

There is Satisfaction

In dealing with a firm that is responsible and competent. You can depend on just what we tell you. We are prepared to execute your wishes in a prompt, business like manner. You always get a square deal at this office. We have been here since the woods were burnt and are here to stay. **REAL ESTATE**, the kind that makes YOU money. **ABSTRACTS**, the kind that are worth while.

Giesecke-Bennett Co.,
"State Bank Building"



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

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

Will be Operated on To-day

M. M. Hamlin went to the Halley & Love sanitarium yesterday and will be operated on today for appendicitis. The trouble had not run long but the physicians advised him to submit to an operation. Mr. Hamlin is manager of the mechanical department of the Leader, and the trouble coming in the middle of the busy season will cripple us considerably, but with additional help we hope to be able to handle all business placed with us in a satisfactory manny, and ask our patrons to bear with us until Mr. Hamlin recovers.

Certainly Fair.

Of all troubles humanity is subject to none perhaps causes more acute distress and more frantic efforts for relief than many forms of itching skin troubles. We will tell you a remedy that rarely ever fails—Hunt's Cure. One box is absolutely guaranteed to cure any one case of itching trouble—no matter what the name. If it fails, your money is cheerfully refunded.

40 Per Cent DISCOUNT ON MILLINERY

Seasonable goods sold at a Sacrifice. In order to make room for the new goods that are now coming in, I will sell my entire stock of Millinery, consisting of all the latest styles and shades from now until Christmas at 40 per cent reduction, come early and get your choice.

Ethel Parker
AT THE HUB

SAY! HAD YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Only three more weeks until Merry Christmas will be upon us. Of course you are going to buy merchandise for the Holidays---a new suit, dress, cloak or overcoat. The winter is now here with its cutting winds. Think---

Have You SUPPLIED Your WANTS

FOR THE LADIES

FURS

A beautiful line of the best grade Beaver and Ermine Furs. Dainty designs of the latest models. Now is the time to buy—cold weather is here—and think what a nice Christmas present one of these Furs would make. Prices range \$3.50 up.

SILK KIMONA

Best value. A thing of comfort to wear in the home and something that is nice looking. The best material, neat designs, well made. Prices range \$1.50 to \$7.50.

GLOVES

Gloves of all kinds. The latest styles and colors. A pair to fill your need in any color you wish, and sold at a price that will suit your pocketbook.

LADIES' GOATS

Latest models, new styles, best material, beautifully trimmed in buttons and braid. A fit is guaranteed in every garment we sell. The cold weather is upon us. Come and see these coats. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$12.50.

Remember we have a special discount on coats.



FOR THE MEN

MEN'S SUITS

In this line we are surpassed by none and stand in the first ranks with the best in town. Come and see for yourself. An investigation is all we ask. If you're looking for good clothes you'll be pleased here.

OVERCOATS

This cold weather will be very disagreeable without a good overcoat. Here you will find overcoats of all sizes and for all kinds of weather. The prices are right, and are worthy of investigation.

Some Specials in Staples

Good Calico 5c
Cotton Check..... 5c
Outing 8c
Best Domestic..... 7c

THE HUB
BALLINGER, TEXAS

THIS IS SAID TO HELP MANY

Mix This Simple, Helpful Recipe at Home and Try It Anyway.

Get from any prescription pharmacist the following:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful dose after each meal and at bedtime.

The above is considered as the most certain prescription ever written to relieve Backache, Kidney Trouble, Weak Bladder and all forms of Urinary difficulties. This mixture acts promptly on the eliminative tissues of the Kidneys, enabling them to filter and strain the uric acid and other waste matter from the blood which causes rheumatism.

Some persons who suffer with the afflictions may not feel inclined to place much confidence in this simple mixture, yet those who have tried it say the results are simply surprising, the relief being effected without the slightest injury to the stomach or other organs.

Mix some and give it a trial. It certainly comes highly recommended. It is the prescription of an eminent authority, whose entire reputation, it is said, was established by it.

A druggist here at home, when asked, stated that he could either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription for our readers, also recommends it as harmless.

Want Change in Game Law

Local sportsmen have joined in a state-wide movement asking the legislature to change one of the provisions of the game law making the open season on doves begin on September 1 instead of November 1. Farmers are signing the petition to the legislature declaring that doves do more damage in the month of September than in the following two months. It is also argued that the doves migrate after the last of September and go to other climes.

The petition to the 31st legislature commends the existing law as being the wiest and best game law on the statute books and asks that no other povision be changed except that relating to the open season on doves. The clause forbidding the selling of game is especially upheld and the efforts of the Northern Market men to appeal this section of the law is deprecated by the signers of the petition.

Good Cough Medicine For Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. E. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says; "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and i has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Don't Be Hopeless

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballards Snow Liment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Prohibition Election For Norton Precinct

Norton Citizens Petition Commissioners for Election, January 2nd the Day.

A petition with about fifty signatures from the Norton precinct, has been presented to the Commissioners court praying for a prohibition election to be held in that precinct. The court passed favorably on the petition and ordered the election to be held on Jan 2nd.

There is no saloon in the Norton Precinct at present, but we understand that a party has been figuring on putting in a saloon at Norton, hence the order for the election.

Christmas Bazaar and Episcopal Tea.

The Episcopal Guild will give their regular monthly Tea on Dec. 15th at the home of Mrs. R. O. Walton from three o'clock on. They will also give a christmas sale or Bazaar. The Public is invited to attend these entertainments and help the ladies of the Episcopal church. 12 2t

It's a Crime

to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

WINTER WEATHER NECESSITIES

Cold Creams for the hands etc..... 15c, 25c, 50c
Vaseline Camphor Ice in handy tubes..... 10c 3 for 25c
Hot Water Bottles for cold feet..... 75c to \$2.50

Chamois Vests and Chest Protectors for those with weak lungs..... 75c to \$3.00

For the inner man White Pine and Spruce the best cough Syrup on earth 25c 50c
Bromo Quinine Antigripine and Pearce's Cold Cure

The latter is guaranteed. That means, "your money back if they don't give satisfaction."

J. Y. PEARCE
The Leading Druggist

Cut Glass For Christmas

Something nice, something that will be appreciated. We have a nice line to select from.

WALKER DRUG COMPANY

"In Business for Your Health"

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Millinery and Dressy Suits

We want you to call and see the very best and the very latest styles to be found in

FALL, WINTER MILLINERY

and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments. You will be offered the very highest quality in these lines at lowest possible prices. We are the recognized headquarters for the correct things in MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS and FURNISHINGS

Our Line of Fine Finished Footwear For Ladies and Gentlemen

has never been equalled in Ballinger. Our specialty is "QUALITY FIRST" in everything. Price is always a second consideration. We solicit your trade.

Ballinger Dry Goods Company

Dr. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

A grape cream of tartar powder. Makes pure, healthful, delicious food. No alum, no lime phosphate.

There is an infallible test by which every housewife may detect the unhealthy alum baking powders—

The label will tell

Study the label. If it does not say cream of tartar the baking powder is made from alum and must be avoided.

Farmers' Telephones

In this age of bustle and get there" old styles have been relegated to the rear, creating a great demand for telephones and good roads.

R. H. in writing to the Farm and Ranch says—the importance of good roads and rural free delivery has been frequently discussed by all interested in the development of the South—but how few of us have stopped to think of the relative value to the rural South or the farmer's

telephone?

Most of us, who have not taken the trouble to look into the telephone and the telephone exchange as being a complicated mechanism, which only experts can install and operate. To a large degree this is true of the sort of system that is required by a city having a population of over four or five thousand, but with the rural system—fortunately for the farmer—it is different.

