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 This is Our Private Cost Mark.

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Brins' Closing Out Cost Sale continues until further notice. As announced in our last week add we have been unable to sell our unexpired lease on building and therefore continue

Our Great Closing Out Sale

A Bona Fide and Genuine Cost Sale in which we give Our Private Cost Mark to convince the public that we mean just what we say. We are positively going to leave Ballinger. We must dispose of as much goods as possible. Sufficient reason we think for selling at Actual Wholesale Cost. Prepare for a cold winter by buying your wearing apparel now and thus save money by taking advantage of Our COST SALE. Thanking you for a past Liberal Patronage, We Remain,

Yours for An ABSOLUTE COST SALE,

8th St., Ballinger, Texas. **BRINS'** The Dry Goods People

Mrs. T. T. Crosson and daughter, Helen, went to Brownwood Tuesday night to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. C. L. McCartney.

Mrs. Frank Miles and son, Haden, were in Santa Anna this week guests of Mesdames Grady and Phillips, Mrs. Miles' daughters.

The meeting of the teachers of Runnels county is to be held in Ballinger on Friday night, Jan. 10th and Saturday, Jan. 11. See program elsewhere in this paper

Junior Epworth League.
Bible reading, Prov. 6, 1-15 by Pres. Ralph Shuffler.
Song by League.
Lords prayer in concert.
Repeat books of Old Testament from Gen. to Ezra by each Leaguer.
Song by League.
Talk by Superintendent.
Roll call answered by verse of scripture by each Leaguer.
Song by League.
League benediction.

Delayed Letters.

Monday the Banner-Leader received the following letters intended for Santa Claus. The letters were written on the 12th but were not mailed in time for last week's paper. Santa has made his rounds by this time and has retired until Dec. 25th, 1902, but if these children were overlooked we are confident he will send one of his assistants to look after their wants.

Crews, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 11 years old and would like for you to bring some nice presents. I want an airgun, a package of fire crackers and some roman candles.

Yours truly
Ernest Gray.
Crews, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a dollie with brown eyes and curly hair and some candy and apples and lots of pretty things. Gracie Gray.

Mrs. M. Z. Hazelton and grandson, Clyde Williamson, are at Milano this week visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Wilmeth, of Brownwood, is the guest of Mrs. A. M. Millar.

Miss Blanche Baker, of San Saba, is the guest of her sister Mrs. R. A. Hall.

Miss Hermia Smith arrived Saturday night from Lewisville to visit homefolks during Christmas.

Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Master Frank left Saturday for Bunker Hill, Ill., to see "the old folks at home."

C. B. Black returned Monday night from an extended business trip to Leon and Limestone counties.

Miss Ethel Truly returned home Sunday night for the holidays. She has been attending North Texas Normal at Denton.

E. W. Brookshire, of Norwood, was in town Tuesday and subscribed for the Banner-Leader to be sent to him at Brownwood where he is a student in Howard Payne college. He is at home now for the vacation.

Waide Barbee and bride, nee Miss Almah Reynolds of Uvalde, passed through Ballinger last week enroute to their future home in Schleicher county. They were married on the 18th inst. May joy attend them.

There are pretty fair prospects that A. Schawe will move his dry goods establishment from its present location to the house recently vacated by Wilke's Saloon, which building Mr. Schawe owns. He is having the building repaired and rumor has it that Mr. Schawe will be its next occupant.

I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND
—PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.—

I also take this opportunity to thank all my friends and customers for their liberal patronage during 1901, and hoping for a continuance of the same during 1902

I Am Yours Very Truly,

H. WINKLER.

Sidney Cockrell was in Brownwood Sunday.

Oscar Lykes, of Norton, had business in town Monday.

Clavie Royalty left Saturday for Gatesville to visit his sister.

J. H. Routh and mother are at home from a visit to relatives in Waco.

Miss Kate Turner is visiting friends and relatives in Hillsboro this week.

H. F. Mayes and wife, of the Banner-Leader, were in Brownwood this week.

Prof. Tom Shepherd, of Coleman, spent Sunday in Ballinger, a guest of his brother, C. P.

W. N. Collier and wife left Monday for Hubbard City to spend Christmas with his parents.

Henry Gay is at home for the holidays. He is a student in the West Texas Military Academy of San Antonio.

Lee Maddox left Monday for Waco to see his wife and baby, who will return home with him after the holidays.

Presley Starnes, a nephew of Supt. J. A. Starnes, spent the Christmas holidays with home folks in Edgewood.

Jno. Guion, Jr., returned Sunday night to enjoy Christmas at home. He is located at Pilot Point, where he has employment in a furniture store.

J. A. Dancer, accompanied by his wife and the babies, partook of Christmas cheer at his mother's table in San Angelo Wednesday and Thursday.

P. J. Baron and family, of Rowena, passed through town on Friday's train going to La Grange and Fayetteville to eat Christmas turkey with relatives.

Sam C. Coffee, referee in bankruptcy cases, was in town Monday from Brownwood to settle with R. L. Maddox's creditors. R. A. Hall was appointed trustee of the stock.

Temple Hoffer came in Friday night from Bryan where he has been attending A. & M. college. He will return and resume his studies after the holidays. Charlie Lange, who is attending the same school is also at home for the holidays. Both boys have done good work the past session.

Now that it's all over the editor can think of it without a frown on his face, but if at the time he had been able to find the scamp that tied the wire across the sidewalk one night last week there would have been trouble. It would have afforded him considerable satisfaction to have been able to find the guilty party.

F. M. Honea is getting quite a number of irons in the fire but he seems amply able to look after them all and none are likely to burn. In addition to a planing mill and wood yard, he has established a coal yard and by February 15th will have in operation a first-class steam laundry. We wish him success in all his enterprises.

IT IS A FACT

That the best is always the cheapest. I handle the best Paint on the market. My prices are as low as the prices on the same grade of Paint in Ballinger, Abilene or Dallas. I buy from the manufacturers, therefore can compete with any.

