

BANNER-LEADER.

VOL. XXII

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JAN 30, 1904

NO 16

Special 10 days Sale Ladies Muslin Underwear, - Fine Goods, - Cut Prices 800 Garments Bought Right

Ladies Gowns, value 75c to \$5 go at 35c to \$3.50

Ladies Skirts Lace and Embroidery, trimmed, 35c up to \$7.50

Ladies Drawers Lace and Embroidery, trimmed, 25c up to \$1.50

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Childrens Drawers special 200 pairs go at 15c per pair worth double

275 pieces fine Ginghams, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 15c quality, for 10 days only, 10c per yard

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See our New Waistings, values and quality unsurpassed

Look for Bargain Tables.

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PHONE 58

BALLINGER

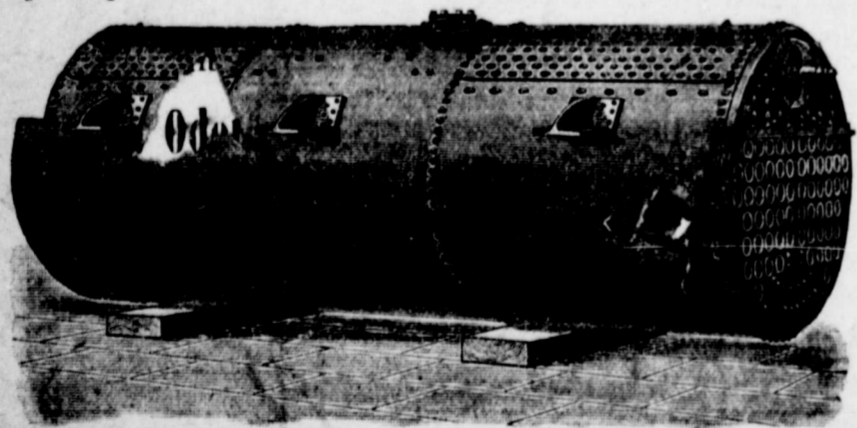
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We have a 25 H. P. Boiler and 16 H. P. Skinner Engine with Gin Stand and Press, necessary Pulleys, Shaftings etc. Just what is needed to combine Irrigation and a small gin outfit. We have these articles in stock at Brownwood. Will make a low price and stock cattle in full or part pay.

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The Kellett-Chatham Machinery Company, Waco, Texas,

General Sales Agents for Munger, Smith, Pratt & Windship Complete line of cotton gin machinery. Also Atlas Engines and Boilers in this territory. They also handle a general line of machinery supplies. Can give estimates, erect and install complete irrigation plants. Are State Agents for the Otto Gas and Gasoline Engines. In fact are in a position to furnish and equip any sort of steam and gasoline plants. By writing or telephoning them at Waco, Texas they can instruct their representative who travels exclusively in this territory to call and give immediate attention to any inquiries.



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All kinds of Wood and Iron Work Done. Carriage and Suggy Painting Shoeing Interfering Horses a Specialty. Give us a trial. Next to New Rock Stable.

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Thoroughbred Stallion "St. Elmo." 8 years old, about 16 hands, 1108 pounds, bay black points, fine shape, sound and no blemishes, and one of the best saddlers and rowsters in Texas. Goes all the gaits fast, and is as kind and gentle as a gelding, any child or lady can ride or drive him, and is a most excellent stock horse.

O. JOHNSTON,
Coleman, Texas.

War Actually Begun.

Special to the Banner-Leader.
Russia's reply starts war. Answer refuses to guarantee the integrity and independence of Korea. This was the main point. Negotiations ended. Diplomatic relations severed. Declaration of war next. Jap cruiser Columbo ordered to Singapore, and other preparation for hostilities.

At the Opera House.

The J. G. Stutz "Was She to Blame" Co. held the boards here two nights this week. Wednesday and Thursday nights. The play Monday night "Was She to Blame" was exceptionally well rendered and was greeted by an appreciative audience. "The Bell of Shannon" was rendered Thursday night. Mr. Stutz is a strong actor and was supported by a good company and they deserved better patronage than they received.

