

ANOTHER ANTI-MAIL ORDER LETTER

Farmer Has Something to Say About the Mail Order House.

Editor Banner-Leader:—

I noticed an article last week in your paper in defense of the mail order house, signed by one Mr. McKinley. A man cannot save anything in buying from a mail order house. The mail order houses have baits—leaders on which they catch a man. However in nearly every case these leaders are articles a poor man can't buy. Such as Rodgers silverware. I am told that they sell this cheap—probably at cost, or below, but when a man wants silverware and is able to buy it, and buys from these mail order houses, nine times out of ten he will buy other goods, and this is where the mail order house gets in its work, and skins the man on the other items.

I was in the mercantile business three years, and of course I am familiar to some extent on the first cost of goods and profit made on same. Let me tell you of a little instance that came under my observation. One of my customers ordered a bill of goods from a Chicago house. I saw him when he received the package and opened the goods. He was badly disappointed when he inspected the goods. He had two shirts in the order that cost him 75 and 85 cents in Chicago and the express to him. He did not like the shirts and tried to trade them to me for a shirt of a better grade that I sold for 60 cents. He also had a pair of slippers that fell short of his expectation and wanted to trade them to me. That was his first order from a mail order house, and he said it would be his last. A strange thing about this, and which is nearly always the case, this man was owing me for goods bought during the year on a credit. When he got the cash instead of paying for goods already ate up and worn out, he sends his money to a stranger that never accommodated him, and never will. You don't treat your home merchant right when you do this, and you know it.

I say pay your home merchant for goods he has sold you on a credit. I say take the quality of goods into consideration and add the freight or express, and you will find the home merchant is your friend. He can sell you goods as cheap as the mail order house, taking it all the way through and then you know who you are dealing with and the home merchant will make good in guaranteeing the goods you

buy from him. Goods sold by a mail order house are not standard grades, and I believe if you could see the goods before you buy, nine times out of ten you would not buy. A pretty picture and a flowery description of an article makes it look good to the mind.

But, let's don't consider the price, but suppose everybody bought all they used from the mail order houses. What would become of our home town? A slick talking grocery peddler for a mail order house told me this fall that the home merchant would go to the cities or engage in other pursuits. I asked him how a farmer would market his produce and other crops. He said the farmer would have to ship to the cities and the larger markets, and I suppose he meant to the commission houses. You can guess the result when a man goes to shipping his stuff to commission houses, especially perishable stuff.

That certainly must be a mistake about Mr. McKinley buying 100 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.75. It looks unreasonable. If such is true Mr. McKinley should buy all the Chicago house has and all they can get—yes, buy them out.

My experience has been that the best plan for a man to follow to save money on what he buys is to pay cash and buy from his home merchants. You can buy cheaper for cash. If everybody would pay cash everything we use would be cheaper. The merchant could afford to sell cheaper because he would have nothing to lose on bad accounts, and cost in collecting bills. You can expect to pay a high price when you buy on a credit. If you are short on cash go to the bank or some private party, borrow the money pay the interest and pay the cash for what you buy and you will find that the saving will more than pay the interest on the money. If you will do this the buyer and seller will both do better and times will not be so hard. I believe the future welfare of our country depends on the farmer and merchant standing by each other, working in harmony and co-operating one with the other.

I have no special interest in defending the merchant, and I am not jumping on Mr. McKinley I merely state my views and what has been my experience. I could tell of several more instances in which people were humbugged by the mail order house but I have consumed too much space. I am a farmer and have been on the farm 29 years out of 32 of my life. I pay cash for what I use, my credit purchases this year not amounting to more than \$2.50.

Probably at some future time I will have something to say on holding cotton and talk more about this credit business.

J. A. PATTERSON.

Close for the Season

The Martin Fire Works show has gone into quarters for the season. The manager packed up his goods and show outfit and stored them in Ballinger. The fireworks show is a splendid attraction and draws a good crowd in good weather, but the shows have to be given in open air, and on account of the winter weather the show was not a success. The manager said his show had been a success through the summer, and he felt like taking a rest.

Miss Maymie Sue Gressett went to Brownwood Wednesday to visit her sister.

UNFORTUNATE SHOW MAN GETS HELP

Strong Man With Carnival Has Trouble With Carnival Company.

There was one show that did not open for business on Carnival street last week. The strong man had trouble with the Carnival Company and was not permitted to show.

From what we can learn of the trouble, it seems that the Carnival Company engaged a strong man as a feature of their list of attractions. The strong man was a Greek, and came from St. Louis with his family to join the show. The Carnival Company claimed that the Greek was in debt to them for transportation from St. Louis, and to pay this debt the company was holding the Greek's baggage, which amounted to considerable and which was necessary for him to have in giving his show. The Greek declared he did not owe the amount claimed by the Carnival Company. He was without money, with his children and a sick wife depending on him. He was also without friends when he reached Ballinger, but he soon interested the proper authorities in his case, and through the services of Judges T. T. Crasson and W. E. Sayle, he gained possession of his goods, and through the kindness of certain liberal hearted Ballinger citizens, he secured money with which to move his outfit to Brownwood where he expected to give his show and get on his feet again.

It is the general opinion of those who came in contact with the Greek, that he was in the right, and that the Carnival Company had mistreated him in taking advantage of his financial condition and leaving him stranded in a strange land.

Shakespear Ladies Entertain Visitors

The delegates to the State Federation of women's clubs passed through last Saturday enroute to their respective homes from San Angelo. The train on which the delegates were traveling reached Ballinger at 12:15. The members of the local Shakespear clubs were at the train to meet the delegates, and presented them with nice lunches, prepared especially for the purpose. Thirty minutes was spent in social greetings, and the short stay of the visitors in Ballinger was made both pleasant and profitable.

At Ballinger the party was joined by Misses Emma Bennett, Katie Belle Gregory, Alga Schawe, Hermia Smith, Baker, Gathin and Cofer, who went as far as Coleman and returned on the night train. The ladies were tendered a reception by the Coleman ladies, the principle feature of which was a drive over the city and a reception at the home of one of the prominent members of the Coleman Shakespear Club.

Alf High, who knows what he is talking about, has made an actual count and says there are 53 Winters teams hauling freight between Winters and Ballinger. R. B. Griffith then comes forward and says he drove to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon and on the way he met and passed 75 vehicles. These figures will give one an idea of the enormous traffic between these two points, and it's interesting to note that a large part of the freight is building material for Winters.—Winters Enterprise.

BOOZY BROTHERS LAND IN JAIL

Two Men From Abilene Put up at Private Residence.

City Marshal was called out to a certain private residence Tuesday to take charge of a couple of men who had patronized the saloons too much and started out to find a hotel. Of course they were not out to create any disturbance and were very sorry that they offended a lady. They made a mistake, judging a private home to be a hotel and insisted that the lady give them lodging, and refused to leave when ordered away by the lady. Marshal McKay answered the call and when he reached the scene one of the men had left. The other was carried to jail, and later the missing man was found and started to jail. With tears in his eyes he begged the marshal not to put him in jail, stating that he would not have his brother to know he was in jail for any amount of money. The marshal informed the bad boy that his brother was in jail and would keep him company and of course it was a happy meeting for the two brothers. They were allowed to go before mayor Wednesday and plead guilty and leave part of their cash to defray expenses.

Made a Mistake.

The world is full of mistakes. We all make them. None of us are perfect in this respect. We have in mind now the mistake of one of our good friends and subscribers, Mr. J. B. Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers made a mistake. He may not be willing to admit it, but his friends tell him so anyway.

About two years ago Mr. Rodgers sold a nice place near Rowena and left this country. He made a fine crop, and of course made money, the year he sold his place. After two years sojourn Mr. Rodgers returned to Ballinger, arriving here last Friday. He at once began to look around for a home and was not long closing a deal for a block of the Shawe land three miles north of town. Mr. Rodgers read the Leader during his stay in Runnels county, we are glad to say about the first thing Mr. Rodgers did when he came in last Friday was to subscribe for the paper again. He is a good citizen and we are glad he has located in Runnels county again and we hope he will stay this time.

Rev. Hudson Resigns.

Rev. M. E. Hudson who has served the First Baptist church at this place as pastor for four years, has resigned and has his goods packed and is ready to move to Texas, where he will make his home. He expected to leave about Dec. 1st, but will not probably get away before the 10th or 15th of December. Rev. Hudson and family have made many friends in Ballinger who will regret to see them move away. He has made the Baptist church a splendid pastor, and the church has grown during his pastorate.

Mrs. Clara Ransome went to Brownwood Monday to officiate as one of the Judges at the Brownwood Flower Show. It is quite an honor to Mrs. Ransome to be selected for this place out of a long list of ladies, and it is a credit to the committee for their good judgment in selecting her.

Valuable Improvements for Court House

Rapid Increase in Population Necessitate More Office Room. Yard to be Beautified

The Commissioners Courts have plans under consideration for remodeling the interior of the Runnels county court House.

At the next election the offices of the County and District clerk will be separated as will the offices of sheriff and tax collector. This will create two new offices and will necessitate the addition of office room for the collector and District clerk. The commissioners are arranging to have these offices ready when they are needed.

Some changes will be made in the district court rooms, one of which the judge's bench will be moved to the north side of the room.

Considerable improvements will be made in the yard. This work is now under head way. Cement sidewalks will be put down leading in from the two front gates and flower beds made on each side of the walks. This will add wonderfully to the beautiful yard, and of course will enhance the value of the county's property.

The court house and jail will also be improved by putting in the sewerage. The connection at the jail will be made at an early date and the court house connection will be made later.

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HOMER W. ALEXANDER
District Agent
Southwestern Life Insurance Co.

I. S. Baldwin, who has been a good citizen of Runnels county for a long time and who has been a citizen of Ballinger for more than two years, moved to Atoka this week, where he has purchased the Atoka store and will be engaged in the mercantile business. Of course Mr. Baldwin is not getting very far away from home and can come back on short notice, but we regret to see him go even that far. He has rented his home in Ballinger to F. D. George.

Ben Long went to Rowena Wednesday to close up a land deal. Long Bros. traded 320 acres of land near Rowena for the Fiest & Schlake gin. They only kept the gin two days when they sold it to Gus Glass and Henry Gerngross. They put in the 320 acres of land for \$40 per acre.

Dr. J. G. Douglass and family Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weeks., Dr. W. W. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. I. Vancil spent Thanksgiving at Mr. Vancil's country home on Coyote creek. A nice Thanksgiving dinner was prepared and carried out.

Farmers, the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. requests that you call at the mill or write them for one of their booklets telling how to feed cotton seed meal and is worth a great deal to the farmers, but cost you nothing. Ask for it. 4t

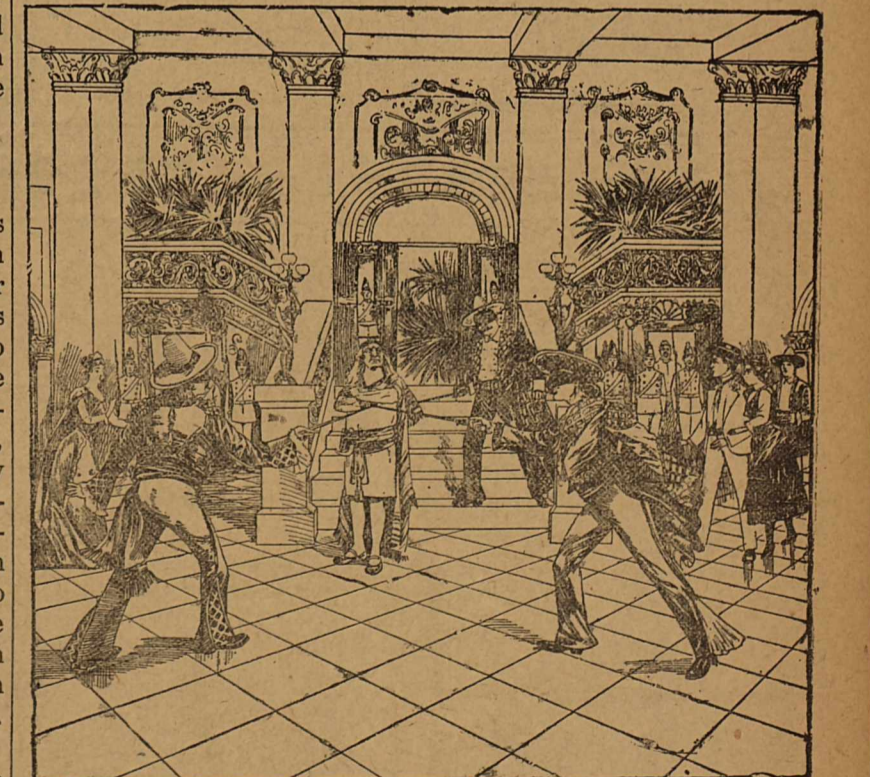
J. A. Chilton was here this week shaking hands with friends. Mr. Chilton was at one time in the dry goods business in Ballinger. He is now traveling passenger agent for the Queen & Crescent Route.

