

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1902

NO 13

We are Still in Ballinger and THE BIG COST SALE

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A Gonundrum: Can You Answer It?

Once there was a family, consisting of three persons, named "Bigger." There was Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Bigger and Baby Bigger. The question is, which was the bigger?

CALL ON

T. S. Lankford,
THE SADDLE AND HARNESS MAN

And he will be pleased to answer this puzzling question and at the same time he would like to show you his unexcelled stock of whips, laprobes, bridles, harness, saddles, etc.

The rest of the "Bigger" family will appear next week.

Turners Cattle Again.

A stockman by the name of Turner, with ranches in Runnels county, recently crossed about 800 head of cattle above the quarantine line on certificate of an inspector but were on second inspection held up in Howard county as being infested with ticks. Mr. Turner proposes, so it is said, to make a test case of it, and the chances are that he will win. It is a Government regulation that all cattle must be inspected before crossing the lines, and this regulation that all cattle must be carried out by the State through its live stock sanitary board, according to the proclamation issued by the Governor some two months ago. If Mr. Turner's cattle were free from ticks as his certificate showed, by what right or authority does another inspector set his decision at naught? If they crossed the line free of ticks it is a self evident fact that they became infested after crossing the line. The question arises then, has the State or the Government the legal right to interfere with them or compel the owner to remove them below the line? Again, a question which will likely arise in the trial of this case, is whether or not the State, after permitting cattle to cross the line with a clean bill of health, has the right to place them in quarantine. There is something wrong with a system which permits a stockman to suffer severe financial loss after complying with the requirements of the law. If the State or the Government is not bound by the actions of its agents, it is about time the stockmen below the line were finding it out. The result of the controversy will be looking forward to with no little interest by all the stockmen and especially below the line.—San Angelo Press.

Mr Turner has a very poor case and will not succeed in overturning the State quarantine law. In the first place the inspector who passed Mr. Turner's cattle says he did so without inspection, upon the representation that authority had been given for such action. The act of the inspector was illegal, for the law says the cattle shall be inspected before they are permitted to cross the line.

The law also provided that cattle had been inspected and permitted to cross the line may be stopped at any point above the line if they are found to be infected with ticks. The people below the line knew that their cattle would have to run the gauntlet of a critical inspection before they started out with their herds, just as the the people above the line knew the cattle were ticky and needed close inspection.

The idea that the cattle crossed the line free of ticks is too silly for argument. Under the law the cattle could have been stopped if armed with 1000 certificates. In other word, no certificate is worth the paper it is written on if it has been issued to infected cattle, and both State and Federal inspectors will continue to stop and quarantine any infected cattle that may show up above the line. Our friends below the line should post themselves.—Colorado Stockman.

Content News.

We are having some fine weather at present.

School opened Monday with a good attendance

Ye scribe was on the sick list part of last week, hence our absence from the Banner-Leader.

Mr. Will Hacker has moved to his new home, a short distance from town.

Mr. Love has moved from Mr. Mose Braddy's place to his place over the mountain.

There was an enjoyable singing at C. F. Freeman's Sunday night.

Well the climax has been reached in Content. A gentleman stayed in town not long since and the girls stole his breeches. Of course the girls don't live in Content.

Lee Wright has moved near town and intends sending his children to the Content school.

Jim Sistrunk is spending the holidays in Mississippi.

M. C. Bright is having a well drilled. He has just quit digging a well in which he failed to get water, and has had one drilled previously with the same result, so if he succeeds this time he is to be congratulated.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Killen gave the young folks an entertainment Thursday night, and all who had the pleasure of attending report a nice time.

Miss Ruth Weakley, after spending the holidays with relatives here has returned to Roby. Miss Carrie Bright accompanied her home and intends spending a fortnight in Roby and will also spend some time in Escota and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Braddy delighted the young people at their hospitable home Tuesday night.

The rope burnt off the pulley at the public well first of the week!

Mrs. H. T. Edgar has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Cook, this week.

Little Miss Thalia Webb and her brother, Melford, are visiting in Runnels this week, the guests of their grandmother, Mrs. M. C. Hayes-Drake, and needless to say "Associate" misses their merry laughing voices.

P. Warnica was in Ballinger Monday selecting furniture. It seems that this confirms "Dame Rumors" report.

Rev. Adams has been called as pastor of the Baptist church at this place. It may be a wise act but we hardly think so, as there is not a male member in the church and just a few women and two good churches near by, one at Lawn and one at Lone Star. Now who are the deacons?

The class that was hurriedly organized to sing the Christmas carols at the Christmas tree have received much praise which is highly appreciated by all.

C. W. Miller is having a nice barn built, intending to move the old one off and set out shade trees where it now stands.

Mr. Freeman will soon move to his new home, the Dr. Baker place, and we understand Dr. Smith has spoken for the house that he vacates for the new physician who intends locating here.

The Christmas tree here was a decided success. It was beautifully decorated and the ladies

and gentlemen that did the work are to be congratulated. The music was furnished by Mrs. Webb, Misses Cordia Bright and Ethel Whittington, the Misses Hamon, Guthree and Freeman, Messrs. Bright, Freeman and Webb with Prof. Alf A. Hanscomb at the organ. Recitations by Alt Braddy, Liddie Freeman and Stella Smith. The audience was very attentive and if only a young man had left off that cursing addressed to a delicate lady, the evening would have been without a cloud.

Prof. Webb has been trying to collect on some accounts for Dr. Smith, but so far has not collected a cent, and from the present prospects our genial Dr. will soon (long before the warm suns of May) have to don himself in cheese cloth. To save ourselves from this freezing object everybody begin to gather up the dollars when you see the collector coming.

The young people gathered at the school building Tuesday night and the bell tolled a farewell to the old year and chimed a happy welcome to 1902. There was not any special program with the exception of seeing Paul Hamon get a hard fall, but all report a jolly time.

Since a good correspondent has referred to us as saying "News is scarce as hens teeth" we will not say that any more, but there's so much news this week we will have to leave out a good deal, and by the way it seems the "come" city is moving out.

The school boys had plenty of fun Wednesday morning at their teachers expense, but he enjoyed it and wished them all a happy new year.

Well time is up. Accept our best wishes for the growth of the Banner-Leader.

ASSOCIATE.

No Love Like a Mothers Love.

