

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, December 27 1902

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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

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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.

Roger Givens, formerly of Brownwood but now of Pittsburg, Pa., spent a few days this week the guest of his mother of this city. Mr. Givens holds an important position in one of the railroad offices of Pittsburg.

J. W. and Arthur Chilton left Wednesday for Fort Worth their future home.

W. C. Penn went to Brownwood Wednesday afternoon to spend Xmas.

For Rent.
A good farm 63 acres, 1 mile from Ballinger, good well, all in cultivation, fine orchard. For particulars call on me at the Banner-Leader office.
C. O. HARRIS

Mr. Fentress Hill, of Memphis, Tenn., came in Monday morning and is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Jno. I. Guion. He will visit Mrs. McAlpine of San Angelo before his return and from here he will go to New York

Miss Proctor left Tuesday for Alvord, Texas, to spend Christmas with home folks.

Bob Prater went to Brownwood Tuesday to spend Christmas.

Racket Store That Makes Racket Prices

We are here with a line of Dry Goods, Notions, Tinware, Hardware, Groceries, etc., and the stock we now have we bought at a bargain way down below wholesale cost and in order to introduce ourselves to the public we are going to sell everything at less than our competitors paid for theirs. We are here to stay and as fast as we sell out any line we will replace the goods from headquarters and make prices lower than ever heard of before in Ballinger. We know our competitors are squalling old goods and auction stuff but little do we care what our competitors have to say about us. All we want is the good will of the trading public and we are going to have this. Every article in our house is guaranteed to be as represented and we will refund the money for any goods not entirely satisfactory if returned to us in as good shape as when we sell it. This makes you safe so call and see our goods and if you buy anything take it to any store in Ballinger and if you can buy the same goods at our price just return the goods get your money and buy the goods of the other man. We mean just what we say we are going to undersell any competition, makes no difference who it is so don't fail to get our prices. Below we name a few prices that you may know how cheap we are selling. Of course we have not got the space to enumerate one half the bargains we are offering but we ask that you call in and see our stock and be your own judges don't let our competitors judge against us for you that would not be fair in any court but we are willing for you to judge.

Notice the Following Prices LOOK! Look! LOOK!

Silk thread per spool.....4c	Mens nice cashmere gloves.....25c	Large strainer.....8c	Arm and Hammer soda per lb.....8c
Good spool thread.....3c	Ladies kid gloves.....60c	Cups and saucers set.....23c	Faultless starch per lb.....8c
Pearl buttons per doz.....7c	Men's hoes 2 pair for.....15c	Blueing 2 boxes for.....5c	Globe Oats 5 lbs.....25c
Shirt buttons 12 doz for.....4c	Mens undershirts.....20c	Fu,1 head rice 18 lbs.....\$1 00	Candy per lb.....8c
Good linen collars.....8c	1 gallon zink oil can.....18c	Sugar 19 lbs.....1.00	Snuff 2 boxes for.....5c
Good white envelopes per pack.....4c	Extra large wash pan.....8c	Coffee 9 lbs.....1.00	Axle grease 3 boxes for.....20c
Extra heavy table cloth per yd.....30c	Cake Pan.....5c	Soap 12 bars for.....25c	

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→ CHRISTMAS ←

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MAKE THEM HAPPY

Groceries did you Say?

Yes we have them and they are fresh too. When you begin your Christmas cooking let us send you up an order and we feel sure you will give us a second order for we strive to please. Our goods are just as represented. Give us a share of your patronage

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An Editor's Dream.

In reply to a statement of account sent to a subscriber in Iowa, the Pierceton (Iowa) Record received the following:

"Mr. Editor: I received your dun today. Heretefore when I got a dun from you I threw it aside and forgot about it. I have just been making some calculations and find that it has cost you 17 cents to dun me so far. That money was thrown away, through my carelessness. I really didn't care much about

your paper and that's why I didn't pay any attention to the duns. In your last dun just received I am reminded that you sent me your paper five years without a penny from me, besides your labor and expenses of dunning me every six months. I now realize how mean and dishonest I was and became ashamed of myself. I am a plain spoken man and don't mince words. When I or any other subscriber don't appreciate a paper enough to pay for it each year we should square up and stop it at once. I always felt that I would never stop my paper until I paid up because I believe hell will never be hot enough to punish a man who stops a paper before paying what he owes. I enclose \$7.50 for the five years' subscription I owe you, also 17 cents for postage you wasted on me. You may please stop the paper now, for I am too careless a man to take any paper. Give my regards to old friends in Pierceton but please don't mention my name. I would hate to have my old friends know that I made you wait five years for subscription to the old home paper."

