

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, SEPT 10 1904

NO 48

NEW FALL STOCK

HATS

Just opened complete stock latest styles. Mens Hats. newest shapes and colors. Stetson and Thoroughbred ranging in price from 1.50 to 7.50

200 childrens school caps at 10 to 25 worth 25 and 50c
Special buy of 300 Mens medium weight Suits, fine goods, price 5.00, 7.50 and 10.00 They are 10.00 and 15.00 values. Give us a look.

See our line ready trimmed Millinery, up to date shapes

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PHONE 58

BALLINGER, TEXAS



You Run Risks

By carrying money about with you, the sight of a fat roll is a temptation to many. Deposit the money with

The Citizens Nat'l Bank

and use checks for making payments. These are more convenient than currency and much safer. They come back to you after a short time and are thus important vouchers. The absolutely safety afforded by THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK vault is another reason why money should be deposited here.

City Council Proceedings.

The City Council met in regular session last Tuesday with the mayor and five councilmen present.

It was ordered that the water rate for oil mill be fixed at \$50.00 per month.

Ordered that the city furnish water for court house at one-half rate. County to furnish meters and commence paying from Sept. 1st, 1904.

Ordered that the bid of C. C. F. Blanchard, C. H. Willingham and P. E. Truly for a telephone franchise be accepted at \$150 per annum and mayor to execute contract on the part of the city. Following is an exact copy of the bid for the telephone franchise by C. C. F. Blanchard, C. H. Willingham and P. E. Truly:

Ballinger, Tex., 8 3 04.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Ballinger:

We, the undersigned citizens of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas, hereby petition the City Council of Ballinger for the right, privilege or franchise to build, erect and maintain, keep, hold and own a telephone system in the city of Ballinger of such

magnitude as to supply the citizens of said city with sufficient and adequate telephone facilities for a period of not less than 10 years. Hereby asking a franchise authorizing your petitioners, their heirs and assigns to erect and maintain poles, wires and such other appliances as may be necessary and needful to operate and maintain a complete telephone system in and upon the streets and alleys of said Ballinger, the same to be placed, kept and maintained and operated in conformity with the ordinances and regulations of the city. For such franchise we agree to furnish and maintain free to the city, three telephones and two electric fire alarms during the continuation of such franchise and in addition we agree to pay 5% of the gross receipts of such telephone system.

C. H. Willingham,
C. C. F. Blanchard,
P. E. Truly.

If you prefer a cost proposition we will give the city one hundred and fifty dollars per year. We will want six months to complete the system and stand ready to put up a certified check for \$250 upon the city's granting us the franchise and a valid guarantee by the city that we shall have exclusive use of the streets and alleys for our system. Respectfully,

C. C. F. Blanchard,
C. H. Willingham,
P. E. Truly.

Ordered that the Banner-Leader be awarded the city printing for the ensuing year, beginning Sept. 1 1904.

Ordered that bills be paid as read.

Ordered that the water fine against B. W. Pilcher be \$1.00 for using water out of hours.

On election to decide whether or not the city council pass a stock law ordinance ordered that,

M. D. Chastain	yes
O. Pearson	no
Ed Glober	yes
C. S. Bowdon	yes
J. A. Ostertag	no

Ordered that the finance committee have a book made for keeping water accounts.

Following is the vote on the franchise question:

M. D. Chastain	no
O. Pearson	no
J. A. Ostertag	yes
Ed Glober	yes
C. S. Bowdon	yes

During the pendency of the franchise question quite a good deal of interest was manifested and a number of citizens were present to attend the meeting and see what would be done. The question involves some pretty legal points on which a wide difference of opinion exists. Whether the city council has the right to remove the present system is the burning question now before the people. Their acceptance of the bid of Messrs. Willingham, Truly and Blanchard involves upon them the duty to clear the streets of the present poles, wires, etc. We understand that the present telephone company have been advised that this removal cannot be done, even though they refused to offer anything for a franchise right. We refrain from going into details as to their position from a legal standpoint, but like the other citizens will wait and see.

Mrs. C. W. Yates Dead.

We sorrowfully note the death of the beloved wife of Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor of the C. P. church, which occurred at 7:20 Thursday evening at their residence near the church. She was not considered seriously ill until about 11 o'clock Wednesday night when she awoke from a slumber in an unconscious condition and did not revive before her death. The entire community sincerely sympathizes with the family in this sad hour of affliction. The funeral services will be held at the C. P. church Saturday at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Chappel.

For Sale

At a Bargain, J. J. Erwin residence. call at miller mercantile co.

Be sure to try a sack of Silk-Finish Flour Rasbury & Bruce.

The old ex confederates postponed their barbecue on the river near Uncle Joe Routh's place, on account of the heavy rains, but say they will have it as soon as the ground gets in good shape.

Mrs. W. S. Davis and daughter, Miss Flossie, came in from Brownwood Wednesday and will visit relatives and friends a few days and then join Mr. Davis at Miles, to make their future home.

Mr. F. A. Nott, wife and children left Wednesday for Temple on a visit of two or three weeks, and will go to the fair at St. Louis before returning.

Ed Dickinson returned Thursday from a short business trip to Brownwood.

The Official Organ.

The Banner Leader will be the official organ of the city of Ballinger for the ensuing year, having been awarded the city printing, including the ordinances and all lines of job work for this year at the session of the city council last Tuesday.

The Rain.

At this point the rainfall for the week ending Wednesday afternoon was 2 11 100 inches, but other points in the county were not so fortunate. It was light at Maverick, Norton, Pumphrey and Wingate but heavy in the eastern half of the county.

Be sure and see J. B. Alvis & Bro. when you want good syrup.

Notice to Buyers

Will you continue to buy from concerns that have been charging you from 10 to 25 per cent more than they should, or will you buy from the firm who opened fire on HIGH PRICES and shot them down to close profits. Read our list of prices and buy where your dollar will get the most. We certainly do lead in low prices.

New South Tobacco per lb	45c	At Corn	10c
Old Kentucky " "	45c	3lb can Hominy	10c
West Tennessee " "	40c	A can of good Salmon	10c
W. N. T. " "	60c	S. D. Lard per lb	8c
Drummonds " "	60c	Good Bacon " "	10c
Star " "	45c	Cooking Oil per gal	50c
Horse Shoe " "	45c	Good bulk Coffee 8lbs	1.00
1lb Bale smoking	15c	Good Rice, 25lbs	1.00
2lb can Strawberries	10c	Navy Beans, 22lbs	1.00
3 2lb cans Blackberries	25c	Pink Beans, 20lbs	1.00
3lb can Grapes	15c	10lbs A & H Soda	55c
3lb can Green Gage Plums	15c	Good Syrup, per gal	40c
3lb can Nigger Head	15c	Cabbage per lb	3 1/2c
Tomatoes	10c	Onions per lb	3c

All other goods in proportion. We are strictly the laboring mans friend. Yours for business.

ROBERTS GROCERY CO.

West Side Square at old Ostertag Stand

Prices Subject to change without notice

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Busy all the time here because our patrons are treated fairly and courteously. There's nothing like this treatment to make and keep friends.

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You'll find many little supplies here at prices that are so low they will amaze you but our stock must go in order to make room for our large fall supply

This is "THE BUCK'S STORE"

Hall Hardware Co.

HOME PROTECTION

IS BEST OBTAINED BY PLACING SOME INSURANCE ON YOUR HOME IN ONE OF R. G. ERWIN & CO'S. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

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We sell on the installment plan or lease you all kinds of House Hold Goods

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Go to THE CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., Ballinger, Texas, for certified Abstracts of Title. We guarantee all our work to be accurate, neat and up-to-date. We also have many improved places for sale at bargains and unimproved lands in any size tract on small cash payment and long time. Call and see us.

CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., BALLINGER, TEXAS

Fresh Grapes At Lewis'

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 Sept. 3rd, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

- H. A. CADY, P. M.
- Reed, Miss Bonnie.
- Sammons, Mrs. Aline.
- Scott, Mrs. J. P. (4)
- Bone, J. W.
- Carpenter, C. H.
- Hall, Rev. Milton.
- Henley, Howard (3)
- Leigh, William.
- Morris, J. D.
- Phillips, Tom.
- Ratliff, G. P.

Texan Changes Hands.

D. M. West again becomes proprietor of the Texan at Ozona, having purchased it from Ed P. Eason. Mr. West was quite successful with this paper during his former ownership and we believe will do likewise this time.

Here's our that you may build up a great paper for Ozona and Crockett county.

Tresspass Notice-Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.

C. A. DOOSE.

A Miraculous Cure.

On this day personally came before me J. P. Brooks, a citizen of Runnels county who deposes and says that his wife, Mrs. Ada Brooks, has been afflicted with a protracted and serious spell of sickness from about the 1st of April past. That he had employed the best physicians obtainable, whilst she continued to linger and suffer with no abatement of the disease till the 1st day of August past, when the physicians whom he had employed stated that they could do nothing for her. At this time Prof. D. C. Williams, a magnetic healer, was called and commenced treating Mrs. Brooks on said 1st day of August, which treatment was continued and on August 14th she was able to take a buggy ride and her improvement has been steady and continuous to the present time, when she seems to be all right. She rides around and walks about and is cheerful and it seems her health is restored. The change in her condition has been so marked and wonderful in such a short space of time it seems a marvel to her family and friends.

It was claimed that she was afflicted with nervous prostration and access on the brain.

When Prof. Williams commenced his treatment, Mrs. Brooks was constantly confined to her bed and had been about two months, in fact she could not sit up in bed and her suffering was great. She is now regaining her flesh, strength and cheerfulness, in fact we believe her afflictions have ended.

Witness my hand this 30th day of August 1904.

J. P. BROOKS.

Witness: W. L. Towner, Clerk Co. Court, Runnels Co., Tex.

Letter to B. F. Corum, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: Let's talk it right out before folks; there's nothing to hide in your business or ours; if there is, we'd better hide ourselves.

We are in trade to make money; so are you. We make it by saving our customer's money; so do you. Our object, is trade, is to save your customer's wood from rotting and iron and steel and tin from rusting; yours the same.

We work for thousands of property owners; you for a few. We can do some things that you can't do; we have the facilities. You can do some things that we can't; you are there. Let us work together; be faithful to one another. We can serve our customers better by working together and being faithful to one another.

Your dollar, put into our paint will paint more feet than in any other way; and the paint will last longer. This saves you money, and saves your customers money. That's all there is in our whole business.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & Co.,
New York.

C. C. F. Blanchard and daughter Lucy May, and son, Gulon, returned from St. Louis, Sunday, where they have been the past week taking in the sights at the World's Fair City.

Miss Delia Day was the happy recipient of a fine new rubber tire buggy Saturday, a present from her father.

Frank Capman, of Winters, will be with J. F. Stuart during the cotton season.

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.



For Cramps and Colic

Instantly relieves the worst cases. A perfect Antiseptic for

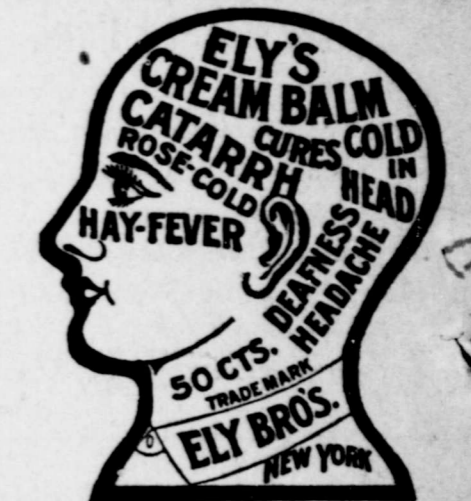
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10 CENTS PER BOTTLE. Larger Sizes, 50 Cents and \$1.00.

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ELY'S CREAM BALM

This Remedy is a Specific, Sure to Give Satisfaction.

GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE.

It cleanses, soothes, heals, and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. Applied into the nostrils and absorbed. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York

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GORDON & KNIGHT, Proprietors. Hair Cut 25c Shave 15c.

Polite attention and Courteous treatment. We want your business. Next door to Post Office.

BALLINGER, - - TEXAS.

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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

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Look at J. E. Brewer's show window.

For Sale

I have for sale at my place 9 miles south of Ballinger the following Implements cheap for Cash

- One Sorghum Cutter (Belle City)
- " 4 Horse Power
- " corn crusher and mill
- " " harvester (Deering)
- " Deering mower and horse rake
- " press drill (Hooshier)
- " corn and cotton planter
- Two Standard cultivators
- " 10 inch and one one 12 inch turning plow
- One single shovel and one double shovel
- " 16 inch riding plow
- " double disk plow
- " wagon with two beds and hay frame
- " buggy, one tooth harrow
- " roller

And many other Tools and Implements

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SAVE YOUR PROPERTY

From Destruction by Fire.

Let Lee Maddox write you a policy in the HARTFORD; LONDON, LIVERPOOL & GLOBE, or some other big reliable company. I can also write you a life or accident policy in the best companies.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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I can handle your freight for you on short notice, anything from a small box to a car load. Give me your work I will do it right and give satisfaction

Now is the time to buy your winter coal. I am ready to supply you with the very best McCalister coal. Buy now and save money

HAYDEN ROUTH

Nothing has ever equalled it. Nothing can ever surpass it.

Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS Price 50c & \$1.00

A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles. Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

For Trade.

A good work mare 15 hands high for a good milk cow and calf. Apply at Banner-Leader office.

We are in the market for your chickens and eggs, also your grocery trade.

Godwin Grocery Co.

Fresh Tomatoes, Pepper, Okra, and Peaches at Miller mercantile Co.

San Angelo Standard.

Joe Johnson, wife, daughter and son of Ballinger, arrived yesterday and registered at the Landon Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Covington of Ballinger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Matthews in North San Angelo the latter part of last week.

Prof. N. J. Clancy is in the city arranging to move to Ballinger, where he has been elected principal of the high school. Professor Clancy is a man of whom any town should feel proud of having as a citizen.

Col. D. P. Gay of Ballinger was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Royalty are at home in the house recently vacated by Dr. Lynn on West Harria avenue. Mrs. Royalty arrived Thursday from Ballinger.

Jas. Moody of Sawyer was in the city Tuesday with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Moody have recently lost three of their little girls. Their daughter Sallie died Aug. 12th, Ruth on Aug. 16th, and Eunace on Aug. 20th. The Standard sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Moody in their great loss.

Mrs. E. L. McAlpine gave a musicale at her home in Angelo Heights on the evening of Aug. 26, in honor of Master David Guion of Ballinger, who is an accomplished pianist. The young gentleman gave several selections which drew the admiration of all present. The music by the Spence and the Williamson orchestras added interest to the program, as did one of Chas. W. Hobbs' inimitable songs. The guests were mainly musicians or those with a great fondness for music. After the program had been completed, refreshments were served on the lawn.

J. L. Williams, of the firm of Gressett & Williams, blacksmiths, left Saturday for Miles where he was called to the bedside of his mother who is seriously ill.

W. M. Smiley of Winters came in Saturday and took the east-bound train for St. Louis, where he will do some business and enjoy the fair a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shaffer and children came in Saturday from Mertens where they had been to see Mrs. Shaffer's brother who was quite sick.

Miss Jesse Woodward left on Saturday's train for St. Louis where she will join her brother Parker and remain until the close of the fair.

Mrs. Dave Cohen, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Bonsall of our city, left Saturday for her home at Houston after a visit of several weeks here.

Walter Kent came in Saturday from St. Louis and other markets where he has been buying his fall stock of merchandise for the Hub.

Mrs. W. L. Smith of Lampasas, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Smith of our city, left for her home Saturday.

Rev. W. G. Caperton came in last Friday from Brady and spent the day here, going over to Eden Saturday.

Sam Parks came in from Brownwood Saturday and went through to their ranch in the Eden country.

LIQUIZONE, the great medicine, for sale by J. Y. Pearce, Druggist.

Phone No. 2 for good stove wood.

Fewer gallons, wears longer; Devoe.

Fruit jars, cheap, at Stubbs & Hartman's.

Phone No. 2 for good dry split stove wood.

Fruit jars for sale at Stubbs & Hartman's.

Family washing especially solicited—prices are right

Louie Boyd went up to Brownwood Sunday evening.

Visit Stubbs & Hartman and see their line of fruit jars before making your purchases.

Dr. W. B. Halley came in Saturday from Temple where he had been on professional business.

Dr. Marberry, who had been in our city a few days looking after patients, left Saturday for his home at San Angelo.

Mrs. Mike C. Boyd and children went up to Wingate Saturday to spend awhile with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller.

J. W. Cunningham and J. B. Darnell, of Ballinger, and L. Darnell of Palmer, I. T., are new recruits Saturday on our mailing list.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, 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.

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Hallettsville, Texas, Oct. 26, 1901.—Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—In the year 1896 I used your Texas Wonder for Kidney and rheumatic troubles and I can safely recommend it to others who are suffering in the same manner. Yours Respectfully, A. B. DEVAL, County Treas.

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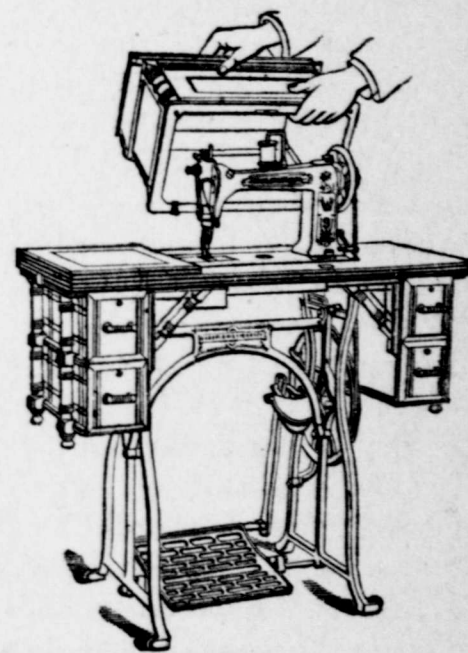
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The Largest and Best Stock of Sewing Machines

In Runnels county to be found at the old Racket Store opposite Davis-Fancher Co. They must and will be sold so come early and get first choice.

