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The Great Money Saving

Opportunity that our Removal Sale affords is still open to the trading public. We must dispose of our present stock before moving into our new quarters (in the building now occupied by Lee Maddox) Mar. 1st. Here are a few of the many bargains we have to offer.

- All our 15 and 12 1-2c quality Worsted and Plaids reduced to 9 1-2.
- Our 25 and 20c quality Dress Goods in all styles and colors, removal sale price 16 2-3 yd.
- 33 1-3 per cent discount on all our black and fancy Dress Goods ranging in price from 25c to \$1.00 a yd, 1-3 off.
- Our regular 12 1-2c quality Zephyr Gingham now 9c yd.
- Apron Check Gingham, value 6c, now 4 1-2c yd.
- Ladies Ribbed Vests worth 25c, now 15c each.
- All our 35 and 40c grade Ladies Ribbed Vests removal sale price to close, 25c each
- Ladies ready made Dress Skirts, well made, applique trimmed, value \$2.25, reduced to \$1.65.
- Men's wool and cotton underwear, Men's and Boy's clothing, Wool Blankets, etc., to be closed out regardless of cost or value.

The reduced prices of all goods marked in plain red figures. Attend our Removal Sale if you want to save money on your Dry Goods purchases.

Yours to please,

BRIN'S The New Dry Goods People in J. H. Miller old Stand.

What an Editor Does.

Editors are said to be cynical. Is it any wonder? What profession meets with such constant and universal ingratitude? Through the life of what other man does this black sin so persistently drag its slimy form? No other avocation is so full of unselfishness, and helps so many reputations. No other is given to so many expressions of kindness and sympathy and benevolence. The editor has a word of encouragement for every work of enterprise and philanthropy, and words of approval for every public act, sending sunshine and happiness into thousands of lives. That newspaper is never printed which has not something in it to help someone. Scientists, scholars, divines, politicians, judges, statesmen, by the millions owe their fame and prosperity to the editor. Nor does he help only those whom the world call great. He is a friend to the friendless, and a constant benefactor to all classes. And his kindness stops not at the grave. His is the hand which pays the last tribute of affection, often to an enemy. And yet how

rarely is he thanked! How few manifest any appreciation of what he does for them! His benevolence is accepted as a matter of course. How many repay him with basest ingratitude? Is it any wonder that he is full of cynicism and even of bitterness when he thus continually encounters the coldness, meanness, the emptiness of human nature. —Greenville Herald.

Walter Voglesang Killed.

Messrs. J. J. Hubbard, J. L. McWhirter and Walter Voglesang were chasing wolves on horseback in Hubbard's pasture Sunday afternoon, when young Voglesang's horse fell, throwing the rider, and from the injuries sustained he died on Monday morning at 7:30. The funeral occurred Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the residence of Sheriff Kirk, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh conducting the services. Walter was just ripening into manhood and the news of his accident and death was a shock to his numerous friends and acquaintances. The Banner-Leader condoles with the family in their distress and grief.

Lemons Put to Good Use.

Lemon juice removes the stains from the hands. A dash of lemon in plain water is an excellent tooth-wash. It not only removes tarter, but sweetens the breath. Two or three slices of lemon in a cup of strong tea will cure a nervous headache. Lemon juice (outward application) will allay the irritation caused by bites of gnats and flies. Glycerine and lemon juice, half and half, on a bit of absorbent cotton, is the best thing in the world wherewith to moisten the lips and tongue of a fever-parched patient. The finest of manicure acids is made by putting a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of warm water. This removes most of the stains from the fingers and nails, and loosens the cuticle more satisfactorily than can be done by the use of a sharp instrument. Lemon juice and salt will remove rust stains from linen without injury to the fabric. Wet the stains with the mixture and put the article in the sun. Two or three applications may be necessary if the stain is of long standing but the remedy never fails.

At the recent banquet of the National Wholesale Druggist's association in Chicago, the Rev. Frank Crane compared the respective remedial qualities of laughter. Some of his epigrams were these:

- "Man is the only animal that was made to laugh, and as science teaches that laughter is sure boon to health, it is a sin for us to substitute excessive drug-taking for laughter.
- "Laughter increases the blood circulation.
- "It enlarges the heart.
- "It expands the lungs.
- "It jiggers the diaphragm.
- "It promotes the dioculation of the spleen.
- "I once knew a man who laughed so much that when he died they had to cut his liver out and kill with a club.
- "Beware of theologians who have no sense of mirth; they are not altogether human.
- "Keep your chin up.
- "Don't take your troubles to bed with you; hang them on a chair with your trousers or drop them in a glass of water with your teeth."

