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BRIN'S ONE PRICE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

"If" is a mighty big word sometimes. It may mean the difference to you between loss and gain, between disappointment and satisfaction.

The Big "If."

Indisputable Evidence showing why you should buy of Brin's One Price Dry Good House.



If our assortment were nearly "just as large" as any others; If our values were nearly "just the same" as any others; and If our Prices were no lower than any others; *Then we would have to scheme to win your patronage.*

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BRIN'S

Ballinger's Only One Price Cash Dry Goods People,
Lee Maddox old stand on 8th Street, Ballinger, Tex.

The Ballinger Lumber Co. is well stocked on shingles. —Roger's and Tuft's silverware are the best. Sold by JAS. E. BREWER.

An Epworth League Conference will be held at Coleman May 4th and 5th, which quite a number of Ballinger leaguers will attend. The program will appear in these columns later.

No shortage now. We have received 10 cars of lumber this week and have as many more on the road. BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

Lend Me Your Ears,

Your head and your face and I'll give you a stylish hair-cut, an easy shave and send you away happy. I own the entire shop now. J. A. DANCER.

Protracted Services.

Our protracted services will begin at the Methodist church April the 20th. As we have already stated, both from the pulpit and in private, the ministers and members of the other churches of the town are most cordially invited to co operate with us in the work of soul saving. This should be truly a "union meeting." Brethren let us work together. Why not? We are all interested in the salvation of poor lost souls if we love Christ and are constrained by His grace. Shall we unite our energies in trying to promote His Kingdom? "So mote it be."

May many souls be saved. W. A. MANLY.

Ballinger and Runnels county have been dry, so dry that faces were beginning to grow long, so dry that the croakers were being heard on every street corner and the long-drouth prophets were almost as thick as bumble bees in clover time. It wasn't really too dry then but they were just afraid it would be. They are completely silenced now, however. For several days a brisk east wind—the surest sign of rain in West Texas—has been blowing; the clouds have been heavy, the air damp, and on Wednesday night the floodgates were opened and such another downpour we have rarely seen or heard. The water was not satisfied to come in drops, but fell in sheets and torrents filling creek, waterhole, tank, and thoroughly saturating the ground. True there was some hail, but scarcely enough to damage anything, and besides we were thankful enough to get the rain that we could bear with patience a few hailstones. Prospects here brightened materially and nature seems to rejoice with dependant man.

I have turned over my old livery stable accounts for collection to C. P. Shepherd. Parties desiring to settle will please see him. OSCAR PEARSON.

Billie Hill, one of the proprietors of the Brownwood Steam Laundry, was in Ballinger Tuesday. His agents here are Lee & Pike, the new barbers, who give prompt attention to clothing left in their charge. The basket leaves Ballinger Tuesday afternoon and returns Saturday morning. The readers of this paper are assured that better work than that turned out by the Brownwood Steam Laundry cannot be gotten anywhere. In fact satisfaction, in every respect, is guaranteed by the Laundry owners who are responsible parties. They invite a trial order. Call on Lee & Pike, leave your laundry there, or tell them where to call for it. Prices reasonable.

The Land Bill.

Hon. C. H. Willingham was among those who voted against the land bill and he is now working with might and main that the Governor may not sign it. He declares himself for the settler and against anything which is against the settler. He asserts that the Land Bill as passed is vicious, that it was put through hurriedly, that it reached the governor after the adjournment hour and that it contained an appropriation clause which was not discussed, contrary to the rules of the house. Accordingly at his own expense he sent the following telegram to Governor Sayers:

THE TELEGRAM.
GOV. JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Austin, Texas.

I protest against the Land Bill becoming a law. Reason—it carries with it an appropriation, and it was never discussed or acted upon in Committee of the Whole House before the passage of said Bill, as is required by House Rule Twenty-One.

C. H. WILLINGHAM,
Representative 95th Dist.

'Tis Not True.

We cannot cure everything. We only cure dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin does the work and you can get it in 50c or \$1 size, of E. D. Walker.

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SPRING and SUMMER STYLES.

Our New Stock now in and arriving daily is the cream of the Eastern markets carefully selected and judiciously bought by careful and experienced buyers, who study to please the wants of our

Friends and Customers.

Nothing has been left undone, no expense spared to spread before you a choice selection of

Fine, Fancy, Fresh. Fashionable Fabrics,
Suitable for Spring and Summer Suits.

Our line of White Goods and Embroideries—is in a word

COMPLETE

Nothing has been overlooked in this department.

Ladies and Childrens Lines are full and Choice.

Mens, Boys and Youths---Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Ties and Notions are represented in the Newest and Latest designs.

The Newest is not too New---The costliest is not too expensive for us to offer and for our customers to appreciate and buy.

It is useless to enumerate

It is unsatisfactory to describe

It is loss of time to wait.

The only sensible, sure and satisfactory way is to call---carefully examine and compare, and then---

WE WILL DO THE REST.

Respectfully,

L. MARKOWITZ & BRO.

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The date opposite your name on the address label indicates the time up to which your subscription is paid; if not correct please notify us at once.

Santa Fe Train Service.

Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:26 a. m.
South-bound due at Ballinger 6:30 p. m.

Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.
East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

Nothing pleases an astronomer or a theatrical manager more than the discovery of a new star.

A woman died recently in Tennessee, aged 101. Of twelve children eight survive, the eldest of whom is 82 years of age.

A single passenger steamer recently brought from Bremen 2,502 passengers, besides her crew numbering over 400. Only 53 of this number were cabin passengers.

If you have a piano or are interested in music, send your name and address to Wm. E. Annis, 1123 Broadway, and he will send 4 pieces of new music absolutely FREE.

A picture of the Duchess of Devonshire, valued at \$50,000, was stolen in 1876 and was this week returned to its owner by the thief for a large reward and freedom from prosecution. The picture has been traveling from one point to another all these years.

Goebel, democrat, was killed by a republican. The act was shielded by republican officials. Powers, republican, was convicted by a democratic jury, and now comes a republican Court of Appeals and nullifies the whole proceeding. Such is politics in Old Kentucky.—Ex.

Thirty-one thousand pounds of giant powder exploded in a box car at Bowie Friday. The explosion was at the crossing of the Rock Island and the Denver, a half mile south of the depot. The car was in a string of five on a sidetrack. The car next to it was loaded with hay. The hay caught on fire. A train crew, knowing of the powder, endeavored to draw the car away. A brakeman succeeded in uncoupling the powder car from the burning car when one can of the powder exploded. Warned by this, he gave up the attempt and ran. For some reason the rest of the powder did not explode simultaneously with the first can. In fact the brakeman had retreated 200 yards when the whole car load exploded. The brakeman was thrown to the ground, and remained stunned several minutes but was not seriously hurt. People several blocks away were thrown to the ground and houses were shaken as if by an earthquake. People in houses ran to the street, thinking it was an earthquake. Fifty-nine windows in the school building alone were broken.

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A H Van Pelt

WE WANT YOUR TRADE.

B C Kirk

VAN PELT & KIRK.

A Correction.

In reporting the sale last week of 25 top cows by Lon Mapes to W. M. Smiley, of Winters, the Banner-Leader should have put the price at \$30 instead of \$35.

Many people suffer untold tortures from piles, because of the popular impression that they can not be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure them. It has met with absolute success. Price 50 cts in bottles, tubes 75c. At E D Walker's Drug Store. 4

One of the latest postoffice frauds now being investigated by the postoffice authorities at Washington is of a doctor who advertised to cure deafness for \$18.50 without fail. To those who sent the required amount the doctor forwarded 2,000 pills, with directions to take one each day, and on no account to miss a day or the charm would be broken, and it would be necessary to start all over again. As the truth of this claim cannot be put to the test until the end of about five and a half years, the authorities are puzzled what course to take.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Send your laundry to the Brownwood Steam Laundry. Basket leaves Tuesday night and returns Saturday mornings. Work called for and delivered. Leave orders at Lee & Pike's "Up-to-date" Barber Shop.

