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Now is the Accepted Time

Our final announcement to the trading public.....

The last chance to purchase seasonable Dry Goods at actual Wholesale Cost. We have made all necessary arrangements to leave Ballinger and make this our last offer to those who desire to purchase Dry Goods at money saving prices.....

Remember our Cost Mark

GODISTRUELY
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 Rept

Don't miss the tremendous saving to be made by taking advantage of this **GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE.**

YOURS TO PLEASE,

BRINS,

Eighth St. - - BALLINGER

As Sure as 2 and 2 make 4

Just so sure will you find the best in

Saddles, Harnes, Whips, Laprobes, Bridles and all Leather Goods at my store.

Repairing done on short notice

T. S. LANKFORD

The Saddle and Harness Man.

Content News.

The present cold snap gives us all a foretaste of winter that makes the nose red and the ears tingle. Some had about concluded that we might escape any winter this time, but this dispelled all that belief.

Reports from the grain crops are anything but flattering in this community, and everybody is wishing for some "Theodic prosperity," as they can't get rain.

"Nemo," we enjoyed the write-up of your little city, Winters, and must say it has put a longing in our heart to visit that city, and especially to get just one drink of that good water. By the way Winters is in need of a printing office, with some one like that tall handsome druggist to push it.

If we are a judge, the Banner-Leader's editorial page is the brightest in West Texas, and, Mr. Editor, we think the business men of Ballinger and your many readers will give you a liberal patronage as long as you keep the paper up to the present standard.

Messrs. Chas. Woodrow and Joe Hood, of Winters, spent several days in our burg this week.

Miss Carrie Bright returned home first of the week from Abilene. She reports a delightful time in that city.

Ethel Ruth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Edwards, has been quite sick the past two weeks; but is getting better at this writing, we are glad to note. J. N. Ferguson of Abilene was doing business in Content first of the week. He sold his house and lot, now occupied by J. N. S. Webb, to Alex Edwards.

ASSOCIATE.

The editor appreciates highly the compliment paid the Banner-Leader in the above. Whatever of merit there is in the paper is largely due to the able assistance rendered by "Associate" and other faithful correspondents.

—The tent gallery is all right, good work and low prices.

—For a nice photo of your residence call on C. G. Rohde, located north of court house.

—Would you like one of those new fancy photo pins? Call at the tent studio and see them.

Crews Items.

Well, as I was so busy last week I couldn't write and this week has been so cold I haven't done anything, I so will try to write.

Rev. Dunlap was in this community last Sunday but owing to the extreme cold weather didn't preach. We were sorry to learn of him being so nearly sick with cold. Hope he is better ere this time.

Miss Lula Young raised five dollars and sent for Spurgeon's works, for Rev. Dunlap last week. As the book is a good one we are sure he will appreciate it highly.

Mr. Bob Kenedy has bought of Alex Henderson 154 acres of land for which he paid \$10 per acre. Bob has a nice place, and when he gets it improved we predict he will have as fine farm as there is in the county.

Esq. Tally was called on to

unite Mr. Joe Vineyard and Miss Zula Jenkins in the holy bonds of matrimony on the 29th inst. the marriage took place at the residence of the bride's parents, after which the family and a few invited friends partook of a sumptuous dinner; we extend congratulations.

As news is scarce will try to pick up more by next time; success to the Leader. BILLIE.

Banner-Leader \$1 per year.

—Special price on plain and set gold rings at Asa Cordill's.

—See Jas. E. Brewer before you buy a watch or jewelry of any kind, he will not be undersold.

—If you want a fine picture of baby, come and give me a trial at my tent north of court house

Maverick.

Seeing our last weeks piece in the paper encourages us to write earlier.

We are certainly having some very disagreeable weather, and during this spell some of the stockmen are losing some cattle.

There has been several cases of smallpox in our community. Dr. Butler came out and quarantined them, so we hope the disease will not spread.

Mr. John Castleberry sold 100 acres of land last week to a Mr. Chitty.

Mrs. Marshall returned this week from a months stay in Silver City, New Mexico.

Dr. Younger and Cyrus Odom have both recently put up new windmills.

Mr. Beeman, the photographer, has left Maverick. He did quite a lot of work while he was here.

Rev. Jackson and wife have been visiting in our midst this week. He came to fill his regular appointment last Sunday and so the weather has kept him.

Mr. Cal Kirk of Ballinger passed through Maverick last week.

Mr. W. A. Snyder of Brownwood spent this week here with his family.