Mr Bartlett's amendment has given the republicans their opportunity to get out of anti-trust legislation.

The Anglo-German breach is being widened by intemperate expressions in the press.

The long standing difference between the kaiser and the pope has been adjusted.

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, 1903, 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.

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By E. P. Ripley, President
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OFFICE OF D. H. HARDY, Secretary of State, AUSTIN, TEX., Nov. 21, 1900.

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MRS. D. H. HARDY.

J. R. Casey spent Sunday in Brownwood.

N. H. Hollingsworth Sundayed in Brownwood.

Weeks Currie shipped a car of mules east Monday.

Earnest Cahay of Wingate was in town Saturday.

Walter Murray of Winters was trading in Ballinger Saturday.

Miss Daisy Pittman left Saturday for Temple to spend the holidays.

Horace Thomson came in from their Schleicher county ranch Monday.

J. F. Manske left Sunday afternoon for his old home in Tennessee.

Will L. Howell and J. Robbins, two of Bronte's citizens, were in Ballinger Monday.

Dr. W. B. Halley left Monday for Dallas to spend Christmas with his mother.

Services at the Cumberland Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 and at night.

Frank Rather spent Monday at Winters in the interest of the Friend-In-Need Society.

P. E. Truly came down from San Angelo Saturday and spent a few hours in Ballinger

Robt Massey came in Sunday night from Dallas to spend the holidays with home folks.

W. J. Yantis, of Sipe Springs, Dr. J. A. Abney were in Ballinger Monday on business.

Walt Allen came in from Dallas Sunday night to spend the holidays with home folks.

C. C. F. Blanchard went to Coleman Monday afternoon returning on the night train.

J. W. Newman remembered us this week by joining our subscription list.

Temple Hoffer came in Saturday night from Bryan to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Ethel Bowden came from Belton Saturday night to spend the holidays with home folks.

W. G. Lykes was in town Monday from Content with an order of cedar trees for Xmas trees.

C. M. Shuffler and wife and Ralph left Monday for Temple, Oklahoma, to spend Christmas.

Marion Mullins proprietor of the Miles Messenger spent a few hours in Ballinger Monday.

Portis and Henry Gay came in from their ranch this week to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. S. N. Allison left Sunday afternoon for Taylor to spend the holidays and look after business matters.

Ward Moser, who has been visiting home folks for the past ten days, left Saturday for Beaumont his home.

A. R. Phillips special agent of the Springfield Fire Ins. Co. spent Monday here on business with Lee Maddox.

S. B. Gass, one of Winters' prosperous citizens, was in Ballinger Saturday and while here made the editor happy.

Miss Alpha Caperton, one of Runnels county's most popular school teachers, left Monday for Austin to visit relatives.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler left Monday for Temple, Oklahoma, to engage in a protracted meeting their during Christmas.

Supt. T. S. Cox left Sunday afternoon for Arcola, Mo., to spend the holidays with his parents. His little son accompanied him.

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To the Public.

We will not issue a paper next week as we will have to revise our subscription rolls and give the office force a little rest. We will get out four issues in January, however, as there are five Saturdays in that month. The first issue will appear January 10th.—Editor.

A. J. Smith.

The sad news reached Ballinger early Saturday morning that A. J. Smith, one of Runnels county's most respected citizens, was dead. He had been suffering several days from rupture resulting in blood poison and Dr. Marberry of San Angelo was called over to assist Drs Halley & Love perform an operation but human skill proved of no avail and death claimed him as her own. His remains were interred at the Runnels cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity Saturday afternoon, attended by a large concourse of friends.

We extend sympathy to the grief stricken wife and family.

Miss Bessie Miller entertained the smart set last Tuesday evening at the home of her father. Quite a number of Ballinger's youth and beauty were present and of course had their usual good time. Miss Bessie is a charming entertainer and she sustained her reputation on this occasion.

The Pacific cable may reach Honolulu by Christmas Day.

The Smart Set enjoyed a party at the residence of D. P. Gay Christmas night.

The following parties attended the Cotton Buyers Ball at Brownwood Thursday night: J. R. Casey and Miss Maud Erwin, A. P. Luckett and Miss Kate Thomson, Geo Holman and Miss Clara Guion, Foster Ryan and Miss Beatrice Thomson. Conda Wylie and Miss Minnie Guion Francis, Mrs. H. H. Thomson and Horace Thomson.