Yours for honest dealings,

T. A. FANNIN,

Druggist. Winters, Texas

Mental Anguish.

Federal and State courts clash on the question as to whether mental anguish is an element of actual damages. Jeff Simmons filed suit against the W. U. Tel. Company in the Federal court at San Angelo for \$500 actual damages to his "wounded feelings" occasioned by failing to deliver to him what is known as a "death message" informing him of the death of his mother, in time to attend the funeral. Messrs. C. O. Harris and M. C. Smith, representing the Telegraph Company, filed exceptions to the plaintiff's petition, taking the position that "mental anguish" is not an element of actual damages, and thereupon the suit was dismissed and thereafter filed in the district court for \$1800, which court holds just to the contrary, which case was called for trial Tuesday the 17, and after announcement and a jury had been drawn plaintiff's evidence failed to meet the charges in his petition and he withdrew his announcement and will come again at next term of the court.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Dec. 21, 1901. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Clark, Sam.
Hess, Sam T.
Price, H. A.
White, W. B.

T. A. Jameson writes the Banner-Leader from Dumas, Moore county, enclosing a dollar to keep the paper coming to his address. Dumas is on the North Plains of Texas and Mr. Jameson says they have already had one snow storm which lasted nearly a week.

Jack and Sam Coggin came in from their ranch near Eden Monday, taking the train here for Brownwood to be with home folks Christmas. While on the ranch they participated in a big hunt.

Miss Natha Lewis, of Menardville, was in Ballinger Sunday on a hurried trip to Dallas to visit relatives. She passed through going home Thursday.

Messrs. Sam Parks, Conda Wylie and Miss Maud Erwin were members of a house party tendered by the Misses Parks of Brownwood this week.

P. E. Truly, the Ledger editor, was in San Angelo Monday investigating the possibilities in the Press, which paper he is figuring on buying.

Henry Hofman and Theodore Martezin, of the South Ballinger community, have gone down into Colorado county to spend the holidays.

Attorney B. B. Stone and wife are in Bryan this week spending Christmas with Mrs. Stone's parents. They left Ballinger Monday.

Sam Baker, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, left Saturday for a visit to his relatives in Clarendon, Arkansas.

Guion Gregg and Miss Neil Guion left Monday afternoon for Pilot Point to visit Mr. Will Gregg during the holidays.

Miss Maud Northcutt went to San Angelo Tuesday night to visit her sister, Mrs. Arch Holman.

COST SALES ARE A CHESTNUT

We do not advertise to give you our Cost Mark; but we will give you goods for less money than they are sold for at the SO CALLED COST MARK SALES.

In Proof of this Note the Following Prices:

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Our Good Canton Flannel	8c worth 10c
Our Good Cuntun Flannel	6½ worth 8½
Outing Flannels	3½c worth 5c
Outing Flannels	6½c worth 8½
Outing Flannels	8c worth 10c

Do not be gulled by so called "Cost Sales" but come to Our Store and we guarantee to give you more goods for your money than any other house in Ballinger and will give you an assortment to select from that is unequalled in the city.

L. Markowitz & Bro.

Mrs. F. M. Honea has returned from a visit to her father at Glen Rose.

Mrs. T. A. Rape was a guest of Mrs. Brown at Coleman Christmas day.

I. S. Baldwin, of Content was doing his Christmas shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

H. L. Brooks has gone to Fulton, Ky., to visit former friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vaughn partook of San Angelo's hospitality Christmas day.

Prof. M. L. Hill, of Pumphrey, was trading cash for Christmas goods in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Gregg and Miss Kate Guion left Monday to visit relatives and friends in San Saba.

C. P. Shepherd has gone to San Marcos to visit the family of his brother during Christmas.

H. A. Cady, Ballinger's efficient postmaster, left for Plantersville Monday to visit a daughter.

I. N. Abernathy, of Audra, Taylor county, was in town this week looking after certain of his property interests.

Something new in Town.....
Farmers' Wagon Yard
J. C. HILL, Proprietor.....

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You can get Bran, Hay, Oats, Corn, Chops or any kind of Feed from F. P. ABNEY, Ballinger, Tex. He keeps a big supply on hand and sells in any quantity.

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Tom Luckett arrived Sunday night and is visiting his father, H. H. Luckett, and family. Tom is attending the State Medical school at Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lee have gone to Lott, Texas, their home before coming to Ballinger, to exchange Christmas greetings with former friends.

H. C. SMITH,
Attorney-At-Law.
Office 4p stairs in the Ostertag
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My office will be open after
Jan. 1st only from 1st to 22nd
inclusive of each month.
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curable. Examination free. If
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tell you so; hence, you are out
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doubt, come and place the cost
of treatment in bank subject to
our check when cured. Could
you ask for a fairer offer? Cata-
ract cases guaranteed reading
vision. Surgical and chronic
cases and the cases that have
received no benefit from other
treatments especially solicited.
We will straighten 20 cases o-
cross eyes from each county
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500 in Texas. Write for names.
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son or business firm in Lam
pasas. Respectfully,
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Health and Beauty.
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regular action of the bowels.
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eruptions follow. This is nature's
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poisons which the bowels failed
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promote regular and healthy
action of the bowels but never
cause griping, cramps or dis-
tress. Safe pills. E. D. Walk-
er.

Program of Teachers Institute.
Program for Friday night,
Jan. 10 1901:
Roll call; responded by defi-
nitions of education.
Relations of Supt. to sub-
ordinate teachers. J. A. Starnes.
How to teach history, Miss
Bennet and Miss Myers.
Language, Misses Hardgrave
and Love.
Formation of habits as a
principal in education, Messrs.
Rotramel and Wardlaw.
Geography, Miss Pittman.
Our adopted text books, dis-
cussion.
Program for Saturday 10 a. m.
Jan. 11, 1902:
Compound numbers, J. Fuller
Miss Couch.
Civics, J. R. Dill and M. G.
Hodnette.
Shall the teachers assign
special lesson for home study.
R. S. Carlton, Miss Whitehead.
Value of exercises for special
days, Misses Kyle, Butler.
Formation of habit as a prin-
ciple in education, Messrs.
Rotramel and Wardlaw.
What shall we make of our
Institute this year suggested
plans for course of study.
Discussion led by W. A. Perry.