A Kansas man was bitten by a rattlesnake seventeen years ago and he is still taking whiskey to cure the bite.

—Baby carriages—all sorts, all prices at J. A. Ostertag & Co's.

The plaintiff and defendant in a law suit are like two boys ducking their heads in a tub of water—each daring the other to remain under the longest.

BAD COLDS.

Quinine is 10 years behind. Colds do not now have to be endured. Mendel's Dynamic Tabules (called dynamic from their energy) crowd a week's ordinary treatment into 12 hours and abort the worst of colds over night.

"It was the worst case of grip I ever had. A half dozen friends had sure cures. Still it hung on. Heard of the Dynamic Tabules. To my amazement they stopped both cold and cough the first night. I endorse and recommend them to the people." Barclay Henley, Ex Member Congress and Attorney, 101 Sansome Street, San Francisco. July 7, 1900.

"Winter colds have always been serious things to me. They are hard and stay for months. But the last was stopped suddenly by Mendel's Dynamic Tabules. Both cough and cold disappeared in a couple of days. Nothing else does this for me." Mrs. Emma L. Hollin, 14 Moss St., San Francisco. Aug. 6, 1900.

"I live across the street from where Mendel's Dynamic Tabules are made. That is how I first took them. They stop colds without notice. I took a dozen boxes with me for myself and friends when I went to Nome." H. L. Van Winkle, Cappitalist, 3017 Washington Street, San Francisco. Aug. 10, 1900.
For sale by E. D. WALKER, Druggist.

Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take Herbine; it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 4

Mrs. Nation has dissolved partnership with her colored aid, Nick Charles. Nicholas came to her relief at one time when she wanted bail, and she was so grateful that she associated herself with him in the publication of her paper. But his business ideas did not suit her, and she bounced him through the columns of the Smasher's Mail as follows:

I shall be absent when the third issue of the Smasher's Mail is out, but before I go I wish to say that Mr. Nick Chiles has no more to do with the Smasher's Mail. In the two editions he got out for me my copy was suppressed and articles changed. The last paper was cut down expressly against my orders and my principal editorials were forbidden to be put in. This outrage has been a great cross to me, for I have tried hard to put up with the tricks of Nick, but his outrageous, bold carelessness and lack of principle has become unbearable.

Cuts, wounds, burns, sprains, and bruises quickly heal if you apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Price 25 cts and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 4

A woman sometimes sues a man for breach of promise merely to let the world know she is still in the market.

Mothers! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's quiet and health. Those sleepless nights and long hours of tiresome vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms. Destroy and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 4

Marry a woman who will be of some assistance to you; or in other words get a piece of calico that will wash.

Those horrid fits of depression, melancholy, low spirits, and sudden irritability, that sometimes afflict even good-tempered people, are due to the blood being permeated with black bile. Herbine will purify the blood, restore health and cheerfulness. Price 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 4

Woodward & Gwinn

Have moved their Land Office to the office rooms in second story of the J. H. Miller building. Call around and see them for land at \$1 to \$2 an acre.

To The Trade:



Having purchased the business of Mr. Geo. F. Schroeter, formerly McGregor & Francis, I am prepared to fill the wants of the trade in my line. All heavy goods will be handled in car lots, thus saving the jobbers profit, the benefit of which will be given to our customers. I propose to do a strictly honest, legitimate business, and to treat everybody alike. Get my prices on

CORN, CORN CHOPS, OATS, HAY, BRAN AND SALT.

Will sell in car lots or any quantity desired. Also handle CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES, which have a world wide reputation and cannot be excelled and AMERICAN BEAUTY FLOUR, which took St. Louis Fair premium in 1900. A trial of this Coffee and Flour always makes a customer. I want a share of your trade and we proposed to meet all competition.
Give me a trial.



JOHN HOFFER,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

CITY BEER.

The famous San Antonio City Beer x x x Pearl in Keg and Texas Pride in Bottles is sold here by P. J. Baron, J. J. Hubbard, H. Scott, A. Martinez, Bolf City, B. Arrington, Eden, Texas.

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We invite you to visit us in our new quarters near the Postoffice. We are well stocked on

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Grain and Hay which we offer at very reasonable prices
Visit us.

Phone No. 40.

J. F. LUSK & CO.

To meet the constantly growing demand for a Graphophone of the Grand type at a figure that will suit the proper purse, the Columbia Phonograph Company announces that the price of the Columbia Grand Graphophone is reduced from \$75 to \$50, of Grand records from \$1.50 to \$1.00 each, and of Grand blanks from \$1 to 75 cts. each.

It is confidently believed that this substantial price reduction will have the effect of placing Graphophones of the genuine Grand type in the hands of thousands of persons who have hitherto been restrained from purchasing by reason of the comparatively high prices heretofore prevailing. As a further and even greater means of stimulating the sales of Grand machines and records and of overcoming what undoubtedly has been the principal deterrent to their almost universal use, the price of Grand records has been reduced to \$1 each, instead of \$1.50 as heretofore.

Columbia Grand records have justly earned the reputation of being the finest product of the record-making art, and the manufacturers pledge themselves that the goods will continue to deserve this reputation. The reduction in price has been made possible by new manufacturing processes which result in improved records as well as more economical manufacture.

Grand blank cylinders, formerly \$1 each, are reduced to 75 cts. each.

It is estimated that the new prices will create a demand for these wonderful machines that will greatly tax the superb facilities of the manufacturers. Their plant at Bridgeport, Conn., is the largest and most modern and complete talking machine factory in the world and their facilities for the quick and economical production and distribution of their goods are unapproached.

The Columbia Phonograph Co. has brought about every substantial improvement in the talking machine art. The most recent achievement and one as startling as the original invention itself, was the discovery of the principles governing the construction of Graphophones of the Grand type. These machines give forth reproductions of sound with the same volume and quality as the original rendition. They speak and sing with the volume of a giant's voice; yet with the intensified vibrant power there is no sacrifice of quality, but on the contrary, a richer, fuller and more faithful reproduction of the timbre of the original sound is obtained.

Five hundred dollars was the price of the machine when first offered for sale, and the original price of large records was five dollars each. Facilities for the manufacture of the goods on a large scale and the bringing out of new models have made possible great reductions in price. There is now no obstacle to the universal adoption of the Grand Graphophone as the most fascinating home entertainer of modern life.

Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE.

Toasts are often drunk, yet they are never intoxicated.

Advertise in the Banner-Leader, it pays.

The ardent lover is like the tailor when he pressed his suit.

Your watch promptly put in first-class order. JAS. E. BREWER.

When a woman's teeth chatter they usurp her tongue's prerogative.

Fire or life insurance—'phone No. 125.

Says an old bachelor: Marriage is a means of grace—when it leads to repentance.

The best alarm clocks—guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER.

A woman knows that her husband has faults, but she won't admit it to other women.

Jas. E. Brewer pays cash for goods, consequently can sell them cheaper.

Has your insurance policy expired? Let C. P. Shepherd & Co. renew it. Phone 125.

How De Dillard Rode.

He was a "bronco buster,"
De Dillard was his name;
Not noted for his riding,
Dismounting was his fame.

Ah, well do I remember,
One morning in July,
He saddled up Old Pacus
To take a little ride.

But, to his sad misfortune,
Old Pacus was a fool,
And also a thorough graduate
In all the pitching schools.

And scarcely had De mounted,
When Pacus rose in air,
And Dillard quit his saddle
To view the planets fair.

But De had rode old Morgan,
Who bogged straight down the road,
And got to boasting, heavy,
About not getting throwed.

And if by chance he did,
Quite sure it was not fair,
He either wasn't looking
Or what he caught would tear.

He thought he'd try it over
To show the fiend a trick,
This time drew on his spurs
To see he brought the pitch.

He mounted him again,
Waved his hat and hollowed,
And when De struck the ground
His spurs had him collared.

He halfway then confessed
That horses were too quick,
But when it came to mules
He said he'd "ride them slick."