"The greatest thing in the world" is love, and the strongest love in the world is a parent's love. Old Mrs. — lived in one of the most desperate quarters of the city. Her husband kept a small hotel, and when he died he left her money. They had one son who was an accomplished villian. He had served two terms in prison and is now serving out a third for the commission of the deed which points this story. For ten years his mother shielded him, and coaxed and lied and pleaded for him with all mother's love. Finally, one night as the last act of his villainy he came to his own home, masked to rob his own mother. She was awakened by the noise, and when she found a thief escaping with the money she gave chase. In his desperation he turned and stabbed her so that she fell to the floor, but, turning to escape, he tripped and fell down stairs. When the mask fell from his face she recognized him, staggered to her feet and ran to him. When the neighbors, who had heard the cry, came on them she had just reached him, and, bending over him, was saying with her last breath: "My son, have you hurt yourself?"—Ladies Home Journal.

J. A. Dancer, the barber, solicits your patronage during 1902.

Do you pay for this paper or do you borrow from a neighbor?

Miss Francis Cady is visiting her sister in Plantersville Texas.

Miss Minnie Wilkie visited friends in San Angelo last week, returning home Monday.

Tom Lockett mingled with Angelo friends on the first and was in attendance at the ball that night.

A. E. Turney has moved from the Nash place and is now occupying the house recently vacated by Dr. Sessum.

Miss Blanche Baker returned Sunday to her home at San Saba after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hall.

Misses Lockett and Odom attended the San Angelo ball the first. Thereafter they spent several days visiting.

Luther Knight has gone to Terrell, Texas, to accept a position in the machine shops there. The Banner-Leader wishes Luther well.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Crowder and children of Winters took the train at Ballinger Monday for Commerce, Texas, where they will spend a week visiting.

He who fails to keep posted through the county newspapers on all the happenings of the county in which he lives is not all that the term citizen implies.

Editor Tom Durham, of the Robert Lee Rustler, with his wife passed through Ballinger Monday enroute home. They had been spending the week in Coleman with relatives.

A happy family reunion took place Sunday at the new Chastain home. There were thirteen children and grandchildren in attendance and each received as a gift from father and mother Chastain a five dollar bill.

You may think you know all that happens in your town or in your country but if you will read through this paper and not learn something you did not know before then it's our treat and you can collect same when you please.

Two cents a week (and few weekly newspapers cost more) is a very small sum, but invested in a subscription to your county newspaper, the Banner-Leader for instance, it will prove the best investment you ever made of a like sum.

Lots of country weeklies took a "week off" during the holidays, but the Banner-Leader was compelled to be satisfied with a "day off." We would like take a vacation like other folks but there's too much to do in this printing office. The time can't be spared.

The Banner-Leader makes no new resolutions at the beginning of this new year save that an earnest effort will be made to make the paper brighter and better, and more than ever worth the subscription price of one dollar per year. We aim to make this paper the best in the county and if any other paper gets ahead it will have to put on its hustling clothes; that's all.

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.

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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. 28, 1901. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

Bubb, Mrs. R. W.
Whitlock, Mrs. Berta.

GENTLEMEN:

Brandon, J. W.
Ford, Peter.
Johnson, W. F.
Miller, J. T.
Ritchie, Wm.
Smith, Dr. I. E.

Program Junior Epworth League.

Leader—Leta Wynne.
Scripture reading—Prov. 9-15.

Prayer.
Song.
Roll call with scripture verses.
Select reading—Withie Webb.
Questions—Answered by Leaguers.

Song.
Recitation—Bessie Miller.
Talk—How the Junior may help the church by giving, living, sewing.
Books of old Testament from Ezra to Daniel.
League Benediction.

Mr. H. A. Ransom and bright little son Jack, spent Christmas with relatives at Ballinger.

Miss Maynette Kyle came over from Ballinger last week to Christmas at home with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. S. Cotten and daughter, Miss Nina, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives at San Angelo and Ballinger. With her daughter, Mrs. Bide Freeland, she spent Christmas at Ballinger.—Standard.

The Banner-Leader has been expecting a number of letters from the children thanking Santa Claus for remembering them Xmas but so far not a one has been received. However we judge that it is an oversight on their part and not due to a want of appreciation of his kindness.

Mr. Archie Hutchison of Norton returned Monday night from Houston bringing a fair bride with him. The ceremony was performed in Houston at 7:30 Sunday evening. Here's our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison for a happy, contented married life.

F. P. Abney the grain dealer returned to Brownwood Monday and will at once move his family to Ballinger. He will occupy the Nash property across the creek. The Banner-Leader is glad to have this estimable family in our city.

Miss May Harris has gone to Ft. Worth where she will receive instruction from Prof. F. Haberkorn, the eminent violinist recently of this city.

Cicero Smith of Mineral Wells was in town the first of the week looking after his lumber yard.

Mrs. Bide Freeland came down from Angelo last week and is the guest of Ballinger friends.

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,

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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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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.

Miss Delia Day left Thursday for a visit to friends in Ft. Worth.

Steve Francis, a Maverick citizen, was seen in our town Monday.

C. E. Woodrow, the Winters ginner, had business in Ballinger Monday.

Messrs. Lykes, McAdams and Stevenson of Content were in town Monday.

Miss Clara Malone of Brownwood is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth.

Dr. Sessum has rented and is occupying the old W. J. Miller residence.

Henry Tipton has resigned his position with S. S. Mapes. The vacancy has been filled by Ben Davis.

After a pleasant week's vacation with Ballinger friends, Prof. Haberkorn returned to Ft. Worth, Monday to resume his duties there.

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Those desiring their photos made will kindly make it convenient to call on Saturdays. Studio will be closed other days. Hartung, the photographer.

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

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will send for it. Basket
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ty of the eye that is
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you are not curable we frankly
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neither time nor money. We
guarantee to cure any case of
granulated lids that exists. If in
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
free. Have straightened over
500 in Texas. Write for names.
Reference, any responsible per-
son or business firm in Lam-
pasas. Respectfully,
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**Willingham Pecan Judged Most
Valuable.**

Thirty varieties of pecans
were on exhibit at the Waco con-
test, December 10th. Only four
of these varieties were entered
in competition. The finest and
most valuable varieties were not
in competition. Of the four
varieties entered, it was unani-
mously decided that Mr. H. A.
Halbert, of Coleman, Texas, was
entitled to first premium, and
Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Mc-
Kinney, Texas, was entitled to
second premium. The Steckler
Seed Co., of New Orleans, La.
sent the largest and most attrac-
tive pecans we have ever seen,
weighing forty nuts to the
pound. Among the whole
number on exhibit, the com-
mittee was inclined to the
opinion that the Willingham
pecan was the most valuable nut
on exhibition. This nut was
sent us by Judge Willingham, of
Ballinger, Texas. It is large,
smooth, thin shell, heavy meat,
of bright color, easily cleaned,
best flavor and weighing about
fifty nuts to the pound.

