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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DEC 11, 1903

NO 9

CONSOLIDATED

Special 30 days sale will be made previous to taking stock

Two Stores in One

Having moved our West stock to Ballinger we put them on the market at greatly reduced prices

Remember special sale only this month, come and get selection before stock broken

Clean up on all clothing, Discount $\frac{1}{3}$
Pants, 25 per cent discount
Clean up sale on Shoes
Special on Hats,

Butterick Patterns, call and get Fashion sheet It's Free

Jno. B. Stetson, Beaver and Thoroughbred

D. REEDER

Phone 58

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Eola News.

Here I am again with our little bundle of news.

The first thing to report is a fine boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Green Fairington on Nov. 29th, weighing 11 pounds. Mr. Fairington is our beef market man, and you bet he is a rustler, too.

Business of all kinds is on a boom, house building as well as other business.

Mr. T. A. Gamble returned from Coleman City on Dec. 4th, accompanied by his young wife. They were married on Dec. 2nd, at her father's residence in Cole-

man City. They will make their future home in Concho county.

Well, our sick list is almost a blank this week, although Miss Ethel Harris was quite sick a few days ago, but we are glad to report her able to be at her post at the prayer meeting and preaching Sunday night.

At our church work at the 3 o'clock service Saturday evening, Bro. Talbert from San Angelo being present, was called on and preached a fine sermon, after which he was unanimously called to the care of the church for next year, and he accepted on Sunday at the 11 o'clock ser-

vice which was well attended.

On Dec. 3rd about 4 o'clock in the evening, some unknown person entered the home of Mr. J. D. Gamble and obtained in cash \$4.15, and Mr. Gamble's "go-to-meeting" shoes. He didn't miss the shoes, however, until Saturday while preparing to go to church and found himself bare-footed, and had to go to Mareta to get another pair. He says it has taught him the lesson never to leave money in a trunk. Let others learn the same lesson.

We learn that Mr. J. D. Gamble is expected to be called back to his old home in Missouri at any

time to attend the winding up of the estate of his father and mother. His father who lives at Mexia, Texas, will accompany him.

At 4 o'clock Saturday there was a meeting to arrange for our Christmas tree. A committee of management was appointed. Bro. L. W. Manire was elected as general manager and J. D. Gamble and Walter Smith assistant managers. J. D. Gamble was appointed to arrange a program for the occasion to be read at a meeting on Wednesday night, at which time all arrangements will be completed.

Hoping the Eola folks, the Editor and all the readers of the Banner Leader much success, and a happy Christmas, I remain

Yours truly,
Snap Shot.

I am still selling the highest grade of spectacles and will fit your eyes free. Jas. E. Brewer.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape Physician and Surgeon. Office phone 38, residence phone 44.

A real bargain in a piano, good as new. Lankford & Hathaway.

Grand Display of Holiday Goods

At J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store

This is the FIFTEENTH Annual Show

As in the past you will find an elegant line of gifts for each member of the family. The largest and best selected Holiday stock in the city. All are invited to come and make it a time of good will and cheer at a cost that is within the reach of the humble as well as the rich. My line of BOOKS, TOILET SETS, ALBUMS, MANICURE SETS, COMB and BRUSH SETS is COMPLETE

THE CENTER OF THE TOY WORLD

J. Y. Pearce's Mammoth Drug Store

Ayer's

For hard colds, bronchitis, asthma, and coughs of all kinds, you cannot take anything better than Ayer's

Cherry Pectoral

Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor if this is not so. He uses it. He understands why it soothes and heals.

"I had a terrible cough for weeks. Then I took Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and only one bottle completely cured me."

Mrs. J. B. DANFORTH, St. Joseph, Mich.

25c, 50c, \$1.00.

All drugists.

for

Coughs, Colds

You will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

W. Y. Chapman, and others, beyond South Ballinger, report considerable loss in cotton by the heavy frost on November 17. It will be remembered that this section was in the haul district in the spring and the cotton was extra late.

A Mr. Linn and Miss Katie Givens, daughter of our estimable ex commissioner, J. A. Givens, were married last Sunday, at the home of the bride near Maverick. We extend congratulations.

Ed Boykin, of the fast growing and flourishing city, of Miles had business in the metropolis Monday.

Tom Goree, of Milam county, who was here some time ago is back this week and figuring on locating in our section.

Weeks Currie was in Monday and Tuesday on business from his ranch in Concho county.

L. E. Whitaker, of the Crews country; was in Ballinger on business Monday.

Cyrus W Odom was in from Maverick Monday.

Ed Young, of the Winters country, was here Tuesday.

H. H. Lockett and wife left Tuesday for Toyah, their future home.

Harry Scott went up to Coleman, Tuesday, to liven up the boys a little.

J. A. Watkins, of the Winters-Wingate country, had business here Tuesday.

Rev. J. S. Moore, of Wingate, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Sam Brookshire, of the Norwood neighborhood, came in Monday to see the performance at the public sale.

Press Childer's smiling face was seen on our streets Tuesday. Press is now one of the business men of Miles.

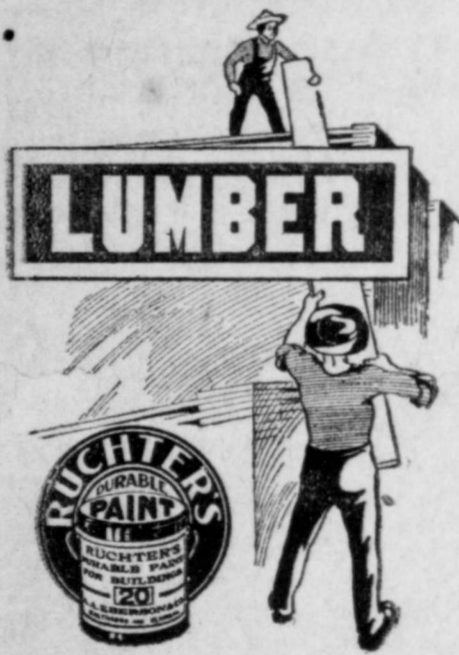
W. A. McShan, a highly respected and prosperous farmer of the Crews country had business in town last Saturday.