Soon he took a contract
One hundred mules to break;
Beginning in the fall
When all were fat as steak.

Early in the morning
He rounded up the herd,
Got them penned by dinner,
Too hoarse to speak a word.

He looked the whole herd over
So as to find the least;
Decided on a tow-head—
Said he, "I'll melt your grease."

The fiftieth throw caught him,
But rope, fence and ditches,
Caused De to walk five miles
Hunting change of breeches.

Her returned, however,
Tied tow-head to the crib;
While passing round his heels,
De had a call for rib.

Ever long he recovered
With madness in his heart,
And vowed he'd ride that mule
And spur him from the start.

I tell you, fellow men,
It is an honest fact,
That boy got throwed again—
That mule wore off his "kack."

Be sure he lost his job
Old Morgan went astray,
And now De's left afoot
To jog his weary way.

Come lads and make a solemn vow,
Be sure and never break it;
Learn just how to do a thing
Before you undertake it.

J. W. RAINWATER,
Crews, Tex.

—Don't take his word for it. Go and see that Jas. E. Brewer's selection watches can't be beat in Ballinger

A hen that had reared a fine brood of chickens until they were half grown left them one day to look up a location for a nest. When she returned she found that the lady of the house had carried off the finest young rooster among the brood. Whereupon she ran to a neighbor to pour out her grief. But the neighbor, after listening to her tale of woe, consolingly replied, "Why should you grumble or mourn? I saw the presiding elder stop at the house for dinner, and I suppose before this time your son has entered the ministry."

—Get my prices on watches. ASA CORDILL.

Watches and rivers seldom run long without winding.

Eczema Can Be Cured.

Remick's Eczema Cure and Remick's Pepsin Blood Tonic will cure the most obstinate case. At B. D. Walker's.

A Good Thing, Push It Along.

We have a good stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries—as good as can be found in Ballinger. Our prices are low enough. Our salesmen are polite and accommodating. Our delivery of goods prompt. We are enjoying a splendid trade but can handle more. Can't we serve you during 1901.

Yours, for groceries

MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

The Tornado Season Is Approaching

Do you carry Tornado Insurance on your Dwelling? Do you know it is very cheap? \$2.50 per \$1000 is the price per annum. Tornadoes visit other towns and Ballinger may not always be so fortunate as to escape.

Prepare for emergencies is a good rule of action, and is very applicable in this case. Call on or Phone

C. P. SHEPHERD & CO.

UP STAIRS IN OSTERTAG BUILDING.

'Phone 125.

Samuel Y. Johnston.

S. Y. Johnston departed this life Feb 21, 1901; was born in the state of Georgia and went with his parents to Abalama when he was a boy. There he lived and was married to Miss Lucinda Gray, whose brother died a short time ago at Crews.

Mr. Johnston came from Alabama to Texas in 1891, and here lived until his death. While he served as county commissioner 2 years, he was a Methodist preacher 18 years before his death. He made his church a good member as well as minister. His remains were laid to rest in the Winters cemetery Feb. 23. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss, and leaves a host of friends. That they may strive and meet Brother Johnston in the world above is my prayer.

A Friend.

Clipped from the Commoner.

The man who stops to throw a stone at every cur that snaps at his heels is not a good man to send for the doctor when some member of the family is seriously ill.

John Bull might explain his failure to catch De Wet by admitting that while running he often stumbles because he has to look over his shoulder in the direction of Adam Zad.

An Ohio judge has decided that a 3 cent street fare is unconstitutional if the street car owners object to it. It was also an Ohio court that gracefully backed down when an oil corporation gave the signal.

The only argument advanced for making the salaries of the judges in the Philippines \$20,000 a year is that the salary must be large enough to insure honesty on the part of the judges. Why not discourage horse stealing by giving everyone several horses?

The report that kerosene on the water in swamps and morasses will remove the mosquito pest explains several mysteries. It explains why the Standard Oil Co. can declare such big dividends, and also explains why that company organized under the laws of New Jersey.

When Weyler adopted the reconcentrado policy every newspaper in the United States denounced it as a brutal. Now that a similar policy has been adopted by the United States in the Philippine islands the administrative organs only look wise and talk about the "duty of Christian nations."

—Finest line of watches in Ballinger at Asa Cordill's.

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Simple Clockwork Motor. Mechanisms Visible. Durable Construction.

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All the Wonders and Pleasures of a High-Priced Talking Machine.

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LONDON. PARIS. BERLIN.

Confederate Decorations 1901.

The following times and places will be observed by Henry E. McCulloch Camp No 57 U. C. V. for the decoration of the graves of honored dead:

Runnels, May 5th, 10 a. m., meet at cemetery, D. C. Simpson and J. F. Gilliam, managers.

Ballinger May 5th, 4 p. m., meet at Court House Square, J. E. Smith and J. H. Routh managers

Conant May 12th 10 a. m., meet at School House, A. D. Tally and M. C. Bright managers.

Maverick, May 12th 10 a. m., meet at School House, J. W. Mackey and M. Cobb, managers.

Fort Chadbourne May 19th 10 a. m., meet at cemetery, A. B. Hutchinson and G. W. Newman, managers.

Winters May 26th 10 a. m., meet at School House, J. M. Young and I. B. Low, managers.

By order of J. C. SWIFT, Com. H. D. PEARCE, Adjutant.

Prosperous Texas.

Texas is making history, and making it fast. The present complication of fact, tradition and romance, which embodies the progress of the Lone Star State, since its introduction into the "glorious galaxy of States," will be given a more material impetus by the things which are happening and will happen during the first decade of the 20th century. The star of Texas is in the ascendant. Its huge contribution to the cotton crop of the world, the gigantic surplus of corn, wheat and oats, together with a plethora of other agricultural products, including fruit and garden truck, has put money into active circulation and "The coin of the realm" jingles harmoniously in the pockets of the Texas farmer. When the farmer is prosperous, so is everybody else. From all parts of the State come the sounds which betoken an awakening of energy and enterprise. Mineral, agricultural and timber resources, together with delightful climatic conditions have been realized by people of less favored localities. Immigration agents and real estate agents are kept busy answering questions and locating home-seekers. The present marks an era in the affairs of the State which needs but the cordial appreciation and assistance of its people to create vast sources of wealth and make it possible for Texas to outstrip all competitors in the friendly struggle for commercial prestige. The State is too broad, in its physical make-up, and should be in its human aspect, to permit jealousies and recriminations to mar the wonderful future which divine Providence has marked for its ultimate destiny.—Literary Bureau, Southern Pacific-H. & T. C. Railroad.

—Go-carts at Ostertag's.

PROGRAMME of CONCERT.

Ballinger, Tuesday, April 16th, 1901, 8 p. m.
at the Court House, under Management of Ladies of the
Presbyterian Church.

"Musica mentem terra abducit."—St. John Chrysostom.
 PART I

Violin Quartette
 Misses M. Harris, Viola Truly, Irene Guion, Maurice Truly.

Trio
 Scottish Souvenir C. Czerny, 1791-1850.
 Miss K. Francis D. Guion G. Ferguson.

Vocal Solo
 Carol of the Lark E. H. Baily.
 Mrs. Markowitz.

GRAND CONCERTO OPUS 15 BEETHOVEN 1770-1827.
 Allegro
 Andante
 Allegro Vivace.
 Miss Guion C. J. Finger.

Recitation
 Miss M. G. Francis. Doom of Claudius and Cynthia.

Violin and Piano
 Concertina Jansa.
 Miss M. Harris.

Solo (for left hand with final variations) Serenade A. Gloria.
 Miss Nettle Bacon.

"Play skilfully, with a loud noise."—Psalms XXXIII-3

PART II.

"Music is a more lofty revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."—Beethoven.

Piano Solo
 a Concert study (Trovatore) Hoffman
 b Nel cor piu non mi sento Beethoven.
 Miss Irene Guion.

Vocal Solo
 Scottish Fallad
 Mr. P. Wilson

Fantasia for two Pianos
 Rakoczy Fr. Liszt
 Miss Underwood C. J. Finger.