The contest at Waco was of
deep interest to all in attend-
ance, and the decision gave
satisfaction. Mr. Morse, of the
Southern Pacific Railway, kind-
ly sent Prof. Attwater, of Hous-
ton, Texas, as special expert
judge, to aid in making the
awards. The managers, Mr. C.
Falkner, of Waco; F. T. Ramsey
of Austin, and E. W. Kirkpat-
rick, of McKinney, Texas, hope
to offer future premiums, which
will excite still greater interest
and result in great good to the
people. The time is drawing
near when it will be found that
the pecan trees will produce
more valuable oil than the gush-
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Brownwood, Texas.

Pumphrey.
Mr. Editor: Since Christmas
holidays are about over and ye
scribe has quieted down to busi-
ness again, we have decided to
pencil you a few items for the
last time in 1901. You know we
can't wait 'till New Year or we
would be too late for the first
issue of 1902

Well, of course we had a
Christmas tree, and it was a
nice one too. It was fully
double in value to what some
thought our community could
afford. Santa Claus delighted
the children by distributing
among them a bucket of apples
before taking the presents from
the tree.

Prof. G. W. Brown and pupils
deserve much credit for their
highly entertaining concert
given last Friday night. While
every piece was good we want
especially to praise the excel-
lency of the candle drill, for the
short time in which they had to
prepare for it.

Mr. C. F. Awalt and family
are spending Christmas with his
brother near Austin.

Miss Carrie Kesl is visiting in
Williamson county.

Mrs. W. D. Greenfield is also
spending the holidays with her
parents in Arkansas.

Mrs. Hunt of Williamson coun-
ty is visiting her brother Mr.
Hargrove at this place.

Mr. W. J. Keel has sold his
farm at this place, but will not
leave us, so he says.

Mr. Ben Eubank who broke
his leg some weeks ago was
able to be removed to his home
last Friday.

Mr. C. H. Eubank, who has
been running his well drill down
below San Angelo, is up now on
a few weeks visit.

Prof. Brown has given ano-
ther week for New Year and is
now engaged in building him a
nice residence.

We have been informed that
our little town will have a phone

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ful to the wheat and oats.

A ROAD WANTED.
The road subject is the most
interesting topic now. We are
not acquainted with any of the
commissioner's court but we
believe they will consider well
our petition. Everything is a
gate. Some will wait fencing
till we hear from the next court.
We just want a direct road to
Ballinger, one that would suit
the convenience of the most
people and at the least expense
to the county. Of course we
believe we know where it should
run but the main thing is a pub-
lic passway, without gates to
open.

A happy New Year to Editor,
correspondence and the many
readers of the Banner-Leader.
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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

Here I come again, Mr. Editor, with some more of the happenings of this, the best part of Runnels county.

Very little has happened since our last letter.

A. D. Tally has been a little sick but is out at present.

Ryan and Travis Low are up from Coleman county presumably trying to collect some money but we think they have come too soon after Xmas as we boys have spent about all of our money, Xmas.

Calvin and Dan York came in from Coke county and spent Xmas with home folks and returned this week. They have been killing prairie dogs out there. Said they would finish up in two or three days, then return home to prepare for another crop.

We notice Trout, one of our hustling merchants, sold a Disc plow to a farmer here today. It won't be long before a man can come to Crews and get anything he calls for, that is staple.

The 26th inst will be remembered by many of the Crews people on account of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson. They entertained with a big dinner on that day. We learn the following were present: Mr. Moorehead and family, Mr. Rainwater and family, Mr. Easter and family, Mr. A. D. Tally and family, Mr. Jno Henderson from Oak Lawn, Mr. Jim Montgomery, Mr. Geo. Hargrove. All report a very enjoyable time, and we are sure it was a pleasant occasion as the host and hostess never entertain by halves.

The young people have had something to attend every night during Xmas. All report a grand time.

Mr. Jim Woods and Mr. Will Pruitt, after spending Xmas away from home, returned home last Sunday. They say it is further from Talpa home than from Ballinger and the next time they go away they are coming on to Ballinger, where they can get a horse and buggy, if no one meets them. They report a fine time.

Mr. Woods sold his place in Bell county and comes back to the banner county of the state to invest his money in Real Estate. Jim went up to Miles to look at some property there but we feel sure after he has compared it with this he will return and be pleased to stay here.

Mr. Clayburn of Waldrop, is moving over into Coleman county where he has bought him a

nice little home.

Our schools are progressing nicely, with Prof. Carlton teaching the Lone Star school, Miss Lou Locket at Mud Creek and Miss Hall at Deltz school house. The schools are all fully attended, and patrons are all highly pleased with their teachers.

Wishing you a happy new year I will close for this time.

BILLIE.

For Sale.

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JAS. E. BREWER.

Job Davies, of Emma, Texas, a former Ballinger citizen, has the thanks of the Banner-Leader for a renewal.

H. A. Massey's was the first subscription paid the Banner-Leader in 1902.

Owing to the death of Major DeBerry, Wednesday San Angelo's New Year ball was postponed until Friday, Jan. 10th. Maj. DeBerry was one of San Angelo's most influential citizens and the news of his death will be a shock to his many friends over the state.

Cards have been received in Ballinger by friends of Miss Viola Belle Mathes announcing her marriage to Mr. Thomas Curtis Deupree, to take place Wednesday, Jan. 15, at St. Mary's Episcopal church, Hamilton, Texas. Mr. Deupree is from Memphis, Tennessee, which place will be their home. The many friends of Miss Mathes, in advance of the happy event, tender sincere best wishes.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Coolness and Common Sense of the Late Ameer.

The late ameer of Afghanistan once received his European dentist in open court and asked him there and then to look at his teeth. There was one old stump which was giving him much pain, and the dentist suggested to the ameer that he should take "laughing gas" and have it out. The ameer asked what the effect of the gas would be and, being told, said, "I cannot risk being a dead man for five seconds, much less five minutes." So, with the whole Afghan court looking on and a regiment of the escort as well, the dentist had to struggle with the difficult stump while the ameer sat, never moving a muscle. The ameer was a man of strong common sense, and this most valuable quality once saved a war between England and Russia. When, after the Pendjeh incident, the ameer went over the border of his country into India to meet the viceroy, there was a moment when peace and war hung on a man's word. The viceroy told the ameer that the Russians had taken Afghan territory, that England had guaranteed him against such aggression and that England was prepared to fulfill its pledge. The ameer sat in the tent and pulled his beard and then asked for a map of Afghanistan. When one was brought, he asked that the territory seized

should be pointed out to him. He traced with his finger the tiny fringe that had been taken and then swept his hand over the great space that represented the rest of his kingdom. "It is so little," he said at last, "that it is not worth making a great war about it."