San Angelo Press.

The San Angelo correspondent for the Houston Post tells of a proposed daily paper for this city. A \$10,000 stock company is being organized among San Angelo business men and the Dallas News and Houston Post will soon be put out of business here.

Miss Nettie Massey one of linger's most beautiful and accomplished young ladies, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city the guest of the Landon hotel.

Bakery Notice.

All kinds of pies, cakes, graham bread, light bread, etc., always on hand fresh from the stove. I have a No. 1 baker that knows his business and I am warranted in saying my goods are the best in this market. Cigars and confections also in connection. I am now at the old Banner-Leader stand opposite the Currie Noyes Co. Call and see me for prompt and courteous treatment.

J. T. OSTEEN,

The Baker and Confectioner
8th St., Ballinger, Tex.

J. W. Powell reports the sale to J. E. Powell of a house and six lots in Wilke addition.

Epworth League Program.

January 31.
Subject—John Kenneth McKenzie.
Leader—Mr. Brewer, Jr.
Song
Psa. 6:7-12—Leader.
Isa. 35:3-6—Miss Alma Padgett.
Roll Call.
Duett—Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. J. R. Lusk
Matt. 11:1-6 Medical Mission
—Thos. A. Rape.
Princely Men in Heavenly Kingdom—J. H. Stovall.
Life of Jno. K. McKinzie—Mr. Currie
Song.
Closing.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Sunday, Jan. 31st.
Subject—Every Christian called to be a Missionary—Luke 24:44-49.
Leader—Mrs. Bowden.
Prayer.
Song.
Paper on subject—Leader.
Song.
Discussion of subject—Prof. Bullock.
Song.
Scripture References.
Select Reading—Miss Lola Brown.
Song and Collection.
All are earnestly requested to have something to say on this important theme.

Stephenson-Drennan

Capt. J. E. Smith at the residence of the bride spoke the words which made H. R. Stephenson and Miss Alma Drennan man and wife last Sunday. The ceremony was performed at 11:30 a. m. after which a sumptuous dinner was served. The bride is one of Ballinger's popular young ladies and has hosts of friends who wish her much happiness as the wife of Mr. Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson is a prominent farmer of Rockwall county. They left on the 4:30 train Sunday afternoon for Rockwall, their future home.

The Banner Leader joins their many friends in wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life.

MUSIC SCHOOL.

Mrs. L. H. Bacon will re-open her music school the 4th of Jan. at her residence near the College Building. Special attention given to primary work. Terms \$2.50 per month.

Mrs. G. M. Vaughn came in from San Angelo on Wednesday evening's train where she had been visiting for a few days.

R. D. Freeman, now of Brownwood, but formerly a merchant of Yarrleton, Milam county, is in our city this week looking out a location to do business.

14735 bales of cotton have been received up to date. It is usually nearing the 15,000 bale mark. Coupled with the high price prevailing this puts this section of Texas in the swim.

Prof. Stovall reports the Business College as doing finely this week. Prof. Elliott is a thorough master of Business College methods and is giving fine satisfaction. Ballinger needs to feel proud of this institution and to give it all help possible as it will mean much in the future of this city.

The Ladies Floral Club was organized last Thursday and officers elected. The object of this club is the study of flowers and all who are interested in the growth and cultivation of them are invited to join the club. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Oscar Pearsons, Thursday, Feb. 4th.

Editor D. M. West of the Southwest Texan of Ozona, was here this week talking to the boys in the interest of a prospective race for the Legislature of this district. Mr. West is well qualified to fill this responsible position and if elected will, as we see, serve the interests of the people with satisfaction.

To the Public.

I have purchased the Confectionery stock of R. B. Griffith and will run the business at the same old stand. I expect to enlarge the stock with a fine line of new goods and I will keep cigars, tobacco, fruit, cider, etc. A share of your patronage is solicited. HOMER ALEXANDER

Second hand store, furniture repairing city delivery, Phone 74. Prosperous people never let anything waste, have it repaired or sell it. When you buy my goods never bring money when you have anything that you don't need.