J. T. Brown was in from Winters Monday. Mr. Brown said the contractors were making good progress on the grade for the new railroad from Winters to Abilene.

Kinzer says Santa Clause has sent him a message stating that he would leave a big lot of goods at his store, and that he was coming early this year.

Chas. S. Miller was looking after business interest in Rowena Wednesday.

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THANKSGIVING DAY IN BALLINGER

All Business Suspended and People Celebrate in Various Way

As we heard a man remark, "it is easier to buy goods in Ballinger on Sunday than on Thanksgiving Day." Every business house in town except the saloons and drug stores were closed Thursday. In fact they did not open and the day was observed by the people just in a way to suit their notion.

Many attended Union Thanksgiving services, where a splendid program of music was rendered, a Thanksgiving sermon delivered by Rev. Z. J. Amerson, and a collection for the poor and needy taken. This amounted to \$17.06

Quite a number went to Brownwood to attend the flower show and carnival. Many more spent the day in the field with the dog and gun and slaughtered quail until their conscience hurt.

Some laid around town and spent the day under the shelter of the saloons. Others stayed at home and made the day one of peace and rest. Some were thankful and some were not, and so it will be until time ceases to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie DeMouille are here on a visit to Jailer DeMouille and family.

PIGS AND COWS. I have 57 hogs, weight 60 pounds each. Nine head of Jersey cows, three giving milk. Will sell cheap. Can be seen at Ballinger Wagon Yard. S, J. Dyess 1t

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Will always be satisfactory if the Ballinger Lumber Company sells you. If you want to build a house, let us figure on your lumber and building material. We carry Lumber, Paint, Cement, Lime, Common and Fire Brick, Cedar Posts, etc., etc.

**BALLINGER LUMBER
COMPANY**

The Lyceum Course.

The first of the attractions of the Scotch Singers appeared at the Opera House Thursday night of this week and to say that they pleased the small audience that heard them would be expressing it mildly. There were ten regular numbers on the program and each number was encored from two to three times.

A great many of the attendants came to the Entertainment Committee and expressed their appreciation of the attraction and said it was decidedly the best thing ever given in Ballinger, and promised their assistance in getting more interest in the Course.

The Committee on Entertainment feel like that they have a just complaint in the lack of interest in this worthy cause. It is in behalf of the Library Association, and each and every citizen should feel an interest in the movement.

The next of the Attractions will be at The Opera House Tuesday night Dec. 1st 1908, and will be a lecture by "Sunshine Hawks" said to be one of the most humorous lecturers now on the American Platform, and we have decided to have reserved seats, and they will be on sale at The Walker Drug Co., Monday morning the 30th, those holding season Tickets will call there and check their seat. Price for reserved seats will be 50 cents, general admission 35 cents and all school children 25 cents. And we think that all parents should encourage the attendance of their children, for if you expect your child to develop high ideals, you should place them in an atmosphere where they will come in contact with them.

We publish below a few things that others say of "Sunshine Hawks."

Mr. A. W. Hawks, of Baltimore, one of the leading Chautauqua speakers of the United States, addressed a large audience at the Lyric Theatre yesterday afternoon, and used as his theme "Happiness". Mr. Hawks is a very forcible and eloquent speaker, and the large audience listened with rapt attention to his masterly address, which was interpolated with many witty stories that the speaker used to emphasize his points.—Allentown (Pa.) Morning Call.

We take great pleasure in saying we were much pleased with the lecture you gave us. It was certainly one that will leave its impress upon the people who listened to it and enjoyed the fun, which was of the highest class, combined with the exaltation of the Christ-like manhood makes up the kind of lectures we need in our Association Courses. We trust it may be so we may have you again.—A. M. Clement, General Secretary, Waco, Texas.

SOME BALLINGER COTTON FIGURES

Ballinger Will Break the Worlds Record for Any One Town.

Those who guessed at the Ballinger cotton receipts in the early part of the season and guessed wrong have plenty time in which to guess again and make another miss. It is bad business to count chickens before they hatch, but this does not apply to the Runnels county cotton receipts. Figures don't lie, and the tickets issued from the Ballinger cotton yards is proof sufficient for the most skeptical. Up to noon today the figures stand:

Stuarts Yard	22,271
Union Yard	8,522
Total	30,793
Compress Receipts	42,000
Gin Receipts:	
Ballinger Gin Co.	1,100
Day Gin	3,398
Oil Mill Gin	4,675
Total	9,173

In some localities the crop is no more, if quite, than half picked. In other fields the farmers will finish in another week or ten days, if the weather is so they can pick. There is no longer any doubt about the total receipts for the season reaching the fifty thousand mark and many predict that the figures will go higher.

The market stands about like it has been for the past month, running from 8.25 to 8.85.

Funeral Today

The remains of Mrs. M. L. Dyess were brought here today from Mineral Wells, and the funeral held this evening from Pearce hotel on Eighth street.

Mrs. Dyess had been in bad health for several months. She has several children here, and it will be remembered that her little boy was burned to death on the big ditch near the laundry over a year ago.

She had been at Mineral Wells for some time for the benefit of her health.

A Hair's Breadth Escape.

Do you know that every time you have a cough or cold and let it run on thinking it will just cure itself you are inviting pneumonia, consumption or some other pulmonary trouble? Don't risk it. Put your lungs back in perfect health and stop that cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Turkeys, Turkeys, Turkeys.

We will pay you 7cts per lb. for all of your grown fat turkeys delivered to us on Dec. 2nd only. Rasbury & Bruce.

Commissioners Court.

The Runnels county Commissioners have been busy this week in an extra session of that honorable body. They had to meet to accept the bonds of the new officers and settle with the retiring officers. Considerable business was transacted and the court adjourned for the week last night.

Currie Grocery Company Changes Hands.

Spann & Co., of Gonzales, have purchased the Curry Grocery Co. and are now busy taking stock. The new company will continue the business in the same stand, and will be in full charge after this week.

Large accounts are welcome too, for it is our purpose to serve all the people, whether their business be small or large.—Citizens' National Bank.

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W. S. KEENAN,
G. P. A. Galveston

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W. H. Davis's Great Consolidation Sale

Will be open for a few days longer. Hundreds of people from Runnels and adjoining counties have attended our great sale and carried away thousands of dollars worth of up-to-date merchandise and saved many dollars on their fall bills. You can do the same by coming to our store for the next few days.

W. H. DAVIS Ballinger, Texas.

Cornegie's Birthday.

Just a few days before his 71th Anniversary, work began on the Carnegie Library in Ballinger. Andrew Carnegie himself is authority for the statement that he was born Nov. 25th, 1837.

The famous philanthropist was born in Dunfermline, Fifeshire, Scotland, and came with his family to the United States in 1848, settling in Pittsburgh. He began his career as a weaver's assistant in a cotton factory, later doing the blue uniform of a messenger boy in the service of the Ohio Telegraph Company. Learning telegraphy, he advanced rapidly until he became superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railway. His connection with Woodruff, the inventor of the sleeping car, formed the nucleus of his fortune. After the war, he began the development and organization of the iron industry and his success made him one of the wealthiest of American multimillionaires. Entertaining the theory that it is a disgrace to die rich, he that of late devoted much of his time to philanthropy and Carnegie libraries throughout the United States and Scotland. The Carnegie Institution of

Washington, the Carnegie Hero Fund, and numerous other institutions stands as permanent memorials to his liberality. He has written many books, and a new one from his pen will shortly appear.

On account of Mr. Carnegie's liberality Ballinger will have one of the nicest library buildings in Texas. Work is now in progress and will be pushed to completion.

Forty-two Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Grundy contributed to the pleasure of Thanksgiving by entertaining a number of their friends with a forty-two party, in honor of their guest, Mrs. J. D. Creath, of San Angelo.

There were seven tables of animated players and Mrs. Weeks and Mr. J. F. Currie succeeded in making the high score.

A delicate two course luncheon was served and the following were present:

Mesdames Dan Moser, R. A. Risser, J. A. Weeks, W. F. Buck, John Guion, Lee Norman, J. F. Currie, J. G. Douglas, Doc Van-J. D. Creath. Misses Clara Malone, Kate Belle Gregory, Minnie Perriman, Alpha Caperton. Messrs Buck Shields, J. T. Lawrence, Tom Watkins, Dan Moser, R. A. Risser, J. A. Weeks, W. F. Buck, John Guion, Lee Norman and J. F. Currie.

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Sprains, swellings and lameness are promptly relieved by Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment reduces inflammation and soreness so that a sprain may be cured in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Walker Drug Co.

Newspaper for Rowena.

The thriving little town of Rowena is to have a newspaper. The outfit has been purchased and the first issue of the paper will appear about Dec. 10th. We failed to learn the name of the venturesome editor.

Don't sell your cotton seed until you see Rasbury & Bruce.

See our line of wagon harness. R. L. Shaffer.

Scott Mangum, of the Hub, spent Thanksgiving in Brownwood.

J. R. McAdams returned this week from a trip to Mineral Wells, and we are glad to report that he is improved in health.

Mrs. W. J. Miller went to Austin first of the week to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Midgley were over from Paint Rock to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks.

Do you know of a man or woman who is conducting a successful business without the assistance of a bank account.—Citizens' National Bank.

Wm. Dunlap, W. D. Gregory, C. A. Doose, R. P. Kirk and their families spent Thanksgiving on the farm of G. B. Nixon on Coyote. They report a great time and plenty to eat.

We clean press and repair your clothes while you sleep or wait.—A. J. Stocklas, Ballinger only tailor. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

Miss Maggie Cockrell, who has just completed a thorough course in short-hand, has secured office room with the Bennett Abstract Co., where she will serve the public as a public stenographer.

Old Santa Claus has begun to show up around town. Those who deal in toys are busy getting in shape to load out Santa Claus. Many new toys and novelties are in evidence.

A rich man is the man who always has money. Put some of your money in the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger and you will begin to be rich right away.

Rain! Rain! As we go to press Runnels county is getting a good soaking, and it will be worth thousands of dollars to the oat and wheat crop. Many acres have been planted in the county.

Wm. Smiley was here from Winters yesterday. Mr. Smiley was the principal leader in securing the railroad for his town, and he has profited by his efforts. No man loses by working for his town.

Vol. 1 No. 2 of the Ballinger High School Monthly has just been issued. The little journal is calculated to be of a great deal of benefit to the school in the way of an advertisement, besides it keeps the parents of the school in touch with the work of the school. The promoters of the journal deserve credit for their enterprise and energy.

The small depositor is just as welcome as the large and the same courteous treatment will be extended him at the Citizens National Bank.

J. B. Alvis' loss on the barn and contents that burned last Friday amounts to about \$1,000 with no insurance. Mr. Alvis had the barn filled with hay, milo maize and oats, and had considerable hay in the stack on the outside.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Traylor were at home to the employees of the Citizens National Bank yesterday evening. A six o'clock dinner was served and the occasion was a very pleasant one for those present.

Louis Alexander has just perfected the organization of a stock company at Winters for the purpose of engaging in the lumber business. The incorporators are J. W. Dale, Dr. Wallace and L. E. Alexander.

We are glad to report that Miss Cordelia Guion, who happened to a serious accident, an account of which appeared in this paper, is improving as well as could be expected.

F. L. Gordon, late of Athens, Texas, was here yesterday enroute to San Angelo to visit a brother. Mr. Gordon is a printer and will return to Ballinger to accept a place in the Leader office.

School Trustees Take Notice.

When in town see the New School Desks we are putting out. We want you to get in line by letting us start your school by seating them with our desks. They can be seen either at the office of Prof. E. L. Hagan or at our building. They or only furnished by us, patent applied for.

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A. D. Hodge, representing the West-Cullum Paper company of Dallas, was spending the night in Brownwood last night enroute from a trip to the west. Mr. Hodge says indications are good for Ballinger to break the world's record in the way of cotton receipts this year, and that the West is very prosperous this fall.—Brownwood Bulletin.

NOTICE.

Have rendered my dog (Nogi) for taxes and will prosecute any person found hunting with him. R. G. Erwin.

Saved Him

"It did not kill me but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of eczema. One application relieved and one box cured me. "I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." CLIFTON LAWRENCE, Helena, O. T.

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us, and if necessary we will send our reporter to get data. It is our endeavor to make the best paper possible, though we cannot learn the news unless you tell us.

Now let's be thankful that we had a Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving, 1908, is a thing of the past. Thousands of turkeys are gone, and thousands of prescriptions will be written today.

November 26, 1908.—Ballinger has received over thirty thousand bales of cotton. Gins are running day and night. Everybody is busy, except the knocker. No one has time to listen to the knocker knock.

How can Ballinger grow? All houses are full. The only way is to build more houses. This must be done. People are anxious to move to Ballinger, but of course prefer to rent for awhile before building a home.

Christmas comes next. Let's begin to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, and let our preparation be of the right kind—something that will cause us to reflect on the life of the man whose birthday we will celebrate.

An insurance agent informs us that his companies have paid out more money in Runnels county than they have received from the county this year. If every county was like Runnels the insurance companies would be compelled to go out of business.