The honorable commissioners court of Runnels county will meet in regular session next Monday. We have a good set of commissioners and they will do what they think is best for the interests of the county. The Banner-Leader has a few suggestions to make them and in making these we are backed by the best citizens of town and county. First, the improvement of the court house yard is important; second, good roads are a necessity; third, summer is coming and a public water trough placed at the corner of the court house square would be a great benefit and a greater convenience. The city offers to furnish free water. Now, gentlemen, do these three things and the Banner-Leader will shout your praises from the housetops. We await your pleasure in the matter.

GLOBER & SHAW

Solicit your trade when you want the best meat—
Pork, Veal, Roasts, Steaks, Sausage, Etc.
They are killing Wilson's Fed Steers, the fattest money can get.
Phone 126.

A newspaper man in Russia has committed suicide. Newspaper men in America often die and are sometimes killed but suicides are rare. They have fully counted the cost before entering the work. They don't all succeed but they enjoy living to well to end their lives by the suicidal route.

- The best alarm clocks—guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER.
- For Building paper and Carpet paper get our prices. A big stock just received. CREWS & MCGREGOR, Furniture dealers and undertakers.

Young Man Killed at Ballinger.

Walter Voglesang, son of a prominent German farmer, near Ballinger, was killed while chasing wolves on horse back Sunday afternoon. The horse put his foot in a dog hole, the boy was thrown, and death resulted Monday morning at 7:30. He was just 23 years old Saturday, and was employed at Gressett's blacksmith shop. He was a member of the Pecan Valley Benevolent Association.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The feather cleaners have left us. Whatever might be said of them, one could say they were hustlers after business. Let it be known you had feathers on the place and you saw no peace until those feathers went through the renovating process. They came singly, they came in pairs, and then all of them would come and if that did not avail the head man came and he usually took the feathers with him. They were a genteel sort of men who knew their business and worked it for all it was worth.

Old papers—20cts per 100

WINKLER'S SPECIAL SALE BEFORE TAKING STOCK

DRESS GOODS.

15c and 12½ quality Reduced to close out at.....10c yd

25c and 30c Dress Goods, several different styles, all Reduced for this sale to.....19c yd

All the finer qualities of Dress Goods, black and in colors at a discount of 25 per cent from regular price.....1-4 off

Regular 10c grade of Outing Flannels and Flannelettes, Dark Colors Reduced for this sale to.....8c yd

Outing flannels in Dark Plaids 6½ grades to close out at only.....5c yd

REMNANTS of all kind in woolen and cotton goods at Great Bargain Prices.

Men's woolen and cotton fleeced Underwear to be closed out at a Great Reduction in prices.

NEW GINGHAMS.

Just received 50 pieces of New Gingham, dark and medium colors, it is a regular 12½ quality, but for this sale marked only.....10c yd

Embroideries and Lace very much below the Regular Price. Come and see them.

25c quality Ladies Ribbed Vests for this sale at only.....19c each

50c quality Ladies Ribbed Vests closing out price only.....35c each

White Bed Spreads the regular \$1.50 kind reduced to.....\$1.20 ea

The \$2.25 quality reduced to only.....\$1.85 ea

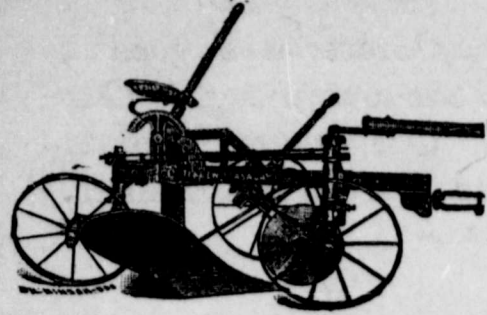
Wool Blankets, just a few pairs left, at Bargain Prices.

Ladies and Misses Union Suits, the 50c grades to close out at only.....35c suit

Many other bargains to offer, but space will not permit to enumerate them all, come and look through the stock, all winter goods will be sold at REDUCED PRICES.

H. WINKLER,
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

A Full Line Of The Celebrated Joseph W. Moon Buggies



Surreys, Phaetons and Hacks now on hand. Will be pleased to show you this line and quote prices. Better Goods were never brought to this market.

Casady Sulky Plows Have No Equal. Our Stock Is Complete.

A H Van Pelt

WE WANT YOUR TRADE.

B C Kirk

VAN PELT & KIRK.

A Paying Investment.

Everybody knows that it pays big to kill the prairie dogs and the question is, "what kills them best?" There is no doubt but that

BASS PRAIRIE DOG POISON

is the most successful. They eat it and it kills them. If interested call on J. Y. Pearce, at Ballinger, and talk the matter over with him. It is easier to kill with Bass Poison than with any other.

For Sale.

About 1800 acres of rich black land with mesquite timber. The J. S. Moore and part of the Webb Survey, near Crews, in Kunnels county, are now offered for sale in parcels of 150 acres and upward at \$6.00 per acre, \$1.00 per acre cash, balance in 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years at 7 per cent interest per annum. This land can only be brought through me, hence apply direct to

CHAS. S. MILLER,
Ballinger, Texas.