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Pattern Hats, Laces, Ribbons,
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pepsia so that I could hold noth-
ing on my stomach. Many
times I would be unable to re-
tain a morsel of food. Finally I
was confined to my bed. Doc-
tors said I could not live. I read
one of your advertisements on
Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and
thought it might fit my case and
commenced its use. I began to
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bear immediate investigation.
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Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that all tres-
passers on the ranches and lands for-
merly owned by W. J. Turner in Run-
nels county, near Wingate, for the
purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood,
gathering pecans, working stock or
hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the
full extent of the law.
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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

Passenger Trains:

West bound due at Ballinger 12:08 a. m.
East-bound due at Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

Local Trains:

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

Crews Items.

Mr. Editor, seeing you were kind enough to put my letter in to print. I come again.

Everything is progressing smoothly in this community and we hope the even tenor will continue to be the same time in to come.

Rev. Dunlap filled his regular appointment here at Lone Star school house on Saturday and Sunday. He preached a very interesting sermon to a very large and attentive audience on Sunday at 11 o'clock. We understand the attendance on Saturday owing to the extreme cold was small. Sunday the privilege of the church was extended and Miss Lou Locket was received into full membership with the church.

Rev. Dunlap announced his intention of spending his holidays back at the old family fire-side.

There was a little commotion among the young folks out here on Sunday afternoon the most of them being ask to witness the marriage ceremony of Mr. Newt Graham and Miss Della York. Rev. Dunlap officiating at the residence of the brides parents.

Mr. Graham is a young man of Coleman county, is the principal of Mt. View school, is highly esteemed as a gentleman and loved as a teacher so we learn.

Miss York was one of our most accomplished young ladies in every respect, to know her was to admire every redeeming quality. Mr. Graham is to be congratulated on having won the hand of so fair a damsel and the friends all join in congratulating them and wish for them every happiness that married life can afford.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham left on the morning of the 24th to spend Xmas in Coleman with friends and relatives to return the last of this week to Crews to spend a few days.

The Xmas tree was a success in every way, the different committees having performed their parts in a satisfactory manner.

The program was well filled and carried out nicely. Music by the band. Welcome address by A. D. Talley, which was well received by all present. Recitation by two little girls. Then up jumped what we children were all looking for, Santa Claus, who made the hearts of many of the children leap with joy.

We noticed the presence of the Misses Tharp from Winters at the tree. They are with their family spending Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kerby.

Mr. Jno. Henderson of Oaklawn is spending the holidays with relatives and friends here.

The young people were invited out to attend a candy breaking at Mr. W. A. Clarks on Xmas night. It was largely attended and the party was pronounced by all as being a success. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clark for the nice treat. After the party the string band met at Mr. A. F. Kerby's and began a serenade, there was about 20 in the party and we were out until the morning was beginning to draw to a close. It being so late and the good people having been so lavish with refreshments we decided to draw off until another night to finish our round so you people the band failed to reach and the band wants to thank the good people for the many treats.

Well Mr. Ed. as Xmas is still going on I will have to ring off and get some more of it. Hope you had a good time and a happy new year. We will close for this time.

BILLIE.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, John Seaman, C. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft and the unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons: viz: T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, J. Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. W. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft and F. W. Sholcroft, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Runnels county, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Ballinger, Texas, on the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1902, the same being the 3rd day of March A. D. 1902 then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of December A. D. 1901, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said court, No. 592, wherein J. E. McCord is plaintiff and T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, John Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft and unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons, viz: T. Carlin, G. W. Hanchett, J. Seaman, J. L. Hanchett, F. B. Hanchett, C. B. Hanchett, W. W. Hanchett, I. Hanchett, F. J. Hanchett, L. J. Russell, J. E. Hanchett, N. C. Kingsly, E. M. Clark, L. J. Hanchett, E. H. Warren, L. H. Warren, L. H. Green, W. H. Green, W. M. Hanchett, M. W. Parker, G. G. Parker, S. R. Sholcroft, and F. W. Sholcroft, are defendants, and said petition alleging plaintiffs cause of action in substance as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1901, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of that tract of land situated in the county of Runnels, and state of Texas, and is described as follows, to wit: 320 acres of land, located by virtue of Bounty Warrant 2342, granted by the state of Texas, to T. Carlin by patent No. 60, Vol. 11 dated 26th day of July 1860. Beginning at the N. W. corner of Sur. No. 317, made for Andrew Moore, a stake from which a liveoak bears N 86 degrees E 4 varas; a post oak bears N 42 degrees E 55 varas; thence S 250 varas, Spring Branch 1344 varas, a stake in the North boundary line of survey No. 314, made for Richard Brady from which a post oak bears S 2 degrees, E 24 varas; another, N 65 degrees, E 50 varas; thence W with the N lines of Nos. 314 and 315, made

for Brady and White 1344 varas stake and mound; thence N 1344 varas a stake and mound, and thence E 1344 varas to the place of beginning. Bearings marked "X" holding and owning the same in fee simple, and that he is still such owner and entitled to possession thereof; that on the 17th day of December, 1901, the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds same from plaintiff; that plaintiff, J. E. McCord and those whose estates he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, cultivating, using and enjoying, paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years, next before the 17th day of December, A. D., 1901, and after the accrual of any cause of action therefor on the part of defendants, if any they had, which is not admitted, but denied; that plaintiff, J. E. McCord, and those whose estates he has, claiming the same under written memoranda of title fixing the boundaries thereof, and having said land actually enclosed during said period, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said land as above described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next before the 17th day of Dec., 1901, and after the accrual of any cause of action therefor on the part of defendants, if any they had, which is not admitted, but denied; that the defendants have no legal or equitable claim to said land and they are naked trespassers, but there is a cloud upon plaintiff's title, plaintiff prays for judgement for all of said land against defendants and the cancellation of defendants claims thereon, and general relief. That endorsed on the said petition is the following: "This action is brought as well to try title as for damages."