Ballinger citizens may be a little slow when it comes to dividing their cash with a railroad building committee, but they are loyal to the school, and are walking up and paying their school tax in a way that shows a pride in our public school.

We are all busy and have very little time to pay attention to the needs of others; but our time will be well spent if we will pay attention to the strangers within our gates. Be sociable, meet the strangers with a hearty welcome, and let them know that the selfish and narrow-minded man has no place in this progressive and prosperous land. It pays.

Brownwood has certainly been in the swim this week, to express it in a slang way. A very successful fall carnival and flower show was pulled off, and by thorough advertising many people were induced to visit Brownwood, and those that went got their money's worth. San Angelo made good with a big fall attraction the first of this month. Both of these towns have set examples that would be good for Ballinger to follow.

It is up to the Commercial Club to plan ways and means and look after the strangers who are coming to our town daily. The hotels cannot accommodate the people, and it is very important that a sleeping place be provided for the visitors. A suggestion has been made that the club take the matter up, and provide cots, and make a charge sufficient to make the project self-sustaining. This plan would relieve matters until more hotel room could be provided. It is an every night occurrence for people to go sleepless in Ballinger.

The Brownsville Herald pays to the booster the following tribute: "We meet him with a smile, because we see in him a big, warm, cheery nature that loves the world and believes in it himself, and his people. We can't help from liking him because he believes in bringing out the best in people. The term "booster" is not a pretty word, but it means a world of things. It stands for progress and development. It stands for a break-away from the old order of things and a plunge into the newest of the new. Your booster sees the immense possibilities of things and is not slow to proclaim them from the housetops and beyond the city's gates. He is a town builder and a desirable citizen.

It is strange, remarkably strange, that man will allow himself to become so wrought up as to take the life of his fellowman, something he can not give. There are very few cases where a man is justified in taking human life, notwithstanding that the murderer sets up the self-defense plea and escapes punishment of the law. There is a greater punishment than that inflicted by the law and any man that commits murder ruins his life for all time to come. He never afterwards enjoys a peaceful moment. His conscience surely speaks out and keeps his weary soul in a turmoil and state of unrestfulness. It is not the dead that suffer. Think of that home that is often robbed of a kind father, a loving husband, and the means of a comfortable living. It is something awful to think of, inhuman to plan and is certain hell to the man that commits the deed.

An exchange offers the following good advice which should be heeded by every man who by kind providence is permitted to remain upon this earth: "Young man, go to work! There is no time to be idle now. You must carve out your own way if it is ever successfully carved. You must carve out your own way through energy, perseverance and pluck. Labor is honorable, and the ignoble are those who will not work. Get you a home. Fence a field and plow it and plant it, and gather around you the comforts of home. And when you have made a character for energy and thrift, ask some young lady to share your home with you. We would say to every young lady, mark these men who are lounging around attempting to live on their wits, or on the interest of their debts; and when they ask you to share the lot of an aimless life, pass them on, for you cannot afford to marry a man without prosperity or business habits, unless you wish to sell yourself for a mess of pottage. Again we would reiterate young man, go to work. While ten men watch for chances, one man makes a chance. While ten men wait for something to turn up one turns something up; so while ten fail one succeeds and is called a man of luck, the favorite of fortune. Luck and fortune is the result of honest endeavor, work and toil, and if you would succeed, go to work.

\$100 FINE FOR SHOW MAN

Was Operating What the Officers Considered a Gambling Game on Carnival Grounds.

One of the shows on the Carnival grounds, or rather, one of the concession stands, is out of business. The man operating it a Mr. H. A. Burt, was brought before the dispenser of justice at the county court house yesterday and fined \$100 and costs amounting to \$20.70. It was alleged that the man was operating a game which could be classed only as a lottery and although he protested that no other city in the state where he had been with carnival companies had seen fit to clobber him up, he paid the fine and hiked to greener fields.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Wonder what kind of a game that feller was running. There were several games with the Carnival here last week that were certainly kin to gambling.

Miss Annie McCullom spent Thanksgiving in San Angelo.

Treat your team right. Buy them a set of that wagon harness Shaffer is selling.

Walter Tally went to Brownwood yesterday.

Miss Franc Baker went to San Angelo Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hall.

Sell your cotton seed to Rasbury & Bruce and get what they are worth.

Jo Wilmeth returned today from a business trip East.

The small depositor is welcome at this bank.—Citizens' National Bank.

Judge and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd spent Thanksgiving in Santa Anna.

C. W. Northington was looking after real estate business in Miles, Wednesday.

Pants made—6 hours, Suits—2 to 10 days.—A. J. Stocklas. Next door to Walker Drug Co. damage.

Miss Estell Underwood went to Brownwood Wednesday to attend the flower show and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott went to Brownwood to spend Thanksgiving and take in the carnival.

Judge C. O. Harris returned yesterday from a business trip to Austin.

The Missouri Milling Co. is paying the highest market price for wheat, oats and milo maize, kaffir corn, etc.

Thirteen years of experience in making clothes.—A. J. Stocklas. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

James Cockrell and Troy Simpson, two of the Banner Leader boys, visited Brownwood Thursday, and witnessed the foot ball game.

Full line of Chase & Sainsbourn coffees and teas fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted.—Miller Mercantile Company.

Drink Pure Water

The majority of the sickness is attributed to drinking impure water. Drinking the pure kind is the only sure way to avoid being sick. The Arctic Ice and Fuel Company are sending out pure distilled water in five gallon bottles. They sell you a water book and you can order the water just as you need it. Phone the Ice Plant and ask about it.

Undertaking and Embalming.

We are still prepared to look after our undertaking and embalming trade, having a complete supply of undertaking goods on hand. Will appreciate all business given us.

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BETTER GOODS AND LOWER PRICES

are the reasons why the man who shopped all over town gave us his order. On every article bought here found this guarantee:

"THAT ANYTHING BOUGHT THAT DID NOT GIVE EVERY CENT'S WORTH OF WEAR WOULD BE MADE GOOD"

Double blankets, white or grey, everywhere \$1, our price... 75c

Boy's heavy ribbed hose, everywhere 15c, our price..... 10c

Solid color gingham, everywhere 12½c, will not fade, our price..... 7½c

Yard wide brown domestic, everywhere 7c, our price..... 5c

Yard wide bleached domestic, everywhere 10c, our price.... 7c

Yard wide Lonsdale bleached domestic, everywhere 12½c, our price..... 8½c

Heavy drill back cotton flannel, everywhere 10c, our price 8½c

Teazledown outings, everywhere 10c, our price..... 8½c

10-4 brown sheeting, everywhere 25c, our price 20c

Pearl buttons, everywhere 5c, our price per dozen 2½c

Get our prices and get prices from every other store in this country. You will find that we have every article for less money. Every man should save all he can, and a few minutes spent in pricing our goods will convince any man that he can buy his dry goods at RISSER'S and save many a dollar.

It Will Cost You Only a Few Minutes of Your Time to Come and see for Yourself, and it will Cost You a Good Many Dollars if You Fail to Come.

Risser's wear-well shoes are guaranteed ABSOLUTELY SOLID LEATHER. They cost no more than sorrier shoes and WEAR TWICE AS LONG. Get your shoes from us and your shoe bill will be ONE HALF WHAT IT HAS BEEN.

Children's shoes down to (all solid leather)..... 65c

Ladies' shoes down to (all solid leather)..... \$1.50

Men's shoes down to (all solid leather)..... \$1.50

Our Clothing department is filled with all the new models in men's and boys suits. WE WILL SAVE YOU FROM \$3 TO \$5 ON EVERY SUIT

The WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & CO.

Ballinger, Texas

\$2000 KAFFIR CORN CROP

Big Money in Kaffir Corn. Better than Cotton

Clarendon, Texas.—G. S. Patterson, the grain buyer, says he this week bought the best kaffir corn crop of the season, from T. F. Lewellen, about twelve miles west of town. Mr. Lewellen's kaffir was a sod crop and brought him 90 cents a bushel. Mr. Patterson says he paid over the market price because the grain was extra good and free from other seeds. He also bought from Mr. Lewellen 600 bushels of big German millet, Mr. Patterson says the best he ever saw here, and which brought the producer \$1.50 per hundred weight.

The kaffir corn has been sold by Mr. Patterson to Galveston parties, who are loading a ship for England, where it will be manufactured into pancake flour for the English trade.

There will be about 100,000 pounds of the Donley county grain in the shipment.

Mr. Patterson is loud in his praise of Mr. Lewellen's farming methods and considers him one of the best farmers in the Panhandle. That he knows how s evidenced by the fact that his kaffir corn and millet alone have brought him about \$2,000. This shows conclusively that kaffir corn is a paying crop.

Father After Runaway Son.

Mr. Wilson, of Bangs, was here first of the week in search of a runaway boy, who left home a day or two before. Mr. Wilson says the boy came this way, but got on the train without buying a ticket, and had been very sly in keeping his whereabouts from his parents. A brother-in-law, T. J. Starkey, lives here and Mr. Wilson thought perhaps the boy would be found here with his uncle, but if he has been in Ballinger he has kept away from Mr. Starkey. A boy suiting the description was seen in Ballinger Monday morning. Mr. Wilson spent the night with his brother-in-law, Mr. Starkey, and returned home Tuesday. He felt sure the boy would return home, but to satisfy an anxious mother he was in hopes he would be able to carry the boy back with him. Young Wilson was in school and was getting along nicely, but like many other boys he wanted to see some of the world.

Not a Fire Bug.

It was reported in Ballinger Monday that a fire bug had been captured and was in the act of setting the Compress on fire when arrested. Later developments proved that the party was not a fire bug, but a stranger who dropped in here from Weatherford last Saturday, and had been enjoying a large supply of Ballinger booze. He had created disturbance at several different places in town before he was landed in jail. Two complaints were filed against him, one for drunkenness and one for disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty to both. No charge of arson was made against him.

Fair Warning to Hunters

My place near town is posted, and I positively will not allow any hunting, for trespassing on same. I warn all parties, friend or foe, that I will strictly enforce the law and prosecute to the limit any one for hunting, or in any way trespassing. Please stay out and avoid trouble. 3-3mos. Joe B. Johnson.

A hundred small accounts make a bank stronger than a dozen large ones. That is one of our reasons for urging the man of limited means to transact his business with us.—Citizens' National Bank.

NIGHT RIDERS GET JUST REWARD

Bad Men in Coleman County Pay Penalty for Acting Ugly.

Our people were considerably excited last week over a "night rider" demonstration that was made on the Crockett farm, about two miles south of Busk. Mr. Boies, who is managing the farm, not being able to get help here to gather the large cotton crop, went to Austin and brought back about forty descendants of Ham to pick cotton. These colored gentlemen proved to be quite proficient in the art of picking cotton, as they no doubt inherited some of the talent from their forebears, who picked cocoanuts and gazoo berries in the jungles of Africa once upon a time. Everything went smoothly for awhile, or to the time that some cotton pickers, descendants of Cain, thought that they were bad medicine and that they would do a little night riding and move the negroes out and any one else they wanted to, if it worked. They thought it might help the price of cotton picking some, so they printed a sign warning the negroes not to let the sun go down on them there, under penalty of being wiped off the earth. This caused a panic in the camp, and Mr. Boies had some trouble in convincing them that they were safe and would be under his protection.

Soon all kinds of wild rumors were afloat, which if one half had been true, would have necessitated calling out the state troops. Everyone was looking for a "bold night rider" to bob up most any minute.

The officers were notified, and they soon had five of these "Knights of the Cotton Sack" in the Coleman jail. One of their friends came up hot foot to bail them out, but the officers gave him such an urgent invitation to walk into jail, in fact insisted, that he accepted, and he staid with the rest till they settled their bill of \$47.30 each. The next day three more of the "Knights" took from their hoard of money gained by picking cotton, \$47.30 each, and paid it to the officers for their freedom.

This was a sad blow to "night riding," but shows conclusively that Coleman don't want it and won't have it.—Coleman Democrat.

Get Ready for Next Year.

This is the time to prepare for the next season. The fall work will soon be out of the way and then is the time for planting. But in the meantime over a very large area there is much yet that can be done to put away the autumn rainfall and keep it for the next year.

One thing we should like to urge upon all farmers, especially the thousands of new farmers in the semi arid region, that they make it a point to attend all farm institutes and lectures, to gain all possible information from every source and to add to their stock of knowledge by coming in contact with their neighbors and talking over frankly their triumphs, and their disappointments, if they have any of the latter.—Campbells Scientific Farmer.

A Colored Lady Gets \$75.00.

Two young men who claim to live in the northwest portion of the county have reported to the officers that they were held up last night and relieved of \$75 in money, and they claim that the lone highwayman was a negro woman who had a vicious looking gun. The woman it seems slipped their purses and then stood them off with the big gun. The officers have very little clew on which to work in the case, and hope of recovering the pocketbooks and money is very slim.—Brownwood Bulletin.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Miss Amelia Johnson Entertains.

On Tuesday, November the twenty-fourth, the Beau Not Club held its regular meeting with Miss Amelia Johnson.

