then passed around and when they were cracked there was no kernel in any of them, but there were two little slips of paper; one contained a question and the other an answer. One young lady asked her question and the one who had the answer asked her question, next, etc.

When ten o'clock came the girls went to their rooms, vowing that although they were away from home (and some of them very far away) that they had never spent a more pleasant Thanksgiving in their lives. And so many thanks to our kind-hearted and always considerate President, Cabell.

Editor of the Banner-Leader: I trust that this little write-up of how the Potter girls spent their Thanksgiving will prove of interest to your readers considering that I am a Ballinger girl. With best wishes for success to the Banner Leader.

Donie B Odom,
Bowling Green, Ky.

Walter Schnelle, after spending several weeks with his sister Mrs. R. L. Bennett left last Monday for his home in Dallas. In about 4 weeks he gained 25 lbs which shows the great curative properties of our ozone and the Colorado River water.

W. G. Lykes, of Content, was in town Monday and while here put on a "shell" with us for Christmas trees. Don't fail to read it.

Miss Tub Thomson of Santa Anna who has been the guest of Miss Kate Thomson the past week returned home Sunday.

One car of horses and two of hogs passed through Ballinger Sunday. They were loaded at San Angelo.

C. O. Harris and M. C. Smith spent last Monday in San Angelo on legal business.

Thirteen cars of cotton were shipped out of Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

J. J. Erwin went east Monday afternoon on business.

Wingate Items.

(Too late for last week.)

We again have visible signs of winter such as ice and snow.

The gin hands are taking a few holidays awaiting more favorable weather for the farmers to give them employment.

Our enterprising merchants are doing a splendid business this fall, regardless of hard times.

Mr. Owen Parish, who has been very sick for several weeks, is improving very slowly.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Horton, deceased, have gone to live with their grandmother, Mr. Gibson, who resides in Coleman county.

Christmas is almost here. Who is ready for Santa Claus?

Ara Cornelius has been quite sick with slow fever the past week.

Mr. Brown has sold his farm to Mr. Helm and expects to make Mexico his future home. We are sorry to lose Mr. Brown as a citizen but wish him success in his new location.

Mr. Moore and family are being visited by relatives of Ellis and Hamilton counties.

We very much regret that Miss Pettit, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Smithson, for the past three months, is soon to return to her home in California.

Wednesday evening at seven o'clock Mr. Will Moore of Ballinger and Miss Anna Gannaway of this place were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The young people here regret very much to lose Miss Annie as one in their midst, but we wish them a long and happy life.

Norton Notes.

EDITOR BANNER LEADER:

Norton is still on the improve. M. I. Rayburn has built a new residence on his Divide farm.

T. T. Duncan has a new residence under construction.

Dr Mitchell is adding a couple of new rooms to his residence.

R. S. Griggs spent a few days at Norton last week visiting his old friend and schoolmate, Paul Trimmier.

M. I. Rayburn left Saturday for Belton on business. His brother is going to spend next year in Runnels county.

The school at Center Valley is progressing fine under the care of Mr. Oscar Forbet of Bell county. The attendance is somewhat small for this season of the year on account of cotton picking.

Norton is honored with the Post Office at the store now, Mr. T. L. Trimmier being our obliging postmaster.

More later. Boaz.

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Christmas! Yes

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WINTERS, TEXAS

R. Underwood, who resides near Norwood, had the misfortune to shoot himself through the thumb last Wednesday afternoon while shooting a hawk with a rifle. Dr. W. B. Holley of this city was called to dress the wound.

Christmas in the Air.

The Christmas feeling is beginning to be noticeable in the air now, and the children keeping count watch with delight the lessening number of days till Santa Claus shall come. In many homes loving mothers and wives and sisters and sweethearts are secretly preparing pleasant surprises for those they love.

Santa Claus has already filled his stores with many pretty things for young and old that will occasion much delight. This Christmas bids to be, as have many others, one of great joy, and is beyond doubt the happiest time of the year.

The poor are being remembered by kind hearts and will be made to feel happy on that day, though there is much less suffering and want this year than last.

Fireworks at Bowden Bros.

John Winship, of Abilene, who represents Bass Bros. Drug Co. of that city, was in Ballinger last Friday and while here attended the ball on that date

J. A. Hays, an old resident of Ballinger, but who now conducts a hardware and saddlery business at Bronte, spent Wednesday here on business.

S. H. Henderson shipped 269 cows to Kansas City this week that netted him \$24.00 per head this is the best shipment reported to us for some time. He also shipped 160 calves which sold well.

Ed Dickinson came in last Sunday from Louisiana where he has been with a car of horses and mules. He spent about two months there, and disposed of his stock at an average of \$45.00 per head.

Christmas toys at Bowden Bros.

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→ CHRISTMAS ←

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

As Seen By A Coleman Boy.

The following extract from a letter published in the Coleman Democrat is clipped because we tho't it would interest our readers:

Manila, P. I., October 24, 1902.

To the Democrat:

The Philippine Islands are a bunch of troubles gathered together on the Western horizon of civilization. They are bounded on the north by rocks and destruction and on the south by earthquakes and cannibals; on the east by typhoons and sea monsters; on the west by hoodism and smugglers. The climate is a combination of electricity and nitro-glycerine. The soil is extraordinary fertile—producing crops of insurrection and treachery. The chief occupation being trench building, the manufacture of bolo knives and the re-loading of Remington cartridges.

Manila, the capital city, is noted for its large number of Chinamen, war bulletins, Spanish submarine mines and American soldiers. The malaria is so prevalent that on various occasions the island has been known to shake with a chill.

The native costume is an old rag tied around the waist. Children under 15 years of age wait until next summer for their first issue.

The family sleeps all together on terms of equality.

The native drink is Veno, which is composed of concen-

trated tarantula juice, barbed wire, thunder and lightening, etc. It is noted for making soldiers rich at once and causing them to conduct themselves like a bunch of army officers at a drill contest.

The climate is pleasant and healthful for roaches, tarantulas, centepedes and alagators.

The soil is adapted to the raising of foul odor and diseases

The islands are a Godforsaken worthless blotch on the face of God's green earth.

Jesse E. Mitchell,
Co. C. 28th Inf.

