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PROSPECTORS HERE FOR LOCATION

Prominent East Texas Merchant Wants to Come to Ballinger with Big House.

I. Jolesch and E. Raphael, representatives of W. Jolesch's Sons & Co., with houses at Ennis, Waxahachie, and several other places, were here yesterday and today prospecting for a new location. They were shown over the town by D. Reeder, and spent considerable time looking around.

Mr. Jolesch, in conversation with the writer, said he was well pleased with what he had seen in Ballinger and that it impressed him as being a mighty good town. When asked if he thought his firm would come here he stated that he could not say, as they had made no arrangements to that end yet.

This firm, we understand, handles a general line of merchandise, and owns a number of brick yards in the state, and if they decide to locate here will no doubt be quite an addition to our town.

WILL PUSH NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Legality of Ballinger School Bonds and Tax Levy Places District on Sound Footing.

"Yes, we are going to write to the state today and negotiate the school bonds," said L. C. Alexander, president of the Ballinger Independent School District Board. Mr. Alexander in discussing the outcome of the case in the Itasca case, which also affected the Ballinger District, "it certainly was good news to us. We can go right ahead with our school and have a 9-months term, and can complete the new school buildings and have them ready for the next term."

The contracts, it will be remembered, for the new buildings have been awarded and considerable work done on the buildings, when the case pending in the higher courts stopped the work. This work will go right ahead now, but will probably not start until after the holidays on account of Christmas being so near at hand.

COURT DECISION IS GOOD NEWS TO HIM

Judge M. C. Smith Rejoices at the Outcome of the Independent School Case.

Perhaps there is no man in Ballinger that feels better over the outcome of the District School suit in the higher courts than Judge M. C. Smith. Judge Smith has a right to feel proud of the result, as he is the author of the Ballinger Independent District bill, as well as the last issue of bonds, and has taken a great deal of interest in working for the upbuilding of our schools. He has made several trips to Austin in the interest of the Ballinger schools, devoting his time to the board only pay-penses. "I am proud of the result in the matter," Judge Smith to a Banner reporter this morning.

GATES GIVES FUNDS FOR M. E. UNIVERSITY

"Bet-a-Million" Gates Will Give Large Sum for Founding South Tex. M. E. Institution.

Special to The Banner.

Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 16.—Jno. W. Gates, multimillionaire, and formerly one of the most successful Wall street speculators, this morning offered to donate from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to South Texas M. E. Conference, in session here, for the establishment of a Methodist University, provided the church will raise a like amount. The conference accepted the proposition. Gates addressed the conference last night, and denounced all forms of gambling and speculation.

U. S. WILL GET INDEMNITY

Special to The Banner.

Washington, Dec. 16.—It is positively announced this morning by the state department that immediately after Zelaya is deposed as president, the Nicaragua department will determine the amount of indemnity for the execution of Groce and Cannon. There is no doubt but that Zelaya will finally be forced to abdicate his office, and the government officials believe this will be accomplished without the armed intervention of the United States.

BRING IN FREE VOTING COUPONS.

Those who have not already voted yesterday's free coupon should do so at once. Just cut out the little slip marked "coupon" under our Contest article, sign it up properly and bring or send it in. Each coupon counts 10 votes for any candidate indicated on the face of the ballot.

All candidates should continue active, as Monday is near at hand, and we are anxious that all shall acquit themselves well in the race. The prizes are ready and will be awarded promptly. All votes continue good until the first prize is awarded, Jan. 14th, and the Contest is finished. So the second prize is merely given away first, as explained before.

Tomorrow's daily will give the count to date, and the vote will be published in full each day, for some time at least.

PROPOSED ROAD COLEMAN TO ABILENE.

Abilene, Tex., Dec. 16.—Four gentlemen from Coleman, J. A. B. Miller, J. E. Boog-Scott, W. J. Conlson and Roy Davis, forming a railroad committee from that city, visited Abilene yesterday looking to the establishment of a railroad between Abilene and Coleman, with a prospective extension south toward San Antonio. This committee interviewed the local railroad committee, but at the conclusion of this interview nothing was given for publication. The proposed project will in no wise interfere with the Abilene-Rising Star line.

AT LAST

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OKLAHOMA BANK ROBBERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Two Yeggmen Blown to Atoms Near Tulsa in Nitro-Glycerine Explosion--Thought to be Robbers of Paoli State Bank.

Special to The Banner.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 16.—Two men, evidently safe blowers, and bent on robbing some bank near Tulsa, last night were blown to pieces, near the Arkansas river, two miles south of here, when nitroglycerine they carried exploded. The mangled bodies of the men, and a dog, were found by hunters. A complete kit of burglary and safe blowing tools was

discovered in a cave near the river.

Officers believe these men were implicated in the Paoli State Bank robbery yesterday, and had started to blow another safe.

Chief of Police Thompson today identified one of the men killed as James Burns, a notorious safe blower wanted for numerous robberies. Other victim of the explosion is unknown.

DRUNKEN MEXICAN INSULTS "OLD GLORY"

Mexican in Monterey Does Not Like Police of U. S. in the Nicaraguan Affair.

Special to The Banner.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—Advice received here today from Monterey, Mexico, say that a drunken Mexican is in jail there for insulting the American flag to show his contempt for the attitude of the United States in the Nicaraguan situation. He was arrested on a charge of tearing down and spitting on the flag.

FT. WORTH-SAN ANTONIO INTERURBAN PLANNED.

Special to The Banner.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 16.—The surveying for the interurban line from San Antonio to Ft. Worth was completed here today. C. L. Hodges, of Chicago, chief promoter, declared that laying tracks will begin within two months. The proposed route is through New Braunfels, San Marcos, Austin and Hillsboro.

FT. WORTH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Banner.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 16.—Receipts, cattle 5400; hogs 3200. Steers steady, tops 4.30; cows strong, tops 4.25; calves lower, tops 5.35; hogs higher, tops 8.20.

MANY CHOPPERS GO TO LOG ROLLING

Number of Local Woodmen Will Attend Log Rolling at Miles.

Quite a crowd of Woodmen went up to Miles Thursday afternoon, to attend the West Texas Log Rolling Association in session at that place this afternoon and tomorrow. Coleman, Concho, Tom Green, Coke and Runnels counties are embraced in this association, and a large attendance is expected. A public program is scheduled for this afternoon, and a secret session tonight.

Among those attending from Ballinger are: Louis Howard, G. W. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Tuerpe, Mrs. W. T. Ward, C. C. Schuehard, Ed S. McCarver, Mr. Tucker and a number of others.

FARWELL TESTIFIES ON LUMBEL RATE

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—F. H. Farwell, general manager of the Lutecher-Moore Lumber Co., of Orange, is the chief witness today in the emergency lumber rate hearing before the Texas Railroad Commission. He testified relative to lumber rates existing between Texas and Louisiana points, showing lower rates are granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, than those authorized for Interstate traffic. The hearing may last a week longer.

EXPERIMENT IN TELEPATHY

The Rev. Clarence Godfrey, on retiring one night, determined that he would try to telepath a phantasm of himself to a lady living in another part of the city, tells H. Addington Bruce, in Success Magazine. For about ten minutes he endeavored in thought to appear to her. At the end of that time he fell asleep.

About four hours later the lady on whom he had been exerting his will awoke with an impression that she had heard a curious sound. She felt nervous and uneasy and thought that if she went down stairs and took a drink of soda water it might have a quieting effect.

Coming back she was astounded to see the form of Mr. Godfrey standing on the staircase. He remained there for three or four seconds, while she stared at him in horrified amazement. Then as she approached the staircase, he disappeared.

RIGHT OF WAY SECURED.

Coleman, Texas, Dec. 15.—Nearly all the right of way has been secured from here to Brady for the Coleman, Llano & Southern railway. As soon as the right of way is secured the promoters say they will be ready to commence work on the road.

S. A. Kendig was here awhile Thursday looking after the Santa Fe interests.

YOUNG MAN WAS MURDERED

His Sweetheart Denies Suicide of Ft. Worth Bank Collector.

Special to The Banner.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 16.—Following the discovery of the body of R. H. Weidenhammer, late yesterday afternoon, officers are today investigating the story of the murder given by Miss Jack Ruthledge of this city, to whom the dead man was engaged to be married.

Weidenhammer was a collector in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. He disappeared Monday and when his body was found is was thought that he had committed suicide. Miss Ruthledge's story though has led many to believe the young man was murdered. She says the father of another young woman wanted Weidenhammer to marry his daughter. The boy refused to do so, and on this account Miss Ruthledge declares that he was killed and his body carried to a thicket in the park.

MERCHANT SHOT IN HIS STORE

Collinsville Man Killed by Unknown Party. Officers Looking for Murderer.

Special to The Banner.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 16.—Geo. Eves, a merchant of Collinsville, twenty miles east of here, was shot and killed nine o'clock last night while standing behind the counter of his store. The murderer escaped but officers think the guilty party is one of a party of men which engaged Eves in a altercation yesterday afternoon and they are today searching for this crowd. The grand jury has taken up the case and a large number of Collinsville citizens were examined this morning. No arrests were made before noon.

Eves was shot at close range with a shot gun. The load literally blowing off the top of his head.

Later.—George Fustion, a farmer living four miles from Collinsville, was arrested this afternoon and jailed on a charge of murdering George Eves. It became known at the coroner's inquest that Eves had a pistol in his pocket when he was killed.

ANTHONY OUT ON \$6,000 BOND

Stephenville Farmer is Charged With Murdering Rev. Robert L. Snyder.

Special to The Banner.

Stephenville, Tex., Dec. 16.—B. M. Anthony, the farmer who was arrested Tuesday afternoon following the murder of Rev. Robert L. Snyder, near Huckaby, today waived a preliminary examination and was bound over to wait the next term of the grand jury. His bond was placed at six thousand dollars which he readily furnished.

Snyder was stabbed to death following a dispute with Anthony over the payment for a bunch of calves which Anthony had agreed to purchase.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the Sixth day of October, 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said Court against L. G. Strawn for the sum of One Hundred Three and Thirty One Hundreds (\$103.30) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1005 in said Court, styled W. S. Morehead versus L. G. Strawn, et al and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of December, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in the Morehead Addition to the town of Crews, as the same appears on the map of said addition now on file in the office of County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, in Book 45, page one of Deed of Records; said addition being a part of the San Miguel survey No. 72, and levied upon as the property of said L. G. Strawn. And on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1910, at the Court house door of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Lot at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the

property of the said L. G. Strawn, by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader, a weekly newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of Dec., 1909.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff Runnels County.
By W. T. PADGETT, Deputy.

POSTED KEEP OUT.

My place on Valley creek is posted and I give fair warning to all trespassers to stay out. Positively no fishing, hunting, cutting timber, gathering pecans, or trespassing in any way will be tolerated. This means everybody and I will prosecute those who violate this warning.

J. W. RABY.

Ed Brooks returned Tuesday from a trip to San Angelo.

Is it not better to be ready for a fire and never have it, than to have a fire and not be ready for it?—See Ernest Plummer.

J. H. Wilbourn returned Tuesday from a trip to Winters.

Mild Laxative for Baby Free

The child of today is the parent of the future, and whether it grows up healthy and strong, or puny and weak, depends upon the intelligence of its parents, for most children are born into the world healthy, but thousands become future weaklings between birth and the age of ten, when the parents are still in greatest control.

The prime cause of trouble is in the stomach. A baby that is directing its food seldom cries and always looks cheerful; the little child whose stomach is good romps and plays and never whines; the growing child learns well at school and is eager for fun if its head is clear and its stomach light, and that means if it has no constipation.

The best and safest way to cure any irregularity of the stomach and bowels of a child is by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This is a liquid laxative wonderful in its effect as Mrs. John W. Dunham, Apple Creek, O., Mrs. H. L. Collins, Plainville, Ind., and numerous others can testify who give it to their children with extraordinary results.

A bottle only costs 50 cents and according to the size you want, and even one 50-cent bottle will do a wonderful amount of good in a family. It can be given to any member of the family in constipation, sour stomach, indigestion, torpid liver, dyspepsia, heartburn, sick headache and similar digestive troubles. It never gripes or strangles like pills, tablets, salts and powders, which should not be given to children, women or old folks.

If you have a child or other member of the family who needs, but has never used this grand laxative tonic, send your name and address to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent to your home. In this way you can find out what it will do without personal expense.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 500 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.



WILL BRING PEOPLE TO BALLINGER

Business League May Employ a Man to Advertise Ballinger and Runnels County.

H. W. Barrister, of Mt. Vernon, Texas, who has been doing special immigration work for the Panhandle country, is here to arrange with Ballinger real estate firms and the Ballinger Business League to do special advertising work and bring settlers to this country. Mr. Barrister is an experienced man in his line of work, and he works on a plan that will no doubt result in great good for any town he contracts with. He wants to move his family to Ballinger, and devote all his time and attention to Ballinger. He is an old friend and acquaintance of J. O. Roots and W. H. Bogle, and will remain over in the city until Monday to meet the members of the Business League and see if he can get his plan of work before them.