Puckett-Wood.

Sunday evening at four o'clock Mr. T. A. Puckett of Runnels county and Miss Della Wood of Taylor county were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wood, Rev. Moore of Wingate officiating. After the ceremony the bride and groom and a host of relatives and friends drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Puckett where they partook of a very nice supper that was prepared for the occasion. After the supper they listened to some very nice music, violins, harps and banjos. All then retired to their homes wishing the bride and groom much happiness through the coming years of life.

Wingate News.

Christmas is here and about over. We are glad to report that the box supper given at the school building on Tuesday evening was a success both socially and financially.

Mrs. Mary Brown is visiting friends at Miles during Christmas week.

Mrs. J. T. Pagker is spending Christmas with her parents at Austin.

Miss Agnes Townsend is spending a few days with Ballinger friends.

Miss Ed Dean and his sister, Miss Cynthia, narrowly escaped a serious accident Monday night. Miss Cynthia was in the buggy and Mr. Ed had started to get in when the horse became frightened and jerked Mr. Ed down and run the wheel over him. Miss Cynthia was thrown out and painfully but not seriously hurt. The buggy was torn to pieces.

Mr. Tom Barrett's horse ran through two wire fences with his buggy Wednesday evening and tore the buggy up a little. Mr. Tom was not in the buggy.

Grandpa Turner now has charge of the post office.

We had a very nice Christmas tree Wednesday evening and we wish to congratulate the committee on the arrangement and general appearance of the tree. Scriptor.

To Our Patrons and Friends

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for the liberal patronage

Extended us during the past year and solicit a continuation for the New Year. Our stock of lumber is the largest in West Texas and our figure are always the closest.

Remember our Special Sale on Wagons and Buggies continues until January 1, 1903. Don't fail to avail yourself of this opportunity for a bargain in this line. Give us a call

F. J. WILLIAMS & COMPANY

A Young Man Scalded.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 20 — John Tanny, a young man who has been in the employ of Swift & Co. died at a hospital in this city last night at 11 o'clock from the effects of injuries received at the packing house here yesterday.

Tanny was working near a large vat of boiling water when he lost his footing and fell in. His fellow-workmen pulled him out at once but his injuries were frightful. From the chin down, Tanny's body was badly scalded. When the clothing was removed large pieces of skin and flesh

A Merry New Year

ASA CORDILL

The Jeweler who appreciates past favors and solicits a continuance of same for the New Year.

JAS. E. BREWER

The Jeweler

Respectfully tenders his thanks and appreciation to the public for their patronage during the old year that is just closing and solicits a share for the New Year

Yours for a Merry New Year

Jas. E. Brewer

Your Laundry

Is an important part of your wearing apparel, so important that you should be careful who does your work

The Home Steam Laundry

Does absolutely perfect work. You'll say so if you try it.

Strickland & Rutherford

Ballinger, - - Texas

adhered to it and the victim suffered terrible agony. He soon became unconscious and remained in that condition.

Tanny recently came here from Ballinger, Texas, where his mother, a Mrs. McFarland, now resides. He was 30 years of age and unmarried.

The body is being held at an undertaker's awaiting instructions from relatives at Ballinger. Dallas News.

We are indeed sorry to note the above sad accident. Mr. Tanny was generally known here as Will McFarland and is well

known in this town and community he having lived here a number of years.

The Chilton Dry Goods Co. retired from business this week and left for Fort Worth, their old home. Their goods were turned over to their wholesale house of St. Louis and will be sold to the highest bidder. We regret to lose Mr. Chilton and his estimable family from our town.

Mexico is excited over the appearance of bubonic plague.

To the Public

We have purchased the wagon yard business heretofore run by A. S. Justice known as the Farmers Wagon Yard and will run in connection a livery and feed stable, we will have for hire first class teams and turn outs, feed of all kinds will be kept for sale. Our location is to the rear of F. J. Williams & Co's. lumber yard. Give us a share of your patronage. Yours for business.

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A Fire Insurance Policy with

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Is just like a U. S. Bond in case of a loss. Liberal adjustment and quick settlement is the motto of the companies he represents.

Wishing you a merry Xmas and happy New Year

LEE MADDOX

The Insurance Man

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS

There is Music in the Air
For it is Christmas Time

But How About
The New Year Menu

Is it complete, have you every thing on it that is desirable and that will contribute to the completeness of your New Year dinner? If not come to us. The banishing of your troubles in this particular is our pleasure and and we are fully equipped to do that very thing.