With the rural system there may or may not be a central switch board. As a rule, a rural system starts with just one line about as follows: A number of farmers living on the same side of a town get together and decide to build, for their mutual benefit a telephone line. Each man agrees to cut, peel, and haul a given number of poles—30 poles about 22 feet long or 25 feet long being required for each mile of line.

Before the poles which are set in the ground three and a half feet, are erected, two brackets on the end of each of which is fastened a glass insulator, are nailed to the pole one 18 inches over the other.

Having set the poles, two double galvanized iron telephone wires are strung the entire length of the line. Branch lines, taking care of the farmers living off the main route can be fastened to the main line wires at any point.

When the wire is all strung, each joint being carefully sordered, in order to be sure of having a good, tight contact between each section, two wires are run one from each of the main line wires to two binding posts located on the telephone set which the farmer has installed in his residence.

So far has the telephone been

for as many as 35 or 40 telephones to be installed on such a line as that described, and the total length of the branch lines may be 40 or 45 miles.

What we have described is a so called "full metallic" system. While costing at the outset somewhat more than the one wire "grounded" system it gives better results under all conditions.

The total cost for all material for installing it ready for use can be had for \$13. If we assume, therefore that there will be on an average one telephone for every mile of line, the grand total initial cost for each farmer for the very best system is but \$26.74. The maintenance expense on such a line, including wear and tear on the equipment should be less than \$3 a year.

Just think of it—for 25 cents a month the farmer can have telephone service with his neighbor, doctor, broker and merchant. At a slightly larger expense he can usually have access to the Bell exchange and toll lines, through these reaching all of their local subscribers and long distance points, or similar arrangements can be made with the nearest home company, provided the Bell lines are not accessible.

What other agency than the rural telephone can provide more economically or efficiently increase the pleasure of farm life? Perhaps we are not far wrong in believing that the general use of rural telephones will aside from increasing wonderfully the value of our farm property do more towards protecting the southern homes than any or all other agencies combined.

The cost is insignificant as compared with the benefits secured.

Certainly this is a subject worthy of your most careful consideration.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn. says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

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

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.

No. 14.
Official Statement of the Financial Condition
OF THE
Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.
AT BALLINGER, STATE OF TEXAS
at the close of business on the 27th day of Nov., 1908, published in the Banner Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger State of Texas on the 11th day of Dec., 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$79,764.07
Loans, real estate	45,659.64
Overdrafts	54,655.99
Bonds and stocks	000.00
Real estate (banking house)	18,000.00
Other real estate	000.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,230.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	19,023.69
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	6,620.45 25,644.14
Cash Items	2,503.71
Currency	5,845.00
Specie	4,537.70 12,886.41
Other resources as follows:	
Safety Dep Boxes	200.00
Total	\$241,040.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus profits, not undivided	4,000.00
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	3,061.43
Individual Deposits, subject to check	16,402.78
Time certificates of deposit	141,232.64
Demand Certificates deposits	6,343.40
Cashier's Checks	000.00
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	10,000.00
Total	\$241,040.25

State of Texas
County of Runnels } ss.
We Chas. S. Miller, as President and E. D. Walker, as Cashier of said bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President
E. D. Walker, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Dec., A. D. nineteen hundred and eight. Witness my hand and notarial seal, the date last aforesaid.
(seal) Jno. F. Maddox, Notary Public, Correct--attest:
N. J. Allen }
C. O. Harris } Directors
G. M. Vaughn }

Notice to the Public

We have sold our grocery business to Spann & Co., and have turned the business over to them. We wish to thank all those who have been trading with us, and to notify those owing us that our book keeper can be found at the Owl Pharmacy. Those owing us will please call and settle.
Currie Grocery Co.

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.

DOG THIEF VISITS BALLINGER MAN

Judge C. O. Harris Recovers Bird Dog From Thief.

Ernest Voelkel, who is buying cotton at Rowena, phoned Judge C. O. Harris Tuesday morning that parties passed through Rowena with Judge Harris fine bird dog. Mr. Voelkel knew the dog, and suspected that the dog had been stolen and his

suspicion was confirmed by a phone message to Judge Harris. Judge Harris phoned the deputy sheriff at Miles to stop the parties and get the dog which the deputy did and returned the dog to Judge Harris on the noon train.

The thief claimed that he lived out west of San Angelo and that he bought the dog in Ballinger. A man that will steal a dog has just about reached the level.

Dr. E. C. Baskin, dentist office over Brewers jewelry store. tf

Silence!

The instinct of modesty natural to every woman is often a great hindrance to the cure of womanly diseases. Women shrink from the personal questions of the local physician which seem indelicate. The thought of examination is abhorrent to them, and so they endure in silence a condition of disease which surely progresses from bad to worse.

It has been Dr. Pierce's privilege to cure a great many women who have found a refuge for modesty in his offer of FREE consultation by letter. All correspondence is held as sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription restores and regulates the womanly functions, abolishes pain and builds up and puts the finishing touch of health on every weak woman who gives it a fair trial.

It Makes Weak Women Strong, Sick Women Well.

You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic medicine of known composition.



YOUR LUMBER BILL

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**

Hulls and Meal

COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive value than common hay which costs 50 per cent more; is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and is healthful and appetizing.

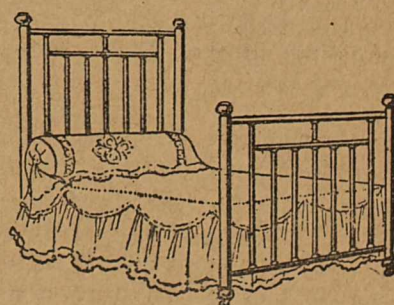
COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

THE MIXED FEED forms a "balanced ration," giving better results, increased milk and butter production in Cows, and in Flesh, Fat and general condition in all animals than any other feed in the World

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Make Home Happy for Christmas

This will be no trouble if your home is comfortably furnished with comfortable furniture. You don't have to be rich to furnish your home if you buy from us, and you get something that is nice enough for the most exacting.



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We can help you solve this perplexing problem. A nice rocking chair, a nice table, a nice rug, a nice bedroom suit. Many other things you can find in our well-selected and complete stock. Visit our store, see the large floor space we cover, and what it is covered with. You can find what you want here. The price will be right and workmanship and quality are always the best.



T. S. LANKFORD

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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.

First Monday. Big Boozy Day. Only 14 arrests

Ballinger will have one of the prettiest court house yards in Texas. Watch it.

Turkey buyers are plentiful and several cars of turkeys will be shipped from Ballinger between now and Christmas.

The undertaker will take a rest and be ready for the Christmas rush caused by the fire crackers and toy pistols.

That meeting at the Court House Monday night was a dandy—it was made up of live, progressive citizens.

Buy your Christmas goods today—make work easier for the clerks, and you get better service.

A City Hall and a beautiful yard will be a great improvement for Beautiful Ballinger. These things are on foot.

Another good soaking rain to insure a good stand of small grain. How about it, Mr. Farmer, have you neglected to plant oats? Not too late yet.

The 1900 census gave Ballinger about 1100 people. The 1910 census may show 10,000. We are growing as fast as any town of the same size in Texas.

The Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday School will look after the poor again this Christmas. A committee has been appointed to locate the needy and the Sunday School will supply their needs. A good work. It is better to give than receive.

Some people were actually disappointed Monday night when they learned that the fire alarm was not turned in for fire, but for the railroad meeting. Yes, got mad because there was no fire. Don't you think we have had enough fires for one season.

Mr. Roosevelt occupies the highest position in the United States, or the world; yet he gets down and slings mud with the man who says ugly things about him. He says, in referring to two newspaper men, "They are habitual liars."