J. B. Scurlock, a friend of the Banner Leader, in the Winters country, was doing business with our merchants Tuesday.

Judge C. O. Harris and wife left Monday afternoon for Indianapolis to visit Mrs. Harris relatives. C. O. will go down to Louisville, Ky. on legal business while away.

Paul Machales, of the Coyote section, was in town with the crowd on sales day, and had on exhibition two fine jack's and one pretty horse. The above stock is just what Runnels county needs.

Joe Sucek, of Marvia, Lavaca county, bought out the mercantile business of G. Schuman, of Rowena this week and will enlarge the business to meet the demands of that fast growing section of our country.



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Buy your Groceries

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Do you know that during December we will offer some Special bargains in Dry Goods and Clothing and if your winter wardrobe is not yet complete that you will save money by letting us figure on your bills

This season we are showing

A larger line of Men's Hats than was ever shown the buying public in Ballinger. Every known shade style and color, just from the best makers are here

Essentials of Perfection

Are in our line of Clothing, all the fabrics and patterns of merit are represented. The tailoring is of the highest class, insuring perfect fit and finish

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Highest Market Price paid for Cotton and we want every bale offered for sale

Headquarters for nice fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries and Country Produce

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Hot and Cold Baths at any old time.
Hair cutting 25cts
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Be sure and call and see us next door to postoffice.

For Trade.

A 5 room house, 23 acres of land adjoining the city of Ballinger: wind-mill, fine well of inexhaustible water; would make a splendid truck farm; one-half mile from school building. Will trade for 200 acres of good land in Runnels county
For further particulars call on or address me.
C. P. Shepherd.

Tornado insurance at \$2.50 per \$1000 per annum. See Lee Mad-

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ON APPLICATION.

R. F. Hediger, of Concho, bought the south west quarter section of land, out of the G. H. & F. R. R. survey, of J. H. Miller, this week for \$200.00 cash and \$1800.00 in 5 notes. Mr. Hediger comes well endorsed to our section and we cordially welcome him and family among us.

Ross Moss of Mouticillo, Titus county, formerly of this city, came in Sunday and thinks of locating with us again. If he does not sell, will go back into the wagon yard business with other things on the side.

W. G. Lykes, of the mountain country, was in the city Monday, while here disposed of a nice span of young mules to a German, for \$77.50 each. This we believe was the best sale of the day.

Homer Alexander came up from Galveston, where he has been attending Business College, to visit home folks. Homer is a bright, sensible young man, and we predict success for him.

Joshua Brewer and sons, George and Charlie, of Vale was here in the thickest of the buying and trading crowd Monday, and secured some good work horses.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison and J. F. Mansker left Monday for Fort Worth to visit friends and relatives. Mrs. Harrison will visit at Mineral Wells before returning.

J. M. Whitaker, of the Crews country, an old Eastern Texas friend of the writer, had cotton business in the city last Monday.

Miss Eunice Younger, a niece of Dr. Fowler, who has been here visiting for some time, left for St. Louis Monday evening.

Our old time and especial friend, I. S. Baldwin, of Content, was enjoying the horse swapping talk in town Monday.

Ed Stone, of Winters, father of our efficient County Attorney, B. B. Stone, was seen among the visitors to the city Monday.

J. M. Scoggins, of Wingate, dropped in to see us Tuesday and left us \$2.00 to keep the Banner-Leader coming.

Miss Donye Bell Odom returned to Maverick Monday, after an extended visit to relatives and friends here.

Our big, jovial friend Henry King was with the throng Monday and gave the reporter a cordial hand shake.

Tom Trail was in from his Concho county ranch, Monday looking as happy as a "dead pig in the sunshine."

E. B. Stone, our efficient and agreeable county attorney, was out at Winters last week to visit his sick father.

Doc Vancil, of the Coyote Creek country, was among the busy throng here Monday.

Let Lee Maddox write you a life or accident policy. He represents the best companies.

Before buying a typewriter, let R. G. Erwin & Co. show you how the "Oliver" writes.

Joe Slavak, of West, Texas, was a visitor to our town and country the past week.

Real Estate—these windy days of winter is moving lively down Hutchings Avenue.

Bob Massey came down last Sunday, from San Angelo, to visit friends.

Wike's has the agency for the Celebrated Paul Jones.

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Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

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The Celebrated Paul Jones for sale at Wilkes

Regular session of congress opened up last Monday.

Nothing better made than Paul Jones, ask Wilke's.

Go to Wilkes and get a price on the Celebrated Paul Jones.

Wm Spain was among the Crews people at the stock sale Monday.

O. Burson, one of Contents prosperous farmers, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Wm. Blanchard, of the Valley Creek neighborhood, was among the crowd Monday attending public sale.

Hardy Parrott, of Valley Creek was in town Monday and says things are all right in his part of the country.

J. H. Yarnell, one of the Banner Leader's substantial friends of the Norton country was here Monday.

John Havenhill, a very successful and prosperous stock farmer, of town of Winters, had business here Monday.

Jim Osburn, with Houghton and Robinson, of Austin, has been in the city several days this week looking after business interest.

Ben Parker, beyond the mountains in the Content country, was doing business and being buttonholed by the prospective county candidates Tuesday.

G. W. Jones Ranch For Sale
3400 acres fine farm and ranch at \$5.50 per acre. One third cash, 1, 2, or 3 years on balance. See J. W. Powell.

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Are now in demand and we can supply that demand * * * * *

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We have a large line of Guns, Rifles
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Notice! Notice!!

All parties knowing themselves indebted to any of the Blacksmiths of Runnels county, will please call and settle up by the 15th of December, and oblige The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths of Runnels Co.

Say, hello there! What have you this time? Chickens, Eggs, Butter and Turkeys. Bring them in we will pay you the highest prices.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

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BUSINESS MANAGER.