We are truly grateful for the very liberal patronage which the public has bestowed on us. Since we have been in business in Ballinger, we have always endeavored to show our appreciation in a practical and substantial way which we trust has been recognized by our patronage.

We always exert every effort to supply our customers with the best the market affords and shall continue to do this in the future as in the past

GODWIN & ALVIS

Winters.

The following parties from Winters have taken out membership in the Friend-In-Need Society in the last ten days:

J. M. Johnshan and wife.
Joe Vancil and wife.
T. S. Crowder and wife.
P. L. Meeks.
Ed Stone.
W. H. Rogers and wife.
Mrs. W. L. Hall
S. W. Pratt.
Ben Koehler and wife.
W. W. Scott and wife.
R. A. David and wife.
C. T. Grant and wife.
J. M. Young and wife.
F. L. Pearce and wife.
Earnest Hoch.
S. T. Proctor and wife.
W. H. Mullin and wife.

Notice.

I will retire from active business and close the doors of my store in Ballinger, Texas, on Wednesday, December, 31st, 1902. For over 11 years I have been engaged in the mercantile business at this place and I desire to thank all my customers for their liberal patronage and shall ever feel grateful to them for the same. I may or may not engage in business again here, but if I should do so it will be in a more central location in the town, and in case of my resuming business I would be glad to meet my old customers and friends again. I will be at my old stand with my notes and accounts and all persons indebted to me are requested to call and settle their indebtedness before the 1st day of February, 1903. If I should not be found at the above place my notes and accounts will be found at Park's Bank. My books must be closed by February 1st, 1903.

A. SCHAWA.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

Last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kendall, Mr. F. C. Loep and Miss Hettie Harris, both of Ballinger, were united in holy wedlock, Rev. L. D. Anderson, officiating. Mr. Loep is a popular young architect of that place and the bride is one of Ballinger's most popular young ladies. She has been visiting in Ennis for three months and has made many friends here who extend to this worthy young couple best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous voyage through life.

Miss Lucy Caldwell played Lohengrin's wedding march. The contracting parties stood beneath an arch of evergreens, hanging vines and flowers, with which the parlor was artistically decorated for the occasion.

The bride was gracefully gowned in a beautiful Creation of white Mousline, over Lavendar Taffeta, trimmed in pearl and lace.

Dainty refreshments were served after the marriage.

Guests from out of town: Mrs. Bob Moore, Fort Worth; Mrs. Tnad Eason, Marlow, I. T.; Miss Juliet Van Hoesen, Denison, Texas.

The bride and groom leave this evening by the way of Galveston, for their own home which the groom has prepared in Ballinger. There were quite a number of specially invited guests present. There were numerous pretty and useful presents.

The Daily News joins the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Loep in congratulations.—Ennis News



HOLIDAY HINTS

New Year Selections

Are always most satisfactory because you get your choice of the many handsome gifts and you arrived the big holiday rush.

GIFT GOODS GALORE

**HARDWARE, TINWARE
STOVES, VEHICLES, etc**
Get our Xmas prices on them.

**Hall Hardware
Company....**

I Am Indeed Grateful

To the public for their liberal patronage during the past year and ask a continuance

→A Happy New Year←

Special Bargains

From now until January 1st, in dress goods, men's and boy's suits, over coats,—immense cut in prices in all lines. Don't miss this rare opportunity.

H. WINKLER

To the Ladies of Ballinger & Community:

I take this means of thanking them for their patronage during the year that is just closing I have tried to give value received and furnish my customers with the latest and best at the lowest prices.

I mean to make a stronger effort for 1903 to please my customers.

Yours for a Happy New Year

Mrs. Stella Forbes

For Sale.

Good buggy and harness, been used one year, good as new. Original cost \$120. Price \$75. For further information call on Banner-Leader.

Quite an interesting program, consisting of songs, speeches, recitations, etc., was rendered at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Wednesday night by the Sunday School pupils.

Program of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Brownwood stands adjourned to meet at Santa Anna, on Friday next preceding the third Sabbath in February, 1903, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

The Presbytery having failed to prepare a program for that meeting, at the request of several of the brethren the Stated Clerk has prepared the following program subject to adoption by the Presbytery when it meets:

FRIDAY.

10:30 A. M.—Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. E. O. Kerr.