D. C. DANNELLY.

Ayer's

For coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, weak throats, weak lungs, consumption, take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Cherry Pectoral

Always keep a bottle of it in the house. We have been saying this for 60 years, and so have the doctors.

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for 40 years. It is the best medicine in the world, I know, for all throat and lung troubles."
Mrs. J. K. NORCROSS, Waltham, Mass.
Small, 50c.; 21.00.
All druggists.

The Lungs

Daily action of the bowels is necessary. Aid nature with Ayer's Pills.

Bedford Caperton of Maverick had business in the city Monday.

Dan Moser went up to San Angelo Monday on cotton business.

Editor Sherman of the Concho Herald, Paint Rock, was with us while Monday.

W. F. McKown of the Norton country had business with Ballinger merchants Monday.

C. E. Woodrow, Winters' popular gin man, was among the usual Monday crowd in Ballinger.

Wm Glenn, the gin man of Maverick, was shaking hands with old friends in Ballinger Monday.

St. Clair, the photographer, was a west-bound passenger Monday looking after business in the Miles and San Angelo country.

W. D. Carrier is still hunting prospectors for his section, having just returned Monday from an eastern trip with a number of prospectors on the string.

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

"Chronic cases" that's what the doctors call them, which in common English means—long sickness.

To stop the continued loss of flesh they need Scott's Emulsion. For the feeling of weakness they need Scott's Emulsion.

It makes new flesh and gives new life to the weak system.

Scott's Emulsion gets thin and weak persons out of the rut. It makes new, rich blood, strengthens the nerves and gives appetite for ordinary food.

Scott's Emulsion can be taken as long as sickness lasts and do good all the time.

There's new strength and flesh in every dose.



We will be glad to send you a few doses free.

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

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1; all druggists.

L. S. Evans, of Alvarado and J. A. Tyler of the Miles country, who bought the A. M. Treadway place two miles north of town will begin at once to sow oats and prepare the place for a big crop this year. These gentlemen know a good thing when they see it and are fortunate in getting one of the best places in our section.

The friends of Col. Moser are urging him to make the race for County Treasurer and he has about consented to become a candidate. The Colonel has many warm friends who will work hard for his election should he see fit to become a candidate.

W. W. Witherspoon, of Midlothian, Ellis county, who has been prospecting in our section for the past week, left for Rome Wednesday and says he will be back in about fifteen days and probably locate with us.

Judge J. D. Hutchinson, brother of our County Commissioner of the Norton county, came in Wednesday from his home at Kerrville and will likely remain permanently with us.

J. O. Williams of Van Alstyne, Grayson county, an old friend of our Jim Kelly, is here this week prospecting and the chances are that he will locate with us.

Guion Gregg went up to Miles Wednesday to transact some business and incidentally to tell the dear people that he is a candidate for County Attorney.

J. W. Harris, the horse and mule buyer of Waco, who has been here several days this week, turned loose about \$4000 for stock in our town.

Tom Batla, of Bell county, after spending a day with friends in Ballinger left for Rowena Monday on the 12:20 passenger.

Messrs Saunders, two brothers of Waco, came in Monday to prospect in our section with a view to locating among us.

Mrs. J. A. Marberry returned Wednesday to her home in San Angelo after spending awhile with friends in our city.

Mrs. Jim Miller, of Wingate, came in Tuesday from Brownwood where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Wm. Glass, the prosperous German farmer of the Valley Creek country, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday.

H. Geisecke and Paul Macheal sold this week to J. W. Harris about \$1000 worth of horses and mules.

H. N. Hollingsworth came in Wednesday from the east, where he has been on telephone business.

P. E. Truly went up to Miles Monday to interview the dear people of this section for a day or so.

W. T. Padgett went up to Miles Wednesday to spend a day or so with his father and mother.

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

J. M. Williams of the Content section was among the visitors to our city Tuesday.

Ed Dozier of Paint Rock was looking after stock business in Ballinger this week.