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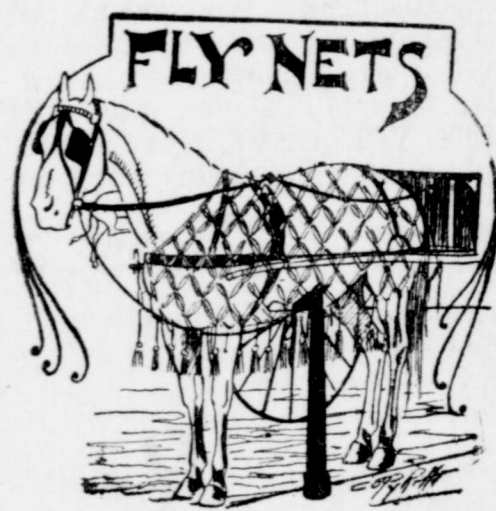
The attendance in Tyler College, of Tyler, Texas, this year will run between 700 and 900 students. They are enjoying a very prosperous year, and are expecting to enroll at least 100 new students at the opening of the mid-winter term. January 5th.

Two Things that Scare a Negro.

Two seemingly harmless things excite the fear of the southern negro. One is the cracking of the finger joints; the other is to be stepped over as he lies prone upon the ground. The crackling of the finger joints seems to suggest to the negro imagination the rattling of a skeleton's bones, while to be stepped over is regarded as likely to bring bad luck to grown folks and to check the growth of children. A half grown negro boy will sternly command a playfellow who has stepped over his body to step back in order that the spell may be removed.

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"In a business letter to General Passenger Agent D. J. Price of the International & Great Northern system of Texas, on my return from Europe, I was pleased to remark that I had not run across any railway in Britain, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, Italy or France that excelled the I. & G. N. in the solidity and smoothness of its track, or the beauty and comfort of its new coaches—the company's own make at its Palestine shops. "If you had said that in THE 400," replied Mr Price, "we should have considered it a very notable compliment." I am very glad to repeat it in THE 400 and also to reiterate what I said of the I. & G. N. equipment in the May number—that it is not surpassed and seldom equalled by the older and richer railroads in the north and east. This is remarkable, in view of the age and population of Texas, but I claim to be a judge."—Chicago 400 November 1902.

Notice
 In order to clean up our old papers now on hand we will, until our supply is exhausted, sell old papers for wrapping purposes at 10cts per 100.
BANNER LEADER.

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

DRS. HALLEY & LOVE, Physicians and Surgeons, Over Walker's Drug Store.

Our watch chains and cuff buttons stand the test. Auction goods will not.

Glad to have you come in any time. **J. E. Brewer.**

You'll get satisfaction out of Cordill's goods.

A find lot of spectacles at Brewer's.

Tom Reed Dead.
 Last Saturday at Washington, D. C., Tom Reed died very suddenly of Bright's Disease.
 Mr. Reed, or 'Czar Reed,' as he was familiarly known, was one of the brainiest if not the brainiest man in America. His remarkable career in congress was unprecedented, he having served in that august body for 22 years and was speaker of the house a number of times. He resigned the speakership and declined reelection because he was not in sympathy with McKinley's Philippine policy. After his resignation he went into the law practice in New York on a guaranteed salary of \$50,000 in the interest of one of that city's leading corporations. Reed was born, reared and educated at Portland, Maine, and graduated at Bowdoin College, the same college at which Longfellow, the famous and most beloved American poet, was a graduate.
 He died at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., with his family present.

Editorials.
 The mouth disease of cattle so prevalent at present is more easily cured than some other kinds of mouth disease we met of.

The parent is being taught by its child and England's iron and steel industries are combining for protection.

We're looking almost any day now for our wives to form a union and strike. Now don't understand that we have more than one wife.

New York and the Orient are to be joined by a new line of ships. We will now watch for the great benefit the San Angelo papers will find in this.

An anti-cigarette club has been organized at Denison with 120 members. An anti-snuff annex might not be out of place.

The Temple papers remark that after their rainy spell side-walks will be a curiosity. A few here would no doubt attract much attention.

A car load of yearlings from the X I T ranch in Texas captured first prize in its class at the Chicago Live Stock Exhibit. Texas is always first in some way.

Venezuelan insurgents declare their intention of keeping up the revolution. We have watched so many revolutions in South America that we are dizzy.

Temple school children are complaining because only two days are holiday Christmas, and they have many sympathizers in the town. Santa Clause ought not to give those school teachers a thing.

In the same column of the Dallas News we read about a ripe second crop of strawberries in Gainesville and an apple tree in McKinney that has bloomed four times in one year. Texas is the place to live.

Texas is so far advanced that she is beginning to raise her own peanuts and pop corn and it is not improbable that the day is not far distant when she will manufacture her own rubber balloons. How's that for expansion.

Sherman boasts of being the 'hog center' of Texas. 'She may be a good 'hog' center' but it don't take a good one to catch the odor that arises from certain ones we know of.



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 In each pound package of
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 from now until Christmas will be found a free game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds.
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 Respectfully the Syrup Man,

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**But where to find that happiest spot below;
 Who can direct, when all pretend to know?**
 —Goldsmith.

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 We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little Book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statement of what People Have Accomplished along the line of

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The Answer is the same to all

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Come to Headquarters for Useful and Ornamental Gifts at Lowest Prices ←

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Gifts in Silver!—"The Silver Age" is what they call it in the jewelry world. Gift goods in silver this season exceed all other kinds in number and variety and out-rival them in beauty and usefulness. Prices are Right!—Its my business to study not only what the people want but what their means warrant them in buying. I had YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS in mind when I selected my stock. The goods are now here for your inspection, silver and all others. Very Truly

PINS!—I carry a splendid assortment for both ladies' and gentlemen's wear. Some of them are very inexpensive and will make a very pretty Christmas remembrance at a trifling cost. In scarf pins, lace pins, baby pins, brooches and all goods included in the line make it a point to show the very latest

CHAINS!—Nothing can be more attractive in style, quality, price could be asked for than I show in ladies and gentlemen's chains. If you are contemplating a gift in this line for a relative or friend do not fail to inspect my generous offers before buying. I have the styles, guarantee qualities and name the prices that will make the purchase of any chain in my stock a bargain. **Sleeve Buttons!**—These always make most appropriate and acceptable Xmas gifts. I show a great variety in both ladies and gentlemen's Buttons. I show some very attractive new designs and can please you with terms as well as satisfy you with the opportunity for individual choice in selection

Letters and figures cannot tell half the bargain story! You must come make your selection, and be yourself the judge. I know that I never offered more for the money than I do at the present time.