Herein fail not, but have before said court, on the first day of its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, W. L. TOWNER,
Clerk of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

Given under my hand and official seal of said Court at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 24th day of December, A. D., 1901.

W. L. TOWNER,
Clerk District Court of Runnels County, Texas.

Allying.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torbins, "I wish you would let me go where the bookmakers are."

"Into the betting ring?"

"Yes. I saw it from a distance. The way those people are hustling and jamming one another makes me think that there must be some splendid bargains there."—Washington Star.

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YOU WILL SAVE MONEY BY IT

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livery. PHONE 134

An Unfinished Sentence.

Shortly after President Roosevelt entered the White House a politician called upon him with reference to appointments. After the preliminary expressions of high esteem, unbounded admiration and eternal loyalty he began to disclose his business. "I want to speak to you about Mr. Blank, who holds a small office down in my district"

The politician didn't finish his sentence. "What!" exclaimed Roosevelt, interrupting him. "Is that infernal scoundrel still in that place? I had some knowledge of him when I was a civil service commissioner."

The politician acknowledged that Mr. Blank was still there and then turned the subject.

Two Quarrelsome Women.

A novel method of suppressing two quarrelsome women has just been adopted in Wilkesbarre, Pa. Day after day they quarreled over their back fence, and their scoldings so annoyed the neighbors that a sixteen foot fence has been erected between their houses. It was put up the other night by masked men and a warning was posted that it should not be torn down. The women were unable to see each other, but they found a hole in the fence and made remarks through that. Then a committee waited them and said if they quarreled more they would be driven out town.

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The Phoenix, of London,
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Win deserved
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W.S. Keenan, g.p.a.
Galveston.

Obedying Orders.



Mabel—What on earth are you doing there, Pat?

Pat—Faith, Miss Mabel, yer mother tould me to see how high the thermometer was, and I'm just after measurin' to see.

Gave Him an Idea.

"Well, of all things!" exclaimed Mrs. Henry Peck. "This paper tells of a man who was declared insane, and his wife got a divorce, and now he gets the courts to declare him sane again! Now, what do you?"

But Mr. Peck was out of the room and walking swiftly through the hall, murmuring:

"I wonder where they give short time rates on padded cells."—Baltimore American.

Cool.

Mrs. Klose—Good morning, madam, you'll pardon my calling so early, but I saw your advertisement for a cook.

Mrs. Hiram Offen—Surely you are not after the place!

Mrs. Klose—Oh, no. I need a cook myself, and I thought you might send to me all the applicants you reject.—Philadelphia Press.

No Heroics.

She (eagerly)—And what did papa say when you asked him for me?

He—Consented at once.

She—Glorious!

He—Oh, I don't know. He might at least have given me an opportunity to tell him that I'd marry you even though we had to elope.—Ohio State Journal.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Proper Way to Perform an Unpleasant Part of Housework.

By system and by making use of the many little helps now to be had at trifling cost even dishwashing, which most women pronounce the most onerous duty of the whole routine of housework—and one ceases to wonder at the verdict when contemplating the way the work is ordinarily done—may be robbed of its unpleasantness.

That there is a right way to accomplish this task should go without saying, and as it must go on interminably, to a greater or less extent, in all homes the right way is well worth knowing. The process should begin instead of end, as is the common practice, with the cooking vessels, says Katherine Megee. "Clean as you go" is the motto every cook should conscientiously follow. There is no wiser economy of time, to say nothing of labor.

As soon as the contents of a pot or pan are turned into the serving dish the vessel should at once be washed, wiped and placed on the back of the range to dry thoroughly. This can be easily and speedily accomplished if a wire dishrag and pot scraper are used.

If, as is sometimes the case, this plan is not feasible, fill each vessel with water and cover closely, the greasy ones with hot water, but those in which eggs, potatoes or any flour mixture has been cooked with cold water. In the latter instance hot water would serve only to form a crust and make the work of cleansing doubly hard.

Iron or porcelain lined vessels are best for cooking purposes. Tin, brass and copper are liable to be affected by acids, oils and salt, and in the hands of the careless are very dangerous. Tin vessels should be kept free from rust. This can best be accomplished by rubbing them well when new with lard, then standing them in the oven until they are thoroughly heated. Wipe dry after each washing. When brass vessels for cooking are in daily use, they require not only to be well washed in hot suds, but also in a hot solution of vinegar and salt, then to be rinsed well and carefully dried.

Usefulness of Lemons.

If you have a throbbing headache, slice a lemon and rub the bits over the brow and the pain will soon go away. If your hair is falling out, rub slices of lemon thoroughly into the roots and over the scalp, washing the head afterward with warm soft water. Squeeze lemon juice into milk, rub the mixture over the face and neck every night and you will rejoice in the fresh glow of your complexion.

Mix lemon juice and glycerin, rub your hands with it at night, and if you are not too nervous wear large old gloves, and you will wonder at their dazzling whiteness.

If you have a wart or a vexatious corn, rub lemon juice on with untiring zeal and bid defiance to mosquitoes with the touch of your little yellow friend.

A cup of tea is always improved by slices of fresh lemon, and we all know how a well mixed lemon squash can revive the weary stomach. If you go on a water voyage, you must certainly take it with you, for pure lemon juice will rout all giddiness and seasickness.

Care of Plants.