Our young friend Ed Schawe, of Bronte spent several days in our city this week.

J. J. Boggett of the Crews country was with us a day or two this week.

A Vest Pocket Doctor.

Never in the way, no trouble to carry, easy to take, pleasant and never failing in results are DeWitt's Little early risers. A vial of these little pills in the vest pocket is a certain guarantee against headache, biliousness, torpid liver and all of the ills resulting from constipation. They tonic and strengthen the liver. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Jan. 23, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P.M.

Fry, H. S.
Garrett, Charley.
Hughes, Ed S.
Hester, C. W.
Neas, Jim.
White, Ed.

Confederate Meeting.

Ballinger, Tex., 1204

The Henry E. Mculloch Camp No. 557, U. C. V. met at the court house in regular monthly meeting and approved the following applications for crosses of honor viz: E. M. Duggett, G. W. Brister, G. W. Givens, A. M. Lindsey, and T. J. Watson. Also decoration committees were appointed to take charge and superintend the decoration of graves of comrades at the various cemeteries for 1904 as follows: Ballinger, Col. J. G. Stocks, D. P. Moser and J. F. Shaffer, time June 3rd. Runnels, J. C. Swift, J. H. Glacier, and J. E. Gilliam, time third Sunday in May. Winters, J. M. Young, M. A. Hunter and L. A. Harper. Content, Joseph Troller, M. C. Bright and A. D. Tally. Maverick, J. C. Thaxton, T. J. Webb and J. C. Osgood. Fort Chadbourne, W. G. and John Gannaway and T. J. Moore Miles Station, J. H. Herbert, Warren Williams and P. H. Brooks. And on the report of Comrade Swift that the consent of the family had been obtained it was resolved that the camp would remove the remains of Comrade F. C. heard to the Confederate block in the Ballinger cemetery and Friday, January the 8th was set as the time.

J. H. ROUTH, Commander.
H. D. PEARCE, Adjt.

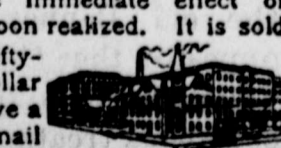
Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

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.



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A. B. Cannon, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another, then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walkers.

Imperfect Digestion.

Means less nutrition and in consequence less vitality. When the liver fails to secrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine will rectify this; it gives tone to the stomach, liver and kidneys, strengthens the appetite, clears and improves the complexion, infuses new life and vigor to the whole system. 50c a bottle at E. D. Walker.

Dental Notice.

This is to notify my friends and patrons that I have moved my dental office up stairs in the K. of P. building next door to Dr. Younger's office where I am better prepared than ever to give you first-class dental work at the right price.

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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.

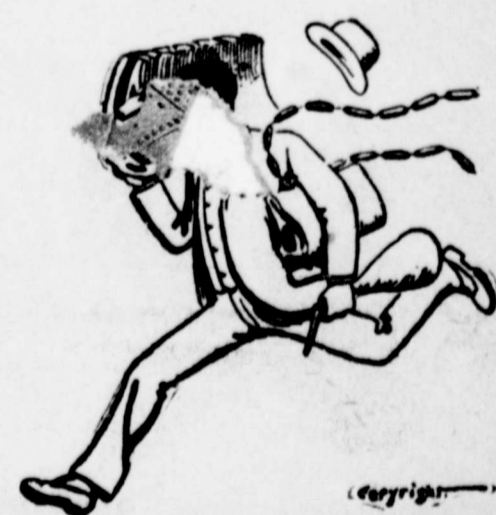
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

\$50.00 REWARD, \$50.00

We will pay to any one \$50.00 to find a RED RUG in a house where my exterminator is used. Cut this ad out and send it to me with One Dollar P. O. Money Order or Registered letter on or before Feb. 1, 1904, and I will send you my exterminator, after using same according to directions, if on March 1, 1904 you can find one RED RUG your house I WILL PA for it. My exterminator not injure the finest furniture.
Address,

Prof. JAS. CALDWELL,
MERKEL, TEXAS.

