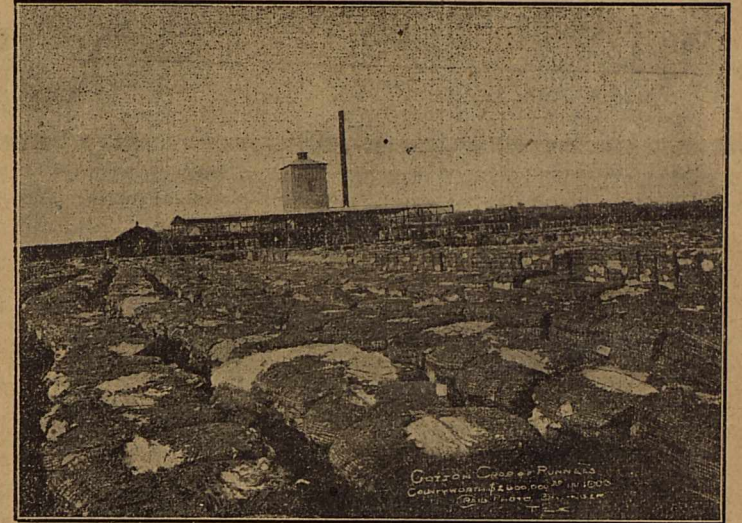


## It's Red Hot-Read It-Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., Page 3



Street scene in Ballinger where 50,000 bales of cotton will be marketed this season.



Compress scene in Ballinger where 100,000 bales of cotton will be pressed this season.

### CONTRACT READY FOR SIGNATURE

Work Will Start on New Rail Road by Feb. 1st

While the list of contributors to the bonus is not quite complete there being a number of parties whom the committee has been unable to see, the rail road proposition is just about settled. The contract has been drawn and sent to Ballinger and signed by the guarantee committee. It is ready for Mr. Jones signature, which will in all probability be placed to the contract by the time this report is in print.

Mr. Jones was here last Friday and in a meeting with the local committee every detail was agreed upon and the contract outlined. Mr. Jones returned to Fort Worth and had his attorney to draw the contract and forward it to Ballinger, and same has been signed by the following named parties, and is being held in abeyance until a few minor details can be arranged between the citizens of Ballinger and the local committee. As soon as these matters are adjusted Mr. Jones will be notified to come and place his name on the contract, which he is now waiting to do. The following named parties constitute the guarantee:

- Chas. S. Miller
- C. O. Harris
- Jo Wilmeth
- R. T. Jones
- J. N. Adams
- Tom Ward
- W. A. Tally
- M. C. Smith
- Ben S. Long
- J. H. Hubbard
- C. H. Willingham
- J. H. Wilke
- M. D. Chastain
- Jno. I. Guion
- J. McGregor
- B. B. Stone
- G. M. Vaughn
- W. J. Miller
- R. S. Griggs
- C. A. Doose
- W. E. Sayle
- Jo Hardin
- W. T. Ward
- T. A. Tidwell
- Jno. A. Weeks
- J. H. Patterson
- Ed S. McCarver
- W. E. Allen
- G. G. Odum
- J. F. Currie
- R. A. Terry
- R. P. Kirk
- T. S. Lankford
- J. A. Ostertag
- C. P. Shepherd
- H. A. Cady
- R. L. Shaffer
- P. E. Truly
- J. L. Golden
- W. B. Currie

#### Change in Business.

J. T. Baker, proprietor of the Globe, this week sold one-half interest in the business to L. E. Bair. Mr. Bair formerly owned half interest in the Globe store and of course feels at home again.

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.

### BALLINGER WANTS FEDERAL BUILDING

Congressman Smith Will be Asked to Secure Appropriation

The crowded condition of the post office and the urgent need for more room calls to mind the fact that Ballinger needs a building for Uncle Sam's business, and it is very probable that Congressman Smith will be petitioned to apply for an appropriation for that purpose.

Post Master Cady says, "I have been thinking about circulating a petition asking that Ballinger be furnished with a permanent post office home." We need the building" said Mr. Cady "and now is a good time to push our claim and get all the good things coming our way." The proper authority should push the project, and if there is any chance to get the building, let's get it.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

The services will be as follows next Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The morning subject will be "The Birthday of the King." Evening subject, "The Journey of Life." Everyone cordially invited to these services.

### OPPOSE SAVINGS BANK BILL

President Bankers Association Issues Letters to Congressmen.

T. C. Yantis, of Brownwood, president of the Texas Bankers Association, has issued a letter to Texas Congressmen and Senators in which Mr. Yantis states that Texas Bankers will fight the proposed bill to a finish. Following is the letter.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that a bill providing for the establishing of a Postal Savings Bank will come up for consideration in the United States senate soon. It is the opinion of the bankers of this state that such a law would be harmful to the general business interests of this country and especially hurtful to the banking interests of the South and West. Such a law would draw from our country large amounts of money now being satisfactorily handled by the local banks. I trust that you will resist the enactment of such a law with all the power that you can command. I am also writing Messrs. James L. Slayden and Bailey.

Yours very truly,  
T. C. YANTIS,  
President Texas Bankers' Ass'n.

Dr. E. R. Walker is in receipt of a cablegram from his brother, Capt. Kinzie Walker, who is located in Cuba in which Capt. Walker says he will come to the United States and after January will be stationed at San Antonio.

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

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

### INFANT STRAYS; IS FOUND DEAD

Sad Case of Henry Russel's Child of Aspermont County

The Abilene Reporter gives the account of a little baby being lost in the woods in Aspermont county which is the saddest thing this writer ever read, and those who have little toddling children can realize to a certain extent what the pang of grief must have been to the parents. The account is as follows:

On last Monday afternoon Henry Russel and wife, living fifteen miles north of Aspermont came in from the cotton field with their 18-months-old infant placed the baby on the bed and returned to the field. When they came in at dark the child was gone.

The mother and father first made a thorough search of the house and the premises, then, distracted, took the news to Aspermont. The citizens of that place turned out in force the next day, some three hundred of them taking part in the search for the lost baby. Travelers said the town looked like it had been depopulated and that business was practically at a standstill.

All through Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Wednesday night the searching party scoured every inch of that country for many miles around. This morning early, after being out three whole days and nights, the wasted body of the little child was found three miles from its home. The child, a boy, was breathing when found, but shortly after being discovered died in its mother's arms. The body was pitifully bruised from falls, shrunken from exposure, hunger and thirst, and on the face were also a number of abrasions. No foul play however is suspected. It is thought the baby, just learning to walk, toddled out of the house, crawled along till exhausted, then died where he lay. It was found in Eugene Mayfield's pasture fifteen miles from Aspermont. It is said that the mother and father are frenzied with grief. The funeral will be today or tomorrow morning.

#### 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.

### LABORING MEN WILL HELP

A Meeting Called for the Laboring Men Saturday Night

B. T. Dawson requests us to announce that there will be a meeting of the laboring men at the court house Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the good to be derived by the securing of another rail road.

The majority of the laboring men in Ballinger are permanently located here. This is their home, and of course the benefit to be derived from the new road will help each one in proportion to his interest in the town.

The road is a certainty the contract will be closed up, but the committee needs considerable more funds towards securing the right of way and to make good the guarantee made to Mr. Jones.

In providing this the laboring men will be given a chance to help.

#### Deaths.

ALEXANDER—The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alexander died Monday and was buried Tuesday in the Ballinger cemetery.

KINZER—Mr. and Mrs. T J Kinzer lost their little infant Saturday. The little remains were interred in the Ballinger cemetery. The many friends of the parents sympathize with them in their loss.

### LONG BROTHERS BUY CONCHO LAND

5000 Acres In Concho County Sold to the Farmers

A deal was closed Wednesday between Long Bros of Ballinger and Jas. Hughes, of Concho county, in which Mr. Hughes sells his 5000 acre ranch located about 13 miles south of Paint Rock, to Long Bros, at private terms.

This is a fine body of land and Long Brothers will subdivide the tract into small farms and sell to the farmers for homes, at prices ranging from \$15 to \$25 per acre. Concho county, like Runnels is fast developing into a fine farming county.

### WILL REMEMBER THE NEEDY

Christmas Exercises at Eighth Street Presbyterian Church. Everybody Invited to Take Part.

The Sunday School of the 8th Street Presbyterian church will have a program by the children at the church on the evening of the 24th. No gifts will be received by the members of the school but instead the school and its friends will remember the poor of the community with both the necessities of life and suitable Christmas dainties and toys. A novel feature in connection with the exercises will be an orange and apple contest between the woman and girls on one side and the men and boys on the other. Every woman and girl who attends these exercises is expected to bring as an admission fee at least one orange, every man and boy is expected to bring at least two apples. Anyone can bring as many oranges or apples as they see fit. One orange will be counted as equal to two apples. The side bringing the greater number will be declared the winner and thus the best friend to the poor. The result of the contest will be announced that evening. Every one invited to attend the exercises and take part in the contest. And any one not able to attend the exercises will be allowed to take part in the contest by sending to the church the oranges or apples as they see fit. Now who are the friends of the poor, the women and girls or the men and boys? The fruit thus received will go along with the other gifts to the poor.

An effort is being made to reach every one in the community, especially children, who would not otherwise be remembered on this glad occasion. All who see this notice are requested to report to the pastor, Mr. Fender, phone No. 343, the names of any people of whom they may know who are deserving of remembrance in this way. Please do this at once. Any one desiring to take part in this good work, is invited to do so as it is not the intention or purpose to make this a sectarian affair in any sense of the word.

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

### POST MASTER CADY NEEDS MORE ROOM

Ballinger Must Have New Post Office, and Application has been Made

Post master Cady addressed a letter to the department at Washington Monday of this week, asking that more post office room be provided for the Ballinger post office.

Mr. Cady says that it is absolutely necessary that he have more room in which to handle the wonderful increase in business at Ballinger, and a visit to the post office any hour in the day will bear Mr. Cady out in his claim. The business has increased wonderful, is increasing and will continue to increase with the advent of a new road and the increase in population and rapid development of the county, it will be absolutely impossible to handle the business in the present office.

Just as to where the new office will be is left to the post office department.

M. M. Hamlin, of the Leader, who was operated on last Saturday for appendicitis, is getting along as well as could be expected. The operation was successful in every respect, and Mr. Hamlin will be able to come to town in the course of three weeks.

I. S. Baldwin was here from Atoka, Wednesday. Mr. Baldwin expresses himself as being well pleased with his new home and reports a splendid business in the mercantile line.

### BRYAN and TAFT POPULAR VOTE

Taft got Few More Than Roosevelt, Bryan Got Over a Million More Than Parker.

New York, Dec. 12.—According to figures compiled by the New York Times the vote for Taft in the recent election was 7,659,688, as compared with 7,623,486 for Roosevelt in 1904. The democratic vote is given as 6,470,690, as against 5,077,971 for four years ago.

According to the table the Socialist vote was less this year than in 1904, the respective figures being 401,506 and 402,288.



## 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"



## 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

## B. F. Allen

The House Moving Man.

I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.

Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

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

### The Builders

In Ballinger High School Monthly.

In his little poem, *The Builders*, Longfellow tells us that we are all architects of Fate. By this he means that we have it in our power to make our lives great or small. Some people make themselves famous by great and good deeds; others by their beautiful poetry and music. In so doing they are like architects, who build massive temples or erect castles with graceful towers and spires.

In a building, small blocks and

stones and slender rafters are needed as well as the larger parts, and carelessness in the use of the former may undermine the whole structure. So in life, the little things said and done and thought have an important effect upon our character. No matter how trivial or insignificant a deed may appear to us, it has its part in building character. Small things well done may be the stepping stones to the performance of larger and greater things. Some people despair if they do not achieve great things at one stroke. But they should remember that great things are usually accomplished little by little. We must remember too, that our thoughts and the deeds that the world does not know of, enter into the building of our characters. Here we can learn a lesson from the builders of houses of the olden times. They were just as particular with the unseen part of the house as with the seen, for they thought that the Gods would know if

they neglected any part. So should we strive to make our lives perfect, both the seen and the unseen, for God sees everywhere.

If we do not do this, our lives will be like an incomplete house with broken stairways and pitfalls and incomplete walls. We shall not be able to play a man's part in life, nor to endure in times of trouble.

If, while young, we do not begin to build a firm foundation for our characters, they will be like the house that was built on the sand and was tumbled down when the wind blew. Not only must the foundation be firm, but every separate part must be of the best material. This is the only way that we can attain the heights for which we are all working.