The first thing necessary to keep house plants in the preparation of the soil. It is said that a good soil is made by putting together equal parts of the three following things: Soil from the sides of a barnyard, well rotted manure and leaf mold from the woods, or earth from the inside of an old tree or stump. Add a small quantity of sand. For cactuses put as much sand as of other materials and a little fine charcoal. To make house plants grow a most excellent thing is said to be to saturate the earth around them every day with the coffee left over at breakfast.

Five to six drops of ammonia to every pint of water once a week will make house plants flourish.

A good way to keep geraniums in winter is to take the plants out of their pots, trim off the leaves and outer branches, shake off all the soil from the roots, hang them in bunches, roots upward, in a dry, dark closet or cellar where they cannot be touched by the frost. In the spring repot them in good rich soil.

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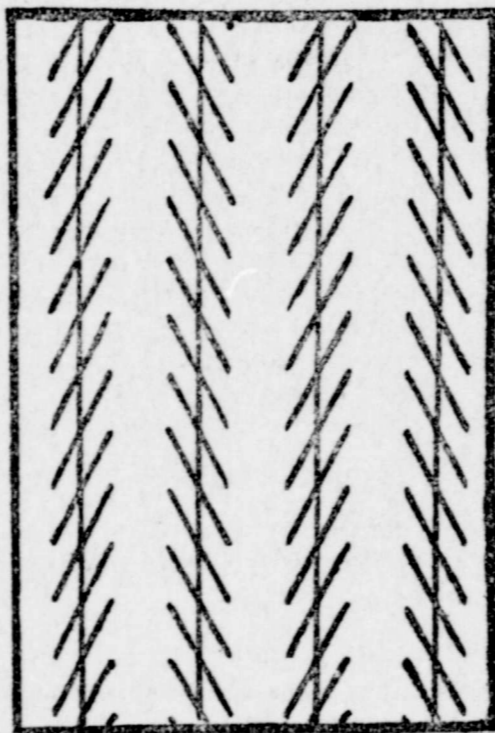
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We Wish You a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year

HALL HARDWARE Company.

It Fools the Eye.

You cannot always be sure a thing is so because it looks as if it were. First impressions are not always correct. You would think that the



long lines in this picture were not exactly parallel, and yet they are. The deception is brought about by the short crisscross lines.—American Boy.

Gypsies in Hungary.

Gypsies being wanderers on the face of the earth, they have no fatherland, but if there is one country more than another where they feel at home and in which they have been fairly treated on the whole that country is Hungary. Two things have brought the two folk together. The gypsies are born musicians, and the Magyars are born dancers. For some reason or other the Magyar thinks fiddling is beneath him. The gypsy is quite content that it should be so, for no instrument save the bagpipes can supply the wild dance music which the Hungarian loves so well as the violin can. Gypsy bands are thus in great demand in Hungarian towns, and many of the players make a lot of money. Let a gypsy band but strike up a gay tune, and in a few minutes men and women will be seen dancing like mad, some of them during the fury of the moment lavishing money upon the musicians. It is "the thing" even for peasants to hire a gypsy band for their private junketings, and it is said that Hungarian nobles have ruined themselves largely because of the sums of money they have spent upon orchestras of gypsies.

To My Many Friends

I wish to say that my business this year has been more than I expected, consequently I wish to them heartily for their kind words and patronage and extend to them a cordial invitation to my store any day during 1902. Happy New Year To All.

Very Truly,

Jas. E. Brewer,
Jeweler.

I have some nice things for New Year Gifts, come and see.

Our Circus.

There's going to be a circus
In our town today.
You'd better come and see the ban
And watch the monkeys play.

There's going to be an elephant
And great big kangaroo.
A lion that roars—well, just like me!
And a striped zebra too.

There's going to be a feller
Found standing on his head
And a fierce old growling tiger
Just waiting to be fed.

There's going to be a great big tent
And a mighty fine parade;
There's going to be some gingerbread
And perhaps some lemonade.

There's going to be an or-ke-str-y,
With a flute and drum and horn;
I'll bet you never heard the like
Since ever you were born.

We're all of us to be the band:
There's Minnie, George and Winifred
And Snip, the dog, and me.

Willie Wasn't Sure.

Teacher—Willie, please give me the definition of buttress.

Willie—Teacher, I think it is a billygoat's sister, but I ain't sure.

Her New Recipe.

Mrs. Brownley-Boggs—Mary, the salad was particularly delicious to-night. What did you use in it?

Mary—I used them new kind o' yaller cabbages that Mr. John sent home, mum.

Mrs. B.-B. (faintly)—Heavens, those were chrysanthemums!—Chicago News.

Really Very Simple.

"Teacher says that 'boom' can't be compared," said the little one.

"Can it?" asked her mother.

"Why, of course," was the reply. "Positive, boom; comparative, boomer; superlative, boomerang."

"Correct," said her father promptly.—Chicago Post.

The Naked Truth.

It was an extremely formal wedding.

"I didn't see you there," said I to Love later.

"No," said Love; "I wasn't dressed for it."—New York Sun.

"What kind of oil, Pat, do you suppose they use to produce that color?" asked the citizen as a green lantern "Shure, I should say some of the Emerald Ise, sir."—Yonker Statesman.

The Barnes Murder.

Mamie Burns is on trial for her life, charged with poisoning her husband, who was an inmate of the insane asylum at Jacksonville, Ill. Hon. J. Marshall Miller, ex-state's attorney of Morgan county, is assisting the prosecuting attorney. He says: "I think Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin the best medicine I can take for headache, arising from a disordered stomach. It is palatable and efficacious, with no unpleasant sensation." This medicine is sold in 50c and \$1.00 sizes by E. D. Walker.

"You came down pretty quick," remarked a spectator to the victim of a boiler explosion. "Yes," answered the aerial navigator, "I wouldn't have been in such a hurry, but there wasn't anything up there to sit on."—Chicago News.

An Evangelist's Story.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. E. D. Walker.

"I wonder what Eve said when she found she had to leave the garden of Eden," said Mr. Grumpin's wife. "It was just about what all women say when they are starting on a journey. She complained that she didn't have a thing to wear"—Washington Star.