CURES BLOOD, SKIN DISEASES, ECZEMA.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scurf, eczema, itching, risings or bumps, swelling or separating sores, scabby, pinky skin, ulcers, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists \$1.00 per bottle. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of blood or skin diseases, as it cures after all else fails. Sold in Ballinger, Texas, by the City Drug Store.

GRAYSON COUNTY FARMERS ORGANIZE.

Special to The Banner. Sherman, Tex., Dec. 13.—Ed R. Kone, state agricultural commissioner, is here today, and will organize a Grayson county farmers institute here, this afternoon.

DR. BASKIN AT HOME TO A NEW GIRL.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin are at home to a new girl that arrived at their home on Sixth street Saturday night. Dr. Baskin is all smiles and the young lady and her mother are getting along nicely.

CITY ORDERS LAN SOLD

Council Meets and Transacts two Month's Business. Accounts Allowed, Ordinance Ordered Published.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council for December was held at the city hall yesterday evening. On account of some of the officials being absent, and other business interfering no meeting was held in November, and two month's accounts were passed on and ordered paid at yesterday's meeting.

An ordinance was passed closing Third street, which is traversed by the A. & S. railroad.

Dr. R. A. Dickinson wants to buy thirty acres of the city land at the upper dam, and Jo Wilmoth, Paul Trimmer and Lee Maddox were appointed to fix the price and sell the same. The same committee was also appointed to sell to C. B. Laxson the old cemetery grounds consisting of ten acres.

A vital statistic ordinance was passed, and ordered published, and the same is published elsewhere in this issue of The Banner.

LITTLE DOING IN POLL TAX LINE

Only 300 Poll Tax Receipts Issued out of 3903 Assessed.

Business is not rushing in the tax collector's office, and voters are not falling over themselves in rush to equip themselves with the necessary credentials to be in shape to block the undesirable candidates. You must remember that next year is election year, and in order to be with the crowd when Mr. Office Seeker says, "Come on boys and let's have something to drink," you must have your voting credentials. The candidates are getting wise, and do not spend any money on the man who can't vote.

The tax rolls show that 3909 polls were assessed, and out of this number only 300 have been paid up to noon today.

FAMOUS NEBRASKAN SPEAKS AT GLEBURNE

Special to The Banner. Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 13.—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, arrived here this morning and lectured at the High School building. Mr. Bryan will speak at the court house this afternoon. The famous Congressman is the guest of Col. Cato Sells, formerly prominent in Iowa Democratic politics and long a personal friend of the Nebraskan.

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 all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels.

DR. FOWLER DOWN TOWN.

Dr. W. W. Fowler was able to be down town a short while this afternoon, the first time since he happened to the accident which came near costing him his life. It will be some time before the Doctor fully recovers from the wound, but his many friends are glad to see him able to be out again.

Tom Condra was among the Talpa people in Ballinger Monday.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, and don't let a dealer sell you something in place of Swamp-Root—if you do you will be disappointed.

Miss Maggie Cockrell

Office with HARRIS & SHEPHERD Over State Bank

Public Stenographer

Office in F. & M. Bank Building.

Dr. F. E. Rushing Specialist.

Stomach and Intestines Rooms 303-304 Flat Iron Bldg. Fort Worth, Texas.

TOLER & WOOD LAWYERS

Office in F. & M. Bank Building. Practice in All Courts

HAUL IN MAIZE CARRY OUT LUMBER

W. B. Sowell and five other gentlemen who live north of Winters, were in the city the end of last week, bringing in six wagon loads of that banner, feed-stuff of West Texas—milo maize. The maize was of an excellent quality, and topped the market when sold.

Although here only a short time, these progressive farmers tarried long enough to do some trading, and each loaded his wagon with lumber to be used in erecting a new Runnels county residence.

THE CORRECT TIME

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

Always say to your grocer: "Remember I want Ballinger Mill flour" and that you will have no other.

W. M. Medford, of Talpa, was here Tuesday.

W. E. BAYL ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Will practice in all the Courts Office over the Ballinger State Bank BALLINGER, TEXAS

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J. M. MEDLEY

AT THE UNION WAGON YARD

M. C. Smith

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Office up-stairs in C. A. Doose Building.

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Corporation, Collections, and Land Litigation Special

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Miller Mercantile Company

Groceries, Ranch Supplies, Vegetables, Fruit

A large host of satisfied customers patronize this store daily. If you are not among this list you are missing some good things. Fair treatment, prompt delivery.

Miller Mercantile Company


GOOD THINGS TO EAT

If you are looking for the best things to eat in the grocery line come to us. Our stock is clean, up-to-date and well kept up at all times. We have what you want in the store. We give prompt attention to phone orders and make deliveries promptly. Give us a chance to prove it.

CHASTAIN & SIMPSON

PHONE 40.

JAS. E. BREWER

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News items appreciated. Phone 27.

Do your Christmas shopping early and pay your poll tax at once.

State papers didn't come Monday, but The Banner served up its usual share of live telegraph news.

The man of the hour must eventually give place to the woman of the moment. Why? Woman's suffrage.

Santa Claus will make Ballinger his headquarters this season. Look over our stores and see what a big lot of presents he has laid in.

So long as Southern magazines are but mimeographed reproductions of New York periodicals, issued only at Southern postoffices, so long will literary talent in the South seek a broader vehicle for reaching the public. We venture a verse: 'Call them Southern, if you will, The flavor of Broadway lingers still.'

THE CHILDREN'S XMAS.

There could be no Christmas without children. Without carols of childish music, without children's gleeful laughter and care-free joy the yuletide would become a cheerless event, and soon be forgotten altogether. For after all our boasted civilization, and all our vaunted learning, the children are wiser than their elders in many respects, and in their childish ways keep alive the fires of love and the thrill of tradition—even the celebration of Christmas. Santa Claus, Kris Kringle and St. Nicholas, patron saints of the wee folk, would vanish away into thin air and never come back to earthly habitations, but for the fact that the little ones watch and long for their yearly visitations, and by sheer strength of love immeasurable, compel them to call around.

When the frost is on the window-pane, and the biting north winds sweep across country, hill and plain, then, little men and women, is time to watch out. Old Santa is on his way, and sooner or later he will drive up at your door. If you've been good and nice, and have minded mama and papa real well, the burly old gentleman will unstrap his big pack, and leave you some goodies and presents. Of course, I can't say just what, but you just wait and see! When the morning after Christmas rolls around you won't have to ask questions.

Blessings on the children; the glory of the past, the achievements of the present and the promise of the future rest in the little men and women who have given or will give, their lives in continuing the onward progress of the race.

Taking the tariff question out of politics might help to solve the matter, but it would spoil a mighty good subject for campaign thunder.

10,000 bales of cotton—count 'em, ten—received at this city, and five thousand more to follow.

The creamery opens up with the new year. Another well-taken step along the line of progress.

We may daily expect news of Zelaya's downfall. And that wouldn't be such unwelcome news, either.

Are you doing your part in persistently pushing our peerless town and matchless country? If not, it's time to become active in the premises.

W. E. Hodge is the first man to announce for office in Brown county. Mr. Hodge comes out with an announcement for sheriff in Monday's paper.

Despite the fact that San Angelo had to entertain the West Texas Congress at the time, the Concho city sent over a strong delegation to the U. D. C. meet, at Brownwood.

The farmers can now begin to get their cows lined up and get ready to supply the Ballinger creamery with cream. The creamery will be in the market for all the cream it can get.

Ballinger will be in shape by January 1st to use all the cream San Angelo and Brownwood can furnish and in return will give them high grade creamery butter. Notify your farmers for us, please.

If Dr. Rankin thinks Davidson will be elected governor, why should he be so active in pushing an avowed prohibition candidate to the sacrificial altar? Frankly, it seems that the good Doctor is merely playing politics, after all.

To make your Christmas a real Christmas you must remember the needy. Every citizen is offered an opportunity to contribute to the poor through the Pastors' Association. If you want to help, or know of anyone that needs help, make such known to any of the local pastors.

Easy to Buy Hard to Beat

It isn't often that you can secure such big bargains in Real Estate but we have three or four splendid offers in farms which it will pay any man with a little ready capital to investigate.

RARE OPPORTUNITIES

These farms can be bought for a few hundred dollars down and the balance in payments to suit purchaser. Now is the time to secure a farm of your own. Interested parties should see us at once.

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

The Gateway to Success

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

Some carry keys, other 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 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.

THEY INJURE CHILDREN.

Ordinary Cathartics and Pills and Harsh Physic Cause Distressing Complaints.

You cannot be ever-careful in the selection of medicine for children. Only the very gentlest bowel medicine should ever be given, except in emergency cases. Ordinary pills, cathartics and purgatives are apt to do more harm than good. They cause griping, nausea and other distressing after-effects that are frequently health-destroying and a life-lasting annoyance.

We personally recommend and guarantee Rexall Orderlies as the safest and most dependable remedy for constipation and associate bowel trouble. We have such absolute faith in the virtues of this remedy that we sell it on a guarantee of money back in every instance where it fails to give entire satisfaction and we urge all in need of such medicine to try it at our risk.

Rexall Orderlies contain an entirely new ingredient which is odorless, tasteless and colorless. As an active agent, it embraces the valuable qualities of the best known intestinal regulator tonics.

Rexall Orderlies are eaten like candy. They are particularly prompt and agreeable in action, may be taken at any time, day or night; do not cause diarrhoea, nausea, griping, excessive looseness or other undesirable effects. They have a very natural action upon the glands and organs with which they come in contact, act as a positive and regulative tonic upon the relaxed muscular coat of the bowel and its dry mucous lining; remove irritation, overcome weakness, tone and strengthen the nerves and muscles, and restore the bowels and associate organs to more vigorous and healthy activity.

Rexall Orderlies completely relieve constipation, except when of a surgical character. They also

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tend to overcome the necessity of constantly taking laxatives to keep the bowels in normal condition.

There is really no medicine for this purpose so good as Rexall Orderlies, especially for children, aged and delicate persons. They are prepared in tablet form, in two sizes of packages: 12 tablets 10 cents, and 36 tablets 25 cents. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at our store—The Rexall Store. The Walker Drug Co.

STOLE THIRTY-ONE HEAD OF CATTLE

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 15.—

Sheriff T. E. Sansom of Brady reached Brownwood last night, bringing with him the prisoner, Charles Dean, who was arrested on the border lands of Mexico by the Brady sheriff after a long and interesting chase. Dean was met here by a brother and friends who furnished him with bond and secured his release almost immediately after being placed in jail. The amount of the bail was \$4,000 and the principal sureties are F. M. Miller, W. C. Dean, J. T. Baker and J. C. Wall. When released Dean joined his brother and spent the night at the Crown hotel and this morning accompanied Officer Sansom and friends

to Brady.

Dean is charged with the theft of thirty-one head of cattle, which he is alleged to have gathered together and placed in the stock pens at Brady after night. The cattle were sold the following morning, but before payment was secured the officers had made some inquiry and payment of the check was stopped. Dean bolted when the officers went to arrest him and made good his escape after being chased several miles by the Brady sheriff. He has been at large ever since, but Sansom has been constantly on his trail, and has made many trials in hope of locating him. On one trip to Globe, Arizona, he was within ten miles of Dean, who moved on as soon as it was safe to start. The young man finally drifted back into Texas and was located 65 miles southwest of Fort Stockton, where the Brady sheriff effected his arrest. Mr. Sansom got on trail of his man at Pecos City and traveled from there to the place of arrest in a buggy. The distance is 125 miles.

When seen last night by a Ballinger man Sheriff Sansom said: "I am the happiest man in the county, and it is all because of the man who escaped from me and for whom I have been hunting for a year. I believe the crime must not go unpunished and the good name of the county is upheld."

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A Piano, Organ or a Phonograph is a nice present for any Home. We sell them on Easy Terms, and our Stock is Complete. We represent some of the oldest and most reliable Piano Co's known, such as Knabe, Cable-Nelson, French, Chase, Story and Clark, Clarendon, etc., and these speak for themselves. We invite you to inspect our goods before purchasing elsewhere. We buy direct from the factories, therefore can sell you as cheap as any dealer. We also carry a stock of Sheet Music, String Instruments and Records that fit all Phonographs. Make our Store your resting place when tired and hungry for music.

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The Simplicity of Banking By Mail

Is daily becoming more apparent. Thousands of people in the rural districts throughout this section are now using the mails for all their banking transactions. This bank welcomes mail accounts and cordially invites you to transact business with it by mail. Checks and drafts may

be forwarded in the ordinary mail. Currency should be registered. Write us about any banking matter you wish us to attend to. Your business will have our prompt attention. Liberal interest on Time Deposits.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Ballinger, Texas

The non-interest-bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank will be protected by the depositor's guaranty fund of State of Texas, on and after the first day of January, 1910.