Anecdotes About Dorothy Drew.
Many interesting stories are told of little Dorothy Drew, the favorite granddaughter of Gladstone. Quite a host of notabilities have entered their names on Dorothy's list of friends. She coaxed an amazing autograph out of Li Hung Chang and has met Rudyard Kipling in one of his happiest moods. They had been in the grounds together when Mrs. Drew appeared. "Now, Dorothy, I hope you have not been wearying Mr. Kipling," said her mother, and Dorothy, the soul of frankness and honor, replied: "Oh, not a bit, mother. But he has been wearying me." When no other power on earth could tempt Gladstone from his books, Dorothy never pleaded in vain. He must have talked to her a great deal of Armenia, for Dorothy asked just after his death, "Do you think the Turks will be sorry grandpa is dead?" and to have added sadly, "I know the Armenians will."

His Commission.
When Coronet Joyce, one of Cromwell's men, went to Holmby to remove King Charles I. to safer quarters, there being a plot among Presbyterians to kidnap him, he took along 500 troopers. When Charles stepped out of his house, he was confronted by this considerable force. The king at once asked whether Joyce had any commission for what he was doing. "Here," replied Joyce, turning in his saddle as he spoke and pointing to the soldiers he headed, "is my commission. It is behind me." "It is a fair commission," replied King Charles, "and as well written as I have seen a commission in my life."

Stevenson's Cue Work.
A story of Robert Louis Stevenson is told as follows by an acquaintance: "Once only do I remember seeing him play a game of billiards, and a truly remarkable performance it was. He played with all the fire and dramatic intensity



HE PLAYED WITH FIRE AND DRAMATIC INTENSITY.

that he was apt to put into things. The balls flew wildly about on or off the table as the case might be, but seldom indeed ever threatened a pocket or got within a hand's breadth of a cannon. "What a fine thing a game of billiards is," he remarked to the astonished onlookers, "once a year or so!"

Lemonade.
If you have never tried making lemonade with boiling water, you have missed a valuable household hint. Try it now by squeezing the juice from three large lemons into an earthenware bowl. Add two tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar and the grated rind of one lemon, turn in four cupfuls of boiling water and cover closely. When cool, place it in the icebox to chill.

For Tea.
Sardine toast is an excellent relish for luncheon or tea. Cut oblongs of good toasting bread from which all crust is removed, brown and spread with butter, to which minced parsley and a few drops of lemon juice have been added. The sardines are carefully drained, and the loose pieces of skin are wiped off before they are spread on the toast and served.

The Holiday Rush

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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, L. 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, 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, 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 66 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 withheld 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 thereto, 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 the 24th day of December, A. D., 1901.

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

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Piano,	Waltz	Newland
	MRS. HORTON	
Vocal,	Stella,	Stahl
	MRS. MCALPINE.	
Piano,	Hark the Lark,	Schubert
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Mrs. KATE BROWDER.

For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department", The Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Preparing For Ma's Visit.
Mrs. Todd—Dear me, why did you buy all those hideous things to fill up our only spare room? It's like a bear's den.

Mr. Todd—You know, dear, your mother is sure to visit us some time and I wanted to make her feel at home.—Chelsea (Mass.) Gazette.

Cause For Grief.
Mr. Binks—Why so unhappy?
Mrs. Binks—I hate that Mrs. Nextdoor with a deadly hate, and I'm perfectly miserable over it.
Mr. Binks—She doesn't know it.
Mrs. Binks—That's why I'm unhappy.—New York Weekly.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Dead Johnny's Sister After All His Christmas Presents.

Missionaries to faroff lands, and especially those who have labored among people whose principal article of diet is rice, are apt to refer to their lukewarm converts as "rice Christians," because the converts so termed care much more for the material than the spiritual food that the missionaries dispense. Something of the same spirit animates Christians, young and old, in this corner of the world, particularly at holiday time, and among the younger element when Christmas trees and gifts are in order. The story told recently by a Sunday school teacher is an illustration.

A couple of weeks before Christmas one of the small boys in this teacher's class contracted pneumonia and died. He was much beloved, and his death was felt by his classmates and the workers in the school. His name was on the list for a handsome gift at Christmas, and the superintendent of the school decided that it would be a graceful thing, and the boy's family would doubtless appreciate the act, if the gift set apart for the boy were sent to his home, to be given to a younger brother or disposed of as his parents thought fit. When the gift distribution was in progress, a sister of the little fellow, also an attendant at the school, was asked to take his gift home. She received it in silence and stood around with an expectant air. At last the teacher remarked: "What is it you are waiting for, Lucy? You have received your gifts and Johnny's also." "Yes'm, I know; but doesn't Johnny get a box of candy too?" Johnny's sister got the candy.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Too Much Faith.

"So the glasses don't help your eyes at all?"

"Not a bit. And the fellow that sold 'em to me told me they surely would."

"And you believed him?"

"Of course I believed him. What do you think I'd better do about the matter?"

"Oh, there ain't anything to do about the glasses you've got, but before you buy any more you'd better take the faith cure."—Chicago Post.

drop being regulated by a clock-work mechanism.

There is now way of telling where any particular card will be found in the pack after they are shuffled. The same card, placed on the top of the pack, will rarely be found twice in the same place after the shuffle.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Sulphuric Acid For Snake Bites.

Those who fear snakes or live where snakes are found will find comfort in the assurance of Dr. John H. Henry of Montgomery that sulphuric acid is a specific. Dr. Henry says:

"The poison of animals and snakes is intensely alkaline, and sulphuric acid taken internally and injected hypodermically, diluted or pure, in the fang puncture immediately kills the poison. This discovery was given by a gentleman who says he has been bitten by snakes and insects over a hundred times. This gentleman takes delight in keeping snakes in his room running all about. Six weeks ago he was bitten in the foot by his big rattler. He immediately used hypodermically the acid, and it did not swell or give him any trouble. He says he fears no poison of animal, snake or insect bites if he has his acid with him."—New York Times.

Fiddles Without Hands.

In Atlanta, a small town in Illinois, lives Frank Clawson, a fiddler whose chief bid for fame lies in the fact that he is without hands. Several years ago he was caught in a blizzard, and both hands were so badly frozen that they were amputated at the wrist. Being somewhat of a mechanical genius, he evolved a contrivance out of heavy wire which enabled him to wield the bow. The matter of fingering was more difficult, but by hard practice he trained the stump of his left hand to make the necessary shifts from one string to another and from position to position. With the fiddle held in place by his chin and knees and with the help of his fingerless arms Clawson manages to play the old time airs with nearly as much skill as formerly.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Kitten That Had a Jolly Good Time in the Snow.