When all the members had arrived they were given a sheet of green paper with an accompanying pink pencil. Various were the surmises as to what was to be done. The hostess however, soon relieved their curiosity by telling them to write a poem about "The Beau Nots" which was to consist of a minimum of three verses.

Then began a series of questions such as "What rhymes with 'nots, fun, industrious etc'" It seems that some were not naturally poets, as they were seen to refer to "Nursery Rhymes." However, after about an hour's concentration of thought the poem contest was declared closed, and there being some who did not complete their poems they were chosen judges.

The first prize was awarded to Miss Willie Allen, being a handsome belt buckle, and the consolation to Miss Lois Crews, a lemon tied with the club colors. Then followed the usual conversation. In the midst of this the hostess, assisted by Miss Nell Millar, served a delicious salad course, followed by sherbert and cake, the plates being artistically decorated with the club flower, the mistletoe.

Darkness drove the members home all too soon, each voting Miss Johnson the most entertaining hostess of the Beau Not Club.

"THE BEAU NOTS"

On October the sixth for fun and frivolitee, Eleven of the Beau Nots were we Who organized our club. For the sake of getting the news, Of course we have Lois Crews To keep any of us from being a growler We have Mable Fowler. Amelia Johnson is our honorable president, That she will make us do the proper thing is evident.

In order to have fun every day We decided to always bring Mae. That we may always feel at libertee, Was suggested by Lee. It was Helen who talked about society. So that we would not feel our piety.

Dignity and brilliancy are found in every crowd; To these honors, Kate and Armour were allowed, Every where you go you will find a very quiet one; It is Mamie who always sits off and watches the fun.

As Nelle proved very industrious, We leave it to her to make the Beau Nots illustrious.

Such is the Beau Not Club, dear friend, We know you will join us in wishing a happy end. "More fun, more loyalty and more to eat." Should be our motto whenever we meet.

Her Heart Was Broken

because her complexion was bad and she could find nothing to clear it up. Ladies: a bad complexion is caused by an inactive liver. An in active liver will be put in perfect condition by taking Ballard's Herbine. The unequalled liver regulator. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

NEW OFFICERS IN CHARGE

Changes Made at Court House. Ready For Business

Judge B. B. Stone who has served the county for eight years, four in the county attorney's office and four as county judge, turned the keys and archives of the county judge's office over to Judge R. S. Griggs Monday; and Judge Griggs is now in charge of this part of the county's affairs. Judge Edward S. M. McCarver stepped in and assumed charge of the county attorney's office as soon as Judge Griggs vacated, and is ready to prosecute all violators of the law, and look well after the duties of that office.

Tom Stocks, the new treasurer, qualified last week, and feels at home and as comfortable as you pleas in the treasurers office. It will be remembered by the old

timers that Mr. Stocks served as treasurer several years ago and made a good officer.

Judge B. B. Stone will be found in the rear office of the Citizens National Bank where he will attend to his practice until Dr Fowler moves to the new office over the Bennett Abstract Co. and then he will move to the office now occupied by Dr. Fowler which will be especially fitted up for his law practice.

Turkeys, Turkeys, Turkeys.

We will pay you 7cts per lb. for all of your grown fat turkeys delivered to us on Dec. 2nd only. Rasbury & Bruce.

A Broken Back.

That pain in your back caused by lumbago, stiff muscles or a strain is an easy thing to get rid of. Ballard's Snow Liniment cures rheumatism, lumbago, sore and stiff muscles, strains, sprains cuts, burns, bruises, scalds and all aches and pains. You need a bottle in your house. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Apples, Irish Potatoes, Yellow Yams, Onions, Cabbage Just Arrived

Don't Fail to visit us at our place on 7th St. next door to the Ballinger Grain Co. Free Delivery.

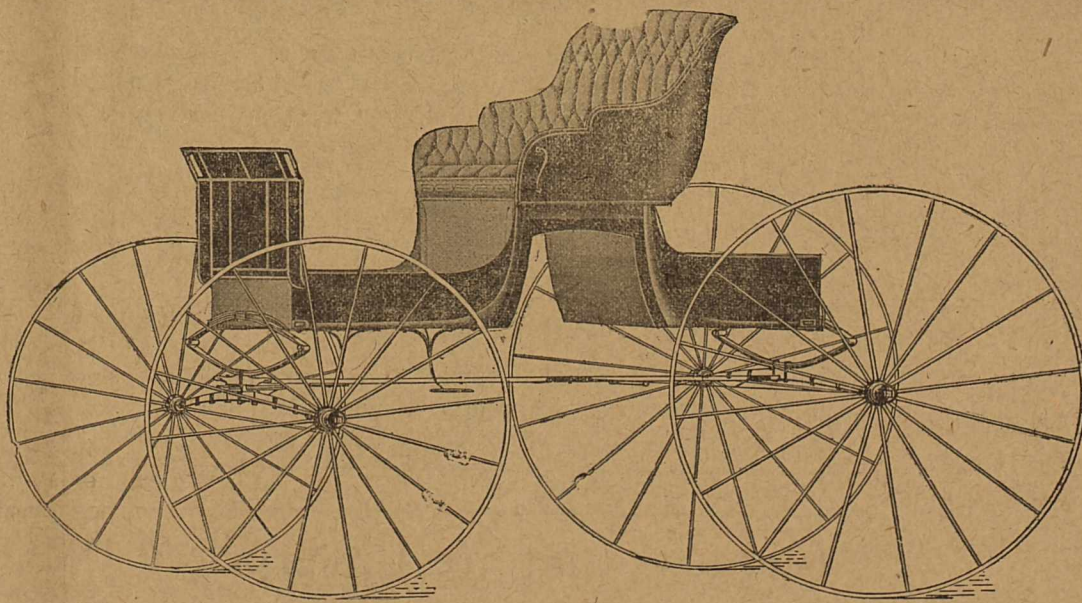
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Means Car Lots direct from Producer to Consumer, cutting out every possible expense, hence the Great Saving to the buyer. We would not ask for all your trade, but if you will patronize us sufficient to keep us in business, we will save you money. We make Pure Apple Cider and Vinegar. Come try a glass of Fresh Sweet Cider.

E. A. JEANES & CO.

We will have a car of Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup about Dec. 1st

JUST RECEIVED



A Carload of COLUMBUS Buggies,
A Carload of STUDBAKER Wagons,
A Carload of PETER SCHUTTLER Wagons.

These three lines of vehicles are in a class of their own. They have no competitors in quality and are sold at as low prices as the ordinary makes of "Experiments."

A car load of the well known and popular "LILY DARLING" line of Cook Stoves, Ranges and Heaters. Now is the time to select a stove and have it properly put up before cold weather sets in. Everything in Hardware. We want your business.

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THE STORE AHEAD

The Month of December---the M

Let us Help You Smile---Che

This Store has helped Thousands to Save Money on their Purchases, and it will

Bargains that will make you Smile to see. Lots of Bargains in every department of our large store. Come here to buy and you will get the Smile that wont wear off.

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THE STORE AHEAD
BALLINGER, TEXAS

Jolliest of all Silk Bargains

The silks will be so cheap that they will compete with cotton for low prices. About 25 different color combinations in 19-inch silk. About 2,500 yards. Pretty, indeed, are these silks. Some are waist patterns and dress length; would be cheap at 75c or 85c the yard; choice, and you'll smile at the price, . . . **49c**

This is sure to be the jolliest buying December you have ever had. Nothing Smiles will be everywhere. Our business has been something phenomenal in Eastern markets, and with cash in hand purchased goods at ridiculously low prices, this wonderful stock we expect to bring forth a smile in every home in Runn combination. Don't miss trying it at HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON Co.---T month's savings and it will go a long way in helping you to start the New

Happy Prices Down This Way---Read on

- 88 inch brown domestic, value 74c, Happy price yd.....5c
- 25 inch outing flannel good quality worth 7c Happy price yd.....5c
- 3 cakes good toilet soap, worth 25c, Happy price box.....19c
- Biggest and best line of fine furs prices are pleasing, \$10.00, 7.50, 6.00, 5.00, 3.00 and.....\$2.50
- Good pillow cases, worth 20c, Happy price only.....15c
- Extra good bath towels, usually sold at 25c, here during December only pr.....19c
- Big line of men's sample gloves at 25 per cent cheaper than you will buy them elsewhere.
- Japanese drawn work, about one half what you pay elsewhere, See out 1.48 table pieces.
- Box good hair pins, the 10c quality at other places, Happy price only.....5c
- Our kid gloves are real values and are sold at Happy prices. The \$1.25 values during December are sold for.....\$1.00
- A big white quilt for 1.25 worth and sold for 1.50 elsewhere and we can prove it. Treat yourself to one of these during December.
- Extra special in fascinators during December. One lot worth 50 and 75, choice.....35c
- Ladies handkerchiefs white hem-stitched, actually worth 20 cents, all linen, Happy December price only.....10c
- Ladies fine combs, for the hair both side and back, you'll need one during this Happy month, big lot at 50, 35 and.....25c
- Kimonos, you need one this Happy month, beautiful patterns in Japanese color and silk effects at \$5.00, 3.00, 2.00, 1.75 and.....\$1.25
- Ladies knit skirts in blue and white and the striped effects. We have been selling them at 50 and 65, during Happy December.....39c



Happy Suit News

You'll Smile When You see How Low These Prices are

Ladies' tailored suits of Broadcloth, Panama and serge material in green, dark red, brown and navy, beautifully trimmed in satin buttons and Braid effect, some full and medium length garments, worth \$20, \$18.50 and \$17.50 and cheap at the price. Happy price here **\$14.50**

Ladies' fine tailored suits, elaborately trimmed in buttons and braid, long Directoire style, in striped all wool material, a few only, worth \$25. Jolly saving here.....**\$19.50**

A big line of new arrivals, worth \$15. Happy price during December only.....**\$12.50**
Others at \$25, \$18.50 and \$15

Read of the Skirt Chances and You'll Smile

These are so attractive and stylish that you will smile when you save money so easily.

Ladies' fine black Panama Skirts, all wool, a guarantee ticket on the inside, neatly trimmed, very full, not the skimpy kind, worth \$6. Happy December price.....**\$4.48**

Ladies' black, brown and navy Panama skirts, some in the modified sheath style, beautifully trimmed in satin folds and buttons, very full, seven, nine and thirteen gore. Happy December price.....**\$5.98**

Trunks, Hand-Bags and Valises

Going away? Yes? Then let us help you smile on your trip. Our prices are happy during December.

Trunks from \$25 down to.....**\$1.48**
Hand-bags \$15 down to.....**98c**

Here is the Most Fun---Ladies' and Children's Coats Ridiculously Low

You'll smile early and often here. Every lot is a wonder. But come early; with first choice goes the biggest smile

Ladies long coats grey mixed material, neatly trimmed in velvet and buttons, side vents, actually worth \$5.00, your size is here. Happy December price only.....**\$3.95**

Ladies' black and tan Kersey coats very long and full trimmed in buttons and silk soutache braid, worth \$6.50. Happy December price only.....**\$4.95**

Ladies' extra fine long coats in fine Broadcloth material, elaborately trimmed in braid and buttons, full length, sleeves lined with satin. Happy December price.....**\$8.48**

A bigger and better line of ladies' coats were never shown in Ballinger before, all greatly underpriced. They range in price \$19.50, \$17.50, 15.00, \$12.50, \$10.00 down to.....**\$3.00**

Children's long gray cloaks, full box back, neatly trimmed around collar and sleeves, sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 years, extra good values at \$3.50. Happy month price only.....**\$2.95**

Children's long brown coats, mixed material, velvet trimmed around collar, double breasted style, worth \$3, ages 8, 10, 12, 14 years. Happy month price only.....**\$2.48**

Ladies extra long brown, black and tan Kersey coats, elaborately trimmed in buttons and fancy silk braid. Just for fun we sell them at.....**\$4.45**

Misses' and children's bear skin coats, blue, tan, white, the pretty curly kind, ages 4 to 6 years, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00. Happy month price only.....**\$2.95**
A big line infants' white long coats at \$3 down to 98c

Blankets that are Underpriced During this Happy December Month

A 10-4 cotton blanket in Gray and white with pink, blue and red borders, easily worth 85c pr. Happy price.....**65c**

11-4 white and gray blankets, extra good weight, the twill kind, a blanket usually sold at \$1.25 and \$1.50 pair, during this Happy month here only pair.....**\$1.00**

12-4 white, gray and red blankets, heavy twill, made of the best grade of cotton, looks like a wool blanket, worth \$3.00 a pair. During the Happy month only.....**\$2.48**

See our California wool blankets at \$10, \$8.50, \$6.50, \$5.00 and \$4.00 They'll make you smile and feel good.

Help us help you make this a smiling and Happy December. Come to the store where low prices run amuck, bargains laugh from every corner of the house and crowds of satisfied, smiling customers speak volumes for the efforts of the management. Join the happy crowds that are daily visiting our store. A pleasure awaits you. Ballinger's big store, you know the place. Be sure to come and meet with us---and smile.