We are sorry to hear of "Grandpa" Gentry's illness at Ballinger. We trust he soon will be well again.

Miss Della Younger visited Ballinger last week. IKE

A Protest.

It has come to the ears of the Banner-Leader that the odor arising from the oil used by the mill is annoying and offensive to parties living near. The mill, it appears, has a tank near the railroad with pipes leading to the mill's reservoirs and that oil is unloaded from the cars into this tank, thence through the pipes to the mill. Considerable waste oil is allowed to run out on the ground from this first tank and here, it is reported, the disagreeable odor arises. More care should be used in handling the oil that the people living in that part of town may have no cause to complain, and that threatened litigation may be avoided. The Banner-Leader is confident that when the attention of the railroad and mill people are called to the matter the trouble will be remedied at once.

G. R. ZACHRY,
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON.
(Office at Talpa Hotel.)
TALPA, TEXAS.
SPECIALTIES.—Diseases of Women and Children and Diseases of the Stomach.

YOUR LAUNDRY

Having purchased the Laundry Agency heretofore owned by W. W. Chastain, I take this method of soliciting a continuance of your patronage, promising satisfaction in all respects. The Belton Laundry, which I represent, is unequalled. Phone 124 and I will call for your clothes. Basket leaves Tuesdays, returns Saturdays.

ROBERT MASSEY

The Talpa Merchant

Greets the people with a Happy New Year.
Call and get his NEW PRICES

B. U. Smith,
Talpa, - - - Texas.

For Sale.

One 3 inch Peter Shuttler wagon.

One Casady Sulkey.

One 9 inch steel beam plow.

One 10 inch steel beam plow.

All good as new. For sale at a bargain by

LEE MADDOX.

City Ordinance.

An Ordinance to prohibit the erection of barbed wire fences.

No. 80.—Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger:

Section First.—That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or any association of persons hereafter to erect, build or place or cause to be erected, built or placed upon or around any lot street or land or land, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger, any fence or part of a fence composed in whole or in part of barbed wire.

Section Second.—Any person firm or corporation, or any association of persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and by order of the City Council said barbed wire may be removed at the cost and expense of any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section Third.—That this ordinance take effect from and after its passage.

P. McGregor, Sec.
J. W. Powell, Mayor.

Fault of digestion cause disorders of the liver, and the whole system becomes deranged. Herbine perfects the process of digestion and assimilation, and thus makes pure blood. Price 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

—Asa Cordill will sell you a gold filled 18 size watch case guaranteed for 20 years fitted with an Elgin or Waltham nickel movement 15 jewel for \$10.50. You will be surprised when you see the name of the maker of these cases.

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

The Crown Hotel at Brownwood has been leased by W. C. Walker, proprietor of the New Walker Hotel of that city. He will manage both houses in the future.

Charles Williams, of Brenham, traveling for a well-known clothing house of New Orleans, made this point Monday. He is a nephew and brother of Marion and F. J. Williams, respectively.

Four freight cars came in from Brownwood Monday evening, their tops covered with a heavy coating of snow. Their appearance attracted considerable attention and comment, since no snow had fallen in Ballinger the night before.

Tuesday's mail brought requests from Messrs. T. T. Davis, J. W. Copeland, C. W. Cleghorn and I. B. Beall, well known citizens of Winters, that their names be added to the Banner-Leader's subscription list at that point. The Banner-Leader's efforts to get up a readable paper are being appreciated.

T. J. Preston, of Bryan, owner of a big Brazos river farm, spent several days in Ballinger last week with his eyes open for any chances for profitable investment that might come his way. He returned home Monday promising as he left to send quite a number of prospectors from his section to Runnels county. Mr. Preston is a warm personal friend of Messrs. J. H. Webb and W. A. Gustavus of this city.

—Asa Cordill will give you a special price on cut glass.

Miss Delia Day is attending school in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Harry Scott, of this city is the guest of Harry's parents in Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Scott.

Friends of Mr. T. Alf O'Reilly will be pleased to know that as manager of a big mercantile house at Kiowa, I. T., he is enjoying a good trade and is prospering.

Dr. H. S. Broiles, the specialist who visited Ballinger once each week the early part of last year, has located at Stamford and is using the newspapers liberally to herald his cures.

W. C. Church who once held the position of telegraph operator with the Santa Fe here and was later transferred to Goldthwaite, has been appointed Santa Fe agent at Plantersville, Texas.