MAY BUTLER.

### 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. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says; "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it 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.

It would be an interesting experiment to try talking to the next stranger you meet without asking any personal questions. Too often we are unable to converse with strangers until we have satisfied ourselves about various points—where they are from, for instance, and the whys and wherefores of their presence in our midst. Women are worse offenders in this respect than men. It is seldom that one woman can get on an easy footing with another until she knows her middle name, the number of her shoe, whether or not she is married, and how much of her hair is false.

Avoidance of such questions means falling back on our big common humanity for topics of mutual interest. Surely there is enough in common between even the greatest and meanest of God's people for them to converse together freely at a first meeting without a knowledge of all the trifling details which count for so little in reality, whatever value society may place upon them. The ability so to converse belongs to a high order of mind.—In Ballinger High School Monthly

### 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.

### 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.

tf Ostertag Furniture Co.

## 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

## TWO ALARMS ONLY ONE FIRE

False Alarm Causes Excitement. Walter Knight's Home Damaged.

Monday morning about eight o'clock the short tooting of the oil mill whistle, our familiar fire alarm, caused the fire boys to jump and run, but before they had reached the fire station the word false had reached the station and the excitement was quelled just as quick as it had been started. The alarm was caused by the telephone people who were testing the different phones, which was made necessary by the work being done on the phone lines. The fire alarm was accidentally made to rattle. And, again, some people were disappointed because there was no fire.

Another alarm was turned in about two o'clock Monday evening. This proved to be a true call for help from the fire boys for the home of Walter Knight located out on 14th street.

Mr. Knight was at Pink Hubbard's barber shop, and Mrs. Knight and the children were at the home of J. P. Knight in the country. The fire started in the kitchen and was discovered by Mrs. Walter Cordill, a neighbor, before it had gained much headway. Mrs. Cordill turned in the alarm and the neighbor ladies moved considerable household goods from the house and the fire boys were on the scene in double quick time and stopped the fire before the damage had exceeded \$100. It is another one of those mysterious fires, started without any visible cause.

### 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.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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

# Tell Us Your Troubles

And we can help you select the present for mother, father, sister or brother. Nothing is more acceptable and will please them better than something nice from a well selected stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Etc. It is easy for you to decide if you visit our store.

## 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 KIMONAS

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' COATS

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.....8½c  
Best Domestic.....7½c

# THE HUB

BALLINGER, TEXAS



# WONDERFUL VALUES DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

At the Biggest and Best Dry Goods Store in Ballinger

## Higdon-Melton-Jackson Company

We are going to show our appreciation for the liberal patronage you have given us this fall, by offering you seasonable goods at **Record Breaking Prices**, for eleven days only, **Saturday, December 19 to Tuesday, December 31, inclusive**. Be on hand and reap a harvest. Remember every item advertised is a Boni-fide Bargain---or your money cheerfully refunded.

The goods we are offering during this sale includes all **Clothing, Ladies' Suits, Cloaks and Millinery**. The articles mentioned must go. Prices tell the story. Read:

### Staples-Staples

Greatly Under Prices.

38 in. brown domestic only.....	5c
Best standard prints.....	4½c
Good cotton checks only.....	5c
Extra good cotton flannel worth 12½ and 15c yd only.....	10c
25 inch outing worth 6½ to 7½c only yard.....	5c
Good bleached domestic no starch the yard.....	7c
Good outing actually worth 10 and 12½c elsewhere, here.....	8c
25c towels only.....	19c

### Blankets.

A Sale of Blankets.

All 10.00 blankets now.....	\$8.48
All 8.50 blankets now.....	6.95
All 7.50 blankets now.....	5.95
All 6.50 blankets now.....	4.95
All 5.00 blankets now.....	3.95
All 4.00 blankets now.....	2.95
All 3.00 blankets now.....	2.29
All 2.00 blankets now.....	1.49

### Ladies Cloaks.

These Prices will enable you to buy a cloak now.

All 20.00 cloaks now.....	\$15.95
All 18.00 cloaks now.....	14.95
All 15.00 cloaks now.....	12.95
All 12.50 cloaks now.....	9.95
All 10.00 cloaks now.....	7.95
All 8.50 cloaks now.....	6.95
All 7.50 cloaks now.....	4.95
All 6.50 cloaks now.....	4.48
All 5.00 cloaks now.....	3.65
All 4.00 cloaks now.....	2.95

### HATS

Jno. B. Stetson Best	\$5.00
Hats. The world beater.	
Only	<b>\$4.48</b>

### Umbrellas for Men

Fine silk umbrellas for men make appropriate gifts 5.00 3.00.....\$2.50

## A SALE OF CLOTHING

The Opportunity is Now--Don't Pass It By

All \$25.00 Suits Sale price.....	\$19.95	All Men's \$25.00 Over Coats now.....	\$18.95
All 22.50 Suits Sale price.....	17.95	All Men's 20.00 Over Coats now.....	14.95
All 20.00 Suits Sale price.....	15.95	All Men's 18.00 Over Coats now.....	12.45
All 18.50 Suits Sale price.....	14.95	All Men's 15.00 Over Coats now.....	11.95
All 17.50 Suits Sale price.....	13.95	All Men's 12.50 Over Coats now.....	9.95
All 15.00 Suits Sale price.....	12.95	All Men's 10.00 Over Coats now.....	7.95
All 12.50 Suits Sale price.....	9.95	All Men's 8.50 Over Coats now.....	6.95
All 10.00 Suits Sale price.....	7.95	All Men's 7.50 Over Coats now.....	5.95
All 8.50 Suits Sale price.....	6.95	All Men's 6.50 Over Coats now.....	4.48

### Boys' and Young Men's Clothes---Yes, the Prices are Cut Deep Here

All \$5.00 Boys Suits now.....	\$4.25	All 1.50 Boys Suits now.....	\$1.24
All 4.50 Boys Suits now.....	3.95	All \$12.00 Young Men's Clothes.....	9.95
All 4.00 Boys Suits now.....	3.45	All 10.00 Young Men's Clothes.....	7.95
All 3.50 Boys Suits now.....	2.95	All 8.50 Young Men's Clothes.....	6.95
All 3.00 Boys Suits now.....	2.49	All 7.50 Young Men's Clothes.....	5.95
All 2.50 Boys Suits now.....	1.95	All 6.50 Young Men's Clothes.....	4.48
All 2.00 Boys Suits now.....	1.59	All 5.00 Young Men's Clothes.....	3.95

## All Ladies' Hats Must Go

These prices will move them quickly. You can afford to have 2 or 3 at these prices.

All \$10.00 Ladies Hats.	Sale Price	\$5.00
" 8.50	" "	4.25
" 7.50	" "	3.75
" 7.00	" "	3.50
" 6.50	" "	3.25
" 6.00	" "	3.00
" 5.00	" "	2.50
" 4.00	" "	2.00
" 3.00	" "	1.58
" 2.50	" "	1.25

Think of it just one half Price less than cost of material.

### Ladies Tailored Suits---A Harvest Here.

All \$25.00 Ladies Tailored Suits now	\$19.50
" 22.50	17.95
" 20.00	15.95
" 18.50	14.95
" 17.50	13.95
" 16.50	12.95
" 15.00	11.95
" 12.50	9.95

### Xmas Suggestions

Down this way many beautiful and appropriate gifts here.

Silk hosiery at 3.00 2.50 and.....	\$1.50
Beautiful Furs and sets at 10.00 down to.....	\$2.50
Long and short kid gloves at 3.50, 1.50 and.....	98c
Net and silk waists 6.50, 5.00 and.....	\$3.00
Linen sets with napkins to match at 10.00 8.50 6.00 and.....	\$3.50
Umbrellas, fine gold handle at 10.00 7.50 and.....	\$4.98
Silk petticoats at 10.00 7.50 and.....	\$5.00
Ladies fancy silk scarfs 2.50 1.98 and.....	\$1.48
Ladies hats beautiful gifts just half price here.	
Ladies Felt slippers at 1.50 and.....	\$1.25
Fine linen and cambric handkerchiefs at 75, 50 25 and.....	10c
Hand bags 5.00 down to.....	50c

### Appropriate Gifts

For men, young men and boys	
Eagle shirts 2.50 down to.....	\$1.00
Magnificent line of ties 1.00, 75 and.....	50c
Box of hose 4 pair in box.....	\$1.00
Beautiful suspenders in boxes at 1.00 and.....	50c
Smoking jackets at.....	\$5.00
Silk mufflers at 2.00 1.95 1.50 and.....	50c
Linen handkerchiefs at 50, 35 and.....	25c
Mens fine coat sweaters at 3.50 3.00 and.....	\$2.50
Silk handkerchiefs a beautiful gift here 1.00 75 and.....	50c
Bath Robes at.....	\$5.00
Wilson Bros. shirts a gift for brother at 1.50 and.....	\$1.00
Fine laprobes 7.50 6.00 down to.....	\$2.50
Leather suit cases 8.50 5.00 and.....	\$2.00

Remember Its Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back. We never at any time allow an article to be misrepresented.

# Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

THE BEST STORE FOR THE BEST VALUES

We have absolutely one price here, and that to all, whether you are rich or poor---no distinction here.



### Where is the Shirt Tail Boy

Times have changed wonderfully during the last decade. Twenty-five years ago this writer was chasing a Spanish pony up and down the cotton rows in his shirt tail and barefooted, and was thankful for a long shirt. Now the boys are crying for tailmade suits and fancy vests before they discard three-cornered garments and learn to talk plainly.—Garland News.

Call again, it is seldom we hear the truth so pointedly expressed. The difference between the economies of twenty-five years ago and the extravagances today just about represents the hiatus between the comparative contentment of all classes then and now. As a people we spend too much, yearn for too much and earn too little to afford us half of what we think we ought to have. The result is debt, mental distress, social disorder and plain darn foolishness.—Dallas News.

Yes, it is the truth. The extravagances, the foolish fancies the cravings, yearnings and wants of this day and time are putting more "noses to the grind stone," and taking the marrow from more bones than any and all other causes. Foolish, false pride, the result of hallucinations, is sapping the vitality from more men and women, dampening the ardor and ambitions of more people and stultifying more minds, according to our way of thinking than may be imagined. Against such can be charged increased divorced suits, suicide victims, and numerous other curses. Of course this is not the whole cause but it's a big one and seems to be working overtime in an effort to be the chief one. Fine raiment is all right in its place. Money and society and other objects of "yearnings" like wise, but when people lay aside everything to obtain that desired end, matters are becoming critical. The simplicity and contentment of a quarter of a century ago, barring the shirt tail custom, affords a happy and pleasing picture when compared with the extravagance and cravings of this modern time.—Gatesville Messenger.

As much more could be said, and the half not told. The man that lives beyond his means, lives to grieve another day, and pass through hours of darkest scenes. Many people are not content with the comforts of life, and the happiness that should surround such, but long for the giddy swirl of fast living and try to keep pace with the man with money, and as a result winds up bankrupt, despondent and a wreck on the sea of peaceful happiness. The man that spends what he makes before he makes it is a failure.

Judge W. E. Sayle had business in Bronte first of the week. He was accompanied by Leon Ward and the trip was made one of pleasure and business combined, quite a number of quail having been bagged on the trip.

## MADAM ZUREKA

Celebrated Egyptian Palmist

Has located on Hutchings Ave., opposite the court house. This lady is an expert in her line. She is possessed of wonderful powers in reading the history of ones life by examining the palm of the hand. Telling the past, present and future. Advice given in business matters, family affairs lost and stolen property. Visit her tent and be convinced.

DAILY READING FROM 8 a m to 10 p m

### THE NATIONAL STOCK COMPANY

The National Stock Co., fulfilled what was expected of it as a vehicle of entertainment, when it presented, "The Senator's Daughter," last night at Hayne's Opera House. A play replete with the romance of the "Old South," having such a strength of comedy interwoven in the plot and to make it stand out as a Comedy-Drama of high pleasing proportions. In the rendition of their parts, the actors line up to the cleverness of the playwright causing you to take a fine grip on the arms of your orchestra chair in the intense scenes, and lifting you into a burst of laughter in the humorous situations. The duel scene in the last act is weird and real enough to cause a shudder and catch of the breath. As a whole this company of excellent players is probably the best that Weatherford has seen together, and one may use the word actor in speaking of each member without regret.—Weatherford Daily Times.