Perhaps it will be interesting to our little folks to hear the story of Katura, a seven-month-old kitten that during the first snowfall of the winter was found collecting snow into heaps and then rolling it into balls. We supposed this to be a freak simply, and, though we watched her scuttling and scrambling in the soft drift, we supposed that the next snowfall would find her forgetful or indifferent. But, to our surprise, at the next storm of the kind we found her at a still more animated game. Standing near a fence, with gleaming eyes and waving tail, she watched the flakes fall. Finding that they fell from a height, she stood upon her toes and, holding up her paws eagerly, looked into them, tossing up the supposed contents. Her excitement increased each moment, and, hoping to bring herself nearer to the source of the fairy, feathery things, she mounted a flower box, and, rearing her little lithe body, she continued to catch and toss, catch and toss, until she grew wild with excitement. Then, leaping down to the walk, she once more gathered and rolled the woolly stuff into balls, scattering them hither and thither, every line of her body expressing the most perfect, gracious action. This is surely an exceptional case, knowing, as we do, that the feline race has a decided antipathy to getting its feet and paws wet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Way to a Woman's Heart.



First Tramp—Why, 'ow did she come to give you so much as a shillin'?

Second Tramp—She arst me 'ow old I wuz, and I told her I wuz old enough to be her grandfarver.

Pure Sympathy.

"That Mr. Berrien you introduced me to is a very sympathetic man."

"Think so?"

"Yes, indeed. I was telling him about a neighbor of mine who is dangerously ill, and he said he'd call right away and leave his card."

"Yes, Mr. Berrien is an undertaker, you know."—Philadelphia North American.

FOR SHUFFLING CARDS.

A card shuffling machine has been invented by R. F. Bellows of Cleveland. It should make business poor for crooked card players. The device is complicated, yet simple in its action.

The shuffling machine is a metal box about 12 inches high, 3 inches wide and 6 inches from front to back. All the mechanism is inside. The cards are dropped in at the top and rest on a tiny shelf. Below this there are five small fingers, one on each of five thin steel blades extending across the full width of the machine. When a shutter on the front is dropped, the shelf falls and the cards drop upon the blades and are separated into five little irregular bunches by the fingers. The blades separate, and one by one cards drop from the various bunches into a receptacle at the bottom, the

Entirely Willing.

John L. Sullivan was in the North station the other day and, seeing a little Irish baggage man coming along with a bicycle, squared off at him with that easy humor for which he is noted. The little chap, who didn't weigh over 135 pounds, put up his free hand.

"Wait on a bit," he said, "till Oi lean me bicycle against the rail."

John L. was so tickled he tipped back his head and roared. Then he told the pygmy who he was.—Boston Journal.

A Luxury.

Elderly Spinster (coyly)—I think there should be a tax on the "single state," don't you, colonel?

Ungracious Bachelor—Yes, as on all other luxuries.—Detroit Free Press.

SOMETHING of MILES

A Brief Write-Up of One of the Most Progressive Little Towns in Runnels County.

This writer has a faint recollection of a poem in the reader of his school-boy days which was something like this:

"If you should ever come to Medina'
Stop, I pray you, at the Coreggio gate,
And behold a picture there."

If you should ever come to Runnels county, stop, I pray you, in the Miles region and there behold what nature has prepared for man—more than a picture.

The city of Miles is in Runnels county, southwestern corner, on the half way ground between Ballinger, the county seat of Runnels county, and San Angelo, the county seat of Tom Green county, being about eighteen miles from each of these cities. Up to about a year ago this was not known or recognized as even a town of Texas. The few people who lived here up to that time were content that the more eastern part of the state should fill up with the immigrants from other states. But gradually the beauty and fertility of what has been considered a desert waste became known, and now and then an investigator would come out and take a look at the country. Nearly every investigation resulted in a return home to the more eastern counties, the sale of a farm at something like an average price of \$30 per acre and an investment in the lands of the Miles region at \$3.50 to \$5 per acre—better and more productive than the lands formerly owned. The farmer who came here had, therefore, more land and better land and, something unusual to him heretofore, he had a nice bank account constantly on the increase. You know that it is kind o' natural for every human being to obey the mandate laid down in scripture and not "keep your light hid under a bushel," especially if it is a bushel all brimming over with success. So these few who had found this Mecca, wrote letters to old friends back east and told them of their success; of the beauty of the country; its wonderful resources; that this was a healthy country—their families had had no chills or fever since here. They painted a fine picture to their neighbors. And the result was that some of those old neighbors have sold out and come and others are selling out to come and more want to sell out and get the Miles country. These people have come from the most favored spot in eastern, northwestern and central Texas. The one thing that speaks loudest for Miles and the Miles country is that all these people are contented in their new homes and could not be induced to again return to the old ones.

Therefore, the Miles country is settling up very rapidly with a progressive set of people from the eastern portion of the state, and even from the older states. The reader can form an idea of how the country is settling up when it is stated that last year (1900) only about 1,000 acres of land was broken and in cultivation within a radius of seven miles of this young city, and that in 1901, in the spring, fully six thousand acres were broken and put in cotton alone within the same radius.

Here the ranchman has surrendered to the "man with the hoe." The ranchman is yet here, but he is about in patches with only a small ranch. The others read the hand-writing on the wall and have gone west, and those who remain must soon follow suit. The ranches are going to be farms, and the brigade with the hoe are going to control. They know it, too.

The character of soil here is exceptionally fine, being a very rich, sandy loam. In fact, the lands here are as rich and productive as the best lands in any of the black waxy counties of Texas, without any of its sticky inconvenience. This fact has been thoroughly demonstrated by the farmers here who have farmed in this country recently and who had formerly farmed in all the black-waxy belts of Texas. And this land here is more productive, because with the same outlay of labor many more acres can be tilled, and with the same assurance that those who sow may also reap. Those lands in the older counties—Ellis county, for instance—are selling as high as \$100 per acre, none of the better class of lands selling for less than \$40 per acre. And its only a matter of a few years until the lands around Miles will be just as valuable and command just as high prices as the lands around Waxahachie or Ennis. It only needs development and that is coming rapidly, and then you will see here the same thickly settled country, the same production, and as good land values as today exist in the older counties. Why not?