Mrs. Tom Durham and the baby arrived last week from Robert Lee to join her husband who has accepted cases on the Ledger. Ballinger will be their home in future. At present Mr. and Mrs. Durham are boarding with Mrs. Roberts.

L. W. St. Clair, who for some months past has served the people of Ballinger as photographer in Hartung's Studio, has been transferred to Goldthwaite and left Sunday for the scene of his new duties. Ballinger friends, and they are not few, wish him well. Hartung's Studio will be closed for a time.

Having heard the news that other counties in the state were being visited by snows of various depth ranging from one to six inches, Runnels county tried her hand Wednesday morning but after several hours attempt gave it up in disgust. The result of the effort was a thin layer of snow, not even enough to furnish snowballs for the youngsters to shy at each other. However a little snow is better than none.

Lewis Alexander who has heretofore been assistant manager of the Ballinger Telephone Exchange left Monday for Sweetwater to assume management of the exchange there, which has been purchased recently by the Ballinger Telephone Co. Many friends here join the Banner-Leader in wishing Mr. Alexander success, heaped up and running over.

A pair of badly rent trousers, considerable epidermis removed from various and sundry places and a resolution to refrain from such things in future, are some of the results of an attempt of a young lawyer, a friend of the Banner-Leader, to alight from a rapidly moving train Sunday afternoon. Hereafter he hopes to save time and "mental" anguish by walking.

At a recent meeting of the Ballinger Commandery No. 28, Knights Templar, held in San Angelo, J. H. Routh of this city was elected prelate. The installation is to occur February 14th.

M. C. Bishop, who is representing Runnels county in the Baylor University at Waco, is able to resume his studies in that institution after a protracted spell of fever.

—Solid gold watch chains, cuff buttons, brooches, bangle pins, stud buttons and charms, the best at Asa Cordill's.

A San Angelo paper last week recorded the marriage, on November 15, 1901, of Mr. Joseph Raphael to Miss Hettie Probandt a young lady who has often visited in our city and who numbers her friends here by her acquaintances. This is the first intimation received here of the marriage, and though a little late, we desire to express approval of the wisdom of Mr. Raphael's choice, and to wish the happy young couple all the joy and pleasure that heaven can bestow.

J. L. Chastain has been tendered a responsible book-keeping position with a big mercantile establishment in San Angelo, but upon investigation decided there wasn't enough in it, so will continue to make Ballinger his home, to the satisfaction of his many friends here.

Messrs. Max Lange, L. Markowitz and J. H. Wilke, loyal Sons of Hermann, participated in the pleasures of the Fourth Anniversary ball given by the members of that order in San Angelo last week.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh will preach at Winters Sunday morning and night, so that no services will be held at the Cumberland church here that day.

Mr. Wil Lowry has been confined to his room and bed for more than a week with a severe attack of lagrippe.

—Asa Cordill will sell you a Seth Thomas clock 8 day with alarm for \$2.40.

L. Markowitz & Bro's. CLEARING SALE.

We have just purchased the entire stock of THE GRAND LEADER where we had an interest and will consolidate it with our Mammoth Stock already on hand. We must make room and in order to do so we will sacrifice the goods at the following prices for **CASH ONLY.**

Clothing.

Men's, Youth's and Children's Suits at 35 per cent Discount
Men's, Youth's and Children's Pants at 35 per cent Discount

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

For Men, Women and Children must move at 25 per cent Discount
Ladies, Misses & Childrens Jackets & Capes
Will Sacrifice at 50 per cent Discount

Blankets.

All Wool, California and others, a big line of Comforts at 25 per cent Discount
MEN'S and BOY'S HATS at greatly reduced prices which will make them sell
MEN'S SHIRTS at a Discount of 25 per cent
MEN'S, LADIES and BOYS NECKWEAR at 25 per cent Discount
We have just received a large line of EMBROIDERIES for Spring Trade.
THE CHEAPEST EVER SHOWN IN BALLINGER.