The Cleburne Enterprise says that to give Christmas gifts to your friends that are more valuable than they can bestow is cruel, because it tempts them to buy beyond their means or humiliates them to think that they cannot afford to appear as generous as others. There is food for thought in the suggestion.

Another railroad will make some wonderful changes in Ballinger, and while the present trade territory will be cut, the valuable land around Ballinger will be put in cultivation, and the population of our country and town will double. We will have an outlet for traffic and travel will be increased and every line of business will profit.

There are property owners in Ballinger who refused to give one cent towards securing the railroad. Wonder if they will refuse to accept an advance in property values when it comes their way? If you are among this bunch remember that you did not earn the profit to be had, but your neighbor, the broadminded, progressive citizen earned it, while you displayed your "chinchy" close fistness.

Not a boom, but just one of those steady growing towns. While there has been some doubt as to Ballinger securing the railroad, it has not affected Ballinger. The town is going on with that usual steady growth. There are four stone business houses now undercourse of construction, and many residences and a world of other improvements. The work on the library building is progressing nicely. Plans for a City Hall are being drawn. Just a steady substantial growth; that's all.

What's the use of pulling a thorn when you could pluck a flower? What's the advantage of climbing rocky paths when you could travel smoother roads? What's the use of stumbling along, hesitating on account of trivial troubles, when a little energy would put you beyond such? What's the logic for being a knocker when you could be a booster? Pessimism never made a man, won a battle nor built a town. Pessimism is an unnatural state, the malady of diseased mind. There is beauty in the world and happiness for those who seek it. Trials, real or imaginary, should find no lodgment with the true man or woman. The sun is shining brightly today; the air is laden with the perfume of a world of living, breathing pretty flowers; there is love and hope and ambition all around us and there should be contentment with us.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

The Baptist Standard published at Dallas, is making war on the horse race gambler and the people who legalize the horse race gambling business in Texas. New York and quite a number of other states have outlawed horse race gambling, and the gamblers are flocking to Texas, where they can thrive without being molested by the law. The Standard paints a mighty dark picture of this feature of the Dallas fair and it reflects a shame on Texas for allowing such business in the best city in Texas. Here is our situation: We have made it a criminal offense to gamble on everything else but horse-racing, and for the money there is in it to some, we have actually legalized and licensed gambling of the worse sort and on the broadest possible scale. Of the two evils it is a far less one to allow four negroes to get together and shoot "craps" in a barn all night for a nickel apiece. Yet the negro crap shooter goes to jail and the horse-race gambler goes free. The law condemns one and condones the other.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR

R. A. RISSER & CO.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Store With the Lowest Prices is the

One You Will Patronize

Comparing Prices is the Only Sure Way to Find Which Store is the Cheapest

Get prices everywhere and then get our prices. You will find that

Risser Has Every Article in a Better Grade and at the Lowest Price.

That's why your neighbor trades with us; that's why you will trade with us, if you want to save money.

Come and see us. You will get your goods for less money and get goods that will wear and give the best service. Our guarantee is: That everything bought will give every cent's worth of wear; if not, we will make it good. You can't lose on our proposition, and it's money saved for you if you take advantage of it.

Staples	Ladies' Cloaks	Ladies' Suits
The Best Quality— Goods that Wear	The Latest Styles Wear-Well Quality	New models are coming in every day. Our assortment is complete in every detail.
36-inch Lonsdale Bleached Domestic, worth 12½c, our price only 8½c	Fancy mixtures, semi-fitting, 50 inches long, trimmed in velvet, \$2.50 to \$3.50	All wool worsted suits, 36 inches length of coats, trimmed with buttons, satin bands, etc. Skirts plain gored, extra full, trimmed to match coat. Colors black, dark red, green, navy blue and shades of brown. Prices \$18.00 \$12.50 to
10-4 Bleached Sheeting, worth 35c anywhere, our price per yard only 25c	All wool Thibets, colors brown, navy blue and black, 50 inches long, worth \$5.00, our price \$4.00	Every suit is worth \$5.00 to \$7.00 more than we ask.
10-4 Brown Sheeting, worth 25c anywhere, our price per yard only 20c	Genuine Kerseys, trimmed in braids, buttons and velvet collars, colors tan, castor and black, worth \$7.50, our price is \$5.50	Millinery Department
36-inch Brown Domestic, worth 7c, our price 5c	Fine Beaver Kerseys, handsomely trimmed, 50 inches long, beautiful new models, colors tan, castor, black, lark, red and brown, worth \$10.00, our price is \$7.50	Here you can find Hats of every style and coloring, one that will match your dress and be most becoming to you.
36-inch genuine "C" Island worth 10c, our price, per yard only 7½c	Ladies' Skirts	Our special is carried in all colors and one hundred shapes, and is worth \$4.00 anywhere, special price \$2.75
Extra heavy drill back Cotton Flannel, worth 15c, our price 10c	A new shipment just received of late style Panamas, Directoire models, colors brown, black and grey, prices are \$5.00 and \$5.50	
Heavy drill back Cotton Flannel, worth 10c, our price, per yard only 8½c		

We are anxious for your trade, and offer you honest goods at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES, and guarantee everything to give perfect satisfaction. It will cost you only a few minutes of your time to come and see for yourself, and will cost you a good many dollars if you don't come.

THE WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & COMPANY

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Christmas Pork--Christmas Sausage

Hog killing day will be on Friday, December 18. If you want some nice fresh pork for Christmas give me your order, three miles south of Ballinger.

2t A. HALL

Ladies Cake Sale

The Ladies of the home Mission Society will have cakes to sell on the 22nd and 23rd of Dec. Anyone wishish a certain kind please phone Mrs. C. P. Shepherd before the date mentioned.

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

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Notice.

Having severed my connection with the Two Cooks Restaurant and purchased the Katy Cafe, I will say to my friends and old customers that I am prepared to feed you as cheap as the cheapest. We have everything that money will buy, and the best cooks that can be hired. Give me a trial friends. Berwick Bay Oysters and Speckled Trout a specialty. Merchants lunch every evening. Eat at the Katy. Yours to please, J. O. Cline & Son.

The best wagon harness at Shaffer's.

HERE TO STAY

Able to do your work Satisfaction guaranteed Solicit your sign painting. Leave orders at Express office.

S. S. PRINCE Jr.

Christmas Gifts

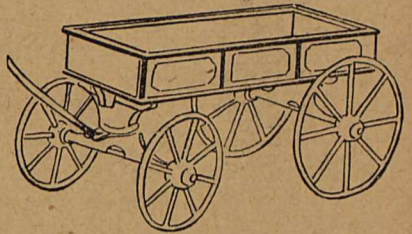


To our dear ones is what makes Christmas the happiest day of all the year. As usual we have on hand an elegant line of Holiday Goods for old and young. We have cut out cheap, trashy toys, but have the HIGH GRADE ones. Dolls of all kinds, Automobiles, Irish Mails, Hobby Horses, Toy Pianos, etc.

We still handle the celebrated **PIGARD CHINA**. There are many imitations, but none can compare with the genuine. A few of the other articles are Toilet and Manicure Cases, Stationery, Pictures, Bibles, Albums, Traveling Sets, Perfumery, Etc.

A gift bought here is a guarantee of quality and reliability both to the donor and the recipient.

J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store



Why Are We So Hard?
The following motto was on the wall of a woman's bedroom: "Let us take hands and help each other to-day because we are alive together."
She is a bride of a year, and that is the sentiment with which she furnished her bedroom and tries to carry out her everyday life. The hard blow we give with a word, the mean thought or harsh judgment recoils on ourselves. No woman who is hard and critical is happy.
"Take hands and help each other to-day" is the sure road to contentment and happiness.

East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup in gallon screw top cans for 65c at Espys car next week.

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

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

Geo. Stephens, of San Marcos, is here prospecting.