Recitation
 "How the La Rue stakes were lost."
 Miss B. Mathes.

Vocal Duet
 'Tis that I love thee R. Lohr
 Mrs. Guion Mr. P. Wilson

SOLO VENEZIA y NAPOLI LISZT 1811-1866
 Miss Underwood.

Violin and Piano
 S Hommage d'Amitie Dancla
 F. Haberkorn.

Finale
 Awakening of the Lion De Kontski.
 Miss Irene Guion Miss Estelle Underwood.

"Music is the only one of the arts that does not corrupt the mind."—Montesquien.

Winters Dots.

Special Correspondence.

The much needed rain came last Wednesday night; and while not so much as we desire, yet it was a great help to every body.

Winters is rapidly building. The sound of the hammer is heard from early in the morning till late in the evening, which is about the best evidence possible of present progress.

R. L. Hulsey and family move to Abilene this week.

The singing school under the management of Prots. Banks and Campbell is progressing finely. These two gentlemen seem eminently qualified for their work, and we are expecting good results.

Prof. Overby intends giving an entertainment at the close of his session, and judging from the number of aspiring young people in the vicinity of Winters, we are all expecting an unusually good time for both pupils and patrons.

Miss Lillian Sheeley's elocution class will give their recital on the eve of Saturday the 20th inst. Since this is one of the most enthusiastic classes ever taught at this place, we naturally expect a fine entertainment. We should be truly glad to have some of the Ballinger people attend.

Our literary society is moving on all right, but may deem it best to abbreviate the exercises for a few meetings, while the singing school is being taught.

Storic.

Content News.

It is reported that we are to have a 'phone.

A good rain Wednesday night was the most welcomed we have had for some time.

Misses Kate and Birdie Ednar, and Ollie Warnica made a trip to Coleman Tuesday.

Mr. E. D. Jones returned to his

home at Evant Monday.

Esqr. A. A. Hanscomb was in Coleman Monday.

Dr. J. M. Smith and Mr. H. T. Edgar were in Ballinger Thursday.

Mr. C. W. Miller has bought Mr. Paul Hammon's store and is putting in a large supply of groceries.

Mr. Ford Rogers was in Ballinger Tuesday.

Grandpa Carey left Monday for Colorado City and other points, to visit his children. He will be gone about two months. He has the best wishes of his Content friends while he is absent.

Everybody that can, should come out the third Sunday night and hear Bro. Crow preach at this place.

Mr. J. B. Shafer and daughter, Miss Callie, passed through Content last week from Williamson county enroute to Taylor county, their future home.

Miss Eula Hood has been visiting her brother Mr. Edgar Hood of Taylor county the past week. She reports a grand time.

I. S. Baldwin was elected trustee at this place last Saturday, letting out E. J. Killen.

Tom Rosson and Charley Miller went to Abilene Thursday to get more goods for C. W. Miller.

Mrs. M. Braddy is reported sick.

Stella and Alf Smith have been sick this week.

Crews Items.

The rain, which we have been in need of so long, has come in time to do much good. It has refreshed the herb and flower; and has washed away the blues from many a new comer's face. The farmer goes forth to plow and to sow with a willing hand and a smiling face.

Col. McCord, of Coleman City, was in our little town the other day surveying off a piece of land and dividing it into lots to be

placed on the market.

Dr. Harrison, of Strawn, Tex., is coming to this place for the purpose of practicing medicine. He is to be here by the 15th of this month.

Mr. E. P. Henderson is very busy building an addition to his dwelling.

Mr. L. C. Hickson is to leave for Brown county in a few days. He purchased a bunch of stock cattle in Brown some time ago and is going to receive them.

SINGING CONVENTION.

The Mud Creek singing class, together with delegates from the Lone Star and the Mustang singing classes, met at Mud Creek school house on Sunday night Apr. 7, 1901, and organized a singing convention. The convention is to be held at Mud Creek school house the 4th Sunday in this month. All classes are cordially invited to come and take a part with us. I. N. HINSON, Pres. J. W. RAINWATER, Sec.

Not a Cast Iron Stomach.

Of course you haven't. No one need have. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a remedy prepared on purpose for stomach troubles, weak stomach, sour stomach, big stomach, or little stomach, or any irregularities caused from indigestion or constipation. They can be permanently and thoroughly cured by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is sold at 50 per bottle by E. D. Walker.

Uncle Sam, Jr.

All people have not tastes alike. Hence not all were pleased with the above lecture at the court house Tuesday night. Owing to the unpleasant weather prevailing only a few were present, but the majority of those few found neither time nor money idly spent. The lecture was entertaining, instructive and, at times, eloquent. Harr Wagner is clearly a gentleman of intelligence and his lecture, slightly humorous, appealed to the intelligent as well as humorous side of his audience.

A Growing Business.

Some time in last November Dr. Broiles made his first visit to Lampasas as a specialist, and people who have seen and known of other physicians in this line predicted that he would come a few times and then retire to other fields. Most specialists do this way but this man has not yet done anything of that kind; on the contrary his business has grown so rapidly and so satisfactorily that he now has all that he can do on the days he spends here. He does not take acute cases, or cases that require the constant attention and nursing of the physician, but only cases of long standing, cases which have become chronic, difficult and hard to manage. He succeeds with these. Succeeds frequently where others have tried and failed. Succeeds in making people hear who have not heard for years. Brings the digestion around alright, relieves the heart trouble, cures catarrh, banishes bronchitis, drives out the cause of eczema, skin diseases and scrofulous sores, regulates the action of the liver, kidney, stomach and bowels, and makes those who have long been suffering well and strong. The cases which he treats are usually such as do not go to the regular practitioner, and he does not in any sense, become a competitor with the local physicians. He possibly goes a little beyond the general rule of medical ethics in advertising his

business, but the day will come even among physicians when the skillful man will either sever himself from his ethics or become compelled to retire for want of the business which will go to the more skillful man who does advertise. You will find a large advertisement of the doctor in this issue, and testimonials from people whom you know. He will be here, at the Lion Drug Store, every Monday.—Lampasas Leader.

Dr. Broiles has made but a few visits to Ballinger but in that brief time he has gotten a number of patients who are confident he is everything he claims to be, and more. This faith in him is brought about by the skilful way he handles his cases, by the careful diagnosis he gives, and by the quickness with which pain and suffering are relieved under his treatment. He comes to Ballinger every Friday, and what he has done at Lampasas and other places he can do here.

The Land Bill Passed.

The following is the Land Bill as passed a day or so ago by the legislature. It yet needs the governor's signature to make it legal and, in case it should receive that, 90 days are still necessary before it becomes a law:

Section 1. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to notify in writing the county clerk of each county the classification and valuation fixed upon each section of land in his county, and in each county attached to it for judicial purposes, and said Commissioner of the General Land Office shall make forthwith a correct and revised list for each county of all unsold lands therein, and he shall forward the same by registered letter to the county clerk of the county for which said list was made, or to the county clerk of the county to which said county is attached for judicial purposes, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall, on application therefor, furnish any citizen a copy of said list for as many counties as applied for, making a reasonable charge for such list or lists, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall file the return receipt for said registered letter among the papers of his office and keep the same for future reference; and said Commissioner of the General Land Office shall also notify said clerk of each and every sale as soon as said sales are made. Upon receipt of said list, or any notice required to be given under the provisions of this act, the county clerk receiving the same shall forthwith file and record said list in a well bound book to be kept for that purpose, and thereafter when notified of the sale of any section of land therein described he shall enter opposite the description of the land so sold the name of the purchaser and the date when sold; and the said list so furnished said clerk, and said book shall be considered public records and open to public inspection, and it is hereby made the duty of the county clerk to exhibit said book and the records to any person who shall apply to him therefor. For the purpose of furnishing the several counties in this State and the clerks thereof with a revised list of all the unsold lands in this State, as provided in this act, the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby authorized to employ four expert clerks at a salary not to exceed one hundred dollars per month, each; provided, their services shall be discontinued when said lists have been made, and provided the employment shall not exceed six months.

The sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

In case any county clerk of any county in this State after the receipt of the list of unsold lands or notices concerning the same, hereinbefore provided to be sent to him by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, shall fail to file, record or exhibit the same as hereinbefore provided, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, he shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

Section 2. Any person desiring to purchase school or asylum land shall make a separate application for each tract applied for, addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, describing the lands sought to be purchased, which application shall be ac-

companied with the affidavit of the applicant in effect that he desires to purchase the land for a home and has in good faith settled thereon, except where otherwise provided by law; and he shall also swear that he is not acting in collusion with others for the purpose of buying land for any other person or corporation, and that no other person or corporation is interested in the purchase thereof. He shall accompany said application with his obligation to the State, duly executed, binding the purchaser to pay to the State on the first day of November of each year thereafter until the whole purchase money is paid, one fortieth of the aggregate price with interest at the rate of three per cent per annum on the whole unpaid purchase money, which interest shall also be payable on the first day of November of each year. Said application, oath and obligation shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the land applied for or a part thereof is situated or of the county to which said county is attached for judicial purposes; but the clerk shall not file such application until the applicant shall have deposited with him the first payment of one fortieth of the aggregate purchase money for the particular tract of land. Upon the receipt of said application and first payment, the county clerk shall endorse officially on the application the day and the hour of filing, and record the same in full in a well bound book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall note on his record of unsold school lands, the name of the applicant and the date the application is filed and as soon as the application is recorded, the book and page where recorded. The county clerk shall record the application and obligation without delay, recording all applications in the order in which they are filed, and shall forthwith transmit them when recorded to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the first payment to the State Treasurer. All applications shall take effect from the time they are filed in the office of the county clerk of the proper county; and for filing and recording each application and noting the name of applicant and date of application on the record of unsold lands and transmitting it to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the first payment to the State Treasurer, and all other services in connection therewith, the clerk shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for each application, to be paid by the applicant. Any failure or refusal of the county clerk to perform any duties required in this section shall be an offense and upon conviction he shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

Section 3. The Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby prohibited from selling to the same party more than four sections of land, and all applications to purchase land shall also disclose the prior lands purchased by the applicant from the State, if any, since the taking effect of this act, and the residence of the applicant at said time, and if it appear therefrom or from the records in the land office that said applicant has already purchased land aggregating four sections since the taking effect of this act, his application shall be rejected; provided, this shall not apply to sales made to a purchaser and afterwards canceled as invalid for some reason other than abandonment and where the purchaser himself was not at fault. Every purchaser shall be required within three years after his purchase to erect permanent and valuable improvements on the land purchased by him, which improvements shall be of the reasonable market value of three hundred dollars. If any purchaser shall fail to reside upon and improve in good faith the land purchased by him as required by law, he shall forfeit said land and all payments made thereon to the state, to the same extent as for the non-payment of interest, and such land shall be again upon the market, as if no such sale and forfeiture had occurred, and all forfeitures for non-occupancy shall have the effect of placing the land upon the market without any action whatever on the part of the Commissioner of the General Land Office; and if any purchaser shall be forced to yield possession of the land purchased by him from the State on account of any writ or other judicial process issued from a court of competent jurisdiction, or be compelled to temporarily yield his possession from a well grounded fear of death or serious bodily injury, such absence shall not work the forfeiture provided by law for non-occupancy; but no writ of injunction shall issue in any case involving the title or possession of lands herein referred to where the applicant has an adequate remedy at law by sequestration or otherwise.

(Continued Next Week).

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Reunion Scottish Rite Masons; Meeting of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar; Convention of the Grand Lodge K of P. Galveston, Texas. Rate \$13.35. Date of sale April 13, 14, 15, and 16th.

State Foreign Mission Convention, Colored, Rosebud, Tex. Excursion rates. Dates of sale April 16, and 17th.

G. A. R. Annual Reunion Galveston Texas. Round trip \$13.35. Sell April 21st.

State Medical Association, Galveston, Tex. Round trip \$13.35. Sell April 23rd.

Col. Ed H. Love, who published the Texas Citizen at Honey Grove, Texas, until a few weeks ago, says he was entirely cured of stomach trouble by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. He advises any one suffering from stomach or bowel trouble to try this remedy. For sale by E. D. Walker. 4

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Oh say, Hubby, please send me up a sack of LIVE OAK FLOUR too from the Miller Mercantile Co. That is the Best.

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April 14, 1901.
Topic—Foundation—Mat. 7:24-27.
Leader—Gaston Hardgrave.
Song.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Song.
Foundations Laid in Zion—Isa 28:14 19—Miss Ethel Truly.
The Chief Corner Stone—Eph 2:11 22—Mr. Wilton Sledge.
Song.
Laying up a good Fountain—1 Tim. 6:6 19—Mr. Boone Royalty.
Building on the Rock—Mat. 16:13 19—Miss Sammie Padgett.
The Two Foundations—Mat 7:24 27—Miss Mary Miller.
The Only Foundation—1 Cor. 3:10-15—Miss Adrienne Truly.
Select Reading—Leaguers.
Song.
Benediction.

Osgood, Mo., Oct 28, 1899.

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Now let's all hands engage in cleaning up. Spring is coming and every resident should take it unto himself or herself to see that their premises or houses of business should be perfectly sanitary. The city has its hands full caring for the streets and it is the duty of every property owner to himself and to his neighbor, and the head of every family to himself and his loved ones that he keep his premises clean and healthy. Dirt and filth breed disease. Gatesville is now in the midst of prosperous times and is building into a city faster than any of us realize, and she cannot afford a scourge from some infectious disease. Hot weather will soon be here, and as "forewarned is forearmed" let every one start in now and thoroughly clean up their yards, out houses, and stables and open all stopped up and clogged drains and see that Gatesville earns the reputation of being the cleanest and most sanitary city in the south.—Messenger.

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—Drop in and see those new and up-to-date tobs at Jas. E. Brewer's.
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Successful Treatment.

Dr. Broiles made his regular weekly visit to this place Tuesday and all of his old patients and a number of new ones were here to meet him and be treated. All of the Doctor's patients say they are improving and several of them informed the Eagle reporter that they were feeling better than they had for years and were delighted with Dr. Broiles' treatment. One case of more than ordinary importance is that of T. N. Berry's little daughter, who is being treated for deafness. She was seated in the doctor's office Tuesday when the telephone bell rang and she was startled and inquired what it was, showing

EASTER



Has passed, but not all the people of this vicinity have bought their New Spring Outfit. Therefore, many will be interested in the midseason offerings of this store, quoted below. Never in any previous season have I been so thoroughly equipped to cater satisfactorily to all the Dry Goods needs of the people of Ballinger and Runnels county.

My Stock is first class in every respect; my prices unquestionably the lowest. I fearlessly invite inspection of every item quoted below with the offerings of either LOCAL or CITY COMPETITORS

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that she had heard it plainly. She was then placed at the phone and the operator at the central office talked to her. Those who know the little girl will realize what rapid progress has been made in her case and will hope for the complete restoration to her hearing and speech.—Goldthwaite Eagle.
—See Asa Cordill's line of jewelry.

The Country Newspaper. Indissolubly connected with the immense growth of the American nation has been the country newspaper. As an institution it has been a prime factor in the development of the great west. No sooner is a town definitely located than the local newspaper springs into being with all the vigorous enterprise characteristic of American journalism. The country newspaper, in its strict

sense, is an American institution, says the National Magazine. While foreign newspapers only contain "court news" and chiefly chronicle the movements of the aristocracy, the personal column of the American country newspaper recognizes the sovereign right of the plain people of the town or village to a reasonable publicity in the "personal mention column." We must confess there is more of picturesque interest in these simple records than the stereotyped praise of kings, dukes and dowagers. There is no periodical that can hope to supplant the home paper. No matter how much other publications may offer in the way of illustration, brilliant literary treasures, authors with big names and the prestige of local, state and national influence, the home paper has its sacred attention at the family hearthstone. Even the wealth-bedecked suburbanite must have a weekly glimpse at the modest little village paper; and who does not welcome the paper from the "old home" in its familiar wrapper?