ASA CORDILL, The Jeweler at Pearce's Drug Store

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South Ballinger.

Editor as we have not seen anything from our little corner for some time we will try to give you a few dots.

The farmers are about done picking cotton. The yield was very light.

P. K. Laxson has moved to the Chastain place, having rented same for next year.

Mr. Ed Brooks, of Concho county, was married to a Miss Hamilton, of Tom Green county, last Sunday. Mr. Brooks is well known here and has many friends who wish them much happiness along life's pathway.

Walter Corum is at home again after a month's stay in Waco. He says he don't know much about the Simon that we read about but if he was any kin to the Simon girls he met in McClellan county he was a dandy.

Mrs. R. F. Smith and little son Jesse, of Waco, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Corum last week while awaiting the arrival of her husband. Mr. Smith

is a brother of Mrs. Corum and has leased the Farmer's Wagon Yard and will run a livery stable in connection. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

Mr. A. J. Smith is working on the Paint Rock road again. A. J. knows just how to put a road in first-class order.

Some parties traveling in a hack caught Mr. Clendennan's pet deer and made off with it last week but he followed them and made them give it up without much persuasion.

Mr. Breedlove has leased the Dave Ransbarger place and will move to it soon. We regret to lose this estimable family from our midst.

Mrs. Parish, who has been quite sick for some time, is rapidly improving, we are glad to state.

Mr. and Mrs. Green, of Ballinger, were in South Ballinger one day last week.

Mrs. A. J. Mansker left for Ft Worth to join her husband last week. A. J. is permanently located there. Success to them in their new home.

Bob Corum and Walter are gone to Concho and Tom Green counties looking after their stock interests out there. They are expected to return Saturday.

Well we will close wishing you a merry Christmas. Rex

The Friend-In-Need Society of Runnels County.

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Ford as Philadelphia Knew Him.

"Paul Leicester Ford," says the Philadelphia Record, "was quite a familiar figure in Philadelphia when he was gathering material for his biographical works dealing with the lives of Washington and Franklin. Much of his research was accomplished in the rooms of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Thirteenth and Locust streets, and there he delved into dusty documents early and late, seeming indefatigable in his labors. He had a little desk reserved for his own use on the Thirteenth streets side of the building, where the light was best, and there the pathetic but eager figure of the little hunchback could be seen every day for several weeks, poring over the records and copying notes with an apparently tireless energy. He lived very quietly here and made few friends, but many frequenters of the Historical Society's building will recall the crouched up little man working away in the corner."

You will be Happy

The receiver will be happy and I will not be sorry if you buy your Christmas presents from me and if you come and look through the nice Watches, Chains, Diamonds, Fine Clocks, Cut Glass, Silverware, Toilet Sets, Silver Novelties, Set Rings, Plain Rings, Baby Rings, Solid Gold and Gold Filled, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Chatelain Bags, Lockets and Chains and many other things, you will agree with me that you can do no better elsewhere, beauty, price and quality considered. I engrave them free and guarantee them just as represented. Come and buy and we will be happy. * * * Yours for a merry Xmas.

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That's About Things.

Our lives are determined by our every day tho'ts and to the man who can control his mind there remains the priceless privilege of altering, repairing and renewing the mental structure as he sees fit. Of course every man or woman, no matter what other circumstances may be, is influenced by surroundings, but every one can to a remarkable degree mould his mind as he wishes. As said above our every day tho'ts build our character and we should think of our minds as a store house and the tho'ts the goods with which they are stored, the goods consisting of the tho'ts that pass through our minds hour after hour. If you find yourself thinking fear, envy, hate or any of this brood cast them out, for just as sure as they pass into your warehouse you are sure to use them. A good way to test this is to consider: would I like this thing I am thinking about to take place? If so pass it onto your store house. If not, reject it and call to mind something that will please you if it should come to pass. Let us be careful and store our warehouses only with the best.

It may be difficult of belief but it is nevertheless true that the mind is no more the real self or ego than is our hand or foot, tho' of course a far more useful servant.

Knowledge without resulting action is often a cause of pain.

A great many of us don't know from actual experience whether or not it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The New York World interviewed Mrs. John Jacob Astor and scored a beat on the New York American and Journal. Editor Hearst, landed, however, by having various interviews with celebrities on that part of the primal interview in which Mrs. Astor is quoted as saying no man can be a gentleman without a college education. The interviews suggested some such cogitations as: "Was Washington a gentleman? Was Lincoln a gentleman? Was John Jacob Astor, who peddled furs, a gentleman?" - Western Publisher.

Now the Immigrants Have Money.

There was a time when the immigrant was looked upon as a poor person who had escaped from his own country to take his chances here without a penny to start with. To some degree the law has changed all that, and to be admitted an emigrant must not be a pauper. The immigration officials in New York are amazed nowadays at the "wealth" of most of the new arrivals especially the French. When the immigrants are examined they are asked to show what money they have. Some of them are crafty, and do not show all they have; others are more trusting and willingly display their petty hoardings. The money is carefully counted, a record taken and restored to them. In the past four weeks 57,175 immigrants were landed at Ellis island. They had, or at least they showed to the examiners, sums that footed up \$811,013.

The Violet Glass Cure.

There has just been placed in the New York Flower hospital an expensive electrical apparatus which is known as an actinolite, said to be the first complete instrument of the kind permanently set up in an American hospital. By its operation it is hoped to make a thorough test of the theory that the powerfully concentrated chemical, or actinic, rays of violet-colored light possesses distinctly curative properties in cases of cancer or tuberculosis. To the patient the operation is an entirely painless one, and its advocates claim for it that it has none of the objectionable features that often attend the application of the Roentgen rays to sensitive portions of the human body.

Another Rhodes Story.

Among the stories being told of the late Cecil Rhodes is this: When taking leave of the German emperor after several interviews in relation to Africa, his majesty said: "I wish you were a German Mr. Rhodes, for then I would ask you to become my minister of foreign affairs." The kaiser was somewhat startled at this characteristically blunt reply: "If your majesty were only an Englishman I would suggest that you come to South Africa with me and become my business manager."

Remarkable Coincidence.