Have you thought of how good Espys syrup in cans will be next spring. Just the same* as new.

If you want East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup call at Espys car next week. Your first opportunity the genuine article.

J. A. Walker, the Walker-Smith Co. president, and a capitalist of Brownwood was here yesterday.

Baptist Perfect Union.

The two local Baptist churches met in a joint meeting Wednesday night at the First Baptist church and perfected the proposed union between the two churches and now Ballinger only has one Baptist church. In re-organizing the officers of the two churches were re-elected to constitute the new board, and Rev. Z. J. Amerson was called as pastor to the united church.

The union makes the Baptist church the strongest church in Ballinger, and as stated in last week's paper, the church will build a \$20,000 church building as soon as they can dispose of the two buildings they now own.

Free Fire Work Display

A move is on foot to give a free fire works display in Ballinger on Dec. 22. Mr. Martin who has his fire works show here, has agreed to put on a show for a certain amount and the merchants will contribute to pay the expense and the show will be absolutely free, and an effort will be made to make it a great holiday attraction, and no doubt meet with the hearty approval of all those interested.

Cotton Receipts Growing.

Up to noon today Ballinger has received by wagon of this season's cotton 34,584 bales. The gins are still running and cutting cotton day and night and many bales are yet unpicked. The season is growing late, but the estimate of 50,000 bales for the season still holds good. The local price today ranges from 8.25 to 8.50 for middling; other grades selling lower and some higher.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

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

Show Men Like Apes.

Prehistoric paintings recently unearthed show man to have been like an ape. The only known examples of paintings of men by prehistoric cave decorators have been discovered lately by Prof. Rene Leaulen in the Portel grotto, a cave of Louthens, in Ariège, France, where Noulet already had found quaternary remains and human bones. About 40 sketches in black or red, only one in both colors, adorn the cave as frescoes, and two represent men of a primitive type, while the others show bisons, boars and horses. Of the human figures one has a long head, with retreating forehead, while the other shows a remarkable apelike pose, with rounded back and arms pendent in front. There is a crouching boar, but the horses are mostly galloping and poorly drawn, although the forequarters of a horse are quite skillfully figured in black on one of the darkest walls of the cavern.

Village Income from Golf.

The village of Brancaster, England, has made an arrangement with the Royal West Norfolk Golf club under which it receives four per cent. on the club's gross income, with a guarantee of not less than £50 in any year, for the use of the land which has been converted into links. Each year the money is distributed equally among householders of not less than 12 months' residence. This year's distribution has just been made, and the club paid over £63 16 shillings, an increase of £8 12 shillings up last year's contribution. The amount sufficed to give every householder in Brancaster five shillings and leave a balance in hand.

See Espys home made East Texas Ribbon Cane syrup at the car next week. You will like it.

Men's ready made suits \$10.00 qualities now \$6.00. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

Every can of Espy Ribbon Cane syrup subject to inspection before you pay your money. Call at the car next week.

K. V. Northington and son C. W. reported some land trades that foot up near \$40,000, which they have just closed.

Shelby counties pure Ribbon Cane syrup for 65c a can at Espys car next week.

Candies, fruits and cigars at the White Front Confectionery.

Men's and boys clothing, We are closing out at very small prices. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

Have your eyes tested and glasses fitted by B. F. Wiley at the White Front Confectionery.

Miss Kittie Van Doren, of Belton is here visiting her sister.

Miss Maymee Godwin has accepted a position as cashier in the Higdon Melton Jackson Company.

Espys East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup in any quality next week at the car.

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

Ladies \$4.00 patent leather shoes \$3.25 W A Gustavus & Son.

Don't fail to compare Espys East Texas Ribbon Cane syrnp to South Texas for quality.

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.

Methodist Church

Preaching at 11 a.m Subject: "The Church of God and Her Mission." 7:30 p.m. preaching, subject: "Reconciliation to God."

Come and worship with us. Strangers and visitors have a special invitation.

We now have three stoves and plenty of coal, so the church will be warm and comfortable. I hope to see every member present.

J. A. Biggs, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

The Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. The pastor will preach at 11 a.m. At the evening service Miss Clark will sing a solo. To all of these services the public is cordially invited.

Fireworks of all kinds at the White Front Confectionery.

Staple and fancy groceries at cheap prices. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

We will have some nice offices for rent in few days, over the White Front Confectionery. Apply to Conn & Wiley.

Full line Loose-Wiles chocolates just received at the White Front Confectionery.

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

\$6.50 John B. Stetson hats \$4.90 W. A. Custavus & Son.

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

Jones, Walton & Co.

Mr. Farmer: That plow your neighbor talked to you about is the Tandlers and JONES, WALTON & CO. sell it. If it does not plow your land satisfactorily you need not keep it. They also sell Stoughton and Weber wagons, Steel Star Windmills, Rex and Yale Buggies, with a guarantee, Deering Corn Harvesters, all kinds of farming machinery and every thing in hardware.

Yours looking for business,

Jones, Walton & Co.

HERE IS SANTA CLAUS FOR EVERYBODY

Our store is overflowing with Christmas Goods for both old and young. Do not fail to look through our stock when searching for Christmas Presents. Your wants can be supplied here.

Hand Painted and Fancy China, Glassware, Dolls, Toys of all kinds, Fire Works, Christmas Tree Ornaments, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Come and see.



KINZER'S BALLINGER, TEXAS

Hello Central!

Give Me Santa Claus!



Hello! This is Santa Claus

I am at the OWL PHARMACY with a full and complete line of presents for everybody. Remember the place and come and see me at

THE OWL PHARMACY

We are publishing a complete list of the contributors to the rail road bonus this week. Two or three contributors have a string tied to them in as much as the contributions ask certain favors in return. The western Compress Co., gives \$1000 provided the rail road company builds a side track to the compress. The West Texas Telephone Co., gives \$500 provided they are granted a franchise over the right of way from Ballinger to Abilene for a long distance phone line. Joe B. Johnson gives \$750 provided the road does not cross his farm at a certain place.

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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

No matter what line of business you are engaged in—farming, merchandising, teaching, clerking or one of the professions, you should have an account with a bank—this bank.—Citizens' National Bank.

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

Brown and bleached domestic 4c at W. A. Gustavus & Son.

Miss Myra Penn returned home Wednesday from a visit to Brownwood.

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.

20 cent quality cotton flannel heavy fleece and twill 10c. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

Ballinger Opera House

Two Nights and Saturday Matinee
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19

Edwin Patterson offers the

Emery Musical Comedy Co.

Phyllis Daye, Leo Adde and Clever Company

Emery Male Quartette, 5 Comedians, 20 Singers, 12 Dancers, Ideal Beauty Chorus, Elegant Costumes, Special Settings.

Every Feature Moral and Refined

Friday night....."The Governor's Daughter"
Saturday night....."The Little Widow"
Saturday Matinee....."Sierra, The Cowboy Girl"

Each With—15 Singing, Dancing, 15 Musical Numbers

NIGHT PRICES.....75c, 50c and 35c
MATINEE PRICES.....Adults 25c, Children 15c

Season Tickets, 4 for \$2.00, on sale up to 5 p.m., Thurs. Dec. 17
Seat now on sale at Walker Drug Co.

EQUITABLE PROFITS.

Cost of Production Should Always Be a Factor in the Matter of Prices.