\$50.00 REWARD, \$50.00



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where you always find the best of everything in the butcher line. Tender, Juicy Steak, Pork Sausage and barbecue always on hand. Free delivery to any part of the city. Phone N. 2

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This firm will do a General Drug Business. Our Stock will not handle any drugs except chemically pure drugs. Our prescription department will always be under the direction of a Registered Pharmacist. Our toilet department will be second to none. We will carry a stock of sufficient capacity to furnish all the Doctors and small druggist in Runnels and adjoining counties, whose trade we solicit. We solicit the trade of the ladies of Ballinger, as our toilet department will be under the supervision of Mrs. Barton who will be found in the store from 9 to 11 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. and will take pleasure in showing you through our stock.

Respectfully,

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Agent.

Excursion Rates.
Annual State Convention Y. M. C. A., Houston, Tex. Sell Mar 18 and 19, 1904. Return March 24. Rate \$11 70.
San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal. Sell April 23rd to May 1st Return June 30th. Rate \$51 10
Second class colonists rates to California Date of sale March and April and September and October. See agent for particulars.

A deal is under way to buy Panama from Colombia for \$500,000.

Winters News.

Miss Landreth gave the people quite a treat Saturday night in the way of a recital and concert by her music pupils and others. All felt fully repaid for having patronized her.

Prof. Rotramel gave the young people a nice singing Sunday night

Rev. Harden failed to fill his regular appointment Sunday on account of sickness, so Rev. Moore occupied the pulpit at eleven o'clock.

We are sorry to report Mr. Roach sick of pneumonia.

Miss Smith of Bronte is visiting Rev. Jackson's family.

Miss Church of Pumphrey was on our streets again this week.

Mr. Moore, wife and daughter returned from their visit to Miller's View Saturday evening and reported a good time and having seen quite a lot of pretty country.

We think the artist is doing a very good business.

Some of the Winters people are going to attend the fifth Sunday meeting at Pumphrey. Let's all go and have a good time with those good people.

Mr. Wiley Cathey of Wingate was on our streets looking after business Wednesday.

Two families of Buffalo Gap arrived here Wednesday, Mr. White, and we failed to learn the other name. One is going in the livery business, the other into the restaurant business, so we have heard

Several runaway boys have passed through this week going east. Mr. Scoggins of Wingate had his son arrested. Dale and came in after I. Pet King came thro' the way looking for his "lost child." Don't know whether he found him or not. I'll tell you boys old "Uncle Dick's" advice to you is to stay at home with your mamma awhile yet for "there is no place like home." No friends so near and dear as mother and father. "Dick."

Wingate News

Well, Mr Editor, thought I would write you the happenings of our little town as we never see anything in your paper from here.

Well to commence with we have been having some very cold weather the last four days but it is some warmer now. The rain Wednesday night was some help to the country inasmuch as it will save the wheat for awhile.

The farmers are turning ground preparatory to another crop.

The young folks of this place attended the party at Mrs. Cutters Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. J. L. Miller who has been visiting in Brownwood for the past week returned home this week. We are all glad to see Mrs Miller home again.

Mr. McNay had the misfortune of getting his feed all burned one night last week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Patterson is still improving.

Mr. Will Lloyd happened to quite a painful accident one day last week, getting his foot split with an ax while out hauling wood.

Miss Clara Robertson is doing nicely with her music class at this place.

Mr Ernest Cabe of the Coyote neighborhood was in our town Saturday and Sunday the guest of Prof. Pickle and wife.

Miss Roxie Allen entertained

a few friends at finch Saturday night.

Mr. F. Smithson is having lumber hauled out for a nice little cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Smithson are home again from an extended visit to their old home in Arkansas.

Our literary society is still going on. It now meets every Friday night instead of every other Friday. We have a good program and a large attendance. May it continue to thrive.