A train of coincidences so extraordinary as to seem incredible lately happened in a Pennsylvania family. The members of the household were sitting at breakfast one day last month when the mother read aloud a newspaper item to the effect that a young man had fallen ill with typhoid fever at the residence of his fiancée, and would be nursed by her there for several weeks to come. The son and daughter, who are both betrothed, laughed heartily at this, and their mother, to rebuke them, said: "Look out, something similar may happen to you some day." The daughter went the next week to visit the parents of her intended husband in a New Jersey village. She sprained her ankle on the day of her arrival and was kept under the same roof with her fiancée a fortnight. The son went the following week to a nearby town to call on his intended wife. He was conversing with her in the parlor when bang!—the drum of his car burst, and he is still a patient in the town, looked after tenderly by the young girl.

Long Wait for Short Orders.

Colonel "Abe" Gruber, the New York man-about-town, entered a swell Gotham restaurant with some friends and ordered luncheon. After waiting a long time he called an attendant and asked him how long he had been employed there. "Two weeks," was the reply. "Oh, then you are not our waiter," said the hungry patron. "We gave our order about three weeks ago."

Unique Wedding Gift.

An ingenious wedding present has been received by a French bride from one of her relatives, who is a geographer. The present is a silver sugar bowl in the design of a terrestrial globe, the upper hemisphere forming the cover. The map of the earth has been elaborately engraved on the outside, and the route taken by the newly wedded pair is indicated by a line of lapislazuli, the names of the towns at which a stay was made being inserted in enamel.

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superior to anything heretofore
attempted in Texas journalism
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For many years The News has
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newspaper in the Southwest, and
it proposes to hold this position
for all time. It will stand by
and advocate every measure
looking to the welfare of its con-
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quently said that the history of
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of Texas.

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ly independent. It will not be
the organ of any combination or
clique, but will be conducted
upon such lines as shall best re-
dound to the prosperity of the
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patronage is solicited, with the
assurance that every effort will
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of The News in the leading rank
of clean journalism.

C. O. Harris and M. C. Smith
went to San Angelo early this
week to try a damage suit for the
Western Union Telephone Co.
which they have had on their
docket for the past two years or
more. We have not heard up to
this writing how they come out
with the case, but Judge W. A.
Wright seems to have worked
off on Mr. Harris the commonest
kind of an egg-sucking, flea-
bitten, Coke county rabbit dog
for a valuable bird dog. Quite a
number of Ballinger sports met
Harris and his dog at the depot
and after pointing out to the
Judge the fine points of the pup
as a purloiner of eggs, as a
chaser of rabbits, and as a ren-
dezvous for fleas, it is thought
that he has either killed the dog
or returned it to the generous
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charges.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street,
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or indigestion for 21 years, have
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lief, but have found a cure in
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They Never Killed Yankees.

The recent grand army encampment in Washington provoked a good deal of comment regarding the large number of civil war veterans who are still in good enough physical condition to endure the fatigue of a long march.

Several southern democrats were discussing this in a Washington hotel lobby the other day when Secretary Charles A. Edwards, of the democratic congressional committee, said:

"A few years ago Col. William Green Sterrett and I were sitting at a window watching the parade at a grand army encampment. Hour after hour passed and still the yankee hosts swept by. Col. Sterrett became more and more thoughtful, silent and depressed as the march went on. After a long silence he looked up and laying his hand on my arm, said with the utmost impressiveness:

"Charlie, I'm going back to Texas and burn up every Southern history of the war that I can find."

"What are you going to do that for?" I asked.

"Because, Charlie," he said, still more impressively, "they're full of lies. They all tell how many yankees we killed. Charlie we never killed a d—d yankee. They're all here now."—New York Times.

Free.

A large attractive calendar, 14x24, in three colors, will be mailed, post paid, to any one who will send us the names and addresses of the young people who are likely to go off to school within the next six months. Write the names and addresses plainly on a postal card or letter and mail them at once to Tyler College, Tyler Texas.

Annual Meeting Independent American Knights of Liberty, Palestine, Texas. Convention rates. Sell Dec. 14th and 15th.

Seawall Carnival, Galveston, Texas. Convention rates for round trip. Dates of sale Dec. 14th to 19th inclusive

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Jas F Brewer, Jeweler

I am here to stay and will make anything sold just as represented. Jas E Brewer, Jeweler in First National Bank building

Hello Central, give me 45. The Miller Mercantile Co. I want a gallon of that pure apple cider and some fresh cakes—right away.

These new hat pins at Brewer's are beauties and so cheap too.

The Miller Mercantile Co receives fresh celery twice a week.

If you feel ill and need a pill Why not purchase the best? DeWitt's Early Risers

Are little surprises. Take one—they do the rest.

W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes—I have used Little Early Risers in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family. E. D. Walker.

A LUCKY MAN

Thats what you will be
if you buy groceries from

GODWIN & ALVIS

We always keep a fresh line of GROCESIES
VEGETABLES and EVERYTHING kept
in a first class grocery store. Phone us.

GODWIN & ALVIS

Lend Me Your Ears.....

While I address you on the subject of Christmas goods. No doubt you are looking for a place to make your Xmas purchases and want the most for your money. My line of Fruits, Candies, etc. are fresh and first class. We have candy for the ladies, toys for the babies and presents for the old folks. Come and see me.

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Does General Repair Work. Horse shoeing a specialty. Solicits a share of your patronage.

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It's Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, your heart "beats", you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.

Herbine

contains vegetable and narcotic poisons, and cures any or all symptoms, makes appetite and spirits good. At drug stores.

Sold and Guaranteed by E. D. WALKER.

DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA
(TEETHING POWDER)

Cures Cholera-Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASY.

Costs Only 25 cents at Druggists.

Or mail 25 cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., ST. LOUIS, MO.

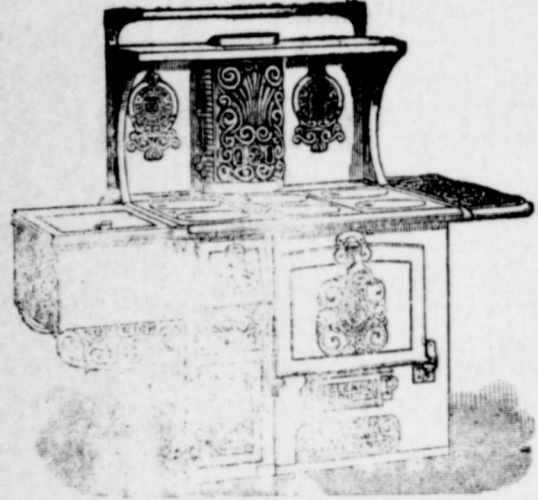
Office of D. H. HARDY, Secretary of State, Austin, Tex., Nov. 21, 1902.