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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger 11:30 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 4:45 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

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

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

For County and District Clerk.

We are authorized to announce R. A. Terry as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

The cotton compress together with 2,500 bales of cotton was burned at Sherman, on the 8th. Loss about \$200,000.

The President issued about the shortest message to congress this week probably ever sent. Our space is too limited to reproduce it to our readers.

The German engineers have broken all former records in the way of fast time on wheels." An electric car that runs between Berlin and Zossen last week made the wonderful speed of 130 miles an hour. So great was the speed that good sized rocks were sucked in after the car, and flies were flattened on the front end of the car. It is expected that American engineers will now get their heads together to show these "Dutchmen" that the belt belongs over in the new world in the fast speed line.



The Hon. Amos P. Atkins, who is one of the most prominent men in New Albany, Ind., and Treasurer of Floyd County, has this advice to give to those who are shut up within the narrow confines of office or shop:

"Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery seems to take the place of hard training in developing strength, vigor and endurance of the system and expelling all impurities, with which the blood sometimes gets clogged. I have found by personal experience that it enables me to do more hard work, and at the same time endure more physical strain and partake with greater vim in outdoor sports than anything I know of. It can always be relied upon to increase the appetite, induce healthful sleep, and tone and refresh a worn-out system."

"A number of my friends who have used it speak in the same high terms, and we have reason to consider it an office man's friend."

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a blood-purifier and health-giving tonic that contains no alcohol, opium or other narcotic. It is a purely vegetable compound, made from roots and herbs in an up-to-date pharmaceutical laboratory, and has been used and recommended by thousands of people during the past thirty-seven years.

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That Awful Alfalfa.

Some Lamar county's farmers are grumbling at the way their alfalfa is treating them. It grows so fast that they can't get any rest for having to be cutting it all the time to get it out of the way of the next crop. Tobe Mullins told a news reporter that he had four acres in alfalfa that he had cut his alfalfa five times this season, and after doing all that work he has only realized \$60 per acre on the product of his land. Such things discourage farmers and is enough to make them long for boll weevils which pest keeps them from laboring so hard in the fall of the year.

Marve Thomas, of Direct has three acres in alfalfa that is the peskiest stuff he has ever had anything to do with. He has cut it six times this season and has got two tons to the acre each cutting. If it does not freeze in the next week or ten days he will be bothered by having to cut it again. Some farmers do certainly have a hard time.—Paris News.

Big Drive of Turkeys.

A sight which attracted much attention yesterday afternoon was the bringing into town on foot of a bunch of about three hundred turkeys. The driving and herding of turkeys like horses or cattle is something uncommon in this section of the country, but the drove above referred to, which was collected in the Keechi country by W. J. Fisher, was driven a distance of almost fifty miles by two men, and in the entire trip only one turkey was lost.

Mr. Fisher sold the entire drove at eight cents per pound to the Weatherford Produce Co., who will kill and dress them and ship to other points. In this connection it may be mentioned that the Produce Company have within the past week dressed and sent to El Paso over 900 of these fowls and have a demand for far more than they will be able to fill.—Weatherford Herald.

Her Dexterous Reply.

"If you are so disappointed in me why did you marry such a man as I?" ask the dense husband. "Because I didn't know any better," retorts the angry wife. Being slow of understanding, he thinks she means that she did not know any better man than he, consequently he is immediately happy. Bowing his thanks, he hurries out and down the street that he may purchase for her the set of furs on which she has set her heart and which caused the quarrel we have noted.—Judge.

An exchange tells a good joke on a girl who recently sent her photograph to her best fellow and wrapped it up in a newspaper on which was printed an advertisement of a stove firm. A portion of the print adhered to the photograph and the young man was very much startled to see staring him in the face in bold pica type the following words: "See name on leg."

Penalties aggregating \$160,000 for alleged violations of the anti-trust laws of Texas against a number of retail grocery merchants of Ennis and suit to collect same has been instituted by Attorney C. K. Bell in the district court at Waxahachie.

J. M. Carson, on Alfalfa.

J. M. Carson spoke as follows on alfalfa:

Rich, deep soil is the best for alfalfa. Any deep, black or loamy soil will produce a crop. Lands with but little top soil and a hard, sterile subsoil will not grow alfalfa. This crop is a deep feeder and benefits soil on which it is grown. Black land will grow very profitable crops, but spots where cotton dies is no place for alfalfa.

soil should be deeply plowed and well prepared, for the seed is small and must have a good seed bed.

A hand seeder is good for sowing the seed and the wheelbarrow seeder works well. About 20 pounds of seed are required.

Fall planting is usually most satisfactory. Any time after Sept. 15, provided there is enough moisture in the ground. As a rule it does not pay to risk planting after Nov. 1.

Treatment of the crops the first year: 1st Cutting should be made in April when flowers appear. Now high, so as not to injure plant. This cutting kills many weeds. In bottom lands a cutting could be made about every five weeks. In black lands about four cuttings per season may be expected.

Planting early in spring will sometimes prove very successful, though the plants have more difficulty in establishing themselves. The first cutting is usually lost in the weeds.

Curing the hay: Cut one morning and rake the following, while dew is still on.

Rake and stack or bale. If put in a stack a top of straw or grass hay must be put on, as the alfalfa will not shed water.

The hay cures in the field quickly in midsummer, but it takes longer in fall.

Alfalfa is more valuable than clover as a food and is the best when fed with corn. In fact, with corn it makes a perfect ration for fattening stock or feeding work mules.

Alfalfa should be fed with cotton seed meal.

Hobby horses and toys at Pearce's drug store.

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On December 19, '0, 21 and 26 1903, you can procure round trip tickets to Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, The old States, also to points in Arkansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and other states at one fare plus \$2.00. These tickets will be good for return within thirty days from date of sale, giving ample time for a leisurely and delightful visit to scene of other days.