Some idea of the growth of the city of Miles may be had when it is shown that on January 1st, 1901, from the site of the present residence of the writer, less than a dozen lights could be counted at night from surrounding houses, and all were visible. Last night the writer counted 52 lights in different homes, and knew of least seven houses where there were no lights and also knew of at least eight houses that could not be viewed on account of others between.

The writer came here on the 20th of March, 1901. Then there were three stores in the town. Now there are twenty business places, two new church buildings, a public school building, two hotels, two livery stables, two barber shops, two blacksmith shops, two large lumber yards, and many other such places as are necessary to make up a progressive young city. The little city has one newspaper, The Miles Messenger, and owes much of its rapid growth to the advertising done by the paper. A stranger to this at my elbow has just asked: "How about water?" If there wasn't plenty of good water there wouldn't be many people here.—Miles Messenger.

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A Kansas justice of the peace recently decided a case and placed on record a decision as sensible in its working as it was terse. The case in question was a very amusing one. A widower had a widow for his housekeeper. On several occasions the neighbors observed the widower kissing the widow. Very much scandalized, they caused the arrest of the man. It was not denied by the man that he had kissed the widow and it was admitted by the widow that she had permitted these tokens of affection. The decision of the justice was: "These people have a right under the constitution to kiss one another. If the public don't like it, the public can move on!"

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. J. Turner in Runnels 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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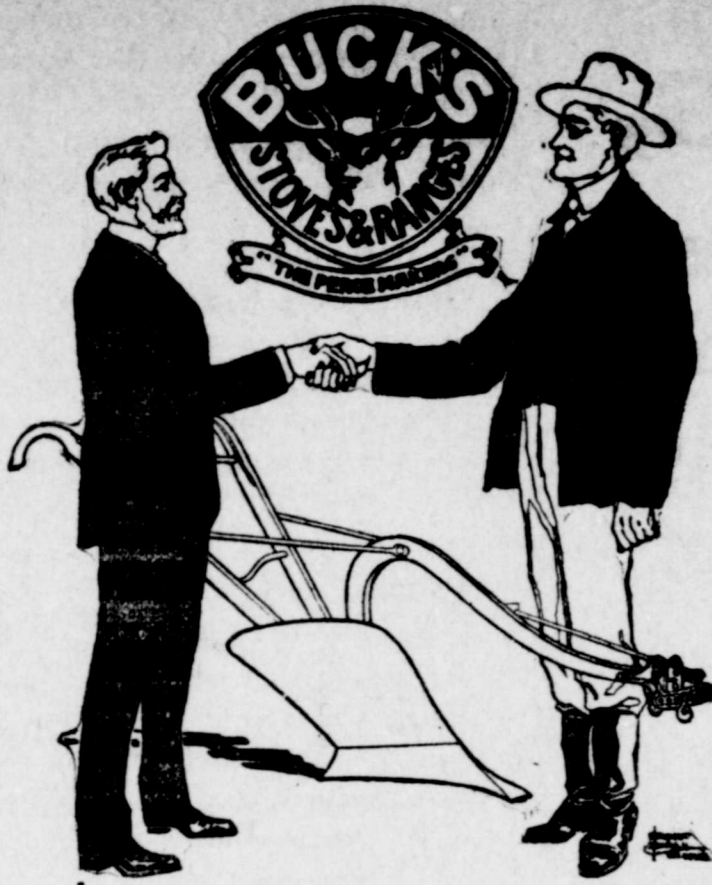
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We thank the people of Ballinger and surrounding country for a most liberal patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of the same during 1902 promising every courtesy possible.

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Is necessary to a man's happiness, but it is not mere friendship that brings the people for miles around to this store. It is the knowledge of the fact that we can save them money on the latest

Labor Saving Implements and Vehicles

Call and see Our Fine Line for Spring 1902.

Hall Hardware Company.

Persons who lead a life of exposure are subject to rheumatism, neuralgia and lumbago, will find a valuable remedy in Ballard's Snow Liniment; it will banish pains and subdue inflammation. Price 25 and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew was married recently in Nice to Miss May Palmer, who is an American girl.

The worst after effects of influenza arise from deranged function of the liver. Clear the blood at once with Herbine, for it will strengthen the liver to withdraw from circulation the pillary poisons. Price 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

W. R. Browning, of Lampasas, has announced for Congress from the fourteenth district. Other candidates are Slayden Harris of San Antonio, and Yett of Llano.

In pulmonary trouble, the direct action of Ballard's Horehound Syrup upon the throat, chest and lungs, immediately arrest the malady, by relieving the distress, cutting the phlegm and freeing the vocal and breathing organs. Price 25 and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Don't Live Together.

Constipation and health never go together. DeWitt's Little Early Risers promote easy action of the bowels without distress. "I have been troubled with costiveness nine years," says J. O. Greene, Depauw, Ind. "I have tried many remedies but Little Early Risers give best results." E. D. Walker.

—DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, DENTIST, Over Walker's Drug Store.

Child worth Millions.

"My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird of Harrisburg, Pa., "yet I would have lost her by croup had I not purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." One Minute Cough Cure is sure cure for coughs, croup and throat and lung troubles. An absolute safe cough cure which acts immediately. The youngest child can take it with entire safety. The little ones like the taste and remember how often it helped them. Every family should have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure handy. At this season especially it may be needed suddenly. E. D. Walker.

Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy will hereafter be employed in sending messages across the British channel. It will now take minutes instead of hours to transmit a message across that water.

A Profitable Investment.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$1,000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. E. D. Walker.

The Walnut Springs paper, J. B. Boliver proprietor, was destroyed by fire last week. Friend Boliver has the sympathy of the Banner-Leader in his loss. We trust he may soon be able to come again.

Children Especially Liable.

Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not so careful. As a remedy DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Draws out the fire, stops the pain, soon heals the wound. Beware of counterfeits. Sure cure for piles. "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my baby of eczema after two physicians gave her up," writes James Mock, N. Webster, Ind. "The sores were so bad she soiled two to five dresses a day." E. D. Walker.

Caution.

Many of our business men are in the habit of throwing paper in the streets. Sometimes they burn it, and sometimes they do not. This not only makes the streets look filthy, but may cause great trouble—even the death of someone. Large pieces of paper are caught by the wind, carried among horses hitched to wagons and buggies, and may cause them to run away, demolishing the vehicle, crippling the animals or person or killing someone. We trust that our business men will be more careful hereafter, thus avoiding putting the streets in a bad condition, and probably averting crippling or killing someone.—The Leger (Ok.) News.

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 4c. in stamps for Fairbairns, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies." in letter by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. CHICHESTER CHEMICAL CO. 2100 Madison Square, PHILA., PA. Mention this paper.

Bright's Disease.