11:30 A. M.—The Presbytery opened with prayer. Roll called and a moderator elected.

12 M.—Recess to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'clock P. M.—The Presbytery meets and engages in its regular business until 5 o'clock p. m., when it shall take a recess to 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

7 P. M.—The Presbytery shall meet and spend 30 minutes in its regular work.

7:30 P. M.—Rev. A. L. Barr shall preach a sermon on the subject—"Anointing For Service."

At the close of the sermon the Presbytery shall adjourn to meet again tomorrow at 9 a. m.

SATURDAY

9 A. M.—The Presbytery shall meet and after roll call, spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises

9:30—The Presbytery shall enter upon its regular work and continue till 11 o'clock.

11 A. M.—Rev. J. B. Wright shall preach a sermon on the "Elements of Successful Prayer."

After the sermon the Presbytery shall take a recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 P. M.—The Presbytery shall resume its regular work, and continue until 5 o'clock when it shall take a recess until 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

7 P. M.—The Presbytery shall spend 30 minutes in regular work.

7:30 P. M.—Rev. J. M. Martin shall preach a sermon on the subject of "Christian Giving."

After the preaching service the Presbytery shall finish its work and adjourn until the next regular time of its meeting.

Mr. Fred Loop and Miss Hettie Harris who were married at Ennis last week came in Sunday morning and at present have rooms at Mrs. Reeds.

Jacob Stubblefield who resides near Norton was doing some trading in Ballinger.

I'd like once more before I die, to have my stomach full of pie, of pumpkin pie, the grand old brand I used to carry in my hand; a great big slab all golden brown and I would like to wash it down with clear spring water like I did when I was just a pie faced kid. Good pumpkin pie with flaky crust, not manufactured by a trust, but by my mother! bless her soul! I used to stand and watch her roll the pie crust out so nice and thin and dump the golden fixin's in. And when 'twas done! My eyes get dim; you talk about your "Sunny Jim!" He wasn't in it! Not with me! I'd like to be a kid and be outside one more pumpkin pie like mother made before I die.—Sulpher Springs News.

GREETING to the SUNNY SOUTH

From **MONTGOMERY WARD & CO., Chicago,**
whose representative recently enjoyed Southern hospitality as a member of the Merchants', Manufacturers' and Bankers' Delegation of Chicago.



A member of our firm, having accompanied the Merchants', Manufacturers' and Bankers' Delegation of Chicago, on its recent tour through Southern States, returns deeply impressed with the wonderful activity, enterprise and prosperity of the people of this resourceful section of the country. He was especially pleased by the evidence of frugality and shrewdness displayed by the people in seeking the cheapest markets for the purchase of their household, farming and personal necessities, and at once decided to bring to your attention the unrivaled facilities of Montgomery Ward & Co., for supplying your needs with the best goods at lowest prices.