If you contemplate going, don't wait until the last minute, but write now and tell us your destination. We will take pleasure in advising you fully of the exact cost of trip, our through car service, the schedule, both going and returning. Then when you buy your ticket provided it reads via Cotton Belt Route, you will know when you board the train just what hour you should reach your destination and what time you will reach home, returning. Let us hear from you. Address A. S. Wagner, T. P. A. Waco. D. M. Morgan, T. P. A. Ft. Worth, or John F. Lehane, G. F. & P. A., Tylor.

Wanted.

1000 Turkeys—Will pay the highest market price. Davis-Fancher Co.

Jas. E. Brewer has just received a handsome show case and has it filled with fine silverware. Let him show you.

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No More

Streaking of Clothes
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Perfection for the finest linen as well as all clothing, cheaper, better, neater and more convenient than Bluing in any other form. **WARRANTED NOT TO STREAK THIS CLOTHING.**

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To the Public.

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Yours very truly,
J. G. Key.

Forty of the newest watches added to our stock, Thursday of this week, let me sell you one.—J. E. Brewer.

Come in and let me show you something beautiful in souvenir spoons. Just received a car load of stoves.

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C. P. Shepherd,
Ballinger, Texas.

Market Letter.

Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 8, 1903. Special to Banner-Leader.

Market in Quarantine Division at Kansas City has been lightly supplied the past week. Prices did not change much, fed cows showing a slight weakness during the week. Market yesterday was steady to strong, and feed stuff is 10 cents higher to day, common cows were unchanged last week, and are 10 cents higher so far this week. Fat steers bring \$3.50 to \$4.00 fat cows up to \$2.85, canners and thin cows \$1.75 to \$2.40, bulls are worth around \$2.00, calves are scarce, one bunch of heavy weights, 318 pounds, bringing \$3.00 late last week. Among the sales yesterday and today were the following:

Monday, Dec. 7, 1903.

Jas. Lowe, Afton, I. Ty., 28 steers 939 \$3.15

J. T. Lance, Wayne, I. Ty., 20 steers 792 \$3.10 27 cows 752 \$2.40

B. F. Simpson, Mangum, Okla. 516 canners 576 \$2.00

CW Henderson, Berwyn, I. Ty. 62 canners 568 \$1.90

J. S. Matthews, Chichaha, 15 canners 714 \$2.00

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1903

A. S. Nottingham, Welch, I. Ty. 10 steer 4 1196 \$3.75

A. S. Nottingham, Welch I. Ty. 2 steers 935 \$3.00

A. S. Nottingham, Welch I. Ty. 12 cows 958 \$2.85

W. A. Day, Ballinger Texas. 10 cows 817 \$2.20

W. A. Day, Ballinger, Texas 63 cows 706 \$2.10

W. A. Day, Ballinger, Texas 52 heifers 456 \$1.65

Jno. M. Hazelton,
Live Stock Correspondent.

**WOOWODWARD & GWINN,
Land and Live Stock Commis-
sioners.**

C. K. Gwinn has returned to Ballinger from South Texas, where he has been engaged in the stock business for the past two years, and has formed a partnership with C. S. Woodward in the land and live stock business. These two gentlemen were formerly partners in the same business here in Ballinger a few years ago and did a fine business to the entire satisfaction of their customers. The new firm of Woodward & Gwinn, have fitted up a new office at their old stand in the Billups building on 8th street, (Old Banner-Leader office) where they would be pleased to meet their old friends.

**Cattle Horses or Mules for Gin
Outfit.**

We have a good gin outfit put up by us this season, at Eden, Concho county, Texas, that we haven't time to look after and therefore offer it for sale. Will take stock in full or part payment. We expect to gin 600 bales this season. The average will be about double next year. This is your chance if you have stock to dispose of. Write for particulars.

Hulbert Hard wave Co.
Brownwood, Texas.

Notice.

Lost—Two large gray horses, branded with circle with a bar under it on left shoulder. Any information leading to their recovery will be liberally rewarded. Address J. S. McKinzie or R. P. Kirk, Ballinger, Texas.

Tredway-Olive.

Married Sunday, December 6, Ellis Treadway to Miss Odessa Olive, at the home of the bride's parents, in old Runnels. These two bright young people have our best wishes, as we see down the misty future of their lives, success and happiness.

The ceremony was witnessed by about twenty friends and relatives, after the ceremony we were invited out to dinner, the procession was led by that valiant old soldier, Capt. Smith, who has never been known to shirk a charge of that kind, and the dinner was fine and bounteous and the hospitality of the true southern style. That was not all, on Monday night, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Treadway gave the new married people an infair supper, that it was our pleasure to attend at the latter place we received genuine old Tennessee hospitality that one can't tell from the Southern variety, it is and was, all first class. Now who will be next.

Epworth League.

Program for Sunday, Dec. 13.
Leader—H. J. Stovall.
Usual opening exercises.
Scripture—Miss Alma Padgett
Song.
Talk on topic—Rev. White.
Vocal solo—Mrs. Shepherd.
Select reading—Miss Rape.
Talk—Dr. Rape.
Song.
Select reading—Miss Barton.
Closing.

Rev. E. A. Burton, of Rusk will occupy the pulpit in the Baptist church Sunday. He has been called as pastor of the church, but it is not known whether he will accept or not.

J. W. Powell reports sale this week of the Ross Moss Wagon Yard to T. J. Goree, of Milam county, for \$1350 cash, and Hugh Murphy to J. W. Powell, lot 9 in block 16, for \$200.

A. L. Farris is cleaning up the lot and making preparations to erect a nice five room residence, next to Judge Spencers, facing the railroad on 8th street.

Mrs. Norwood, of Galveston, mother of J. D. Norwood, one of Ballinger's most efficient salesmen, is here on a visit to her son and family.

W. D. Currie, the San Angelo land man, passed through Tuesday evening en route to Hunt and Collier counties looking after business.

Miss Maud Erwin entertained some friends Thursday evening with a delightful card party and toothsome refreshments.