We have other Bargains which when you call to see us we will only be too glad to show you. A visit to our store will save you money, We are here to stay and our advertisement is no fake, we will do what we advertise. Wishing you a happy New Year, We remain,
Yours for Bargains,

L. Markowitz & Bro.

O. L. Clarke, who has recently been appointed to the position of Land Commissioner for the Santa Fe railway system, was in Ballinger Saturday readjusting prices on city lots owned by the this railroad and straightening out some tangles made by his predecessor in office. It is intimated that the prices on these lots, already out of the reach of a man with a ten-foot pole, are to be placed even higher. The reasons which justify an advance in prices has not been made public, but it is easy to see that the unprecedented demand for desirable residence property the steady and permanent growth of the town and the readiness of the Santa Fe people to recognize a good thing when they see it, are responsible for this state of affairs. There are other things too, but since it is somewhat out of the Banner-Leader line to make predictions, we refrain from mentioning them just now. Mr. Clarke is a pleasant gentleman, and is business from head to foot. While in the city he was the guest of Judge C. H. Willingham, local land agent for the Santa Fe.

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You can save a number of the articles the above characters represent by buying your Grain and Feed from F. P. ABNEY, Ballinger, Texas. A full supply of Corn, Oats, Hay, Bran, Chops and Meal on hand.

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 substitutes and imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists.

CHICHESTER CHEMICAL CO.
2100 Market Square, PHILA., PA.
Mention this paper.

Don't irritate your lungs with a stubborn cough when a pleasant and effective remedy may be found in Ballard's Horehound Snow Liniment. Price 25 cents and 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is no panacea, but is recommended for Piles only. This it will cure. Price 50 cents in bottles; Tubes, 75 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

BANNER-LEADER SUPPLEMENT.

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NAME OF OWNER	L A N D						TOWN OR CITY LOTS				STATE TAXES				COUNTY TAXES					Total Taxes	
	Abs No	Cert. No.	Sur No	ORIGINAL GRANTEE	No Acrs Ass'd	No Acrs Delinq	City or Town	Lot	Block	Div.	Rev	Schl	Poll	Pen alty	Ad Val	Spec.	Poll	Dist Schl.	Noti		Pen alty
Carothers R F.....	876	21-663	48	C R Callender.....	576 1-2	576 1-2					2 49	2 25	1 50	62	1 87	3 12	2 25	2 40	12	77	15 36
Castlebery W. T. Est...	419	2731-2832	312	B Sandoval.....	300	300					4 94	4 45		93	3 69	6 17		4 97	1 47	27 02	
do	344	62	311	A J Loverly.....	738	285															
do	457	982	310	Jas Taylor.....	320	160															
Hanna Mrs. S. E.....																					
Luckett H. H.....	635	575	298	M C Zuniga.....	2030	2030	Content...				13	12		2	10	16		13	3	4	70
do	612	579	292	J M Garcia.....	1230	1230	Ballinger..	1 2 3	117		25 34	22 81	1 50	5 02	19 01	31 67	25 25	35	7 72	138 67	
do	1184	604	293	Jas Jeffries.....	640	640															
do	1185	980	294	E Taylor.....	335	335															
do	99	117	283	Gray Carroll.....	106 2-3	106 2-3															
Luckie S B.....	635	575	298	M C Zuniga.....	82	82					55	49	1 50	25	41	68	25	55	4	19	4 87
Ransbarger J H.....	1029	812	1	H E & W T R R Co...	90	90					1 48	1 33	1 50	43	1 11	1 84	25	1 48	7	47	9 80
Thompson D R.....			2	D R Thompson.....	640	640					2 56	2 31		48	1 92	3 20		2 56	12	77	13 80
Shecon J W.....				J W Shecon.....	80	80					34	31	1 50	21	25	42	25	34	5	13	3 75
NON RESIDENT																					
Luckie Heirs.....	635	575	298	M C Zuniga.....	246	246					99	88		19	74	1 23		98	4	29	5 30
Olcoot T P.....	319	44-6412	317	H & T R R Co.....	640	640					3 84	3 45		73	2 88	4 80		3 84	81	15	20 69
Bosty and Heath Est.	748	3-481	22	H N Bages.....	640	640					3 20	2 88		61	2 40	4 00		3 20	13	96	17 25
Unrendered																					
Unknown.....	130	331	449	John Early.....	23	23					12	11		2	9	15		12	12	4	65
Adams J N.....	331	67	189	A Kussenberger.....	320	320					3 52	3 17		67	2 64	4 40		3 52	61	06	18 98
do	332	67	190	do	320	320															
Unknown.....	502	231	139	I P Wallace.....	12	12					5	5		1	4	6		5	3	2	28
Unknown.....	579	2076		R B Craft.....	214	214					86	77		16	64	1 07		86	10	26	4 62
do	582	35	35	C C & R G Ry Co....	5	5					5	5		1	4	6		5	3	2	28
do	945	2348		B F Adams.....	160	160					64	58		12	48	80		64	2	19	3 45
do	957	2344		Geo Hall.....	222	222					89	80		17	66	1 11		89	2	26	4 78
do	1236			A Stewart.....	80	80					16	15		3	12	20		16	12	5	87
do							Ballinger..	12			10	9		2	7	13		10	9	3	54
do							do	10			10	9		2	8	12		10	9	3	54
do							do	6			5	4		1	4	7		5	9	2	28
do							do	10			5	5		1	3	7		5	9	2	28
do							do	3			10	9		2	7	13		10	9	3	54
do							do	4			10	9		2	8	12		10	9	3	54
Green Mrs. Alice.....							do	2			10	9		2	7	13		10	9	3	54
Unknown.....							do	6			5	4		1	3	7		5	9	1	26
do							do	24	WE		40	36		8	30	50		40	9	12	2 16
do							do	31	SB		40	36		8	30	50		40	9	12	2 16
Ballou E.....							do	36	SB		20	18		4	15	25		20	9	6	1 08
Unknown.....							do														