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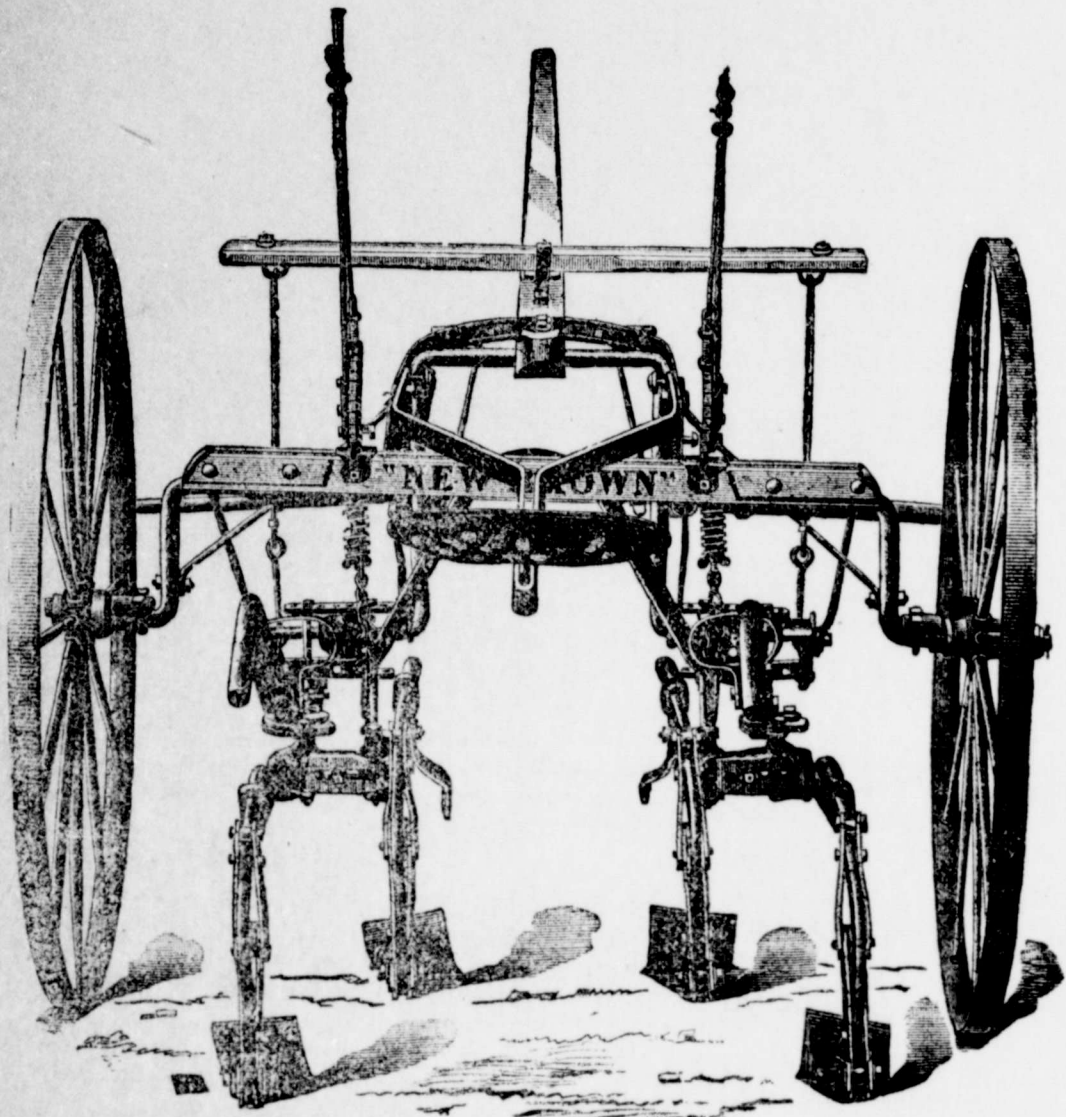
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LEEMADDOX

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At the Methodist church Sunday seven additions were received.

Prof. Gardner, who teaches at Antelope, near Winters, was in Ballinger Saturday trading.

The music of the different churches Sunday has been highly complimented a number of times in the hearing of the Banner Leader editor.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are to give a concert next Tuesday night under direction of Prof. C. J. Finger. See program elsewhere in this paper.

Ballinger is arranging to have a fine ball team this year. The personnel of the team has already been selected and practice will begin when the weather settles.

Rev. A. F. Bowden and family, of Brown county, are late additions, to the citizenship of Ballinger, and are occupying the Midgley place in South Ballinger. The Banner-Leader is glad to welcome these good people.

The gun club has re-organized and from the talk some of the members are making the club will probably make a better record for itself this year than last. They meet tonight to fully complete the details of re-organization.

Miss Mae Harris, of this city, will assist Prof. Haberkorn in a violin recital at Brownwood on Thursday night, April 11th. The occasion is advertised as the musical event of the season and those who attend are promised a delightful treat.

—Don't buy until you see Jas. E. Brewer's new stock of latest designs in watches. First National Bank Building.

The fact is borne in on us every day that this is a cruel, hard-hearted world. Neither Russia in China, nor England in Africa possess a monopoly of the cruelty business. A tale of woe was told recently in one of our exchanges that would freeze the blood of any kind-hearted humanitarian. A tailor in St. Louis, "bad cess to him," attached a young man's clothes, while the young man was in a barber shop taking a turkish bath. The young swell was making himself ready to go to a party when the stony-hearted tailor pounced down upon his garments, and kept him in hot water from noon until five o'clock. To think of that young man's sad condition is enough to bring "tears to every eye unused to weep."—Ex.

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Under the new regime, put in operation by Carrie Nation, it is a misdemeanor to run a "joint" in Kansas. The first trial held recently resulted in no verdict and a discharged jury.

An Omaha judge has decided that feeding hogs is not a woman's work. The World Herald of that city suggests that if all women stand on this decision a lot of Omaha husbands will either go hungry or eat at the chop houses.

The curious are concerned as to the fate of Mexico when Diaz, who is now past seventy, dies. He has been supreme in authority for nearly a quarter of a century and this hot headed country has been reasonably quiet under his rule, but he has only a few years to live, at best, and the subsequent events are a matter of speculation.

Hood county farmers met at the court house in Granbury and "resolved" on the cotton question. The meeting was well attended and resolutions were adopted. Among other things they agreed to reduce the acreage of cotton, and further to co-operate for common good and to farm on a more systematic basis. Milam county farmers have held a similar meeting.

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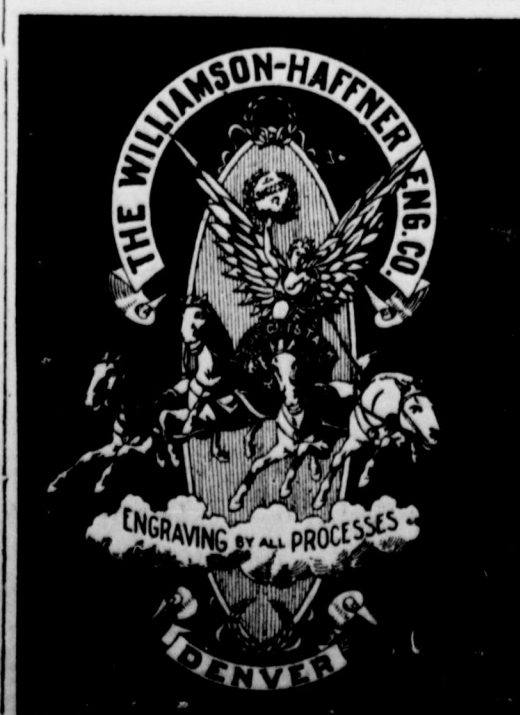
—Jas. E. Brewer's prices on watches are as low as the lowest. See him.