Christian Endeavor Program.

The following is the C. E. program to be rendered at the C. P. church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Topic—If Christ should come to-morrow.
Leader—J. B. Wilmeth.
Song.
Prayer.
Lesson Reading.
Song.

The possibility of Christ coming to-morrow.—Mrs. D. M. Baker.

Meaning of Christ's coming—Miss Augusta Hardgrave.
Song.

Readiness for Christ's coming—Miss Adrienne Truly.

Individual answers to the question, Would Christ's coming to-morrow please you?
Song.

Young people especially invited.

Married.

Last Sunday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents near Winters, Mr. C. C. Cooper and Miss Leona Hindman were united in marriage by Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh. A large number of friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony who left many useful and beautiful presents for the happy contracting parties. The best wishes of all friends are freely given to these young people as they enter upon their career of wedded life.

—Asa Cordill gives you better prices on watches than you can get elsewhere.

You lose more than we do if you don't advertise in the Banner-Leader.

State Senate Biennial Meeting Modern Order of Praetorians, Marlin, Texas. One and one third fares. Dates of sale Feb. 18th and 19th, 1901.

Annual reunion Green's Brigade, Hillsboro, Texas. One and one third fares for round trip. Sell Feb. 20 and 21st.

Woodmen Circle Auxiliary Woodmen of the World, San Antonio, Texas. One and one third fare for round trip. Dates of sale Feb 11th and 12th.

Mardi Gras Celebration, New Orleans. One fare for round trip. Dates of sale Feb. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

ATTENTION CATTLEMEN.

The Chicago Live Stock Commission Co. offers unexcelled service and unsurpassed facilities at Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. An unlimited fund of money to loan on Cattle. Apply to
C. A. BROOME, Agent,
San Angelo.
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To the Baptists of Content Association.

We, the committee on Education commission, have arranged to have several rallies in the interest of our schools, one to be held at Oak Lawn, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in February. Also one beginning at White Chapel, Friday night before the 4th Sunday in February. Come one, come all. All preachers are expected to be present and take part.

D. W. TOWNSEND,
Chairman of Committee.
Ft. Chadbourne, Tex.

TO TRADE—A second-hand wagon, used very little and in good repair, for feed. Apply at the Ballinger livery stable to
B. S. REED.

Notice.

Those who have not yet paid state and county taxes should do so at once. Sheriff Kirk says he will shortly send out deputies with the tax rolls and this means heavy additional expense to all who are behind.

—You will get the most reliable watchwork done at Asa Cordill's.

has la grippe.
went to Abilene
M. Brady were in
Saturday.
Frank Johnson left
Kansas Monday.
Smith went to Cole-
Sunday to meet Miss
of Mound, Tex.
Etna Hobb, of Elm Creek,
caller at Prot. Webb's Sat-
Miss Hobb is the teach-
Elm Creek.
Ellen Coats tendered the
people a singing Sunday
All report a nice time.
Hanscomb was in Abilene
day.

Tom Rossen is going to
a residence on the lot join-
F. H. Edgar's drug store.
we were lonesome all day Sun-
because we failed to get the
ner-Leader Saturday, but it
is all right Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hood, of
lor county, came down Sun-
to visit their parents, Mr. and
s. Joe Hood. Mr. Hood re-
ts Taylor county flourishing,
d says the gin at his home has
ned out nearly 3,000 bales of
ton, and will run over that
mber by the time they get
rough.

Messrs. Joe Hood and Charley
oodrow, of Content, closed a
al Tuesday for the remains of
e Winters gin and are going to
it in six gin stands. We feel
re the people of Winters will
ppreciate the efforts of these
entlemen to do them splendid
ork the coming fall.
Little Jake Downing happened
quite a painful accident Sun-
ay while playing with fire and
un-powder. Both eyes were
urned very badly and it will be
ome time before he can see well
gain.

"Nemo" we enjoy your interest-
ing letters very much. We
ould like to hear from more
uch splendid writers.

Before tiring the printers we
will abruptly stop by wishing the
editor and force and correspon-
dents success. Associate.

Winters Items.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gee a
12 pound girl on the 27th.

Miss Jessie Burleson, of Bas-
trop, is visiting her brother, R. D.
Burleson, this week.

Mr. Granvil Blackwood, of
Grayson county, was visiting relatives here last week.

A. D. Tally, commissioner of
this precinct, was in Winters the
7th. He was looking after the
county's business.

Tom Avery is preparing to
ild again. This will be only
ree houses that he has built in
Winters within the last 12 or 15
months.

Rev. Fitzhugh filled his ap-
pointment here last Sunday at
11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Arnold
were shopping in our burg last
Thursday.