Profits should bear an equitable relation to cost of production. The farmer who has money invested in lands, agricultural implements, stocks, and other things necessary to carry on his business, when selling his products must take into consideration the interest on his money invested, the wear and tear of farm equipment, the wages of hired help and a salary for his own service. When he sells his products for less than pays the expenses necessary to carry on his work and cultivate his crops, care for his stock, etc., he is the loser. The same principles apply to the person engaged in any other line of business. There is interest on capital employed, wages, taxes, license and cost of articles which comprise the stock necessary for operation. Goods must be sold at a certain percentage of profit or there will be a case for the sheriff or the bankruptcy court. In dealing with our fellow men we should always bear in mind the principles of business, and not exact too great profits or sell or buy at prices other than equitable. It is also a good thing to remember when great bargains are offered that cost of production and legitimate profits must be considered. Too low prices give cause for suspicion that goods are inferior in some way, or that there is a "nigger in the fence."

A One-Sided View.

"A member of the Georgia legislature," he remarked, "introduced a bill which provides that any man who is lured into marrying a woman who has by artificial means enhanced her beauty may, if he wishes, have the marriage declared null and void. That is to say, if the bridegroom discovers that the bride is compelled when she goes to bed to hang any of her supposed charms upon a chair he may consider himself free to wed again." "And what about it," asked the lady. "If a bride discovers, after the ceremony, that the groom wears a wig or dyes his mustache?" "Any woman who is foolish enough not to know a wig or a dyed mustache when she sees one ought never to make any complaint about it."

One by Barnacled Ben.

"Yes, mates," related Barnacled Ben, retired seaman, "I certainly did see some wonderful things when I was cruising around the seven seas. Why, once we had a sawfish to follow the Nancy Jones for 1,000 miles. We used to throw off the leavings from the galley and when we'd hit a big calm, why, the sawfish would saw up our firewood in stove lengths. All we had to was to toss the long sticks over and he'd saw them up in a jiffy. Then we'd take a long rake and rake them aboard. Nature faking? Never heard of it, mate, never heard of it." And Barnacled Ben lit his pipe and shambled away.

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".

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

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.

FARM FOR SALE—51 3-10 acres located 2 1-2 miles from Ballinger. 30 acres in cultivation. Nearly all tillable, three room house, lot, shed, feed bin, etc. Made over half bale cotton to the acre this year and good feed crop. Cheap at \$30 dollars per acre; \$600 cash, balance to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Call at Leader office for owner's name and further particulars.

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OFFICES FOR RENT.—Everything new over the White Fruit Confectionery. Apply to Conn & Wyley.

SURRY FOR SALE.—Good two seated second hand surry for sale at a bargain. See C. K. Hutton at Reeder Hutton lumber yard. 2t

LAND BARGAIN.—40 acres located in the famous truck growing district four miles south of Ballinger. Every foot in fine sandy loam land: Small house, goods sheds, and fence. Five

water and an exhaustible supply, young orchard, 300 peach and plums trees will bear next year; 100 fine grape vine. Place located on rural mail route. Will sell for bargain, and gives reasonable terms. Call at Leader office for further particulars.

HORSE AND BUGGY FOR SALE. Gentle pony and fairly good buggy for sale cheap. W. W. McKinley. 1t

FARM HAND. Man with family wants position on farm. Strong and industrious. Address W. H. Colbert, Ballinger, Texas. 1t

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

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

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

Jo Wilmeth was looking after business in Bronte, first of the week.

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

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

Public Stenographer—office at Bennett Abstract Co. Miss Maggie Cockrell.

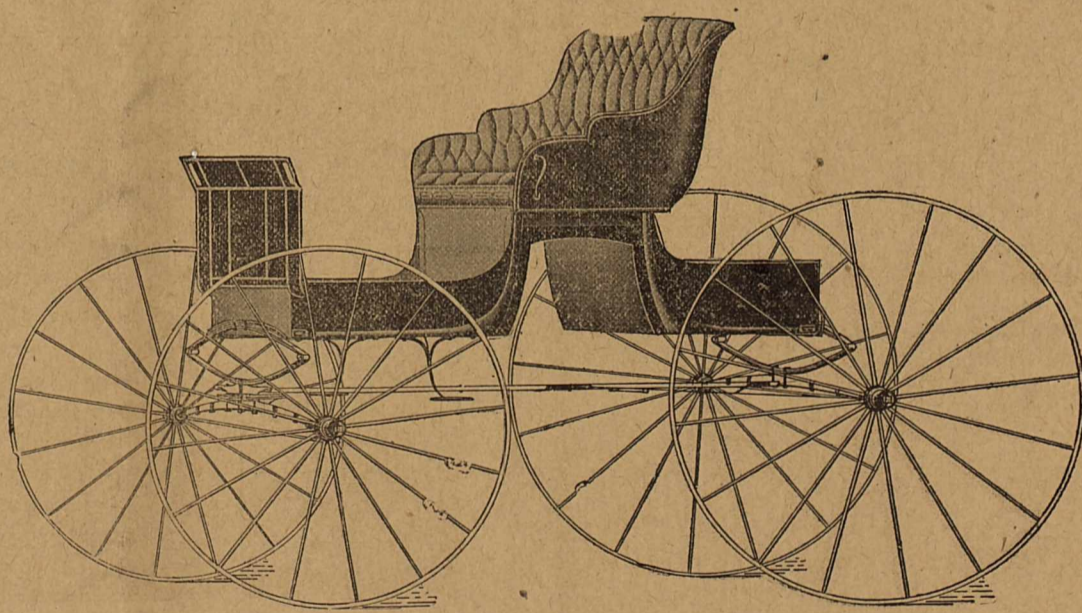
W. T. Stromeyer, of Brownwood is here in the interest of the West Texas Telephone Co. Mr. Stromeyer is manager of the company and is looking over the improvements being made here. He says if his company can secure a franchise over the right of way a direct phone line will be run from here to Abilene.

For Sale.

Three fine residence lots close in in South Anson County site of Jones county. Will take good team and wagon on deal.

W. E. Bartlett, Photographer.

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

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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 charming feature of our large stock is the many beautiful Holiday gifts suitable for the ladies. Cut Glass, Silverware, Hand-Painted China, and Jewelry of all kinds are always acceptable by the ladies—and there is nothing more appropriate. Fathers, brothers and friends should come to us for pleasing gifts for ladies.

The Last and Best Gift of the Year

Christmas will soon be here, when you will have an opportunity to give to your friends and loved ones some token of esteem. The nature of the present will show your appreciation of the one to receive it. Not necessarily the price you pay but the kind and quality. We present to you a stock of the highest class of jewelry, cut glass and chinaware, and must say there is nothing that will make a better gift.

Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys of all Sizes

Just as many desirable article suitable for presents to the men folks can be found in our store. A great effort has been expended in the buying of our stock to secure goods of value to every member of the family, and goods of the very best class at the lowest possible prices. Articles too numerous to mention. Come and see.