Liberty Hill, Texas, had a bad fire in which the college Baptist church and several other buildings were destroyed.

Dr. Y. R. Zachary, of Talpa went back home, Tuesday evening, after transacting business for a day.

See J. Y. Pearce's Christmas ad in this issue. He says something that will interest you.

John W. Gannaway, of Wingate, was among the visitors to Ballinger, Thursday.

Miss Minnie Guion Francis gave some friends Tuesday a delightful party.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aug Voglesang, on last Tuesday, a fine girl.

Go to Stubbs & Hartman's for your fire works.

Wanted in Leavenworth Kansas.

Arthur Hewitt, alias Bill Cook, the notorious criminal and desperado convict who was the leader in the recent plot to blow up the Huntsville penitentiary with dynamite, has been indentified as leader of a murderous prison mutiny at Leavenworth, Kansas, and will be carried back to stand trial for murder of one of the guards. Hewitt defied the officers and says he will not be carried back alive. After his successful attempt to escape from the Kansas jail Hewitt came to Texas, and about two years ago was arrested in Tom Green county on a charge of horse theft and burglary. He was given a four years sentence and had only served out about half his time when he made an attempt to blow up the Huntsville prison. He was then suspcioed and afterwards identified as Hewitt, the escaped convict from Kansas, and steps were taken looking to his removal to that place to stand trial for the murder which he is alleged to have committed.

Hewitt has not served his time out in the Texas penitentiary, but in the opinion of Attorney General Bell he can be taken to Kansas for trial, and in event of failure to convict him he can be returned and made to serve out his term. He is looked upon as a most daring character and the officers and guards at the Texas penitentiary will be glad when the state is rid of him.

Swifts Establish A Ranch.

A corporation, known as the Santa Barbara Cattle Company, with a capital of \$100,000 has been formed at Santa Barbara, Cal. Three hundred and fifty thousand acres of grazing land in Mexico, adjoining the territory of Arizona, have been leased and will at once be extensively stocked.

The corporation which has been formed under the laws of L. F. Swift, of Chicago, the millionaire packer, and R. Cameron Rogers, A. H. McKay, C. F. Faland and Charles Fernald of Santa Barbara. Mr. Fernald is a son-in-law of Swift.

If you want all kinds of fire works call on Stubbs & Hartman.

Let Lee Maddox write you a life or accident policy. He represents the best companies.



Thanksgiving

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That Ballinger's large cotton receipts is attracting wide attention is conceded by all. Following is a letter received by agent Edwards:

Temple, Texas, Nov. 30, 1903
Mr. J. M. Edwards.

Dear Sir,

I notice you loaded on the 28, in a flat car 101 bales of flat cotton. I want to compliment you on this showing.

Yours truly
T. B. Coppage.

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Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

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Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



San Angelo Press.

W. M. Brister, of Crews, was in town Monday.

George Bond went to Ballinger, Wednesday, to perfect arrangements for getting some wood here.

Sam M. Parks, of Brownwood, was here for the San Angelo Club's Housewarming Dance last Wednesday night.

Will Goecher who is employed at the Bar S ranch swallowed a large dose of strichnine about 8 o'clock last night. Drs. Woodward, Taylor and Marberry were called in and gave him a tidote and at 10 o'clock he was getting along pretty well.

J. P. Parks who has a fine farm near Mareta, was in town Wednesday and paid the Press office a pleasant call. Mr. Parks is an example of a successful West Texas farmer and a bright example at that. On 100 acres of practically new ground this year he made 33 bales of cotton. Next year he expects to plant 300 acres and make 100 bales. The farmer is the coming man for this country. The large ranches will remain in many localities but the farmers are coming and they will afford another means of increasing the great prosperity of West Texas.

For Sale.

A fine milch cow. Has a young calf. Apply to Cal Kirk.

Now is the time to put out onion sets, and of course you will want the best. Then go to J. B. Alvis.

Archie Hutchinson, of Norton, was in on business Monday.

B. Y. P. U.

For Sunday, Dec. 13, 4 p. m. Leader—Mrs. Lynch.

Song.

Prayer.

Lesson Topic—An Anti-Worry meeting, John 14:1-31

Union discussion—Miss Lola

Brown.

Song

Scripture readings:

Why art thou cast down, Ps. 41:1-11—H. O'Bannon.

Always rejoicing, Phil. 4:1-8—Miss Moody Cordill.

Be not anxious, Matt. 6:25-31—Miss Emma Thomas.

Hope in the midst of trials, Rom. 8:18-39—Miss Ethel Bowden

God will help, Isa. 41:10-15—J. B. Alvis.

Confess and forsake sin, Ps. 51:1-19—Milfred Hamlin.

Quartet—Messrs. Laxon, Love, Alvis and Griggs

Select reading—Mrs. Love.

Talk on lesson—Prof. C. E. Bullock.

Song

Benediction.

Public Sale Day.

A good crowd gathered, Monday, to the sale grounds next to the court house square and kept things pretty lively for several hours. There was not a great many sales made, but considerable swapping. The following sales made by the auctioneer:

One dark brown horse for John Hoffer, sold to C. B. Weinans for \$15.00

One brown horse for John Hoffer, sold to W. T. Ward for \$15.00

One bay horse for John Hoffer, sold to J. T. Tillacy for \$30.

One bay mare for C. B. Laxon, for \$11

One sorrel horse for J. C. Olive, sold to W. J. C. Gannaway for \$10.25

One dun horse for G. W. Carter, sold to C. J. Brown for \$19.25

One span of gray horses for John Hoffer, sold to O. E. Tanager for \$32.75.

Banner-Bulletin.

Misses Walker and Watson returned to their home in Ballinger this morning, from a visit to relatives.

Messrs. Geo. Kornegay and Geo. Routh have purchased the J. H. & L. Reeves stock of merchandise at Blanket.