Miss Claudia Patterson, of Bal-
lenger, is visiting among us this
week.

The box supper last Wednes-
day night was not well attended
on account of the inclement
weather.

Dr. C. A. Sheely has been on
a sick list this week. He is
to be out again, we are glad
to note.

Mrs. Josie Grant is very sick
this week, we sadly note.

Mrs. Dr. Cook has been sick
some time but is convalescent
and it is with pleasure we
note that she has been
out several days.

threatening to pour out upon su-
the much needed rain, have dis-
appeared. Farmers are needing
rain on their wheat and on their
oat land. Many are just waiting
for rain to sow oats, so not a few
are disappointed by its not rain-
ing.

D. F. Lollar was on our streets
last Thursday.

Last Sunday evening Mr. Kit
Cooper and Miss Leona Hind-
man were married at the home of
the bride's parents, Rev. Fitzhugh
officiating. Happiness without
alloy, through a long life, is our
best wish for them. NEMO.

C. P. Church Anniversary.

Next Sunday the anniversary
of the organization of the Cum-
berland Presbyterian church and
the Christian Endeavor society
will be celebrated by appropriate
services at the C. P. church both
morning and night. At the morn-
ing hour the pastor, Rev. O. M.
Fitzhugh, will preach a sermon
on "The distinctive doctrine and
polity of the C. P. church, or
what is Cumberland Presbyterian-
ism," the purpose of the sermon
being to give an exposition of the
present and historic differences
between Cumberland Presbyterians
and other protestant denomina-
tions existing among us.

At the night hour the joint
Christian Endeavor societies will
render the following program:

Leader of the Service—Miss
Ethel Truly.

Invocation.
Song—"We're Marching to
Zion."

Scripture Reading.
Prayer.

Song—Duet Chorus—"S a v e d
by grace"—Misses Verna Moser
and Adrienne Truly.

Purpose of Christian Endeavor
—Miss Adrienne Truly.

Violin Duet—Misses Maurice
and Viola Truly.

Recitation—Bessie Miller.
Song—"True-hearted, whole-
hearted."

The C. E. and the Church—J.
A. Starnes.

Vocal Solo—"Abide with Me"
—Mrs. Odom.

Recitation—Louis Schawe.
Song—By Juniors.

Recitation—Willie Allen.
Violin Solo—Miss Mae Harris.

What C. P. Christian Endeavor-
ers are doing—O. M. Fitzhugh.

Song—"Speed Away."
Doxology and Benediction.

A most cordial invitation is ex-
tended to the general public to
be present at both of these ser-
vices.

E. R. Donaldson, who for a
long time has been a citizen of
Lipan Flat, was trading with Bal-
lenger merchants Thursday and
Friday.

—See Asa Cordill's new line of
watches.

Complimentary to our City Govern-
ment.

Llano, Feb'y. 1-01.

JUDGE POWELL,

Mayor of Ballinger.

Dear Sir:

Our fellow-townsmen, Chas.
Schuwirth, is just back from your
city, and speaks most favorably
of the sanitary conditions thereof,
and of the cheap and simple man-
ner in which your city govern-
ment is conducted.

Since we desire to incorporate,
but must have it on the most
economical plan so as to satisfy
the "wise and cautious," I would
be very much obliged to you if
you would send me a copy of
your articles of incorporation.

Very Respectfully,

FREDERICK OPP.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, Feb. 10th, 1901.

Subject: If Christ should come
to-morrow—Mark 13:32-37.

Leader—Mr. James Brewer.

Scripture Reading and Com-
ment.

Song.
Prayer.

Song.
"Be Ye Ready"—Miss Mary
Miller.

"Do Your Best"—Miss Ethel
Truly.

Song.
"When the Lord Comes"—
Miss Adrienne Truly.

Favorite Scripture Reading—
Open to all present.

Song.
Benediction.

A Brownwood Saloon-Smasher.

Geo. West, a one-legged man
hailing from Comanche, was ar-
rested here Friday night for
smashing the window lights in
the front of the "Horseshoe" sa-
loon. It seems that West, like
Mrs. Nation, has been endeavor-
ing to put the saloons out of busi-
ness, his plan differing from hers,
however, in that his idea was to
drink all their liquors instead of
breaking in the barrel heads and
spilling it in the gutter. He was
performing this duty valiantly,
but over-estimated his ability,
and the whiskey got the better of
him before he had accomplished
his purpose. He was ejected
from the "Horseshoe" on account
of creating a disturbance, which
so angered him that he removed
his wooden leg and proceeded to
punch out nearly all the lights in
the front. In endeavoring to
persuade him to desist, some one,
we are unable to learn who, beat
him over the head with a six-
shooter, making several very
ugly wounds.

He was fined \$5.00 and costs
next day in the justice court,
which he is now lying out in jail.

—The best engraving done in a
few minutes at Jas. E. Brewer's.