CITY ORDINANCE.

Vital Statistics.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER:

Section 1. That all physicians, surgeons or accoucheurs (midwives) who may attend at the birth of a child in this city, or in the absence of such attendance the father of such child or if such child have no father, then its mother shall report the fact together with the name, sex, color and such other data relating thereto as may be prescribed by the rules promulgated by the State Board of Health within five days from the time of the birth to the City Secretary as herein-after provided for. Any physician, surgeon or accoucheur or parent who shall fail to make the report above provided shall be punished by fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 2. Every person acting as undertaker shall file with the city secretary a certificate of death and obtain a burial permit from the city secretary in each case (including stillbirths) in which he so acts, and all persons furnishing a coffin or box in which to bury the dead shall be included within the terms of the undertakers. It shall be the duty of such undertaker to accurately and properly fill out the death certificate in so far as regards the name, age, sex, nativity and such other "personal and statistical particulars," and further, he shall obtain from the physician or coroner the answers to questions under the heading of "medical particulars" of the death certificate. Any undertaker who shall fail to file the certificate of death above provided or who shall bury the body of any deceased person without first obtaining a burial permit from the city secretary, shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. The body of any person whose death or burial occurs in this city shall not be interred deposited in a vault or tomb, cremated or otherwise disposed of or removed or transported from this

city until a permit for burial, removal or other disposition shall have been issued by the city secretary until a complete certificate of the death has been filed with him as hereinbefore provided. Provided that a transit permit issued in accordance with the law and health regulations of the place where the death occurred may be accepted by the city secretary as a basis upon which he shall issue a burial permit. Any person who shall cause or permit to be interred, cremated, deposited in a vault or tomb, or otherwise disposed of or removed or transported out of the city the remains of any deceased person without having first obtained the permit above provided for from the city secretary, shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of every physician in the event of a death (including stillbirths) occurring in any case at which said physician is the last in attendance, (or in the event a coroner shall hold an inquest to ascertain the cause of death, the said coroner's duty) to promptly and accurately fill out the question in the form of the death certificate when the death certificate is presented by the undertaker. Any physician or coroner who shall fail or refuse to promptly and accurately fill out the questions in the death certificate when requested by the undertaker shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 5. In the event of a death occurring without a physician in attendance and the services of a coroner not necessary, it then shall be the duty of the city health officer to investigate the case and to issue the certificate of death.

Section 6. All certificates of births and deaths shall be made in the manner prescribed, and on the form of certificate as supplied by the State Board of Health.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the aforementioned city secretary to record in a permanently bound book all birth and deaths which are reported to him together with such statistics and data

which shall be furnished him by the birth certificate and death certificate. And it shall be the duty of said city secretary to transmit all such original birth and death certificates received during the preceding month to the State Register of Vital Statistics at Austin, Texas, on or before the 10th of the following month.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, d&wt

OPPOSES REDUCED LUMBER RATES

Farmers Union Man Wants Cotton Rates Lowered First.

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Opposition by Texas Farmers Union to the proposed emergency rates on lumber developed this morning at the hearing of the railroad commission when Hatten W. Summers, of Dallas, attorney for the Union, filed a formal protest against the reductions before the cotton rates are revised. Summers contends that the lower rates for cotton were requested before the lumber reductions were proposed, and he claims the right to first consideration by the commission. Fully five hundred lumber and railroad men crowded the Commissioner's office this morning.

The hearing was postponed until two o'clock this afternoon. The emergency rates provide for a reduction of from six to seventeen per cent lower than the present rates.

NEW RAILROAD COMPANY ORGANIZED

Special to The Banner.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Gulf Coast & Provident railroad company was organized here last night by Houston and Kansas City capitalists. The road is to be operated through Wharton, Lavaca and Colorado counties, and has some important connections here.

Emil Reinhold, of Kansas City, was elected president; T. J. Coughlan, of Kansas City, first vice-president; Carey Spaw, of Houston, second vice-president and general manager. Application for charter will be made immediately.

FEDERAL OFFICERS AFTER SMUGGLERS

Special to The Banner.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 14.—Federal secret service is seeking to break up organization of smugglers, who have been operating smuggling Chinamen into the United States, arrested Yee Fook today. Fook is a local Chinaman and is charged in conspiring in a plot. The Federal Grand Jury at Brownsville recently returned eighteen indictments against alleged smugglers in various cities from Galveston to New York.

Coffees and Teas, fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted.—Miller Mercantile Company.

Mrs. R. R. Young, of Trinidad, Colorado, spent a day with old friends in this city, returning to Brownwood on Tuesday's train.

CONCHO COTTON BALLINGER BUSINESS

Gus Hardgrove Turns Lose Part of Crop to Ballinger Buyer. 23 Bales at 14 3-4 Cents.

Four wagons containing twenty-three bales of cotton from the Hardgrove ranch in Concho county, arrived here this morning and stopped on the streets long enough for the buyers to sample and bid. J. F. Currie was the high bidder, paying 14 3-4 for the lot, and it was unloaded at the Stuart yard.

Gus Hardgrove was with the cotton and closed out on the Currie bid. This is only part of his crop. Ballinger has always received most of the cotton from the southern part of Concho, and so on goes the reputation of the town as a cotton market.

GETS TWO YEARS FOR EMBEZZLING

Special to The Banner.

El Paso, Dec. 14.—Capt. Thomas Franklin was sentenced in New York yesterday to two and a half years imprisonment for embezzling funds at West Point while commissary officer.

Capt. Franklin is a native Texan and his family formerly resided at San Antonio.

NOTICE.

The Citizens National Bank of Ballinger, located at Ballinger in the state of Texas, is closing up its affairs. All note holders and others, creditors of said Association, are hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the Association for payment.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier. Dated Nov. 8, 1909. w10-8t

You may do worse; you can't do better than to buy a mattress made at home. Ballinger Mattress Factory.

LAMPASAS LINE SANTA FE WORK

Contract Let for Improving Road Bed from Coleman to Temple, also Carlsbad Road.

J. L. McSpadden, railroad contractor, was in the city for a few hours this morning in consultation with local parties in reference to widening the road bed of the Santa Fe between Temple and Coleman. He has recently been awarded the contract for this work and for twenty-five miles of grade work on the Santa Fe extension out of San Angelo to Carlsbad. Like the average contractor, Mr. McSpadden had nothing to give out further than that he had received the contract for widening the road bed on the extension out of San Angelo. He already has a force of teams at work in the vicinity of Killen on the widening contract and he wants to get other teams and outfits for different places along the line.

Frank Champion, of this city, who was with Mr. McSpadden while grading the Brady extension some years ago, will probably be placed in charge of some ten or fifteen teams on the work.

The widening of the road bed dump means that the Santa Fe is getting ready to handle heavy traffic over the main line as soon as the cut-off is completed.

WIND UP THE OLD YEAR RIGHT.

T. F. Hogan, the optician, will be with the Walker Drug Co. from Dec. 20 to 22. Better wind up the old year right by calling on him and having him fit your eyes with a pair of the celebrated toric Kryptok glasses, with which you can see perfectly both near and far. All corrections guaranteed two years. Don't forget the time and place w10&17 d11&18

FINDS OIL ROCK NEAR MAVERICK

W. D. Powers, a farmer living near Maverick, has discovered a ledge of oil rocks on his farm, and the find may lead to some startling developments. The rocks are of porous composition, and full of crude oil. They burn like Anthracite coal and as fuel would be of untold value, as the quantity is almost inexhaustible. Then it very likely an oil lake underlies this land, in which case the entire history of this section may be changed.

The matter is worth attention, and Mr. Powers will have an expert look over the field, and examine this fuel nature has so bounteously bestowed.

GREGORY-TRULY.

R. E. Truly (Fed) and Miss Ada Gregory were married Saturday night. In company with a few friends they drove to the home of Rev. Geo. W. Fender, and Rev. Fender pronounced them man and wife. It was a surprise to their friends, as well as their relatives.

Mr. Truly and Miss Gregory were raised in Ballinger, and have many friends who wish for them all the happiness that married life contains. Miss Ada is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and Fed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Truly.

THEY ARE ALL PRAISED.

"By experience I have found your Hunt's Lightning Oil to be a great pain and sprain reliever. I am very much pleased with it." C. C. COOK, Hallettsville, Texas, 25c and 50c bottles.

The largest line of Winter Lap Robes in the city. Just received Call at R. L. Shaffers and see them.

Judge Ed S. McCarver went to Winters Tuesday on a brief trip.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

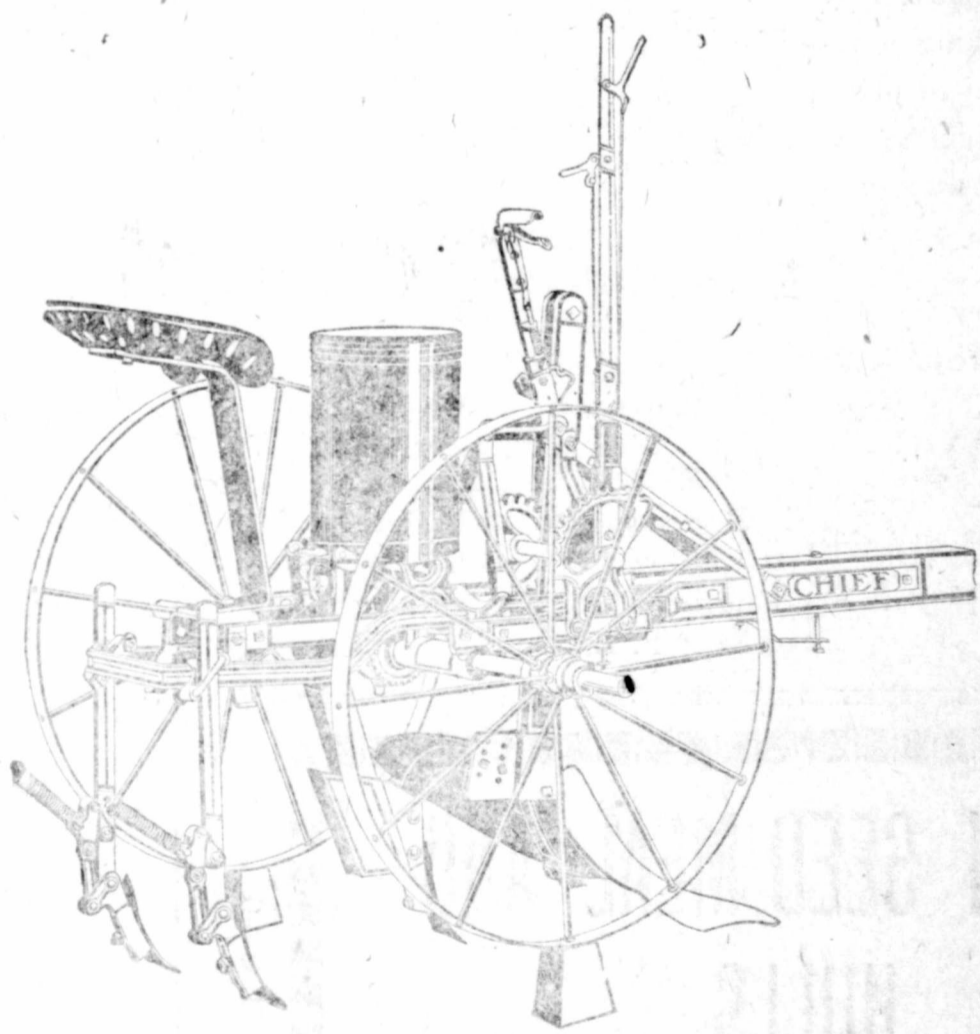
Makes the Biscuit and Cake lighter, finer flavored, more nutritious and wholesome

Its active principle cream of tartar, a pure, health-giving fruit acid, is derived solely from grapes



Study the label and buy only baking powder made from cream of tartar

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READ THIS:

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Nov. 12, 1909.

Gentlemen: I bought a Rock Island Chief Planter because I think it is the best planter I ever saw and I should have owned one forty years ago. I recommend the Rock Island "Chief" to any farmer who has use for a middle buster and planter. Yours truly, D. M. Wray, Route No. 2, Pittsburg, Tex.

See Jones, Walton & Co., Ballinger, about a "CHIEF"

Southern Rock Island Plow Co., Dallas, Texas

NICARAGUAN SITUATION GROWS MORE ACUTE

Unofficial Report Says Blue Jackets From U. S. Warships have Landed--Battleship Missouri Ordered to Nicaragua.

Special to The Banner.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—Cablegrams received here today from Panama regarding the Nicaragua revolution say that Blue Jackets were either landed from United States warships last night or today, though the report has so far not been confirmed. Zelaya placed thousands of soldiers opposite the cruiser Tacoma today to awe the Americans but when the ship's guns were turned in their direction the troops scattered.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The battleship Missouri, carrying one thousand marines, was today ordered to immediately proceed to Nicaragua. A decisive battle between the Zelaya forces and Estrada's army is expected hourly.