Ballinger has been besieged the last few days by two blind beggars and a third person who had no claims on clarity save that something over thirty years ago he lost his leg at the knee and had recently suddenly conceived the idea that a wooden leg would aid him, so was selling songs for that purpose. This last mentioned beggar met with quite a cool reception and when refused would get quite angry and impudent. Beggars are getting entirely too numerous and it is time some effort was being made to stop them.

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General Funston.

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JAS. E. BREWER.

Holt Smith, the Temple Grocer
Co's manager here, worshipped
with home folks in Brownwood
Easter Sunday.

Hartung's representative here,
Mr. Headley, went to Brown-
wood the first of the week to as-
sist in a rush of photographic
work.

Wm. Johnson, of the Ledger
force, and Judge R. B. Truly are
at home from a trip to Eastand.
They returned Friday night of
last week.

John Roberts resigned his po-
sition as messenger of the West-
ern Union Telegraph Co., Mon-
day, and left on the afternoon
train for Ballinger.—Standard.

Judge M. C. Smith, accompa-
nied by his wife and Marriet, was
in Goldtnwaite Saturday and
Sunday visiting Miss Hermia,
who is teaching a music class
there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Harris and
Rev. Shoptaugh were in attend-
ance on the dedicatory services
of the Christian church at Santa
Anna Sunday. They report a
most delightful occasion.

Saturday was "teachers day" in
Ballinger. Nearly, if not all, the
the teachers of the county were
here to draw their monthly sti-
pend and to share a portion of
the same with our merchants.

Misses Mae Harris and Alma
Crews were in Santa Anna Sun-
day attending the dedication of
the new Christian church. They
are enthusiastic over the cor-
dial reception tendered them and
will be ready to repeat the visit
soon.

J. J. Erwin, of the Miller Mer-
cantile Co., attended the Knight
Templar Easter services at the
C. P. church in Brownwood Sun-
day. Several of the same order
attended from San Angelo. The
services were impressive, in-
structive and beautiful.

Marion Mullins, the Miles Mes-
senger printer, was a passenger
on the east bound train Saturday
going to Brownwood to spend
Sunday with his family. He
thinks Miles and the Messenger
have brilliant prospects and the
Banner-Leader trusts that it may
not remain merely "prospects."

A New Wind Mill.

The "Collins" Steel Wind Mill
put out by the F. F. Collins Mfg.
Co., of San Antonio, Texas, is, as
usual with this concern, the best,
heaviest and strongest Steel Mill
on the market. Steel gears is a
special feature of this mill; other
steel Mills use cheap cast iron
gears. The patrons of this paper
will find it to their interest to
write to F. F. Collins Mfg. Co.,
for catalogue and prices. 21-2f

The Ballinger band, once the
pride of the town, has had several
meetings lately and there is some
talk of regular practices, a leader,
etc., all of which the Banner-
Leader would be pleased to see
go into effect. Ballinger has
splendid musical talent and it
should not be allowed to go to
waste.

Gasoline Engines

Are being used more and more
every day. If you want the best
and most economical engine,
write to F. F. Collins Mfg. Co.,
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logue of their "Springgeld." They
have all sizes from 1 to 50
horse power, either Stationary
or Mounted on Wheels. 21-tf

Watches! Watches!! Watches!!
At Jas. E. Brewer's. See for
yourself.

Prof. W. S. Kelly, of Winters,
was among the Ballinger visitors
Saturday.

W. G. Fields returned Monday
night from a trip to the territory
with cattle.

Dan Moser left Tuesday for the
territory with six cars of cattle
for Tom Shaw.

Lawyer Jno. C. Randolph, of
Coleman, was in Ballinger one
day this week enroute to Paint
Rock.

W. P. Nash went to Brownwood
Sunday to see about accepting an
offer as foreman of the Pecan
Valley News.

Miss Laura Hays, of Runnels,
was the guest of the Misses
Massey Saturday. Her school
will continue a month longer.

Garland & Montgomery, of
Paint Rock, are among the pa-
trons of the Banner Leader job
printing department this week.

Miss Nannie Turner, of Win-
gate, was visiting Ballinger
friends Saturday and Sunday.
Her school has closed for this
session.

B. S. Reed, the Ballinger livery-
man, was in San Angelo Sunday.
He was accompanied by Mr
Allen Mills, a friend who is visit-
ing him from Limestone county.

The Banner-Leader has receiv-
ed No. 1 Vol. 1 of the Enterprise,
of May, Brown county, Tex., pub-
lished and edited by J. E. Skinner.
It is small, but newsy, and is a
credit to its town. Here's wish-
ing you success. Ed.

Prot. Jno. Savage and wife, of
Norwood, were in Ballinger Satur-
day. The Banner Leader learns
that the Norwood school will
close next week and that Prof
Savage will likely not be an ap-
plicant for the place next year.

Sam M. Parks has severed his
connection with the W. C. Parks
& Co. bank here to accept the
management of his father's entire
interests at Brownwood, Eden
and this place. He left Sunday
for Brownwood which place he
will likely make headquarters.

Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth and Roscoe
left Ballinger Tuesday afternoon
for an extended visit to Chicago.
While away they will attend the
Pan American exposition at Buffa-
lo and returning home will stop
enroute at Kansas City and Paris.
They anticipate a most enjoyable
trip. Mrs. Wilmeth will also be
accompanied by little Nelle Mil-
lar, who goes to Chicago for
treatment.

Good Pumping Jacks

Are made by F. F. Collins Mfg.
Co., of San Antonio, Texas. They
are home people and know how
to make the kind of goods we
need. Write to them for cata-
logue and prices, at the same
time mention to them that you
saw the notice in this paper and
thus help us along too. 21-tf

Judge Guion, of Ballinger, was
in San Angelo Monday on legal
business. The Judge says Ballin-
ger is steadily improving, that
business is good, the people pros-
perous, and that there are no va-
cant houses there for rent. Sev-
eral new business houses are being
built.—Standard.

Boring for Oil

seems to be the fashion these
days, but the F. F. Collins Mfg.
Co., of San Antonio, Texas, make
the Well Drilling Machines that
are suitable for boring for either
oil or water. They answer cor-
respondents promptly, and will
be glad to quote prices and send
catalogues to our readers. 21-tf

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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 conveniently 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
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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.

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HERBINE.
Pure Juices from Natural Roots.
REGULATES the Liver, Stomach and Bowels, Cleanses the System, Purifies the Blood.
CURES Malaria, Biliousness, Constipation, Weak Stomach and Impaired Digestion.
Every Bottle Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction.
LARGE BOTTLE, - SMALL DOSE.
Price, 50 Cents.
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Runnels county is new in agriculture, but the yields last year were far beyond the average.

—Corn, Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Corn Chops, Bran, Cotton Seed and Hay at Miller Mercantile Co.

Charlie Gallagher is able to be out, though he looks the worse for wear. His friends are glad to know his wound is healing rapidly.

Mr. Schuwirth, of Llano, was here last week superintending the work on the Ballinger Electric Light plant, in which he has an interest.

There were no services at the C. P. church Sunday, Rev. Gilliam, of Brownwood, not being able to be present owing to his wife's illness.

W. E. Eskridge Wednesday bought of Jack Nichols a pretty, black saddle horse for \$65. The horse is speedy and well worth the price paid.

The session of the legislature ended Tuesday and Judge Wilkingsham is at home. Prospects are good for an extra session of this body, to be held perhaps in August.

R. B. Truly, W. R. Spencer, Jno. I. Guion, B. B. Stone and C. P. Shepherd were Ballinger attorneys in the city of Paint Rock Monday. They report the place improving and the people prosperous.

In Ballinger during the month of March the two gins turned out \$4 bales of cotton. That's a pretty good record for so late in the season. Ballinger has received from wagons this year something over 14,000 bales as against 4,500 last year.

The rattle and jar of passing freight trains has been almost continuous the past two weeks. The cattle rush, so much talked of, is on and the railroad men are busy night and day. The cattle are being sent above the quarantine line to pasturage.