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- MEN'S SUITS, made-to-order, all wool materials; guaranteed quality, workmanship and fit, latest styles.....\$11.00
- KITCHEN TABLE, hard-wood, two drawers and two bins, holding 50 lbs. flour or sugar each, top 29x46 inches \$2.95
- BUGGY HARNESS, the best cheap harness on the market.....\$4.25
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- GLASSWARE SET, 33 pieces, consisting of one water pitcher, 12 glasses, 1 berry dish, 12 saucers, 1 bread plate, 1 sugar bowl, 1 butter dish, 1 cream pitcher, 1 spoon holder, 2 salt shakers, made of finely finished, pure crystal glassware, attractive pattern, good quality.....\$1.33
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- ORGAN, 5-octave, 10-stop, oak case, excellent tone, equal to \$50.00 organs sold by dealers, guaranteed for 5 years.....\$26.75
- COUCH, extra large and well made, containing best springs, upholstered with fancy velours and corduroy, trimmed with good grade of fringe.....\$5.50
- SHOT GUN, the New American side snap, pistol grip, plain blued barrels, nickel-plated mounting, rubber butt plate, using brass or paper shells.....\$4.45 (we also carry shot guns in all prices, up to \$250.00.)
- REVOLVER, Young American double action, full nickel-plated, rubber handle, 32 caliber.....\$1.50 (Also on up to \$15.00.)
- SMYRNA RUG, unsharred, 5x8 1/2 ft., looks as well and wears as long as the regular Smyrna Rug.....\$1.25
- LAP ROBE, gray fur goat skin, 48x8 in., fancy plaid blanket lining of good weight, usually sold at \$5 to \$10.....\$4.10
- LACE CURTAINS, choice, elegant design, 4 1/2 inches wide, 4 yards long, good wearing qualities.....\$1.34
- READING LAMP, brass bowl and stand, 1 1/2-inch wick, 10 inch plain white dome shade, never sold for less than \$1.50 to \$3.00.....\$0.95
- COFFEE RIC, good value, roasted, per lb.....\$0.12
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- PLOW, Texas black land, steel beam, excellent quality, general purpose plow.....\$8.70
- HARROW, made of heavy wood frames, 4 1/2 inch, heavy point teeth, comes with draw-bar.....\$3.50
- CORN SHELLER, "Original Family", adjustable to handle all small ears of corn, durable and satisfactory.....\$0.75
- CORN SHELLER, our famous "Victor", furnished with handle and fan, large, heavy balance wheel, capacity 10 bushels per hour, big bargain.....\$4.35
- "DAISY" FEED MILL, for grinding ear corn or shelled grain, capacity 8 to 12 bushels per hour, good mill that will do its work well.....\$12.95
- AXE, double bit, good quality, 4 to 5 lbs. each, (without handles).....\$0.75
- REFRIGERATORS, made of ash, with quarter-sawn oak panels, zinc lined, 28x17 inches, height 48 inches, holds 50 lbs. of ice.....\$9.10
- GASOLINE STOVE, 2-burner, lay-down tank, the finest of this class in the market.....\$2.95
- SHIRTS, men's extra quality, cotton work shirts, good heavy weight, double back and double front, double stitched, flat felled seam, all colors, the kind usually sold at 75 cents and upwards.....\$0.50
- CHURN, 5-gallon barrel churn, made of the best material, strong, convenient fastenings, recommended as the best churn of its kind manufactured.....\$2.45

Send at once for our 1,100 page Catalogue, which contains full descriptions of all of the above and many more goods at the lowest prices. Write for it at once.

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The House that Tells the Truth.

During the Holidays.

For Holiday Excursionists, to the usual territory in the south-east, "The Old States," to a number of points in Old Mexico, to Colorado, (cool in summer and delightful all the year) also, to all points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. "The Denver Road" has on sale first class limited, round trip tickets at rate of one fare plus \$2.00. Dates of sale December 22, 23 and 26, allowing thirty days for return.

To all points in Texas, special rates of about a fare and a tenth for the round trip apply to tickets sold December 23, 24, 25, 29, 31, also January 1st, limited to return January 3rd.

A number of people are interested in those rates who want to investigate the splendid conditions in Northwest Texas, where the prospects are magnificent now, for fine crops. Those who wish to make a longer stay by the Homeseeker's tickets the Denver Road sells.

Phone J. A. Forbes at the new steam laundry for wood.

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

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

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but have found a cure in Herbine. I recommended it to all my friends who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at E. D. Walker's drug store.

For Sale.

A piano in good condition, been used for two years. Original cost \$350, price \$175, \$50 cash, balance \$50 every three months until paid. For particulars call on 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.

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For Sale or Trade.

Thirty head stock horses including two year old geldings. For particulars call on Banner-Leader.

Try a policy in the Hartford, Liverpool London and Globe, or Aetna. They are strong, reliable and will pay your loss.

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Wall paper all styles and the best grades. J. Y. Pearce



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from now until Christmas will be found a free game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds.

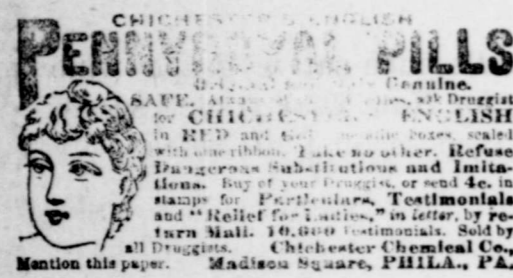
Get Lion Coffee and a Free Game at Your Grocers.

It's Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," 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

is a vegetable preparation containing no narcotics or narcotic poisons. It cures any or all symptoms, makes appetite and spirits good. At druggists.

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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 5c. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.



Mrs. Laura S. Webb,
Vice-President Woman's Democratic Clubs of Northern Ohio.

"I dreaded the change of life which was fast approaching. I noticed Wine of Cardui, and decided to try a bottle. I experienced some relief the first month, so I kept on taking it for three months and now I menstruate with no pain and I shall take it off and on now until I have passed the climax."