ITASCA BOND ISSUE HAS BEEN SUSTAINED

Texas Supreme Court Upholds Legality of Itasca School Bond Issue—Welcome Decision Over State.

Special to The Banner.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—The famous Itasca Independent School District bond case, fought from Hill county courts to the Texas Supreme court by E. S. McElroy, defendant, was finally settled today when the Supreme court sustained the legality of the bond issue, thus reversing the judgment of the lower courts. Had not the legality of the Itasca bonds been sustained, bond issues aggregating millions of dollars would have been annulled, adversely affecting many independent districts over the state.

LUMBER RATE HEARING CONTINUES

Special to Banner.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—Representatives of the Southern Pacific railway and the Big Four lumber interests today lost in their fight against a continuance of the hearing before the railroad commission on emergency rates and the hearing was resumed. Small mill owners supported by the Santa Fe, are seeking a reduced rate in the state to offset the alleged discrimination favoring Louisiana and Arkansas lumber shipped into Texas.

You'll have to hurry if you want that new suit to wear Xmas—and you had better get Morehead, the Tailor, to make it.

C. A. Doose returned this morning from a business trip to San Angelo.

OKLAHOMA BANK EXPLAINS TROUBLE

Special to The Banner.
Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 15.—President Blaise, of the Farmers National Bank, which closed its doors here Monday, stated this morning that W. L. Norton, president of the Columbia fwymfw mfw ffw the defunct Columbia Bank & Trust Co., of Oklahoma City, was personally responsible for the failure of the Tulsa bank. Mr. Blaise said that the Farmers National Bank held collateral given by Norton on which is could not realize.

The State Bank of Kiefer suspended yesterday.

Just received 50 pair misfit pants that we are selling at \$2.50 and up. Morehead, the Tailor.

FOR SALE—Or trade for feed or wood, good surrey. Just the thing for children to go to school in. See P. E. Truly. d&w1t

COTTON SEED MEAL AND HULLS

Is the Best and Cheapest Cow Feed on Earth. Bring a Load of Seed and Exchange for Meal and Hulls. We will give you 2,600 lbs. of Meal and Hulls, sacked in 100 pound sacks ready mixed for feeding, for one ton of Seed.

THE BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.

Useful Holiday Presents

Combine the useful with the ornamental and give presents that will be long remembered and appreciated. You'll find every part of the store full of articles that are just the things to give to mother, father, sister or brother and at prices that are equally as low and in some instances lower than you can buy the same merchandise elsewhere. Quality is the key note to all prices, for it remains long after the price is forgotten, and the merchandise we sell bears the stamp of quality.

Men's Ties

What would papa or brother appreciate more than a nice tie—we have just the tie—in all the new colorings, in plain four in hands, wide ends and string ties. Take a look at this line of Holiday Neckwear.

Pretty ties in 40-inch length four-in-hands, a beautiful assortment, new colorings. Everyone a beauty at **23c**

A beautiful collection of the newest weaves in the best pin proof silk, in wide and narrow widths, four in hands and wide ends, priced at **50c**

Jewelry

Yes! Jewelry—and its jewelry of quality—the styles are correct and the prices are right, and your appreciation will be wonderful when you see this case of the new things we have in jewelry to offer you.

Here are fascinating designs in scarfelets, gold rings, watch fobs, lockets, sleeve buttons, scarf pins and many other things too numerous to mention.

And when it comes to holiday presents, what is nicer to remember your friends with than an exquisitely wrought piece of jewelry?

Men's Hosiery

Have you had trouble with the sox not wearing? Probably you haven't found out the kind to buy that give wear. "Iron Clad" Hosiery is the kind that every pair will give satisfaction; every pair is reinforced at the heels and toes. Half a dozen pair will make an acceptable holiday box long to be remembered.

Mens Sox "Iron Clad" in tan, black, black with white feet, blue, grey, green and other shades, price per pair **25c**

Men's Handkerchiefs

Never too many, you are safe in buying them for gifts for they are sure to be appreciated.

Mens handkerchiefs in plain cambric, 1-2 inch hemstitched edges, real good quality, priced at **5c**

Mens Handkerchiefs in white and colored, extra good quality, hemstitched edges, soft finish, ready for use, priced at **10c**

Mens Linen handkerchiefs in wide and narrow hemstitched edges, all qualities, priced at **35c** down to **12 1/2c**

Initial Handkerchiefs in white silk, extra heavy weight, large sizes, priced at **48c**

Men's Hats

If it is real hat values that you are looking for, then buy a Buckskin Felt or "Thoroughbred." Hats that hold their shape, and have the character of good hats.

Mens hats in novelty shapes, pinch and crush tops, with raw and bound edges in all the newest shades of the season, priced at **\$3.00**

"Stetson," the name that stands for style and service, all the staple shapes, in black and white, we have all the grades from \$7.50 down to **\$4.00**

Men's Shoes

"Eclipse" shoes for men, as good as the best in their class, better than some sold at the same price. Every pair is guaranteed to give satisfaction as to the wear, for we stand behind each pair.

\$3.50 Mens shoes made in Vici, Box Calf, and Patent colt, new toes and lasts, that fit and wear, priced at **3.50**

\$4.00 Mens shoes, stylish, high grade patent colt, vici, box calf and gun metal, new toes, welted soles, all widths and sizes, priced at **4.00**

Men's Clothing

Made by Strouse & Bro., who make a line of high-grade clothing at popular prices. You will find the workman ship to be as good as the best. The fit: we have them for the stout, lean and regular, and can fit you in a color just to your liking.

\$25.00 Suits, made in hard-finished "all wool" worsteds, in colors of dark steel grey with stripe of olive, coats are cut full and pants made roomy. We sold them at \$25.00, special at **\$19.85**

\$22.50 Suits, warranted to be wool, color of olive with interwoven stripe of darker color, coats have button trimmings on sleeves, made in long roll three-button sack. Suits that we sold at \$22.50, a special at **\$18.45**

\$20.00 Suits in colors of grey, green and black, of material that is "all wool" and will give service and hold its color. Coat three-button sack with extra quality serge lining. Suits that we sold at \$20 special at **\$16.95**

\$18.00 Suits, made of good quality worsted in colors of sage and London smoke. Style three-button sack coats, full peg top pants, a nobby young man's suit. Made to sell at \$18.50 our price, a special at **\$14.95**

\$15.00 Suits of unusual merit, made of striped velour in color of light brown with a stripe of olive green, a real novelty in a serviceable suit. Worth the price of \$15.00, a special at **\$12.95**

Fancy Kimonos

The comfort to be gained and the pleasure to be gained by receiving one of those "Mendel" house dresses, for they are the kind that are made right out of the right material. A big line to choose from in silk, crepe and flannelette, in all the popular shades, priced at \$6.00 down to **98c**

Short dressing saques made of Flannelette in loose and belted styles, many are satin trimmed. Priced at \$2.00 down to **\$4.80**

Knit Goods

A collection that is worth your while to look through. We have anything you want in infants caps, saques, booties and toques, hundreds of pretty long scarfs, shawls, fascinators and sweaters.

Scarfs 72 inches long, heavy weight fancy weaves in white, blue and red, also combination colors, priced at **48c**

Scarfs extra length and extra width, in heavy weight, fancy knit, worth every cent of \$1.25, price, **98c**

Ladies Sweaters in white, extra long, double breasted, large roll collars, serpentine knit, a beauty at **\$4.50**

Ladies' Hats

You can't afford to miss this half price on all millinery, nothing reserved, dozens of pretty stylish hats are being sold at such extreme low prices.

10.00 Hats sold at **5.00**
8.50 Hats sold at **4.25**
7.50 Hats sold at **3.75**
6.50 Hats are sold at **3.25**
6.00 Hats are sold at **3.00**
5.00 Hats are sold at **2.50**
4.50 Hats are sold at **2.25**
4.00 Hats are sold at **2.00**
3.50 Hats are sold at **1.75**
3.00 Hats are sold at **1.50**

Ladies' Shoes

Hundreds of ladies can testify to the value they receive when they buy a "Selby" Shoe, for it is a shoe of comfort, has the style, and the fit. We have your size in the style and width and can fit you.

Ladies shoes in patent colt and bronze, plain kid and cravenette cloth tops in lace and buttons, in thin and heavy soles, priced at **3.50**

Ladies shoes in plain kid and patents, heavy and light soles, new toes and lasts, priced at **2.50**

Ladies' Suits

Last week we advertised our Ladies, Suits at reduced prices, and the people were not slow to realize the values we were offering, but we still have a well selected stock to draw on. These garments are made by "Fabian" and are real tailored garments that hold their shape after being worn. You will find all the leading shades of Greens, Greys, Rose, Reds and Blues. Come, take a look at these garments.

Come and look at these well-tailored garments, it will be a pleasure to show you the merits of the line, and why you should buy here. You won't be worried to buy—come, you are welcome.

\$20.00 Suits reduced to **\$16.35**
18.50 Suits reduced to **14.95**
17.50 Suits reduced to **12.95**
15.00 Suits reduced to **11.25**
12.50 Suits reduced to **9.95**
7.50 Suits reduced to **5.95**

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The Price is
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And with it comes a Pyramid of Prices and Bargains from The Great Eastern Bargain Store. The price must ever be the thing at our Store, and we give it to you in plain figures.

You know what we have, and all we ask is that you bring this pyramid with you and you will see

Cotton Checks in fast colors and good patterns, per yard
4 1-2c

Our stock of Holiday Goods is Complete. Toys of all kinds for the Little Folks. Everything at

that the goods are just as we advertise them. Fifty Cents on the

Men's Hats
We sell the Jno. B. Stetson Hat at **\$3.49.**

Men's Suits
Big line to select from in latest Shades and Styles.

the Lowest Price. Our Store will be headquarters for Santa Claus.

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Ladies Tailored Suits
from the best grade of goods at the lowest prices.

Shoes
for men, women and children at price raw material.

Mens Shirts
all kinds, colors, patterns and sizes at **49c.**

OUR STORE IS A TOYLAND. WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON HOLIDAY GOODS.

Blankets and Comforts while they last, from 98c to
\$4.49

Mens Pants, 500 pair, in all sizes and colors at
\$1.98

Spool Cotton, per spool
2c

Children's Hose, heavy grade, all sizes, per pair
7c

REMEMBER: THE GREAT SALVAGE SALE HAS DONE WONDERS For Others and WILL FOR YOU

If you take advantage of the opportunity we are offering in every line. We sell Staple Dry Goods---Calicos, Domestics, Sheetings, Cotton Flannels, Drills, Shirtings, Gingham, Etc., at prices you never bought at before. See us before buying. :-: :-:

THE GREAT

Eastern Bargain Store

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812 HUTCHINS AVENUE

THE PRICE IS THE THING

POTATO CROP IN FRUIT JAR

A Curiosity in Potato Culture Can be Seen at the Giesecke Bennett Co. Office.

When making up an agricultural display two years ago at the office of the Giesecke-Bennett Co., Jno. Maddox, a member of the firm, placed a large sweet potato in a large jar. The potato soon put out sprouts which grew very rapidly and became long vines in a short while. Water was added to the jar from time to time, and the vine has continued to grow and is today a very live potato vine. The vine has been trimmed quite a number of times, else the office would not have afforded room for it. It is about two years old and grows in the winter as well as in the summer and thrives off of water and the mother potato only.

Mr. Burks



Store will be closed Saturday, 25th, Christmas. Remain open until 8 p. m. Christmas Eve. Mr. Bowers says, "Mr. Burks is correct in doing business on a ten per cent basis." Good advice from a man who owns thirty stores. d&wt

TEN ARE KILLED THIRTY-FIVE INJURED

In Train Wreck on Southern Railway, out of Reidsville, N. C.

Special to The Banner. Washington, Dec. 15.—Advices here from Reidsville, N. C. say that 10 persons were killed and 35 injured early this morning when a passenger train on the Southern railway dashed down a fifty foot embankment ten miles from that city.

TAX ASSESSORS ELECT OFFICERS

Special to The Banner. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 15.—The Texas Tax Assessor's Association today elected James E. Bolton, of Dallas, president; and decided to hold the next convention at Dallas. R. L. Tillery, of Ft. Worth, was elected vice-president and G. T. Schwab, of Cuero, secretary and treasurer.

RECEIVES CATTLE FROM MILLS COUNTY.

H. Ransberger was in from here down the river Wednesday to receive a shipment of 72 steers from Mills county. He purchased the cattle in Mills county and will pasture them here with 100 head he already had on his place.

going boys—those of

COLUMBIA Indestructible Cylinder Records 35c

Fit Your Machine and Last Forever
Purer, clearer, more brilliant tone. Call for a catalog. A splendid repertoire to choose from—and we are adding to it right along.

SOLD BY **BALLINGER MUSIC COMPANY**

We make overcoats for \$12.50 and up. Let us make you one. Morehead, the Tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watkins went to Winters Tuesday afternoon.