Smiles in Leather Goods and Belts

Here's where the smiles come early and often. Big line of new arrivals in Directoire sash and elastic Belts, also in gold effects with large buckles. They are, during this Happy month of December, only 65c and.....**49c**

Ladies' Collars that will Make you Smile

Pretty, indeed, are the color combinations. They come in silk and satin, all with pretty double rushing to match. They are the swellest we have ever seen. They are 65c, 35c and down to.....**25c**
Others at \$2.00, 1.50, 1.00, down to.....**15c**

When we advertise something at a price that is lower than it should be, we can show you a better line of merchandise than others do, just be days; we will make them again, and you will believe us, for never policy, and it is an honest one, and honesty has paid, for in one or fifteen years. We have much to be thankful for and be happy.

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The House of Kuppenheimer
Chicago

Big line of broken sizes in men's and young men suits, worth up to 12.50 choice lot during the Happy December.....**\$4.98**

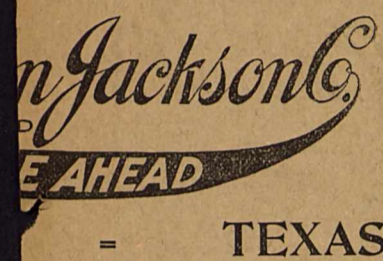
We will save you 20 per cent on any overcoat in the house, during the Happy month.

Month of Smiles and Happiness



Get up at "The Store Ahead"

Help you Save on every purchase. It will bring forth a broad Smile, won't it?



The happy month, of December's Great Saving in every line. To investigate is to buy and be happy. This will cure the worst possible case of the "blues". Try it and see for yourself. Start the New Year aright with a happy smile on your face because of the savings you have made by buying at this store during December.

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will make you happier than to be able to buy necessities at big savings. In the past two months, in fact our buyer has made the second visit to the store at low prices. With these goods our stock was never more complete, and with our goods, Coke and Concho Counties. Smiles and money-savings is the best reason for The Store Ahead---during the month of December. Profit by this happy month is right.

Two Dress Goods Smiles

And they will be as large as the price cut. You'll see they are immense. Just to make you happy, we have taken from our large stock of plain and fancy dress goods, about ten full pieces of all wool fancy mixtures in plaid and check material. These pieces are actually worth \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard; choice . . . **49c**

Men, Have a Smile With us

Wear a Kuppenheimer Suit.

Never in the history of our business experience have we collected together such an assortment of clothing for men. Young men and boys, never have we been able to offer our trade such superior suits and overcoats as we are now showing. For men we offer to you with pride the famous Kuppenheimer line. This line of clothing for the man who cares, stands in a class to itself. In a Kuppenheimer suit you buy value, a suit made of pure wool, hand made shoulders, and non-breakable fronts. We have your size here whether you be slender regular or stout figure, its here. You won't be disappointed if you give us a look.

Big line of fancy and sober coloring. Prices range, Kuppenheimer \$25.00, 22.50, 20.00 and . . . **\$18.00**

Wear a Kuppenheimer suit and you will smile.

Next comes the Sonneborn clothing. If you wish a suit at moderate price, say 17.50, 15.00,

10.00 or 8.00, we unhesitatingly recommend to you the Sonneborn clothing, in other words our guarantee goes out with every suit. It must be made up or you get one in its place. All sizes, all shades. Give us a trial that suit you contemplate buying. Prices 17.50 down to . . . **\$8.50**

Some Happy Millinery Bargains

There isn't any Better Fun Than Buying a New Hat--Especially if You Buy it Cheap

Just to make you smile, beginning bright and early December 1st we will close out all ladies pattern hats from \$20 down to \$7.50, at just half price. They have served their purpose, so here goes. There are only about 25 in the lot, so come early.

All our \$10 hats now	5.00	All our \$20 hats now	10.00
All our \$8.50 hats now	4.25	All our \$15 hats now	7.50
All our \$7.50 hats now	3.75	All our \$12.50 hats now	6.25

New arrivals at \$3, \$2.50, \$2 and \$1.50



Jolly Savings in Reliable Shoes.



Don't you like to buy a good Shoe? and surely when you do you are happy. Then buy the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Shoes and a smile will be forthcoming. They look well, wear well, and the prices are right too. A jolly crowd will be seen in our Shoe department on your next visit. Join them. Shoes for you, Shoes for everyone—a Shoe for every foot and a price for every purse. You well know our reputation for selling good Shoes. We pride ourselves on selling the men folks the Howard & Foster Shoes, because we, as others, consider it the best \$5.00 \$4.00 and \$3.50 Shoe in the United States today. We have some twenty-five different styles in patent, vici and gunmetal leathers.

The Shoe we illustrate is made of vici kid with welted soles, swing last; a good Shoe for general wear—it's worth \$5.00, but during this Happy December it is priced to you, all sizes, at . . . **\$3.50**
Others at \$5.00, 4.00, 3.50, 3.00, 2.00, and . . . **\$1.50**

For Women Have a friendly feeling toward these Shoes, for they are your friends. Moore-Shafer Shoes for women, in all styles and leathers—black, patent, vici kid and tan leathers.

The famous Ultra sells for \$3.98 and	\$3.48
The Brookport sells for	\$2.98
The Moore-Shafer Shoe sells for	\$2.48
Craddock Terry Shoes, the Bell long wear Shoes, for Women, Misses and children prices \$2.00, 1.50 down to	98c

Underwear and Hosiery Will Make You Smile

When we mention Cadet, with the linen heel and toe we know you will smile. They are the worlds best and you know it.

Two smile producers from the hosiery department—Misses cadet hose the fast black kind the real linen heel and toe or another pair. They are worth 35c but here at only per pair . . . **25c**



Ladies cadet hose, the linen heel and toe kind must wear, or you get another pair, black only, Happy month price per pair . . . **25c**

Big line of childrens hose, the ribbed kind and extra weight at the price, worth 12½ and 15 per pair, Happy month price only per pair . . . **10c**

Young man if you want to smile and be happy, just buy a cadet hose you won't be troubled with holes in the toe if you do, all during the happy month all colors, price per pair . . . **25c**

Men's Furnishings at Smiling Prices.

Good fleeced ribbed undershirts and drawers to match. Happy December price only . . . **50c**

Beautiful line silk neckties in four-in-hands and bat-wings. Happy December values 75c, 50c and . . . **25c**

Warm wool undershirts, all sizes, in gray and white, the \$1.25 grade. Happy December prices . . . **98c**

A Smile for You is in This List---Read on

10-4 bleached sheeting, no starch Happy price yd. **25c**

Felt slippers and the Romeo kind in pink, brown, gray, light blue and black, during Happy December, they are per pair 1.50 and . . . **\$1.25**

American Lady Corset, the kind we sell. They are best in the world at the price. They fit and wear, a size and your style is here, prices 2.00, 1.50 and . . . **\$1.00**

Lot ladies hand bags, in black only, worth up to 1.00 each, during Happy December, choice in two lots 49c and . . . **39c**

The best furs are found here all at Happy December prices you simply must see them, all lengths, many fine sets. Price 10.00 down to scarf . . . **\$2.50**

1 lot wool overshirts for men all sizes in grey, brown and blue worth 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00 as long as they last during this happy month, choice . . . **\$1.25**

Lap robes, the kind you will want during the Happy month. They are fine and about 1.50 to 2.00 cheaper than you can buy then elsewhere, prices are 7.50, 5.00, 3.50, 2.50 and . . . **\$2.00**

A snappy vest for Happy December. They come in white, and white and black and flannel, some green striped, brown and gray. Happy prices that are pleasing at 4.50, 3.00 and . . . **\$1.50**

Try a Cady suspender next time. They will make you happy because they are comfortable and the price is right too only . . . **50c**

New arrivals in pretty bordered handkerchiefs, silk finish, they look and wear like the 50c grade here during Happy December only . . . **25c**

Come to Ballinger and while here make your home with Higdon Melton Jackson Co. Every convenience, in the way of rest room and toilet in connection. We try to make all comfortable and happy while here,

Try a McCall pattern, we handle them. The world best paper pattern, sold only by us at 15 and . . . **10c**

You can depend upon it we have the goods. When we say we have made statements like this in bygone times we have willingly deceived you. This is our business store has grown as much as some in Ballinger have in the happy traders flocking to this great trading center

Higdon Melton Jackson Company
Ahead
TEXAS

Little Linen Prices Make Big Smiles

Here's where you save money on most staple necessities. It will make everyone smile. 70 inch fine bleached Irish linen, table damask, all beautiful patterns, worth a plump dollar the yard. During Happy December the yard only . . . **65c**

EXTRA SPECIAL

Twenty-five table sets—six napkins and cloth to match—ready for use now, come packed in box, worth \$4.00 and cheap at that. Happy December price set . . . **\$3.48**

We want this December month to go on record as the biggest and grandest we will ever have in the history of our business. And in this undertaking we want the co-operation of the trading public. We promise you happy returns for every cent you spend with us during the month of December. If you are an economical buyer—one who appreciates the value of the hard earned dollar—all the more reason why you should spend your money in this house

A PERSONAL TALK

For the past two months we have been telling you, through this space, of the exceptional offerings we have in store for you; the up-to-date line of dress goods we have always carried; the stock of ladies' suits, skirts, etc., that is kept abreast of the times in workmanship, quality and style; the latest styles and colors in men's and boys' clothing and furnishings; shoes of quality, and in fact everything that can be found in a first class dry goods establishment. We still have a large assortment in every department of our store. You can't imagine the enormity of our establishment until you have once been through it.

We invite you to visit us and inspect our line and Guarantee Satisfaction for every dollar spent with us.

Yours for business,

THE HUB

AMUSEMENTS

The Scotch Singers.

The first attraction of this season's Lyceum Course, which is this year under the auspices of the Ballinger Library Association, was presented at the opera house Tuesday night by the "Scotch Singers." The audience was not by any means as large as this quartette of ladies deserved; but before the first number had been rendered those present became very much delighted with the singers and as the program advanced each listener became thrilled with praise for the excellent entertainers. Almost every number on the program had to be followed by an encore before the audience would be quiet, and two of the numbers—one a quartette by the Scotch Singers and the other a reading by Miss Hyde—were applauded so heavily that a second encore was necessary.

The quartette numbers seemed to please the listeners most, and we must say these were well selected songs and were well rendered. The balance of parts, the harmony of all the voices, the expressive style, and the distinct articulation of every word, displayed much training and artist's ability.

The soprano solo by Miss Pierce deserves special mention from a standpoint of rendition and tone production. This singer has a clear, sweet soprano voice, and the ease and perfect control with which she sings from the lowest to the highest note is to be envied by any singer. In the violin solo Miss Gove displayed good talent, and proved herself to be the master of that loved instrument. Miss Crawford especially pleased the audience with the renditions of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" and "Annie Laurie."

Miss Hyde's impersonation of "The Eclipse Concert Co." was enthusiastically received, and she was compelled to respond to two encores before the audience would be satisfied.

The entire program was so well selected and so well rendered that the audience dismissed with a feeling that they had received much more than they had expected, thus being very pleasantly surprised. Those that did not attend missed a treat that they should deeply regret.

The next attraction in the Lyceum Course will be Sunshine Hawks in his lecture on "Sunshine and Sorrow." This will be next Tuesday, December 1st. Mr. Hawks has a reputation of being one of our greatest humorists, and those who enjoy laughter should not miss this attraction.

"A Savage King" Saturday Night.

The management of the Ballinger Opera House has secured Clarence Bennett's beautiful Mexican play, "A Savage King" for Saturday evening, November 23th, by the LeComte & Flesher Company. The author has evolved a story, startling in its intensity, calling into play the strongest emotions human nature possesses. The loyal undying devotion of Aguila to his young mistress, the passionate hate of the Countess Inez de Ora, the sweet, confiding love of the gentle Isadora—relieved by the bright, breezy comedy of the American newspaper correspondent and the equally sprightly Annetta with the specialties they introduce—all contribute their share in making "A Savage King" one of the most enjoyable of this season's offerings.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that an actual incident furnished the author with the initial idea out of which this great play was evolved. The little item of news appeared

in the daily papers at that time. It is as follows:

"A wealthy Mexican gentleman who was known to possess a vast hidden estate, suddenly disappeared and was finally given up by his family. Several years later a gang of celebrated bandits was surprised and captured in their stronghold and a poor insane man rescued. He was taken to a hospital in the City of Mexico, where an operation of trepanning the skull was performed on him, his reason returning. He proved to be the long lost gentleman who had been captured by the bandits, who, in trying to force him to tell the hiding place of his fortune, had struck him a severe blow on the head which dented the skull and rendered him insane. He had been a captive for years, the bandits hoping that he might remember, in his half lucid moments, the much coveted secret hiding place, and reveal it."

Knowing this actual incident, it will be all the more interesting to the public to follow the play itself, and to observe how much of this charmingly dramatic story is due also to the splendid imaginative and creative powers of the author. Opera House Saturday night.