Female weakness, disordered menses, falling of the womb and ovarian troubles do not wear off. They follow a woman to the change of life. Do not wait but take Wine of Cardui now and avoid the trouble. Wine of Cardui never fails to benefit a suffering woman of any age. Wine of Cardui relieved Mrs. Webb when she was in danger. When you come to the change of life Mrs. Webb's letter will mean more to you than it does now. But you may now avoid the suffering she endured. Druggists sell \$1 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

WINE OF CARDUI

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

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.

Fifteen hundred New Englanders passed through Texarkana to find homes in Western and Southwestern Texas.

Boils 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.

Secretary Wilson advocated putting twenty department experts in the boll weevil work on Texas and the agricultural committee agreed with him.

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 house passed a bill regulating the tariff on Philippines goods.

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.

The bill fixing a term of the Federal court of appeals at Fort Worth each year has become a law.

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.

Mr. Ball made a notable tariff speech in the house, the Philippines bill furnishing a text.

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.

WANTED—To exchange jewelry for money. Jas. E. Brewer
If your shoes need repairing go to Bob Shaffers.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon over Walker's
If you want fresh vegetables go to Godwin & Alvis.

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.

General Nord has been proclaimed president of Hayti.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsburg, 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 each for a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

New York and European bankers have offered to lend gold to Mexico.

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 large importing house of Mexico has been closed for violation of the stamp tax law.

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.

Mr. Bailey may press his bill making Port Arthur a port of entry with a district composed of Texas counties.

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, Buckle'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 drug store.

Godwin & Alvis keep nothing but fresh, first-class groceries. Give them a trial order.

Locals.

Everything in the saddle and harness line at Bob Shaffers.

I make a specialty of watch repairing Jas. E. Brewer.

R. G. Erwin & Co will insure you in nothing but old line companies.

Bob Shaffer puts nothing out the best grade of leather in his saddles.

Prepare for that "norther" by ordering your wood from J. A. Forbes.

Lee Maddox represents the strongest "old line" companies doing business in Texas.

Will pasture 125 horses at 75c per head. ED DOZIER, Paint Rock, Texas.

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.

Listen.

We will sell our entire stock of hats at cost, in order to make room for spring goods, and to keep a clean stock each season. MISSES LOLA & JENNIE LEWIS, At Winkler's Store

For Trade.

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.

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. BALINGER MILLING CO.

Farmers.

Bring your cotton to the Ice Factory Gin. We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay you in addition \$5.00. Will pay more or less as the price of cotton seed varies. The Ice Factory Gin.

For Lease.

On Fish Creek, near Wingate, 640 acres of land known as Noah Smithwick survey, No. 452. Will lease for one or three years straight, not subject to sale. Apply to CHAS. S. MILLER, Ballinger, Texas.

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.

Johnny's Awful Predicament.

Johnny—I wish my folks would agree upon one thing and not keep me all the time in a worry.

Tommy—What have they been doing now?

Johnny—Mother won't let me stand on my head and dad is all the time foaming because I wear my shoes out so fast.—Boston Transcript.

THE OLD RELIABLE



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

J. W. Powell attended district court at San Angelo the first of this week.

J. N. Patterson was in from Norton Wednesday and remembered us in a substantial way

Prof. C. E. Bullock, principal of the Maverick public school was trading in Ballinger Monday.

Lewis and Leslie Baker went to Brownwood to spend Christmas with their aunt, Mrs. Clay Parks.

Frank Pearce has purchased the branch store of L. Markowitz and brother at Winters and will take charge the 1st.

Mrs. V. A. Lewis, mother of city marshal E. W. Pilcher, came in Monday night and will stay until April with her son.

Mrs. John Parker, wife of Prof. Parker principal of the Wingate school, left Tuesday for Austin to visit relatives.

Misses Routh and Dulaney, two of Ballinger's popular school ma'ams, left Tuesday for San Antonio to spend their vacation.

The Merry Maids are sending out cards announcing a masquerade party at the home of Mrs. W. R. Spencer next Friday night Dec 26

Prof R. S. Coward who has been conducting a singing school at the Baptist church the past month, left Wednesday for Waco his home.

Z. E. Nelson, who has been here the past two months with the Chilton Dry Goods Co., left Wednesday for Amarillo his future home.

W. P. Jones and wife left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth to spend the holidays with a brother of Mr. Jones who is a physician of that city.

J. W. Powell bought 120 acres of the H. M. Alexander survey of land this week, he having purchased heretofore the rest of said survey.