We make suits for \$12.50 and up at Morehead's.

FRISCO GETS U. S. EXPRESS COMPANY

United States Express Company to Operate on Yoakum Lines After Jan. 1.

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 16.—United States Express Co. will come into Brownwood on January 1st over the Frisco line on that date the contract of Wells-Fargo Co. expiring with the entire Frisco system, taking from that company and giving to the United States Co. about 9,700 miles of railroad line. The Wells Fargo will continue to come into Brownwood over the Santa Fe lines.

It is generally understood that the change is due to the failure of the Wells Fargo people to support the Yoakum lines at a time when they needed money. The United States Co. came to the rescue and as a reward are to get the express contracts. United States Co. has its headquarters in Fort Worth.

In June 1908, the Yoakum lines had an enormous interest payment to meet. The exact amount is not known, but is estimated at \$50,000,000. The lines issued bonds and asked the Wells Fargo people to buy them. This was refused by the company, and the United States company stepped into the breach with the understanding that it would get the express contracts when the contract with the Wells-Fargo expired.

As a consequence, beginning January 1st, the United States company will handle the express over the Frisco.

AGED MINISTER TO MARRY YOUNG LADY

Special to The Banner.

El Paso, Dec. 15.—Rev. Seaborn Crutchfield and Miss Lillian Caldwell will be married here tomorrow. Rev. Crutchfield is 70 years old and for many years pastor of the Methodist church at Gainesville. Miss Caldwell is thirty years younger than the noted preacher.

Statistics show that twenty-eight per cent of the land in Runnels county is under cultivation. This exceeds the per centage shown by any of our neighboring counties, except the two on the north. With a larger per cent of the lands in cultivation, old Runnels ought to have better roads than any of the others—and we'll have the roads, too, when the bond issue carries.

Let us make you a nice winter suit to your measure—at \$12.50 and up. Morehead, the Tailor.

The Brownwood Bulletin admonishes people of that city to be kind and courteous to all strangers. A good idea, and we believe Ballingerites should look well to their treatment of all visitors to this city.

We clean and press clothes every day in the week except Sunday—give us your next job.

And again we rise to remark that the bond issue will be a good thing for Ballinger and vicinity.

The Globe Store is certainly selling lots of comforts, bed blankets, rugs and art squares, in their big sale. Prices talk and they cause them to speak in elegant tones. d2tw1t

Will pay highest prices for turkeys this week and next. See us before you sell. Can use any amount. A. L. SPANN & CO. w13-2t

Old hats made new at Morehead's.

Points Worth Knowing

The non-interest-bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank will be secured by the depositors guaranty fund of the State of Texas, on and after the first day of January 1910. This plan has been almost-universally adopted by the State Banks throughout Texas and is known to be a sure and solid plan of guaranty. Further information will be furnished upon request. :-: :-:

THE WINTERS STATE BANK
Winters, Texas.

The Golden Rule Drug Store

THE NEW DRUG STORE

Just opened in the **Katy Building** a complete assortment of New and Up-to-date Holiday Goods every Article Fresh and New, just from the **Factory** and the price is right.

DOLLS, DOLLS, all sizes and kinds except the poor ones. Fine Box Candy the **Ramers** line, the kind the Girls like. Hand Painted China, Medallions, Fancy Pictures, and Mirrors, Toilet Sets, Novelties of the latest style.

DRUGS, DRUGS, when you need drugs you need the Best and this is the kind we handle, and the only kind. Prescriptions filled by a competent Registered Pharmacist and they cost you less. Try our Prescription Department for yourself.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and soliciting a share of your patronage, we are,
Yours respectfully,

THE GOLDEN RULE DRUG STORE

HAWKINS WILL SUCCEED LOVE

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Governor Campbell this morning appointed Wm. E. Hawkins, of Dallas, now office assistant in the attorney general's department, to succeed Commissioner of Insurance, T. B. Love, upon the latter's retirement about the first of next February. Hawkins, in the attorney general's department, has been prominent in insurance inquiries and suits instituted by Commissioner Love.

TAX ASSESSORS MEET AT SAN ANTONIO.

Special to The Banner:

San Antonio, Dec. 14.—Nearly every county in the state is represented in the annual convention here today of the Texas Tax Assessors Association. Albert Hutch of San Antonio, president, is in the chair. Charles B. White, state purchasing agent, is urging the establishment of an Assessors Institute where uniform taxation can be taught.

COLEMAN MAN BUYS RUNNELS FARM.

S. P. Stone and H. F. Krebs sold the Toler place, located on Valley Creek, consisting of 168 acres, to I. B. Elliott, of Coleman county, for a total consideration of \$5040. Mr. Elliott will live on the farm and become a citizen of this county.

We had a happy life together, mother an' me. Somehow, Doc, I've taken to missin' er ag'in lately, an' I like it. It's company for me missin' er is. When dead are, they cease to be company to us.

W. O. W. OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

At a recent meeting of the W. O. W. Lodge, the following officers were elected to serve regular yearly terms:

J. R. Lusk, Council Commander; L. J. Howard, Advisor; J. F. Lusk, Clerk; Louis Butler, Banker; O. P. Dorsey, Escort; W. S. Harmon, Watchman; C. C. Schuehard, E. S. McCarver and B. F. Corum, Managers.

FLOGGING STRAP TO BE ABOLISHED

This and Other Suggestions of Campbell's to be Acted Upon.

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—It is understood here today that the governor's views in regard to the state penitentiary system as announced by his written statement Saturday night have received the entire approval of Chairman W. H. Gill and Walter Tips of the state penitentiary board. This practically insures the carrying out of the governor's suggestions. Among other things a movement will be inaugurated to abolish the straps on most of the convict farms.

SONNY'S FATHER'S WISDOM

Bits from Ruth McEnery Stuart's "The Song in the Treetops."

He was a good man, my father was, an' his usual form of address to me was "my son," thess so, unadorned, an' I don't know but it's helped me all my life. It sort o' challenges a boy to be called "my son" by a good man.

I've always thought that if I had my choice, an' my life could express worship, I'd choose for it to be praise.

FARMER SHIPPING SEED TO DALLAS

H. C. Moten Makes Good Money Raising Seed for Planting Purposes.

H. C. Moten, who has been farming near Ballinger for the past two years, will ship a solid car of milo maize, Kaffir corn and Egyptian wheat seed to the Texas Seed & Floral Co., at Dallas, next week, for which he gets from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per bushel.

Mr. Moten is a strong believer in diversification, and says he expects to plant 80 acres out of his 180 acre field near Winters, to which place he is moving, next year in feed stuff to make seed for market. Last year his Egyptian wheat produced 70 bushels to the acre, and he sold it for \$100 per bushel. This year he got \$1.50 per bushel for this crop.

He says this beats raising cotton mightly bad. Not near so much work and expense connected with it.

THE BEATITUDES.

By common consent the greatest sermon ever preached was the "sermon on the Mount." It contains the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the Golden Rule, together with much of the wonderful spiritiveness that arrested the attention of itual teaching that for many centuries has impressed the world those who first heard it, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

The Beatitudes, with which the sermon of sermons begins, are nine in number. Christ teaches who are blessed. The gospel means good news and "blessed" is the most significant word therein. The text is found in Matthew, 5: 2-12: "And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the needy, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for their's is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake."

In all the religious and philosophies of the earth, ancient and modern, there is no higher teaching. From no pulpit, from no professor's chair, from no sage's creed has come like doctrine. Nine are the Beatitudes. Blessed are the poor in spirit, that is those who are not egotists, the mourners, the meek, those who spiritually hunger and thirst after right-

eousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted for righteousness, those who are persecuted because they are followers of Christ.

Ethics is a barren science after this. No other formulation of the conduct of life seems worth anything to the man or woman who, casting out Doubt and his brother Fear, reads this enumeration of those who are blessed.

What does "blessed" mean? The dictionary says "Enjoying happiness or bliss; favored with blessings; happy, highly favored." But perhaps, what is intended is best understood by considering the opposite cursed. Every adult person in this painful world knows what that means. No matter how fortunate we may be in many respects, sorrow is meted out to every one of us. The Beatitudes are intended to tell us the secret of happiness and comfort. The virtues insisted upon make a high spiritual demand, but man is spirit here—here is the root of his nature, his real essence—and unless he meets this demand he can hope for nothing but misery.—Houston Chronicle.

LATE RECEIPT FOR MATRIMONY.

Once upon a time there was a very beautiful girl in our town. She had so many suitors that she disputed the theory that the law of supply and demand governed the matrimonial market. She told them all the same yarn about taking time to consider and her correspondence always became voluminous just before Christmas. She had an idea that mere man is legitimate prey at Christmas and she worked her eyes overtime. Baby stares, coquettish winks, the jolly look, the glad eye—all these and more served her purpose and she always hooked a half dozen live ones for things and things. Long before yuletide she tried out her looks on the mirror and on the dog. Then she would parade down to Sike's Drug Store and wait until they came by. It was so easy for Happy Nellie that she did not consider it work. Now Miss Good Looks was treading the sky a little too rapidly and it was perfectly natural that it should befall that one Sir Knight should win her heart. When she found she was really all to pickles on a young thoroughbred about town, Christmas lost all its charm. For once in her young life she decided to buy. Like most women she saved her allowance and spent it two or three times and then decided to buy her presents on the installment plan and allow him to pay some day. But alas, poor girl, she neglected shopping until the day before Christmas. When she came out of the trance and pulled her hair pins and hatpins out of her eyes and face it was the day after and her dear, kind Lothario had flown to the arms of

the wise sister who never procrastinates. Today she is just an ugly mean, sour, old maid and she looks it. People do not look at her eyes any more. They stopped that when she lost her roses. Maybe some day she may lasso a man but not if her photograph tells the truth.

Moral: If you would be beautiful and happily married, shop early!

WATERS-PIERCE AFFAIR CLOSED

State Receiver Says His Task is Finished.

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—The closing chapter in the famous Waters-Pierce litigation ended today when Receiver Robert J. Eckhart announced that he had practically completed the task of closing up the affairs of the company which was bought by Col. S. W. Fordyce, of St. Louis, an associate of H. Clay Pierce. The deed to the properties has been recorded which consummates the sale.

GROWTH.

In the beginning we beg pardon for speaking of ourselves, but believing that Ballinger people have a right to know of the facts concerning their local telegraph newspaper, we undertake these words. The Banner is proving a success. Notwithstanding the fact that The Banner is the only newspaper in Runnels county that incurs expense for telegraph news service, and issues more pages per week than any other city or county publication, our increased advertising and subscription patronage more than justify the extra expense, and afford us at least a modest recompense for our efforts. Believing Ballinger people ready to support a daily newspaper "for all the people," we have incurred heavy expense in the effort to give the people what they want. The people must say whether or not we have succeeded. We can only judge the matter from the hearty response accorded our endeavor, and the rapid and steady growth of our bus-

ness all along the line.

We have no financiers behind our proposition, no bunch of money to lose. If we succeed it must be by force of sheer merit; if we fail, it will be for the good and sufficient reason that we can not make good, or Ballinger does not care for such a newspaper as we produce. We are not trying to succeed by knocking others; we are so blooming busy attending to our own affairs we really haven't the time or inclination to worry about what the other fellow is, or is not doing.

Our policy is one of breadth, and while we shall ever stand true to our convictions, we shall treat all men and issues with utmost fairness, regardless of everything.

Nice up-to-date stock of popular sheet music at Ballinger Music Co. d1t-wf

Old instruments, horses or cows taken in exchange for new pianos or organs. Ballinger Music Co.

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.
A Safe, Certain Remedy for Suppressed Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Non-Habitual! Contains no Opium or Heavy Laxatives. Send for free trial. Will send them on trial, so to speak, if you will return Sample Free. If your druggist does not have them send your order to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.
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The only baking powder from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from Grapes—
Makes Finest, Purest Food
Royal Baking Powder
Absolutely Pure

AUBURN ECONOMY CUP IN THE STAR-TELEGRAM ENDURANCE RUN

Winner Announced After All-day Session of Technical Committee-- Condition of Cars Remarkable.

The three winners in The Star-Telegram endurance run have been decided. They are: Moline, J. A. Wicke, driver, endurance cup. Auburn, "Skeet" Hall, driver, economy cup. Fisk tires, tire trophy, with perfect score. The winners were not announced until the technical committee, the referee and the chief observer had done a good day's work examining all the cars finishing in the run and checking up the reports of observers. The Moline was announced as the winner of the endurance cup by Referee J. C. Eagan Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and created no surprise, as the road scores, which had been compiled earlier in the day, indicated the Moline as winner. The winner of the economy cup was not decided until later, owing to the fact that the Moline

which many declare to be the most thorough test of automobiles in the history of the industry. It is a remarkable fact that the work of the technical committee shows that only seven and one-half hours of labor and new material costing \$17.55 would be necessary to place all the cars in good running condition.