M. C. SMITH,
Attorney-At-Law,
Office up stairs in the Ostertag
Building.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

C. P. SHEPHERD,
Attorney-At-Law
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

OFFICE WITH C. H. WILLINGHAM,
Over the Ostertag Building.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
(Business Established in 1879.)
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Real Estate Agent, Abstractor
and Conveyancer.

Owner of Complete Abstracts of
Title to Lands in Runnels and
Concho Counties

Wilson & Wilson,
Blacksmiths & Woodworkers

Every Job Guaranteed
Experts in Horseshoeing;
Prices Very Reasonable;
Your Patronage Solicited.

BALLINGER -:- MILLING -:- CO.

Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted
Corn Meal.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

"OUR FRIENDS"
SHAVING PARLOR

Good work and polite treatment. Hot
and cold baths always ready.

PINK HUBBARD, Prop.

W. R. SPENCER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
(Office up Stairs Walker Building)
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

You lose more than we do
if you don't
advertise in the Banner-Leader.

Drs. Halley & Love,
General Medicine and Surgery.
(Office up Stairs Walker Building)
- BALLINGER. -

THOS. A. RAPE, M. D.,
OFFICE AT
J. Y. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

DR. W. W. FOWLER,
OFFICE AT
WALKER'S DRUG STORE.
BALLINGER.

Try the Ballinger
Steam Laundry. It
is the nearest, best
and healthiest....
A. H. Friemel & Co.

Best Machine
ON EARTH FOR
\$20.00.
LEE MADDOX.

The Terrors of Eczema
almost instantly removed by
Remick's Eczema Care. 50c. No
cure, no pay. At E. D. Walker's.

Nothing Short About Them.
The Standard is reliably in-
formed that W. J. Miller, of
Ballinger, will very soon begin
the erection of an electric light
plant in that progressive little
city. Here's to you, once more,
neighbor! You have already a lot
of the brightest girls in Texas,
and electrically lighted streets
are not a bit too good for 'em.
The Standard will always say a
good word for Ballinger, even if
the Ballinger editors are continu-
ally throwing mud at San Angelo.
There's nothing small about us.—
Standard.

There is probably no disease or
condition of the human system
that causes more suffering and
distress than piles. Tabler's
Buckeye Pile Ointment cures
them quickly without pain or de-
tention from business. Price 50
cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents.
At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 2.

To Change Judicial District.
There is a bill before the legis-
lature to add Mills county to this
judicial district and another to
add San Saba county. The dis-
trict is now composed of Brown,
Coleman, Runnels, McCulloch,
and Concho counties. The ad-
dition of these two counties would
greatly increase the work of the
judge. There is now no vacation
between the fall and spring terms
and only about two months vaca-
tion in the summer. An effort
will be made to drop Concho
county if these new counties are
added.—Brownwood Bulletin.

And to the above the Banner-
Leader adds that the Runnels
county bar is likewise petitioning
the legislature to separate this
county from the 95th judicial dis-
trict and to add it to the San An-
gelo district, fuller particulars of
which are to be found in another
column.

Are you nervous, run down,
weak and dispirited? Take a
few doses of Herbine. It will in-
fuse new energy, new life into the
exhausted nerves, the overworked
brain or muscular system, and
put a new face on life and busi-
ness. Price 50 cents. At E. D.
Walker's Drug Store. 2

Advertised Letter List.
Letters and wholly written Pos-
tal Cards remaining in the Bal-
linger, Texas, Post Office, un-
claimed for two weeks, at close
of Business on Saturday Feb. 2nd,
1901. In calling for these letters
please say advertised, giving date
of this list H. A. CADY, P. M.

Laging, Miss Hatty.
Wells, Mrs. S. E.
Sutton, W. L.

A Teacher's Institute.
At last we are to have a teach-
er's institute in Runnels county.
County Superintendent Judge
Crosson hereby advises the teach-
ers that they are expected to
meet at the court house in Ballin-
ger on Saturday, Feb 23, at half
past one, at which time the insti-
tute will be organized and put on
a permanent basis. The teachers
should attend, for by their attend-
ance they show the interest they
have in their work. Here they
will gain new ideas and the profit
will be to all. February 23 is the
date.

C. Winkler, the dry goods mer-
chant of San Angelo, spent Sun-
day in Ballinger, the guest of his
brother, H. Winkler. He was en-
route to the East to buy his
spring and summer stock.