Consumption Statistics

prove that a neglected cold or cough puts the lungs in so bad a condition that consumption germs find a fertile field for fastening on one. Stop the cough just as soon as it appears with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Soothes the torn and inflamed tissues and makes you well again. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Trials of Winter

Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to pneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Be wise: use Simmon's Cough Syrup. It cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

\$10,000 FIRE LOSS AT TRUITT, TEXAS

J. T. Billups and J. J. Burk Suffer Loss of Their Stores.

A telephone message was received here Tuesday morning stating that the stores of J. T. Billups and J. J. Burk were destroyed by fire Monday night about twelve o'clock. The fire started in the north end of the Burk store and soon spread to the Billups building adjoining and both houses were destroyed before any of the contents could be saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Billups had advertised to retire from business and had been selling out his goods at cost, and had reduced his stock from \$5,000 to about \$3,000. He carried insurance on the house and goods to the extent of \$3,300 in the Phoenix of London, the Home and Traders. His stock was reduced to less or about equal the insurance, but on account of being busy he had neglected to have some of the insurance cancelled.

Mr. Burk had a large stock of general merchandise, and his loss is estimated at about \$7,000, with \$3,500 insurance—\$1,500 in the Phoenix of Hartford, \$1,000 in the Liverpool, London & Globe, and \$1,000 in the Dutchess.

The Lee Maddox agency had the Billups insurance and \$1,000 on the Burk store, and Ernest Plummer had \$2,500 on the Burk store.

Another Bogus Salesman.

The authorities are hot on the trail of a young man who, it is alleged, collected subscriptions here for the Success Magazine, several weeks ago without authority. It seems that the young man posed as an insurance agent and worked the magazine racket on the side. It is said that he secured some twenty or thirty dollars from Brownwood citizens who were subscribers to the Success Magazine.

Be it said to the credit of the Success Magazine people that as soon as they were informed of the bogus work, they began in earnest to trace down the offender, and it is most likely that an arrest will be made in Dallas today, of the young man who did the work.—Brownwood Bulletin.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Board of Examiners

We are requested by Supt. Hagan, to publish the date of the meeting of the board of examiners. The board will meet Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5. All those wanting certificates to teach will please take notice and be on hand.

A Successful Hereford Sale.

The auction sale of registered Hereford cattle which began this morning at ten o'clock at the O. K. wagon yard in this city and was concluded this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, was highly successful and forty-four of the fine cattle were sold for prices ranging from \$50.00 to \$175.00.

The buyers came principally from the ranches of Coleman, McCulloch and San Saba counties, with one or two from Menard county. The cattlemen selling the animals are well pleased both at the number sold and at the prices obtained. There will most likely be a number of fine cattle sold tonight and tomorrow at private sale.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Colds and Croup in Children

"My little girl is subject to colds," says Mrs. Wm. H. Serig, No. 41 Fifth St. Wheeling, W. Va. "Last winter she had a severe spell and a terrible cough but I cured her with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without the aid of a doctor, and my little boy has been prevented many times from having the croup by the use of this syrup. This remedy is for sale by Walker Drug Co.

Sick Headache

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Get a free sample at Walker Drug Co. and try it.

The New Model No. 24 Marlin Repeating Shotgun

This new 6-shot model is the simplest, surest, and fastest 12-gauge repeater made. It has the solid top, side ejection and double extractors—special Marlin features of comfort and convenience. The closed-in breech keeps the action clean and the shells dry—keeps out rain, snow, dirt, leaves twigs and sand.

The new take-down construction allows you to take gun apart in ten seconds for cleaning or packing, yet the joint is always as firm and rigid as in a solid frame, non-take-down gun. The fat forearm fits your hand and helps quick operation.

The full choked guns are guaranteed close-shooting, hard-hitting guns, and are unequalled for ducks, geese, foxes and all long-range work.

A circular giving large illustration, with full description of this handsome new gun, sent free on request or with complete 136-page catalog for 3 stamps.

The Marlin Firearms Co.,
42 Willow Street, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

B. F. WILEY

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Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

Repaired on Short Notice. Prices Right

W. S. Morehead

The Tailor and Hatter

Suits made to fit you, \$12.00 up
Pants made to fit you, \$3.00 up
Hats Cleaned and Reblocked
We do all kinds of Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing.

Occupy building with Kinzer near depot

IT'S DANGEROUS TO COUGH

Don't let the first cough of the fall season get a hold on you. A cough that gets a start at this season is apt to stay with you all winter. The condition that causes coughing is dangerous. It's an inflammation of the delicate tissues of throat and lungs. This inflammation should not be allowed to exist; it need not exist if the right remedy is taken. We can recommend

Syrup of White Pine With Tar.

We not only recommend it, but guarantee it to cure and cure promptly. It is free from "dope" and does not deceive one by temporarily stopping the cough while the cause remains. It is safe for children.

The Walker Drug Co.

"In Business for Your Health"

The Gateway to Success

is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.

Some carry keys, others who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. LISTEN!!!

No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank

No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity—A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.

We offer you our Bank and its facilities to help you.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Want Column

RATES: One cent a word for first insertion. One-half cent a word for each additional insertion.

Gray hairs won't come ten years ahead of regular schedule time if you solve your little worries in the Want Ad way—an advertising column for the little wants.

The day you neglected to read the Want Ads you "dropped a stitch"—probably the stitch that would have "saved nine".

FOR SALE. Two choice residence lots on 10th Street. R. G. Erwin.

HORSE FOR SALE. My saddle horse is now for sale. For particulars see me. Dovie Pipkin. 913

POSTED. My pasture at mouth of Valley Creek is posted. Hunters will kindly keep out. B. B. Stone. 814

SAVE YOUR CARPETS. By placing old papers under them. 5000 old papers for sale at Leader office. You fix the price.

WELL DRILL FOR SALE. Good second hand Ft. Worth well drilling machine for sale. 180 feet new rope. Phone 251. W. R. White. 814

HORSE LOST. Dark brown heavy set pony, shod in front. Collar marks, in fairly good condition, about seven years old. Pay liberal reward for horse or information leading to recovery. Currie Grocery Co.

FOR SALE. A 10 room residence well located in a convenient part of Ballinger, 2 lots, one corner, one inside, each 60x150 feet. House new, and modern in appearance. Price \$1800, \$600 cash, balance in three equal notes \$400 each due in 1, 2 and 3 years at 10 per cent. A bargain if taken at once. C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas.

ANTS AS WEATHER PROPHETS.

Their Method of Giving Warning of an Approaching Storm.

Ants as weather prophets afford new testimony to the cleverness of these small insects.

When you go out on a spring morning and find the ants busily engaged in clearing out their nests and dragging the sand and bits of earth to the surface you may be sure that no matter how cloudy it is there will be no rain that day and the probabilities are for several days of good weather.

If, however, you see the ants about the middle of a spring or summer afternoon hurrying back to the nest and a sentinel trotting out in every direction looking up stragglers and urging them to go home as soon as they can get there, you may figure on a rain that afternoon or night.

When the last of the wanderers is found the picket hurries in and the nest is securely sealed from the inside to keep out the water. It is seldom that ants are taken by surprise by the approach of a shower.

London's Beggars.

It is calculated that 4,000 persons make a living in London by begging, and that their average income amounts to about 30 shillings a week, or more than \$300,000 a year. Last year 1,925 persons were arrested for begging in the streets, of whom more than 1,500 were sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from one week to three months. Many of these objects of charity were found in possession of sums of money, and even of bankbooks showing very handsome deposits.

Church Announcements

The Leader will be glad to have an announcement of the Services from each Church each week if copy is furnished by Thursday afternoon.

First Presbyterian.

On account of the condition of the street in front of the First Presbyterian church, the hour for evening service has been changed from 7:30 to 5:00. This change will hold good until the workmen are through with the street. Services Sunday at 11:00 in the morning and 5:00 in the afternoon.

Methodist Church.

Rev. J. A. Biggs, the new pastor, will preach Sunday morning and night. Every member of the church should make it a point to be present and give the new pastor a hearty welcome.

Eighth Street Presbyterian.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. The regular preaching services at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 in the evening, conducted by the pastor. Everybody welcome.

DECLARED WORSE THAN CANCER.

Of the Two, Pangs of Toothache Are Less Easy to Bear.

"You of the younger generation," said the dentist, severely, "don't appreciate the importance of the conquest of toothache that dentistry has made. 'Toothache is the worst torture that ever afflicted mankind. Its pains—'lancinating' they are technically called—are worse than the pains of cancer. Worse than cancer; that is the truth; I have heard it from physicians, I have heard it from three old people whom cancer finally killed. They all said that the pain of cancer at its worst was mild beside the pain of the worst toothache."

"Toothache drove DeQuincey to opium-eating. DeQuincey, too, says in his 'Opium Eater'—like all dentists, I have the passage by heart:

"No stronger expression of toothache's intensity and scorching fierceness can be imagined than this fact—that, within my private knowledge, two persons, who had suffered alike under toothache and cancer, have pronounced the former to be, on the scale of torture, by many degrees the worse. In both, there are at times lancinating pangs—keen, glancing, arrow radiations of anguish; and upon these the basis of comparison is rested—paroxysm against paroxysm—with the result that I have stated."

His Deep Concern.

The kind old lady noticed a small lad entering a cobbler's with a small package.

"What have you there, sonny?" she asked, kindly.

"Ma's slipper," replied the lad; "you see, there is a tack out of place in it and I want to have it fixed before ma notices it."

"Ah, what a considerate little boy! I suppose you are afraid the tack might hurt your mother's foot?"

"Well, it isn't exactly that. You see the tack is sticking out on the sole and this is the slipper ma spansks me with."

JOHN PRINGLE'S CHANCE

By Alicia Ramsey.

John Pringle was a man with a sad face and curious eyes. His wife said that he was a genius; his friends said that he was a fool; he himself said he was an ass. As a matter of fact, he was all three, but if there was anything to judge between the definitions, it was John Pringle who was right.

When he was a boy, John Pringle wanted to go into the church. His ambition was to be eaten as a missionary by the gentle savage beyond the southern seas. His mother, who had dreamed dreams of seeing her son in a round collar and a soft felt hat, openly encouraged the boy to put his pennies into the missionary box, and wept in secret at the thought of her Johnnie being roasted on a spit.

Three years later, however, having visited the wicked pantomime by stealth for the first time, John Pringle informed his horrified parent on his return that he didn't want to be a missionary any longer, but intended to be a clown. John Pringle's mother made the boy write out the Ninety-third psalm, and fell on her knees and thanked Heaven privately when her Johnnie had been dismissed to an early and impetuous bed.

At the age of 16, John Pringle sold himself body and soul to a touring theatrical company for three dollars a week.

For five years John Pringle remained in the same company; then he fell in love. She had an artificial color, an unnatural waist, and a knowing eye. She agreed to marry John Pringle when his salary should reach the fabulous salary of ten dollars a week. Meantime, she carried John Pringle's ring in her purse instead of on her finger. She said that if the stage-manager knew of her engagement it might spoil her chance.

While he looked his betrothed ran away with the stage-manager. She also ran away with John Pringle's engagement ring—not inside her purse.

As the reward of virtue John Pringle spent five weeks in a hospital. The doctors said it was nervous exhaustion; John Pringle knew it was a wounded heart. When he got up John Pringle's eyes were still more curious and John Pringle's face was still more sad.

Fifteen years passed, and John Pringle was still waiting for his chance. It was a pleasantry among his fellows to send him humorous postcards from managers of theaters asking him to give them an interview with a view to his playing the leading part. John Pringle invariably answered the postcards, and invariably smiled pleasantly when the indignant managers inclosed his postcard in their reply letters. It was while he was answering a bogus advertisement, indeed, that John Pringle met his fate.

John Pringle's fate was young and slender, with a fluctuating color, an overstrained heart, and a sensitive mouth. Within a month John Pringle had married her. Their joint incomes at that time represented the interesting sum of \$12 a week. During their "waits" at rehearsal they would sit and hold hands in corners, and whisper together of what they should do when John Pringle got his chance. He was to play Hamlet, and she was to wear white satin and diamonds, and sit in a box and applaud.

Meantime Mr. and Mrs. John Pringle starved.

At the end of a year John Pringle became a father. Basing his claim to consideration on the merits of that interesting fact, John Pringle laid his long apprenticeship before the manager and asked him for a rise. The manager clapped John Pringle on the back, gave him a whisky, and told him not to talk such rot. John Pringle refused the whisky and went home to Mrs. John Pringle and lied. He said that, by virtue of becoming a father, he had been raised. Mrs. John Pringle had beef steak to celebrate the occasion, and chatted gaily in the twilight of the future that awaited the baby now that his father had begun to get his chance. Four days later, John Pringle, who had starved himself to a shadow, fainted at rehearsal and was sent home in a cab.

The shock upset John Pringle. It also upset John Pringle's wife. A week or two later, John Pringle went about Birmingham in a brown coat supplemented by a band of crape. A week later, the little John Pringle, not finding a patent food as administered intermittently by an intermittent landlady sufficiently interesting, most conveniently died. The ladies and gentlemen of the company and the manager sent a wreath of orchids which, converted into food, would probably have saved John Pringle's wife. They said: "It was quite a romance."