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

They commenced the serious investigation of the Specific Nov. 15, 1900. They interviewed scores of the cured and tried it out on its own merits by putting over three dozen cases on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, eighty-seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

There being but thirteen per cent of failures, the parties were satisfied and closed the transaction. The proceedings of the investigating committee and the clinical reports of the test cases were published and will be mailed free on application. Address JOHN J. FULTON COMPANY, 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.

—Repairing that will stand the test, Jas. E. Brewer at Firt Nat. Bank Bl'd'g.

—See Van Pelt & Kirk's Buggies and Saddles before buying.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is the only remedy for blind, bleeding or protruding piles, indorsed by physicians; cures the most obstinate cases. Price 60 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

San Antonio is planning to hold a horse show in 1902.

Coughs and colds come uninvited, but you can quickly get rid of them with a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25 and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Senator William J. Sewell, is dead at his home in Camden, N.J.

Many an innocent little darling is suffering untold agony and cannot explain its troubles. Mark your child's symptoms, you may find it troubled with worms; give it White's Cream Vermifuge and restore it to quietness and health. Price 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Hot Rolls,

hot muffins, hot cakes,
made with Royal Baking
Powder may be freely
eaten without fear of
indigestion.

For a neat, stylish haircut go to J. A. Dancer's, next door to postoffice.

Miss Fannie Simmons returned Wednesday night from a visit to relatives at San Antonio.

Miss Inez Newman came down from San Angelo Wednesday on a visit to her parents and friends here.

Miss Minnie Sayers who recently visited relatives in Ballinger was married on Dec. 15th to Mr. Barwick of San Antonio.

Miss Effie Collier of Hubbard City arrived here Monday night and is visiting her brother, W. N. Collier and his wife.

Dr. Ernest Chilton of Ft. Worth, was in Ballinger several days this week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Chilton.

The new year brought with it a dainty and sweet young lady to brighten and add joy to the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Turney.

As a News Years gift a fine baby boy arrived Wednesday morning to increase the sunshine in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Moss.

L. B. Weiman, a Ft. Worth architect, was here Monday conferring with Messrs. J. A. Ostertag and C. S. Miller with reference to the plans of their new residences soon to be erected.

Miss Anna Laurie Rose, once a teacher in Ballinger schools and popular among the young people, was married in Coleman on Wednesday Jan. 1st to Mr. Q. V. Henderson, a banker of that city.

Mr. Ed P. Jersig, a well known cotton buyer, with headquarters at Brownwood, was married Monday, Dec. 30th to Miss Mary Blatherwick of Center Point, Texas. Ballinger friends extend best wishes.

Misses Maud Erwin, Kate Thomson, Neil Guion, Messrs. Sam Parks, Conda Wylie and Guion Gregg were guests of the Shamrock club of Dublin on New Year's eve. The occasion was a grand ball given by that club to friends from neighboring towns.

The following news item came over the 'phone to the Banner-Leader Thursday: "The S. S. S. society met at the home of Mrs. Spencer Wednesday night and had an enjoyable time." Our informant failed to enlighten us as to the significance of this peculiar name or who compose its membership. We hope to learn more and be able to report later.

Jas. E. Brewer, the Jeweler.

Take time to stop at my store and see the many pretty things I have in stock. No trouble to show goods. JAS. E. BREWER, the Jeweler.

Prof. E. L. Hagan, of Gatesville, arrived Saturday night and is visiting his father-in-law, S. C. Royalty.

Miss Mary Dalton entertained friends Thursday evening at the home of her sister Mrs. Wm. Reinboldt. Those present voted Miss Dalton a charming entertainer.

Misses Maud and Lena Shaffer were at home to their many young friends Thursday night, and the occasion will be remembered as among the most enjoyable affairs of the holidays.

On Tuesday night of this week the young people were given parties at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth. Mr. and Mrs. William Doose. All were highly appreciated affairs.

The Banner-Leader is in receipt of a card from the San Angelo National Bank announcing the death of its cashier, Major A. A. DeBerry, which occurred at 11:50, a. m. January 1st. His chair will be filled by the president and vice-president of the bank until a successor is chosen.

E. L. McAlpine, accompanied by his wife and children, came down from Angelo Tuesday afternoon and are guests of relatives. Mrs. McAlpine's name appeared on the program of the concert given last evening at the opera house by the ladies of the Cemetery Association.

Owing to insufficient advertising the Finger-Haberkorn recital given Saturday night under the management of the Cemetery Association did not prove the financial success expected. Such high class entertainments merit better patronage.

The Banner-Leader is as proud of its new desk 'phone as a boy over his first pair of pants. It is a great convenience to be able to sit at one's desk and talk to parties in any part of town, or Texas, for that matter. Manager Norman is progressive and believes in his patrons having the best always.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. O'Reilly, much to the regret of their many friends here, left Monday for Fort Worth. Mr. O'Reilly has been employed by a Fort Worth dry goods house to manage a branch store, the location of which he would learn on their arrival in that city. Ballinger reluctantly parts with Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly.

Hot baths, easy shaves, stylish haircuts, quick work at Dancer's.

John Thompson, the comedian and character actor, will appear at the Opera House Friday night, Jan. 10th, in his original vander-ville comedy "Around the World in 80 Minutes." A few of his recommendations are given below. The show is strictly moral.

John Thompson.

Dear Sir:—I had a wart on my nose. After seeing you in "Around the World in 80 Minutes" the wart fell off and now I am using it for a collar button.

Yours,
U. R. FINE.

John Thompson.

Dear Sir:—I have been blind since infancy. I heard as a comedian you were an eye-opener. I attended your performance of "Around the World in 80 Minutes." I immediately saw a lot of your jokes; some I have seen since and some of the others I expect to see in the future.

Yours respectfully,
B. LINDMAN.

Mr. Thompson.

Dear Sir:—One of my legs was shorter than the other. I walked with a limp. When your show came to town I saw it. I had my leg pulled for four tickets, and I can now walk as well as any one.

Very truly yours,
LIMP P. JACK.

A Growing Practice.

The practice of mailing letters on the 5:12 train is growing, and has already assumed such immense proportions that the railway mail clerks are unable to promptly dispatch these letters and complaints are being heard about their delay in transmission. The fault is with the people. Mail given the railway mail clerk by the postoffice clerk is always given preference, and letters mailed at the train are necessarily put aside until this postoffice mail is properly assorted. Probably by the time this is done the first two or three stations are passed and thus your letter for Talpa or Coleman or Brownwood is delayed. One clerk was thus forced recently to carry 25 letters by their station, having had nearly 400 letters mailed on his car at San Angelo and nearly as large a number at Ballinger. Mail your letters at the postoffice and there will be no delay. Postmaster Cady holds the mail open until the last possible minute and uses every precaution to see that all are properly cared for. Mail your letters at the postoffice.