**A Letter to the Editor from one of his
Little Friends.**

KIND EDITOR:
For twenty five days I have
been lying in bed, on my back,
with my limb in a plaster par-
tise and an eight pound weight
tied to it. But Dr. Love is com-
ing today to take it off and then
I can turn over. I never realized
before what a blessing it was to
turn over in bed. And I never
knew how many dear friends I
had until I had to suffer. When
I broke my thigh at school and
my dear teacher and sweet play-
mates gathered around me and I
saw the tears rolling down their
cheeks, I knew that I was not
suffering alone. One little boy
said he had rather die than to en-
dure what I have borne; but he
failed to see the silver lining to
the cloud. Now I will tell him
about it. My friends have come
to see me from six miles around
and brought me lots of good
things to eat and pretty things to
play with. My teacher, Miss
Royalty, and my schoolmates
have come nearly every day and
brought me apples, candy and
gum and flowers, and have written
me sweet little letters which I
read over and over many times.
And when I was suffering severe
pain my dear mother put her
arms around me and said "Little
one our Dear Savior suffered
greater pain on the Cross for you,
so be patient for His sake." I
guess you know how a mother's
voice and touch can drive away
pain.
Now I want to thank the Bap-
tist Sunday school for the nice
books they sent to sister and I.
They can never know the happy
hours it has given me since I have
been in bed.

Now, Mr. Editor, don't you
think all of these dear ones have
been doing as Jesus would have
them do?

Mrs. Miles and Mr. S. P. Hath-
away came to see me last Sun-
day and he sent me a dozen
oranges. Many thanks.

I have pieced me a quilt and
have written lots of letters since
I have been in bed. But I am
afraid this one is too long. I am
eleven years old, my papa's baby
girl. TOMMIE COTTEN.

The statement was made Sun-
day from a Ballinger pulpit that
an unconverted young man, after
a year's residence in our city, had
said he was unable to distinguish
between the city's church mem-
bers and sinners by their conduct.
The preacher used this as a basis
on which to exhort the church
members to live lives befitting
the name. The Banner Leader
has nothing to say against the
preacher or his exhortation, but
there is much to be said of the
young man and his statement.
The Banner-Leader does not be-
lieve it is impossible to distin-
guish between church member
and sinner, nor do we think the
young man believed his own
words. There are as good men
and women, religiously, in Ballin-
ger as can be found in any town
in Texas. They are faithful, loyal
Christians and naught can be said
against them, the above mention-
ed young man to the contrary.
The Banner-Leader does not
know him and further does not
care to know him, but of this we
are certain, the statement is ab-
surd, as any man whose judgment
is not warped will agree.

When pain or irritation exists
on any part of the body the ap-
plication of Ballard's Snow Lin-
iment will give prompt relief.
Price, 25 and 50 cents. At E. D.
Walker's. 2

A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN.
I have purchased Oscar Pearson's Livery business and
will devote my entire time to serving the people in that line.
I promise good horses, handsome rigs, prompt and polite
attention and in return solicit the patronage and good will of
all. My prices are moderate.
B. S. REED, The Ballinger Liveryman.

We Have Moved
To our new building and are now comfortably and conven-
iently fixed, ready for your trade. We have a complete line
of Staple and Fancy Groceries and solicit your patronage.
Our Grocery Store
Contains all the essentials for your dinner and we
will be pleased to fill your order and deliver the same
at satisfactory prices.
Davis & Co.
Are also in the Gents Furnishing business and a visit to our
New Store will show you a handsome line of Shoes, Boots,
Hats, Shirts, Collars, Ties, ready-to-wear Pants, and all the
essentials to a gentleman's complete wardrobe. We are in
the business to stay and we have the goods, so call on us at
BALLINGER TEXAS.

Your orders for
all kinds of
building mate-
rial solicited.
BALLINGER LUMBER CO.,
Ballinger Tex.,
J. R. McVAY, Manager.

Central Wagon Yard
D. A. CAMERON, Proprietor.
Good well of water, plenty of wood, comfortable clean camp
houses and stalls for your teams. Try the Central
and you will stay with it.

The new meat market men say
they hope to be ready for busi-
ness next week.
Hal Randolph, a prominent
Coleman attorney, was in Ballin-
ger Saturday on legal business.
Mr. Frank Stewart, living in
West End, lost his barn and its
contents by fire Sunday about
noon.
Willard Moser arrived last Fri-
day from the Pecos country. The
Moser boys have leased a fine
ranch, 30 sections, and are doing
well. They are located near
Sheffield.
"Man about Town," of San An-
gelo, seems impressed with the
beauty and brilliancy of Ballinger
girls and has put his impressions
in the Standard. See in another
column what he says.
I. H. Lidy, the violinist with
the Schubert Concert Co., has
been engaged by Prof. Finger to
teach the violin in San Angelo
and will shortly assume his duties.
Mr. Lidy made quite a favorable
impression on his Ballinger
audience and all who heard him
will be pleased to know that he is
to locate so near.
Old papers—20cts per 100.