This company will be seen at the Opera House 5 nights, commencing Monday Dec 21st, prices 35c, 50c and 75c. Tickets on sale at Walker Drug Co.

### Notice to City Hog Growers.

After January 1st, the Hog ordinance will be enforced and all hogs must be removed from the city limits. No one will be allowed to keep hogs within the city limits under any circumstances. Fair warning is hereby given, and the board of health will see that the ordinance is enforced. Get your hog out before the first and avoid prosecution.

### The American Farmer.

The American farmer is on the top. He holds the destiny of the country in his grasp and yet he is not grasping. He makes few demands and asks few favors. He only wants what properly belongs to him and if these things are secured every interest in the nation is served. Among the few things he craves is to be governed so economically that the burden of taxes may be lowered. He asks for lower freight rates that the products of his farm may reach a market where the consumer can purchase and consume. He asks that the laws which place an unjust burden on him be repealed that exact justice to all may be secured. He abhors all laws granting special privileges and opposes all measures which build up fortunes for one class and imposes burdens upon another class. He lays no claim to superior citizenship, but looks with suspicion upon the scophant who fawns at his feet. He admires manly independence of the seeker after political preferment and despises fraud and political cowardice. He is courageous, and generous, patient and forgiving; but will never subscribe to the doctrine that the spoils belong to the victor. He knows that there should be no spoils, for spoils are tainted with deception and deception is born of corruption.

Mrs. A. M. Routh, who has been visiting in South Texas for a couple of months, will return home Tuesday of next week. Her grand daughter, Miss Edna Routh, who is with her, will stop off at Goldthwaite for a visit.

Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, the new presiding elder of the Brownwood district, of the Methodist church, is here to hold the first quarterly conference, of this conference year.

Geo. E. Lenert, of LaGrange is here looking after business. Mr. Lenert is a stockholder in the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co and is otherwise interested in Rannels County.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuchard are visiting relatives in Menardville. Mr. Schuchard will return in a few days. Mrs. Schuchard will remain until after the holidays.

### SOME WEAK POINTS

COMMERCIAL CLUBS SOMETIMES MAKE BLUNDERS.

### STARTING NEW ENTERPRISES

Bonuses Often Given and Little Benefits Gained by the Towns That Give—Protecting Established Industries.

Within the past few years a commercial club organization fever has taken hold of many towns in the western country. It is a kind of good fever to have, but quite often, like other of the less harmless fevers that afflict physically, passes away and doesn't make much difference with the our general health.

Town-building is much like erecting a good bridge. It is essential that a good foundation be laid. Natural conditions have much to do with it. Cities and towns spring up where there is a good cause for their existence. Artificial means may be employed for "booming" purposes, but unless there be something substantial and lasting, all the booming that can be done will not result in the accomplishment of permanent good. The average rural town receives its principal support from the business given it by the contiguous territory. The trade of a limited section of country will sustain a comparative number of business establishments. If a town possesses natural advantages, location, etc., for certain lines of manufacturing, so much the better. It would be foolish, as have been demonstrated in a number of western towns, to commence the manufacture of cottons, or silks, or furniture, when the raw material must be transported from a great distance, and also the fuel for power.

Still, if a town assume any great proportions, there must be industries to give the people occupation. The judicious investment of capital in canning factories, in paper mills, in glucose works and a few other enterprises, if these enterprises are rightly conducted, might prove a valuable factor in some of the western towns.

When a commercial club is organized, generally efforts are made to secure some industry for the town that will give its people employment and which will bring new residents to the town. Quite often bonuses are offered concerns, which are located in other places to relocate. It has been the general experience of towns which have made efforts along these lines that a concern that asks very much encouragement in the way of ready cash, is hardly worth bothering with and is likely to prove a failure.

Another thing that the average commercial club does not take in consideration is that it is better to build up institutions already located than to encourage new ones of doubtful success. A manufacturing concern is only valuable to the town as a means of placing a greater amount of money in circulation. The greater the pay roll, the better for the town. But it matters not how big the amount is that is distributed among workers on a Saturday night, it results in little good to the town if it is sent to some other town for needed supplies.

Commercial club members should keep in mind that it is far better to devise means of keeping money earned by farmers and laborers from being sent to large cities for goods, than it is to have new concerns started. If there be a few hundred dollars a day sent from the place to mail-order houses, it would be far better to prevent this by devising means for having it spent in the town, than to encourage the location of a factory with a pay roll of a like amount. It should be the first duty of a commercial organization to protect its home industries, and when strangers see that this is successful they will be more likely to seek the place as suitable for the establishment of some business enterprise.

D. M. CARR.

### Home Trade Idea Not New.

Day after day the people are awakening to the fact that the only way the evils of trusts can be combated is by an adherence to the home trade doctrine. It is nothing new. It was the sentiment that prompted the founders of our government to sound the clarion of Liberty from the summit of Bunker Hill. Then, it was the forcing of a people dependent on another government to pay an unjust tribute for necessities of life. Today it is one class of people of a nation, and the greatest nation on earth, to compel the other classes to pay unjust tribute in a commercial way. The wrong was righted by blood in the first case; the wrong can be righted in the present case by the people without resorting to serious trouble, by merely exercising their prerogatives and the means that lie in their power to prevent the concentration of great wealth in the big financial centers by keeping their surplus earnings at home. It is the draining the dollars from the country to the large cities that assist in building up the great combines, the great trusts, which are manipulated to the detriment of the people of the country at large. It does not require special legislation for the farmer to buy flour made in his home mill; to use other products made in his county or state, or to patronize the merchants of his home town.

Value of Good Roads. Good roads leading to a town indicate the progressiveness of the citizens of the community. Invariably poor roads mean indifference and lack of confidence in the stability of the town.

## 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

Every store in town has an extra force of clerks employed to help handle the holiday rush. The Leader advertisers are enjoying a splendid business. During the last two weeks the Leader has been going to more people in Rannels county than any other paper published in the county. Our list is growing in a hurry, new subscribers being added every day.

Mesdames A. C. Wright and A. J. Marberry went to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon to attend a reception given by Mrs. J. W. Francis to the Mystic Weavers, a social organization of the neighboring city.—San Angelo Press.

A. V. Lawrence and daughter arrived yesterday from Indianapolis Ind., to spend the holidays with their daughter and sister Mrs. C. O. Harris. This is Mr. Lawrence's first visit to Texas and he is much pleased with the big state.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ross who have been here for a month looking after property interest, left yesterday evening for their home at Santa Rosa, California.

Prof. J. M. Dickey will leave this evening for Boyce, Texas, where he will be married on the 23rd of this month to Miss Lucile Robinson.

Sixty-five school teachers have been in Ballinger all this week, and in the bunch is a lot of pretty girls. Ballinger boys should not let the opportunity to do some missionary work slip.

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.

W. S. Harmon, Ed. S. McCarver, Ben Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lusk and one or two others went to Santa Anna this evening to attend the Log Rollers Association.

Jas. M. Edwards returned to Austin, Tuesday, after spending a couple of days here on business. Mr. Edwards was formerly station agent here and later connected with the Citizen's National Bank. He is now Chief Clerk in the Treasure Department at Austin.

Mrs. N. L. Douglas of Sterling City passed through San Angelo Wednesday en route to Ballinger for a short social visit.—San Angelo Press.

Judge Lynn Hall, a young lawyer, of Palmington, Mo., has located in Ballinger. Judge Hall is officing with Judge J. W. Powell for the present.

W. A. Norman returned to his work at Paint Rock Monday after a spin over to Dallas where he took part in the organization of a half million dollar loan and guarantee company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chastain came in last night from San Marcos to spend the holidays with relatives.

W. R. Crabb, one of the Leader's good friends from the Mazeland country, made the Leader a pleasant call Tuesday and subscribed for the paper for one of his neighbors, T. E. Hoffman.

Miss Leona Miller came in yesterday from Jacksonville, Ill. to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller.





With Emery Musical Comedy Company, Opera House To-night and Tomorrow night.

### \$18,000 FAILURE AT MILES

#### Petty McBeth Co. Makes an Assignment

The Petty-McBeth Co. a partnership concern at Miles filed a deed of assignment in the county clerk's office on the evening of the 16th of December.

Their assets consists of a stock of general merchandise of an estimated value of \$10500.00 also some notes on accounts of an indeterminate value.

Following is a list of creditors and the amount they owe each:

Walker-Smith Co. Brownwood, Texas	3000.00
Keith Bros. & Co. Chicago Ill.	253.50
Missouri Milling Co. Ballinger Texas	12.00
Corinth Woolen Mills St. Louis Mo.	93.00
Runnels County National Bank Miles	3500.00
Bailey & Meineke Miles (Borrowed money)	2200.00
Mrs. Belcher Miles (Borrowed money)	300.00
Sanders Duck & Rubber Co. St. Louis Mo.	74.58
Bell, Thompson & Wyatt San Angelo	257.66
Anchor Roller Mills Fort Worth Texas	364.00
Adams Grocery Co. Brownwood Texas	58.00
Alive Nyses, Dallas	7.50
A. C. Hamilton, Fayetteville Ark.	12.00
Hanver Glove Co., Hanver Penn.	29.69
M D Wells Co. Chicago	336.00
Merit Mfg. Co. Mayfield Kentucky	390.00

W L Moody, Galveston	617.00
Ditman Shoe Co. St. Louis Mo.	641.90
Galveston Dry Goods Co. Galveston Texas	785.77
Copper Wells Co. St. Joseph Mich.	58.00
Woolen Spice Co., Toledo Ohio	42.00
Mereta Knitting Mills. Marietta Ga.	55.00
Herz Bros., Waco	17.50
Sanger Bros. Dallas	1692.00
Watson Bernard Rodgers Co. Petersburg Va.	92.68
National Biscuit Co. Fort Worth Texas	7.31
Tracy-Morris Co. Philadelphia	230.75
Leon Michael Co New York N. Y.	133.05
Brown Cracker Co Dallas Texas	9.90
Price Booker Mfg Co San Antonio Texas	12.25
Morrison Richer Co Griennell Iowa	36.00
W. S. Webb, Miles Drayage	109.75
Raspberry & Bruce Ballinger	37.78
Hanner Mfg Co Okaloosa Iowa	72.00
Blancke Tea & Coffee Co Dallas Texas	31.28
C. L. Ewing Miles	1200.00

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

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

## 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, Musical Numbers **15**  
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.

### RUNNELS COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Meet in Ballinger This Week. Good Attendance, Interesting Program

The school teachers of Runnels county have had charge of things in Ballinger this week. The Runnels County Teachers Institute convened last Monday morning at 8:30, and over sixty teachers answered to the roll call.

Judge B. B. Stone addressed the institute giving the teachers a hearty welcome. Supt. Hagan also made a short talk, after which the institute was organized. Prof Wilson, of Miles, was elected president, C. D. Garrett vice president, and J. H. Beard, sec.

The program as published in this paper, was taken up and carried out, the various subject discussed with considerable interest. During the week Rev. Biggs, Rev. Amerson and Rev. Fender, local pastors, visited the institute and addressed the teachers.

Following is a list of the teachers in attendance:

Gentlemen	
L. C. Fowler	
C. D. Garrett	
J. N. Key	
I. W. Eaves	
J C Taylor	
A. P. Bolding	
Roy Beard	
G. C. Beard	
J H Braard	
R N Wilson	
R L Carlton	
W C Hine	
S J Holder	
Max Croener	
W W Wooten	
T L Huggins	
S E Pollock	
W C McCarver	
W G Clay	
C M Stapp	
Ladies	
Nettie Mills	
Justian McCarty	
Gennie Hair	
Dovie Pipkins	
Alma Padgett	
Annie Nelson	
Molie Slaughter	
Arnie Smith	
Helen Shirrill	
Georgia Stubbs	
Mattie Andrews	
Annie Jeans	
Mae Mixon	
Lola Brown	
Leta Dickenson	
Ada White	
Nannie Newlin	
Mrs A P Bolding	
Willie Hall	
Lora Ritch	
Pearl Brown	
Josie Glenn	
Annie Glenn	
Lynette Brown	
Mrs W A Bridwell	
Birdie Young	
Sammie Radgett	
Mrs R N Wilson	
Etta Faraer	
Maud Lankfod	
Minnie Rider	
Maud Shelton	
Valeria Griffith	
Daisy Robin	
Mae Stephens	
Johnie Mixon	
Minnie Grace	
Jessie Secrest	
Idras Sharp	
Winnie Huffaker	
Pauline Bohae	
Edna Smith	
Mrs Orlene Gholston	
Maggie Banoskt	
Amma Morgan	

#### Ballinger Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: Hope the anchor of the Soul. Evening subject: Laying up Treasure in Heaven. A cordial welcome is extended to all to worship with us. All services will begin promptly at the time appointed. Z. J. Amerson.