As we go to press we learn that W. E. Eskridge is at the point of death with locked bowels. Dr. Marberry has been 'phoned for and an operation will probably be performed.

Mrs. J. A. Forbes and little daughter left Tuesday for Halletsville to spend Christmas with relatives. It has been ten years since Mrs. Forbes visited home folks.

Married.

Preston McKinley and Miss Lillie Davis were married last Tuesday at early candle light at the home of the bride. Both bride and groom are well known in Ballinger, they have been

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, Dec. 28th, 1902
 Leader - Iola Green.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Topic—Our Heavenly Home and the way—John 14:1-6; Rev. 21:1-4, 22:1-5, 17.
 Song.
 Paper on Subject—Mrs Lynch. Male Quartette.
 Voluntary Reading.
 Song.
 Inasmuch—Bessie Miller.
 Select Reading—Katie Belle Gregory.
 Song.
 Living for Others—Mrs. Love
 A Message of Love—Rubie Green.
 Song.
 Collection.
 Benediction.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Dec 20, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised stating date of this list.

- White, Mrs. Georgia.
- Tausch, Miss Velda.
- Green, J. G.
- Morris, Wm.
- Sharp, Johnnie.
- Smith, H. B.
- Weege, F.

Judge T. T. Crosson and wife left Tuesday afternoon for Paris, Texas, to spend the holidays with relatives. Their daughter Helen has been attending school the past four months.

Paul Trimmier, who has been manager of the Norton cotton gin left Wednesday for Gatesville his old home. He will not return until next ginning season.

The public school will have a two weeks vacation.

Joe A. Jones, wife and baby came in from Houston Wednesday morning to spend a few days with their father and mother, J. J. Erwin and wife.

Ed Taylor, one of San Angelo's prominent attorneys, passed through Ballinger Wednesday enroute for Lampasas to spend Christmas with his wife's people.

Hoffer & Abney Dissolve Partnership.

The firm of Hoffer & Abney dissolved this week by mutual consent, Hoffer buying Abney's interest in the business.

We have not learned as yet what Mr. Abney intends to do but we hope he will decide to remain in Ballinger.

The Merry Maids.

Miss Francis Cady entertained the "Merry Maids" last Thursday night in the way of a party at her elegant home. Games of various kinds were indulged in until a late hour when they bade their hostess goodnight. Every one present voted Miss Francis a charming entertainer and expressed a wish for a repetition in the near future.

Real Estate.

C. S. Miller reports the following real estate sales made by him recently:

For J. R. Brown and wife to L. Helm of McLennan county, 143 acres out of the Lilla or Lyla Forsythe survey No. 450. Consideration \$1,600.

For W. H. Bell to G. W. Fulks, of Coleman county, 200 acres out of Marshall University Survey No. 512. Consideration \$1500.

For Chas. S. Miller to Mrs. L. D. Beringer, of Runnels, Lot No 3 in block No 4. Miller's addition to Ballinger. Consideration \$70.

German-American.

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Insure

Against Loss by Fire

With

R. G. ERWIN & CO.,

Office with The W. C. Parks Banking Co.

Queen

St. Paul

Now Is Your Chance

To buy Saddle Goods cheap as my stock of goods are soiled by mud and water. I am making some close prices on all goods

T. S. LANKI

I Don't Handle

Old Sugar Valley, Philadelphia Club or Old Coon Hollow Whiskies

BUT

I do handle pure native grape wine suitable for New Year trade, sacramental purposes or fruit cakes.

My line of fruits cigars and candies are not excelled in the city. I have secured extra help through the holidays in the person of B. M. Dorsey in order to give more efficient service to the public. Hot Drinks of all description on tap at all times.

Yours for a Happy New Year

Andrew Hall

To the Public

I wish to extend to my patrons, neighbors and friends my thanks and appreciation for their patronage during the old year that is fast closing

It shall be my constant aim to make the year 1903 a more profitable one to my customers than the past.

J. A. OSTERTAG & CO.

Good Night 1902

Good Morning 1903

At the close of 1902 we take this means of thanking the public for their liberal patronage during the year that is just closing and ask a continuance for the new year.

CREWS & MCGREGOR

Your Last Chance

To purchase a stylish hat Actual Cost. Don't forget that Jan. 1, our Sale closes

The hat you bought last fall is begging too look shabby. You need a new one for late winter and early spring. Then visit my cost sale and buy one for a song

.....Yours for a Happy New Year.....