T. S. Lankford was in Coleman
Saturday night on private busi-
ness.
J. F. Currie and S. J. Carpenter
were visitors in San Angelo Sun-
day.
Miss Bertha Maetze, after a
brief visit to the family of her
uncle W. J. Miller, returned Sun-
day to her home at Austin.
John Huffman, of San Angelo,
had business in Ballinger the first
of the week. He liked the signs
of prosperity in evidence here.
C. B. Black returned Sunday
afternoon to Madisonville. He
will likely return to locate in Bal-
liager before many months pass.
Owing to the engine being de-
railed at Brownwood, the Sunday
night's passenger train did not
reach Ballinger before 3 o'clock.
Mr. Claud Anson, who is known
throughout West Texas as the
horse buyer for the English gov-
ernment, is reported married to
the daughter of Lord Berestord.
J. D. Ratliff went down the
Santa Fe Saturday afternoon. It's
hardly necessary to say that Cole-
man was his destination. He re-
turned on the delayed train Sun-
day night.

Banner Leader, \$1.00 per copy. Fresh Garden Seed and Outfit Sets at Miller Mercantile Co.

Harry E. Sharp is assisting J. Y. Pearce in taking stock this week.

Miss Minnie Wilson is the guest this week of Santa Anna friends.

W. R. Browne, of Winters, was greeting Ballinger friends the first of the week.

We still sell Live Oak Flour, the best. Also other good brands at Miller Mercantile Co.

Lee C. Wood is building a neat little cottage adjoining B. C. Kirk's new residence.

Dr. R. A. Dickinson has resumed the practice of dentistry and is occupying rooms in the Davis building.

The young people of the city were agreeably entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis Monday night.

W. S. Boswell has sold his interest in the saloon business to his partner, J. H. Wilke, who will continue the business at the same stand.

Dr. R. A. Dickinson has as handsome dental parlors up stairs in the Davis building as can be found anywhere in the west. He invites his friends to call.

Howard Henley, who for probably a year has been working in the livery stable here, left Monday for San Antonio where he hopes to secure more profitable employment.

The Banner-Leader was pleased to see a marked improvement in the looks of the court house yard this week. A negro boy, a rake and a hoe did the work and none too soon either.

Joaquin Miller said that the Japan government requires two trees planted for every one cut down on that island. It would not be a bad idea for Ballinger to adopt some such law.

Zan Wilkerson received a telegram Thursday announcing that some one of his relatives at Sipe Springs had been accidentally shot. The Banner-Leader failed to learn full particulars.

Will Vaughn has planned to erect a handsome cottage on the hill facing D. C. Underwood's residence and if the weather is favorable will begin work on it next week.

This week has been one of gloom and threatened rain and misty, cold weather. It is predicted it will end in a heavy downpour of rain. Such an ending would be entirely acceptable.

I. O. Wooden has purchased from Harper & Rutherford the corner lot, 60x140, opposite the street from Cameron's wagon yard and next the railway. Mr. Wooden will not build before fall.

Whether or not what the Banner-Leader has had to say on the subject had any effect, the city hydrants have been flushed this week and the object for which we were working was accomplished. Hence we will not have to mention that subject again right away.

Elsewhere will be found the announcement that shortly the "Orient" road will begin at San Angelo to build north. The people of our neighbor city seem to think this is glorious news and the Banner-Leader sincerely trusts that they may not be disappointed. We are informed that since the receipt of the news men have advanced at a wonderful rate.

S. Woodward paid San Angelo a brief business visit Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Miles has gone to Weatherford to visit her daughters, Misses Ida and Myrtle.

Miss Olive McClatchy, of Ardmore, arrived Tuesday night and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Odum.

Mrs. T. B. Lathem returned last Friday to Brownwood after a pleasant stay with the family of M. C. Smith.

Your attention is directed to the card in this issue of J. F. Lusk & Co, grocers and grain dealers. In their new quarters they are ready to serve you. Call on them.

Friends here of Miss Francis Cady will be delighted to know that she is to return home to night (Friday). She has been visiting her sister at Plantersville since the holidays.

Dud Hutton came up to Ballinger Thursday from Talpa where he has been working for some time past. His father, A. D. Hutton, is a prominent citizen of the Rising Star country.

Friends of I. N. Abernathy will be interested to know that he is located at Atoka, in Coleman county, where he is engaged in the mercantile business and where he is also performing the duties of postmaster.

Fred St John returned Thursday afternoon to his home at Centreville. During his stay here he made numerous friends all of whom regretted to see him depart. Prospects are good for an early return to Ballinger.

J. A. Hays the Bronte hardware man, was in town Saturday. He reports a very satisfactory trade in his new location and of this the Banner-Leader is glad to learn. Ballinger lost a good citizen when she lost Mr. Hays. We trust he may conclude some day to again locate with us.

C. L. Thomson and family, of Caddo Mills, Hunt county, arrived Sunday night and are permanent citizens with us. Mr. Thomson, it will be remembered, was in our city some time ago and bought land on Valley Creek, the Schroeter place. The Banner-Leader welcomes Mr. Thomson and his family.