Yours for Business

W. M. MCGINNIS, BALLINGER, TEXAS



THE HUMPHREY LUMBER CO., Agents, Ballinger, Texas.

He Cured the Little Girl.

Mr. Herman Muller, senior member of the firm of Muller & Leykom, extensive lumber and general merchants at Polar, Langdale county, Wis., says, "My little girl was troubled with a bronchial cough and we tried several remedies without satisfactory results. We finally gave her a few doses of Hart's Honey and Horehound which quickly cured her." Hart's Honey and Horehound is a never-failing cure for all throat and lung troubles to which children are subject. It is very pleasant to take and the absence of any deleterious or dangerous drugs makes it especially valuable for small children. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Sold by E. D. Walker druggist.

There's Dysentery—Colic, too, And cramps; but this remember do Though enemies all babes must meet "TEETHINA" will them all defeat. "TEETHINA" allays irritation, aids digestion, overcomes and counteracts the effects of summer's heat, regulates the bowels and makes teething easy. Costs only 25 cents.

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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger
12:20 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger
4:32 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

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

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

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.

D. M. WEST.

For Judge 35th Judicial District.

J. W. W. GOODWIN

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.

For County Attorney:

R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.

For County Treasurer:

W. F. SHARP.

For Public Cotton Weiger's Prec. No. 1.

FRANK STUART.

For County Surveyor.

J. E. POWELL.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 1.

W. H. WEEKS.

For Constable Prec. No. 1.

B. W. PILCHER.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.

J. E. MCADAMS.

For Constable Prec. No. 2.

E. W. BAGGETT.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 3.

W. P. HAWKINS.

Election Notice.

Whereas, it appearing to the city council of the city of Ballinger, Texas, by the petition of certain citizens of said city, that an ordinance should be enacted prohibiting the running at large of cattle, horses, mules, jacks and jennets, within the corporate limits of said city, and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Ballinger, Texas, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6th day of September, 1904, passed a resolution ordering me as mayor of said city to order an election to determine whether or not such ordinance should be passed and enforced by said council.

Therefore, I, John Hoffer, Mayor of the City of Ballinger, Texas, acting under and by virtue of the resolution of said City Council, do hereby order an election to be held on Saturday, the 17th day of September, 1904, at the county court house in said city, to determine whether cattle, horses, mules, jacks and jennets shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger, Texas.

All persons who are qualified voters under the constitution and laws of the state of Texas, and have paid their city poll tax prior to March 1, 1904, are entitled to vote in said election.

W. A. Norman is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election. Given under my official signature in the City of Ballinger this 7th day of September, A. D. 1904.

JOHN HOFFER, Mayor,
Ballinger, Texas.

Woodmen Supper.

The members of the W. G. W. enjoyed an ice cream supper at the new Wilke building opposite the court house Thursday night. Geo. P. Waters, of Brownwood, State Organizer, was present and delivered a stirring address on Woodcraft. A large number was present and enjoyed the evening.

Baptist Church Services.

The members of the Ninth Street Baptist church will hold their regular services at the opera hall next Sunday morning and evening. Preaching by Rev. Edgar A. Burton.

For Sale Cheap.

One Columbus buggy and harness. Apply at Lee Maddox's office, Ballinger, Texas.

Public School Opening.

As per previous announcement Ballinger's public school opened on Monday last with an attendance of 356 pupils. Up to today (Friday) everything is in fine working order, and both pupils and teachers seemed well pleased with each other and every arrangement is satisfactory to all concerned. Prof. Hagen has worked hard and faithfully all the week to arrange each room for the most efficient work for the present term. He, with the assistance of the other teachers, will give us a school second to none in the state. It is our duty as parents and patrons to assist them in every way possible. Everything has started off smoothly and nicely and every indication is for the most successful school term we have had in Ballinger for several years.

The New Baptist Church

has adopted as its name "The Ninth Street Baptist Church." On last Wednesday night the members elected Dr. A. S. Love, T. J. Parrish and L. E. Bair as deacons, and R. S. Griggs as church clerk. Edgar A. Burton was elected as pastor, but he has not yet notified the church whether or not he will serve. The rock for a stone building has been donated by Judge C. H. Willingham. It is now being quarried, and it is hoped that work will be begun on the house at an early date.

Every day is SUIT day at The Fair. Our stock of clothing has arrived and our line excels anything that will be shown here this fall. THE FAIR,
Leaders in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.

THE SAME OLD STORY

Just returned from market with a big stock
of Fall and Winter Dry Goods and Clothing

We spent some time selecting our 1904 stock and found prices that enable us to sell you, out of the best selected stock.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings

at easy prices.

See our standard brands of ready-to-wear clothing and ladies' tailor-made suits that fit well, wear well and last long at short prices.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

We have in our store an experienced milliner with an up-to-date stock of Millinery, bought in connection with our big stock of Dry Goods, and the ladies are especially invited to visit this department before buying their new hat and millinery goods.

L. MARKOWITZ & CO.

COTTON BUYERS.

Died.

Mrs. Sarah Francis Walden, mother of Mrs. J. M. Johnson, of near Winters, died last Monday and was buried in the Runnels cemetery Tuesday at 12 o'clock a. m. The Banner-Leader joins the many friends of the family in condolence in their sad hour of bereavement.

Died.

Roy McIntyre, the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McIntyre, died at the home of his parents Tuesday night. The remains were interred in the Ballinger cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Yates, the C. P. pastor. The Banner-Leader extends sincere sympathy.

The editor of this great weekly received an invitation to attend the editor's banquet which was held in New York City on the 7 and 8, in behalf of Judge Parker's candidacy. Our invitation reached us on the evening of the 8th, too late for us to attend. Sorry we could not participate in this move.

We sell the M. D. Wells shoe, the best for the money sold in Runnels county. Suitable for school or street wear.

THE FAIR,
Leader in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.

Miss Leah Greer, who for the past month has been stenographer for the Chas. S. Miller Co., left Thursday for Lampasas.

Fresh fruits and Vegetables at
Godwin Grocery Co's

Common Point.

J. McGregor president of the Commercial Club, received a telegram from the Santa Fe officials at Galveston Friday morning stating that Ballinger had been granted the common point rate, as well as all stations west of Coleman Junction. This makes a saving of many dollars on freight for the people of Ballinger and Runnels county and its up to the citizens to tip their hats to the Commercial Club for their tireless efforts to secure this advantageous rate wherein all will derive great benefit.

If you care to flirt with the fancy styles in fall suits, call at
THE FAIR,
Leader in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.



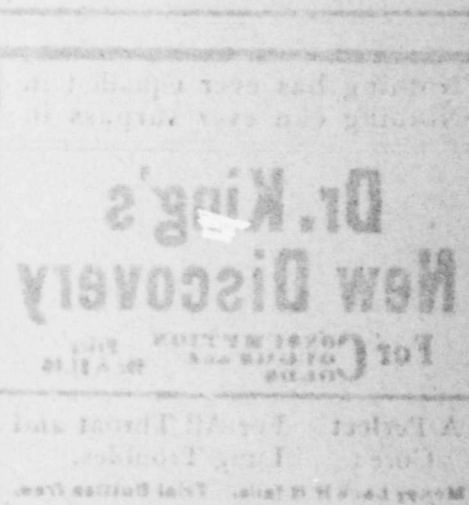
DRS. DALY & FRANCIS,
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Specialists

CROSS EYES STRAIGHTENED FREE at Royalty Hotel September 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

If you have an eye disease or deformity or should you need glasses, call and see us and we will give you an honest opinion free of charge. We positively waste no time treating incurable patients and can guarantee results in every case we treat of Granulated Lids, Lid Tumors, Deformed Lids, Ingrowing Lashes, Overflow of Tears, Cataracts, Cross Eyes or in fact any Eye Disease or deformity that is curable. If you are in doubt or have been disappointed by others, place your money in the bank until cured. We will give you time, if you can't pay cash, and if you are hopelessly poor will treat you free.

We have restored sight to thousands that were pronounced incurable. Many of them you doubtless know. Call or write for names and satisfy yourself in every particular. References from 1000 cases of Cross Eyes straightened. Will straighten six cases free in Ballinger September 19, 20, 21, and 22nd. Permanent offices at Lampasas and San Angelo, Texas.

Will visit patients in Ballinger once a Month. Eyes examined and glasses fitted free.



Winters Budget

MISS ETHEL MOORE, Editor.

"Devoted to the Up-building and Advancement of Winters"

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Winters Directory.

METHODIST—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening; also preaching on first Sunday evening Sunday School 10 a. m., J. L. Speer, supt., Epworth League at 3 p. m. each Sunday evening T. A. Fannin, pres. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night—F. M. Jackson, pastor.

BAPTIST—Preaching every second Sunday morning, Sunday School at 9 a. m., James Flint supt. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday afternoon 4 p. m., S. W. Pratt pres., Ben S. Sullivan, pastor.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—Preaching every first Sunday and night, Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Service each Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Mr. Eoff, leader.

LUTHERAN—Services each second Sunday.

Secret Orders—A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday on or before full moon. W. H. Brown, sec., W. S. Mullin, W. M. K. of P., meets each second and third Thursday nights, L. E. Jarmon, C. C., W. S. Mullin, K. R. & S.

W. O. W.—Camps meets each second and fourth Monday nights T. T. Davis, C. C., J. W. Dale, clerk.

I O O F—Meets every Saturday night, P. H. Williams, N. G., W. P. Springfield, V. G., H. C. Springfield, sec.

Drs. GRANT & ALRED

Physician and Surgeon

Local and Long Distance
Phone Connection. Of-
fice 15, Residence 18, 21

WINTERS, - TEXAS

Men's Driving Gloves, Shoes, and Overall, Cheap at

MOORE & CO.'S
Winters, Texas.

F. RAMSEL BLACKSMITH

Blacksmithing
and
Wood Work

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

Meeks Bros

Leaders in Confectioneries, Cold Drinks, Canned Goods, Candies, Cigars, and Tobacco

Call and See Us

Clay White came in from Abilene Saturday.

Mr. Nowell of Tuscola spent part of last week with friends at Winters.

Mr. Zinn of Truit is storing quite a lot of hay here with Clay White for sale.

Will Humphrey of Ballinger was here Saturday to meet some ladies who came in on the stage.

Rev. Jackson left Monday morning for Wingate where he goes to help Rev. Turney in a meeting.

Owing to the damp weather work on the stone building of Dale & Smiley has stopped temporarily.

Will Smiley left Saturday for St. Louis where he will see the fair and buy a stock of goods for his house here.

Tol Proctor of Winters went to Belton last week with a span of match horses to sell and will visit relatives and friends while gone.

Mr. Ed Stone received a phone message from Wingate Monday morning for coffin for Mr. Gallaway who died there Sunday night.

Cotton keeps coming in, in spite of the bad weather. Both gins are running all the time. Winters gets there when it comes to farming.

Miss Kate DeMerville of Ballinger and Mr. Ernest Davis passed through Friday enroute to Pumphrey to attend the protracted meeting.

Misses Emma Tyre, Stella Cryer and Elbie Speer, Messrs. Roberts, Pete Speer and Will Craddock attended the meeting at Pumphrey Wednesday night.

Miss Jones, sister of Mrs. Clay White, who has been here on a visit for some time, left Monday for Tuscola. Mrs. White's little daughter accompanied her.

Rev. Yates, of the Cumberland church, preached two fine sermons Sunday which did us all good we trust. Good League in the afternoon, though the attendance was small, owing to mud.

John Hall, Jr., traded on last Saturday 65 acres of land to H. P. Starking for the same number of acres of Mr. Starking's track. This puts Mr. Hall's land together and puts Mr. Starking's track in better shape.

A Vicious Pet.

About a week ago a prairie dog owned by Willie Proctor bit him on the face while he was playing with it. Nothing was thought of it until Sunday when Dr. Grant's children were playing with it and it bit his oldest boy on the left hand. Later the second boy went out to the doghole and it came out and bit him on the foot. He knocked it loose and while he was in a stooping position it sprang up and bit him on the back. He reached around to get it off and it caught his hand. Mrs. Grant came to the rescue and got him off. The Dr. soon dispatched the dog. The boys are all doing well at this writing but say they don't care for any more dog pets.

Here and There.

True prayer is never monologue.

Cursing the past does not cure the future.

The fine art of living is simply the art of loving.

Religion never gave a man a face as long as a fence post.

It is always tomorrow's burden that breaks the back of today.

A man with a glad smile has something better than a gold mine.

The church will have to be honest before it can help men to be holy.

The faster you run in a christian life the lighter your burdens will be.

He who shuts his heart to charity's call seals it to Christ's coming.

The devil can crawl in at a mighty small crack in your character.

Some Don'ts.

Don't buy imitations of good things in the way of furniture. If you can't afford the originals do without, and content yourself with something which is what it professes to be.

Don't drape your mirrors with muslin or, for the matter of that, with anything at all.

Don't tie bows on the backs of your chairs.

Don't indulge in tidies of any kind.

Don't paint wreaths on your mirror.

T. A. FANNIN A. F. ROBERTS

Pompeian Massage Cream and Skin Food.

The Century's Toilet Luxury. Preserves and Beautifies the Complexion, leaving a soft and velvety effect. Superior to any other preparation.

Try it. For Sale by

Fannin & Roberts.
Winters, Texas.

East Side Barber Shop.

Dick Barnet, Proprietor.

Nice Shaves, Hot and Cold Baths

TRY US

Snap Shots.

Pride soon gets punctured.

The saloon is the devil's son. The best time to do a good thing is immediately if not sooner.

All nature is at work. "Thou shalt not kill" even your "father time."

The only thing some folks can discover is fault in the other fellow.

Indifference is infidelity.

The private school at Winters did not begin Monday on account of cotton picking.

Miss Mattie Graham of Boldon was here Sunday.

Drs. Grant & Allred report all their patients doing well.

Uncle Frank Flyntt was over from Wingate first of the week.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Sarah Waldon, mother of Mrs. Jim Johnson of Boldon. The death angel came at nine o'clock Monday morning. The remains were interred in the Rannels cemetery Tuesday at 12 o'clock. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mr. Will Rodgers was called to Ballinger Saturday to meet Mr. John Richard and wife, who had started from Taylor, Williamson county, to make their home at Winters. While enroute their two year old child was taken sick and died at Lampasas Thursday morn. They brought the body on here and laid it away in the Winters cemetery Saturday eve. We extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy.

Hotel Arrivals.

Registered at the City Hotel H. C. White, proprietor.

C. E. Hardwick; J. S. King, Winters; Pres Casby, Dallas; S. T. Gardenhire, Audra; W. R. Neal, Moro; John Montgomery, Abilene; G. D. Cole, Coleman; Mr. James, Sweetwater; A. P. McLamore, Abilene; J. A. Williamson, Abilene; F. J. Kellam, Dallas.

Dinkelspiel's Eppy Grams.

Vot is to be vill be if you haf a pull.

Politics is vare a politician gets it—sometimes in der neck, sometimes in der bank.

A Hypocriek is a man dot says pleasant things aboud you und calls himself a liar vile he is didding it.

As der hen observed to der rooster, "Ven a egg is goot it is ferry, ferry goot, but ven it is bad it vas hopeless!"

Der finish of der knocker vas swift and his funeral chant vas sung by a chorus of clams, vich is der silentest bird in der world.—Geo. V. Hobart in N. Y. American.

How to Treat a Lie.

It's pretty hard to know how to treat a lie when it's about yourself. You can't go out of your way to deny it, because that puts you on the defensive; and sending the truth after a lie that's got a running start is like trying to round up a stampeded herd of steers while the scare is on them. Lies are great travelers, and welcome visitors in a good many homes, and no questions asked. Truth travels slowly, has to prove its identity, and then a lot of people hesitate to turn out an agreeable stranger to make room for it.

About the only way I know to kill a lie is to live the truth. When your credit is attacked, don't bother to deny the rumors, but discount your bills. When you are attacked unjustly, avoid the appearance of evil, but avoid also the appearance of being too good, that is better than usual. Surmise and suspicion feed on the unusual, and when a man goes about his business along the usual rut they soon fade away for lack of nourishment.

Display of College Nerve.

Following the reception of the Southwestern University's catalogue last week the Herald was honored this week with a communication inclosing a postal on which the request was made to 'kindly give names of students who would be interested in a catalogue of the Southwestern University.' There was also a long article eulogistic of the University and advertising its worth and merit, which the editor was informed would be esteemed a favor if it was published. The article, set in long primer, made 78 lines, which at the current rate of 5 cents per line would be \$3.90. It would be considered an esteemed favor if we would donate \$3.90 worth of advertising, and more too if we were willing, to the University. Speaking frankly the space would have been cheerfully accorded if the imprint of the Kansas City who printed their catalogues had not been noted. We believe in building up and supporting home institutions, especially home schools, for the majority of them are equal in every respect to northern schools, but at the same time the home schools ought to have their catalogue work done in Texas. They should patronize those who patronize them. It's fair play. The Herald has no personal complaint in the matter for it does not expect to do the catalogue work of the larger schools and colleges, but there are Texas printing houses who can do it and whose prices would be as cheap as foreign firms and the work just as good.—Halleville Herald.