Of Benefit to You.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns.—Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

Probably the happiest period of life most frequently is in middle age, when the eager passions of youth are cooled, and the infirmities of age not yet begun; as we see the shadows which are at morning and evening so large almost disappear at mid day.—Dr. T. Arnold.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.
This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It is unequalled for all stomach troubles.
It can't help but do you good
Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago
The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.



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The Great Southwestern outlet for Ft. Worth trade. The Ideal Live Stock Route, to cattle markets and the Indian Territory. Time and expense saved shippers over this route. The shortest and most direct route from points in the San Angelo country to all points

NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

Via Brownwood and Ft. Worth. Ft. W. R. G. train No. 4 leaving Brownwood at 10 o'clock p. m. has a Pullman Buffet Sleeper Car and is an ideal train for the public, as it arrives in Ft. Worth before departure of any of the early morning trains on other lines.

For further information regarding rates, etc. apply to or address any agent of the company or to L. B. Comer, G. P. A. Ft. Worth, Texas. D. F. Johnson, Agent. Brownwood, Texas

A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world; he that has these two has little more to wish for, and he that wants either of them will be but little for anything else.—Locke.

If there is anything in the world best calculated to disgust the advertising solicitor with the world in general, it is for a merchant whom he has solicited for business to remark in a tone of great unctiousness: "Oh, well, I don't much believe in advertising as a general thing, but call again some time and may be I'll give you a small ad, for I believe in helping the newspaper a little." Just the same tone and look as though he had been solicited for a charity donation to an orphan's home or a homeless widow! Newspaper advertising is strictly a business proposition all the way through, from stem to stem and truck to keelson, and the newspaper man who invites you to use the advertising columns of his paper can do you considerably more good in a month than you can do him. The advertising merchant is the one who gains and retains the good will and confidence of the community and is recognized as an important factor in the life of his town. The non-advertising man is such an eye sore to the community that even the charitable little spiders of the town weave their webs over his doors in an effort to conceal the stagnation within. Never put up a "charity" talk to an advertising solicitor unless you want to be labeled as a chump of the first water.—Vernon Sun.

Ballinger Magazine Library.

I am organizing a Magazine Library consisting of 36 of the best magazines obtainable. Subscribers can change copies as many times as they may want and so be able to read all of the magazines during each month. I will keep enough copies of each number on hand to do this. Subscription fee only 25 cents per month. This is less than one cent a day. Do not fail to subscribe. For further particulars see me at the opera house building.

Very respectfully
Dave Cohen.

GLOBER & SHAW

Solicit your trade when you want the best meat—

Pork, Veal, Roasts, Steaks, Sausage, Etc.

'Phone 126
Free Delivery.

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

Marshall University Land for Sale.

I still have for sale over 1200 acres (subdivided into small tracts) of the Marshall University land near Crews and about 10 miles east of Winters. This land is for sale on small payments and long time. Apply to Chas. C. Miller, Ballinger, Texas.

This one is now going the rounds: If a father gave nineteen cents to one of his sons, and six cents to the other, what time would it be? Why, a quarter to two, of course.

If a postmaster went to a menagerie and was eaten by one of the wild beasts, what would be the hour? Answer: Eight P. M.

No Flowers to Waste.

It is a frequent occurrence that persons have loved ones to get married or to die, and forthwith rush to the Chief office with a flowery notice for publication. That is all right; the Chief is glad to have the news. But it sometimes happens that these parties are not subscribers and in such case the Chief invariably refuses to record anything more than a bare notice of the event as a pure matter of news. We have no flowers to waste on those who have no subscription money to waste on us. Comanche Chief.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The Dallas Semi-Weekly News gives the facts in the case.

SPECIALY EDITED

If you'll read the News while you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not haphazard go into the makeup of the News.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED

You need the Banner-Leader because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need the News because it gives you all the State news. The Banner-Leader and the Semi-Weekly News one year for only \$1.80, cash in advance.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS



Beware of Counterfeits. Refuse all Substitutes. Safe. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 2c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. CHICHESTER CHEMICAL CO. 2190 Madison Square, PHILA., PA. Mention this paper.

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—TRY—

J. F. LUSK & CO.,

—FOR—

Grain and Groceries.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

A full supply on hand of all kinds
...of Building Material...

Lime, Cement, Sash, Doors and Blinds.

J. R. McVAY, M'ng'r.

Nine-Tenths of all the People Suffer from a Diseased Liver.

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.

Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis, Mo.

For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas

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GUION GREGG, NOTARY PUBLIC.

STONE & GREGG.

A new partnership entered into for the purpose of doing a general agency business.

We will insure your property in the best of Fire Insurance Companies; your life in the New York Life Insurance Company.

We will hunt you a buyer for any real estate listed with us, or a seller if you are in the market.

We make collections a specialty, and have made arrangements to loan money on good security at a low rate of interest.

Write or call on us at the court house.

BALLINGER, TEXAS. STONE & GREGG.

Ballinger Planing Mill and Wood Yard,

F. M. HONEA, Proprietor.

Phone 167

Solicits your patronage. All kinds of Planing and Scroll Work prices that will save you money.

Orders for wood cut any length will receive prompt attention
MILL LOCATED NEAR METHODIST CHURCH.

For Sale or Rent.

A nice five roomed cottage and two lots on hill—near High School building—Apply to Chas S. Miller, Ballinger, Texas.

To THE FARMERS—Walker, the druggist, has a big supply of DeVoe's Celebrated Weather charts and calendars. They can be had for the asking. Call and get one.

City Market

Headquarters for all kind of Fresh Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage.

Turkeys Dressed and Delivered on Short Notice.

Parramore & Sale.

Subscribe for the Banner Leader. \$1.00 per year.

Davis & Co.,
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES.

We thank the people of Ballinger and surrounding country for a most liberal patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of the same during 1902 promising every courtesy possible.