Little Miss Eleanor Gannaway spent one night last week with Miss Roxie Allen.

We are sorry to know that Prof. Pickle is on the sick list this week.

The Baptist fifth Sunday meeting will commence at New Hope next Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

As this is my first will close for this time. PAT.

To the Public.

Don't forget to pay your city poll tax before February 1st if you desire to vote during the coming year, either in city or county election

JNO. HOFFER, Mayor.

Geo Reeder who has been out several days visiting his brothers David and C Reeder, and incidentally looking at the country with a view to investing at some future date, returned to his home at Laneport, Williamson county, Friday afternoon.

No. 6757.

Report of the Condition

Of the Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Jan 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$147,608.19
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured (Cotton)	63,982.30
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	1,400.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6,993.00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	5,949.56
Due from state bank and bankers	6,159.84
Due from approved reserve agents	130,003.36
Checks and other cash items	4,777.79
Notes of other national banks	1,345.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	170.85
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$11,234.30
Legal tender notes	5,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer [5 per cent circulation]	1,000.00
Total	\$405,650.69

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,043.80
National bank notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other national banks	6,208.30
Due to State banks and bankers	12,803.20
Due to trust companies and savings bank	
Dividends unpaid	205.00
Individual deposits subject to check	283,649.16
Demand certificate of deposit	2,451.23
Cashier's Checks outstanding	200.00
Total	\$405,650.69

State of Texas, I, J. W. Wilmeth, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JO WILMETH, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
Tom Ward }
W. J. Miller } Directors
W. A. Norman }
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of Jan., 1904.
J. McGregor, Notary Public.

RECAPITULATION.

Resources	
Bills Receivable	\$147,608.19
Demand Loans [Cotton]	63,982.30
U. S. Bonds	21,400.00
Banking House and Fixtures	6,993.00
Cash on hand and in bank	165,667.20
Total	\$405,650.69

Liabilities	
Capital	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	1,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,043.80
Circulation	20,000.00
Deposits	305,605.80
Total	\$405,650.69

The Santa Fe railroad will bring 12,000 homeseekers from Illinois, Indiana and other adjacent states.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

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Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo.
My Dear Sir—In 1894 I was a great sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble and your Texas Wonder cured me and I have never suffered since. I most heartily recommend it.
Yours Truly,
A. S. Fosier,
215 Mary St.

Ex Governor T ft of the Philippine island is to succeed Secy Root the first of February.

Secretary Wilson says that the construction of the Panama Canal will double values of Texas lands

Hon. M. M. Chrape, former Attorney General, is reported as being a candidate to succeed Hon C. A. Culberson in the United States Senate.

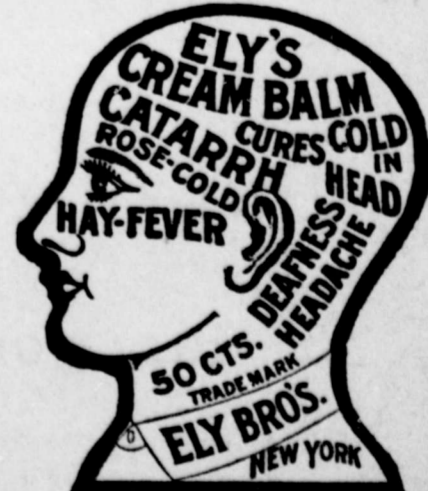
King Peter of Serbia is reported as being very anxious to quit his job. Pete will have trouble some night like his predecessor if he is not careful

Adam and Eve it is said had the whole world to themselves but were not satisfied. That ought to serve as a warning to J. P. Morgan and Rockefeller

An explosion supposedly from fire occurred on January twenty-fifth in a coal mine at Cheswick, Pa. About 180 men were in the mine at the time of accident and it is supposed that all are dead.

J. K. Vardaman, who was inaugurated Governor of Mississippi on Jan 19, declared in his address that the kind of education now given the negro spoiled him for usefulness and favors moral and industrial education for him. There is little doubt that something else than present methods be applied to fit the negro for usefulness and it may turn out after all that Vardaman is right in his ideas.