The Bulletin received the same flattering proposition, but, we are glad to say, it soon found its way to the waste basket purchased especially for that purpose. We don't propose to waste time and space on any concern that sends away for their printing and then asks the home papers to boost em up free of charge.—Brownwood Bulletin

We enjoyed the same proposition as above mentioned, but immediately transported it to the waste basket. We couldn't figure out how we could feed the widow by filling our space with free advertising.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

Lost.

A pair of gold rimmed spectacles and folding case somewhere near the Hub.
C. H. Willingham.

Live Oak Flour when once used will be called for again; to be had only at Miller Mercantile Co

Fall Goods are Arriving

Our Fall Stock, which is now beginning to arrive, was bought right and will be sold right. We don't believe a Nicer, Better or More Carefully Selected Stock will be shown in Ballinger this fall than the one we have bought, and we know that no one will make better prices, Quality of Goods considered than we will make.

What we Advertise is the Truth

THE
BEST
GOODS

CURRIE-NOYES CO

THE
LEAST
MONEY

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

Remember us when you get ready to purchase your fall supply of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Groceries. We are still offering remarkable bargains in what few summer goods we have left and will make it to your interest to investigate our offerings in these lines. It will pay you well.

We are Making Prices to Get Your Trade

Why do you trade with people who charge you from 30 to 50c profit on one sack of flour. Get your goods from Roberts Grocery Co. where they are sold on close margin.

R. S. Griggs returned Wednesday from his old home at Evans and other points east, where he had been visiting the past ten days.

Mrs. W. S. Robertson and little daughter came down from San Angelo Wednesday to visit relatives for a few days.

Read our ad. Our competitors don't like us much. We mean Roberts Grocery Co.

Consumption

The only kind of consumption to fear is "neglected consumption."

People are learning that consumption is a curable disease. It is neglected consumption that is so often incurable.

At the faintest suspicion of consumption get a bottle of Scott's Emulsion and begin regular doses.

The use of Scott's Emulsion at once, has, in thousands of cases, turned the balance in favor of health.

Neglected consumption does not exist where Scott's Emulsion is.

Prompt use of Scott's Emulsion checks the disease while it can be checked.

Send for free sample.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,
409-415 Pearl Street, New York,
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Evans-Wilson.

On last Sunday evening at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Ernst, Mr. James Evans and Miss Minnie Wilson were united in marriage. In a most pleasant and beautiful way Rev. Leslie, Presbyterian pastor, performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Mr. Evans has been book-keeper for the Central Telephone Co. for some time, and is admired by all for his noble Christian character and sterling worth as a business man. Miss Minnie has also been a member of the telephone force and has many warm friends in both social and business circles who highly esteem her for her many lovable traits of character. The young couple have the hearty congratulations of the entire city and the best wishes of everyone go with them for a long, nappy and prosperous life. At the close of the ceremony they at once drove to the depot and took the 4:32 east-bound train for Santa Anna where they will make their home until Mr. Evans' residence is completed at Talpa, where he has recently purchased ranch property. The Banner-Leader joins their many friends in hearty congratulations.

C. W. Cleghorn and S. W. Pratt of Winters came in Wednesday from Brownwood where they had been on business.

Trade with Roberts Grocery Co. They brought down the price of groceries in Ballinger.

W. E. Hill of Pumphrey had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

You can get a first class shave, bath and shine at Mike's shop.

Think of it. Good rice 25 lbs. for one dollar at Roberts Grocery Co.

It has rained now and things look brighter. So why not let Mike clean you up once. You can be good looking if you let Mike fix you up.

Judge C. O. Harris and daughter Miss Mae and son Lawrence came in Wednesday from St. Louis and their old home at Indianapolis and report a very pleasant trip.

Editor J. G. Murphy, the "big chief" of the San Angelo Standard, passed through on Wednesday's train from Brownwood where he had been to hear Hon. Joe Bailey speak.

We are sorry to note Leslie Baker on the sick list this week, but better at this writing. He was just ready to start to Trinity University to begin his second year's schooling at that place.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nervine and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c and satisfaction guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist.

Ballinger business men are offering to the farmers better inducements to do their fall trading here this season than ever before. Their stocks are well assorted and complete and they will see that your comfort is looked after in every respect. They will all endeavor to see that you have polite, courteous treatment, and will give you the worth of your money in every instance or make the articles good. We are at the top when it comes to a cotton market and you can rest assured that you will get the highest prices and often above the market quotations. It's to the interest of the merchant to see you treated right and they will see to it.

Mr. J. A. Stewart of Sweetwater has accepted a position in the shop with Mike Boyd. Mr. Stewart comes very highly recommended, both as a gentleman and a workman, and we ask all lovers of a good shave to give him a trial. Mr. Stewart will bring his family over as soon as a house can be secured.

W. S. Davis, who has been visiting his brother, W. A., and other friends and relatives here the past week, left Wednesday for Miles where he will make his future home, having engaged in the banking business at that place.

We are sorry to note Charlie Marback on the sick list this week from an operation performed by Drs. Halley & Love and Dr. Tom Luckett. We are glad to know that he is doing remarkably well and hope to see him up soon.

Use Silk-Finish Flour, take no other. Rasbury & Bruce.

Misses Ada Clampitt and Ada Allen left Sunday evening for Trinity University at Waxahachie where they will enter school for the next scholastic year. These young ladies are special favorites with Ballinger people who wish for them a pleasant and profitable year while at school.

All work guaranteed turned out at R. L. Shaffer's.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

A mother's love is so divine that the roughest man cannot help but appreciate it as the crown of womanhood. However, Motherhood is looked forward to with feelings of great dread by almost all women. At such times a woman is nervous, dyspeptic, irritable, and she is in need of a uterine tonic and a nervine, a strength builder to fit her for the ordeal. No matter how healthy or strong a woman may be she cannot help but be benefited by taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to prepare for the event.

This is what one mother says:
"With a heart overflowing with gratitude I will endeavor to write you. It is nearly two years ago since I first wrote to you for advice regarding my health which was then very bad," writes Mrs. L. Poore, of Hinesdale, Ky., to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting surgeon of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. "I have described my sufferings in other letters to you. After receiving your advice and the 'Common Sense Medical Adviser' I bought some of your 'Favorite Prescription,' and to-day am a well woman and the proud mother of a dear little boy."

Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States, for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Trichlorosis, or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

Their financial responsibility is well known to every newspaper publisher and druggist in the United States, with most of whom they have done business for over a third of a century.

How to live in health and happiness, is the general theme of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. This great work on medicine and hygiene, containing over 1000 pages and more than 700 illustrations, is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound volume, or only 21 stamps for the book in paper covers.

THEY ARE HERE

My line of MILLINERY has arrived and I am showing some of the prettiest designs in Head Dress ever before shown in Ballinger

My Street and Ready-to-Wear Hats

Are Beauties. Come and see them. Largest stock of Millinery in Runnels county to select from

Mrs. STELLA FORBES

At the Currie-Noyes Co. Ballinger, Texas

No. 6757.

Report of the Condition

Of the Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sep. 9, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$230,422.93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	30,349.66
U S Bonds to secure circulation	30,000.00
Premiums on U S bonds	1,887.50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	7,096.00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	3,738.06
Due from state bank and bankers	13,379.60
Due from approved reserve agents	44,255.00
Checks and other cash items	15,205.21
Notes of other national banks	250.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	129.95
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$7,025.45
Legal tender notes	4,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	1,500.00
Total	\$389,189.36

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	7,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,515.92
National bank notes outstanding	30,000.00
Due to other national banks	1,208.00
Due to State banks and bankers	6,188.56
Due to approved reserve agents	1,661.98
Due to trust companies and savings banks	
Dividends unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check	234,361.60
Demand certificate of deposit	229.33
Time certificates of deposit	3,523.88
Cashier's Checks outstanding	
Total	\$389,189.36

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss: I, Jo 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, C. A. Doose, W. A. Norman } Directors Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Sept., 1904. J. McGregor, Notary Public.

RECAPITULATION.

Resources	
Loans Discounts	\$230,422.93
Overdrafts	30,349.66
U. S. Bonds	31,887.50
Banking House and Fixtures	7,096.00
Cash on hand and in bank	89,433.27
Total	\$389,189.36
Liabilities	
Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	12,015.92
Circulation	30,000.00
Deposits	247,173.44
Total	\$389,189.36

DR. S. L. HICKT,
Dentist,

BALLINGER, - TEXAS.
All Work Guaranteed—Prices Right.
Office Over Tisinger & Ashton's Drug Store

Don't forget that the new firm of Ostertag-Dunlap Co. are now open for business in the stand recently vacated by the Ballinger Grain & Commission Co., under the opera house.

Scientist claim that there are ten pounds of glue in the human body that's the reason every body is stuck on those Concho Cigars at Godwin Grocer Co's

Silk-Finish Flour is second to none. Silk-Finish Flour is sold by Rasbury & Bruce.

All work at the Home Steam Laundry is guaranteed.

Notice.

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. H. C. WYLIE.

NOTICE.

Ballinger, Tex., Sep. 8, 1904. M. Eollingsworth, Manager Central Texas Telephone Co., or Agt. of said Co., Ballinger, Texas.

Sir:—You are hereby notified that the streets, alleys and highways of the city of Ballinger, Texas, have been leased by the City Council of said city, to C. H. Willingham, C. C. F. Blanchard and P. E. Truly, for a period of ten years from the 6th day of Sept. A. D. 1904, for the purpose of erecting, building, constructing, owning, operating and maintaining a full and complete telephone system in the said city of Ballinger, Texas.

You have certain poles and wires on the streets, alleys, and highways of said city which is an obstruction thereto and an encroachment on said streets, alleys and highways, and upon the rights and privileges of said city, and is also an obstruction and hinderance to said parties to whom the same has been leased.

You will therefore take notice that all such obstructions must be removed within ninety days from this date, Sept. 8th A. D. 1904.

John Hoffer, Mayor, City Ballinger, Texas.

Came to hand on this the 8th day of September A. D. 1904, and executed this the 8th day of September A. D. 1904 by delivering to R. G. Hardgrave, agent of the Central Texas Telephone Company, of Ballinger, Texas, a true copy of this notice.

B. W. Pilcher, Marsall, City of Ballinger, Texas.

Texas Day at St. Louis.

The holding of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis brings the whole world to our very doors. This is admitted by everyone to be the grandest exposition ever held, complete in every detail, a wonderful reproduction of human energy and ingenuity from the earliest times until now.

In no other large city of the world do Texans feel as completely at home as in St. Louis. It is distinctly a southern city, the chief trading point for Texas people, who are thoroughly acquainted and always welcome there.

As a compliment to this state, the management of the World's Fair has named Monday, Sept. 12, Texas Day. All patriotic Texans will respond to this call and show their appreciation of the honor conferred on our glorious state by visiting the fair at that time. To enable them to do so at the least expense and the greatest possible comfort, Cotton Belt Route will run another of its popular Don't Worry Excursions on September 10 and 11. The same special train service and personal attention to your comfort that has made these excursions so successful in the past will be again provided. Remember our interest in you does not cease with your arrival in St. Louis. We arrange for your accommodation there at reasonable prices, and in a most excellent and convenient location.

Over two thousand people have gone with us on these excursions and we refer to them as our best advertisement. Of course you want to go to St. Louis on this occasion. We make every arrangement for your trip in both directions. Go with us and don't worry. For full information about this excursion ask any Cotton Belt agent or D. M. Morgan, T. P. A. Ft Worth; Gus Hoover, T. P. A. Waco; Jno F. Lehane, T. P. A. Tyler.

Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

We answer this question. 1st. Where the prices are right. 2nd. Where the goods are fresh and first class. 3rd. Where you will receive Courteous and Honest Treatment.

The Miller Mercantile Co

Fulfills the above requirements in every respect. Give us a trial order and we are sure you will be our regular customer.

The Miller Mercantile Co

J. F. Riggs and Lane Whitaker of the Crews country, were in the city Thursday and having just returned from the Panhandle country, say they are still well satisfied with old Runnels.

We call attention to the notice in this issue of the election to be held on Sept. 17 next. Consider this question well and cast your vote as you think to the best interest of your town.

J. W. Clampitt returned Thursday from Waxahachie, where he had been to take his daughter, Miss Ada, and Miss Ada Allen to begin school at Trinity University.

On account of lack of space we were compelled to leave out the contract between the City Council and the promoters of the new Telephone Co. We will publish this next week.

G. W. Brister asked us to announce that he will organize a Farmer's Union at the court house in Ballinger Saturday night week, which is September 17th, 1904.

R. N. Carpenter has sold his cotton crop to Eugene Fowler and moved to South Ballinger.—Concho Herald.

Miss Lida Given left Thursday for Belton where she will enter Baylor College for the ensuing year.

CLOSING OUT

Four Brands First Class CIGARS

\$2.00 per Box \$3.75 Hundred

CASH See Them

LEWIS

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of La Grange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it is the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25cts. Sold by J. Y. Pearce druggist.

Attention.

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J. C. Osborne went down to Killeen Monday.

Harvey Grimes of Maverick was in town Monday.

J. W. Powell and wife returned from St. Louis Sunday.

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Nat Perry and Charlie Low came in from Brownwood Wednesday to look after business interests in our city.

Miss Matilda Doose came in Saturday evening from San Angelo where she had been visiting the past few weeks.

A Complete stock of H. J. Heinze's Pickles, catsups, chow chaw, plum butter, preserves etc. at Godwin Grocery Co's

Miss Jennie E. McClung left Monday afternoon in response to a message from Wichita, Kansas, stating that her sister was ill.

Hal Lawson, who played with San Angelo's ball team this season, has accepted a position with Harry Scott and began work last Saturday.

Ike Wooden and August Globber left Saturday afternoon for St. Louis, where they will enjoy the World's Fair and transact some business for a few days.

Mrs. Jennie Bell and daughter Miss Ada, sister and niece to Mrs. W. A. Gustavus returned to their home at Karnes City after a week's visit with the latter.

Mrs. J. M. Mansker of South Ballinger left Saturday afternoon for Fort Worth. She was accompanied by Mrs. Andrew Mansker and children, who have been visiting relatives and friends here for some time.

John Ruhart, wife and baby came in Saturday from Lampasas and will reside at Winters. While enroute their baby died at Lampasas and they brought the remains on for interment in the Winters cemetery. W. F. Rodgers met them here Saturday.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Muncey and his three children, viz: Albert Muncey, Ada Muncey and Florence Burnett and her husband — Burnett, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 1st Monday in October A. D. 1904 the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of August A. D. 1904 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 711, wherein E. S. Sandusky is plaintiff and Mrs. L. A. Talleson, Charles F. Talleson, I. F. Talleson, Mrs. K. D. Morgan, Albert Muncey, Ada Muncy, Florence Burnett and her husband — Burnett, W. H. Muncey and S. P. Talleson are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore, to wit, on the 1st day of August 1904 plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the tract of land hereinafter described, situated in the said county of Runnels, State of Texas, holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold possession thereof. Said land is thus described: Being Survey No 419, beginning at a stake the lower corner of survey No 418, from which an elm bears south 39 1/2 west 2 varas, a willow bears north 30 east 3 varas, thence south 30 west 36 1/2 varas a stake and mound, thence south 60 east 950 varas a stake and mound, thence north 30 east 3955 varas a stake on bank of river from which an elm bears south 50 west 1 vara, another bears north 53 east 5 varas. Thence up the river with its meanderings to place of beginning. Plaintiff further avers that defendants are asserting some kind of pretended claim to said land, thereby casting a cloud over plaintiff's title and disputing his right thereon to his damage \$1000. Plaintiff prays for judgment for the title, restitution and possession of said land and premises, for writ of possession and that he be confirmed in his title and that all claims asserted by defendants and all clouds existing upon plaintiff's title be declared void and of no effect, for costs of suit, etc.

Herein fail not, but have before said court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness W. L. Towner, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1904.

W. L. TOWNER, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County.

Robert Lee Observer.

J. D. Selma and wife of Ballinger are visiting the family of Dr Reed near Silver this week.

Mr. Will Gideon, Misses Mabel Gideon and Maud McAulay passed through the city Wednesday enroute to their home at Bronte, returning from a pleasant visit to their friend, Mrs. S. M. Francis at Garden City.

Chas. A. Dailey of San Angelo sold for J. D. O'Daniel of Bronte to Messrs. Rallins and Dalton of Marble Falls 4000 acres of land near Bronte at \$4 per acre.

The following from the Correspondent of the Houston Post in regard to Miss Fannie Simmons of Palestine, Texas, will be read with pleasure by Miss Simmons' many warm friends here: Miss Fannie Simmons has accepted a position in the accounting department in the International and Great Northern in this city.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co. are successors to J. A. Ostertag & Co., furniture dealers, funeral directors and embalmers. Their place is on the corner under the opera house in the building formerly used by the Ballinger Grain and Commission Co.

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A Trip Out West.

We left our home near Crews August 24th, came to Ballinger to prepare for the trip and started out on the road from Wingate to Ballinger, camping for the night about six miles out. We saw some poor country but the most of it was as fine as one could wish for. We, meaning Lane Whitaker and myself, ate dinner on the creek near Wingate. The crops from Ballinger to Wingate were rather poor, but for four or five miles west of Wingate there were some very good crops. From Hylton on to where we camped the night of the 25th was one of the most God-forsaken countrys I ever had the misfortune to pass through. If anyone wants to know where we are camped they can look on the map and they will see that we are camped on Purgatory Hollow about half way from Hylton to Olga and I don't think that h—l could possibly be over half a mile from here.