### HORRIBLE TRAGEDY AT ROWENA

Eleven Months Old Baby Burned While Mother is in Cotton Field.

News of the burning to death of the eleven-months old girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havlak at Rowena Monday morning about 9 o'clock reached Ballinger a few hours after the occurrence. The account of the burning should be a lesson to others, and cause fathers and mothers to be more particular with their children.

Mr. Havlak, the father, was at the gin with a bale of cotton at the time of the occurrence and the mother was in the field, having gone early Monday morning to pick cotton, leaving her three daughters at the house. One was the eleven-months-old girl mentioned above, another was three years old and the other two years of age. The children got hold of a box of matches and began striking them with the result that the dress of the youngest child caught fire, and before the blaze could be extinguished the little girl was burned so badly that she died a quarter of an hour afterward.

The two older children screamed for their mother as soon as they grasped the situation, and the latter, who was only a short distance from the house, rushed to the home to try to save the baby, but by the time she arrived the clothes of the child had been burned entirely off.

The mother's hands were severely burned in trying to save the child, who succumbed to the burns just about five minutes before a physician arrived. The parents are heartbroken over the deplorable tragedy, and the mother was frantic for several hours after the occurrence.

The remains were interred in the Rowena cemetery Tuesday evening.

### EXCITING TIME FOR FREIGHTORS

Two Double Teams and two Wagons Mix Up In Runaway

What could have been a very destructive runaway, or mix up of teams, occurred at the Eight Street rail road crossing yesterday evening. Just as the East bound passenger was pulling out.

A freighter had just crossed the track when a boy on a bicycle frightened his lead team causing them to whirl around breaking the tongue out off the wagon. The short end to the tongue left to the wagon tripped one of the tongue mules, and before he could get up the frightened team drug the wagon over him. The mule was tangled in the harness and had his head doubled back under him, and looked for a few minutes like the mule undertaker would have to be called on. But after the harness had been cut loose and the wagon pulled off the mule got up and came out in good shape, only having a slight scratch on his leg. It was a close call for the mule and an exciting time for the driver. Quite a crowd was attracted by the accident.

H. W. Gober, of Paint Rock, was here yesterday. He brought 12 bales of cotton to Ballinger to get it ginned. He said the gin at Paint Rock was out of fix and could not keep up with the work. From general reports coming from Ballingers trade territory, the cotton receipts will pass the fifty thousand mark. The receipts will pass 40,000 by Christmas.

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

### HORSE THIEF MAKES GOOD HAUL

Goes in Lot and Pick Best Horse From Bunch.

E. W. Bailey, who recently moved here from Bay City and is living at the Skinner place in West End, is short a fine horse.

The horse thief visited his lot last Saturday night and stole his family horse, a fine bay and a very valuable horse, leaving several other horses in the lot. It seems that the thief had his plans well layed as he picked the best horse from the bunch, and left nothing behind to give the officers a clue to work from. Mr. Bailey says the real value of the horse is about \$200, but he would not have parted with him for \$500, as it was his family horse and could be trusted to be

perfectly gentle. Mr. Bailey has offered a reward of \$75 for horse and thief.

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.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

The best wagon harness at Shaffer's.

Cough Up.  
"The race for an office is like a street car."  
"How so?"  
"Always room for one more."  
"It also has the pay-as-you-enter feature."—Kansas City Journal.

## TEN DAYS' CUT SALE

In Our Clothing Department. Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Pants will be sold for the next ten days at

Greatly Reduced Prices



Get a Suit for Xmas

We have a nice line of the famous Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Alfred Benjamin Tailored Suits, all standard lines, that will be sold for the next ten days at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

Boys' Suits at Cut Prices

Big line of standard brand Boys' Suits and Pants go at

CUT PRICES



# WINKLER DRY GOODS CO.



# 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**

## NEGRO EXODUS FOR HOLIDAYS

Many Negroes Leaving Ballinger to be at Home Christmas.

Those who feel that the negro has no place in this land and those who have been so outspoken in condemning the move to bring negroes here to pick the immense cotton crop, can now go to bed, sleep sound and dream of something else to agitate and (dis)uss. Notwithstanding that considerable cotton is yet in the field and work of every discription plentiful, nearly every passenger train going east from Ballinger carries quite a number of negro passengers. Something over one thousand negroes were shipped in here from points between San Antonio and Temple, Galveston, Waco and other places. These negroes, or most of them at least, were brought here by being persuaded to come and having their railroad fare advanced to them. They have been a great help in saving the cotton crop before the bad winter weather set in, and have, no doubt been a means of keeping the picking scale down to within a reasonable limit, a price the farmers could pay. The negroes have made money for their employers as well as for themselves, and with the exception of a few fights and a few "crap shoot'en cases" we have heard of no crimes being committed. For all of this we should be thankful.

The negroes are going back to their South and East Texas friends just as was promised, and will no doubt continue to go until the usual number of home negroes are left here. Now lets let the negro question drop, and when cotton picking season rolls around again, and another big crop is to be picked, let those who don't want the negro here say so in time, and if their "say so" amounts to anything Mr. Negro will stay away.

## NEED CO-OPERATION

ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS IN ALL BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

### ON SOME LATE IMPOSITIONS

Schemes Devised to Deceive the People and to Gain Support for Unsound Financial Propositions.

Harmonious co-operation is essential in any successful business. By co-operation is not meant such organization as the communistic and monastic societies found in parts of the European countries, and occasionally existing in America. As co-operation relates to manufacture and commercialism, it simply means a righteous regard on part of employer and the employed for the liberty and privilege of both. It means of the laborer, a just day's work for a just day's compensation; and for the employer, services rendered for the wages he must pay. Interests of both are parallel. One has his capital invested, money employed and the other has also his capital represented by his ability to labor either in a mental or physical capacity.

In England and in parts of Germany, there are numerous societies, the workers in each being common stockholders and participating in all profits according to their holdings. In fact these societies are nothing more than the great railroad companies and industrial concerns of America, only that in the latter the stockholders seldom take an active part in the work performed. One who takes the care to study into conditions in the countries where this form of co-operation exists, will find environments far different from what obtains in the United States. In various places and at different times attempts to copy after the English co-operative societies have been made in the United States. Failure has rewarded the efforts made. Some few communities flourished for a time, then decayed.

Propped up by the success of the few successful organizations in the old country, shrewd schemers have started different commercial enterprises in cities of the United States, supposed to be operated upon the co-operative plan. When carefully studied, and the plans of the promoters dissected, it will be found that co-operation in these cases seems simply the getting into business on other people's money, and weaving around the enterprise such appearances as leads the unsophisticated to believe that from few dollars invested, great savings can be made. In fact the co-operative plan is more for the purpose of advertising a private business proposition and gaining trade from those who invest their dollars in the plan.

It is a foolish thing for the resident of any town or farming community to invest money in such enterprises, which means competition for his home town, the killing off of its business and the building up of concerns in large cities. The earnest man or woman can see in their own home place splendid chances for co-operation. Established business systems as found in the rural towns, are splendid examples of what co-operation should be. The home merchant supplies the residents of the place with the commodities that they require; the merchant is the medium of exchange of the products of the farmer. In the transactions employment is given to home labor, and the little profits are kept at home for the benefit of all in the community. Co-operation can be simmered down to a strictly home-trade principle, and there can be no higher form, no system inaugurated that will bring better results to the masses. Before you invest in co-operative mercantile schemes devised by shrewd business men in the large cities, study every phase of the question well, and you are likely to conclude that in your own town there is plenty of room for co-operative work.

### 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.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR

**R. A. RISSER & CO.**

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR

## Every Christmas Present You Give Should be Something Useful

What could be more useful than something to wear? Something entirely new, and up-to-date will give the most pleasure to your friends or relatives.

Every Department in our store is filled with the latest novelties. The assortments are large, the goods are first quality, the styles and designs, you have never seen before. Come and see us. Buy your Xmas presents at "Risser's" and your money will go twice as far.

### LADIES GOODS

#### Furs of all Kinds

A big stock of Fur Collars, Fur Scarfs and Boas, trimmed with heads, claws and tails. Colors, shades of brown, grey and blacks. All the new styles. Prices..... **\$8.50 to 75c**

#### Dressy Waists

Beautiful Net Waists, trimmed with lace, fancy colored fillet bands, solid white bands etc. Made over china silk, Patterns and designs entirely new and are advanced Spring Models. Prices..... **\$6.50 to \$4.00**

#### Handkerchiefs

The new Cross Bar Designs neatly embroidered in White and colors. Every one a model of daintiness. Linen or cotton **50c to 10c**

#### Neckwear

We have searched the market and have for your inspection 100 different styles of Neckwear. Ruching collars in both double and single about 20 style. Linen collars plain and embroidered. Silk collars with wide ruches and washable lace collars. Every one is worth from 75c to 50c. Our prices..... **25c to 35c**

#### Dresden Head Scarfs

Dainty Gauge malereal, exquisite patterns in colors and white. 72 inches long. Something that every lady needs. Price only **\$1.00**

### READY TO WEAR

#### Ladies Suits.

Fifty new tailored suits recieved. Materials are beautiful herringbone worsteds. Coats are 36 inches long nicely made in the latest styles, trimmings of satin, and bias folds of material. Skirts are full and trimmed to match coats. Colors navy blue, brown, chocolate, wine Red, Grey, Tanpe, and Black.

To close out all suits by Christmas we offer **\$27.50 and \$25.00 Suits for**

**\$18.00**

Other styles now **\$10.00 \$12.50 \$15.00.** Now is the chance to buy that suit and save money

#### Cloaks and Coats

100 new stryes have just been recieved, which gives you a big assortment to Select from. Colors Tan, Red, Navy, Castor, Brown and Black. From \$2.00 to \$5.00 saving on every one. Prices..... **\$13.50 to \$2.50**

#### Children's Bear Skin

A good assortment of plain and fancy bearskins, colors Brown, Red, Gray, Blue and white, Ages 1 year to 10 years. Prices..... **\$2.25 to \$5.00**  
Caps to match Cloaks Prices..... **50c and 60c**

We have not allowed our stock to become broken, and have for your inspection a complete stock of everything. Select your remembrances at our store. You wont have to spend as much and your gifts will be more appreciated.

A Full Line of Christmas Ribbons Just Received

# THE WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & COMPANY

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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

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

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

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

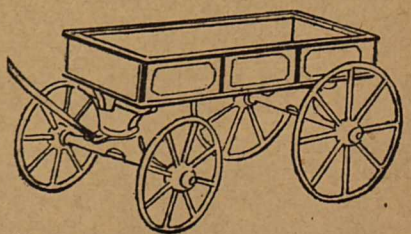
## Christmas Gifts

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.

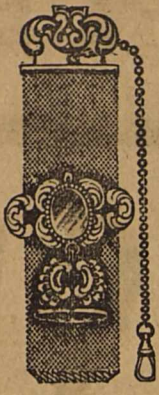
A gift bought here is a guarantee of quality and reliability both to the donor and the recipient.

## J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store





Our Holiday Line is Complete



Our Styles are New and Appropriate



A Superb Stock of Superior Quality



SOLD AT FAIR PRICES

# For the HOLIDAY SHOPPER

## Christmas Gifts for the Ladies, Young and Old.

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.