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 For nearly four years I suffered from ovarian troubles. The doctor insisted on an operation as the only way to get well. I, however, strongly objected to an operation. My husband felt disheartened as well as I, for home with a sick woman is a desolate place at best. A friendly druggist advised him to get a bottle of Wine of Cardui for me to try, and he did so. I began to improve in a few days and my recovery was very rapid. Within eighteen weeks I was another being.

Cecelia Stowe

Mrs. Stowe's letter shows every woman how a home is saddened by female weakness and how completely Wine of Cardui cures that sickness and brings health and happiness again. Do not go on suffering. Go to your druggist today and secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui.

WINE OF CARDUI

San Angelo Press.
 G. R. Casey came up from Ballinger yesterday
 Miss Matilda Doose of Ballinger came up Tuesday on a visit to her sister Mrs. R. P. Smith.
 Jno S. H. W. and D. P. Gay, Jr., prominent ranchmen of Runnels county, were in the city this week.

H. E. Dickinson.
 H. E. Dickinson, at the solicitation of numerous friends, has consented to allow his name to be used for County Surveyor of Runnels county, the same appearing in this issue. Ed is a surveyor of state wide reputation for correctness and unquestioned integrity, and comes before you with a record second to none in Texas. He knows the land lines thoroughly in Runnels county having done most of the important surveying in the county. He is one of the early settlers and has by his faithful discharge of every duty endeared himself to the people in a way that causes them to call him to the important office of Surveyor of the county. All work intrusted to him you can rest assured will have prompt and careful attention. Give him your vote and support and you will never have cause to regret it.

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 We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
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 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle Sold by all Druggists,
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South Lake had a terribly destructive fire last Sunday which burned over two thousand dollars worth of property. As far as known no lives were lost. Very little insurance was carried on the property.

F. A. Mater left on Tuesday's train for Austin, San Antonio and other points, on business and also to recuperate for a while
 Rev. Alfred Turney and family of Wingate came over Tuesday to attend the debate and visit relatives.—Coke County Rustler

Dick Oliver came in from the West Tuesday evening and passed through enroute to his home above Winters.

H. D. Pearce of Ballinger visited relatives here last week—Coke County Rustler.

School books bought sold and exchanged at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

T. J. Stocks.
 T. J. Stocks announces in this issue for public cotton weigher. Mr. Stocks is an old residenter, knows the people all over this section and anything we could say in his behalf would be superfluous. However, our acquaintance with him warrants us in recommending him as an honest, well qualified man for the position he asks, and his friends are determined to see him elected. The man that beats him will have to hump himself. He will prove his appreciation of your assistance if you see fit to elect him.

Frank Stuart.
 For the second time Frank Stuart announces for Public Cotton Weigher. He offers his past record for honest, fair dealing as his recommendation for your support and vote at the coming election. He has pleased the public in the past by his close attention and correct handling of the business intrusted to him and you have the assurance that he will continue the same policy in the future as in the past. No one can gainsay his honest, upright character and should a mistake occur he is always more than ready to correct the same at his own expense. He will appreciate your vote and support at the coming election.

J. E. Smith.
 Capt. J. E. Smith's announcement appears in this issue as candidate for reelection to the office of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. He has made an alert, zealous and faithful justice. In the performance of his duty he has given his entire time and attention. We have a quiet, peaceable and law-abiding town and he has done his part in producing that happy result
 As a Commissioner he has guarded the county's interest with fidelity. The road question has been his hobby and with constant and never ceasing efforts he has devoted himself to good roads. If reelected he promises to do all in his power to subserve the best interests of his people.