Well, Mr. Editor, we have traveled another day and have seen some as poor country as ever man went through. We passed over the divide between Decker and Colorado City which is as fine a country as you ever saw. Plenty of wood and water and fine crops. They had a big rain just a week ago. I just tell you everything looked fine and grass was green. This land can be bought for \$3.50 to \$5 per acre. I saw one man who had 480 acres he offered for \$1500. He had a good well and windmill and houses enough for all necessary purposes and 70 acres in cultivation. I think Lane Whitaker ought to buy this place and not go out on the plains.

Well, we got to Colorado all right and I don't see why any one would ever leave Runnels and come to Mitchell county. I saw a man who said he had a boy eleven years old who had never seen it rain. On the way from Colorado City to Big Springs we saw as sandy land as ever was in the east. They have good crops but there are so many grass burrs on the ground I don't see how they are to pick their cotton. Runnels county is on top yet and if there is not a big change in the country we will come back satisfied to stay there. Tomorrow we will start from Dawson county and from what we are told I don't think it will suit me. Big Springs is a fine little town, much nicer than Colorado City, and is about the size of Ballinger.

From Big Springs we traveled on northwest course for about 15 or 20 miles and we saw some mighty pretty country, but it is all sandy land. They claim that the sandy land is the best land but it don't look like it to me. Tomorrow we will get to Chicago in Dawson county. We have only seen one house this evening and I don't know how far it is to another one. It seems to me that we have gotten away from all civilized people, though they treat us mighty nice out here.

Well, we are at Tahoka and find it a very pretty little town away out on the plains. The country around Tahoka is as pretty as you want but all the land that looks good is covered with blue weed and what is not covered with blue weed is so sandy that you could not set a gate post.

Nothing more for this time.
J. F. RIGGS.

To Save Fruit Trees.

The short life of fruit trees has prevented many people from planting. Col. Parramore finds, from experience, that seedling peaches make a fine and safe growth where budded trees die. He thinks that fruit trees should not be trimmed the first two years, and he is borne out by the theory and experience of many others. In a peach orchard on his Runnels county ranch he let the trees reach the age of two or three years before trimming, and when he trimmed he had them cultivated shallow, but thoroughly, and they made a wonderful growth that season.

He tried a simple but very effective remedy for borers in Gonzales county under which an apple orchard of 100 trees grew rapidly and fruited prolifically but when he sold the place they died in three years.

His plan was to fill a bucket two-thirds full of lye soap and put enough water in it to soften it. This he had applied to the trees from the limbs down, every spring, and not an insect troubled them so long as the trees were treated.

This was many years ago and he has recently read an article advising orchardists to soak tow sacks in a thick solution of lye soap and hang them in the forks of trees. Every time it rains the soap, which dries in the air, is precipitated and runs down the tree and onto the roots.

The writer claims that all insects are thus destroyed and the trees will live long and bear freely.

This is plausible, and worth trying as it costs scarcely anything. An application of the lye itself might be too strong and it would not last as long as its use in the soap, as the latter distributes the lye gradually.

This country has only a small per cent of fruit trees as compared with its wants. Plant more and try soap as a protection.—Abilene Reporter.

True Merit Recognized.

Last winter the oldest son of Mr. Paul F. Mueller, publisher of the Volksblatt-Rundschau, Lincoln, Ill., was afflicted with a very bad cold and cough. In speaking of how they cured it Mr. Mueller says: "We used different kinds of medicines without any benefit to him until we commenced to use Hart's Honey and Horehound. This medicine gave immediate relief and soon cured him. In my estimation Hart's Honey and Horehound is the most wonderful and certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by E. D. Walker, druggist.

If you are in doubt about the influence of what the local newspapers say, just do something that will cause them to speak of you in an unfavorable manner; you'll be surprised at the number of people who ask you about it. And although it may not be so noticeable, every properly written advertisement that you insert, makes an impression that, continued, is sure to bear a harvest of dollars.—Pioneer Exponent.

One of the most important requirements in a medicine to be given to small children should be that it is pleasant to take. Bad tasting medicines disturb the stomach, destroy the appetite and it is extremely difficult to get children to take them. The pleasant flavor of Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup, the certain cure for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness pleases the most sensitive persons and is the ideal laxative for young children. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles sold by E. D. Walker.

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Senator Joseph Welden Bailey addressed a large and attentive audience at the tabernacle this afternoon. Senator Bailey began talking at five minutes past two o'clock and closed at five minutes past five. Every available seat in the tabernacle was pressed into service and still there were many who stood on the outside, and protected themselves from the rain by means of umbrellas, in order that they might hear the noted speaker.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

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Election Notice.

Whereas, it appearing to the city council of the city of Ballinger, Texas, by the petition of certain citizens of said city, that an ordinance should be enacted prohibiting the running at large of cattle, horses, mules, jacks and jennets, within the corporate limits of said city, and

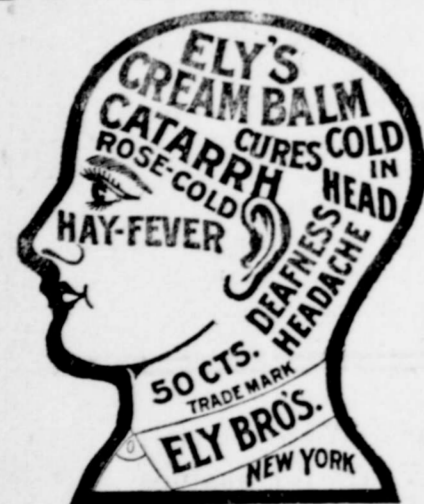
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Ballinger, Texas, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6th day of September, 1904, passed a resolution ordering me as mayor of said city to order an election to determine whether or not such ordinance should be passed and enforced by said council.

Therefore, I, John Hoffer, Mayor of the City of Ballinger, Texas, acting under and by virtue of the resolution of said City Council, do hereby order an election to be held on Saturday, the 17th day of September, 1904, at the county court house in said city to determine whether cattle, horses, mules, jacks and jennets shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger, Texas.

All persons who are qualified voters under the constitution and laws of the state of Texas, and have paid their city poll tax prior to March 1, 1904, are entitled to vote in said election. W. A. Norman is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election. Given under my official signature in the City of Ballinger, this 7th day of September, A. D. 1904.

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T. D. Sheider of Miles was among the visitors to Ballinger a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Given left Monday for a visit to Brown-wood friends and to look after some business matters in that city.

W. D. Wilson returned Monday from a trip to Eden, Concho county, and reports things in very good shape and says cotton will make a bale to 3 acres in most places and that the feed crops are fine

Rev. W. H. Moore, who came in on Saturday's train, preached two very interesting and instructive sermons at the Baptist church here last Sunday. He has been called to the pastorate of the Ballinger church and has accepted the call.

Mrs. N. J. Clancy and little daughter Mary came up from San Angelo Monday to be with Prof. Clancy a few days. Mrs. Clancy left Thursday for Austin where she will place little Mary in the institute for the coming term. Mr. and Mrs. Clancy will be at home in Ballinger as soon as arrangements can be made. We gladly welcome them among us.

Mrs. Hicks and the children, with their household goods, came in from Winters first of the week. The Dr. says he is now a full fledged Ballinger citizen. We cordially welcome them to our midst.

L. H. Reed of the Winters country, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday and enrolled with the Banner Leader readers.

Letter to S. C. Royalty, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: There are five ways of badness in paint:

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On this day personally came before me J. P. Brooks, a citizen of Runnels county who deposes and says that his wife, Mrs. Ada Brooks, has been afflicted with a protracted and serious spell of sickness from about the 1st of April past. That he had employed the best physicians obtainable, whilst she continued to linger and suffer with no abatement of the disease till the 1st day of August past, when the physicians whom he had employed stated that they could do nothing for her. At this time Prof. D. C. Williams, a magnetic healer, was called and commenced treating Mrs. Brooks on said 1st day of August, which treatment was continued and on August 14th she was able to take a buggy ride and her improvement has been steady and continuous to the present time, when she seems to be all right. She rides around and walks about and is cheerful and it seems her health is restored. The change in her condition has been so marked and wonderful in such a short space of time it seems a marvel to her family and friends.

It was claimed that she was afflicted with nervous prostration and abscess on the brain.

When Prof. Williams commenced his treatment, Mrs. Brooks was constantly confined to her bed and had been about two months, in fact she could not sit up in bed and her suffering was great. She is now regaining her flesh, strength and cheerfulness. In fact we believe her afflictions have ended.

Witness my hand this 30th day of August 1904.

J. P. BROOKS.
Witness: W. L. Towner, Clerk
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Ike Wooden and August Glover, Jr., came in Monday from St. Louis where they had been enjoying the sights at the fair for ten days past. They report a pleasant trip, but Ike says it would take you fifty years to take in the whole thing.

Dr. Fowler of Paint Rock had business in Ballinger Saturday.

J. J. Martin, the horse buyer, had business in San Angelo last Saturday.

Wm. Smiley of Winters, came in Saturday from the fair at St. Louis and went up home.

Rev. E. A. Burton went up to San Angelo on Saturday's train to spend a day or two and will go from there to other pastoral fields.

The editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to dine at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rogers down the river, and we regret the circumstances were such we could not attend.

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W. M. Forbus of the Oak Creek country, was in the city Monday and gave the editor a nice drive around the city which was greatly enjoyed. These little courtesies are truly appreciated, and cause us to get closer to our fellowmen.

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Fresh fruits and vegetables at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

Be sure to try a sack of Silk-Finish Flour Rasbury & Bruce.

Buy a sack of popcorn at W. A. Roberts next door to post office.

Miss Bessie Miller left for Belton Tuesday to enter Baylor College.

Harness, saddlery, and everything in that line at R. L. Shaffer's.

If you want absolutely the best repair work done go to R. L. Shaffer.

See Ostertag Dunlap Co. for everything new and up-to-date in the furniture line.

Everybody says "It's good." They mean the "Oris" cigar at Tisinger & Ashton's.

Remember we are still selling 100 bars of soap for \$1.75. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Most complete line of perfumes and toilet articles in Ballinger at Tisinger & Ashton's.

We want lots of eggs and will pay the highest market price. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Now is the time to put up your preserves. Buy your pears and fruit jars from J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. J. A. Ostertag came in first of the week from St. Louis where she had been for several weeks.

S. L. Powell came in Thursday from an extended trip to Gatesville, Stamford and other points east and west.

Mrs. Stella Forbes returned Thursday from Fort Worth where she has been the past week on business.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co., furniture dealers have just received four full cars of new furniture. Call and see them.

Mrs. Ida Phillips left for her home at Santa Anna Sunday after a few days visit to relatives and friends here.

We are in the market for all the eggs we can get and will pay the highest market price. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Crews Furniture Co. have received their fall opening stock of furniture. Call and see their new lines and get their low prices before buying.

Don't experiment with medicine. Bring your prescriptions to us where they will be filled correctly with pure fresh drugs. Tisinger & Ashton.

Don't Forget

To go to **JNO. G. KEY'S Meat Market** when you want a nice tender Steak, Barbecue or anything in the meat line.

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Ostertag-Dunlap Co.,
Under the Opera House.

The Day gin has ginned 120 bales up to going to press this (Friday) evening. The facilities are excellent for turning out nice, clean cotton and their large patronage is proof of their superior work.

If you never tried a sack of White Billows flour just try a sack and have no other.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

We carry boneless hams fresh on ice. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Fine candy, good cigars at W. A. Roberts, next door to post office.

LIQUIZONE, the great medicine, for sale by J. Y. Pearce, Druggist.

Read our ad. Our competitors don't like us much. We mean Roberts Grocery Co.

Miss Alma Crews came in Wednesday from the St. Louis fair. She accompanied Judge C. O. Harris and children.

When you have any produce to sell see us. We don't try to buy all the produce but will pay the highest market price for what we do buy.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

We are requested to announce that Rev. W. J. Moore will preach at the Baptist church in this city Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night. Rev. Moore will likely be called as pastor for this church. All are cordially invited to come out and hear him.

Mrs. Geo. Vaughn came in Thursday from Pierce City, Mo., her old home, where she has been visiting several months. She visited the fair at St. Louis while gone.

A new boy arrived to bless and brighten the home of Ed Fancher and wife Thursday. Ed says he is a fine one.

A. R. Votaw, brother-in-law to J. L. McWhirter, is here this week from Galveston the guest of the latter.

COTTON, COTTON

We are unable to tell you what the price will be, but wish to say that we will make liberal advances on your cotton, tell us your wants, we are prepared to take care of you. We keep in close touch with the agricultural interests of this section, and want the farmers to know that we are their friend, and will render them satisfactory service at all times. If you owe land notes or interest on land notes deposit your money with us, and we will make the payment for you, and should you need assistance, will gladly help you.

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Mr. A. G. Zappe, of Hallettsville, Texas, left for his home Thursday afternoon. While in our city he contracted for A Schawe's building on the corner now occupied by Hixson Bros. Mr. Zappe is a fine business man and comes highly recommended and will add materially to the already increasing list of our progressive business men.

Miss Lena Coffey, of Goldthwaite, came in Wednesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of our city. She will visit other relatives in the county before returning.

We have lots of syrup and will make you close prices on same, so when you need any be sure and get our prices. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Henry Wylie came in Thursday from Mineral Wells where he has been recuperating for several weeks past.

We are requested to announce that Rev. M. E. Chappel, State Evangelist of the C. P. church, will preach at the church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night.

Miss Manda Hanna, a charming lady of Nolan county, spent Sunday with her friend Miss Nettie Massey. Miss Hanna was on her way to Belton to enter Baylor College.

The Zephyr Mirror, published by Buck & Horn at Zephyr, Texas, is among our new exchanges this week. We find it to be a clean, newsy, up-to-date paper in editorial and mechanical make-up, and the people of Zephyr should patronize it liberally and feel proud of such a paper.

Furnished Room to Rent. For particulars see Mrs. M. M. Caperton.

J. A. D. Gordon, father of our popular barber, Rich Gordon, returned to his home at Temple, Erath county, Tuesday, after a month's visit with the latter.

We call attention to the card of Dr. S. L. Hicks, in this issue. He is occupying Dr. S. B. Raby's old stand over Tisinger and Ashton's drugstore.

Read our ad. Our competitors don't like us much. We mean Roberts Grocery Co.

Silk-Finish Flour is the best. Rasbury & Bruce.

Judge Jno. I. Guion had legal business in Paint Rock Tuesday.

Phone 45 for Live Oak Flour the best at miller mercantile co.

Ed Schawe came in from Bronte Monday on his "bike."

Fresh honey. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Fresh Meat

I am running a Meat Wagon deliver Nice, Fresh Steak and Roast once a week. I butcher nothing but young, fat cattle and guarantee my meat to be better and cheaper than you get elsewhere. Watch for my wagon.

FRANK MOELLEOR

Off to School.

Quite a number of lads and lassies will leave next Monday to enter college at the various places over the state.

Leslie Fowler will re-enter the State University as a sophomore. His sister, Miss Mabel, will go to Georgetown to enter the Annex to Southwestern University. Miss Bertha Rasbury will enter the same school.

Misses Irene and Kate Guion will go to Dallas to enter Patton Seminary.

Leslie Baker goes to Waxahachie to enter Trinity University.

Roy Reeder goes to Austin to St. Edward's College.

Miss Estelle Boswell goes to Patton Seminary at Dallas.

Wednesday Misses Mae Harris and Mary Lee Thomson will go to Dallas to enter St. Mary's Academy.

Land Sales by C. A. Doose & Co.

To A. A. Norris of Coleman county, 100 acres out of the Thomson-Casey ranch at \$10 per acre.

To L. C. Norris of Coleman county, 100 acres out of the Thomson-Casey ranch at \$10 per acre.

To B. B. Terry of Shelby county, Tenn., 160 acres for L. S. Evans at \$12.50 per office.

To F. M. Wood of Runnels county, 295.55 acres out of the Thomson-Casey ranch at \$10 per acre.

To J. A. Foreman of Runnels county, 100 acres out of the Thomson-Casey ranch at \$10 per acre.

To I. L. Dietz of Runnels county, 200 acres out of the Thomson-Casey ranch at \$11 per acre.

To Tom Eagan of Runnels county, 160 acres for L. S. Evans at \$17.50 per acre.

To J. M. Tarrant of Stephens county, 200 acres out of Thomson Casey ranch at \$12.50 per acre.

To J. H. Grimes of Coleman county 200 acres out of the Thomson-Casey ranch at \$10 per acre.

To S. L. Evans for Tom Eagan one business house and lot in Winters for \$800.

To S. M. Bennett of Coleman county, 200 acres out of the Thomson Casey ranch at \$10 per acre.

Tisinger & Ashton are expecting a fine line of cigars in soon. Among other brands they will have what they think will be a winner. "The Martin W. Lyttleton.

Cotton pickers knee pads at Bob Shaffer's.

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A Trip Out West.

We left our home near Crews August 24th, came to Ballinger to prepare for the trip and started out on the road from Wingate to Ballinger, camping for the night about six miles out. We saw some poor country but the most of it was as fine as one could wish for. We, meaning Lane Whitaker and myself, ate dinner on the creek near Wingate. The crops from Ballinger to Wingate were rather poor, but for four or five miles west of Wingate there were some very good crops. From Hylton on to where we camped the night of the 25th was one of the most God-forsaken countrys I ever had the misfortune to pass through. If anyone wants to know where we are camped they can look on the map and they will see that we are camped on Purgatory Hollow about half way from Hylton to Olga and I don't think that h-l could possibly be over half a mile from here.