I have found Dr. Moffett's TEETHINA a splendid remedy and aid for my teething children. When my oldest boy was a teething child, every succeeding day warned us that we would inevitably lose him. I happened upon TEETHINA, and began at once administering it to him, and his improvement was marked in 24 hours, and from that day on he recuperated. I have constantly kept it and used it since with my children, and have taken great pleasure in sounding its praises to all mothers of young children. I found it invaluable even after the teething period was passed.

DRS. D. H. HARDY.

Fine Steel Range

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Van Pelt & Kirk propose to give with each \$2.00 Cash Purchase on all articles except Wire and Nails, a Ticket which entitles the holder to a chance at this Range. The party holding the largest number get the Range which will be decided

December 25th, 1902

Xmas Trees...

For family or church use, will deliver anywhere. Only Cedar Break in Runnels County. Trees from 4 feet high up. Leave your order with E. D. Walker, at Ballinger.

W. G. Lykes

CONTENT, TEXAS

FREE DR. RIELLY

The Eye Specialist
San Angelo

Will be in Ballinger December 17, 18, 19, 20. Eye strain causes headache, neuralgia, dull vision, pain in the eyes, nervousness and often stomach trouble. If you have any eye troubles or if your glasses do not give satisfaction don't fail to call and see Dr. Rielly and have your eyes examined free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office City Hotel. Calls by appointment.

Remember December 20, is the last day

LADIES:

While I do not advertise to sell my stock of millinery goods at cost. No legitimate business can afford to do that—yet I will sell at the smallest profit possible in order to make a living—my stock is all new and first class. No shelf worn. Strictly up-to-date.

Mrs. Stella Forbes,

Currie Noyes Building

Ballinger, Texas

For Trad.

A good 3 room dwelling, good well, stable, etc., and 4 acres of ground. Will trade for cattle or horses. Price \$800. For further information call on Banner Leader.

If your shoes need repairing go to Bob Shaffers.

J. W. Clampitt left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth on business.

J. M. Sharp, wife and two children are visiting the family of W. F. Sharp, their brother, at present. They are from Scantsville, Mo., and are prospecting with a view to locating.

You Don't Have To Apologize

For your home when it is built with Lumber, Doors, Shingles, Windows, etc., bought of F. J. Williams & Co.

We handle everything in our line and the best of everything too. Let us show you

A pleased customer is our best advertisement and by this means many new customers come to us each month. Let us please you

Special prices on Wagons and Buggies from now until January 1st, 1903. Come and examine

Surprise your wife by purchasing her one of our elegant Buggies, Surries or Carriages for a Christmas present. Ask those who have made purchases from us as to prices

F. J. WILLIAMS & COMPANY

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 4, '02
To the Honorable Mayor, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting held yesterday by the Boll Weevil Committee, appointed by the Dallas Commercial Club, it was determined to call a state convention to meet at the Commercial Club rooms in the city of Dallas, Texas, at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, December 17th, 1902, for the purpose of determining the best plan for the farmers to pursue in fighting the boll weevil; and also what laws should be requested of the next legislature which will assist in the extermination of this much-dreaded pest.

It was determined that the Mayor of each town in Texas should be requested to appoint a committee of three representative citizens of his city to attend this convention and we now desire that you immediately make such appointments and advise the committee as quickly as possible your appointees.

As it is desired that as wide publicity as possible be given to this subject and to the convention proposed to be held, we request that you advise us briefly your ideas on the subject, with a view of having same published generally throughout the state. We also desire that you have this communication published in your local papers, together with your views on the subject, and

in every way possible assist in creating the sentiment in favor of the passage of immediate laws to assist the cotton growers of Texas, which sentiment is absolutely necessary in order for the desired result to be obtained.

The ravages of the boll weevil have already caused such incalculable destruction to a large portion of our state that the committee do not feel it necessary to more than call your attention to the immense gravity of the situation. Those sections of our state which have not yet been visited, can expect to be reached with absolute certainty within the next two years. Not only are the cotton growing communities immediately affected, but every merchant, banker, jobber and professional man in the state is interested.

We ask your most earnest cooperation in this matter. Address all communications to Chairman of this Committee

Henry D. Linsley,
Chairman

Chas. Miller went to Dallas Tuesday to attend the rendition of the "Tempest" to be rendered by James and Ward, America's foremost classic players.

J. F. Lusk and B. C. Kirk made a trip to Sweetwater this week on some business.

A whole lot of new watches at Jas. E. Brewer's

Thos. Kirkpatrick, of Winters, transacted business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Clyde McKinney, of San Saba is the guest of Miss Clara Guion at present.

A. D. Tally and son Walter of Crews spent Wednesday here transacting business.

H. A. Shurman, the hustling editor of the Concho Herald, spent a few hours in our city Wednesday.

Horace Thomson came in from El Paso county this week where he has been to look for a new ranch location.

The fat cows shipped to Kansas City last week from Ballinger and Miles brought \$1.80 and \$2.70 per hundred.

Miss Huldah Voglesang left Tuesday afternoon for a visit to Smithville where she will spend Christmas with her sister.

Miss Blanche Bell, of San Angelo who has been visiting Miss Edna Odom left Tuesday to spend a few days in Talpa.

The Rowena Gin has ginned 186 bales of cotton so far this season. They expect to reach 300 before the season closes.

Walter Z. Gresham of Galveston passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon enroute for Galveston his home, he had been up to San Angelo on legal business.

Compare It With Others

Not A Cost Sale

Nor a Removal Sale

Yours for Cash

L. MARKOWITZ & BROTHER

EXTENSION OF THE FRISCO. Speculations as to its Route From Brady South.

Engineers are now in the field running a preliminary line of survey from Brady in McCulloch county to San Antonio for the Frisco. This survey is for a continuation of the Ft Worth & Rio Grande road, a recent Frisco acquisition which is to be built southwest from Brownwood to San Antonio and to the Rio Grande river to a connection with the Mexican system of railroads.