J. F. Lusk.
 J. F. Lusk, of the firm of Lusk & Co., grocery and grain dealers of Ballinger, announces in this issue for Tax Assessor of Runnels county. It seems a waste of words for us to attempt to express the appreciation in which Mr. Lusk stands in the estimation of our people. Suffice it is to say that he is well and favorably known to every voter of the county as a man well fitted and qualified in every respect for this position. In his business dealings and his perfect integrity he has endeared himself to our entire population, and upon his past record as such asks your support which he will truly appreciate and will serve you honestly and faithfully in his official capacity as he has tried to do in his private and business affairs. You will make no mistake and have nothing to regret should you see fit to elect him to the responsible position of Tax Assessor of the county

George and Charlie Brewer of Vale, were marketing wheat in Ballinger Tuesday. They report the land in good shape and farming operations moving off allright in their section.

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 Bass' Carbon Compound makes a clean sweep, kills all the hole, no other dog will open or use the hole again. NOT THAT WAY IF YOU USE COMMON CARBON. Carbon Compound retails \$1.50 per gal., 5 gals. \$6.25 Bass Poison \$1 bottle for peck of grain, \$3.25 package for bushel. Sold by all druggists wholesale and retail. Special prices on large quantities.
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F. Heckler of Winters remembered us this week.

Fresh garden seeds of all kinds at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

J. Sam Hall and wife of Maverick were in town Wednesday.

O. Puckett, of the Winters section, had business in the city Thursday.

Oscar Lykes of the Norton country was in the city a short while Thursday.

Dr. W. B. Halley went down to Austin last Sunday afternoon to visit relatives.

I. S. Baldwin of Content was a visitor in our city Thursday transacting business.

C. H. Willington reports the sale of lot 2 block 118 to C. P. Shepherd, consideration \$200.

Ed Stone and Frank Pearce, two of the leading business men of Winters' were here Monday.

Henry Walker came down from Miles this week and will work for the Electric Light Co.

Miss Nell Butler went up to San Angelo to attend the grand ball at that place Thursday night.

Mrs. J. W. Powell, who has been quite sick this week with la grippe, is reported some better.

W. A. Stovall, a prosperous farmer of the eastern part of Runnels county, was here this week.

Mrs. Henry Niece came in from Silver Valley Thursday to join her husband who is located in our town.

Joe Hardin and John F. Drew each purchased lots for residence purposes west of J. H. Miller's place this week.

A. L. Sandusky, who sold out on Valley Creek a few weeks ago, came in from Oklahoma Thursday, where he bought an option on land.

J. W. Allen of Lockhart was here prospecting during the week. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the coming country.

Mrs. John D. Parks and little son of Fort Worth, who have been visiting the family of Mrs. D. M. Baker this week, returned to their home Thursday on account of the announcement that Mr. Parks was quite sick.

J. E. Powell and family moved here from Audra last week and will become permanent residents of Ballinger. Mr. Powell purchased the Lackey place at West End for \$120. We welcome Mr. Powell and family to our city.

Rev. D. M. West stopped off and spent Thursday in Ballinger with old friends, while enroute home at Ozona from Brownwood. Bro. West has a warm place in the hearts of our people and he is always a most welcome visitor to our city.

Miss Maggie Sharp left Thursday evening for Fort Worth to visit her cousin Miss Beulah Sharp. Miss Beulah will be remembered as a pleasant visitor to our city some months ago.

Fresh California canned apricots, grapes and plums for a short time at the low price of 12½ cents per can at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.


Griffith & Son this week sold their confectionery business to Homer Alexander.

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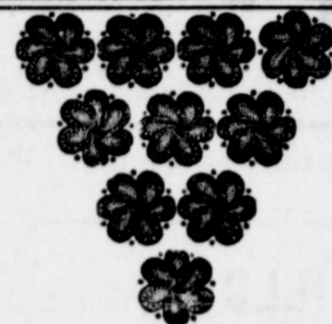
Schedule of Sleeper

Lv. Fort Worth.....	9:10 p. m.
" Temple.....	3:00 a. m.
Ar San Angelo.....	12:45 p. m.
Lv. San Angelo.....	3:30 p. m.
Ar Temple.....	1:30 a. m.
" Fort Worth.....	7:20 a. m.

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