### RINGS

Diamond Rings  
Set Rings of all kinds  
Signet Rings  
Emblem Rings  
Rings made any size

## JAS. E. BREWER

### THE LEADING JEWELER

BALLINGER, : : TEXAS

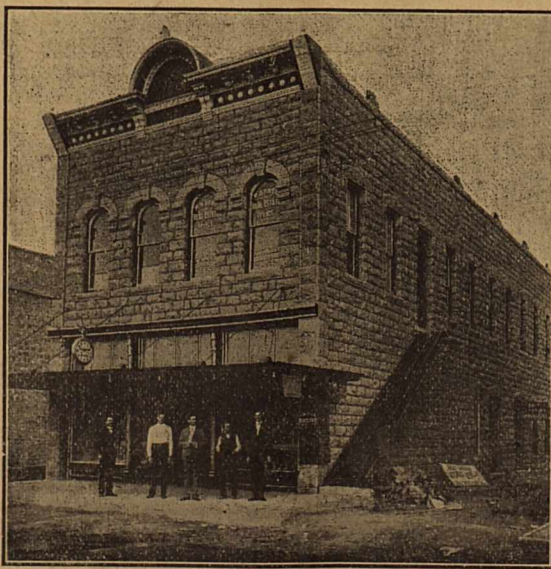
### WATCHES

Waltham and Elgin and other Standard movements  
Gold, Gold Filled and silver cases.  
CLEVER DESIGNS  
ALL STYLES

### HAND PAINTED CHINA

A full and complete line of Hand Painted and Fancy China, an ornament indeed on any table or in any side-board.

### J. E. Brewer's Jewelry Store



THE HOME OF  
RELIABLE JEWELRY

### Chains, Fobs and Charms

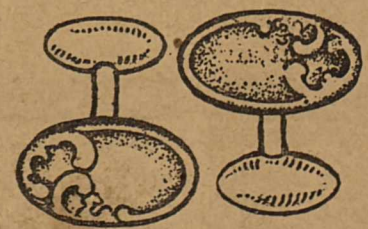
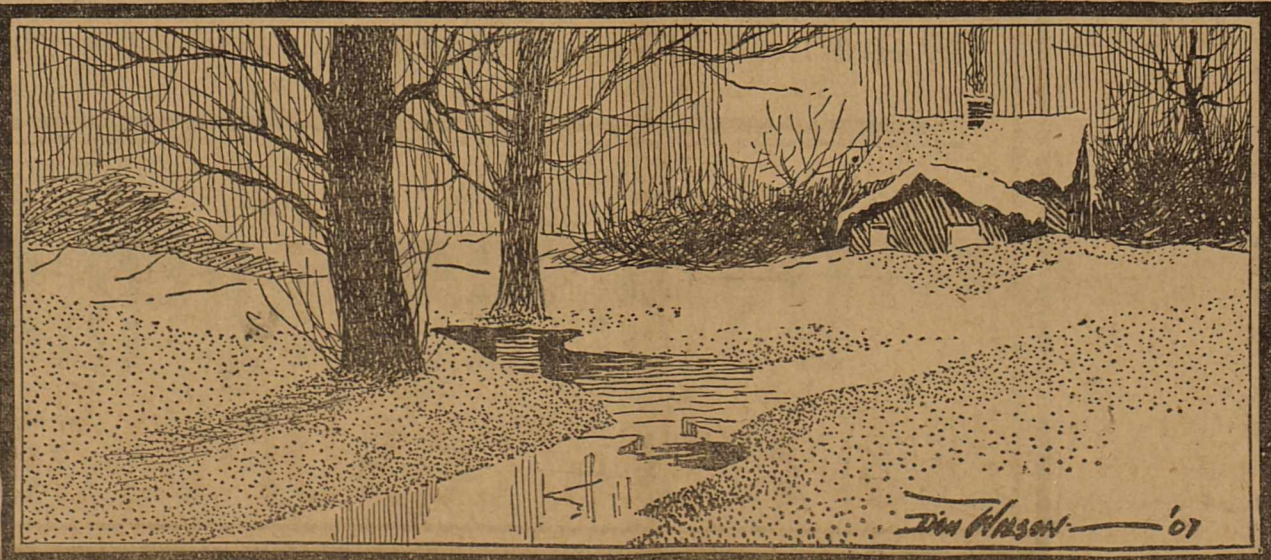
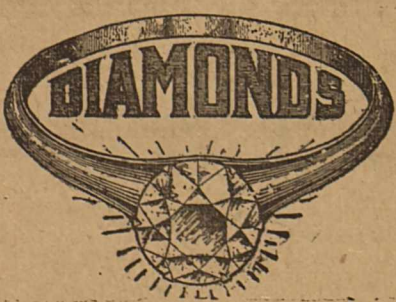
Don't fail to see our stock of useful and appropriate gifts. Elegant designs. Best quality. Latest styles

### CUT GLASS

Never before was our stock more complete in this line. Articles of true value and genuine merit at right prices.

### NOVELTIES of ALL KINDS

We invite you to come and look through our stock. There will be something found here that will solve the gift problem and drive away all worry.





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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.

### THAT FIRST MONDAY GOOD ORDER

In our issue of Dec. 11th we made the statement that there were 14 arrests in Ballinger on the first Monday in December (the 7th), and in last Tuesday's issue of the Daily Ledger the following comment was made:

"I see", said Mayor Hoffer to a Ledger reporter, "that the Banner-Leader says in its editorial columns that there were 14 arrests for drunkenness in Ballinger on First Monday. I know of but four or five and was under the impression that the town was remarkably orderly on that day considering the number of people in town. The reporter has heard other remarks to the same effect and it is the impression among those who have brought the matter to the Ledger's attention that the Banner-Leader was misinformed. There were some thousands of people in town for a good time on First Monday and it is remarkable that there were so few cases of disorder. It speaks well for the orderly temper of the people of Runnels county and the hundreds here from other counties.

Now the writer made an examination of the Criminal Court Dockets of the Justice Court in Ballinger and the City Court, and we find on the Justice Docket there were 11 arrests made on that day and on the docket of the City Court 5 arrests were made on that day, making in all 16 arrests instead of 14 arrests, most all for drunkenness.

Not only is the above true, but a Banner-Leader Reporter heard a prominent citizen say recently that a man could hardly take his wife out now with him for a drive after supper without some drunken scoundrel offering an insult, saying at the time that he and his wife were out driving one night a short time ago and some drunken man yelled at them, and that he was continually running across some one drunk.

Now we are not intending to cast any reflection on any peace officer in Ballinger for we believe that the peace officers in Ballinger do their duty and suppress crime all that they can, but when ever a man rises up and says that our First Mondays are peaceable and quiet and no violations of the law, he is either joking or does not observe very closely.

The Banner-Leader is as loyal to Ballinger as any of her institutions, but we are ready to tell the truth at all times, even if it does pinch—"some legitimate? ? lines of trade."

Despite the prosperous times that we are enjoying, and the general boom of the entire country, there are a few objects of charity—worthy objects of charity in Ballinger. This fact was brought out when the committee appointed by the Eighth Street Sunday School to canvas the town and see if there were any such people in our midst, made their report. There are people in Ballinger who did not provide for a rainy day, and the rainy day has come. Sickness has overtaken them and stricken down the husband—the father, the support of the family, and they are without money, without food and without clothing—the necessities of life—to say nothing of the Santa Claus, which the old as well as the young enjoy. There are others. The man who has a job; gets two and three dollars per day, but his family is in want and no Santa Claus in store for the little innocent children. The father is a slave to booze. He has drowned that pride and love for his family and the hard earned money that should go to make his home happy goes somewhere else—to the saloons. This makes destitute homes and pitiful circumstances, and one must go and see to realize the true condition that exists in this christian land of prosperity. A widow woman with three little children, no money, and not able to toil for bread to keep the little children from going hungry. Little innocent tots in rags without comfortable clothes to keep their little bodies warm. Another widow lady with five little children in similar circumstances. An old man on his death bed, consumption gradually smothering out the light, surrounded with a wife and children with no means of support. Just a few instances mentioned. There are others, and much work for the charity inclined of our town to do. Will you join in helpidg to make Christmas for the poor?

This issue of the Leader is issued under most difficult circumstances. The manager of our mechanical department is sick, and the big rush of holiday advertising together with job work, and the issuing of the Ballinger High School Monthly has necessitated the force working late at night. We have done the best we could under the circumstances, and if everything is not exactly right, overlook it, please, for this time.

Whither are we drifting? We have on our desk a copy of the Washington (D. C.) Sunday Evening Times, the first Sunday evening paper ever published in America. Is it necessary that a force of men be kept busy working all day Sunday to give the people a paper to read Sunday night? Mrs. A. P. Ray one of the Leader's Washington readers, favored us with the copy.

There is not a vacant residence or business house in Ballinger, has not been for months and will not be for months to come. This retards the growth of Ballinger to a great extent. We get inquiries for houses every day, and people are compelled to stay away from the town on account of being unable to get a place to live.

Mistakes will occur in the best of regulated places, and the Leader made a mistake last week in stating that there were fourteen arrests on First Monday. There were sixteen arrests. Eleven by the Justice of the Peace department and five by the city. Forgive us and we will try to keep the record straight.

Abilene reports 21,563 bales of cotton against 35,432 for Ballinger of the same date. If there is a town in the world that has received as much cotton as Ballinger has this season we would like to know where it is located. Ballinger leads the world in this respect.

A little 12 year old girl was run over by an automobile on the streets of San Angelo this week. Another lesson for the fast drivers.

# A CARLOAD OF CHRISTMAS!

Bought for Christmas; shipped to Ballinger for Christmas; will be sold for Christmas to particular Christmas Buyers for Christmas presents. The car is being unloaded and the goods will be displayed in our store and marked down to rock bottom honest prices. Nothing causes more happiness and please the receiver better than a nice piece of furniture, and you can't buy good, first-class furniture anywhere cheaper than you can from us. We challenge prices and comparison. Get the other man's figures and compare them with our prices.



## ROCKERS

We have them in all sizes, in many shapes and as many prices.

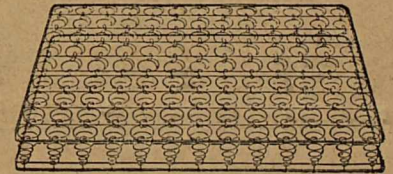
A suitable gift for a lady is a nice rocker, and something that

will please. Our chair department is complete. Dining chairs,

baby chairs, parlor chairs and chairs of every other description.

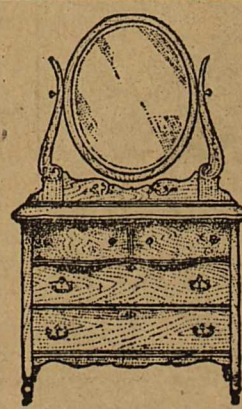
## LEGGETT & PLATT SPRING

This is not advertised as a Christmas Present, but as the best bed spring made. Others have tried to infringe on the Leggett & Platt Patent Spring, but failed.



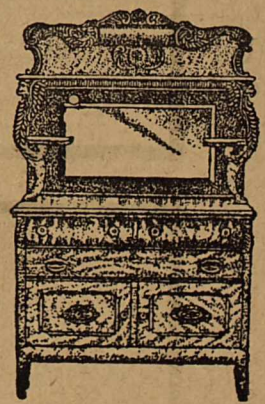
## TO THE HOLIDAY SHOPPER

WE CORDIALLY invite you to visit our big furniture store—Come whether you want to buy or not—Come and see our new store and new line of furniture. We will take pleasure in showing you through our stock and showing you some of the nicest furniture ever brought to Ballinger.



## ODD PIECES

IN EVERY LINE THAT WILL MAKE HANDSOME CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. MUSIC STANDS, DRESSING TABLES, CHIFFINERS, CENTER TABLES, LIBRARY TABLES, ETC.



## A New Stock to Select From

Furniture, like most everything else, changes in style. In buying from us you have the advantage of getting a selection from a brand new, up-to-date stock. The latest design at the lowest price.

# Ostertag Furniture Co.

FURNFTURE

UNDERTAKING



# Dr. PRICE'S

## CREAM BAKING POWDER

Perfectly pure, unquestionably wholesome. A pure food factor ante-dating all pure food laws. Indispensable for raising finest cake, biscuit and pastry.

**No Alum. No Lime Phosphates**

Be on guard against alum in your food. Prof. Johnson of Yale College says he "regards the introduction of alum into baking powders as most dangerous to health."

**Read the label. Buy only where Cream of Tartar is named.**

### FARMERS UNION BEHIND SCHOOL LAW

Advocate Compulsory Education to Keep Kids Out of Field and Reduce Cotton Crop.

San Antonio Express.