Miss M. Francis of Ballinger, passed through town last night enroute to her home from a visit to friends at Llano. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss L. Fentens, of Memphis, Tenn., who will remain as her guest for several days.

Sheriff Denman arrested a tough character here Friday night, wanted at Coleman on a charge of living with a negro woman. He had only been in the city a day or two when picked up by the officers. Sheriff Goodfellow came down and took his prisoner back with him, Saturday morning.

Fred Resnor, an old and highly respected German, of Missouri, who formerly lived in our county, is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Fritz Earnest, and will spend the winter. He says he is still in love with Runnels county.

Miss Edna Lewis went up to San Angelo, Monday, to spend a week or two visiting friends.

Christmas Excursions

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R. Underwood sold his place on the river and is moving this week to Tom Green county.

Miss Lois Crews went up to San Angelo, Wednesday, to visit for a few days.

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Trespass Notice.

All parties Hunting, Fishing, Cutting Timber or otherwise trespassing on my land in the Norwood country, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Mrs. Mary Spreen.

Quarterly Financial Report.

Quarterly Report of W. F. Sharp, County Treasurer of Runnels County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures, from August 8th to November 9th, inclusive:

JURY FUND, 1st Class.

Balance,	\$ 429 19	
To Amt received during quarter,	530 67	
By " paid out during quarter, Ex. A		\$ 532 00
" 2 1/2 per cent. com. on amt rec'd		13 26
" 2 1/2 " " " paid out		13 30
Amt to Balance	401 30	
	\$ 959 86	\$ 959 86

ROAD and BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class.

Balance,	\$ 1065 90	
To Am't received during quarter,	68 32	
By " paid out during quarter, Ex. B		\$ 174 05
" Com. on amt received		1 70
" " " paid out		4 35
Amt to Balance	954 12	
	\$ 1134 22	\$ 1134 22

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class.

Balance,	\$ 3180 90	
To Am't received during quarter,	99 39	
By " paid out during quarter, Ex. C		\$ 1547 80
" Com. on amt received		2 48
" " " paid out		38 69
Amt to Balance	161 32	
	\$ 3280 29	\$ 3280 29

SPECIAL FUND, 4th Class.

Balance,	\$ 1419 36	
To Am't received during quarter,	68 32	
By " paid out " " Ex. D.		3 00
" Com. on amt received		1 70
" " " paid out		07
Amt to Balance	1482 91	
	\$ 1487 68	\$ 1487 68

ADVERTISING FUND, 5th Class.

Balance,	\$ 3 44	
To Am't received during quarter,	1 19	
By Com. on amt received		02
Amt to Balance	4 61	
	\$ 4 63	\$ 4 63

Respectfully Submitted,

W. F. SHARP,

County Treasurer Runnels County, Texas.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this the 9th day of November 1903. W. L. Towner, Clk Co. Court, Runnels Co Texas.

By R. A. Terry, Deputy.

J. M. Gilbert, of Fannin county, who has been prospecting in this section the past few days, left Wednesday for the Miles country to visit his old friend, Dr. Trew.

Gust Backhaus, of Milam county, who has been in our section for some weeks, left for his home Tuesday evening in response to a summons that some member of his family was sick.

B. L. Cox, of Wills Point, a former class mate and friend of R. S. Griggs, spent the day here with his friend, and formed some new acquaintance before leaving for his home, Tuesday evening.

J. W. Sullivan, formerly of Groesbeck but now of Brown county, left Tuesday evening for the East, after prospecting here for a while. He expressed himself as well pleased with our town and country.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. L. J. Wilson, of Mason county, sister of Sanford Simpson, of our town, which occurred last Saturday. The husband, brother and friends have the sympathy of the Banner-Leader.

From San Angelo Standard,

Mrs. Leo Markowitz, of Ballinger, was in the city the first of the week visiting the Misses Ede. She returned home, Thursday.

Mexico City, Nov. 29—Arthur Stilwell announces that his efforts to enlist English capital in the Orient railroad can not be regarded other than as an unqualified success. He declares that of the \$24,000,000 necessary to complete and construct the line, \$18,000,000 is already available.

A gentleman(?) who formerly lived near Bangs, Brown county and who has least pecan privileges in this section for the last three years and always came up with the lease money, being considered an honest reliable, has gone wrong. He least during last summer, rights to gather the pecan crops of two different farms on Middle Concho, and was to pay the lease money as the crop was gathered. He secured hands and began his work and gathering and everything ran smooth until about two weeks ago, when he disposed of a large amount of his gathering, which netted him about \$1000. He led the buyer to believe that he would take the check, which he received to the bank and pay his lease, but instead of that he had it cashed and left immediately for parts unknown. The parties from whom he leased are not the only losers in the steal. He is behind between three and four hundred dollars with his thrashers, besides he leaves a wife and three children in the city, who are in destitute circumstances. He left here, as he said, to visit his mother in Brownwood, who he claimed was very sick, but he did not stop there. He had gathered about half the crop he had leasped up to the time he skipped.

Notic.

I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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For your Information. Ft. Worth, Texas, Nov. 19, 1903. F. C. C. No. 197. Special rate order No. 1183. National Live Stock Association. Portland, Oregon.—Jan. 12th, 15th, 1904. All agents:

You are hereby authorized to sell round trip tickets to Portland, Oregon, as follows: Rate:—One lowest normal first class one way fare.

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Transit limit:—Going transit limit January 12, 1904, going passage to begin on date of sale. Returning transit to begin on date of execution. Joint agent at destination will execute tickets by attaching validation certificate thereto. Stopovers will be allowed within final limit at and west of Colorado common points, by depositing tickets with ticket agent at stop over point.

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Santa Fe Special.

Texas Swine Breeder association, Plano Texas. Sale Jan. 11. Return Jan. 16. Fare one one-third.

Local holiday excursions tickets will be on sale Jan. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31. Call at ticket office for rates.

Austin Annual conference, Ft. Worth, Dec. 31d to 8th. Fare one third.