DAVIS & CO.,
BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS

In sluggish liver. **Herbine**, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arise from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Portus Gay has returned to enjoy Christmas with home folks.

The disposition of children depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. **White's Cream Vermifuge** is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

J. T. Billups was in town Monday, from his ranch near Crews, making Christmas purchases.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using **Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment**. Relief follows its use, and any one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

J. W. Whitt left Monday for his old home, Clifton, Texas, to enjoy Christmas with old associates and friends.

For Sale Cheap for Cash.

Small two room house and lot, located convenient to both school and church. For further particulars apply to

LANGE & DOOSE

2,500,000
not dollars, but bottles of one kind of medicine sold by an Illinois company during the last year. This wonderful showing simply means that as a laxative and stomach remedy, **Dr Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin** is the leader. This wonderful remedy is sold by E. D. Walker, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

Dr. J. F. Key and wife, of Bronte, were passengers on Sunday's east bound train, enroute to Arkansas to spend the holidays with relatives.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised sores, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply **Ballard's Snow Liniment**. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Mrs. W. S. Harmon left Friday of last week for her former home in Mississippi. This is her first visit to the scenes of her childhood since coming to Texas, years ago.

In biliousness. **Herbine**, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Notice

All accounts made at Palace Saloon prior to Nov. 1st, 1901, are due me. Arrange at once to settle same. Either paying it to me or leave it at the Palace Saloon and take receipt for same.

Respectfully,
P. J. BARON.

School will open again on Monday, Jan. 6th., after a two weeks vacation.

Miss Hattie Love has gone to Florence to visit home folks during the holidays.

Miss Daisy Pittman left Monday for her home in Salado to spend the Christmas vacation.

Messrs. Rec and Horace Thomson are in Austin for the holidays going down the latter part of last week.

Miss Stella Couch, one of our teachers, is visiting in Brownwood and Comanche. The latter place is her former home.

Tom Massey was in town last week. Hereafter he will serve the Santa Fe as brakeman on passenger trains running over the Lampasas branch.

Mrs. Will Vaughn is visiting her parents, Col. W. T. Melton and wife, in Brownwood. Mr. Vaughn also spent a day or two in that city this week.

Prof. M. G. Hodnette, principal of the Ballinger public school is visiting his relatives at Rising Star, accompanied by his wife and little daughter.

Alvin Wynne, the capable foreman of the San Angelo Press, accompanied by his wife, took Christmas dinner with relatives in Bronte. They passed through Ballinger Friday returning home.

Misses Irby Towner and Hattie Miles visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Len Phillips, in Santa Anna first of the week. Miss Myrtle Miles who had been visiting there a week or more returned home with them.

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The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands in San Francisco, Aug. 30, 1901. The transfer made in coin and stock \$112,500.00 and paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes, hitherto incurable diseases.

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Bring that will stand the test of time. E. Brewer at First Nat. Bldg.

Ten Minute Lunches

mean dyspepsia, "the American disease." Take time for eating and to be on the safe side take **Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin** after meals. It is a guaranteed cure for dyspepsia, constipation and all stomach troubles. Ask E. D. Walker.

Bedford Caperton, of Maverick, was in town this week.

W. T. Forker.

A prominent merchant of Columbus, Kansas, says: "I am not accustomed to endorse proprietary remedies, but can conscientiously recommend **Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin** as an excellent preparation for stomach troubles. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Mrs. Jessie Dykes, of Anson, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Turney.

Have you a cold? A dose of **Ballard's Horehound Syrup** at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Well! Well!

I declare said a staunch old farmer to one of our merchants the other day. How they sell a buggy whip six foot long made of Java, full stock, no splice, water proof, for 25 cts. is strange to me, but they sell them all the same at

T. S. LANKFORD, The Saddle and Harness Man

W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer, was in Brownwood Christmas.

T. T. Crosson, Rannels county's judge, went to Houston Tuesday eve.

Miss Inez Moser was the guest of Coleman friends a couple of days this week.

George Holman, with Walker's Drug Store, was in Brownwood Wednesday.

Jno Brookfield, Ballinger's department store man, spent Wednesday in Brownwood.

Miss Olga Schawe is home from Bronte to spend the holidays with her parents.

There is one less saloon in Ballinger, Mr. J. H. Wilke consolidating his two businesses.

J. W. Allison and daughter of Huckabay, are in the city this week guests of Mr. Gordon, the barber.

The young folks enjoyed a pleasant social affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis Thursday night.

Jno McCamant and wife came in Thursday night from their home in Dallas to visit relatives a few days.

Messrs. Will Dunlap, Parker Woodward and Farrar Gressett are at home from a big hunt on the Colorado, below the mouth of the Concho. They bagged twelve deer.

Misses Minnie Guion Francis, Francis Cady and Kate Thomson were guests of Brownwood friends Wednesday night and Thursday, attending Brownwood's grand ball Christmas night.

J. C. Osgood was in town Monday with his two grandsons. While here the Banner-Leader was visited and the paper ordered sent regularly hereafter to a sister in Chicago, with the hope that it may be able to influence her to cast her lot among West Texas people. Brother and sister have not seen each other for 25 years.

Mrs. J. W. Powell invited all the little tots of the Baptist Sunday school to her home the day after Xmas at 2 p. m. They found a beautiful Xmas tree all diked out and laden with just what they wanted. After romping all over the yard for an hour eating candy, oranges apples and etc. they again visited the tree which had been tastefully ornamented by Miss Olga Schawe and Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth. The children chaperoned by Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Paramore entertained by Miss Luoile Powell. Each little girl getting a doll and each little boy a book.

J. B. Wilmeth was in Brownwood Friday on business.

J. E. Wells and wife were in Coleman a few days this week.

J. H. Wilke spent a few hours in Santa Anna Thursday night.

Mrs. Park Smith is visiting her father, Wm. Doose, and family.