C. C. F. Blanchard, B. B. Stone, C. P. Shepherd and W. R. Spencer were in San Angelo Tuesday on business connected with the changing of this judicial district. It was their object to frame suitable resolutions to present to the legislature asking that Runnels county be taken from the 95th judicial district and placed in the San Angelo district.

Mayor Powell suggests that if every property owner would plant a few trees near the side walk around their homes it would in a few years add much to beautifying our city. Try it, plant an elm and name it for one of your children and see what a pleasure it will be for them to care for it, water it, and when they become grown it will be their pride.

A few words more on the subject of tree planting. The Banner-Leader is interested in what promises to be of benefit to the town. Wouldn't shade trees along our principal residence streets be a benefit? Wouldn't it add to the beauty of the town? Wouldn't it enhance the value of property? Wouldn't it be a wise idea to put them in? Let the ladies take hold of the matter. The Banner-Leader will help push it through.

County Court opened Monday morning.

Sheriff Kirk was in Winters and Wingate Friday.

S. S. Mapes visited Brownwood Saturday afternoon on business.

L. Markowitz traded off his little brown pony Friday and now drives a pretty gray mare.

Theo. Givens, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed through Ballinger Thursday enroute to his father's ranch.

Should you receive a sample copy of the Banner-Leader, kindly consider it an invitation to subscribe. The price is \$1.00 per year.

The Banner-Leader will hereafter pay regular visits to Mr. E. F. Davison, a stock farmer of Falls county, with the compliments of Mrs. S. H. Lee of this city.

Prof. E. L. Hagen and wife, of Gatesville, are guests this week of S. C. Royalty and family. Prof. Hagen was superintendent of the Ballinger schools some years ago.

C. P. Shepherd says all members of the Pecan Benevolent Association must pay their dues to him before the 10th of each month or else their membership will not stick.

Joaquin Miller was in Ballinger Wednesday and Thursday the latter day because of the cancelling of his date at Brownwood, on account of small pox scare. He lectures to night in Comanche.

The news came to Ballinger early in the week of the death at San Angelo Monday evening at 2 o'clock of C. P. Day. His many friends here are grieved to receive this intelligence.

The Winters gin location and what was left from the recent fire has been sold by Murry & Brown to Hood & Woodrow of Content and they will rebuild and put in six gin stands in time for the 1901 cotton. We are glad to hear of this purchase by our Content friends.

A Banner-Leader reporter had occasion to visit Miles Station this week and it was quite a pleasant surprise to find such a splendid progress in our neighbor. We noticed a new lumber yard, several new stores and dwellings. Everything indicated McKinley prosperity.

C. H. Willingham wrote C. O. Harris Monday morning concerning a bill to redistrict the state judicially and Mr. Harris proceeded to call a Bar meeting of Ballinger which passed some resolutions and appointed a committee to visit San Angelo and confer with the lawyers there.

Prof. D. J. Evans, of White-wright, arrived in Ballinger Thursday night. Prof. Evans has the reputation of being the finest singer in Texas and one of the most successful of vocal teachers. He will conduct the Methodist choir to-night (Friday) and on Sunday night will sing at the Methodist church. It is his purpose to secure a class in Ballinger and the Banner-Leader sincerely trusts he may be successful. We need more singers, better singers, and better church music and this will be a splendid opportunity to make the needed improvement. The public is invited to hear him at either of these services.

J. W. Powell says he has large and small houses for sale and on any terms the buyer wishes. 18-4t.

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Phone 63.

Joaquin Miller.

The majority of those attending the lecture Tuesday night by Joaquin Miller, the Banner-Leader man included, were disappointed. However we are glad to add that it was an agreeable disappointment. Various reports had reached us before the arrival of this distinguished man and to confess the truth they were not all favorable reports. But for various reasons, some to help a worthy cause, some to see a great man, a goodly crowd was present and if the Banner-Leader is any judge the discourse met with favor. Joaquin Miller is a character, the like of whom you seldom see. He is nearing 60 years of age but is as hale and hearty as many men of only half his years. He wears his hair and beard long, he wears boots and a cap and altogether is a figure to attract more than passing notice. His lecture was confined to personal observations and experiences in Japan, China and Klondike and consisted of an interesting talk of his rambles over the land. Poetry, his own productions, was frequently interspersed and were gems. If the rest of the course of three entertainments are as good as this then the Banner-Leader man, for one, will not be sorry they are to come.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. McGregor and J. W. Francis under the firm name and style of "McGregor and Francis" is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. J. McGregor will pay all claims against the said firm and all notes, accounts and credit of all kinds should be paid to him on his order. Signed

MCGREGOR & FRANCIS.

Jan. 12, 1901.

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