The work of the technical committee went forward without a hitch and there were no protests on the part of any of the contestants. All accepted the judgment of the members of the committee. Driver Wicke learned Monday morning of the reward to the Moline car and started immediately for Ft. Worth to get the trophy. A little later "Skeet" Hall came to the Star-Telegram office and was surprised to learn that his car had won the economy cup. He will take it with him to Brownwood as soon as it is suitably engraved. Some idea of the bad condition of the roads can be gained from the fact that both the Auburn and the Moline carried in 145 pounds of mud, while the Marmion carried 110 pounds.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dec. 6. The Hall Machinery Co., Brownwood, Texas, sells the Auburn.

TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY BALLINGER SCHOOLS

School Board Meets and Passes Order for Two Week's Vacation for Christmas.

The School board of the Ballinger Independent School District held a meeting this morning and among other business transacted, passed an order for a two week's holiday for the Ballinger schools, and the schools will close Friday evening, Dec. 17, and convene again on Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Quite a number of the teachers will leave for their respective homes to spend the holidays, while some will visit in other places and some will remain in Ballinger.

CITATION.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon S. C. Woodward by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at a regular term of the Justice's Court in Precinct No. 1, in Runnels County, Texas, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 954, wherein Geo. Q. McGown is plaintiff and S. C. Woodward is defendant and petition alleging that the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$170.90 for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant by the Currie Grocery Co. as shown in verified itemized account filed in said cause; and that the plaintiff is now the owner and holder of said account, which is long since due and unpaid.

Herein, fail not, but have before said court on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1910, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand this 10th day of December A. D. 1909. W. H. WEEKS, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas. w14-4t

HOW MANY BEANS? "I GUESS 4,489."

R. C. Henninger, of Hatchel, guessed there were 4,489 beans in the jar at Rosenwasser & Levy's. P. E. Truly and John A. Weeks counted the beans, and declared that to be the correct number. So Mr. Henninger gets \$30 worth of merchandise free of all charge from this progressive firm.

BOND ISSUE GOOD.

In another place we call attention to the Supreme Court decision of the District court from Hill county in the case of McElroy vs. Itasca Independent School District.

This makes the last bond issue of the Ballinger Independent District good, and also makes a 35 cent maintenance tax to support the school good, thus insuring a 9 month school, and the completion of the two ward school buildings under way in the district.

CALL FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

Our 1910 calendar is now ready Call at our office and get yours. wit GIESECKE-BENNETT CO.

M. R. McDavid, of the W. H. Davis dry goods store went to Abilene Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays, before going to San Angelo, where he has bought an interest in a dry goods business.

Sheriff Flynt went to Miles Wednesday on collecting business.

ROBBERS SECURE \$4,000 FROM PAOLI, OKLA., BANK

Cracksmen Escape on G. C. & S. F. Freight Train--Fourth Safe Blowing in Paoli in Last two Months.

Special to The Banner. Pauls Valley, Okla., Dec. 15.—Robbers early this morning dynamited the safe of the Paoli State Bank at Paoli and escaped with four thousand dollars. Three blasts were used in cracking the safe, but before the residents were aroused, the robbers escaped on a south-bound Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe freight train which arrived at Paoli shortly after one o'clock. Before forcing an entrance into the bank, the cracksmen secured some tools from the section house and broke into the railway station from which they removed all the telegraph instruments. They also cut all the telegraph wires. The robbers secured five hundred dollars in silver, six hundred in gold and two thousand nine hundred in bills. This is the fourth safeblowing in Paoli in the last two months. Two men are now in jail here charged with robbing the Santa Fe depot a

few weeks ago. The depot robbery occurred shortly after two attempts to rob the Wells Fargo Express office. Other safeblowings have occurred recently at Lindsey, Waynette, and Byars, and officers declare that systematic gang of robbers are operating the line of the Santa Fe railroad.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 15.—Sheriffs and citizens' posses from many towns about Paoli, as far north as Oklahoma City, are today searching for the safe blowers who this morning robbed the Paoli State Bank of four thousand dollars.

OFF TO CRANE COUNTY.

Arthur C. Willingham, Allen B. Curry and W. N. Maxey will leave tomorrow for Crane county where they have secured four sections each of school land. Some of the boys will take their families and others will follow after the holidays. W. S. Harmon will accompany the party on a prospecting trip.

Uncle Sam Supervises the Union and Strength Represented by **First National Bank**

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CAPITAL \$200,000.00
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BIG REDUCTION ON Ladies Suits

In a few weeks we will begin to take stock, and our policy has always been to close out all seasonable goods before inventory time. We have left about 60 Ladies Suits in all the leading colors.

Look at the Reduced Prices--When we Cut, we Always Cut Deep.

All high grade Suits in the House, regular prices \$30.00, \$28.50, \$27.50, \$26.50, \$25.00, \$22.50,

No Suit is Reserved, Your Choice of Any One—

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This Reduction Includes DRESSES AND THREE PIECE SUITS

Your Choice of Any \$15.00 Suit

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All Suits Sold Will Be Altered Free of Charge

All our Suits are strictly up-to-date in Style and Material. The Coats are 40 to 45 inches long, Skirts are plaited models.

NOW is THE TIME to buy that Winter Suit. Take Advantage of An Opportunity Not Often Given You.

The White Store

R. A. RISSER & Co. BALLINGER, TEXAS

NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS DENY CHARGES

President Barrett Says the Officers Are Not Exorbitant--Texans' Move Meets With Success Wherever Tried.

Special to The Banner.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 15.—The charge raised by the Texas Farmers' Union officials that the national officers squandered the funds of the organization and voted themselves exorbitant salaries was emphatically denied as false to a Texas News Service correspondent this morning by S. C. Garrett, of Union City, Ga., president of the National Farmers Union, who is here attending the meeting of the executive committee, Garrett says the Union will take some action preventing the Texas Union from seceding from the national organization.

In speaking of the charges made by the Texas officials Barrett said that when the farmers of this state first had their union incorporated, they sought to keep the control of the union vested in some men who lived in Texas. But later, when the union became a national organization, the power passed to those living outside of Texas. The recent increase of the salaries of the national officers added to the jealousy of the ousted Texas officials and now they want to secede.

It is understood here that the movement to affiliate the Texas locals independently of the national organization is meeting with success.

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

Health is Worth Saving and Some Ballinger People Know How to Save it.

Many Ballinger people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor remain in danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is a Ballinger citizen's recommendation:

"J. S. Collins, carpenter, Ballinger, Texas, says: Upon two occasions Doan's Kidney Pills have relieved me when having trouble from my kidneys. These organs seemed to be my weakest spot and whenever I caught cold, it was sure to settle there, causing a dull ache through the small of my back. The kidney secretions also became too frequent in passage at such times and obliged me to get up during the night. When Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me, I procured a box at the Walker Drug Co., and soon after beginning their use, I found that they were just the remedy I required, as I was greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar manner is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

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. 14-2t

REGULAR SERVICES AT RUNNELS CHURCH.

There will be regular preaching services at the Runnels Baptist church, the first Sunday of each month at 11 a. m., and each Saturday before at 3 p. m. w14-4t W. P. CROW, Pastor.

PROMINENT LADY DIES AT ANGELO

Mrs. Betty Kearney Baker, wife of Col. A. J. Baker, Drops Dead After Shopping Tour.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 15.—Returning from a shopping tour at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, apparently improved in health, Mrs. Betty Kearney Baker, wife of Col. A. J. Baker, and one of the most prominent women in West Texas, fell in a swoon at her home on Beaugard avenue and expired in a few minutes. Death was due to heart failure.

Within a month of her 56th birthday, Mrs. Baker had been for twenty years a resident of San Angelo, and all through that period she had been recognized as one of the most prominent figures in church work and civic improvements. A member of the First Presbyterian congregation of this city, Mrs. Baker was an ardent christian worker, and she was a leader of the Ladies Aid Society of that church. She was devoted to her home and family and her friends, and her death was a shock grievously felt in San Angelo.

Mrs. Baker was a native of North Carolina, but she spent her girlhood days in Mississippi. Before her marriage to Col Baker in 1872 she was Miss Betty Kearney Newsome. This marriage took place in Mississippi and fifteen years later that they came to Texas, and mostly since then they have resided in Tom Green county.

The death of Mrs. Baker removes one of the most public-spirited women of the land; as that she has long since been pronounced.

CONE JOHNSON HITS HIS OPPONENTS

Johnson at Wichita Falls Says He is the Only Hope for the Pros.

Special to The Banner.

Wichita Falls, Dec. 15.—Cone Johnson, the prohibitionist candidate for governor spoke here last night at a prohibition rally. He declared that he was the only candidate from whom the prohibitionists could expect any assistance next year, and he declared that the policies of O. B. Colquitt, R. V. Davidson and Judge M. M. Brooks were inimical to the cause. This criticism of three other candidates by Johnson follows the recent statement to Gov. Campbell by Dr. Rankin, of Dallas, that the prohibition cause would not be injured by the election of either Davidson or Brooks.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR DEAL

Ben S. Long returned from Miles this afternoon, where he sold to J. D. Bond and J. C. Carlnto of Miles, 50 acres of land out of the Hughes ranch in Concho county at \$20 per acre.

A HAPPY XMAS FOR THE POOR

Statement From Rev. Leslie, as to Plan of Churches to Give City's Poor Joyous Holiday.

To the Citizens of Ballinger:

By reference of the daily papers of yesterday, you will see that I, as president of the Pastor's Association, have been appointed by the association, as chairman, to assist the committees of the various churches in their efforts to give all the worthy poor of our city a happy Christmas.

In carrying out the proposed plan, let me call your attention to the following:

1. Every church will have a committee, who with the pastor, will look after the work of their church. In order to make this effort successful, we ask everyone who knows of any worthy poor in their neighborhood, to report the same to the pastor or committee of their church at once, either in person or by telephone, giving the location, number in family and their special needs. We do not wish to omit a single family or individual.

2. If you wish to make a contribution either of money, groceries, clothing or fuel, make this known at once to your pastor or committee. If you are not a member of any church, then report to the church of your choice, or to me, and I will see that your gift is wisely used.

3. The pastors will bring this matter before their churches tonight at prayermeeting. The members and others interested, and especially Sunday School teachers, are urged to be present, that all plans may be matured at once. The time is short and we must act promptly.

4. The pastors will meet again next Monday at 9 a. m. at the 8th Street Presbyterian church to complete plans, etc. Please let us have all the necessary information at that time.

Let us by this combined effort make this the happiest Christmas in the history of Ballinger. Christ said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

J. D. LESLIE.

MR. FARMER HERE IS A BARGAIN.

- 1 Ideal Deering Mower.
- 1 Standard Cultivator.
- 1 John Deere Riding Planter.
- 1 Standard Stalk Cutter.
- 1 Mould Board Turning Plow.
- 1 Double Disc Plow.

All for sale at a bargain. See S. N. ALLISON, Ballinger, Texas. w14-4t

RICH GORDON IS TO LEAVE BALLINGER.

Rich Gordon who has been in the barber business here for a number of years left this afternoon for Blanco, Col., where he expects to locate. He will engage in the barber business there as soon as he gets located and makes arrangements.

Happiness is but another name for perfect health. Use Prickly Ash Bitters and be happy. It keeps the vital organs healthy and well regulated. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

That's my chief objection to most o' the new labor-savin' machines: they're so senseless an' cold.

We are in the market for several car loads of thrashed red top cane seed, milo maize and Kaffir corn. Producers and dealers that are interested please write us. Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas. w14-2t

Keep the bowels open if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

Xmas Presents

THAT PLEASE EVERYONE

It is no trouble to select something that will please from our big stock of

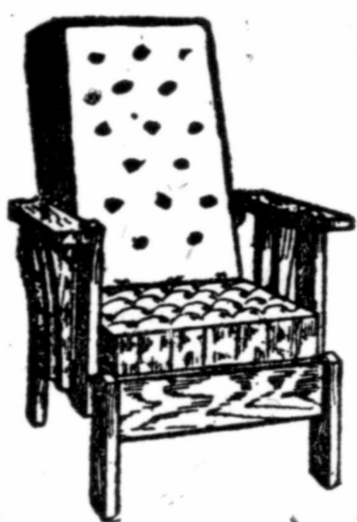


Holiday Furniture

We have on display the largest lines of Furniture ever displayed for Holiday Shoppers in Ballinger. We have



everything in the Furniture line, and can supply your wants. Our stock of



ROCKING CHAIRS

is the best we ever offered the public. Our line of-

Bed Room

Suits is unexcelled, and in Odd

Pieces---just such things that make good Christmas Presents, are here for you and at Prices you can afford to pay. :: ::



We want you to see, and invite you to come and look at our stock before making your Xmas purchases. We are always glad to show you through our stock.

Ostertag Furniture Co.