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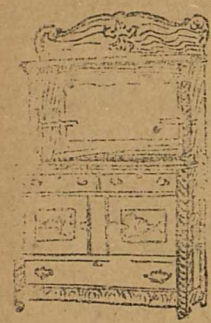
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Thankful for What?

Omitting the innumerable minor things which pertain to individual life and experience, the question heading this article may be answered in part, as follows: We should be thankful because the public conscience is being quickened and aroused concerning great moral questions as never before in the history of the world. Things which were not thought about, or were not cared for particularly, now meet with the vigorous protest of the public. This sentiment is not sufficiently strong as yet, but it is growing. A general survey of the present conditions, a noting of the strides that have been made towards better things and the indications of greater moral victories which the future holds out to us, should inspire us with the profoundest gratitude. There is much that is bad, which, if looked at alone, will cause the spirit of pessimism to hold the predominance; but there is more that is good, which, if viewed in its true aspect and character will cause the spirit of optimism to hold the ascendancy, and at the same time to be the inspiration of the people to more earnestly strive for higher and better things in all departments of this life's multiform interests and varied activities.

All forms of gambling are coming into general disrepute. That is being accomplished in the suppression of this vice which a generation ago would have been declared impossible. Texas has done herself proud in handling this evil, while New York has given the world an object-lesson on handling the difficult question of race-track gambling.

The unearthing of wrong in municipal and civic affairs, and the processes of "cleaning up" is a welcomed and familiar story. The people are coming to understand that they have been grievously sinned against by very many of those who were entrusted with power; and it is the people who are demanding reform.

And what shall we say concerning the great temperance reform movement? The work done and victories won within the last few years, are so great that we are tempted to stop and content ourselves by saying: "It is great!" Yet it is too great not to say something more. Think of this: "The saloon is going at the rate of thirty a day!" During the year eight thousand members left the Bartenders' Union, mainly because the bars over which they dispensed beer and whiskey were closed. Within ten months five states banished the saloon from their territory. Ten years ago 6,000,000 people lived in "no license" territory. Now there are 38,000,000 people in "no saloon" districts. The saloon has been banished by law in two-thirds of all the territory of the United States. One exceedingly interesting thing about the temperance movement in these modern times is that the states which are most enthusiastically in favor of abolishing the saloon are those which for many years sustained a reputation for the manufacture and consumption of whiskey and other intoxicants—Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, the Carolinas and Virginia. Now these are the most temperate states in the union. And Texas! Not yet has she come into the full realization of her own right and highest interest; but the day is not far distant when she is going to assert herself and drive the foe of all her people from her borders. We should be thankful for what is looming up on the horizon, big with promise, viz: "Texas going dry!" "The dayspring" is already glowing in the eastern sky and the darkness from the map of Texas shall flee away.

Of all the great moral forces that are operating so mightily now in our midst, together with our wonderful material prosperi-

ty, our educational, benevolent position as a nation among the family of nations—these and many other things which can not be mentioned here, should call forth our profoundest gratitude. —Rev. Callin W. Yates, in San Angelo Press.

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Century of Shriek.

Politically, socially and morally we are to-day suffering from the fact that the huge army of degenerates in our midst have a voice in the making of public opinion. The high-pitched voices of the "excitable erratic" have marked the twentieth century as "The Century of Shriek."—Black and White.

Cat Photographers.

A young woman looking for rugs told a Broadway salesman that she wanted a shade to match her cat. Speaking of cats, there are photographers in the city who make a specialty of posing cats for pictures. A studio in Harlem has specified hours for posing.—New York Press.

The Next Door Neighbor.

An eastern man has started a humming bird farm, and perhaps we may hear later that the next door neighbor has put up a spite fence and appealed to the police to relieve him from the maddening effects of the constant humming.

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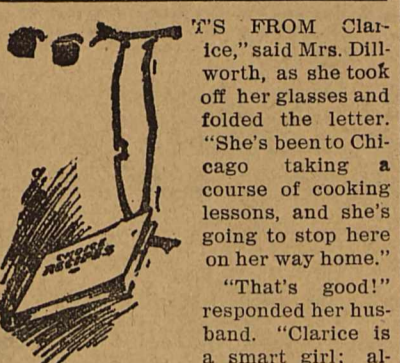
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CLARICE'S COOKING



"I WAS FROM Clarice," said Mrs. Dillworth, as she took off her glasses and folded the letter. "She's been to Chicago taking a course of cooking lessons, and she's going to stop here on her way home." "That's good!" responded her husband. "Clarice is a smart girl; always up to something and doing it with all her might. Let's see, was it the last time she was here that she rebounded the Daily News Almanac in green leather with—what was it? Oh, yes—tooling on the edges?" His wife smiled and nodded. Having no daughters of their own, they were very fond of their lively niece, and Mrs. Dillworth had always patiently cleaned up after her. "The time before that," continued Dillworth, "she had her new camera. Remember how funny you looked in that picture she took of you getting out of the buggy?" "Yes," said Mrs. Dillworth, flushing and giving the belt which encircled her ample waist a downward push, "and she's going to give us a sample of what she's learned to cook." "Glad to have her!" said Dillworth, heartily. "I shouldn't be a bit surprised, Amanda, if she could teach you a thing or two." "I didn't remember, though, that Clarice was particularly fond of housework," said Mrs. Dillworth, as her husband slammed the screen door.

An explanation of Clarice's sudden interest in domestic science was afforded when she arrived by a very fine-looking diamond ring which sparkled on her finger.

"I've brought my book of recipes, Aunt Amanda," she announced, "and I'm going to stay two weeks and do all the cooking while I'm here." "You're welcome, I'm sure, my dear," responded her aunt. "I just get sick and tired thinking what to have for the next meal. It's the same thing over and over!"

"Well!" exclaimed Uncle Nathan, as he pushed back his chair after supper, "that certainly was a treat! The trouble with your aunt is," he explained, "that she lets herself get into a rut." "As there are 31 ways to serve potatoes, that seems quite unnecessary," said Clarice, with just a touch of patronage in her tone. "Then when one knows how to make 19 different salads, it's easy to have a variety." "Variety is the spice of life," quoted her uncle, oracularly.

"There are so many dainty desserts nowadays, too," continued Clarice, "that pie really has become obsolete. How did you like the pineapple mousse?" "Fine!" declared Dillworth. "I'll venture to say, Amanda, that you've never even tried to make a pineapple mousse."

"No," said Mrs. Dillworth, too much overcome to mention the fact that her cup custards were the envy of half the women in town.

During the ensuing days Mrs. Dillworth, whose culinary successes were mainly attributable to good guessing, often secretly hoped for failures; but Clarice measured and timed herself with what seemed to her aunt slavish precision, and each succeeding meal eclipsed the previous one.

Poor Mrs. Dillworth was divided between envy of her niece's achievements and dread of the day when the burden again should fall upon her own shoulders. Would Nathan, after this orgy of scientific cooking, ever again be satisfied with her humble efforts? Her own appetite failed at the sight of his enjoyment and she found it difficult to conceal the bitterness of her mortification.

"Getting tired of my cooking, Uncle Nate?" inquired Clarice, as she found him one morning reading her cookbook. "Not by a long sight," he responded, gallantly. "I'm just looking to see how many more good things are to come."

The end of Clarice's visit found her still preparing new dishes with enthusiasm. "Awfully sorry I didn't have time to make those three other salads for you," she called back, as the train bore her away. "I hope Herbert will appreciate my cooking as much as you do!"

"Amanda," said Dillworth, 15 minutes later, entering the kitchen where his wife was puzzling over a recipe for celery au gratin. "I'll tell you what I would like for dinner. Some bread—not nut bread nor scones, but just bread—and boiled potatoes and fried ham and a big pie!" "You don't mean—" gasped his wife. "Yes, I do," said Dillworth. "But I thought you liked variety." "Variety," said Dillworth, "is the spice of life; but you understand, Amanda, that there is such a thing as having things a little too highly spiced."

"Well," said Mrs. Dillworth, smiling and reaching for the dough board, "I'll do the best I can to please you." —Chicago Daily News.

A VACATION AT A COUNTRY RAILROAD STATION

"I was reading the other day," said the cheerful Mr. Philkintross, "of somebody that just missed a train and so had to wait six hours at a country railroad station—as if that was about the toughest thing that a man could be called upon to endure. But do you know I'm thinking of spending my vacation that way this summer. For if there is anything I like to do it is to loaf, just loaf around a country railroad station where they have about two passenger trains a day each way, with a freight coming along occasionally."

"Quiet and peace, with nobody about and the wind ruffling idly the leaves on the trees, and the empty glistening rails stretching away mysteriously. Back from the platform down at one end of the station there's a boat elevated up, and a moving machine likewise crated, and a few boxes and barrels, and I look them over with interest, undisturbed by anybody and with plenty of time, and then I take a look into the freight and baggage room and then into the empty waiting room, and then I settle down on the station platform in the shade, with my back comfortably against the building and loaf until it's pretty near time for the 10:22."

"Along about ten the station agent comes, and then pretty soon two or three people that are going to take that train or to meet people coming on it, and when the people begin coming like that, why, I stop loafing, or I loaf in a different way; I loaf with the interest of attention, and the coming of the train is a great event to me."

"I stand around and without intruding view the people, and they all interest me, every one; and to be sure, more people come; and one or two wagons or carryalls arrive and draw up at the back of the station and their drivers come around to join the—yes, the throng on the platform."

"And then away down the road, far out of sight beyond the curve, we hear a whistle—she's coming; and in a minute you see the engine coming a-humming with the 10:22; with the fireman keeping the bell going, and the train baggage man standing by the door of the baggage car, and people on the platforms of the cars. And the baggage man drops off a trunk or two or three or four, and half a dozen people get down, and their friends meet them or the drivers that have come for them take possession of them, and the station platform is a scene of lively activity while the people in the cars look on and glance up at the sign-board to see what station this is."

"And then the station platform gradually thins out, and everybody that's going is now aboard the train, and there's nobody left standing between the platform and the train except the train conductor. He looks coolly along the train and sees that everybody is off and everybody's aboard, and then without turning around he raises his hand calmly as a signal to the engineer, and the fireman pulls on the bell rope, and the engineer pulls the throttle and gives the big engine just a breath of steam and starts the heavy train so easily and smoothly that you scarcely realize it has started until you see it moving, and the conductor steps coolly up on the front platform of the forward passenger car and the train is off on its way."

"Then the station agent drags in those trunks that the train has left, and five minutes later the last of the people about the station have disappeared and once more you have the station all to yourself."

"But here! Here's a whistle! What does that mean? And looking down the line, you see the thick, black smoke of a coming engine and you discover that it's a freight train. And maybe this is a single track road and this a passing station, and then you see that ponderous locomotive coming, dragging its endless line of cars, and turn out here on the siding."

"And then in due time the next passenger train comes along and we have that scene on the platform repeated, and then the freight gets the right of way and soon, with everything around now all to itself, it pulls out."

"And then you settle down on the station platform again with all the world to yourself, responsible to nobody and with absolutely nothing to bother you, and steep yourself in peace and quiet, and if you care to look so high you can see there your friends the white clouds loafing by, and then looking down again and across the fields bright in the sunlight, you hear the breeze ruffling the trees and you hear the birds and maybe in sheer contentment of spirit and complete bodily restfulness your head droops and—"

"When you wake up and look around to see if anything new has happened in the world since you dropped off you see coming along the track slowly and silently a solitary figure, all the time looking down in front of him and to either side as he comes—the section boss, looking along the track, and after you have met him thus for two or three days, if he takes you for a man, he will tell you when the track was stone ballasted and when they put in the 90-pound rails, and if you tell him, which is true, that everything along here looks kept up in perfect order he will tell you that this section last year took the prize offered by the company for the best-kept section on the road."

"Marooned at a way station? Why, I am thinking of spending my vacation that way this summer at a country railroad station."

Only Thing to Do When One Picks Up Lost Property.

When one is on the public thoroughfare or in the street car or train or boat and picks up an object that is valuable, is it his?

True, he may find something which is too small and trifling to warrant searching to find the owner, such as a handkerchief, a pair of gloves, etc. But when he finds something of value, it is not his until he has done everything in his power to find the owner. The street railways and trains are so systematized to-day that if, when one finds an object of value, he returns it to the company's representative, it is almost sure to catch up with its owner. Every person of intelligence knows that the first place to inquire for it is at the lost and found department.

When, however, one is on the street and finds something which, if he lost it himself, he would very much like to have returned, there are the columns of a newspaper in which to advertise.

If he fails to find the owner after this then he can rightfully call it his own and have a clear conscience, but if he avoids looking over the lost and found columns and fails to do his part toward finding the owner he is almost as dishonest as if he took the goods.

NOT ALTOGETHER AN ACCIDENT.

Husband's Deep Scheme Revealed "in Strictest Confidence."

One Harlem, N. Y., matron was discussing with another Harlem matron the misfortune which she considered had befallen the husband of a third Harlem matron.

"You see," she said, "he went down to the steamer with a friend who was going abroad, and became so interested talking in the friend's cabin that he never noticed the warning whistle, and the steamer sailed with him on board. However, he sent a Marconigram to his wife, so she wouldn't worry. I dare say he's been kicking himself about the ship ever since."