Organized farmers of Texas to the number of 200,000, located in 156 counties, are just now doing some quiet but strenuous work, the end and object of which is the passage of a compulsory education law by the Thirty-first legislature. This interesting bit of information is vouchsafed by J. L. Armstrong of Fort Worth, assistant organizer of the Farmers' Union, who comes to Southwest Texas in the interest of this work. Mr. Armstrong declares that the union farmers all over the state have been for the last few months engaged in this campaign and have succeeded in pledging many members of the legislature to this reform. He expresses the confident belief that by January 1st enough members will have been brought into line to secure the passage of this law. "We are not making much of a display of our work in this particular, but nevertheless are doing some very effective work," said Mr. Armstrong, yesterday afternoon. "The farmer has long since realized the value of education, and anything that can be shown to be a benefit to the cause of education has his approval. At our state convention, held in Fort Worth last summer, our union passed resolutions demanding a compulsory education law for Texas. But we did not stop at mere 'resoluting'—far from it. The farmers went to their several homes and

went to work to materialize the sentiment that had been crystallized at the convention.

"As a result, the matter has been discussed and threshed out in nearly every county and local union of the state, and nearly every member of the legislature has been asked to pledge himself to vote for the law. A large number have complied with the request, and the others are being importuned. The farmers are deadly in earnest about this matter, and if the legislature does not make provisions looking to a broader education of the children of the masses, it will not be their fault."

Mr. Armstrong comes here from Atascosa and adjoining counties, where he has been for the last two weeks advocating the cause of unionism. During this time he organized a local union at Black Hill, in Atascosa county, and by the evening's work added fifteen new names to the membership rolls. He also added a large number of names to the rosters of the locals already in existence, and during the course of his talk advocated more zealous work in the campaign for compulsory education.

Mr. Armstrong is one of the leading members of the Texas Farmers' Union, and has spent the last two years in touring the state delivering lectures, organizing locals and in general pushing the cause of unionism. He left last night for points farther south.

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.

### A WISE HINT TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Be Merciful to the Man and Girl Behind the Counter.

The Leader has been pleading with its readers to come early and avoid the rush and avoid a lot of other troubles mentioned below. We feel that our efforts have not been misspent for the past week in Ballinger has been a busy week and hundreds of people have selected their Christmas presents and surely they have displayed wisdom in so doing. But, then there are others who are careless and think there is plenty time. The following from the Dallas News is worth your while. Read it:

Careless, rather than heartless the buying public of this city, as of hundreds of other American cities, delays its Christmas purchases until a day or two before Christmas and at the last hour attempts to examine, select and secure its Christmas gifts. The result is that the business which should have been distributed through two weeks is concentrated and transacted in a period of two days, subjecting tired clerks, express messengers and others who serve the public to a strain that affects their health seriously and not infrequently leaves the weaker servants of the public in a nervous state, bordering on hysteria.

Because of this, a condition that has prevailed for years, the agitation for early Christmas shopping was begun in earnest three years ago and as a result of a persistent campaign, with a "shop early" slogan, it is declared that a decided improvement has been noted in most of the cities. Locally the merchants commented several day ago on the great volume of Christmas business. The latter part of this week the stores have been thronged with Christmas shoppers, and the merchants believe that if the public will endeavor to supply its needs in the next two weeks there will be eliminated "the annual senseless jam," as they term it.

FOR BENEFIT OF PUBLIC.

The "shop early" campaign is not intended for the sole benefit of the many employes who are so completely exhausted by the strain resulting from serving hundreds of people during the few days just previous to Christmas. The campaign is intended for public benefit, to save the public from hasty selection and from the dissatisfaction that is not unusual when selection is made under pressure. It is to save the public also from the inconveniences that it is subjected to in the congested stores.

The News is running in the shape of a display ad the suggestion that Christmas presents be bought early—early in the

## 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.**

#### 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.

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

#### HERE TO STAY

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

**S. S. PRINCE Jr.**

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

### What Ails You?

Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heart-burn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from biliousness, torpid liver with indigestion, or dyspepsia. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such abnormal conditions. It is a most efficient liver invigorator, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is not a patent medicine or secret nostrum, a full list of its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. A glance at these will show that it contains no alcohol, or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is a fluid extract made with pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength, from the roots of native American medicinal forest plants. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Props., Buffalo, N. Y.



## 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.

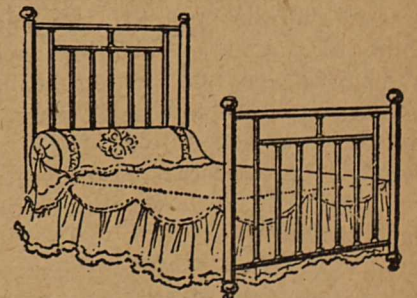
COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

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.**

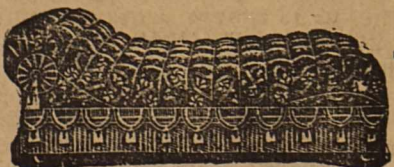
## Make Home Happy for Christmas

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**



## MONSTER METEOR FRIGHTENS FOLKS

Ballinger People Saw the Flash. Thunderous Report at Other Place.

Texas was considerably shaken up last Monday morning about 6:30 o'clock by a large meteor passing over the state and falling near Wichita Falls. Many people in Ballinger saw the meteor and it was something unusual and caused considerable comment. The view from Ballinger show the meteor to be passing from the Southwest to the Northeast and it made a light that dimmed the moon and made it as light out doors as day. Following is an account of the fiery monster at other places:

Weatherford, Texas, Dec. 14.—This morning about 6:30 o'clock a monster meteor passed over this city, creating a blaze of light sufficient to dim the brilliancy of the moon, which was shining brightly and unobstructed by clouds at that hour lighting up rooms in which shades had been drawn as brilliantly as the noon hour, and casting swiftly moving shadows of trees and houses as much so as a bright summer sun.

The passage of the meteor was from the southwest to the northeast and its movement was preceded by a great rumbling sound as of heavy, distant thunder. When it first came to view, the monster seemed to stand still for a moment, and then seeming to gather strength as well as size, it shot across the heavens, leaving a broad bright trail of fire.

After traversing the heavens for a considerable distance it seemed to burst, after the manner of a large sky rocket throwing sparks in all directions and then went out entirely.

People ran out of their homes believing that either a great electrical storm was upon them or that their own homes were on fire; horses and cattle trembled in their stalls and even the chickens were disturbed on their perches.

The wonderful phenomenon was witnessed by hundreds of people in this city, and reports from Mineral Wells are to the effect that when the explosion of the huge meteor occurred, houses shook on their foundations and the roar of the meteor was almost deafening.

As it passed over this city the meteor gave out a loud hissing sound, much the same as a sky rocket, only greatly intensified. It has been the subject of much discussion among the people today, and even the "oldest inhabitant" does not remember to have ever seen anything to equal it.

Mineral Wells, Dec. 14.—The people of this city were thrown into a furore of excitement this morning by the appearance of an enormous meteor which passed over the city at 6:30 o'clock.

It suddenly appeared in the southwest with a brilliancy like that of the sun. It passed on to the northwest and disappeared with a sound of thunder. Windows and dishes rattled, and the sensation following the passage of the meteor was not unlike that preceded by an earthquake.

The occurrence was the sole topic of conversation today, and it is reported that at least two women were almost prostrated by fear. Children screamed and men ran from their homes. A peculiar feature was the action of horses, cattle and other animals. Dogs ran under houses and whined in a strange manner.

Those who saw the meteor declare that the mountain tops in the vicinity were lighted up in a most spectacular manner.

Denton, Texas, Dec. 14.—A brilliant meteor, which made the heavens as light as day, passed over Denton from the northwest to the southeast just before day-

light this morning attracting the attention of many early risers. The meteor scattered blazing particles all along its flight.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 14.—A large and brilliant meteor passed over Sherman at 6:30 o'clock this morning and was seen by a number of citizens. It is described as being fully as large as the full moon, with a long tail, which was dazzlingly bright. It appeared in the heavens northwest of Sherman and took a southwesterly course. Many say that it was near the earth when it passed here and that a distinctive sulphuric smell was noticeable for some time after its passage. The street lights were dimmed by its brilliancy.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 14.—A brilliant meteor of huge size fell this morning at 6:30 near this place, bursting into myriads of burning fire balls just before striking the ground. It was very brilliant and was seen by hundreds. Window lights were shaken and many in bed thought it an earthquake. It apparently fell just outside the city limits, but so far no one has found the place.

### Happenings in Washington.

Washington, D. C.,—This city for the week past has been struggling with a regular epidemic of Congresses. First came the Southern Commercial Congress which convened at ten o'clock Monday morning for a three days session. At noon of the same day the last session of the Sixtieth Congress was called to order by Vice President Fairbanks, Chairman of the Senate, and by Mr. Cannon, Speaker of the House. On Tuesday at 4:15, p. m. President Roosevelt and William H. Taft were present at the opening of the second annual meeting of the National Conservation Congress which was also attended by thirty-seven governors of States, and hundreds of other eminent men from every part of the United States. The fifth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress opened for a three days session on Wednesday. In addition to these congresses there have been a number of other important meetings, all of which have contributed their share of excitement and of interest.

The Southern Commercial Congress which closed its first session last Wednesday, is said to have been the greatest gathering of southern business men ever brought together under one roof. This meeting marks the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the new south, and it is believed by those in a position to know, that no movement of equal importance has ever before been undertaken by the business men of that Section. Stated briefly, the principal objects before the congress were:

To interpret in place of stating statistically.

To produce throughout the South a greater self-knowledge.

To free the minds of all men from misapprehensions regarding health and education in the South.

To inform the whole world, by authoritative utterances, of the possessions of the South.

To bring men together in the language of commerce which is the language of peace.

To show the importance of conserving rather than wasting; of using, yet not abusing.

An important feature of this meeting was its non-partisan character, and the entire absence of sectional feelings and expressions. The character and evident ability of its promoters, has done much towards gaining for it a proper recognition from the world. The South as an active potent power in the industrial, and commercial life of the nation, is growing as never before. The spirit crushed out

# HOT AIR IS CHEAP

We leave off the hot air and give you your money's worth in dependable dry goods and clothing. There is quite a difference in hot air and delivering the goods. Our reputation for "Quality First" is well established. It is only necessary to call your your attention to our big stock and the low prices.

## 1-2 Price

Millinery goods, the latest. All new will be sold at 1-2 price. It makes no difference if you have bought a hat. You can afford another when the price is cut so deep.

## EXCLUSIVE AGENTS

### The "Carhartt"

Not Like Other Gloves  
Sewed with Wax Thread



HEAT  
WATER  
PROOF

UNION MADE  
BY  
UNION MAIDS  
FOR  
UNION MEN

Patented

Reinforced where the wear comes. The service of Two  
Pair for the Price of ONE.

We are exclusive agents in Ballinger for the Famous Carhartt Brand of men's working clothing and gloves. We are exclusive agents for other standard brands of clothing. When you get the Carhartt you get the best there is made. Every garment guaranteed.



**A Christmas Suit** Dress up for Christmas you can do it at a small cost and get the best made in perfect fitting tailored Suits.

# BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO.

"QUALITY FIRST"

by the Civil War, is springing up again, with increased strength Dixie Land is coming into her own.

M. J. Munn.

### 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

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

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

### Santa Clause for two Hundred Children

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Padgett Here From  
Leaday to Buy Presents for 200  
Children

To play Santa Clause for two hundred children is no small job, said Mr. Padgett to the Leader man Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Padgett live at Leaday, Coleman county, and take a great deal of interest in seeing that the children of that section have a happy Christmas. The plan to entertain them this year is to give a large Christmas tree. The citizens of the neighborhood have contributed all the way from 25 cents to one dollar to help buy the presents and Mr. and Mrs. Padgett put in the balance to create a cash fund sufficient to

buy presents for 200 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Padgett selected Ballinger as the best place to buy these presents and they came in Monday and have been here most of the week buying the goods and sending them out to Leaday, where they will be distributed out on Christmas Eve night in the above mentioned manner. When one starts out to buy presents for a small family of children it in a considerable job, but when there are 200 children of all ages to buy for it requires hard work and lots of patience to select just the thing that will please each child.

Mr. Padgett says the Leaday country is in fine shape. The farmers are about through picking cotton and are ready to enjoy the holidays.

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

### 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 Lini-ment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

### The Sound of Thunder.

Spread out the thunder into its single tones, and it becomes a lullaby for children; pour it forth together in one quick peal, and the royal sound shall move the heavens.—Schiller.

### By the Window Route.

"Here comes that new author. I know he is going to read his latest story to me. Open the window! Better to fall two stories than hear him read one!"—Atlanta Constitution.