Undertakers and Embalmers

You Will Always Be Satisfied

If you build your house out of lumber bought of the Ballinger Lumber Co. If you need anything in lumber and builder's material let us figure with you. We carry lumber, paint, cement, lime, common and fire brick, cedar posts, etc.

Ballinger Lumber Company

CITY MEAT MARKET

R. A. NABOURS, Proprietor.

GOOD MEAT is the kind you appreciate when eating. OUR MARKET then is the place you should patronize when buying as we handle only the BEST.

Anything you want in Fresh or Cured Meats, Sausage etc. Prompt delivery if you phone your orders to No. 185.

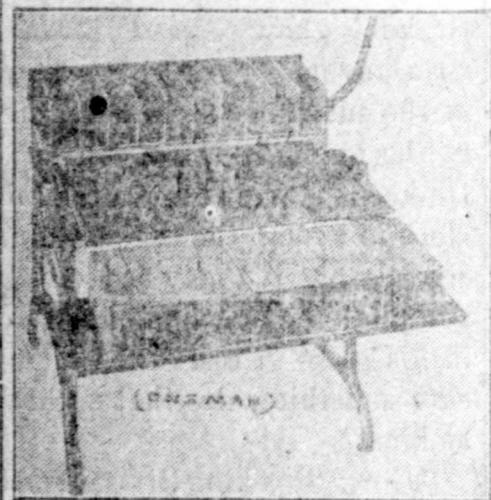
CITY MEAT MARKET

Pure Water

Drinking pure water is the only way to avoid sickness during hot weather. We make pure distilled water and deliver in five gallon bottles. Will sell you a water book and you can order as you need it.

See or phone
Arctic Light & Fuel Co.
Phone 312
BALLINGER, TEXAS

"The Peerless" One Man Sand, Cement BRICK MACHINE



Make your own brick. Build your own house. Be independent. Write for price and circulars describing how it can be done.
303 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas
"Meet Us At The Fair"

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 have failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were.

It's mighty hard to look in any direction an' not see life, or love, or joy—an' mostly all three.

DEATH SPEEDER A TEXAS BOY

Young Man who Speeded to Death in Mexico had Relatives in Brownwood.

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 14.—The news reports of Saturday from Mexico City give the account of an unusual cause of the death of McKie Walker of that city, who is a nephew of L. E. Walker, of the Coggin & Ford Co. bank of this city. The young man's mother visited Brownwood last year and is well known to the people here. Aside from the unusual cause to which the death is attributed, the relationship to the Brownwood family makes the case one of sad and especial interest. The report says:

To automobile speeding, physicians declare, was due the death here today of McKie Walker, one of the most widely known Americans of this city. The immediate cause of Walker's death was given as capillary bronchitis, aggravated by heart trouble. Walker was an automobile enthusiast and had made many record-breaking runs to outlying points during the past few years. Attending physicians declare that the constant exhilaration of fast driving caused the blood to flow faster than normal through the valves of the heart, and hardened the muscles about that organ and that this condition acted against the recovery of the patient when he was attacked by bronchitis.

Walker was 25 years of age and was born at Salado, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 8th day of December, 1909, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said Court, against A. T. Rider, D. S. Moore and Mary F. Moore for the sum of Seventy Five Hundred Sixty and 99-100 (\$7560.99) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 997 in said Court, styled W. L. Golden versus A. T. Rider et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of December, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

Being 205 acres of land lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, and being a part of the Marshall University survey No. 512, being Abstract No. 375, Certificate No. 9, Patent No. 267, Vol. No. 11, and being blocks Nos. one of 125 acres and six of 80 acres, as shown on map of subdivisions of said survey as made by C. S. Miller, now on file in the office of C. S. Miller, in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a rock pile made for the S. W. corner of said survey No. 512 and the S. W. corner of Block No. One, herein conveyed. Thence East 597 vrs. to stake for corner, being S. E. corner of Block No. One and the S. E. corner of the 205 acre tract of land herein conveyed. Thence North with West line of 10 vara strip left for road at 966 vrs pass the N. E. corner of Block No. One at 449 vrs. a stake for N. E. corner of Block No. 6, and the N. E. corner of the 205 acre tract of land herein conveyed. Thence West with the North line of Block No. 6, 984 vrs. to West line of Survey No. 512, being the N. W. corner of Block No. 6, and the N. W. corner of the tract herein conveyed. Thence South 15 East with said West line of Survey No. 512 at 500 vrs. pass N. W. corner of Block No. One at 1500 vrs. to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of said D. S.

Moore and Mary F. Moore. And on Tuesday, the Fourth day of January, 1910, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said D. S. Moore and Mary F. Moore, by virtue of said levy and Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader, a weekly newspaper published in Ballinger, Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of Dec., 1909.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff Runnels County.

By W. T. PADGETT, Deputy.

COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE HERE

Teachers Meet in This City Next Week—Interesting Program.

The county teachers' institute will meet in this city during next week, opening Monday morning. The session, which will be held at the court house auditorium, will be open to all, and a cordial invitation is given the general public to attend. Questions of general interest will be discussed and those who wish, other than teachers, may take part in the discussion.

There will be about 85 teachers from over the county in attendance, and those of our citizens who can entertain one or more of them, should phone Prof. Hagan, county superintendent, who will be glad to receive such information. The hotels can hardly care for all, in addition to their usual run of holiday guests and regular boarders, so it is essential that our homes be thrown open to these visitors.

WARTIME RELIC FOUND IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 13.—In a rusty box, which had reposed undisturbed in the vault of the sub-treasury since the civil war, a number of musty old documents of great historical importance have just been discovered. They will be gone over by experts and preserved either here or in Washington.

One of the most interesting documents is a record which shows to what expedients the government was sometimes forced to resort to in order to obtain funds with which to defray the expense of the army during the civil war.

Through this paper 50 New York bankers turned over to the government on a single day's notice the sum of \$1,200,000. At that time, the document says, the success or failure of the northern army seemed to depend on a speedy moving forward of the sinews of war. The paper bears the date of Nov. 11, 1862.

Your property may burn up or blow away, but you are all right if you have seen M. D. Chastain & Co. for insurance. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Sidney Turner, the Talpa banker, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Bargains in town lots, houses, farm and ranch property. 78-79 M. D. Chastain & Co.

Fire and tornado insurance written in the best companies by M. D. Chastain & Co. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

The Daily Banner only 10c a week.

GRAND JURY AFTER LYNCHERS

Louisiana Grand Jury Convened in Special Session.

Special to The Banner.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 14.—The grand jury at Caddo this morning convened in special session to investigate the recent lynching here of the negro charged with attempting to outrage a white girl. District Judge Bell, in giving the charge to the grand jury, declared the lynchers guilty both of murder and resisting officers while in the discharge of their duty.

We are in a position to advance more money per acre on land than any loan company doing business in this part of the state. We can take care of your land notes. We loan money at 8 per cent and charge you nothing for making the loan, except posting or making your abstract of title.

GIESECKE-BENNETT CO.
Ground Floor State Bank Building. w-1f

Miss Viola Meeks of Talpa, visited here between trains Monday, while en route home from Winters.

Get a Monitor Windmill from Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

Will Francis left Monday on a trip to Talpa, Coleman and Valera.

Always say to your grocer: "Remember I want Ballinger Mill flour" and that you will have no other.

Miss Minta Starkey returned Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in San Antonio.

FREE—A map with the best paper in the county. Call at the Banner-Leader office.

BACKACHE

Is an indication of kidney trouble. It means much to the victim because the deadly Bright's Disease begins in just such symptoms.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a successful remedy for diseased kidneys. It strengthens the suffering kidneys, helps them to perform their duties properly and by cleansing and regulating the bowels it drives out unhealthy conditions; restores strength and vigorous health.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

City Drug Store Special Agents

GOOD ROADS EXPERTS COMING TO TEXAS.

Special to The Banner.
Arlington, Tex., Dec. 13.—J. L. Carter, president of Tarrant County Good Roads Association today received a telegram from Washington to the effect that Charles Harrison and James Wilcox, government road building experts, will arrive in Ft. Worth tonight to superintend the construction of model roads in this county. The experts represent the National Good Roads Commission.

XMAS SALE.

The Ladies of the Episcopal Guild will hold their annual sale of articles suitable for Xmas presents Tuesday afternoon, December 14, in the Rape building, beginning at 2 o'clock. Nothing sold before the doors open. At night, beginning at 6 o'clock, oysters will be served at popular prices. d94-4t-w1t

ODD FELLOWS CHOOSE OFFICIALS.

The following officials have been chosen by the Odd Fellows of this city, to serve six months each:
J. D. Grant, Noble Grand; Ed S. McCarver, Vice Grand; J. A. Reese, Cor. Secretary; J. A. Oster-tag, Financial Secretary; Bob Browder, Treasurer; J. H. Kelly, J. A. Williams and W. B. White, Trustees.

MONEY TO LOAN.

We will make liberal loans on your land, take up and extend vendor's lien notes, or will buy vendor's lien notes. Can get quick action. BROWN BROS., Austin, Texas. Write or call on Jo Wilmeth, Ballinger, Tex. w1f

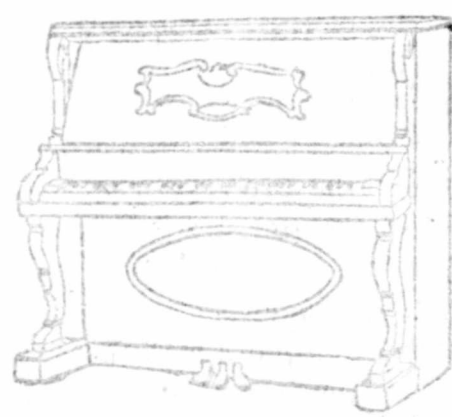
*Angus Richey was up from Talpa Tuesday.

SANTA CLAUS

Wants to See You at

City Drug Store

Where he has a full supply of presents for Little Folks, Middle Age Folks and Grown Up Folks.



Our Store is a Land of Toys—something to please every Child.



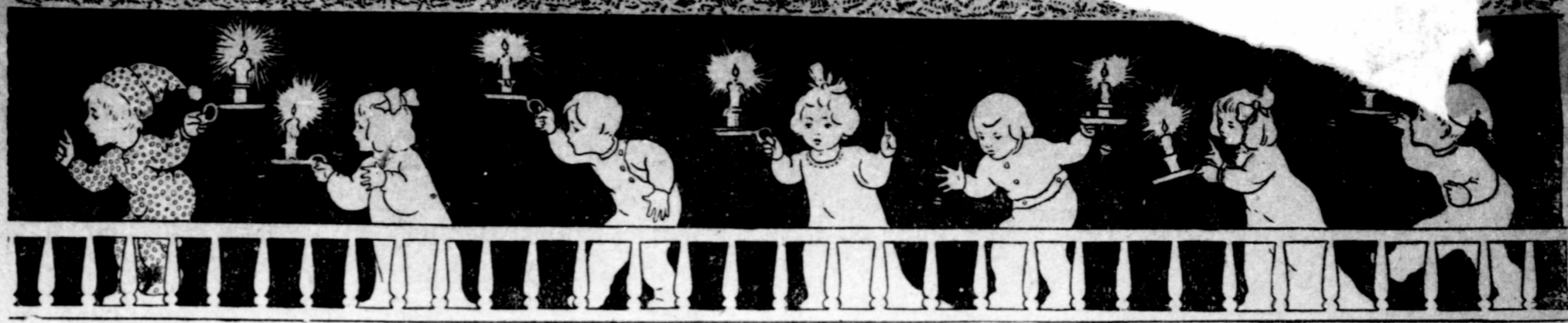
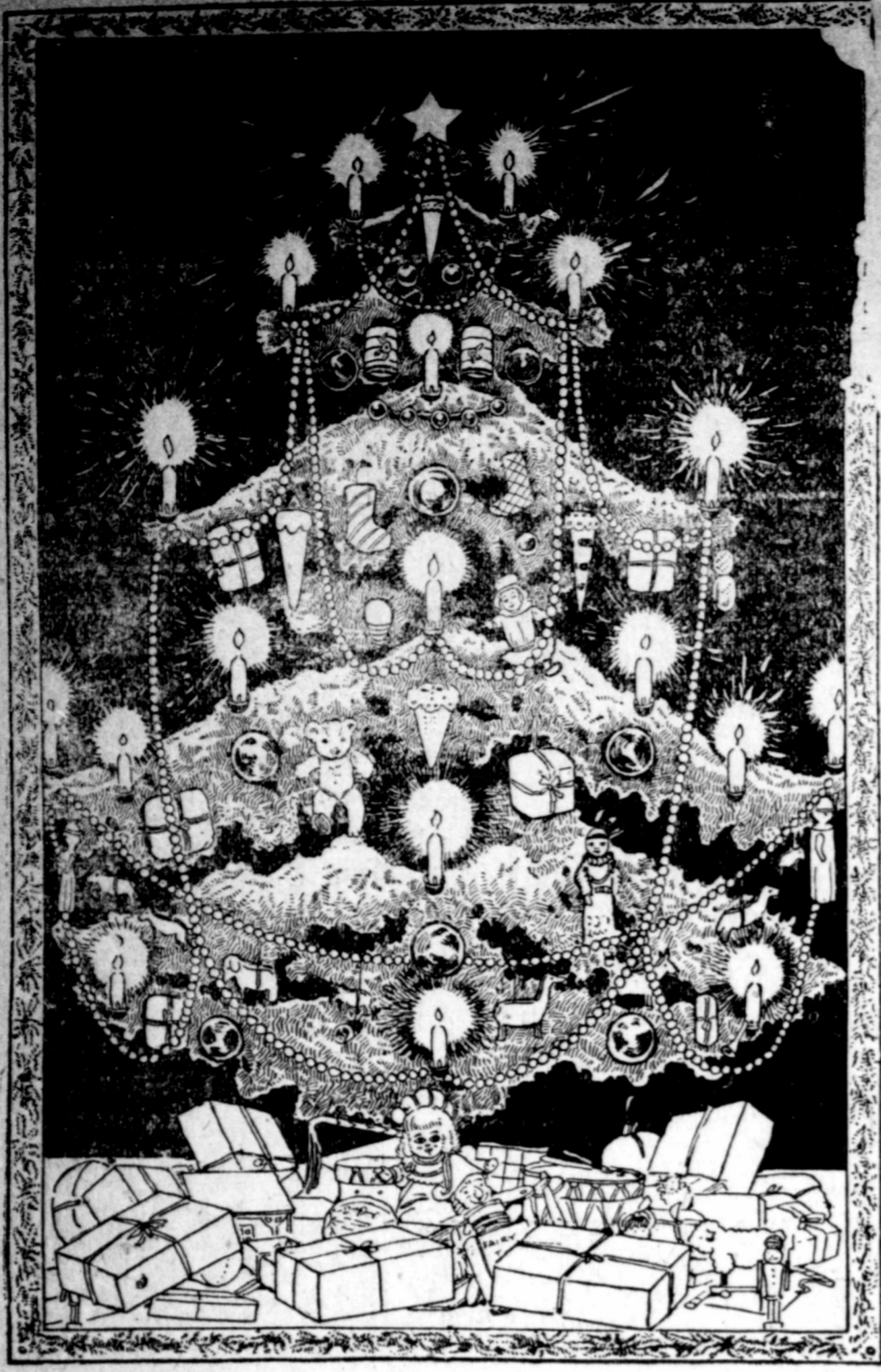
Dolls,
Baby Dolls,
Big Dolls,
Doll Dishes,
Doll Buggies