Well, Mr. Editor, we have traveled another day and have seen some as poor country as ever man went through. We passed over the divide between Decker and Colorado City which is as fine a country as you ever saw. Plenty of wood and water and fine crops. They had a big rain just a week ago. I just tell you everything looked fine and grass was green. This land can be bought for \$3.50 to \$5 per acre. I saw one man who had 480 acres he offered for \$1500. He had a good well and windmill and houses enough for all necessary purposes and 70 acres in cultivation. I think Lane Whitaker ought to buy this place and not go out on the plains.

Well, we got to Colorado all right and I don't see why any one would ever leave Runnels and come to Mitchell county. I saw a man who said he had a boy eleven years old who had never seen it rain. On the way from Colorado City to Big Springs we saw as sandy land as ever was in the east. They have good crops but there are so many grass burrs on the ground I don't see how they are to pick their cotton. Runnels county is on top yet and if there is not a big change in the country we will come back satisfied to stay there. Tomorrow we will start from Dawson county and from what we are told I don't think it will suit me. Big Springs is a fine little town, much nicer than Colorado City, and is about the size of Ballinger.

From Big Springs we traveled on northwest course for about 15 or 20 miles and we saw some mighty pretty country, but it is all sandy land. They claim that the sandy land is the best land but it don't look like it to me. Tomorrow we will get to Chicago in Dawson county. We have only seen one house this evening and I don't know how far it is to another one. It seems to me that we have gotten away from all civilized people, though they treat us mighty nice out here.

Well, we are at Tahoka and find it a very pretty little town away out on the plains. The country around Tahoka is as pretty as you want but all the land that looks good is covered with blue weed and what is not covered with blue weed is so sandy that you could not set a gate post.

Nothing more for this time.
J. F. RIGGS.

To Save Fruit Trees.

The short life of fruit trees has prevented many people from planting. Col. Parramore finds, from experience, that seedling peaches make a fine and safe growth where budded trees die. He thinks that fruit trees should not be trimmed the first two years, and he is borne out by the theory and experience of many others. In a peach orchard on his Runnels county ranch he let the trees reach the age of two or three years before trimming, and when he trimmed he had them cultivated shallow, but thoroughly, and they made a wonderful growth that season.

He tried a simple but very effective remedy for borers in Gonzales county under which an apple orchard of 100 trees grew rapidly and fruited prolifically but when he sold the place they died in three years.

His plan was to fill a bucket two-thirds full of lye soap and put enough water in it to soften it. This he had applied to the trees from the limbs down, every spring, and not an insect troubled them so long as the trees were treated.

This was many years ago and he has recently read an article advising orchardists to soak tow sacks in a thick solution of lye soap and hang them in the forks of trees. Every time it rains the soap, which dries in the air, is precipitated and runs down the tree and onto the roots.

The writer claims that all insects are thus destroyed and the trees will live long and bear freely.

This is plausible, and worth trying as it costs scarcely anything. An application of the lye itself might be too strong and it would not last as long as its use in the soap, as the latter distributes the lye gradually.

This country has only a small per cent of fruit trees as compared with its wants. Plant more and try soap as a protection.—Abilene Reporter.

True Merit Recognized.

Last winter the oldest son of Mr. Paul F. Mueller, publisher of the Volksblatt-Rundschau, Lincoln, Ill., was afflicted with a very bad cold and cough. In speaking of how they cured it Mr. Mueller says: "We used different kinds of medicines without any benefit to him until we commenced to use Hart's Honey and Morehound. This medicine gave immediate relief and soon cured him. In my estimation Hart's Honey and Morehound is the most wonderful and certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by E D Walker, druggist.

If you are in doubt about the influence of what the local newspapers say, just do something that will cause them to speak of you in an unfavorable manner; you'll be surprised at the number of people who ask you about it. And although it may not be so noticeable, every properly written advertisement that you insert, makes an impression that, continued, is sure to bear a harvest of dollars.—Pioneer Exponent.

One of the most important requirements in a medicine to be given to small children should be that it is pleasant to take. Bad tasting medicines disturb the stomach, destroy the appetite and it is extremely difficult to get children to take them. The pleasant flavor of Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup, the certain cure for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness pleases the most sensitive persons and is the ideal laxative for young children. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles sold by E D Walker.

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Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey addressed a large and attentive audience at the tabernacle this afternoon. Senator Bailey began talking at five minutes past two o'clock and closed at five minutes past five. Every available seat in the tabernacle was pressed into service and still there were many who stood on the outside, and protected themselves from the rain by means of umbrellas, in order that they might hear the noted speaker.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

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HAYDEN ROUTH

Obituary.

Mary I. Yates was born in Rogersville, Hawkins county, Tennessee, June the first 1853, and died September the eighth, 1904, aged 51 years 3 months and seven days. Her maiden name was Beal. She leaves three brothers and five sisters to mourn her loss, all of whom were too far away to be with her in the last services performed.

She was united in marriage to the Rev. Callin W. Yates Sept. 20th, 1877. In 1886, during her husband's first pastorate at Petersburg, Indiana, her physical constitution was wrecked by a severe affliction which came upon her. As a result of this affliction she has been a great and continuous sufferer during these eighteen years and more. Scarcely ever was she free from pain throughout this long period, yet she bore it all with a patience and cheerfulness which was surprising to those who knew her condition best. Being thus afflicted, she was not able to be active in the work of the pastorate, as she so much desired to be.

The people always loved her wherever she lived, as they came to know her. She never was the cause of any trouble in the congregations her husband served, being always considerate and kind.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ and united with the church when a young lady, and lived an unassuming, yet a devout Christian life.

Though she had lived in Ballinger only a few months, yet by her gentle, kind and christian patience had endeared herself to all who knew her. Her Christian walk and conversation were such as to constrain others to love and serve her dear Saviour, and while in His infinite mercy He saw fit to take her from this sinful world of sorrow and affliction we deeply mourn for and with the dear ones left behind. But we are glad we sorrow not as those without hope for we know she is now at rest in the arms of her loving Heavenly Father. We commend the sorrowing relatives to the Saviour who is able, ready and willing to console them and bind up the broken heart. Thus another one of the saints is called to join the throng of redeemed in the kingdom at the right hand of God the Father in that upper and better world where there is no sorrow, no tears nor partings.

Green-Rodgers.

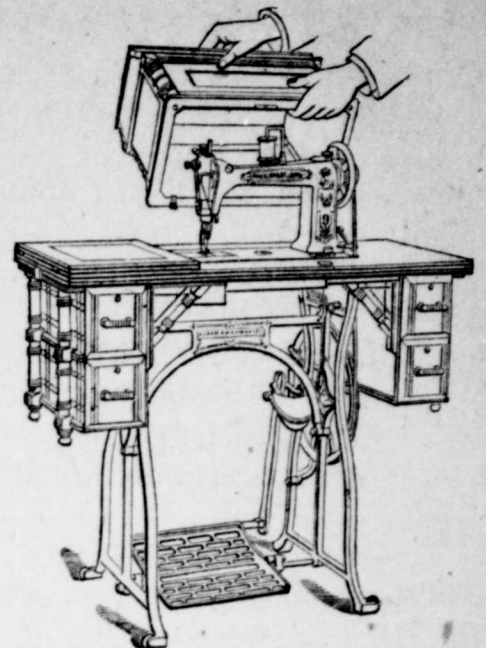
On last Sunday at high noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rogers, seven miles down the river, Mr. H. W. Green and Miss C. C. Rodgers were united in the holy bonds of marriage, Rev. S. R. Muncey officiating. Miss Rodgers is a sweet, lovable young lady and Mr. Green is one of Corsicana's most worthy and trusted young business men. Quite a number of their old eastern Texas friends were present and enjoyed a most sumptuous repast after the ceremony. Barbecued meats and every delicacy to be thought of were in evidence and to say that all enjoyed it expresses it mildly. A host of friends join the Banner-Leader in congratulations and wish for them a long, happy and prosperous life in their matrimonial relations.

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Bedford Caperton and wife of Maverick were in Ballinger first of the week.

Two nice rooms for rent. Terms reasonable. Apply to N. F. Bonsall.

R. D. Hall came in on Monday's train from San Angelo to look after business matters.

Little David Smith, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doose, left Saturday for his home at San Angelo.

Daniel J. Sully estimates the cotton crop at 10,750,000 bales, and says the staple will soon be selling at 12cts.

Paul Trimmier land man of San Angelo, who has been looking after business matters in our county, left for home Monday.

Uncle Joe Routh and mother left Monday afternoon for their old home at Lagrange to spend awhile 'mid scenes of earlier days.

Mrs. A. S. Love came in on Tuesday's train from Florence, Texas, her old home, where she has been visiting the past month or more.

W. D. Wilson sold this week his interest in the blacksmith shop on 8th street to Bullock Bros. He will continue with them for awhile.

Dr. W. W. Fowler left on Monday's train to accompany his daughter Miss Mabel to school at San Antonio and will go from there to visit the World's Fair for a few days.

We want the city trade and we also want the country trade, and in order to hold what we have and to gain new customers we have added a new man so we think we can give you better services and better satisfaction. If you have not tried us give us a trial. J. B. Alvis & Bro

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E. W. BAGGETT.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 3.

W. P. HAWKINS.

When it comes to raising money on the spot Evangelist Abe Mukey is entitled to the palm. He preached a good sermon at the First Methodist church in this city last night and then, with the assistance of some good collectors, soon cleared a debt on the church of \$2,600 and \$1,400 for a new pipe organ, which made a total of \$4,000—all done in forty minutes. If that is not a record, what do you call it?—Cleburne Enterprise.

From a column of really excellent advice to retail merchants on the value of advertising, recently published in the Ad Writer, the following striking paragraphs are extracted: "If he is in business and is successful rest assured he advertises. Newspapers don't make every man rich who uses their columns. But no merchant gets rich nowadays who doesn't advertise in newspapers. The wise merchant attends to his own business, advertises his own goods, and to all appearances forgets that he has competitors."

It seems that the negro is no more welcome in Oyster Bay, N. Y., than in Pana, Ill., or in Greer county, Okla. A few months ago a negro preacher was ejected from a barber shop in the Long Island town. Last week a big negro delegation went over to Oyster Bay expecting to see the President. The restaurateurs refused to serve them, they were denied admission to the bathing pavilions, and in the saloons drinks were served to them under protest and only because the law required it to be done. The people of Oyster Bay are said to blame Mr. Roosevelt for these negro invasions. Wouldn't it be funny if the Oyster Bay precinct should go democratic because of the race question?—Dallas News

LAST BIG EXCURSION.

Santa Fe to Run One More Excursion to Galveston—Plenty of Room for All.

There is always something pleasant even in the contemplation of a trip to Galveston, with its fishing, bathing, boating and all the queer and delightfully interesting things that one may see in a seaport town and nowhere else. Whenever we hear that there is to be an excursion to the Sea Wall city, we feel a strong desire to go, and in common with most of our friends, we usually arrange to take advantage of one or more of the cheap excursions that the railroads run during the season. It is generally understood that the last big excursion of the season will be run by the Santa Fe on Saturday, September 24th, from all stations on their line north and west of Temple. We are assured that arrangements are being perfected for handling a big crowd, and that plenty of cars will be available that all who go will be able to make the trip in comfort and none need fear the discomforts of an overcrowded train.

This is without doubt the most interesting time of the year to visit Galveston. The shipping season will be at its zenith, and to see an army of workmen loading one of the Great Ocean Going steamers with good Texas cotton is a sight worth going miles to see. On the streets you will see many strange people, Lascar sailors from far Ceylon or the coast cities of India, with their baggy, ill-fitting clothes and their gold and silver tinsel caps, give the looker on an idea of what it must be to walk through the market place in some oriental city. The sailors of England, Germany, France and the North of Europe are here in close contrast with the little brown men of the east.

The surf bathing is as ever superb. Galveston can boast the finest beach in the world and nowhere are the facilities for sea bathing more perfectly arranged.

For those who enjoy fishing, a pavilion has been built on the North Jetty where one can go and while having all the comforts of a city hotel can try his hand at landing a lordly tarpon, which are more common at Galveston than any place on the west gulf coast. Mackerel, jack fish and pompano are also abundant and as for sheep head trout and small pan fish the number a man can catch under favorable conditions is limited only by his desire.

As for boating a party of half a dozen can charter one of the sailing crafts that make up the mosquito fleet and at small expense explore the harbor and the bay. If you can possibly spare the time we strongly recommend that you go and spend a few delightful days down by the salty sea.

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That there is confidence in the early return of prosperity to the cattle interests of the country is evidenced by the voluntary action of leading banks in many instances offering to extend cattle paper that they have been carrying for some time. When the banks have confidence such as this in the situation, it would certainly seem that there is occasion for no one to become seriously alarmed. The general impression among those who are well posted is that the coming spring will mark the beginning of a new era in the cattle business of the entire country.—Texas Stockman Journal.

That the backbone of the strike is broken is a statement not open to dispute, but strike leaders still cling to the hope that union recognition may be made the price of returning to work. Packers, however, are obdurate. They have broken in a new force of butchers and while still badly crippled are in better shape for carrying on the fight than the unions. In striker circles desperation has become acute. Packers are merely awaiting the rush back to work. When it comes time, killing will be resumed on a normal basis, but if that event is made the signal to rush held-back cattle to market demoralization will continue. Several weeks of caution will be required before this danger will have passed.—Texas Stockman Journal.

Marries Chinaman.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—After traveling 3,500 miles to become the bride of Dr. Law Keem, a Chinese physician, Miss Edith Miller will accompany her oriental husband from Chicago to Hong Kong, where she will help him build a home and a medical college, modeled after American institutions. The wedding which has just taken place, formed the climax to a romance begun nine years ago when the young Chinese and the American girl were schoolmates at Healdsburg college, Healdsburg, Cal.

For several years Dr. Keem has practiced medicine in Fresno, Cal., where Miss Miller resided. Dr. and Mrs. Keem left immediately for the coast whence they will sail for Hong Kong, touching en route at Honolulu and Japanese ports.

How to be Happy.

Many of us miss the joys that might be ours by keeping our eyes fixed on those of other people. No one can enjoy his own opportunities for happiness while he is envious of another's. We lose a great deal of the joy of living by not cheerfully accepting the small pleasures that come to us every day, instead of longing and wishing for what belongs to others. We do not take any pleasure in our own modest horse and carriage, because we long for the automobile or victoria that some one else owns. The edge is taken off the enjoyment of our own little home because we are watching the palatial residence of our neighbor. We can get no satisfaction out of a trolley ride into the country or sail on a river steamer, because some one else can enjoy the luxury of his own carriage or yacht. Life has its full measure of happiness for every one of us, if we would only make the most of every opportunity that comes our way, instead of longing for the things that come our neighbor's way.—Success.



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CROSS EYES STRAIGHTENED FREE at Royalty Hotel September 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

If you have an eye disease or deformity or should you need glasses, call and see us and we will give you an honest opinion free of charge. We positively waste no time treating incurable patients and can guarantee results in every case we treat of Granulated Lids, Lid Tumors, Deformed Lids, Ingrowing Lashes, Overflow of Tears, Cataracts, Cross Eyes or in fact any Eye Disease or deformity that is curable. If you are in doubt or have been disappointed by others, place your money in the bank until cured. We will give you time, if you can't pay cash, and if you are hopelessly poor will treat you free.

We have restored sight to thousands that were pronounced incurable. Many of them you doubtless know. Call or write for names and satisfy yourself in every particular. References from 1000 cases of Cross Eyes straightened. Will straighten six cases free in Ballinger September 19, 20, 21, and 22nd. Permanent offices at Lampasas and San Angelo, Texas.

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A green boy without a dollar present or prospect, sparking a girl regularly and talking about marrying, is a spectacle for gods and men. He should be reasoned with, and if he will not quit it until he is able to support a wife, until he is able to know whom he loves, and the difference between love and passion, he should be quarantined or put in a convent erected on purpose for such cases. Nine-tenths of the unhappy marriages are the result of green human calves being allowed to run at large in the society pasture without yokes on them. They marry and have children before they do a mustache; they are a father of twins before they are proprietors of two pair of pants, and the little girls marry and are old women before they are twenty. Occasionally one of these goslin marriages turns out all right, but it is a clear case of luck. If there was a law against young galoots sparking and marrying before they had all their teeth cut, we suppose the little cusses would evade it somehow, but there ought to be a sentiment against it. It is time enough for these bantams to think of finding a pullet when they have raised enough money by their own work to build a henhouse. But they see a girl who looks cunning, and they are afraid that there is not enough to go round, and then they begin to get in their work real spry and before they are aware of the sanctity of the marriage relation they are hitched for life, and before they own a cooking stove or a bedstead they have to get up in the night and go for a doctor, so frightened that they run themselves out of breath and abuse the doctor because he does not run too. When the doctor gets there he finds there is not enough linen to wrap up a doll baby. It is about this time that a young man realizes that he has been a colossal fool, and as he flies around to heat water and brings in the bath tub and goes whooping for his or her mother-in-law, he turns pale around the gills, his hair red in a single night and he calls to high heaven to witness that if he lives till morning, which he has serious doubts, he will turn over a new leaf and never get married till he is older. And in the morning a green looking "father" is around before a drug store is open, without a collar on, his hair sticking every way, his eyes bloodshot, and his frame nervous, waiting for the clerk to open the door so he can get some saffron to make tea of.

—Exchange.

Holley Cadwell of Gainesville, editor of the paper at that city, and an old friend of Rev. G. W. White of our city, is here this week visiting.

J. B. Scurlock came in on Tuesday's train from his old home in Limestone county, where he had been on business the past week.

Judge R. B. Truly, a prominent attorney of Ballinger, spent a few hours in our city Monday on legal business.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The brisk norther Wednesday morning made us hunt up our last winter garments. This was the first decided norther of the season.