Sunny South Handicap, Brenham, Texas, Jan. 18th to 23rd. Fare and third date of sale, Jan. 16th to 17th. Returning Jan. 21.

West Texas Conference, Waco, Texas, Dec. 16th to 20th. Rate of fare one-third, on sale Dec. 14th and 15th. Limited to Dec. 21st for final return.

Texas Annual Conference, M. E. church, Houston Dec. 9 to 14. Limit for return has been changed to Dec. 15.

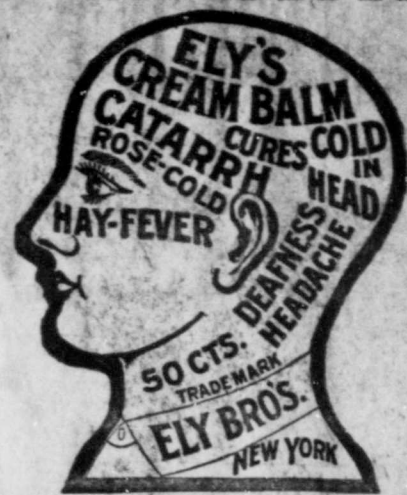
Annual convention of Texas State teachers association, Marlin, Texas. Tickets on sale Dec. 27 and 28. Limit January 24 for final return.

Annual meeting Retail Implementation and Vehicle dealers Association, Kansas City, January 19 to 21, one fare plus \$1.00.

Annual American association for the advancement of science, St. Louis, Dec. 36 to Jan 2nd. one and one-third fare. Call on agent for further particulars.

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J. H. Paramore was in from his Cayate creek ranch, Tuesday.

Jim Howze, of Paint Rock, had business in this city this week.

Lee Brooks was among the many who visited our busy city this week.

J. M. Johnson, of the Winters country, was seen on our streets Wednesday.

J. T. Snelgrove, of Norton, was selling wheat in Ballinger, Wednesday.

Atty. C. P. Shepherd went to Fort McKavitt, Wednesday, on legal business.

H. Vandervanter, of the Norwood section, had business in Ballinger, Tuesday.

Max Lange came in Wednesday to spend a short while on business in our city.

Dunc McGregor, of Coleman, came down Wednesday, to see friends and relatives.

Judge Rector, of Austin, passed through, from San Angelo, Tuesday evening, enroute home.

W. D. Sawyers, of Williamson county, came in Tuesday and went out to his brother, George Sawyers, of the Winters country.

Watches! yes I have them in so many different styles that I am sure I can please any one, just let me show you.

Jas. E. Brewer.

Mrs. M. F. Haralson, of South Ballinger, left Monday evening for Fort Worth to visit old friends and will go from there to Mineral Wells for the benefit of her health.

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One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment. Dr. Ernest W. Hall, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and E. D. Walker.

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"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Iowaville, Sedgwick Co., Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used three bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Millionaire's Poor Stomach.
 The worn out stomach of the over-fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c.

While some of our neighboring counties are blowing their horns over the educational facilities and interest manifested in good schools, one county stating that all but two districts in the county levied a local tax for school purposes. We wish to state that old Runnels county can beat that. The county Judge states every school district in this county levies a 20 cent local tax. We doubt whether another county in Texas can equal that record. It certainly is a good index to show what kind of people live in this county. No intelligent progressive man wants to live where schools are poorly supported so we say to the intending settler come on. We are blessed with having good churches, schools, soil and climate.

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. Sold by E. E. Walker.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contains Mercury.
 As mercury will surely destroy the sense of the smell and completely de-range the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. F. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O, contains no mercury, and, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggist, 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills a

Good for Children.
 The pleasant to take and harmless One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief in all cases of Cough, Croup and La Grippe because it does not pass immediately into the stomach, but takes effect right at the seat of the trouble. It draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes and cures permanently by enabling the lungs to contribute pure life-giving and life sustaining oxygen to the blood and tissues. Dr. Armstrong of Delia, Texas, prescribes it daily and says there is no better remedy made. Sold by E. D. Walker.

One Hundred Dollars a Box.
 Is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S C places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, Sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by E. D. Walker.

The Lone Star State.
 Down in Texas at Yoakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that "logy feeling" DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Morrill, of Pennsylvania, wanted to pass a bill through congress making it a Federal offense to have and enforce a separate coach law. Such idiotic measures as that on the part of northern fanatics makes more trouble for the negroes every time. Of course no one need not worry lest it is passed, but the effort serves to incite the negroes to make themselves offensive and troublesome and tightens the reins on them down south.

A difficulty took place last Saturday at Brownwood between L. A. Thompson, formerly of this place, and a negro. They were both working in the compress there and fell out over a collision of their trucks. The negro used a rock and Thompson a knife. As a result the negro was seriously stabbed three times. Since the above was written, we have learned that the negro died of the wounds inflicted.

Hon. George McGehee president Terry's Texas Rangers, sometimes called the Eighth Texas cavalry, has called the regular annual reunion of that command to be held in San Marcos on Dec. 15 and 16.

Martial law has been declared at Cripple Creek, Colorado, on account of trouble there originating over the strike and armed guards patrol the streets. Things look so squally there that nearly all citizens are afraid to move about on the streets.

About sixty voters met in Bell county and pledged themselves not to vote for any prohibitionist in the coming campaign from constable to governor. Better let the majority rule gentleman, is good Democratic doctrine and practice.

A South Carolina woman has written to Governor Lanham that the Texas farmers need not be uneasy about the boll weevil destroying their crops next year as she has prayed to God to not let the weevil destroy the crops. She asks that the \$50,000 prize be sent to her if her prediction comes true.

Cured Paralysis.
 W. S. Bailey, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. It does the work." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

He told his son to milk the cow, feed the horses, slop the pigs, hunt the eggs, feed the calves and colt and put him in the stable, cut the wood and the kindling for morning, stir the cream, put some water in the creamery after supper, and be sure study his lesson before he went to bed. Then he went to the farmers' club to discuss the question, "How to Keep Boys on the Farm."—Country Life in America

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 Dyspepsia Cure 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 Dyspepsia Cure and have found it to be a very effective and, indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." Sold by E. D. Walker.