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UNRENDERED ROLL																					
Unknown.....	88	930	261	James Carothers.....	571	571					1 43	1 53		30	1 50	1 93		1 71	1	51	8 91
do	166	234	163	E T R R Co.....	10	10					4	5		1	4	6		5	1	1	26
do	192	8091	519	D Floyd.....	36	36					18	19		4	19	24		22	8	7	1 13
do	335	158	418	A Klemecke.....	23	23					12	13		2	12	15		14	9	4	72
Skinner & Son.....	430	152	150	W Schutte.....	320	320					1 33	1 44		28	1 40	1 80		1 60	6	48	8 33
Unknown.....	775	28-135		C H Earnest.....	30	30					13	13		3	13	17		15	9	4	78
do	1140	1191		R C Trimble.....	127	42					17	17		3	17	23		22	9	6	1 05
do	1275	107	154	J K Thompson.....	49 1-4	49 1-4					21	23		4	22	28		25	1	8	1 31
							Ballinger.	12	21		6	7		1	7	10		8	9	3	42
							do	14	30		4	5		1	4	6		5	9	2	27
							do	15	30		4	5		1	4	6		5	9	2	27
							do	8	31		4	5		1	4	6		5	9	2	27
O'Neal Est.....							do	1 2	39		66	74		14	70	90		80	9	24	4 18
Unknown.....							do	11	44		4	5		1	4	6		5	9	1	26
do							do	5	54		6	8		1	7	10		8	9	2	42
do							do		16	SB	25	27		5	26	34		30	9	9	1 56
do				Supplemental Roll 1869			do	12	21		8	7		1	7	9		8	9	2	42
do				do			do	10	32		8	7		1	7	9		8	9	2	42
RESIDENT ROLL																					
Browne W R.....	618		100	Willett Holmes.....	14	14					2 00	2 16	1 50	57	2 11	2 71	25	2 40	1	74	14 44
Counts L D.....	595		142	J H Russell.....	80	80					33	30		7	35	45		40	3	12	2 08
Ransbargher J H.....	1029	812	1	H E & W F R R Co...	90	90					1 21	1 30	1 50	40	1 27	1 63	25	1 45	7	46	9 47
Ransbargher J D.....	184	77	195	Peter Fry.....	160	160					1 03	1 11	1 50	36	1 10	1 40	25	1 24	7	40	8 39
Borders W F.....	957	2344		Geo Hall.....	375	375					2 32	2 51	1 50	63	2 44	3 73	25	2 79	2	86	16 43
do	259	2344		do	213	213															
UNRENDERED ROLL																					
Unknown.....	1269			J W Shecon.....	78	78					13	14		3	14	18		16	5	5	83

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF RUNNELS, } I, R. P. Kirk, Tax Collector of said county, do hereby certify that the lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said county for the year 1898, are delinquent for the taxes of 1898 and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.
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R. P. KIRK, Tax Collector.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of May 1900.
W. L. TOWNER,
County Clerk, Runnels County, Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th day of May, 1901.
W. L. TOWNER,
County Clerk Runnels County.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF RUNNELS, } In Commissioners Court.
We certify that we have examined the report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of Runnels County for the year 1898, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1898, and find the same correct, and that R. P.

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

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

Real Estate Agent, Abstractor
and Conveyancer.
Owner of Complete Abstracts of
Title to Lands in Runnels and
Concho Counties

BALLINGER - MILLING - CO.
Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted
Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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

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J. Y. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.
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if you don't
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—Ass Cordill will sell you a Seth
Thomas clock without alarm for
\$2.25.