Most complete line of perfumes and toilet articles in Ballinger at Tisinger & Ashton's.

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A Charm.

An exchanges publishes the following:

A young woman who thought she was losing her husband's affection went to a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter for a love powder. The mystery woman told her:

"Get a raw piece of beef, cut flat, about an inch thick. Slice an onion in two and rub the meat on both sides with it. Put on pepper and salt, and toast it on each side over a red coal fire. Drop on it three lumps of butter and two sprigs of parsley, and get him to eat it."

The young wife did so, and her husband loved her ever after.

Yum! Yum!! If our wife would but give us a bait like that, say once every three months, we would literally love her to death, and would love her mother and mother's mother to the third and fourth generation with a devotion beautiful to behold, we would, Be Gosh.

Don't forget that the new firm of Ostertag Dunlap Co. are now open for business in the stand recently vacated by the Ballinger Grain & Commission Co., under the opera house.

We want lots of eggs and will pay the highest market price.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Herbert O'Bannon made a flying business trip to Waco first of the week.

Scientist claim that there are ten ponds of glue in the human body that's the reason every body is stuck on those Concho Cigars at Godwin Grocer Co's

Silk-Finish Flour is second to none. Silk-Finish Flour is sold by Rasbury & Bruce.

Fresh fruits and Vegetables at Godwin Grocery Co's

Don't Forget

To go to JNO. G. KEY'S Meat Market when you want a nice tender Steak, Barbecue or anything in the meat line.

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Winters Budget

MISS ETHEL MOORE, Editor.

"Devoted to the Up-building and Advancement of Winters"

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METHODIST—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening; also preaching on first Sunday evening. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. L. Speer, supt., Epworth League at 3 p. m. each Sunday evening. T. A. Fannin, pres. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night—F. M. Jackson, pastor.

APTIST—Preaching every second Sunday morning. Sunday School at 9 a. m., James Flint supt. Y. P. U. every Sunday afternoon 4 p. m., S. W. Pratt pres., en S. Sullivan, pastor.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—Preaching every first Sunday and night, Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Service each Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Mr. Eoff, leader.

LUTHERAN—Services each second Sunday.

Secret Orders—A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday on or before full moon. W. H. Brown, sec., W. S. Mullin, W. M. K. of P. meets each second and third Thursday nights, L. E. Jarmon, C. C., W. S. Mullin, K. R. & S.

W. O. W.—Camps meets each second and fourth Monday nights. T. T. Davis, C. C., J. W. Dale, clerk.

I O O F—Meets every Saturday night, P. H. Williams, N. G., W. P. Springfield, V. G., H. C. Springfield, sec.

Mrs. Dr. Allred was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Will Smiley came in Saturday from St. Louis and says he saw some sights while there.

F. M. Cornelius is back from Merkel. We learn that he is thinking of moving over there.

Well the show man has been here and we didn't go, but the other fellow did so we are even.

Murray & Bedford installed a large safe in their store Monday. We looked it over and pronounced it all right.

Mr. Drake of Pumphrey passed through Tuesday with some prospectors from Bell & Williamson counties.

Dr. Hicks moved his family to Ballinger Monday. We wish them well in their new home.

We had services at the school house Sunday by Rev. Tyre, and communion services after. Also services at night.

W. W. Moore and wife of Oak Creek, were here Thursday and Friday visiting the family of his father, J. S. Moore.

J. D. Norris passed through Friday on his way from Roscoe to Coleman. He reports every thing very dry up there.

S. C. Pierce, who lives on Covote near Pumphrey, was in Tuesday and reports good rain in his community Sunday.

Rev. Marion Mills, former pastor here but now living at Copperas Cove, was here Thursday. He thinks of locating here.

Ira Beard is hauling lumber to build on his farm three miles west of Winters. He will move his family out there as soon as the house is finished. We regret to lose this estimable family.

F. L. Pierce came in Monday from Nolan county. He says he and his family had a good time and saw some fine country and some poor country but none better than Winters. Frank knows a good thing when he sees it.

The Budget will come out this week on time, and while we may not be as bright as usual will do our best to look pleasing. All our people are on the run after cotton and our merchants after trade, so look out for us we are coming.

Now, let's stop right here and talk about that. You say you want the Budget. Well we want you to have it and are willing to do all we can to make it interesting. Do you want a dollars worth? Then subscribe for the Leader and get the news, then give us the Winters news for the Budget and we will both be pleased. If you have anything to sell advertise it.

J. D. Clark of Carlton, Hamilton county, an old friend of Rev. J. S. Moore, was here Monday on his way to Roscoe where he has ranch interests. Mr. Moore showed him around town while here and he was very much surprised at the improvements that have been made in the last twelve months. He was also surprised to find such a fine outfit in the doctor's office for the treatment of sick people. Yes, we have an up-to-date town and people, so just come along to a good country.

Epworth League Program. September 18, 1904.

Subject—The Personal Reign of Jehovah—Ps. 3:15

Leader—Miss Claudia Patterson.

Song.

Prayer—Bro. Moore.

The Personality of God—Bro. Jackson.

Song.

Reading—Miss Beaula Jones.

Song.

Paper—Miss Emma Tyre.

Song.

He exercises personal oversight of the universe—Robert Yeats.

Song.

Reading—Miss Stella Cryer.

Song.

The Bible expounds the personal reign of Jehovah as a certainty—Bro. Speer.

Song.

Benediction.

Tuesday night of this week Miss Ethel Moore entertained her Sunday School class, 21 in number, and a few of their most intimate friends. Rev. Hall of Dublin and Prof. Kellam of Dallas were present and added much to the pleasure of the crowd. Music was furnished by Messrs Hall, Kellam, Yates and Miss Nina Hall. Prof. Kellam rendered some solos and readings that were highly enjoyed by all. Cream and cake were served at 10:30. Following are the names of those in attendance: Misses Helen Sherrel, Ruth Farrar, Nina Hall, Mollie Murray, Pearl Speer, Willie Hall, Viola David, Etna Springfield, Kate Hall, Lola Rodgers, Mattie Church, Messrs. John Currie, John Hall, Guy McDonald, Earl Rodgers, Howell Cryer, George Murray, G. W. Meeks, Joe Yates, James Speer, Leo Middleton.

One of the Party.

Why don't some one build some rent houses in Winters. They are certainly needed. So many people would come here for the school if they could get houses. It would be a good investment for some one with money to take this matter up and build some nice small cottages for rent. We know some good families who have gone to other towns because they could not get houses here.

Mrs. Sherrel of Florida left Thursday for Dallas where she will spend a short time with relatives before going on home. Misses Helen Sherrel and Nina Hall of this place accompanied her to Dallas.

Miss Mattie Church and Mr. Leo Middleton came over from Pumphrey Tuesday and remained for the musical at Mr. Moore's Tuesday night.

The K. K. Ks. met with the Misses David Saturday afternoon and spent quite an enjoyable evening. Nice refreshments were served.

Lee Maddox and wife of Ballinger were here Monday. Lee is a rustler for insurance.

Prof. T. J. Kellam spent several days in Winters this week winding up his business.

Miss Rossie White is visiting in Tuscola this week.

The gins are running all the time.

What It Takes to Make a Good Town.

First proper location geographically, then enterprising citizenship with business tact and push, with business men who study the interest of the community back of them. The business man must look to the interest of the community as a whole while he looks to his own as an individual; he must plan for the future of his trade then he should look well to the development of the town, which he does if he be an up to date man. While the farmer sleeps the merchant must be planning for the upbuilding of his town and community. He must see that his town is kept clean and nice for no man likes to bring his family to a smoky, dingy town but the home seeker loves a nice bright town with clean streets and well kept stores and nice homes, with churches and school buildings.

Though he be a farmer he likes to live near such a town and last but not least he must support his home paper which is one of the prime factors in building up any town. But suppose he goes out and builds a fine store, stocks it well on some lone prairie and no one there to buy his wares, he would soon have an old must stock on his hands and everyone would say served him right while upon the other hand he has helped to build the town and all the enterprises of the community have interested him, he has spent his money to develop the present surroundings, suppose you go somewhere else to trade, what is the result? The home merchant has done more to develop Run-

nels county than any other agency. Look what the Commercial Club has done for the county in the way of building bridges and roads and bringing people here to settle on our land and help develop the county. A good town enhances the value of the farmer's land, affords him market for his surplus; then we find all of our interests are mutual, both merchant and farmer.

Then let us cultivate the relations between each other and try to build up every interest of our neighborhood and not send our money away to make pleasant homes for other people nor our boys and girls to build other schools.

Mr. Neily and son of DeLeon are here prospecting and will probably locate with us.

Miss Lenna Hunter looks at home behind the counter at Pierce & Cleghorn's.

Rev. Gaines Hall of Dublin is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Rev. Jackson spent part of last week in the meeting at Wingate.

Mr. R. C. Gannaway of Wingate spent Sunday with Winters people.

Winters needs a first class dentist. Good opening for single man.

Mr. Kit Cooper's father is visiting him.

Mrs. John Hall made a trip to Ballinger Wednesday.

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WINTERS, - - TEXAS

Moore & Co. have fitted up a nice room in their store for ladies dressing room and millinery. Miss Elbie Speer will have charge of this department.

Ed Stone looks lonesome this week. Well, he just sold all his real estate in Winters that's all.

John Jackson has the contract to paint the large business house of Dale & Smiley.

Mr. Jarmon went to Ballinger Monday.

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Fall Goods are Arriving

Our Fall Stock, which is now beginning to arrive, was bought right and will be sold right. We don't believe a Nicer, Better or More Carefully Selected Stock will be shown in Ballinger this fall than the one we have bought, and we know that no one will make better prices, Quality of Goods considered than we will make.

What we Advertise is the Truth

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BEST
GOODS

CURRIE-NOYES CO

THE
LEAST
MONEY

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

Remember us when you get ready to purchase your fall supply of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Groceries. We are still offering remarkable bargains in what few summer goods we have left and will make it to your interest to investigate our offerings in these lines. It will pay you well.

We are Making Prices to Get Your Trade

The Convention Town.

The following "List of Texas Conventions" is going the round of the press, and is quite interesting to the young people:

Bull whackers go to Yoakum. Rheumatics will meet at Aiken. Bandmen and musicians generally meet at Bandera. Fishermen will meet at Angleton and Galveston. Clothing men will meet at Taylor. Bootblacks will meet at Shiner. Barbers

will hold forth at Baird. Tourists will go to Seymour. Convention of the blind will be at Celeste. Next encampment will be at Battle. Bee culturers will meet at Beeville, with stopover privileges at Honey Grove. Next boll weevil convention will be at Bugby. Incendiaries will meet at Burnet. Tamale men will meet at Chillicothe. Methodists will assemble at Happy, overflow meeting at Glory. Jews will convene at Palestine. Dog fanciers at Kerrville. Populists and free silver men at Bryan. Donkey fanciers at Jacksboro. Preachers at Devine. Watch and clock men at Dial, all South Texas men go to Elgin. Mobs at Lynchburg. Barrel makers at Cooper. Jailors at Lockney. High tempered people at Madisonville. Saints go to Paradise. Pickle makers at Sour Lake. Chinamen at Rice, other laundrymen at Washburn. Bakers at Crum. Star gazers at Venus. Shriners at Mason. Rich people will congregate at Content, and it don't McKinney difference what becomes of us poor ones.

The Truth of the Matter.

It is not difficult to tell the truth about the furniture we sell. If it were poor stuff it would be another matter. We believe in it, because we know all about it, who makes it and how it is made.

Ostertag-Dunlap Co.,
Under the Opera House.

Live Oak Flour when once used will be called for again; to be had only at Miller Mercantile Co

You can get a first class shave, bath and shine at Mike's shop.

It is announced that Candidate Watson of the Republican party will confine his activity to the doubtful states. Of course this is just what was to be expected. There has been no doubt from the beginning that the old line populists would do all in their power to bring about the election of Roosevelt, and their plan of campaign is to operate in the doubtful states with a view to drawing away from Parker such Populists and so-called progressive Democrats as might be impelled to vote for Parker against Roosevelt.—Ft. Worth Record.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c and satisfaction guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist.

It has rained now and things look brighter. So why not let Mike clean you up once. You can be good looking if you let Mike fix you up.

Use Silk-Finish Flour, take no other. Rasbury & Bruce.

All work guaranteed turned out at R. L. Shaffer's.

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"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

When the time comes that every Texas community, town and city shall become completely loyal to its own factories, to its own merchants, its own printers and its own institutions of every kind, and all give preference to each other as against the outside, there will come a prosperity to the Lone Star State which will exceed the hopes of the most sanguine. Such a policy would wipe out the petty local jealousies that form such a bar to progress and substitute therefor a generous rivalry between the business people of each town and between town and town that would work a wonderful change for good all over the state. Let us hope and work to that end that this time may speedily come.—Dallas Home Advertiser.

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Kind Words as an Investment.

There is nothing in the makeup of a man that renders larger profit on the investment than kind words. They are a safeguard to our actions, they set at naught the tongue of scandal and stay the hand that would smite us. They bid defiance to our enemies and overcome our foes. They are never out of place, but always make us feel good for having uttered them. Their influence is gentle as an angel's temper and lasting as a woman's love. They live on through memory and grow brighter with time. They shine along our pathway and rival in brightness the twinkling stars. They have the fragrance of flowers and beauty of woman. They control our lives and prepare our souls for the paradise of God. They rule in the social circle and teach the sweet amenities of life.

To the outcast in rags they offer consolation and assist him to better his condition. They beam in the mother's eye and smile upon the father's brow. They bless the frugal board and bend the knee at the family altar. They bind up the broken heart and make the thorny path smooth. They bind the citizen to his country and cause him to pine for his native land. They control the hero on the field of battle and give him his calm repose in the hour of death. They control the morals of the world and make us better men. The heart must indeed be cold and the soul paralyzed that is not influenced by kind words.—Sovereign Odd Fellow.

Botanical Plants

Hold the Secret of Life and Death.

Recent experiments conducted by most eminent scientists, prove that light is a great remedial agent; it is essentially Nature's agent. It may be either sunlight or electric light, but it has a decided effect in helping nature to banish disease and restore health. Other scientific men have proved that oxygen electrifies the heart and can prolong life.

The people on this earth are susceptible to some laws which govern plant life. A plant cannot be successfully grown in the dark. A man is seldom healthy and strong who lives in the dark or in sunless rooms. After all, Nature's ways are found to be the best. Nature's remedies are always best for eradicating disease, and by this we mean a medicine made of roots and herbs. They are assimilated in the stomach and taken up by the blood and are, therefore, the most potent means which can be employed for the regaining of lost health. Dr. R. V. Pearce, consulting physician to the "Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., in many years of extensive practice, found that he could pin his faith to an alternative extract of certain plants and roots for the cure of all blood diseases. This he called Dr. Pearce's Golden Medical Discovery. Containing no alcohol nor narcotics, entirely vegetable, this "Discovery" makes rich red blood and is a powerful tissue-builder, giving the tired business man or woman renewed strength and health. Rapidly growing school-girls and boys often show impoverished blood by the pimples or boils which appear on face or neck. To eradicate the poisons from the blood, and feed the heart, lungs and stomach on pure blood, nothing is so good as Dr. Pearce's Golden Medical Discovery.

Don't allow the dealer to insult your intelligence by offering his own blood remedy to you instead of this well-known preparation of Dr. Pearce's. Ten chances to one he will substitute a cheap compound having a large percentage of alcohol in it. Dr. Pearce's Pellets are the best for the bowels. Use them with the "Discovery."

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We sell on the installment plan or lease
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From McTown.

Mr. Editor:

As it seems that no one else will take up the task of reporting McTown's happenings, if you will allow me a little space I will do the best I can.

We have just had the best rain that has fallen this year. It fell Sunday while Rev. Muncy was on his way down to Mr. Rodgers' who lives in the fork of Mustang creek and the Colorado river to marry H. W. Green to Mr. Rodgers' oldest daughter. The writer was invited but did not get there in time to see them married. They were just at dinner when we got there. We found buggies and wagons all about the place. Ballinger was represented. Mr. Rogers seems to know how to fix to feed the people; besides the ordinary "nick-nacks" he had killed the "fatted calf" and had it well barbecued. I was surprised to find so many people assembled in McTown.

Since everything has gotten quiet from the wedding, cotton picking is the order of the day. Some of us have sorry cotton and some sorrier. Late cotton is almost a failure, except in the deep sand.

Wishing the editor, and McTown's first wedding couple, well, I will close
Hymen.

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 Sept. 10th, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

Matterson, Mrs. L. E.
Moody, Miss Dona.
Ralliefont, J. W.
Mahoffy, Martin L.
Russell, H. M.
Stout, J. E.

Remember

Frank Stuart is the duly elected Cotton Weigher. See his sign at Chastain's corner and be sure to take your cotton to him. The right hand yard going towards the river from town.

When you want a lunch
phone J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Judge R. B. Truly came in on Tuesday's train from Brownwood where he had been on legal business.

Another One.

T. W. Alexander, Bracken, Mo., says: "I had a chance to purchase and use one bottle Hunt's Lightning Oil. I think it the best liniment I ever saw." Mr. Alexander speaketh wisely and truly. 25 and 50c bottles.

Invitation.

To whom it may concern:

Whereas, on the first of Sept 1904 the Content Association met in regular session with the Miles church in Runnels county, and whereas, there were some of the churches who claimed, in their letters to the Content Association, that as there were two organizations doing mission work in the state of Texas and that they believed that each Baptist church was an independent body and had a right to send its contributions through either mission channel they may choose, hence the Content Association resolved out all churches of the Association who believed that each church had such right. In view of these facts, we, the churches who were resolved out and others who believe in church independence have agreed to meet with the Crews

We sell the M. D. Wells shoe, the best for the money sold in Runnels county. Suitable for school or street wear.