Doll Trunks,
Doll Clothes,
Doll Go-Carts,
Everything in
The Doll Line.

For the Grown Up Folks we can supply the hard to please. Our Line of Presents for the Grown People is the Best. Kodaks, Manicure Sets, Smoking Sets, Shaving Sets, Etc. To appreciate you must come see.

THE CITY DRUG STORE



Looking For Santa Claus

And Xmas Presents

Then come here where you will find the Useful kind and where your dollars go fartherest.. Christmas Prices prevail in all departments of our big store. We are ready to prove that it's a money saving proposition to trade here.

Furniture for Gifts: Parlor Sets, Davenports, Couches, Rugs and Art Squares, Rocking Chairs, Dining Chairs, Dining Tables, Buffets and Side Boards, China Closets, Kitchen Cabinets, Brass Beds, Vernis Martin Beds, Bed Room Suits, Dressers, Dressing Tables, Parlor Tables, Wardrobes, Pictures and Mirrors, Costomers, Hall Trees, Music Cabinets, Library Tables, Sewing Machines, Folding Beds, Baby Buggies, Baskets—all kinds, Book Cases, Writing Desks.

Hardware A Few Suggestions: Charter Oak Cook Stove, Charter Oak Heating Stove, Clocks, Rogers 1847 Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, Carving Sets, Safety Razors, Jardiniers, Hunting Coats and Boots, Gun Cases, Guns—all kinds, China Chocolate Sets, China Coffee Sets, China Ice Cream Sets, China Dinner Sets, Hand Painted Har-

land China, Scissors, Pocket Knives, Coffee Percolater, Fancy Lamps, Coal Vases.

Groceries: Our Grocery Department is full of good things for Xmas: Apples, Oranges, Candy—all kinds, Fruit Cake, Nuts, All kinds Can Goods, Preserves, Olives, Pickels etc, Dried Fruit, Cheese, Turkeys and Chickens.

Dry Goods Our Dry Goods Department is full of good and useful Xmas presents. A Few Suggestions: Hart Schaffner & Marx Suit of Clothes, Jno. B. Stetson Hats, Star Hats, Leather Suit Cases, Leather Hand Bags, Mens Sweater Coats, Mens Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Box Hole Proof half Hose, Ties and Collars, Gold Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Ladies Coats and Suits, Ladies Skirts, Ladies Silk Petticoats, Fine Shoes for men, women and children, Childrens Cloaks, Blankets and Comforts, Towels, Napkins, Table Linens, Lap Robes, Ladies Sweater Coats, Scarfs, Goettings Toilet Articles, Silk Hose and Gloves, Manicure Sets, Furs, Hand Bags, Combs, Barrettes and Bandeaux, Belts and Collars, Belt and Beauty Pins, Gold bracelets. Make your purchases early. We'll set them aside for you. Remember our prices are guaranteed to be the lowest. It's a pleasure to show you.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Company

MOTHER FINDS BABY AFTER LONG SEARCH

Father Steals Baby and Comes to Texas. Separated Eight Months, Mother and Babe Meet.

Brownwood Bulletin.

It was indeed a happy meeting at the Tannehill home this morning when Mrs. Trellis Wilson knocked to inquire after her little three year old daughter and little Katherine, herself, came running to the door to meet "mudder," from whom she had been separated for six months. Before explanation could be made the two were locked in one another's arms, the mother in tears and the baby bubbling over with joy, while others turned away to hide the tears that forced their way to every eye. The story is the same old story often told, of domestic trouble, a separation and the taking away of baby for whom the mother's heart was constantly yearning. The opening scene of this little tragedy was enacted at Hereules, Mo., April 28, when D. N. Wilson called at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Jefferson, and during the absence of his wife, from whom he was then separated, and took little Clista Katherine away with him. Father and baby completely disappeared and for months no word could be heard from them, but the mother in her yearning did not give up hope and on last Saturday she learned through officers that her child was in Brownwood. She wired Sheriff Emison that she would come at once and a very few minutes after the arrival of the morning Frisco she called at his office and asked: "Where is my baby?" She was told that baby was safe and well in a home where it was be-

ing cared for until some one with authority came for it. She explained that she had every legal right to claim the baby and asked that she be taken to it at once. The sheriff looked over her papers and learned that since the taking away of Katherine Mrs. Wilson had been granted a divorce and the custody of her two children.

Armed with these papers the sheriff accompanied Mrs. Wilson to the home of Mrs. C. J. Tannehill, where the child had been staying for some five or six weeks, and the happy reunion was effected, and the child turned over to its mother as decreed by the courts.

The father of the baby brought little Katherine to Brownwood and left her at the home of a sister. Here she stayed some months, but having several other children to care for, the aunt gave little Katherine into the keeping of Mrs. C. J. Tannehill until some one in authority should come for her. In this home she was cared for as her own child, and with her winning ways and big blue eyes soon won a way into the hearts of all the inmates of that home. There she would probably have always had a home, but they were only too willing to return baby to its mother.

Mrs. Wilson will leave at once for her Missouri home, taking little Katherine with her. The father has long since left Brownwood and his whereabouts is not known.

See and buy yourself and friend one of those beautiful lap robes at the Globe Store. d2tw1t

Ladies send us your skirts or suits to clean and press—We guarantee our work.

Morehead Tailoring Co.

Old hats made new at Morehead's.

OUR MERCHANTS HAVE THE HOLIDAY GOODS

Ballinger merchants certainly have the toys for Xmas. Not only toys, but anything useful as a gift may be found, and at prices reasonable.

A careful observer, making the rounds of the various stores of the business district, cannot fail to notice that the character of toys has undergone a marked change. Toys have become more scientific, more substantial and more true to nature. It may also be added that in a general way the quality of the toys is superior to those in former years and the proportion of expensive toys greater.

The world's progress and achievements in mechanical inventions, methods of locomotion, physical discoveries, etc., and the most striking events of the year's history are reflected in the toys. It was but a short time after the first bicycles were put into practical use, that toy bicycles made their first appearance. It is not surprising, therefore, that the flooded with toys suggested by the recent achievements in the field of aerial navigation. Toy airships, that really fly, propelled by fan propellers driven by springs or other means are among the most striking toy novelties this year. Some of these aeroplane toys, most of which came from France, are quite expensive, costing from ten to fifteen dollars apiece, but there are others of more primitive construction and smaller in size, which may be purchased for fifty cents or less. Some American toy makers have turned out a clever line of such mimic aeroplanes, but the most expensive models are of French makes and the most substantial ones from Germany, which holds

the record for making the strongest and most artistic toys.

Dirigible airships, telephones, moving picture machines, automobiles and little power launches, some of the most ambitious models actually self propelling, are in the market. Of moving toys, in the shape of dolls, animals of every description and mechanical contrivances for the amusement of children there is a greater variety than ever before, and it is remarkable how the scientific character of these playthings has improved. Teddy Bears and Bill Taft Opossums are still popular, but they have found dangerous rivals in the polar bear, Eskimo dolls and dogs, which the discovery of the North Pole has suggested to the toymakers. The ever popular games have also been influenced by the events of the year and North Pole games, African Jungle games and Marathon race games are among the leaders in that line.

MUSICAL KINDERGARTEN.

I will start a musical kindergarten in Ballinger January 3, 1910.

This is the most modern method of teaching children in music of the age of six to twelve years. Explanatory articles will appear in this paper.

Parents interested call at 208 5th street, or phone 330. d102-6t Mrs. Cara W. Boly.

Fireworks, air guns and toys at The Globe. d2tw1t

Fireworks and airguns at The Globe. d2w1

That overcoat of yours can be made to look as good as new by having it cleaned and pressed and a new velvet collar put on—get Morehead to do it for you.

BOARD OF STEWARDS OF M. E. CHURCH

The stewards of the Methodist church met at the church last night to complete their organization. They had a very harmonious session. The following are members of this board: J. W. Godwin, John Harbor, J. W. Garlington, Scott Mangum, G. R. Lay, J. S. Clark, Prof. E. L. Hagan, Dr. T. A. Rape, Dr. R. A. Dickinson, Prof. S. M. Byrd, A. L. Faris, M. A. Traylor, J. F. Currie, W. A. Tally, J. J. Sayres, A. F. Krebs, W. W. Chastain, R. A. Terry, C. P. Shepherd, W. T. Padgett, T. J. Kinzer and R. W. Bruce.

The officers are: Chairman, J. F. Currie; Secretary and Treasurer, R. W. Bruce; District Steward, M. A. Traylor; Recording Secretary, W. T. Padgett; Sunday School Superintendent, Dr. W. W. Fowler; Trustees, Ed O'Kelly, L. F. Gressett, J. R. Lusk and Charles Dickinson.

The board is well organized and starts out with prospects of a greater year's work.

FOR SALE.

32 second had coats in good condition to be sold for charges. These coats we cleaned, pressed and repaired, and the owners have never called for them. Morehead Tailoring Co.

The Globe Store still has a few shot guns and targets to turn loose at bargain prices.

We want you to look at our line of bibles. The Walker Drug Co. dtf

5,000 woolen samples for sale at Morehead's.

CLASSIFICATION OF READERS

Atlantic Monthly. The Old Librarian listened with much interest to a paper on "The Classification of Readers." The readers were classified according to the natural method:

The readers who read through. The readers who read at. The readers who read in. The readers who read round about.

And the well beloved readers who read between the lines.

Boswell's "Life of Johnson" said that he was accustomed to divide readers into two classes, the herbivorous and the carnivorous. The herbivorous reader is a quiet, ruminating creature who likes to browse in a library. He could best illustrate the characteristic of the carnivorous species by quoting a note that he had made of Mr Johnson's way of reading. "He seemed to read it ravenously, as if he devoured it. He knows how to read it better than anyone. * * * he gets at the substance of a book directly; he tears the heart out of it. He keeps it wrapt up in the tablecloth in his lap the time of dinner, resembling (if I may use so coarse a simile) a dog who holds a bone in his paws in reserve while he eats something else that is thrown at him."

"How shocking!" said Mrs. Heman's Poems, shuddering.

Trade at the Globe, you will save money and they will appreciate it. d2tw1t

Bibles, bibles of large description at the Walker Drug Co. dtf

Drums, toy trunks, tool chests and work boxes at The Globe.

Temper's a good honest fault, oncet git it in hand.

Going to dress up Xmas—better order that suit today—see Morehead and save four or five dollars.