A small Kansas boy was called in to view his new born baby brother. He loosed it over with dissatisfaction, and finally asked;

"Mama, where did the thing come from?"
 "An angel brought it Jimmie."
 "Huh, wuz you awake when he come?"
 "Certainly, Jemmie."
 "Well, then, mama, all I've got to say is that you are dead easy. I'd like to see any old angel put off such a looking thing as that on me. I s'pose we're stuck unless I kin work Johnnie Green and trade it sight unseen fur one uv his spotted pups."

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That I have endeavored to buy goods of such quality that I offer to sell them to the people with the utmost confidence in their durability and guarantee every piece to be just as represented.

Come take a look, I am sure you will be delighted with the excellent selection of nice suitable Holiday Goods. Something that will not only please your loved one or friend out will last a LIFE TIME—at prices that are right.

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Phone to 82 to sell any old thing.

Allegretta candy at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

For sale, cheap a second hand wagon. Lankford & Hathaway.

We exchange new furniture for second hand. Lankford & Hathaway.

T. D. Shider came in from his ranch in the Miles country, Wednesday.

Ed Dozier, of Paint Rock, has been here in the city several days this week.

If you don't see what you want call for it we have it. Lankford & Hathaway

Prepare for winter by buying stoves from Hall Hardware Co.

N. H. Hollingworth went to Brownwood, Wednesday, to attend some telephone business.

J. D. Suggs the largest cattle man of the West, honored our city with his presence this week.

Berry Bros., who live at Valley Creek, sold at a good price this week, 46 head of mixed cattle.

Joe B. Johnson left Wednesday for Fort Worth, Dallas, and other points on business matters.

J. W. Stephens, of the Interstate Live Stock Commission Co., of Fort Worth, was here Wednesday looking after stock shipments.

Felix Maun, the big commission man of San Angelo, was here a few days this week looking after business for his firm. He reports shipment good.

Charlie Low left Tuesday evening for Brownwood, where he goes in response to a message that his nephew, Jim Cross, was burned while asleep in a building that was destroyed by fire in that city.

A bale of cotton while being given the finishing touches at the Ballinger Gin Friday morning took fire and was hastily carried to a hydrant where the fire was extinguished. The bale was the property of W. W. McKinley. Cause of the fire is mysterious.

J. T. Moore and wife, of Florence, Texas, mother and father of Mrs. A. S. Love, of our city, came in Wednesday and will spend the winter inhaling the healthful ozone of our section.

For anything in Furniture of all kinds, Carpets, Mattings, Art Squares, Rugs, Linoleums, Window Shades, and Glass. Undertakers Goods, call on Crews Furniture Co. Their stock is fresh and new.

Total receipts of cotton up to end of present week nearly 13,000 bales. Price paid Thursday 11.75. The fleecy staple is still rolling in at a goodly rate and bids fair to beat total receipts of 1900.

W. H. Armington, the horse buyer, was here Wednesday as announced, but he did not do much business having bought only 4 or 5 horses. He says the prices asked are too high for him.

In the marriage notice, on page two of this issue, of Mr. Linn to Miss Katie Grimes the printer has made Miss Grimes' name to be Givens. Before the last side of the paper is printed we make the correction.

A shipment of fine Sterling Table ware, novelties, cut glass, has arrived and I will take pleasure in showing you at any time. Jas. E. Brewer.

Just call at J. Y. Pearce's if you want to see where Old Santa Claus has his Christmas things. It is simply a treat to see the pretty things there.

J. P. Parks and family, of Lapan, Flat county, passed through Tuesday evening, en route to their old home in Bosque county.

Miss Nell Butler took the evening's train, Wednesday, for Brownwood, where she will attend the Spongenbury-Scott nuptials.

We carry all kinds of fresh fruits at all times. No. 12 is the place to get your fruits and nuts for your fruit cakes.

Stubbs & Hartmans have a full line of fire works, cheaper than any where in town.

Dick Oliver, of Winters county, was rushing around on our streets, Tuesday.

See us for your Christmas fire works of every description.

Wingate News.

Mrs. Humphrey sold her stock cattle last week, Parish and Tom Smith drove them to Abilene for shipment.

Mr. Moore has sold his interest in the store at Wingate to Hawkins and will soon be out looking for a new location.

Chum Cathy made a business call to Abilene Sunday.

The Wingate youngsters had a cool time facing the norther home from Ballinger, Tuesday. Revs. Turney and Moore went to Ballinger Tuesday.

Frank Smith has moved to his new home in Wingate.

Andy Gannaway's baby has been quite sick, but is some better now.

Mr. Denton and family have moved in from Hill county, and will work land for Chris Gannaway.

Hog killing seems to be the order of the day.

Our Literary society meets December 13, we are expecting a good time. All come out and see what we are doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dean opened their doors to the young people one night last week. All report a good time.

A very little carelessness will make a break which much labor will be required to mend.

Neatness is a good thing for a girl, if she does not learn it when she is young, she never will. It takes a great more neatness to make a girl look well than it does to make a boy look passable, not because a boy, to start in with, is better looking than a girl, but his clothes are a different kind, not so many colors in them, and people don't expect a boy to look so pretty.

A girl that is not neatly dressed is called a sloven, and no one likes to look at her. Her face may be pretty and her eyes bright, but if there is a spot of dirt on her cheeks, and her finger ends are black with ink and her apron is dirty and her shirt, is torn, she can't be liked. Learn to be neat, and when you learn it will take care of itself.

Rev. Hicks filled his regular appointments Saturday night and Sunday at 11. Routh.

Attention Red Men.

Saturday night, Dec. 12th is our Sleep for nominating Chiefs. An "Informal Smoker" will be had, visitors from Ponca Tribe are expected and a royal time is sure for those present.

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