THE FAIR,
Leader in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.

Miss Matilda Dooze returned to her home in Ballinger this morning after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. George Wright.—Brownwood Bulletin.

HOME PROTECTION

IS BEST OBTAINED BY PLACING SOME INSURANCE ON YOUR HOME IN ONE OF R. G. ERWIN & CO'S. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His inscrutable providence, to remove from our midst Sister C. W. Yates, the beloved wife of our dear pastor, who departed this life on Sept 8th, 1904, and whereas, it is meet and proper for the church to give some expression of condolence and sympathy, by reason of this sad affliction;

Therefore be it resolved by the church session of the C. P. church at Ballinger Texas, that in the death of Sister Yates the church has lost one of its brightest lights and christian society a noble and God fearing woman, and whilst we can only bow in sorrow at this sad dispensation, we can point with pride to her bright and exemplary life and strive to emulate her christian virtues.

Resolved further, that this action of the session be spread upon the church minutes and a copy be tendered our pastor.

Church Session C. P. Church, Ballinger, Texas, Sept 13, '04.

Monday morning witnessed an exodus of the small boys from the streets, and with few exceptions they are now absorbing knowledge instead of street vernacular and slang. Every father in town should see to it that his boy stays in school the entire term. It is these boys we look to for statesmen, for business men and for men of every walk of life. Prepare him for the honor by giving him an education, for an educated man will not go far wrong. Ninety-nine out of every hundred tramps or criminals are uneducated.

The following composed a party to the World's Fair at St. Louis from Ballinger Tuesday afternoon: Mr. and Mrs. Doc Vancil, Mrs. J. N. McKay, Miss Katie Bell Gregory and Dr. W. B. Halley. They will be joined at Temple by Dr. W. W. Fowler who will go with them to St. Louis.

Every day is SUIT day at The Fair. Our stock of clothing has arrived and our line excels anything that will be shown here this fall. THE FAIR.

Leaders in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.

Always Ready.

Cheatham's Laxative Tablets cured me of third day chills and rid my system of malarial poison. They do what you say they will. I now carry a package in my vest pocket. They are always ready. L. M. DUNCAN,
25c per box Pleasant Hill, La.

THE SAME OLD STORY

Just returned from market with a big stock
of Fall and Winter Dry Goods and Clothing

We spent some time selecting our 1904 stock and found prices that enable us to sell you, out of the best selected stock.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings

at easy prices.

See our standard brands of ready-to-wear Clothing and ladies' tailor-made suits that fit well, wear well and last long at short prices.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

We have in our store an experienced milliner with an up-to-date stock of Millinery, bought in connection with our big stock of Dry Goods, and the ladies are especially invited to visit this department before buying their new hat and millinery goods.

We have engaged the services of Miss Kate DeMoyille as Dressmaker. Will charge reasonable prices for work.

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Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by but the trouble has not returned." MRS. KATE HOWARD,
50c per box. Little Rock, Ark.

Baptist church in Runnels county on Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1904.

We invite all Baptist churches and Baptists, who believe as we do, and all other Baptists, to meet with us at Crews, to discuss the advisability of organizing a new association, or re-organizing the Content Association. Respectfully,
W. P. Cusenbary and others.

Test Its Value.

Simmons' Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for constipation and disordered liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.

W. M. TOMLINSON,
Price 25c. Oswego, Kan.

If you care to flirt with the fancy styles in fall suits, call at THE FAIR.

Leader in Low Prices,
Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Wylie left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth.



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business entrusted to me and guarantee satisfaction.

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My stock of MILLINERY is now complete and has been selected with great care. My goods are prettier than I have ever shown in Ballinger before. I will be in the store myself and also have competent help. Call and inspect my stock

Mrs. EMMA GODWIN,
At The Hub * * * BALLINGER, TEXAS

Public School Notes.

The most important duty we owe our children is the duty to educate them. While the public and private schools are not the only agencies employed to educate our children, yet these institutions are of such importance as to demand their establishment and maintenance.

The civilization of a people may safely be estimated by what it is doing for its children. Everything else being equal the efficiency of the public schools depends upon grading, or putting the child where he can do the best possible work.

One of the greatest aims of education is to awaken and quicken the child or person to duties in keeping with the highest ideals of his social and individual life. "Come over into Macedonia and help us" has by no means lost its significance. Co-operation of parents means much more than is ordinarily thought.

Everything is moving on nicely now, and the outlook seems quite flattering; but there are likely to arise differences which now are unknown to us, and they will require that everybody shall be at his post ready and willing to aid in maintaining the present good feeling and action. There seems to be no good reason why you cannot maintain your school's present efficiency, and from time to time make such improvements as the wants and needs of the people may demand.

It is the earnest desire of the present faculty to do its best this year. The following is the arrangement and distribution of the pupils thus far enrolled: room 1, 27 boys, 18 girls, room 2 21 boys, 25 girls; room 3, 21 boys, 26 girls; room 4, 25 boys, 21 girls; room 5, 25 boys, 23 girls; room 6, 25 boys, 25 girls; room 7, 14 boys, 26 girls; room 8, 8 boys, 18 girls. Notice rooms 7 and 8, where the most advanced pupils in the school are found, and you see that there are two girls to one boy.

In some schools the ratio is even greater. Where are our larger boys? The spirit of the age pushes them out into the business world, and that too with little preparation for the work of life. While it will always remain a fact that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," yet we are somewhat to

blame for the present unfortunate condition we have allowed ourselves to reach: our boys out of school. How many times did you visit the school last year? Come to see us and hear the children recite. Your friend.

Giles—"I understand they are going to vaccinate all the policemen."

Miles—"What's that for?"

Giles—"The mayor is afraid they might accidentally catch something."

Mr. Duffer—"It's no use, I've got to discharge that butler."

Mrs. Duffer—"Why dear?"

Mr. Duffer—"Well, I've tried hard to look as dignified as he does, but he beats me every time."

Agriculture the Secret of Japan's Strength.

The same diligent genius that enables a landscape gardener in Japan to compass within a few square yards of land a forest, a bridge-spanned stream, a waterfall and lake, a chain of terraced hills, gardens of chrysanthemums, hyacinths, peonies, and pinks, a beetling crag crowned with a dwarfed conifer, and through all the dainty park meandering paths, with here a shrine and there a dainty summer house, has made it possible for the farmers of the empire to build up on less than nineteen thousand square miles of arable land the most remarkable agricultural nation the world has known. If all the tillable acres of Japan were merged into one field, a man in an automobile, traveling at the rate of fifty miles an hour, could skirt the entire perimeter of arable Japan in eleven hours. Upon this narrow freehold Japan has reared a nation of imperial power, which is determined to enjoy commercial pre-eminence over all the world of wealth and opportunity from Siberia to Siam, and already, by force of arms, is driving from the shores of Asia the greatest monarchy of Europe.

A white minister was conducting religious services in a colored church in North Carolina recently. After exhorting a bit, he asked an old colored deacon to lead in prayer, and, according to the Roanoke News, this is the appeal which the brother in black offered for his brother in white: "O Lord, gib him de eye of de eagle dat he spy out sin afar off. Glue his hands so de gospel plow. Tie his tongue to de line ob truth. Nail his ear to de gospel line. Bow his head way down between his knees, and his knees way down in some lonesome, dark and narrer valley, where prayer is much wanted to be made. 'Noint him wid de kerosene ile of salvashun and sot him on fire."

G. W. Wilson was in town Friday from his farm 7 miles down the river and ordered the Banner Leader sent to R. H. Wilson at Lubbock City. He has just returned from the plains and then made a trip to Schleicher county, and says Runnels county is the best of them all.

'Squire T. E. Brown of Crews, was transacting some official business in Ballinger Friday.

Another institution of Texas is out of funds and in a bad row of stumps—this time it is the Agricultural and Mechanical College—a valuable institution in the state. It is high time that Texas were demanding that the legislature raise the tax rate and that we get on a cash basis so that none of our institutions will suffer.—Denison Herald.

Better than raising the tax rate would be the inauguration of a tax system that would get next to the tax dodger. Rates are high enough, but at present time it seems that it is only the poor man who pays the freight. The capitalist makes good his claim in bamboozling the tax assessor.—Terrell Transcript.

They were on their honeymoon and neither had much of an appetite.

"What will you have?" asked the waiter.

"Two soft boiled eggs," faltered the bridegroom.

The waiter turned and bellowed back to the kitchen:

"Catch the order Mike! A soft couple for a soft couple."

"What'll I do about this explanation of mine?" asked the congressman. "My constituents will expect something of the kind from me."

"Follow the usual method," answered the experienced editor. "Make it so long that people will take it for granted rather than try to read it all."

"Do you remember," asked the teacher, "how many people came over in the Mayflower?"

"I don't remember now," replied Johnny, "but pa says there musta been about 15,000,000, unless there's a whole lot of liars in this country."

Grimer—"Those old burglar alarms are no good."

Fuzz—"Why, won't yours go off?"

Grimer—"Oh, it went off all right, but it didn't alarm the burglar in the slightest."

Evangelist—"My mission in life, sir, is to save young men."

Mr. Crusty—"I wish you'd save one for my oldest daughter."

Grass Wanted.

Want grass for 125 head of cattle, at once, for the winter. Write price per head.

J. W. BATSELL, Talpa, Tex.

Cigars Less than Cost

For the next 15 days or until sold, 9 brands 5c Cigars.—Chewing Tobacco, 8 Brands, Cost and less than cost. These prices for CASH ONLY

Alexander Confectionery

It is told of an Indian Territory editor that he visited an insane asylum while in St. Louis recently, and was mistaken by a lunatic for a fellow-sufferer just arrived. Becoming confidential, the inmate asked the editor what made him go crazy and to humor him the editor replied, "Trying to make money out of the newspaper business." "Rats, you are not crazy; you're just a d—m fool."—Western Publisher

"Br'er Williams, kin you pronounce de names er dem Russian ginruls?"

"No suh! I got false teeth on de bottom en only two on top."

The secret of the success of the little Daybreak Kingdom has been a mystery to many students of nations. Patriotism does not explain the riddle of its strength, neither can commerce, nor military equipment, nor manufacturing skill. Western nations will fail fully to grasp the secret of the dynamic intensity of Japan to-day, and will dangerously underestimate the formidable possibilities of the Greater Japan—the Dai Nippon—of to-morrow, until they begin to study seriously the agricultural triumphs of that empire. For Japan, more scientifically than any other nation, past or present, has perfected the art of sending the roots of its civilization enduringly into the soil.

Progressive experts of high authority throughout the Occident now admit that in all the annals of agriculture there is nothing that ever approached the scientific skill of sunrise husbandry. Patient diligence, with knowledge of the chemistry of soil and the physiology of plants, has yielded results that have astonished the most advanced agriculturalists of western nations.—Harold Boice, in the August Booklover's Magazine.

Fresh honey.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Meeting State Federation of Labor, Galveston, Texas. Sell Sept. 17, and 18, '04, limit Sept. 23, '04, \$13.25.

Meeting Grand Lodge United Order Silver Fleece Leaf, Palestine, Texas. Sell Oct. 10, and 11, '04, limit Oct. 16, '04, one and one-third fare.

Home Visitors Excursion to Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Sell Sept. 20 and 27, and Oct. 11 '04, limit ticket 30 day, one fare plus \$2.00. See agent for particulars.

Ninth Annual Congress Farmers Industrial Society, Hempstead, Texas. Sell Oct. 4 and 5, '04, limit Oct. 10, '04, one and one-third fare.

Meeting District Medical Association, Yoakum, Texas. Sell Oct. 11 and 12, '04, limit Oct. 14, '04, \$11.15.

Annual Live Stock Show, Kansas City, Mo. Sell Oct. 15 to 19, '04, limit Oct. 25, '04, one fare plus \$2.00

Encampment Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., Corsicana, Texas. Sell Oct. 9 and 10, '04, limit Oct. 12, '04, \$9.25.

Meeting Grand Chapter of Eastern Stars, Galveston. Sell Oct. 9 and 10, '04, limit Oct. 14, '04, \$13.25.

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I have for sale at my place 9 miles south of Ballinger the following Implements cheap for Cash

- One Sorghum Cutter (Belle City)
- " 4 Horse Power
- " corn crusher and mill
- " " harvester (Deering)
- " Deering mower and horse rake
- " press drill (Hoosier)
- " corn and cotton planter
- Two Standard cultivators
- " 10 inch and one one 12 inch turning plow
- One single shovel and one double shovel
- " 16 inch riding plow
- " double disk plow
- " wagon with two beds and hay frame
- " buggy, one tooth harrow
- " roller

And many other Tools and Implements

R. A. Smith

Contract

STATE OF TEXAS }
Runnels County } This memo-
randum and agreement of con-
tract by and between the City of
Ballinger, acting by order pass-
ed by the City Council thereof,
and through its Mayor, John
Hoffer, parties of the first part
and C. H. Willingham, C. C. F.
Blanchard and P. E. Truly parties
of the second part; witness-
eth: as follows, to-wit:

First—That the said City of
Ballinger, a corporate body, in
Runnels county, Texas, does
hereby give, grant, sell and as-
sign to the said C. H. Willing-
ham, C. C. F. Blanchard and
P. E. Truly, of Runnels county,
Texas, parties of the second
part, a permit and right of
franchise for the erection, build-
ing, constructing, owning, oper-

ating and maintaining a full and
complete telephone system and
lines over and across any and all
of the streets and alleys within
the corporate limits of the said
city of Ballinger for the period
of Ten Years from and after
date hereof, subject however to
the laws, restrictions, rights
and remedies of the said city of
Ballinger at any and all times
under the law governing and
controlling such matters and
things in every way to all the
intents and purposes as the said
City may consider right, due
and proper, and which are not
prejudicial and injurious to the
rights and interests of said par-
ties of the second part, under
the laws in such cases made and
provided.

Second—The said City of Bal-
lenger undertakes, agrees and
binds itself to remove any and
all obstructions now in or along
and across the streets, alleys
and highways of said city and to
give and grant to said parties of
the second part the free and un-
obstructed use and possession
of said streets, alleys and high-
ways in said city within the
period of ninety days from and
after date hereof, so far as their
necessities may require for the
erection, operating and main-
taining said telephone system,
and said city does agree and un-
dertake to protect and maintain
the rights and easements of said
parties of the second part in the
full, free and lawful use of their
said rights in said business to
the full extent of their power
and ability under the laws of
the land, after the said parties
of the said second part have
carried out their part of this

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Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney
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and lame backs, rheumatism and all ir-
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in both men and women; regulates
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Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—
In the year 1896 I used your Texas
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troubles and I can safely recommend it
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manner. Yours Respectfully,
A. B. DEVAL, County Treas.

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J. R. McVAY, Manager
BALLINGER TEXAS

agreement and contract.

Third—For and in considera-
tion of the permit, rights, fran-
chises and easements from and
under the agreement of said city
as set out above, the said C. H.
Willingham, C. C. F. Blanchard
and P. E. Truly parties of the
second part, do hereby covenant,
agree and bind themselves to
within six months after date
hereof or from the date the said
city of Ballinger puts the par-
ties of the second part in full
and complete possession of the
said streets, alleys and high-
ways, build, erect, establish and
maintain a full and complete
system of telephones within the
limits of said city of Ballinger,
in strict conformity of the or-
dinance, laws, rules and regula-
tions of said city of Ballinger,
and to keep, maintain and carry
on said business in said city for
a period of ten years from date
hereof.

Fourth—And further said par-
ties do hereby covenant and
agree to give to the said city of
Ballinger two phones and two
electric fire alarms free of
charge and to pay unto said city
of Ballinger the sum of one
hundred and fifty dollars per
annum for the said term of ten
years from date. First payment
to be made when system is in
working order and other pay-
ments annually in advance.

Fifth—In earnest of the good
faith of the parties of the second
part in carrying out their part
of this contract they have this
day deposited with the said
mayor of Ballinger a certified
check for two hundred and fifty
dollars payable to the order of
John Hoffer, mayor thereof, six
months after date at the Citizen's
National Bank of Ballinger,
which said sum of money is to
be a forfeit to the said city of
Ballinger in the event the said
parties of the second part should
fail or refuse to carry out their
said contract with said city; but
it is expressly understood and
agreed that should the said city
of Ballinger from any cause
whatever fail or refuse to do and
perform their contract or any
part thereof for a period of
ninety days from date hereof as
above set out and agreed upon,
then and in that event, at the
option of either party hereto,
the said John Hoffer, mayor of
Ballinger, shall return to said
parties of the second part the
said check for the said two
hundred and fifty dollars and
cancel this contract without
prejudice to either party hereto.
But should the parties hereto
desire and agree to extend and
continue this contract then and
in that event it may be continued
and extended to any length of
time and upon such terms as the
parties hereto may agree upon
and determine.

Executed this the 6th day of
September, A. D. 1904.

JOHN HOFFER, Mayor,
City of Ballinger, Texas, Party
of first part.

C. H. Willingham
C. C. F. Blanchard,
P. E. Truly,

Parties of second part.
Attest: J. R. Lusk, City Sec'y,
Ballinger, Texas.

K. V. Northington, who left
here with his family for Abilene
four years ago, but who is now
a prominent land agent of Bal-
lenger, was in the city for a few
hours on business yesterday
returning on the 3:15 train.—
San Angelo Standard.

Call for Live Oak Flour. It will
give satisfaction. Opposite Post
Office at Miller Mercantile Co.

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high for a good milk cow and
calf. Apply at Banner-Leader
office.