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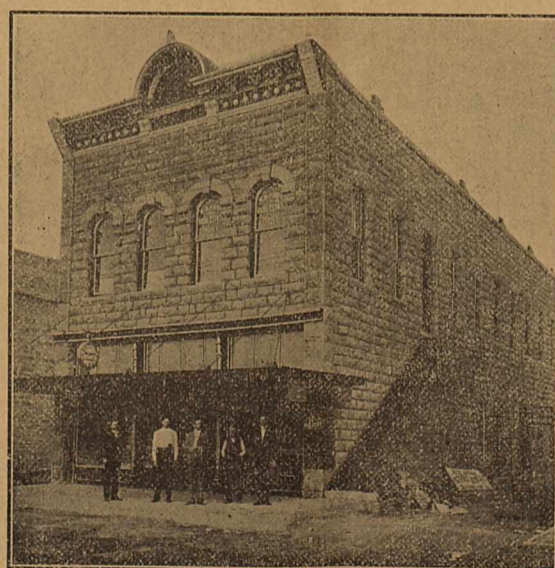
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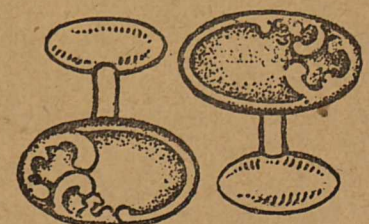
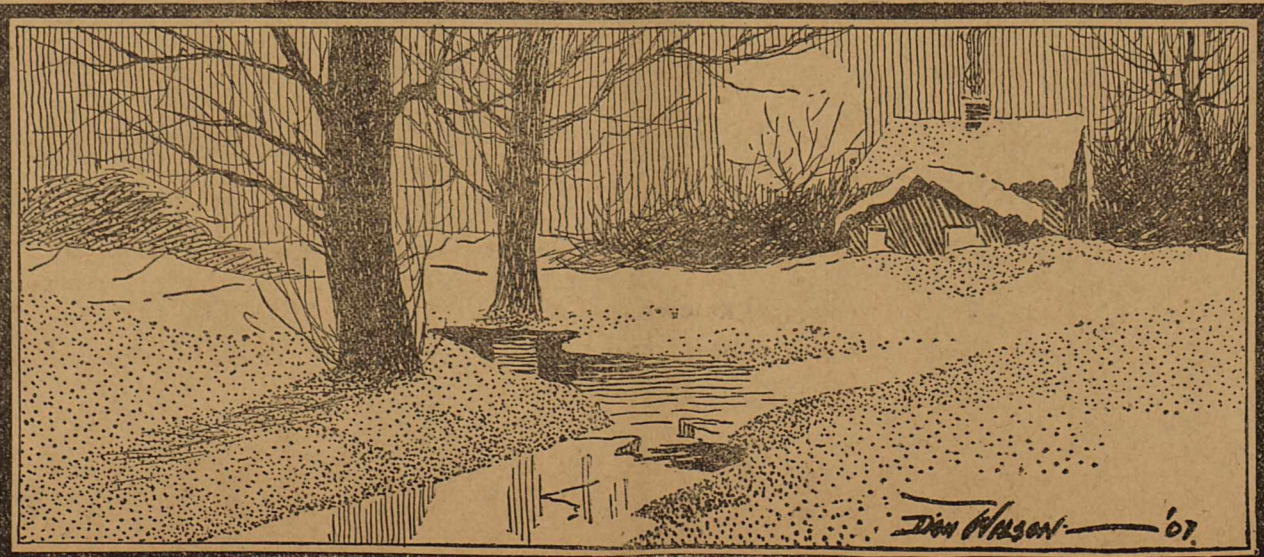
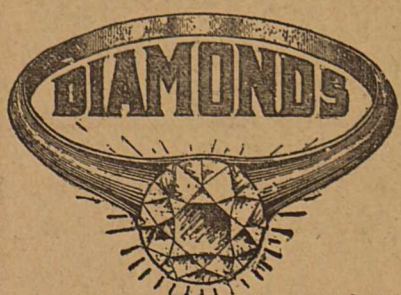
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If you expect to make a trip just call on any Santa Fe Agent. He will be glad to quote you Holiday Fares and explain train service, or address
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The Leader has made arrangements whereby we can give the Leader readers a large map 28x36 inches in three sheets, six pages showing the United States Texas, the world, and a lot of other valuable information. The map retails for \$1.50. It is printed on good heavy gloss map paper, is well clamped or bound at the top by a patent metal binding. We give the map absolutely free to every subscriber to the Leader and The Fort Worth Semi Weekly Record at the price of \$1.90 for the two papers. We will be glad to show you the map and give you this opportunity. We only have a limited number of the maps and the first comes gets them free.

A New York paper recently contained the following:

When 3,500,000 Iowa eggs arrived in New York one day a week ago a commission merchant of Washington market became worried. He knew a great deal about eggs, but the fact that 3,500,000 should arrive in one day started him off on a wild spree of figures. He took the figures home with him, dreamed over them for nights and after he had awakened from a dream in which he found himself smoteered under a blanket-omelet large enough to cover Manhattan island he took the subject of eggs seriously.

He talked eggs to his family, his friends and business associates until they advised him to see a doctor.

The physician told him to solve the egg problem, which he did. "I was a bit surprised when I found that New York City had received a shipment of 3,500,000 eggs in one day," explained the unfortunate commission merchant. "I wanted to know how many eggs we used in a year, and, after a lot of thinking, I calculated that we handle in this city 1,274,000,000 every year. I know that New York is the greatest egg consuming city in the United States, not because of its size, but New Yorkers have the egg habit. This yearly supply would make a single egg about as high as the Metropolitan tower.

"There was nothing dangerous about my thinking along these lines, until I drifted into the question of hens and the number of eggs laid in the entire United States. Then my troubles started,

"I secured official reports, from which I learned that the hens in this country lay 15,523,939,196 eggs every year.

"Nothing dangerous about this until I picked up a case of eggs and found they averaged about two inches long. If I should take those fifteen billion and five hundred odd million eggs and lay them end to end how long a line would they make? That got me to thinking, and it was only a matter of counting to find that all the eggs laid in the United States if placed end to end would reach 4,823 miles. Why that would make a line four times from New York City to Jacksonville, Fla.—a regular board walk of eggs, or would go away out to San Francisco and start back to New York again.

"I took the miles of eggs home with me and went to sleep on the liquid amount all these eggs would make. I had a hard time of it and was not satisfied until I found it took eight eggs to make a pint, or sixty-four eggs to a gallon. How many gallons would those eggs make. The answer came—24,265,175 gallons of eggs.

"It was easy enough to learn that a good hen will average 200 eggs a year, so it would require 77,619,745 hens to lay the 15,523,949,196 eggs.

An average hen weighs about five pounds, so she must lay five times her weight in one year in eggs. If all the hens in the United States were one great hen and that hen were to lay one egg as large as all the eggs laid in one year put together, she would weigh 388,098,725 pounds. I was mad all the way through—madder than a wet hen—when she got on my chest one night and I had a hard time getting her off, and did not until I woke up and found the pillow clutched in my arms.

"But the hen wasn't in it with my dream of the next night, when I discovered that that egg would weigh 1,940,493,623 pounds. Did you ever know of a hen laying an egg five times her own weight? I never did, and when I found that egg rolling down the side of the mountain and I could not get out of the way—well, I woke up in time

egg shell.
"I went on calculating until I found that an average freight train of forty cars would hold 2,792,000 eggs—remember that a car will hold from 350 to 450 cases of eggs.

"It would take to haul that train 557 big engines, and if you put the box cars end to end and did not count the engines, you would have a train twenty-five miles long.

"Oh, yes, the doctor tells me I will be all right just as soon as I find out how large an omelet one-half inch thick 15,523,949,196 eggs will make.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at Walker Drug Co. and see what a splendid medicine it is.

The Emery Musical Comedy Company

Manager W. B. Stubbs has secured the excellent attraction for two nights and one matinee December 18 and 19, presenting Friday night, "The Governor's Daughter" Saturday night "The Little Widow" and Saturday's matinee "Sierra, The Cowboy Girl."

The Company is one of the best traveling headed by Dainty Phillis Daye, Soubrette and some twenty others including: The Ideal Beauty Girl Chorus, The Emery Male Quartette and five Comedians. Guthrie had the company ten nights in early June a return week in September. Oklahoma City a week in June, one in July and another week in September, which is proof positive of the organization popularity from nearby towns.

The Texas tour includes all the largest cities: Dallas, Fort Worth Houston, Waco, San Antonio and El Paso. On this tour Mr. Edwin Patterson the company's Manager has engaged Leo Adde comedian and Haysel Coulter soprano, both well known in Texas with the Olympia Opera Co. has been the past three summers, with the City Opera Co. New Orleans.



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That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

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We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's trial will convince you.