"Perhaps—and perhaps not," replied the second Harlem matron. "The fact is, he told my husband in confidence ten days ago that he intended to be carried off to Europe accidentally, because it was the only way he could go without taking his wife along. But for heaven's sake, don't mention the matter, my dear, because he told my husband in the strictest confidence."

Let Him Alone.
 Don't be too ready to blame the man who indulges in self-praise. It may be the only kind he ever gets.

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of bargains for the late shoppers. The cold winter demands that you have comfortable clothing, and your pocket-book demands that you trade where your money will go the furthest, and your judgment and taste demand that you get something suitable, something good, and that is worth the price you pay, value received for your money. We are in position to meet every demand. We've got the goods, the standard lines, the kind you want. You save money by buying the best. The best is cheaper than the cheapest. Figure your December bill with us and see if we are in shape to meet your every demand. We do what we advertise to do. We guarantee to make good, and our guarantee is backed up by the goods and the money. What more do you want? Everything kept in a first class dry goods store can be found here. Ask our customers, and then profit their experience.

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Joe B. Johnson returned home from Marlin, Monday.

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Oscar Pearson had business at Miles Monday.

We want your accounts large or small. Citizens National Bank.

Picture postals for everybody at Kinzer's.

Harry Scott is building two new rooms to his home on Broadway.

We have some choice lots for sale in Winters, Rodgers & Hall.

If its leather goods you want visit our store, R. L. Shaffer.

We are in the market for all your wheat, oats and milo maize. Missouri Milling Co.

Mrs. J. D. Creath, of San Angelo, is here this week visiting friends.

Live Oak Flour the best, at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

We want your cotton seed and will pay you the highest market price.—Rasbury & Bruce.

Comforts and blankets, the best and the cheapest at the Hub.

Every item bears a small profit one price to all. Cash Grocery Co.

Don't forget that Santa Clause will stop at Kinzer's Store this year.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Dornberger are "at home" to a new girl that arrived last Saturday.

Don't pass by our shop when you want harness and saddle repair work. R. L. Shaffer.

Everything sold on close margins, and one price to all. Cash Grocery Co.

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R. P. Conn went to Dallas Monday where he was interested with other parties in a \$20,000 land deal.

Every dollar worth one hundred cents—no more, no less. Cash Grocery Co.

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Wagon harness the kind that stands hard pulling and long wear, at Shaffer's.

H. Giesecke went to Fort Worth Monday on land business. He is expected home today or tomorrow.

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Buy old papers at the Leader office to put under your carpet and matting. You can have them at your own price.

Miss Annie Lou Mears, of Menardville, is here this week the guest of M. D. Chastain and family.

Farm, Ranch and city property A good list to select from. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, Texas.

Currie Grocery Co. will pay you the highest market price for your chickens, eggs, turkeys, etc.

Frank Stuart returned from Corpus Christi, Saturday where he had been to see a sick uncle. His uncle was improving when he left him.

THERE'S STYLE ABOUT THESE SKIRTS

TAILORED SKIRTS



The new arrivals in Skirts show the completeness and thoroughness of our stock. If there is a need in the stock that we cannot meet, it's indeed a peculiar one. This week we are showing airy Voiles and Panamas, the ones that are aired so much in the papers; they are foremost in your mind, and you have probably planned to buy. This being true, it is very fortunate you read this ad and decided when. We are foremost of competition by the process of beating them with remarkable values. Come here first, last, any; time its a foregone conclusion that you will buy. In point of style, prices, fit, this is only a partial list of what we have to show you.

\$5.00—Ladies' skirts in navy and brown, made of extra quality Panama, flared bottom, three folds, trimmed in satin, a garment that is well worth \$6.50, our price \$5.00

\$6.00—Ladies skirts in black and navy, real flared bottoms, Panama material, 3 tiny rows of satin trimmings, and two folds of same goods, finished with a large button. Ask to see them at.....\$6.00

\$6.50—Black Voile that's wool, 13 gore, trimmed in folds of satin and taffeta, satin buttons down the front, fold of satin 6 in. up each gore; we have your size; others ask \$8.50, our price..... \$6.50

\$5.00—Misses skirts, lengths 32 to 38 in. made of Panama in blue and brown, trimmed in folds piped with satin to match, also button trimmings. These are beauties at the price of..... \$5.00

\$6.50—Brown Panama, nine gored, trimmed in four rows of satin, large covered buttons on each side down the front, in sheath effect, a rare bargain at the price of..... \$6.50

\$7.50—This is a beauty; fine and smooth weave, trimmed in folds of 2-in. taffeta and satin, a full flare, folds of satin up side forms an imitation sheath, a remarkable value at..... \$7.50

Belts

They are new every one of them in the new shades of brown, blue black, elastic, all widths, gilt and oxidized and gunmetal buckles..... 50c to 75c

For the Hair

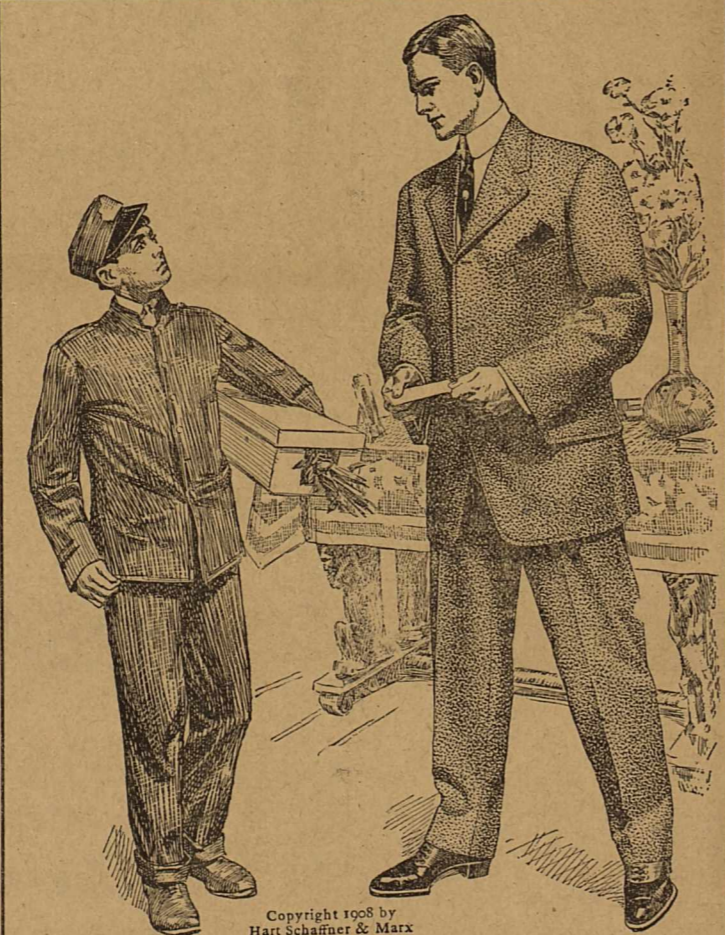
Barrats, or stray lock holders, in tortoise and amber, plain and gilt trimmed..... 25c, 35c, 50c
Hair rolls, light weight, sanitary, all colors, and sizes, 50c-75c

Pretty Collars

Stocks of lace and silk in many colors, "Queen Annie" Ruchings. They are crisp and new, every one of them. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c

Bear Skins

What is prettier than a child dressed in a bear skin wrap? Warm and serviceable, can be washed, ages 2 to 6, plain white \$2.50; curly \$3; caps at 35c-50c



Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothing

If you are looking for correct style, right fit perfect tailoring, and a garment that is honesty of material—all wool—you'll find it here. You may look everywhere else as long as you please, but rest assured that you'll find no better at any price.

These clothes are right; you'll find them right; in case you don't, we'll make them right, for we stand behind every garment. Drop in here any time and ask to see this line of clothes, in serges and fancy weaves, also blacks. We have the clothes you want and won't bore you to death to sell them, \$20 to \$30 for they sell themselves. Prices

This is the Home of Good Clothes

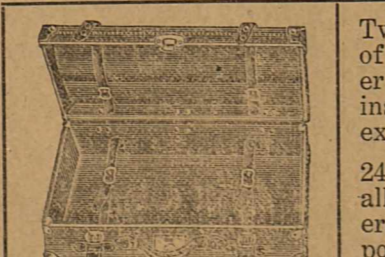
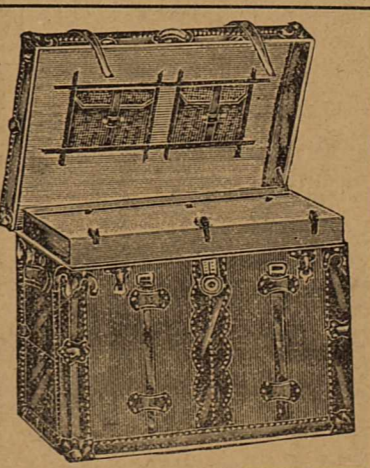


SERVICEABLE The right place to buy trunks is where you know they are reliable. Most anybody can pick out a stylish, handsome trunk, but you have to take the merchant's word for its reliability; that's why it pays to trade at a safe store; that's why the bulk of the trunk business comes here. If it is made by the Sewart Trunk Co. it's a good one—that's the kind we handle, and we know they are serviceable, and can recommend them.

Thirty-two inch trunks square top, extra heavy metal bottom, heavy elm cleats, bound in sheet steel, heavy steel bumpers, a trunk that will stand strain. Price..... \$4.50

Thirty-two inch trunks, 1/4 inch leather straps, Yale lock, canvas covered square top, metal bottom, heavy steel bumpers, 3-ply leather handles, an extra good one for.....\$7.00

A thirty-four inch trunk, covered in heavy duck, 1 1/2 inch straps all round, extra heavy brass bumpers, 3 heavy brass sockets for top to fit in, automatic tray, skirt tray for...\$10



Twenty-four inch case, made of extra heavy feberoid, leather tipped corners, straps on inside, fancy linen lined, an extra value at..... \$1.50
24 in. case, 3 in. deep, strapped all round, leather tipped corners, imitation Alligator, shirt pocket on inside, price..... \$2.50

Here are dress suit cases that you will be proud to carry—the kind that will travel, look well and wear well when the cheap grades have gone to pieces. There's nothing cheap about these cases except the price. Buy your suit case now while the stock is complete.

Twenty-four inch leather suit cases, rich brown color, reinforced corners, linen lined, strap fastenings, Yale lock, a value at..... \$4.00
26 in. leather case, hold skirt or pants folded once in center, strapped, heavy leather corners, worth \$6.50, price..... \$5.00

CONFIDENCE The best asset any firm can have is the confidence of the buying public. It is our aim to deserve this confidence. To this end it shall ever be our aim. We must do right in the smaller as well as the greater things of every day life. It is with a just pride that we view the strides that our business have taken in the last few years. Quality is the corner stone to dry goods. The prices are correct. Let us add you as one of our customers. We'll both be benefitted.



The Hub can sell you the best comfort and blanket to help keep out the cold nights.

We furnish a bank book and checks free.—Citizens' National Bank.

Kinzer's is the Largest Racket store in West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Matthews returned to Roswell, New Mexico Monday after a few days visit here.

Kinzer runs the five and ten cents store where you can buy more for 5 and 10 cents than any other place in town.

Miss Myra Penn is in Brownwood this week, visiting relatives and taking in the carnival and flower show.

When you see Ernest Plummer think of insurance: when you think of insurance see Earnest Plummer.

Miss Willie Armstrong, of Ft. Worth, is visiting at the home of R. B. Armstrong on Valley Creek.

The only man in Rnnels county who makes clothes on the bench is A. J. Stocklas. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

Well, just what I have been looking for—a ready made Kimona. Both short and long at the Hub.

D. Reeder is building a new residence on Sixth Street just north of the new home of R. A. Terry.

I have just added a nice line of embroidery to my stock. Call and see how cheap it is being sold, Kinzer.

We have buyers coming our way. List your property with us. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, Texas.

We are in position to handle any amount of good Vendor's Lien notes. The Citizen National Bank.

Mrs. W. A. Woodward returned to her home at San Angelo Monday after a visit to her niece Mrs. Robt. Corum.

Let us make you a pair of trousers while you are in town.—A. J. Stocklas. Next door to the Walker Drug Co.

We want to buy your cotton, and it will be to your interest to see our buyer, Wicks Currie, before you close out. Currie Grocery Co.

J. S. Hall sold this week to A. H. Glasscock of Ballinger a house and lot for \$900. The property is next to the right-of-way and will likely be used for business purposes.—Winters Enterprise.

Photo Work in a Tent
We will do photo work in a tent, located just across the street east of State Bank until we can get a hoise. So all who had work destroyed in the fire, call and we will make it over for you.
BARTLETT & DEKLE

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Able to do your work Satisfaction guaranteed Solicit your sign painting. Leave orders at Express office.
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No matter the nature or the kind I can properly fit and adjust them. Expert advice and opinion offered
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