He Cured the Little Girl.

Mr. Herman Muller, senior member
of the firm of Muller & Leykom, ex-
tensive lumber and general merchants
at Polar, Langdale county, Wis., says,
"My little girl was troubled with a
bronchial cough and we tried several
remedies without satisfactory results.
We finally gave her a few doses of
Hart's Honey and Horehound which
quickly cured her." Hart's Honey and
Horehound is a never-failing cure for
all throat and lung troubles to which
children are subject. It is very pleas-
ant to take and the absence of any
deleterious or dangerous drugs makes
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You are hereby commanded to sum-
mon W. H. Muncey and his three
children, viz: Albert Muncey, Ada
Muncey and Florence Burnett and her
husband — Burnett, by making pub-
lication of this citation once in each
week for four successive weeks previous
to the return day hereof, in some news-
paper published in your county, to
appear at the next regular term of the
District Court of Runnels County, to be
held at the Court House thereof, in
Ballinger, on the 1st Monday in October
A. D. 1904 the same being the 3rd day
of October A. D. 1904, then and there
to answer a petition filed in said Court
on the 29th day of August A. D. 1904 in a
suit, numbered on the docket of said
Court No. 711, wherein E. S. Sandusky
is plaintiff and Mrs. L. A. Talleon,

Charles F. Tolleson, I. F. Talleon,
Mrs. K. D. Morgan, Albert Muncey, Ada
Muncey, Florence Burnett and her hus-
band — Burnett, W. H. Muncey and
S. P. Talleon are defendants, and said
petition alleging that heretofore, to-wit:
on the 1st day of August 1904 plaintiff
was lawfully seized and possessed of
the tract of land hereinafter described,
situated in the said county of Runnels,
State of Texas, holding the same in fee
simple; that on the day and year last
aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered
upon said land and ejected plaintiff
therefrom and unlawfully withhold
possession thereof. Said land is thus
described: Being Survey No 419, be-
ginning at a stake the lower corner of
survey No 418, from which an elm bears
south 39½ west 2 varas, a willow bears
north 30 east 3 varas, thence south 30
west 36½ varas a stake and mound,
thence south 60 east 950 varas a stake
and mound, thence north 30 east 3955
varas a stake on bank of river from
which an elm bears south 80 west 1
vara, another bears north 53 east 5
varas. Thence up the river with its
meanderings to place of beginning.
Plaintiff further avers that defendants
are asserting some kind of pretended
claim to said land, thereby casting a
cloud over plaintiff's title and disputing
his right thereon to his damage \$1000.
Plaintiff prays for judgment for the
title, restitution and possession of said
land and premises, for writ of possession
and that he be confirmed in his title and
that all claims asserted by defendants
and all clouds existing upon plaintiff's
title be declared void and of no effect,
for costs of suit, etc.

Herein fail not, but have before said
court at its aforesaid next regular term,
this writ, with your return thereon,
showing how you have executed the
same.

Witness W. L. Towner, Clerk of the
District Court of Runnels County.

Given under my hand and the seal of
said court, at office in Ballinger this the
30th day of August A. D. 1904.

W. L. TOWNER, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County.

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Of Wood to arrive this summer. We are
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Sometimes the hair is not properly nourished. It suffers for food, starves. Then it falls out, turns prematurely gray. Ayer's Hair Vigor is a

Hair Vigor

hair food. It feeds, nourishes. The hair stops falling, grows long and heavy, and all dandruff disappears.

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MRS. E. G. K. WARD, Landing, N. J.
\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Poor Hair

On the Wing.

Editor Banner-Leader:

I will tell you the rest of our trip out west, as I did not write any after we got to Tahoka. We traveled east about twenty miles and on the first night of September camped for the night at what was known as the three windmills. A cloud came up in the night and had us thinking we were going to be blown off. The first place we came to was Gale, the county site of Borden county. It was a very nice place to be in such a poor country. The country around Gale is not good enough to raise a fuss on, much less crops. The south side of Borden county is a very good country. The next good country we came to was Scurry county. We saw the finest crops in Scurry county we had seen on our rounds. Snyder, the county site, is a daisy city but they have no rail road advantages there. From Snyder south is fine but the whole country is covered with blue weeds. I don't see why some people will go and look at that western country then come back and say it will be one of the leading farming countries of the west for if they ever do put it in cultivation the blue weeds will take it.

Now I saw a report of a man who has been out west and he says around Colorado City they had fine crops. I guess he must have gone some other way from

the way I went. Colorado City was the dullest town we went through. Big Springs is the queen city of the west. It is mighty rough and hilly around there and looks snakey but they keep the snake medicine in Big Springs ready at all hours.

Our next stop was at Roscoe nine miles west of Sweetwater. It is a fine little town of about 1000 population. From Roscoe we went to Sweetwater, another snake medicine town. It is as

Winters. This strip of country is as pretty as there is in Texas, but they haven't as good crops as we saw on land not so good.

In regard to some little incidents that happened on the road, we saw lots of game such as antelope, prairie chickens, wolves and plover. It is against the law to kill game but I wasn't going to let that game kick the site off my gun, so you can understand we had some fresh meat. Don't understand me to

E. E. Risien reports the pecan crop two weeks earlier than he ever knew before, and says the samples are high class. The first gathered was on Aug. 31st, against Sept. 14th for any previous year within his knowledge. He says the crop is light, but that the quality is fully up to standard.—San Saba News.

We are glad to see Charlie Moback on the Streets again this week, and he says he is getting on very nicely.

SOFT CORE

Like the running brook, the red blood that flows through the veins has to come from somewhere.

The springs of red blood are found in the soft core of the bones called the marrow and some say red blood also comes from the spleen. Healthy bone marrow and healthy spleen are full of fat.

Scott's Emulsion makes new blood by feeding the bone marrow and the spleen with the richest of all fats, the pure cod liver oil.

For pale school girls and invalids and for all whose blood is thin and pale, Scott's Emulsion is a pleasant and rich blood food. It not only feeds the blood-making organs but gives them strength to do their proper work.

Send for free sample. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

A new Baptist Association will be organized at Crews, Runnels county, on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in this month. This new organization is the effect of a "resolution" passed at Miles, prohibiting the churches from contributing through any other channel than the General Convention of Texas.

Rev. M. E. Chappel of Arlington, who came in Saturday to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. C. W. Yates, preached at the Cumberland Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He delivered a most excellent discourse.

M. L. Davis sold his residence in West End last week to John Dunn, and left with his family Monday for their old home at Abbot in Hill county.

Fresh Tomatoes, Pepper, Okra, and Peaches at Miller Mercantile Co.

Silk-Finish Flour is the best. Rasbury & Bruce

Good, Fresh Texas Pat. Flour at Miller Mercantile Co.

Look at Jas. E. Brewer's show window.

Tresspass Notice--Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.

C. A. DOOSE.

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rough around Sweetwater as anyone need to want but when you leave there and go south some 12 or 15 miles you will strike the divide, which is as pretty and fine as the Brazos bottom. The strange thing to me is why people will give \$15 and \$20 for land when they can get land up on that divide for \$3 or \$4 per acre, and Ballinger is their market too. We came on down the divide opposite Wingate and went from Wingate to

say we ate all kinds for we did not eat any wolves or badgers, though we saw plenty of them.
J. F. RIGGS.

If baby's health is dear to you, Then let me tell you what to do. Ere pain has racked its tender frame, Just let "TEETHINA" ease the same. "TEETHINA" allays irritation, aids digestion, overcomes and counteracts the effects of summer's heat, regulates the bowels and makes teething easy, and costs only 25 cents.

True Merit Recognized.

Last winter the oldest son of Mr. Paul F. Mueller, publisher of the Volksblatt-Rundschau, Lincoln, Ill., was afflicted with a very bad cold and cough. In speaking of how they cured it Mr. Mueller says: "We used different kinds of medicines without any benefit to him until we commenced to use Hart's Honey and Horehound. This medicine gave immediate relief and soon cured him. In my estimation Hart's Honey and Horehound is the most wonderful and certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by E. D. Walker, druggist.

Try for Health

222 South Peoria St., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 7, 1902.

Eight months ago I was so ill that I was compelled to lie or sit down nearly all the time. My stomach was so weak and upset that I could keep nothing on it and I vomited frequently. I could not urinate without great pain and I coughed so much that my throat and lungs were raw and sore. The doctors pronounced it Bright's disease and others said it was consumption. It mattered little to me what they called it and I had no desire to live. A sister visited me from St. Louis and asked me if I had ever tried Wine of Cardui. I told her I had not and she bought a bottle. I believe that it saved my life. I believe many women could save much suffering if they but knew of its value.

Surgis Dunbar

Don't you want freedom from pain? Take Wine of Cardui and make one supreme effort to be well. You do not need to be a weak, helpless sufferer. You can have a woman's health and do a woman's work in life. Why not secure a bottle of Wine of Cardui from your druggist today?

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Perfectly Equipped Trains. Electric Lights and Fans. Observation Dining Cars.

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ALEX. MORE, Southw'n Pass'r Agt., DALLAS, TEX.
J. W. HUTCHISON, Traveling Pass'r Agt., SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
W. A. TULEY, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, FT. WORTH, TEX.

Tom Stocks Jr. left for Eagle Lake Tuesday.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

Be sure to try a sack of Silk-Finish Flour Rasbury & Bruce.

Howell Knight will leave Sunday to attend the T. C. U. at Waco.

Harness, saddlery, and everything in that line at R. L. Shaffer's.

See Ostertag Dunlap Co. for everything new and up-to-date in the furniture line.

Everybody says "It's good." They mean the "Oris" cigar at Tisinger & Ashton's.

Hello are you looking for mattings. We have a good selection at the Hub all new.

Mr. Brazelton and daughter, Mrs. D. Reeder, went up to Miles on Friday's train.

We will sell you goods cheaper than anywhere in town.
THE HUB.

Miss Leila Northington went up to San Angelo on Thursday's train to visit friends for a few days.

Now is the time to put up your preserves. Buy your pears and fruit jars from J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Miss Maggie May Holliday, who has been visiting Ballinger friends the past week, returned home Tuesday.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co., furniture dealers have just received four full cars of new furniture. Call and see them.

Alton Scoggins of the Wingate country, was here Tuesday and took the afternoon train for his old home at Granger.

Miss Della Younger came in Wednesday from St. Louis, where she has been enjoying the fair the past ten days.

Prof. Williams, the magnetic healer of Miles, had business in our city Friday and returned on the 12.20 train that day.

We are in the market for all the eggs we can get and will pay the highest market price.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. W. S. Roberson and little daughter returned to their home at San Angelo Friday, after a visit of several days to relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trail came in Thursday from their Concho county ranch and will visit Ballinger relatives and friends a few days.

Mrs. Joe Wilmeth and son Roscoe and Miss Ethel Truly left Thursday for St. Louis where they will enjoy the fair for a few days.

Miss Ethel Truly has been engaged to teach the school at Cochran, near Winters, the ensuing term and will begin about December 1st.

Mrs. F. A. Mater came in Friday from her old home in eastern Texas and was accompanied by her mother who will visit in our section for awhile.

J. F. Riggs, one of the substantial farmers of the Crews country, was doing business in Ballinger Thursday, and ordered the Banner-Leader to his address for the next 12 months.

Mrs. Emma Godwin, at the Hub, has an ad in this issue which is an invitation for your business. She has competent help, but will also be in the store herself and will appreciate your calls.

Mr. T. H. Brown and bride, nee Miss Thompson, came in Friday from Ft. Davis, where they were recently married. They will occupy the George Wright residence for the present. We offer our congratulations and cordially welcome them to our city, and wish for them a long, happy and prosperous life in their new relation.

Miss Matilda Doose has just returned from the wholesale houses in the east where she has been studying and informing herself in all the latest designs in millinery, and is now well prepared for her business. She will be with Mrs. Emma Godwin at the Hub.

When you have any produce to sell see us. We don't try to buy all the produce but will pay the highest market price for what we do buy.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

T. J. Stocks went up to Miles on Friday's train.

Inoleum at the Hub. Come and see for yourself.

We carry boneless hams fresh on ice. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

If you want absolutely the best repair work done go to R. L. Shaffer.

J. G. McCamy of the Maverick country was doing business in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. H. Beck of Brownwood will be the engineer for the Nat Perry gin this season.

Read our ad. Our competitors don't like us much. We mean Roberts Grocery Co.

Yes, we have them. Window shades by the dozen. All colors.
THE HUB.

J. B. Alvis & Bro. are now the possessors of a nice, new delivery wagon which is a beauty.

W. H. Ballinger of Bransford, Texas, who bought the Artleschewfsk place one mile from town, will move his family here about the 1st of November. We cordially welcome them to our county. The Banner-Leader was the second article he purchased after getting in our section. Mr. Ballinger knows a good thing when he sees it.

J. P. Huffaker, our efficient pumpman, has contracted to take charge of Dr. J. A. Younger's ranch on Oak Creek near Maverick and will move about the 1st of next month or as soon as someone is elected to take his place at the pump.

John Dunn sold this week the Hawthorn Wylie place, which he recently purchased from M. L. Davis, to D. D. Mullins of the Indian territory. Consideration \$100.

Dan Moser had business in Coleman Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Penn went up to San Angelo Wednesday.

W. T. Ward made a flying business trip to Paint Rock Thursday.

Since the recent rains, grass and other feed stuff have revived and look as green as spring.

Guion Gregg left Wednesday afternoon for Brady where he will reorganize the K. of P. lodge at that place.

Maud McDaniel made a business trip to Brownwood Wednesday and will possibly go to Comanche before returning.

We call attention to the card of Dr. S. L. Hicks, in this issue. He is occupying Dr. S. B. Raby's old stand over Tisinger and Ashton's drugstore.

C. S. Bowdon, of West End, moved into the Dysart residence last week, and Mr. Spencer of Temple, who recently bought Mr. Bowdon's place moved his household effects into the vacated house, and will be at home as soon as his family arrives.

You do not have to go away from home to make your purchases. Ballinger was never better stocked with up-to-date goods in all lines than at present. A look over the advertisement columns of the Banner-Leader will convince you of this fact.

Judge C. H. Willingham bought this week 3½ acres of land near the Christian church from Rev. R. M. Hall of Galveston. Price \$100. Also 30 acres of sand land in South Ballinger for a consideration of \$750 per acre.

Blake Tracy, who has been farming with his brother Josie McKenzie down the river, left Thursday for his old home near Marquez in Leon county, where he goes in response to a message stating that his brother there is quite low with slow fever.

Dr. Rape, the City's Health Officer, calls attention to the objectionable features of cess-pools in a city, and explains why they are very dangerous to the health of a city. Let our city officials think of this matter before they permit the same.

Take a good look at the Banner-Leader this week. It is 12 pages all home print, nearly all local or personal matter, and the advertising patronage is not to be complained at either. The advertisements are an invitation for your business. Call and inspect the various lines of goods advertised.

Bear in mind that the Ballinger business men have received their new stocks of goods, which are complete in every line, and they are offering everything possible in a legitimate way for your trade. Ballinger is the place to do your business this fall, and our merchants will see that you have fair, courteous and prompt attention and your personal comfort looked after in every respect. Read their advertisements and see what they are offering.

Mrs. N. J. Clancy and daughter Mary went to Ballinger Monday to visit Professor Clancy. Little Miss Mary will leave Thursday for Fort Worth from which place Senator W. A. Hanger will take her to Austin to enter the Deaf and Dumb Institute. The children who go to attend this splendid school will be mobilized at Ft. Worth, Dallas and Temple.—San Angelo Press.

COTTON, COTTON

We are unable to tell you what the price will be, but wish to say that we will make liberal advances on your cotton, tell us your wants, we are prepared to take care of you. We keep in close touch with the agricultural interests of this section, and want the farmers to know that we are their friend, and will render them satisfactory service at all times. If you owe land notes or interest on land notes deposit your money with us, and we will make the payment for you, and should you need assistance, will gladly help you.

We buy Vendor Lien Notes, loan money on land and render assistance by taking up and extending maturity of land notes.

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Deposit your money with us, for we are loyal to our customers.

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Don't experiment with medicine. Bring your prescriptions to us where they will be filled correctly with pure fresh drugs. Tisinger & Ashton.

Crews Furniture Co. have received their fall opening stock of furniture. Call and see their new lines and get their low prices before buying.

Chas. S. Miller left on Tuesday's train for Bellville, Texas, his old home, to attend to some business matters.

We are glad to see R. F. Hem by able to be up again after two week's tussle with slow fever.

Remember we are still selling 100 bars of soap for \$1.75.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Be sure to try a sack of Silk-Finish Flour Rasbury & Bruce.

John Guber and sister Miss Katie came in Friday from St. Louis where they had been enjoying the fair.

Judge C. O. Harris and daughter, Miss Mae, left Wednesday for Dallas where Miss Mae will enter St. Mary's College.

If you never tried a sack of White Billows flour just try a sack and have no other.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Rev. G. H. Morrison of Dublin will preach next Sunday morning and night at the Christian Church. Everybody invited.

Tisinger & Ashton are expecting a fine line of cigars in soon. Among other brands they will have what they think will be a winner. "The Martin W. Lyttleton.

Tom Gilbert of San Angelo who has been here several days this week selling a patent suit hanger, left Friday and reports a good business done in Ballinger.

Miss Marie Howze of Paint Rock was among the young people leaving here for school Monday evening. She goes to Dallas to enter Patton Seminary.

We have lots of syrup and will make you close prices on same, so when you need any be sure and get our prices.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke and Mrs. Wm. Spreen came in Wednesday from a trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis.

Cotton pickers knee pads at Bob Shaffer's.