### Unselfish Devotion Difficult.

How easy is the thought in certain moods of the loveliest, most unselfish devotion! How hard is the doing of the thought in the face of a thousand difficulties!—George MacDonald.



## 40,000 BALES BY CHRISTMAS

Ballinger Cotton Receipts Will Reach the Forty Thousand Mark Next Week

Cotton is rolling in at the rate of about five hundred bales per day, with all three Ballinger gins running on full time. If bad weather does not interfere the receipts will reach the 40,000 mark by Christmas day.

Up to noon to-day (Friday) the receipts totaled 37,782 bales. The market has been weak for the past few days, good midling selling for 8:30 and midling for 8.00.

### New Citizen Dies

The remains of J. T. Price were brought in from San Angelo today at noon and the remains were taken from the train to the cemetery under the direction of the W. O. W. Lodge.

Deceased moved here with his family from Limestone county about ten days ago, and was taken sick with appendicitis after coming here and went to San Angelo Tuesday to be operated on. The operation was performed Wednesday and death occurred Thursday.

A wife and two or three sons were with Mr. Price when he died.

\$10.00 suits now \$7.95 at the Hub.

## 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".

SECOND HAND PIANO. Good one for sale cheap. The very thing for a beginner to practice on. See Miss Jennie Bennett.

\$75 REWARD. For arrest of thief and recovery of one dark bay horse, 8 years old, weight 1100 pounds, no brands or marks of any kind. Shod all around, fore top clipped, paces under saddle, trots in harness, tail not bobbed, but short. The horse was stolen from my lot Saturday night Dec 12. Will pay \$25 reward for the horse and \$50 for conviction of the thief. E. W. Bailey, Ballinger Texas.

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.

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, sheds, feed bin, etc. Made over half bale cotton to the acre this year and good feed crop. Cheap at \$30 dollars per acre; half cash, balance to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Will take good team in trade. Call at Leader office for owner's name and further particulars.

OFFICES FOR RENT.—Everything new over the White Front 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. Fine 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.

W. A. McShan made the Leader a pleasant call Wednesday.

\$15.00 suits now \$11.95 at the Hub.

C. A. Doose had business down the road, first of the week.

Candies, fruits and cigars at the White Front Confectionery.

R. A. Hall was here from San Angelo again yesterday.

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

J. G. Mayhew, of Audra, was trading in Ballinger this week.

Fireworks of all kinds at the White Front Confectionery.

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

Post Master Murray and W. H. Rodgers were in from Winters Tuesday.

Miss Ada Allen went to Midland Tuesday to spend the holidays.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Padgett, of Leaday, were here trading Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Graves, of Miles, is here this week, the guest of Miss Maggie Sharp.

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

Mrs. W. E. Carroll will go to Caldwell next week to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. W. E. Barbee will spend the holidays with relatives at Caldwell, Texas.

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

Mrs. W. B. Dunlap will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Comanch.

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

Mrs. Lee Maddox and little boy went to San Angelo on today's train.

J. Y. Pearce was confined to his room several days this week with an attack of lagrippe.

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

Elmer Simpson, of Brownwood is visiting home folks here this week.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

Mrs. Ira Hobby went to Brownwood Wednesday to visit relatives.

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

Mrs. W. P. Humphrey returned home Wednesday after a visit to friends in Ballinger.

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kinzer lost a little infant last Saturday. They have the sympathy of their friends.

\$5.00 quality John B. Stetson hats for \$3.50. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

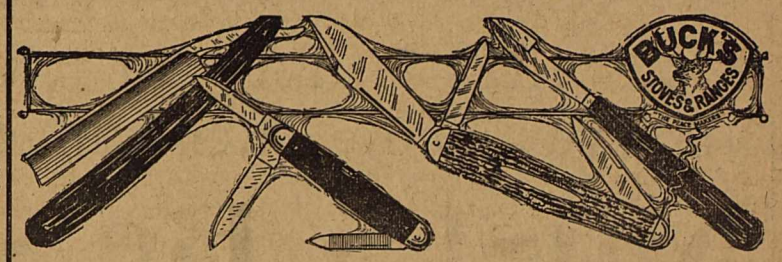
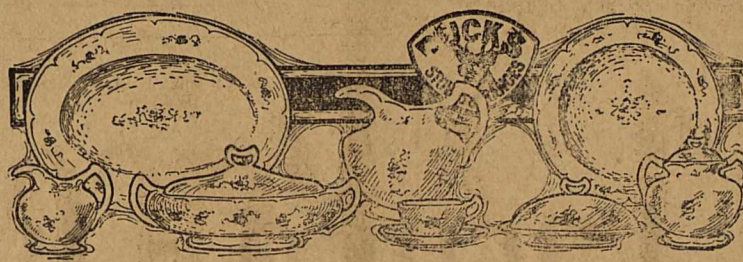
Pickens Butler, conductor on the Santa Fe, is taking a lay off and is spending a good part of the time with Ballinger friends.

W. A. Francis, of the firm of Rasbury & Bruce, adds his name to the fast growing list of Leader readers.

Geo. Baker came in yesterday from Bunker Hill, Ill., on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. Y. Pearce.

# Christmas Suggestions

Are not out of place when made by a first-class hardware store with the goods to back the suggestions. . . . We offer the suggestions and have the goods. Space forbids the name of all, but a visit to our store will convince you.



## Haviland China

In full sets and odd pieces. Nothing more appropriate for a present for a lady. Something useful. Something pretty. Something that will please. The price is right.

## Silverware---Cutlery Goods

How about a nice set of Silver Spoons, Knives and Forks? We can offer some good suggestions in this department. See our line of Cutlery Goods, Carving Sets, Pocket Knives, Etc.

If its kept in a hardware store we have it. We sell hardware with a guarantee. We sell buggies with a guarantee. We sell wagons with a guarantee. We sell stoves with a guarantee. We guarantee that you get the best—for the best is none too good for our customers.

# HALL HARDWARE CO.

HARDWARE LEADERS

## MERCHANTS GIVE FIRE WORKS SHOW

Big Free Fire Works Show Next Tuesday Night at Seven O'clock

Certain Ballinger merchants and business men have contributed to pay for a big fire works display to be given next Tuesday night, Dec. 22. Mr. Martin, the fire works man is here, and as he had a good supply of fire works on hand, it was no trouble to work up the interest and arrange for the show. The show will be absolutely free and given in the open where all can see. The bomb will be touched off at 7 o'clock and the show will last 45 minutes.

It will be a daring, dazzling display of blending blazing beauty. A fiery furnace of mines, bombs, batteries balloons, fountains conopies, devices illuminations. A furious fusilade of roaring rockets, shrieking shells and bursting bombs. All in fire works. Come and see it. Free to all.

### Mystic Weavers,

Mrs. J. W. Francis was hostess to the Mystic Weavers, on Wednesday afternoon.

There were a number of guests other than the Club members present, and all spent the time transforming bits of cambric, linen and silk into dainty gifts for Xmas.

Miss Kathalene Francis delighted all with several piano selections, and was unanimously endorsed.

Dainty refreshments further attested the ability of Mrs. Francis as a hostess, and the guests took their leave with many expressions of the pleasant afternoon given them.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. C. S. Miller, Jan 1st.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens will leave this evening for her old home at Hutto, Texas, to spend the holidays.

Miss Dovie Pipkin went to Ft. Worth yesterday to spend Xmas.

\$14.00 suits now \$11.15 at the Hub.

The pupils of Mrs. H. H. Halley will give their first class recital Saturday, Dec. 19th.

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

J. B. Porterfield will read the Leader for a year and takes advantage of the Record clubbing offer, getting a good atlas free.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Story have a new baby at their home. A little girl it is and arrived last Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Lewis went to her home at Burnett to-day to spend Christmas. She was accompanied by Miss Katie Bell Gregory.

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

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

Brown and bleached domestic 42c at W. A. Gustavus & Son.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alexander sympathize with them in the loss of their little infant which died Monday.

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

Editor Huston, of Paint Rock was herey Monday. He reported a good business in the Concho capital.

\$12.60 suits now \$9.65 at the Hub.

The San Angelo Press says Mrs. Lee Maddox and baby Lee Maddox, Jr., returned home after a visit to Mrs. J. D. Creath.

Jim Johnson was in from the Northern part of the county, Monday. Mr. Johnson says the Abilene-Ballinger road grade is almost complete across his line.

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

Miss Kittie Van Doren returned to her home at Belton, Monday, after a visit to her sister, Miss Annie Van Doren.

Mrs. B. B. Hamilton and Mrs. Jones, of the Fuzzie creek neighborhood, went to McGregor Tuesday to visit relatives.

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

L. E. Bair made a business trip to Dallas this week, where he bought a supply of holiday goods for the Globe store.

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

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

A. E. Wood, son of our hotel man, W. B. Wood, has sold his business at Winters, and will enter a law school at Lebanon Tennessee.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass and M. J. and little Sidney Smith will leave tomorrow for a visit to Cleburne, Itasca and other places to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. T. Dawson has been quite sick with pneumonia this week. We are glad to report that she is improving as we go to press.

Miss Ethel Truly will visit at Denton during the holidays and will attend the Dickey-Robinson wedding at Boyce, Texas, next week.

## OPERA HOUSE

Five Nights and Two Matinee

Commencing **Dec. 21**  
MONDAY

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High Class Vaudeville between Acts.

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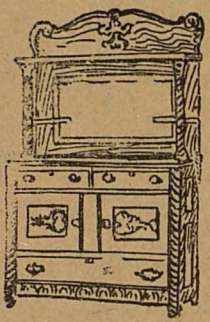
Seats on sale Walker Drug Co.



# GREEN TAGS are DOING THE WORK

Our GREEN TAG FURNITURE SALE is now in full blast. It is your chance to save money. Remember the big stock

**Must - Be - Turned - Into - Money!**



We adopted the Green Tag System of telling the cut made in prices. . . . . We tagged everything in our store with a Green Tag, and the tag will bear the lowest price ever heard of on First-class, Dependable, Up-to-date Furniture. When we say cut, we mean cut, and the tags will show it.



## WE NEED MONEY

We don't need the goods; but we are entitled to a profit on them. We can't make a claim for profit though when we need money, and must turn the goods into money regardless of profit.

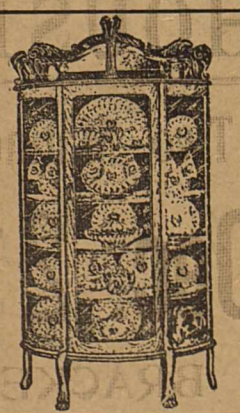


## Your Chance to Save Money

Our misfortune in being compelled to slaughter the profit gives you a chance to save money, and at the same time get the very best to be had in the Ballinger market in Furniture. When you see the price you will see the saving to be made by buying now. This is your chance.

## First-Class Throughout—Lowest Prices Ever Made

Our stock consists of a full line of First-class, High-grade, Up-to-date Furniture, including Bed Room Sets, Dining Tables, Folding Beds, Center Tables, Iron Beds, Dressers, Sideboards, Dressing Tables, Couches, Chairs, Mattresses, Springs, Rockers, Carpets, Matting, Rugs, Sewing Machines, Chiffoniers, Pictures, and odd pieces of almost every description. You can't lose in selection, and you can save in the price. That's sure.



## The Sale is Now In Full Blast

And lasts until we get what we are after—the money. Look to your own interest and get a selection from this well selected stock of dependable Furniture before it is all sold. We mean business, and it is to your interest to be up and doing when the sale opens.



Each ten cent purchase entitles you to one vote in the Diamond Ring, Gold Watch and Organ contest.

# Crews Furniture Company



## ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE

Best complete in the Southwest. All the latest songs, marches, waltzes, etc. HALF PRICE. All publications. Phonograph, Talking Machine, etc. Write for catalogue and prices. Book of 50 songs FREE. GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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Notary Public.

Examines Land Titles, Furnishes Abstracts and as Attorney-at-law Solicits your Probate Business.

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Ballinger, - - - Texas.

### 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 held 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.

### PATRONIZE

## Joe Hardin

The Wood and Coal Dealer handles the best grade of Coal and Wood. Will give all orders prompt attention.  
Phone No. 212.

## NO IMPRESSION MADE UPON THE FROG

How a Negro Cotton Picker Won 200 Plunks and Astonished the Crowd

According to a story related by J. E. Whitseller, of Corsicana, and others, one of the most curious tricks was played some time ago by a long, thin country negro, upon the brick manufactures of Corsicana that has been put on record. The experiment, too, was tried with success by astonished brick men at the plant at Gainesville.