The building of this extension of the Frisco system will be of vast importance and benefit to San Antonio, as it will open up a new section that will become tributary to this city. A portion of the country through which the extended line will run is not thickly settled now, but in this day of homeseekers it can be imagined, without any great effort, that all that territory northwest from San Antonio and between here and Brownwood in Brown county will soon be dotted by farms and settled by a thrifty population.

It is pretty generally understood that having once reached San Antonio, the Frisco will not be content but will reach out for the Rio Grande country, and will build a line of railroad into that section which has so long been clamoring for railroad connection with the outer world. There is no country on the continent more fertile than the Rio Grande valley, and it is only the lack of transportation facilities that has kept it from being one of the most thickly settled sections of the state. The natural conditions of the sections are well known to

the present progressive management of the Frisco and it has been talked for some time that when the road once reached San Antonio there would be a move made for the Brownville country, a section as fertile as the valley of the Nile, and where lands can now be had at low prices. It is the policy of the Frisco to bring people into the territory occupied by its lines, and as they are all in the Southwest, it can readily be seen that the Southwest will receive benefits from the progressive and developing policy of the management of the system of which Mr. B. F. Yoakum, formerly a citizen of San Antonio and an admirer of this city, is the moving spirit.

There has been much speculation as to the route that will be followed by the Frisco after it leaves Brady, to which point the road has been located. Some incline to the idea that the line will be built to a point on the Kerrville branch of the Sap and that an arrangement will be made by which Frisco trains will come into San Antonio over the Sap and that from the point of junction a line will be built southwest to Eagle Pass, where it will make connection with the Mexican system of roads. Another theory is that there will be two independent lines built, one to San Antonio, thence to the Brownville country, and another from near or at Kerrville to Eagle Pass, via Brackettville and Spofford Junction on the Southern Pacific.

This is merely conjectures, however, as nothing as to the Frisco plans has been given out officially, but the general understanding is that the road is heading for San Antonio and the Rio Grande.

The man who gets mad at what newspapers say about him should return thanks three times a day for what these papers know about him and do not say.—Perry (Okla.) Republican.

Uncle Sam's Recruits.

The following qualifications are required of every soldier selected as a recruit: He must not be under twenty or over twenty five years old, he must be strong enough to lift a 100 pound weight with both hands to a position level with his chest, he must be 5 feet 8 inches in height and able to run a course of seven miles in an hour and he must also be of good character.

The mayor of Laredo has cut off his salary as a matter of retrenchment.

On order has been placed for the lumber necessary to build a snagboat for the Brazos.

No court will be held in Zapata county unless horse feed is guaranteed for jurors and witnesses.

Commander-in-Chief Gordon gives notice that any camp of Confederate Veterans indorsing a candidate for office is liable to suspension.

Some of the city officials of Waco recognize Mr. Richards as mayor, while others take their orders from Mr. Riggins.

The South Texas truck growers have formulated a plan for a shipping agency.

The A. and M. eleven lays claim to the title of football champions of the South.

If you want fresh vegetables go to Godwin & Alvis.

Howdy Santa Claus! Headquarters at Pearce's Drug Store

Our prices are going to create a stir for never before has such offers been made to the people of Runnels county. We are offering our entire stock of clothing for sale to either merchants or retail at a price which can not be bought at wholesale cost. We especially ask

Country merchants

To call and examine our stock of clothing. We are going to quit the ready made clothing line and must sell out before taking

Inventory

to our retail trade we will say no matter what it costs us we will sell you clothing cheaper than any house in the west. All our goods will be cut prices. Call and see before you buy.

NOTICE OF INTENTION
Of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to apply to the next Legislature of Texas for an Act authorizing it to purchase or lease all of the properties of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company and of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Company.

The undersigned will apply to the Legislature of the State of Texas, convening in January, 1905, for the passage of a law authorizing the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase, or to lease, for a term of years, not exceeding nine hundred and ninety-nine (999) all of the railroads and all other properties, and all of the rights and franchises pertaining thereto of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company, and of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, and when so purchased, or leased, to operate the same under its charter as a part of its own line, and authorizing the last two named companies and each of them, and their respective stockholders, to so sell, or lease all of their said properties, rights and franchises to said Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company.

GULF COLORADO & SANTA FE RAILWAY CO.,

By E. P. Ripley, President
GULF BEAUMONT & KANSAS CITY RAILWAY CO.,

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Prices Reasonable and good work rendered. All custom appreciated.

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WINTERS, TEXAS.

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The Winters Restaurant always has every thing the market affords and plenty of it

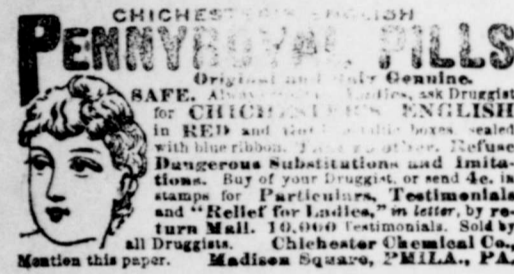
W. H. Avery,
Winters, - - Texas.

Now Ready.

A series of views consisting of 14 different photos of and around Ballinger, river, etc. Put up in neat book form, average size of views 3½ to 4½. Just the thing to send to friends away for Xmas. See them at our gallery. See sample or leave orders at J. E. Brewer's.

Greenwood & Osteen,
Photographers.

J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store presents the most pleasing picture in the holiday line this little city has ever known.



THOUSANDS SAVED BY DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure. No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

A Weak Stomach

Indigestion is often caused by over-eating. An eminent authority says the harm done thus exceeds that from the excessive use of alcohol. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. A weak stomach may refuse to digest what you eat. Then you need a good digestant like Kodol, which digests your food without the stomach's aid. This rest and the wholesome tonics Kodol contains soon restore health. Dieting unnecessary. Kodol quickly relieves the feeling of fullness and bloating from which some people suffer after meals. Absolutely cures indigestion.

Kodol Nature's Tonic.
Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.



Mrs. Fred Unrath,
President Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich.

"After my first baby was born I did not seem to regain my strength although the doctor gave me a tonic which he considered very superior, but instead of getting better I grew weaker every day. My husband insisted that I take Wine of Cardui for a week and see what it would do for me. I did take the medicine and was very grateful to find my strength and health slowly returning. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very enthusiastic in its praise."

Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs of generation for the ordeal of pregnancy and childbirth. It prevents miscarriage. No woman who takes Wine of Cardui need fear the coming of her child. If Mrs. Unrath had taken Wine of Cardui before her baby came she would not have been weakened as she was. Her rapid recovery should commend this great remedy to every expectant mother. Wine of Cardui regulates the menstrual flow.

WINE OF CARDUI

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

Old papers for sale at this office 20cts per 100.

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.

Cures Cancer and Blood Poison.

If you have blood poison producing eruptions, pimples, ulcers, swollen glands, bumps and risings, burning, itching skin, copper-colored spots or rash on the skin, mucous patches in mouth or throat, falling hair, bone pains, old rheumatism or foul catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B B B). It kills the poison in the blood; soon all sores heal, hard swellings subside, aches and pains stop and a perfect cure is made of the worst cases of Blood Poison.

For cancers, tumors, swellings, eating sores, ugly ulcers, persistent pimples of all kinds, take B B B. It destroys the cancer poison in the blood, heals cancer of all kinds, cures the worst humors or suppurating swellings. Thousands cured by B B B after all else fails. Composed of pure botanic ingredients. Improves the digestion, makes the blood pure and rich, stops the awful itching and all sharp shooting pains. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, \$1 per bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice also sent in sealed letter.

British farmers are trying to get the government to shut out all American cattle, whether from the United States or Canada.

Foils a Deadly Attack.

My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M M Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache, etc. 25c at J Y Pearce's.

A party of nuns are to be sent to the upper Nile, the first female missionaries for that part of Africa.

What's in a Name?

Everything's in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. E. D. Walker.

Silverware at Brewer's.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 lbs." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Electric Bitters are a positive guaranteed cure. Only 50c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

The Nicaraguan government is in trouble as a result of mistreating a British subject.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

All of the American republics may resist the coercion of England and Germany.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The house passed the pension bill, carrying over \$139,000,000 without a word of debate.

A Cold Wave.

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health and probably my life." It cures Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strengthens the lungs. E. D. Walker.

A Straightforward Answer.

J. B. Lippincott once ventured to ask Ouida, the novelist, how she came to know so much about clubs, camp life, barracks, gambling houses and other places which are only visited by men. She placed her hands upon her knees and looking straight at her questioner, said, "It is none of your business."

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.

Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach Troubles, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol rebuilds wornout tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends. E. D. Walker.

Famine threatens the northern district of Sweden.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsbury, Wisconsin, writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that every bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

The Chicago Live Stock exposition is closed.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household which cause burns, cuts, sprains, and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

A Serious Problem.

The proposition of fighting the mail order houses is one that confronts every business man, for it threatens great loss to the retail man in all parts of Texas. Notwithstanding the fact that an inferior quality of goods is obtained and a great many times equally as large a price is paid, yet there is something in their glaring advertisements that is catchy and attracts a great deal of trade that legitimately belongs to the retail merchant and this in a measure reduces his profits and takes the money out of their home towns. The real way for the retail man to meet this question successfully is to fight it with its own weapon, viz: Sell for cash and use good newspaper advertising and plenty of it.

An extravagant woman is a millstone around a struggling husband's neck; every time he raises his head above the contending elements she drags it under again. She has no more business with a poor husband than swine with pearls. The wife has no more right to squander in any manner the family resources than the husband has to spend any part of his slender income for whiskey, or other riotous living. Either conduct is a crime against the children and against common sense. Only those who have ample incomes can afford superfluous luxuries—and they often damn and kill themselves by the habit.—Palestine Advocate.

Denver's mayor and eleven aldermen have been sentenced to four month's imprisonment for contempt of court.

I. & G. N. Excursion Rates.

Meeting Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Masonic Lodge, Houston, Texas. Convention rates. Sell tickets Nov. 23rd, 24th and for trains arriving Houston morning Nov. 25th. Also sell tickets Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st and for trains arriving at Houston morning of Dec. 2. Limit Dec 16th for return.

The Great Texas Health Resort, Marlin, Tex. Sell tickets every day the year round. Limit 60 days for return. Rate one and one third fare.

The Great Sea-Wall Carnival, Dec. 15 to 20, Galveston, Texas. Special excursion rates and arrangements will be announced later.

Our Christmas Holiday Excursions will cover a very large territory this year. Rate one fare plus \$2.00 round trip. Sell tickets Dec 13, 17, 21, 23, 23 and 26th, limit 30 days for return. Tickets will be on sale to points in the Southeast (Old States), to Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado and Mexico. Note the early selling dates and low rates.

Local Holiday Excursions: Excursion tickets will be on sale between all points on the I. & G. N. System Dec 23rd 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, 1902 and Jan. 1st, 1903, limited to January 3rd for return.

Call on I. & G. N. ticket agents for complete information. Write us regarding your Christmas trip and we will furnish full particulars, cost of ticket, train time, etc.

D. P. Price, G. P. & T. A. L. Price, 2nd V. P. & G. M., Palestine, Texas.

Christmas Excursions.

via



ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00

Tickets on sale December 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, Limit to return 30 days from date of sale. Santa Fe ticket agents will tell you all about Rates, Routes and Territory. Ask them.

W. S. Keenan, G.P.A. GALVESTON, - - TEXAS

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Bucklem's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at J Y Pearce's

THE OLD RELIABLE



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

Don't forget the oyster stew in the Hall building Friday Dec. 19.

Frank Abney, C. M. Shuffler and J. A. Grimes left last Thursday for Brownwood to attend the district convention in session there.

Lem Cresswell and sister Miss Maggie came in from Stacy, McCulloch county, last Thursday and are visiting friends in the city.

There will be services at the C. P. church Sunday and Sunday night. Bible class will meet Monday at 7:30 at the church.

O. M. Fitzhugh, Pastor.

In the local option elections recently held in Mills county, Goldthwaite went "dry" by eleven majority while Mullin went "wet" by the same majority.

Oysters.

The Ladies of the Christian church will serve oysters in the R. A. Hall building, next door to Crews & McGregor, on Friday Dec. 19th, from 12 m to 8 p. m.

Dedicatory Services.

Last Sunday the New Hope-well Baptist church near Crews was dedicated by Rev. Hicks of Miles Station.

Services were conducted Friday night by the regular pastor and by Bro. Hicks Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Quite a large crowd was present, but there was no dinner on the ground on account of the inclement weather. A Citizen.