Epworth League.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Jan 5, 1902.
Topic—Faithfulness.
Math. 25-14-23 by leader, Mrs. Stella Forbes.

Outline.

1. We must be faithful to ourselves, Jas. 1-12 by Jas. E. Brewer.
2. We must be faithful to each other. Luke 16-10, 11-13 by Earnest Plummer.
3. We must be faithful to God, Prov. 28-20, Math. 10-25, Mr. Turney.

Instances of faithfulness in Abraham Gal. 2-9-8-9, Miss Maud Rape. Moses, Heb. 3-5, Miss Ada Maxey. David. 2nd Sam. 22-21-22-23-24 25, Miss Sammie Padgett. Job., 2-9-10, Miss Katie Cameron.

A handsome line of watches for ladies or gentlemen. The very best quality—the very lowest in price. JAS. E. BREWER.

City Taxes Due.

City secretary P. McGregor requests the Banner-Leader to state that City Taxes are now due and that a penalty of 10 per cent will be added if not paid before February 1st.

Strayed.

One brown horse, 5 or 6 years old, branded SF on shoulder and hips; one front foot slightly enlarged; paces well under saddle: will pay \$2.50 for return to

R. P. Kirk, sheriff.

W. O. W. Notice.

Members of the Ballinger camp are urgently requested to be present at the next regular meeting, Friday night, Jan. 10th. The newly elected officers are also urged to be in attendance that they may be installed.

Endorsed for State Senator.

The following preamble and resolutions was adopted by the Erath county Democratic Executive Committee, in regular session, Dec. 14, 1901:

"Whereas, we learn with pleasure that Mr. Eugene Moore of this county is a candidate for the democrat nomination for State Senator from this, the 26th senatorial district, and

Whereas, Mr. Moore has been for nine years, secretary of the democratic executive and campaign committees of this county, and in that capacity has been faithful, energetic and diligent for the success of his party, and has rendered the democracy of this section true honorable and highly effective service, contributing as he did by his never-flagging zeal and wise conduct of his portion of the work of the several campaigns, probably more than any one else towards changing Erath county from an almost hopeless stronghold of populism to a bulwark of democracy for in 1894 the county was solidly populist by majorities running to about 1500, while in 1900 the democratic majorities ran up to 3000:

Whereas, Mr. Moore is personally known to this committee to be a high type of the true gentleman, the embodiment of honor and, by virtue of splendid mental attainments and character, would represent, with credit and dignity, the large and populous territory composing this senatorial district, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Democratic Executive Committee of Erath county, in session assembled and regularly called by the chairman, that we most heartily and unqualifiedly endorse the candidacy of Mr. Moore for the office of Senator of the 26th Senatorial District of Texas, and that we earnestly recommend him to the democracy of the entire district as being both a democrat and a man who would fill with honor to himself, to this district and to the state the high and responsible position to which he aspires."

Runnels county is within the bounds of the 26th senatorial district, and Mr. Moore, the gentleman above mentioned, plans to visit Ballinger about January 15th to put his candidacy before the people personally. Mr. Moore is a democrat of the strictest sort; has represented his county at every state convention since 1894; is familiar with all matters of state concern; and is asking office of the people for the first time.

WOMAN IN THE KLONDIKE.

Just at dark we made a landing on the banks of the Yukon, directly in front of the little town of Dawson, and, pitching our tents in the snow, we camped for the night under our first shelter—even of a tent—for ten days. All were so pleased and happy that good fortune had enabled us to escape the perils which threatened, as well as the danger of an ice block in the river, that the men proposed a celebration of their good fortune. They were going up town, but I told them it was not right to leave me alone the first night in a strange place and that if they would remain in camp I would pay for enough for them to drink and have their celebration in their tents. To this they agreed, and one of them went to the town and shortly returned, stating that whisky, Canadian case goods, was \$10 a quart. I sent him back and purchased a couple of bottles, which the men drank without becoming boisterous. I then went to my war sack, and, taking out my guitar, which I had carried over the summit, we sat on the ground around the little tent stove and all joined in singing the songs of home.—Emma L. Kelly in Lippincott's Magazine.

Got a Big Pearl With His Oysters.

Morgan H. Morgan, file clerk in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, in company with several friends, lunched in a restaurant at Clark and Randolph streets, and, among other things, the entire party partook of fried oysters. Morgan picked out a large, juicy one and was beginning to eat it with a relish when his teeth grated on a hard substance.

He removed the object from his mouth and was about to tell the waiter that he had not ordered the oysters to be seasoned with gravel when his attention was attracted by the reflection of the light upon the object he had thrown on the table. Investigation showed that it was a pearl of good size.

Morgan put the pearl in his pocket and after leaving the restaurant went to the office of a lapidary in the Champlain building, where he was offered \$14 for the gem. He took the money.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Our Excess of Men.

Whatever differences Dame Nature may have intended between the spheres of influence of men and women, she evidently intended that numerically at least the two sexes should stand on nearly the same footing. The world over, except where recognizable and what might be called artificial causes interfere, the male and female elements of the population are about equal.

Curiosity, not to say astonishment, is excited, therefore, by a recent announcement of the census bureau. The enumeration of 1900 shows that there are more men and boys than women and girls in this country and that the difference exceeds 1,800,000 in a population of 76,303,387. The excess appears more distinctly perhaps when it is said that there are 512 males and only 488 females in every thousand people in the United States.—Chicago Tribune.

Sixty Dollar Overcoats For Soldiers.

Just at present a buffalo overcoat is a very scarce article, and yet the humblest of Uncle Sam's soldier boys may have one of these highly prized garments for the asking. All he has to do is to include the item in his requisition for supplies, and the coat will be issued to him, although it will still belong to the government, and if he loses or destroys it he must pay \$60 for his carelessness.

The coats in the possession of the war department are relics of the days when no man living in the northwest was thought to be properly equipped without a buffalo coat. All of them have been worn, but they are still in fair condition and are issued annually to those soldiers who may want them.—Minneapolis Journal.

A Bouquet of Herbs.

In French cookery books we are often directed to use "a bouquet of herbs" in making little dishes. The term is perplexing to the unskilled cook, and she may be glad to know that the "bouquet" means a few sprigs of parsley, a piece of thyme, a little bit of garlic, a bay leaf, a couple of cloves and some peppercorns. The parsley is wrapped round the other herbs and a thread is tied round all.