J. B. Savage and wife, of Rising Star, are guests of Norwood friends.

A. L. Greenwood and wife, of Norwood, are visiting Brownwood relatives.

Tom Johnson and wife of Coleman, spent Christmas day in Ballinger.

J. W. Powell spent three days in Bronte, Coke county, last week on legal business.

Foster Ryan attended the Brownwood ball and banquet Wednesday night.

Arthur Doose spent Christmas in San Angelo with his sister Mrs. Smith.

J. W. Clampitt and wife entertained a number of Ballinger's young people Wednesday night.

The young folks enjoyed a masquerade party at the home of T. M. Patterson of Winters Thursday night.

Some fellow with little regard for the rights of others purloined a lap robe belonging to Mrs. Sam Baker, taking it from her phaeton one evening last week while she was in the bank.

For Sale.

About 1000 acre pasture in Rannels county on Valley creek, about 2 1/2 miles above Wingate, Valley creek runs through this pasture, there being about 2 miles or more of solid creek front on both sides of creek. A fine body of land for farming purposes, and one of the best locations for a stock farm in West Texas. All fenced with a 3 wire fence. This property can be bought cheap, on easy terms. Apply to Chas. A. Dailey, San Angelo Texas.

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The Badger.

Last week's Comanche Chief had a graphic writeup of a badger fight in which a ubiquitous drummer was the victim. The Chief's description of that little animal, the badger, is especially good. The Chief said:

Comanche is full of badgers. Their glossy white forms may be seen on most any of the premises of the city by a close observer, though these animals are very shy and hunt cover on the approach of visitors. To the family they are gentle enough, and have often on stormy nights been known to enter the house and take refuge under the bed. At any rate a badger was easily found and the submissive little creature was carried to the scene of conflict; a rope was securely fastened to his nose and he was placed in a box where with mouth wide open he awaited the clash of combat.

The rest can better be imagined than described.

If you want to sell Chickens, Eggs, Butter or any old thing that's fresh, go to Miller Mercantile Co.

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

The Christmas Trees.

There were Christmas trees at both the Presbyterian and Cumberland churches. Reports from the two trees say that both were a success and everything passed off without a hitch. Following are the programs rendered:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Songs and carols were rendered by the Sunday school choir. Recitations were given by Misses Mariette Smith, Pearl Hill and Master Guion Blanchard.

The tree was beautifully and tastefully decorated and every member of the school received a present. All present are eloquent in praise of the affair and say it was a grand success. Santa was late in arriving but came in just before the departure. The young folks took possession of him and robbed him of all his possessions. After this all took their departure declaring that Christmas was a merry time, and that Santa was a jolly good fellow.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Prof. Starnes' class furnished music for the occasion assisted by some of the church choir.

There were two trees erected to accommodate the many things that gladdened the hearts of the school.

Owing to an accident Santa Claus was late in arriving and Prof. Starnes was appointed to distribute the presents. He appointed three of the older boys to take the gifts off the tree and three of the younger to deliver them to the recipients. The tree was decorated by the ladies of church and did credit to their artistic taste. When the trees were cleared it was announced that the pleasures of the evening were at an end but before the announcement was concluded Santa Claus entered laden with good things to eat. He was immediately arrested and both the young and old enjoyed a treat at his expense. When he retired he had been robbed of all his possessions but had left many joyful hearts behind. With his departure the festivities of the evening came to an end with many expressions of pleasure from all sides.

The U. S. Government Tests Show the Absolute Superiority of Royal Baking Powder.

Leon Ward spent Christmas day in San Angelo.

J. N. S. Webb, of Content, was in town Friday and paid this paper an appreciated social visit.

Miss Irby Towner returned home Thursday night from Santa Anna where she has been visiting friends during Christmas.

Will Move to Brownwood.

Rev. D. M. West, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist church, and editor and owner of the Baptist Messenger, has suspended publication of that paper in this city and will at once move the plant to Brownwood where he will use it in issuing the Baptist Telephone, which paper he purchased last week. We trust Editor West will do well.

Wright-Doose.

Mr. George Wright and Miss Alma Doose, both of this city, were married in San Angelo Wednesday, Christmas day, at high noon, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Park Smith.

The marriage was somewhat in the nature of a surprise, though the more intimate friends of the young couple had been previously advised of their intentions. They have hosts of friends in Ballinger who esteem them highly and who join the Banner-Leader in extending them all the good wishes possible on such occasions. Mr. and Mrs. Wright returned Thursday evening and are now at home to friends.

Mr. Wright is the affable cashier at the Santa Fe depot and is a young man of admirable qualities.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Doose and is a young lady of splendid character who will make an excellent wife and companion.

League Program.

Sunday, Dec. 29, 3 p. m. Topic, Difficulties in the way of evangelizing the world, Jonah 1-13; Matt. 23-37.

Leader, Mrs. J. F. Wright. Song. Prayer. Song. Difficulties within the church on the mission field, Mary Miller.

Quartette, Misses Gauntt Maud Rape, Inez Mathews. Recitation, Bessie Miller. Instrumental duette, Misses Genevieve and Viola Truly. Minutes of last meeting to be read. Song. Benediction.

Cemetery Association Benefit

All lovers of music, and everyone interested in the good work that the Ladies Cemetery Association are engaged in, that beautifying and caring for graves of our departed friends should make it a point to assist by their influence and their presence at the Finger-Habern corn recital at the Opera House Saturday night. This will be an opportunity to at the same time enjoy a rare musical treat help the cause of one of the most deserving good works being carried on in our midst. Do not fail to come and bring your friends.

Mr. James Rogers of Hutto Texas stepped into the home of our Mayor Friday morning quite an agreeable surprise to Jonathan Rogers and Mrs. Powell father and sister.

Dr. I. H. Turney returned Thursday afternoon to Blanket after a brief Christmas visit to his son, A. E. Turney.

Mrs. Ota Robertson, of San Angelo, is visiting her parents, M. D. Chastain and wife.

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