City Council Proceedings.

The City Council met in extra session Thursday and employed two men, one as marshal and the other as deputy marshal, to enforce the ordinance against explosions and fire crackers of every kind on blocks 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. That takes in from the Mayor's office to west end of McVay's lumber yard in to the railroad. Also blocks 16, 17, 18 and 19, which includes from City Hotel to west end of Star Wagon Yard. The marshal and deputy are to be on the lookout day and night from now until after the holidays, Jan. 6th, 1903. The city does not wish to put any boy in jail or fine them but will see that teams are not frightened or property destroyed by fire during the holidays if a day and night watchman can prevent it.

The produce store at Winters handles a nice line of assorted goods and exchanges them for all kinds of country produce, raw hides and stovewood. Give us a trial.

W. H. WHITLEY & Co.

Ballinger's Fire.

Fire broke out in the rear of the second story of the frame building occupied by Bowden Bros. as a hardware, furniture, and second hand store, and belonging to Mrs. Bennett, about 7:15 Thursday evening. The alarm was immediately given and the Fire Company was on the scene in a few minutes but too late to save the building. As soon as it was decided the building could not be saved, they began carrying out the contents and succeeded in getting a good deal of heavy articles out before the building collapsed.

Then a desperate fight followed by the fire boys to save the Tom Lankford building adjoining and the J. H. Miller building. More efficient work was never done by our fire company and by dint of hard fighting saved both buildings from the angry flames.

On account of the immediate danger it was deemed best to carry out the contents of T. S. Lankford's store, which was done. Lusk & Co. refused to have their doors opened. The contents of Jim Dancer's barber shop were carried across the street for fear their building would catch, it being a shingle roof.

Bowden Bros. carried \$2,000 insurance on their stock in the Hartford, which will almost cover their loss. There was no insurance on the building.

T. S. Lankford carried \$1,000 on the building and \$2,000 on the stock which is ample to cover his loss. Jim Dancer's shop fixtures had \$300 insurance which enables him to repair his damages from moving out.

The origin of the fire is unknown. No fire was in the building all day Thursday.

Wingate Items.

Miss Edna Pettit has returned to her home in California.

People are still picking cotton. If the winter should prove mild, very probably it wouldn't be necessary for farmers to plant cotton in the spring as the plants now in the field seem to be ever-bearing.

We are to have a Christmas tree on the evening of the 24th.

Miss Mary Belle Salsbury, of Hico is visiting Mr. Moore and family. We welcome her in our community and hope she may be favorably impressed with the people and country.

Rev. Sullivan filled his regular appointment here on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. M. D. Townsend is in the Wingate community this week in the interest of H. Winkler.

We are glad to report Mr. Parish greatly improved and hope he may soon be up. His mother came in from Kentucky Sunday evening to be with him until he is well. Scriptor.

Ed Strickland went to Brownwood last Thursday to work up a basket from that point for the Home Steam Laundry. He will visit Coleman, Santa Anna and Comanche for the same purpose while away.

Remember the oyster fry given by the ladies of the Christian church next Friday afternoon.

John Dale and Frank Smiley of Winters were in Ballinger Friday.

For Sale.

My entire livery stable outfit Call on or address JOHN H. WEBB, Ballinger, Texas.

A CHANGE NECESSARY

To Patrons and Customers:

Since the late advance in fuel oil the price of fuel is at present just double that what it has been in the past. Making it impossible to operate our plant except at a loss. Appreciating the good will and welfare of our patrons we deem impracticable to raise the price of the lights. We therefore suggest that if our customers are willing to continue using the lights at the present rate we will run the lights until one o'clock each night by that means we can continue to furnish them, otherwise it will be impossible and we would be compelled to stop entirely as anyone can see we can not operate at a loss. When ever the number of lights increase sufficiently to justify it we will again run the lights all night. Hoping you will continue to use the lights as suggested. Respectfully,

Ballinger Light & Power Co.,

W. J. MILLER, Manager.

Xmas Suggestions

A last word about Christmas Gifts. Christmas is just a little over a week away, and if you have not made your selection let me advise you to do so now while the stocks are more complete. My stock contains many useful and appropriate Xmas presents. Such as the following:

Ladies Jackets and Plusn Capes, Ladies Ready Made Silk Waists, Silk Waist Patterns in Wool and Silk and Wool Novelties, Skirt Patterns, Initial Silk Handkerchiefs in white and colored, a large line of Smyrna and Wilton Velvet Rugs, Fine Damask Table Cloths, all wool and half wool Carpets

All at prices within the reach of every one come and look over the line and see whether we can not find something you want.

H. WINKLER

The Spot Cash Dry Goods House

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Mrs. Geo. Wright, of Ballinger, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. P. Smith, on East Harris avenue, for about two weeks returned home Tuesday. She was accompanied by David Smith, who will visit relatives there for a month.—San Angelo Press.

After Us All.

A small editorial in an exchange is worth traveling along the line of newspaperdom. This is it: "It is very apparent that Mr. Bryan is still for Mr. Bryan. We believe also that Teddy Roosevelt is for Roosevelt, and Mark Hanna is for Hanna and that we are following their example. The only really unselfish one in the push is Satan—he is after us all."—Butler (Ohio) Times.

Crumbs from Kansas.

If a man desires to fight and does not want to be arrested he can join a football team.

If there is anything in the superstition that rice throwing brings good luck, it is a wonder it is not thrown after the hearse at a funeral.

When a mother calls her boys to get up in the morning, she has so much sympathy that she never calls good and loud till the sixth time.

People are charitable after all. When a man goes from a \$40 to a \$100 job his friends blow about it, but when he goes back to a \$40 position nothing is said.

Don't expect your arguments to have much weight. Did you ever go into seclusion and attempt to argue yourself out of a fool intention and succeed?

We Give any Lady

A splendid chance to earn spending money very easily working for us in their leisure time; the work is not hard, and any woman or girl who has a little spare time will do well to avail themselves of this great opportunity to earn money. Send us 25 cents (silver) and we will at once send you the Cloth with full directions prepaid by us anywhere in the U. S. so that you can commence work at once. Address

BRILLIANTINA CO.
(T14) Roxbury, Mass.

To the Farmers.

We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay \$5.00 extra as long as present prices prevail. Will pay more or less as the price of seed goes up or down. BALLINGER MILLING Co.