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Will be every Housewife by using our

QUEEN of The PANTRY FLOUR

A Flour that stands all by itself in Quality above all.

Do not forget that we carry the most complete line of all kinds of

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Your patronage Respectfully Solicited,

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Prompt Delivery.

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Perhaps you are in doubt about the proper method of procedure in some financial matter—

A man in another town owes you money—you want to draw on him, but you don't know just how to go about it.

Perhaps you have notes, interest coupons, or maturing securities you wish collected and are at a loss just how to do it—

Or perhaps, some other monetary transaction is bothering you—

Come to us; we are here to advise and assist you in all financial matters. Costs nothing at all to consult us.

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BEAUTIFUL BALLINGER GETS CITY HALL

City Council Close Contract with Commissioners for Public Square Ground. Will Make Beautiful Park

The Commission Court in call session Monday leased the plat of ground known as the public square to the city of Ballinger for a period of 99 years. In exchange for the land the city gives the court free water for the court house and jail and for irrigation purpose during the life of the lease.

The city will begin the plans at once for a modern city hall, and as soon as the preliminaries can be attended to work will start on the building and pushed to completion. Mayor Hoffer informs us that the the building will be modern in every respect and will be in keeping with the other improvements of our town. It is not known yet just what the building will be built out of, but very probably a stone building with brick veneer will be decided on.

The city in leasing the land agrees to improve same by planting out trees, flowers, build walk, etc., and this will give Ballinger another "lovers' spot", and will compare favorably with the improvements now being made in the court house yard. The council will meet to-day or to-morrow to take up the work and provide for the building.

It Is a Wonder.

Chamberlain's Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations yet produced for the relief of rheumatic pains, and for lame back, sprains and bruises. The quick relief from pain which it affords in case of rheumatism is alone worth many times its cost. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

First Monday

First Monday was a success as far as the saloons, restaurants and hamburger stands were concerned, and the business was extended over to Tuesday, and quite a crowd of the traders flocked to the trading grounds to swap horses. This crowd is of no benefit to a town and makes trouble for the officers. The stock they bring in to sell is of a class that disgraces our streets. Many Ballinger people will be glad to learn that the ground which has been used for this purpose we be converted into a beautiful park, and if the horse traders and boozers want to continue their business in Ballinger they will have to seek a new stand and will at least be away from the heart of our business district.

Undertaking and Embalming.

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

Dissolution Notice

The firm of Lankford & Hathaway, composed of T. S. Lankford and S. P. Hathaway, has by mutual consent been dissolved. Mr. Hathaway retiring from the business. Mr. Lankford will continue to conduct the business and all accounts due the firm of Lankford & Hathaway are payable to T. S. Lankford, and Mr. Lankford assumes all indebtedness of the old firm.
T. S. LANKFORD
S. P. HATHAWAY

Stop That Cough.

If you have a cough, cold, sore throat or chest, don't delay a moment—cure it. Simmons' Cough Syrup is a sure remedy. It makes you well.

Do You

Do you have a Bank Account? Do you pay your bills by check? Have you stopped to consider the advantages of transacting your business by this method? Every check you issue in payment of bills is eventually returned to you to be retained as a receipt for the money paid.

If you have no bank account come to this bank and make your first deposit, and let us help you to systematize your business.

We Furnish you with a bank book and checks.

First National Bank
Ballinger, - Texas.

Brief News Notes.

A woman at La Grange was badly cut by a flying piece of an exploded fruit jar.

John D. Rockefeller is to build a palace in London and spend a part of each year there.

State Insurance Commissioner Love recommends the repeal of the tax on insurance agents.

At a meeting of 250 state bankers of Oklahoma the deposit guaranty law was indorsed.

The next legislature will likely require 90 days to dispose of all the business before it.

The Dallas Pastors' association took action looking to a fight before the next legislature to abolish race track gambling in Texas.

T. L. Cowart, a prominent citizen of Bonham, committed suicide, being the second member of his family to do so within a few months.

A 19-year-old daughter of one of the county officials of Dallas, who has been missing for some time, was located in St. Louis, and the sheriff has gone after her.

Night riders send warning notices to Colonel Taylor, who so miraculously escaped when Captain Rankin was lynched at Reelfoot Lake, that they propose to get him yet.

Postmaster General Meyer asks congress to authorize him to experiment in four counties having rural mail routes, with a parcel post service, to see if it will not wipe out the \$16,000,000 deficit in his department another year.

Daisy Clayton, harlot, aged 60 was murdered in Houston with an ice pick. Her room-mate, Bessie Light, was arrested but denies all knowledge of the murder. The murdered woman's jewels are missing.

Editor Omer Benedict of the Oklahoma City Times, whom Governor Haskell had arrested for criminal libel in charging him with having a secret meeting with the Prairie Oil company people, publishes a long retraction of the charge, and it is supposed that the governor will now drop the prosecution.

The Southern Commercial Congress met in Washington and all speakers took the most optimistic view of the South's future the keynote being that her resources were as yet hardly touched and the development of same will come quickly in an era of prosperity that will so enlist the capital and efforts of northern people as to make them forget sectional prejudices and become our friends and partisans.

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Brewer Building (Up Stairs), Ballinger

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

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

Whereas on the 16th day of Oct., 1908, citation was issued to the sheriff or any constable of Runnels county, commanding him to summon B. C. Wilkerson to appear before this Court on the next Court day thereof, to answer the suit of Holeman & Pierce, for the sum of \$14.85, and said citation was returned, unexecuted, you are hereby commanded, as you have heretofore been commanded to summon the said, B. C. Wilkerson, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. One, Runnels County, to be holden at Ballinger, Texas, in said Runnels County, on the 28th day of December, 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in the said Court on the 27th day of November, 1908, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 777, wherein Holeman & Pierce are Plaintiffs, and B. C. Wilkerson is defendant, and said petition alleging that on or about the 15th day of August, A. D. 1907, plaintiffs at the special instance and request of defendant sold to defendant the following goods, for which defendant promised to pay within thirty days thereafter, said sales amounting to the total sum of \$14.85, Fourteen and 85-100 Dollars, as appears by itemized account now on file in this cause in the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas. Plaintiffs allege that they are the lawful owner and holder of this account, that the same is past due, just, owing and unpaid; that they have often requested defendant to pay but that he refused and still refuses to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiffs great damage of \$30.00, Thirty Dollars, whereupon plaintiffs pray that defendant be cited to appear and answer this suit; that they be awarded judgment against defendant for their debt together with all costs incurred in the prosecution of this cause, and for such other relief, special and general to which they are entitled by law and equity.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, W. H. WEEKS, Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. One, Runnels County.

Given under my official signature, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 27th day of November, 1908.

W. H. WEEKS,
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Runnels County, Texas.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Hundreds of Ballinger Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Ballinger people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Ballinger reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterance of strangers residing in far away places. Read the following.

E. J. Cathey, W. Sixth St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "My wife suffered for over a year from attacks of backache. Sometime she was so bad that she could not rest at night. The dull throbbing pains across her kidneys were almost unbearable. The kidney secretions were highly colored and proved conclusively that her kidneys were at fault. When Doan's Kidney Pills were advised, I procured a box for her from the Walker Drug Co. She took about half the contents of the box and was then rid of all pain. I am convinced that a further use of this valuable remedy will make a permanent cure."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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

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Graded Schools, Statesville, N. C., writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. Devoe,
Haven Rock, W. Va., writes: "They give universal satisfaction." Dr. H. D. McGill, Chickasaw, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 25 years, I have found no remedy to equal yours." Price, 50 Cents. Samples Free. Sold by Druggists. MARTIN RUDY, LANCASTER, PA.
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A positive guarantee goes with every suit of this make of clothes. They are warranted to give you satisfaction in every way, worth all you pay for them and more. One of the advantages of this line of high-grade clothes have is the many styles to select from. They are different from other lines—and a difference that's easy to see—its quality. Many suits are sold that look well to start with, but soon take on a faded look. Why, because they are mixed with cotton or mercerized. When you buy a suit that is beyond a doubt all wool, such as the firm of—

They are Every
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It's satisfaction from the time you put them on until they are gone. We cannot say all about them that they deserve: They are the best clothes that we can find, and we are sure that you can't find any better clothes than we can. It's our business to hunt up the best—it's your duty to buy the best. When you come to us for clothes we'll see that you get the right thing for you.