It seems that one day a field negro "blew into" the brick plant and looked wondering about him. He did not know what to make of the plant, and somebody told him it was to make pressed brick.

"We put 100,000 pounds of pressure on the clay," he was told, "and makes as hard a brick as can be made."

"Hundred thousand pounds," repeated the negro. "In that thing? Why you couldn't squash a frog in that." They laughed heartily and the negro fished about and produced \$200 which he said he made picking cotton. He wanted to bet anybody he could put a frog in with the brick and it wouldn't hurt him. Finally the bet was accepted to teach the negro a lesson. He chased about and produced a fat toad, which was put up in the brick and the full pressure was put on. When the brick was removed it bore the impression of a fat toad, and a fat and able toad hopped off and disappeared.

J. W. Blanton, of Gainesville, and Sam Helm, secretary of the Gainesville Commercial Club, heard of this and got a nice toad and put him under 100,000 pounds pressure in the brick plant in that city. The toad was pressed half dozen time sand came out as good as new—better, if anything. The brick was perfectly normal except that it bore the full impression of a toad.

"Now," said Mr. Helm "that's been worrying me. It's some thing for zoologist to study upon. Why don't it mash the frog? I have often heard of frog jumping out of a block of stone when it was cracked and now I believe it."—Dallas News

### 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.

### "Fess" up—It's Good for the Soul.

Ballinger which claims that she will break the world's record in cotton receipts this season, was only about 8000 bales ahead of Brady November 25, and Ballinger is more than twice as large as Brady, sells whiskey and boasts that it is in the most productive cotton belt in West Texas. Bah! Not so. The McCulloch country is fast coming to the front as a land of cotton.—Brady Enterprise.

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

### NOW IS BEST

### TIME TO TAKE.

Directions To Prepare Simple, Yet Remarkable Home Mixture.

A well-know authority on Rheumatism gives the following valuable, though simple and harmless prescription, which any one can easily prepared at home:

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

Mix by shaking well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost, and being of vegetable extraction are harmless to take.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regular for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, diminishes with each dose, until permanent results are obtained, and without injuring the stomach. While there are so many so-called Rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the above will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of this neighborhood elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggist here will mix the prescription for our readers if asked to.

### Mexican Girl Works Farmer The Trick Cost Him \$1.00

Yesterday afternoon while passing in front of B. F. Townsend's grocery store on Pine street a Mexican girl asked a farmer who was standing close by to please unsnap a hitch rein to a horse she had just unloosed from a hitchpost. He did as she asked him to do, and she took the rein and skipped around the corner while the old man's heart beat with joy, thinking he had accommodated a "young lady." Soon Mr. Townsend's delivery boy came out and, seeing his horse loose, asked if anyone knew who had his hitch rein. The "accommodating" gentleman was pointed out and after telling his story he was informed that he would have to get the hitch rein or pay \$1.00 for it. After a diligent search for the girl, without success, he returned and paid the dollar.—Abilene Reporter.

### 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.

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

### 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.

## DR. U. E. G. DYER

Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.

Brewer Building (Up Stairs), Ballinger

# A BIG CARNIVAL

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.

# Winkler Dry Goods Co.

### New Loan Company.

Dallas, Dec. 11.—The organization of a \$500,000 loan and guarantee company was completed yesterday and the following officers elected:

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## MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

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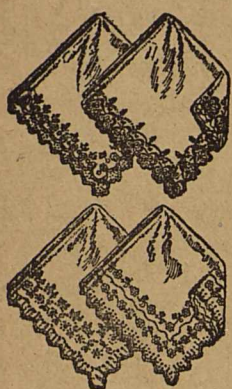
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## The Christmas Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs—The word sounds like Xmas gifts, for there will be thousands given. A beautiful collection of Embroidered and Plain Linen to choose from. The whole range is covered, and the line we carry makes selecting easy.

Children's Handkerchiefs, embroidered corners, good quality, price.....**5c**

Embroidered handkerchiefs scallop and plain edge worth 20c A special.....**12½c**

Extra sheer, pretty patterns every one a beauty, excellent quality.....**25c**

## FURS

Stylish Furs, new Furs. Was there ever a woman who wouldn't welcome a nice fur neck piece as a Christmas present. We have some rare bargains in Wolf, Coney and Sable. The prices are reasonable, quality considered. We have one for what you want to pay **\$2 to \$15**

## BELTS

New Belts, a varied assortment to choose from, all kinds and colors, prices.....**50c to 75c**

## Lovely Pictures

The question "What shall I give" is answered at once. A pretty picture is always in place. Take a look at ours. Prices.....**1.25 to 3.50**



## Hosiery

Good sorts of Hosiery, such as are made by the Black Cat people. Hose that you can depend upon. Serviceable Xmas gifts are the kind to give. We have just what you want in either Lisle, Mercerized or Silk.

Ladies Plain Black, Seamless Heel and Toe guaranteed stainless price.....**25c**

Real lisle and Mercerized Hose in Black and Tan also gauze and lace these are Beauties at.....**50c**

Beautiful silk lisle in Boot top open work Lacy Hose beautiful Xmas gifts. Prices at per pair.....**\$1.00**



## Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothing

It makes no difference whether you should want a suit for a Xmas present or whether you want to wear it yourself, these are the best made. Type wont tell of the merit of this wonderful line of clothes. Every time we sell one of these garments we know we have done our customers a special favor. Its all wool, sewed with silk and has the best finding that are possible to **\$18.00 to \$25.00** buy. Just the kind you want.

## A Present for a Man

The old puzzling question, "What shall I buy for him," it may be a brother or husband. People are buying more serviceable presents than they use to, for thing that can be used are now appreciated and are not so easily forgotten. What would be better than a nice suit of clothes for the boy? Such as you will find in our stock. Below we mention a few of the many things that we have to offer.

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Men's 1-2 hose in fancy colors also Black and Tan in beautiful lisle effects every pair worth 35c to 50c bought 1000 pair at a price Choice.....**25c**

### Ties

New Neckwear made of pure silk, in four-in-hands and bats a beautiful selection.....**50c**

### Gloves

Men's and boys Gloves in wool kid or buck, they are always appreciated as gifts a big stock you'll find what you want.....**25c to \$2.50**

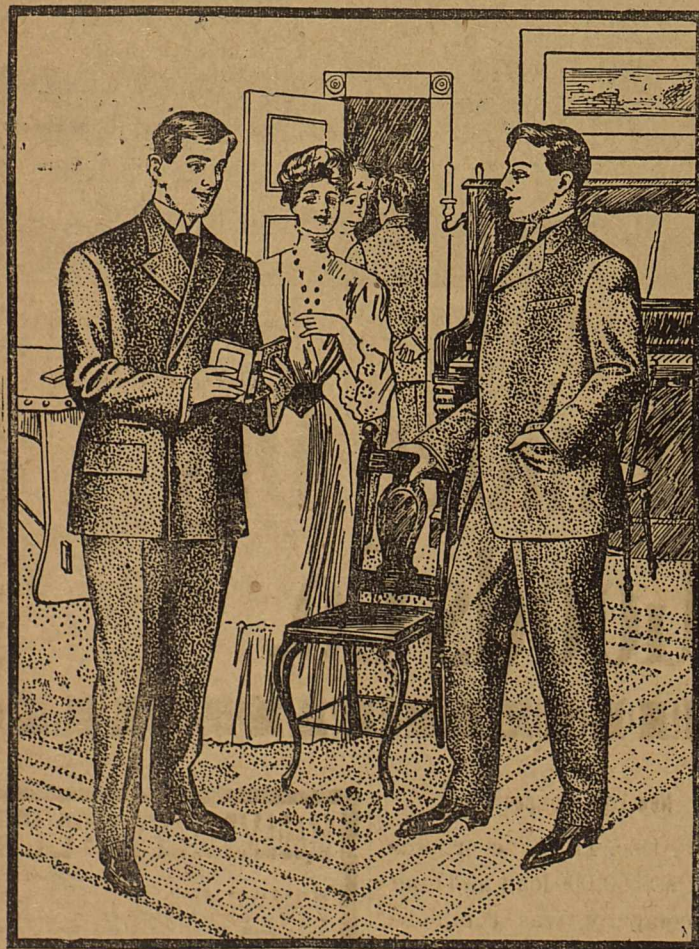
## GLOVES

Gloves here for every member of the fam-The largest stock in town, in kid and Golf, also real Buck driving gloves, every Pair warranted. Prices.....**25c to \$3.50**



## MUFFLERS

Pretty silk mufflers in Black and white and colors, extra large sizes. These are beauties. prices.....**\$1.00 to \$1.50** each



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### ART SQUARES

What beautifies a house or adds more to the comfort than a sanitary floor covering? Can be easily cleaned.

BEAUTIFUL RUGS also may be useful as well as ornamental presents, they beautify the home and add to the comfort.

Beautiful Art Squares, sizes 9x12, in Moquette, Velvet and Ingrains, floral and oriental designs prices.....**\$6.00 to \$25.00**

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### FANCY CHAIRS

Rockers and easy chairs. What makes home more complete than a lot of pretty rockers? Dining chairs in many designs.

#### Art Rockers

Just recieved a new shipment of high grade ART ROCKERS in beautiful gold and Mahogany effects, real hand painted, beauties.....**\$14.00 to \$18.50**

#### Morris Chairs

Solid Oak and Veneered oaks in new designs. Real Morris chairs in new designs suits every purse.....**\$2.00 to \$35.00**

### SEWING MACHINES

We handle the "White" one of the most reliable made. It runs light, has all the new features, it would make your wife a Xmas present she would long re-.....**\$50.00**

"Higginbothams Special" extra good value, Automatic Drophead, all you have to do is lift the extension leaf and the head goes into place ready to work. It is simple and easy to operate and will give you entire satisfaction, we stand behind every one sold, price.....**\$22.50**



A good Pocket Knife is an appreciated and valuable Xmas gift.

## Razors



Does he shave? Then a razor would prove an acceptable gift, if he is his own barber. Such good quality as our Keen Cutters. Every one warranted.....**\$1 to \$3.50**

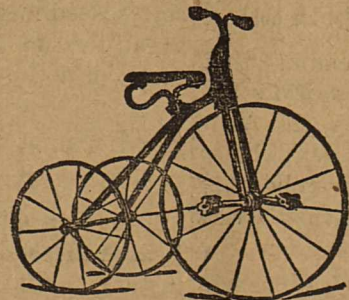
Safety Razors, makes shaving a real pleasure, come in a leather covered case with 12 blades, real German Silver. Price complete.....**\$3.50**

## Chinas

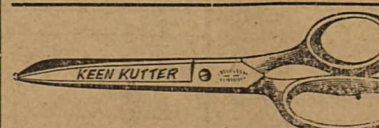
Hand Painted china in all kinds of novelties and fancy dishes. There's nothing dearer to the heart of the average woman than pretty china, gives us a visit you are welcome to look or buy. A large assortment of fancy plates and pitchers.

## Dinner Sets

Dinner Sets in Real china Haviland French. The finest made, others in imported and American wares in 56 piece to 100 piece sets in plain white and Fancy, prices.....**\$5.75 to \$40.00**



Make the boy happy—it will do your heart good to see how much he will enjoy a Tricycle. We have them in all sizes. Prices.....**\$2.50 to 3.50**



Shears and Scissors—Big Assortment

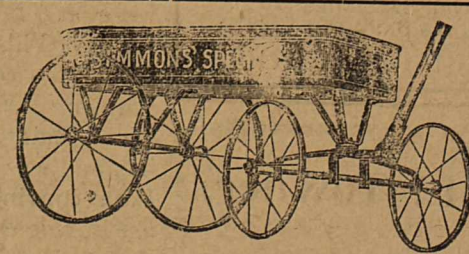
## Silverware

Rich Table silver ware will always be a standard for gifts. The kind that we handle have attained the highest degree of perfection.

Simmons extra heavy silver table sets, knives and forks with steel blades and hollow handles prices.....**\$5.00 to \$6.50** sets

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Boy's wagons one of "Santa Claus" favorites made of heavy materials with extra heavy beds all kinds and sizes prices.....**\$1.00 to \$4.00**

## GUNS

We are headquarters for everything in the sporting line. From a small air rifle to a pump shot gun.

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