The Banner-Leader is beginning to feel a pride in the court house yard. It is getting to be a thing of beauty, owing to the care and attention paid it of late. This is as it should be and in a few years we will have a court house yard second in beauty to none in West Texas. Keep up the good work.

Sheriff Kirk was notified Wednesday morning of the arrest, by Deputy Sheriff Walter Duncan, of Hylton, of Arch McCorkel. This man on the night of April 4th robbed W. M. Bright's store at Eskota in Fisher county. Officers tracked him and he was caught at Jim Logan's sheep camp, on the head of Wagon Tire creek in this county. He had some of the stolen property, 5 or 6 watches, in his possession at the time. The lawbreaker seldom escapes in these days of telephone and telegraph, and vigilant officers.

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Fowler Drug Co., Brownwood, Every Wednesday
Brown's Drug Store, Coleman, Every Thursday
Pearce's Drug Store, Ballinger, Every Friday
Concho Drug Store, San Angelo Every Saturday

—Nickle alarm clocks at Asa Cordill's.

—My watch and jewelry work guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a perfect laxative. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gill, of this city, a handsome 10-pound boy Sunday.

Dr. Herndon, one of the Miles physicians, was transacting business in our burg Tuesday.

Walker has added an immense line of wall paper, in fact the biggest line in West Texas. See his card in this issue.

Among Ballinger's visitors Thursday were Dr. J. M. Smith and H. T. Edgar, of Content. The last mentioned is the druggist of that city.

J. H. Miller has re-opened his dry-goods and grocery store in his property on main street, and is ready for the patronage of the people in his line.

The result of "Bassoon's" tilt with the Salvation Army at San Angelo was a quashing of the indictment accompanied by the admonition "go and sin no more."

G. R. Pearce, of Bronte, was among the visitors and buyers in Ballinger Tuesday. He had nothing new to report save that they were needing rain, and the Banner-Leader learns that since then a heavy rain has visited his section.

Dr. J. F. Riggs was called to Marshall last week by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father. A card received from him the first of the week says he has little hopes of his father's recovery. He will return to Ballinger about the last of April.

Content has had a recent change in its business circles. C. W. Miller has purchased Paul Hamon's dry goods and grocery store and will enlarge the stock, add hardware, and make it a big thing for Content. C. W. Miller is one of the Content gin men, of the firm of Miller & Woodrow.

J. C. Whidden, the Santa Fe road master at Brownwood, was in Ballinger Thursday conferring with Mayor Powell relative to street crossings. He was asked to place a crossing on 7th street, and to improve the crossings on 8th and 10th streets, which he promised to do as soon as the officials would O. K. the bill which he would send in for the needed work. This work should be done.

R. M. Thomson, of Austin, is in Ballinger this week.

C. O. Harris was in San Angelo Monday on legal business.

For cheap and up-to-date hats call on Mrs. Forbes, at Currie's.

—Asa Cordill has more than one hundred watches for your inspection.

W. E. Odom is having a neat cottage erected near the Presbyterian manse.

—Fresh Garden Seed and Seed Sweet and Irish Potatoes at Miller Mercantile Co.

Dan Moser returned Friday from the Territory and left the same day for Paint Rock.

Chas. B. Rendleman, of Santa Anna, is here this week in the interest of the Plano binder.

Lee Maddox sent to friends and customers a large number of Easter cards of pretty designs.

Miss Helen Balfanz, of San Angelo, was the guest Tuesday of her friend, Miss Minnie Wilkie.

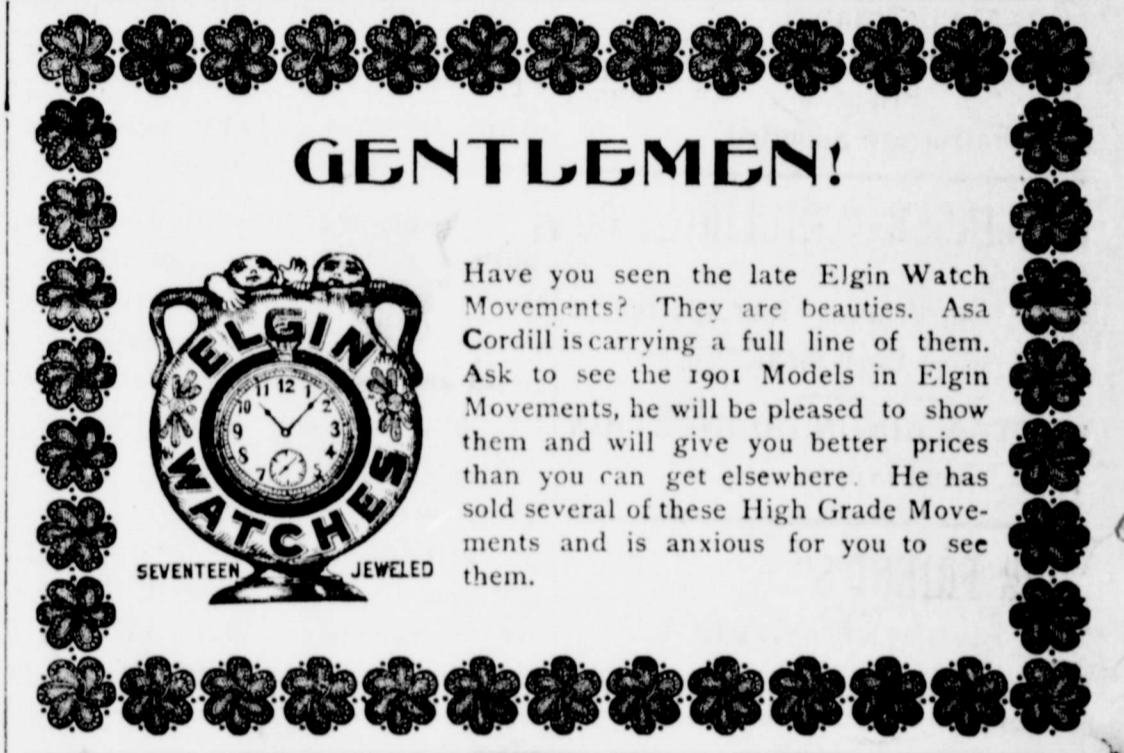
Miss Nora Griffin, an experienced operator from Waco, a friend of Mrs. W. P. Nash, is "Central" now.

F. Oliver, of Groesbeck, who is visiting his aunt near Winters, was in Ballinger Friday. He says he isn't accustomed to seeing just 7 trees on two sections of land.

There will be a meeting of the church board of the Christian church at the close of the services Sunday morning. Members please take notice. Subject for Sunday night, "The Master Christian." All invited.

The school trustee election to be held in Ballinger last Saturday went by default and the old trustees will hold over. Parties appointed to hold the election refused to serve since the position was one of honor and no pay.

The committee of ten citizens who guaranteed the sum necessary to secure the three entertainments, Joaquin Miller, the Boston Concert Co., and Harr Wagner, lost money, owing to the bad weather each night. There was a general lack of interest taken by the people and it was unfortunate, for it will be hard to again secure talent of this class. The committee have no apologies to offer. They did the work for the good of the community, expecting the help of the people, and asking no reward for their labor. They make up the deficit cheerfully and trust the next committee will have better success.



GENTLEMEN!

Have you seen the late Elgin Watch Movements? They are beauties. Asa Cordill is carrying a full line of them. Ask to see the 1901 Models in Elgin Movements, he will be pleased to show them and will give you better prices than you can get elsewhere. He has sold several of these High Grade Movements and is anxious for you to see them.

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—Can We Serve You In Our Line?—

Miss Mathes' pupils gave a concert in the K of P hall Friday night of last week. The program consisted of songs, recitations, tableaux and plays and was a credit to both pupils and teacher and received quite a number of neat compliments from those attending.

Latest shapes and novelties in the millinery line will arrive next week at Mrs. Forbes, from New Orleans.

—Big Line of New Matting just received. J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

—Best watchwork done by Asa Cordill.