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They're new, every one of them. Made of full stock leather, in embossed designs, basket weaves and fancy designs. All widths, any size, price 50c

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Men's and Boys' wool, heavy work, genuine buck, kid and Mocha. We represent five different glove makers and have what you want. Give us a look—you'll buy. Prices 25c to \$2.50



200 Good Suit Bargains



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They're BARGAINS, not a lot of left overs, but good, clean merchandise that were our best sellers this fall. There is only a few of a kind, but the kind will suit you, and your size is here. It's a positive fact that we have SUIT BARGAINS never before offered in Ballinger. And it is gratifying that people are not slow to realize this. Have you been one of the Lucky ones?

37 Men's Suits worth \$10.00 to \$12.50, A BARGAIN AT \$ 6.95
63 Men's Suits worth \$12.50 to \$15.00, A BARGAIN AT 7.85
45 Men's Suits worth \$15.00 to \$16.50, A BARGAIN AT 8.95
55 Men's Suits worth \$12.50 to \$17.50, A BARGAIN AT 10.95

THE BUSIEST PLACE IN BALLINGER



SHOES

Hamilton Brown Shoes have now a place in the favor of men. In the first place they appeal on the score of good style next as to wearing quality, they prove themselves trusty friends, that a man can feel at home with, or rather in comfort and ease in them. Last these appeal to the pocket book, on a money saving. Box calf, Patent, Plain kid.

HATS

Good Hats for Men: Wouldn't a good hat make you look better for the rest of the season? Choosing is made easy with all the new things we have to select from. New shapes in tan, brown, black and green. Also stiff hats, prices.....\$3.00 to \$3.50

UNDERWEAR

Good Underwear that will hold its shape is hard to find. Come to us with your troubles, our stock is well selected. Fleece, heavy ribbed, wool and cotton. We have just what you want at the price you want to pay. Per garment.....35c to \$2.00

Dr. J. L. Alred and Joe Kirby were here from Winters, Tuesday, looking after business. They report great things for Winters and of course were glad to learn that it would not be long before they could come to Ballinger on the railroad.

Postively no favorites, one price to all. Cash Grocery Co.

Albert Spill and T. H. Wright, prominent citizens of Winters, were doing business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. John Oats returned to her home at San Angelo, Tuesday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. S. B. Whittlesey. Mrs. Whittlesey returned home with Mrs. Oats and will visit in San Angelo for a few days.

Live Oak Flour the best Try a sack from Miller Mercantile Co.

E. Ballou, of South Ballinger, remembers the Leader in a substantial way this week.

Never Disappoints.

"Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test Hunt's Lightning Oil is an exception Confidence in it is never misplaced—disappointment never follows its use. It is surely the grandest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains, I know no equal."

GEORGE E. PADDOCK,
Doniphan Mo.

W. H. Rodgers of Winters, was here Monday. He attended the railroad meeting Monday night and subscribed \$50. That should make those men who live here, own property in Ballinger and who refused to contribute, feel bad.

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

H. L. Bull, one of the prominent citizens from the Crews country, was here first of the week, and left part of his cash with the Leader man.

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

F. C. Miller orders the Leader to go to Mrs. Bettie F. Gassaway at Gathersburg, Montgomery, Maryland.

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

M. A. Traylor orders the Leader to be sent to his father and mother in Breeding, Kentucky.

Theo Krc, one of the Leaders good friends, give us a dollar to keep the Leader coming to his address.

We have some choice lots for sale in Winters, Rodgers & Hall. \$5.00 quality John B. Stetson hats for \$3.50. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

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

Editor E. P. Eason, of Winters, attended the railroad meeting here Monday night, and contributed to the Ballinger bonus.

Dan Isom accompanied Mrs. Isom and the children to Dallas Saturday, where they will visit relatives through the holidays.

\$1.50 solid leather shoes \$1.15 W. A. Gustavus & Son.

R. S. Burney, a prominent farmer living South of Ballinger, adds his name to our list of readers.

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

Mrs. J. B. Alvis entertained in honor of Rey. and Mrs. M. E. Hudson Tuesday night of last week. We failed to get a notice of the entertainment for last week's paper. A very pleasant time was reported by those present.

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

Fritz Ernest is here from Wichita Falls. Mr. Ernest says he is here just to look after a little business. He may be, but we predict that he will be a citizen of Ballinger again in less than three months, or just as soon as he can arrange to get back.

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

A. B. Nichols and Miss Eunice Morton were married at the home of the brides parents on Eighth street Wednesday evening at eight thirty. Rev. J. S. Moore performed the ceremony.

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.

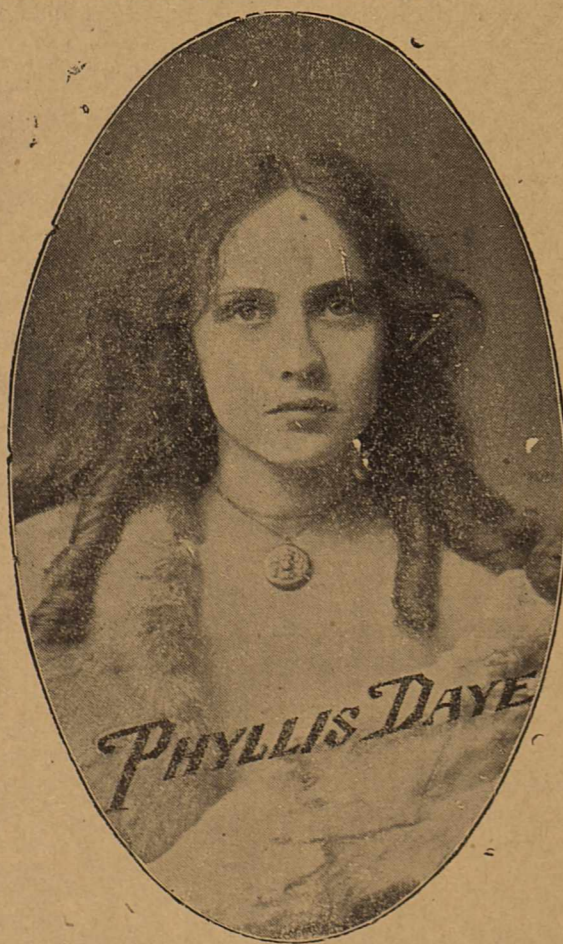
Might Have Been.

When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

A bank account is not only a luxury, but a necessity to a successful business man.—Citizens' National Bank.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

We would like to make every house wife happy by using our Queen of the Pantry Flour for their Xmas baking. The highest quality ever brought to this market. We like to see smiles on every body's face Xmas day and you will make no mistake by buying your Xmas eatables at Dornberger & Hopkinson.



The above is a good likeness of Dainty Little PHYLLIS DAYE, Soubrette, with Emery Musical Company at Opera House on FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SATURDAY MATINEE DECEMBER 18TH AND 19TH.



HAYSEL COULTER--Soprano.

With Emery Musical Comedy Company at Opera House on FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SATURDAY MATINEE DECEMBER 18TH AND 19TH.