Conda Wylie was a visitor in
Brownwood Sunday.

Mr. Jack Christian, a hand-
some, young jeweler from
Brownwood, spent Sunday and
Monday in Ballinger society.

County court convenes Mon-
day. So far as the Banner-
Leader has been able to learn
no very important cases will
come before that court this
term.

The question has been asked
the Banner Leader "When does
the district court, under the new
law, meet in Ballinger?" It
meets the fourth Monday after
the first Monday in February
and September. The next term
of this court will begin March
3rd.

A Brown county grand jury,
just adjourned, was in session 32
days at a cost to the county of
\$768, not counting incidental
expenses. More than 600 wit-
nesses were examined. Such
long continued sessions are an
imposition upon the counties in
which they are held.

Mr. John Davis, of Blanket,
was in Ballinger Saturday and
in company with F. P. Abney
left the same day for Robert
Lee where he holds leases on
large tracts of land. Asphalt
has been discovered on these
lands in what is thought to be
paying quantities and he has
received some tempting offers
to surrender his lease by parties
who have investigated the mat-
ter closely.

W. T. Savage, county survey-
or of Coke county, was in town
Saturday from Robert Lee ac-
companying his wife this far on
her way to Caldwell, where she
has a sister reported very sick.
Mr. Savage is a warm advocate
of Coke county and never fails
to avail himself of an opportu-
nity to speak a word in its favor,
all of which the Banner-Leader
considers right and proper.

Another Richmond is in the
field. This week the Banner
Leader's announcement column
contains the name of Frank
Stuart who solicits the support
of the people in his race for the
office of Public Weigher of Run-
nels county. Mr. Stuart has
been a citizen of Runnels county
19 years and has an enviable
reputation for honesty, energy
and ability, qualifications essen-
tial in filling properly the office
he seeks. If elected Mr. Stuart
would undoubtedly perform the
duties of public weigher with
satisfaction to all his patrons.

Mr. John Parks, an "old-
time" citizen of Ballinger in days
that are past but not forgotten,
stopped off in our town Sunday
while enroute from San Angelo
to his home in Fort Worth. Mr.
Parks was in earlier days tax-
assessor of Runnels county and
his presence called forth many
reminiscences from those who
have made Ballinger their home
since the organization of the
town some fourteen years ago.
Mr. Parks is now a land agent in
the city of Ft. Worth and from
all reports is doing well. Many
friends throughout West Texas
wish him unbounded success.

Are you restless at night, and
harassed by a bad cough? Use
Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it
will secure you sound sleep, and
effect a prompt and radical
cure. Price, 25 cents and 50
cents at E. D. Walker's Drug
Store.

LEARN TO KEEP STILL

A Philadelphian who knew Dr.
Rixey, Mrs. McKinley's physician,
when he was a student in that city
called on him in Washington and
was invited to luncheon. The Phil-
adelphian asked to be excused be-
cause of chronic indigestion, which
prevented his eating luncheon.

"Nonsense," said Dr. Rixey. "I
have asked you to luncheon because
I want to give you a good lecture.
You are suffering from restlessness,
not dyspepsia. In the five minutes
you have been sitting opposite to
me you have looked at your watch
four times, fumbled with the seal
on your watch chain, twirled the
handle of your umbrella when you
didn't stop to run your fingers
through your hair and have talked
incessantly without having any-
thing particular to say. You sim-
ply waste your nervous force. Learn
to keep still when you can and not
to bother yourself about trifles that
do not concern you. If patients
knew how to do nothing at the
proper time, half the nerve doctors'
occupation would be gone."

A Nice Little Boy.
Trust a messenger boy to be up
on expressive slang. The particular
one who had a message to deliver
the other morning at the office of
the general passenger agent of the
Pennsylvania railroad was as tough
looking a specimen as you could
find in a day's journey. His cap
was placed at a perilous angle on
his frowsy head, tobacco stains lurk-
ed about the corners of his mouth,
and he was puffing a cigarette
stump. The dignified clerk who
took the message scowled.

"Sign dat," demanded the boy,
holding out his slip and expecto-
rating copiously on the floor.

"I'll have you put out of here if
you don't know how to behave,"
said the clerk severely.

A look of scorn passed over the
boy's grimy features. "Aw, don't
git icy wid me, or I'll slide all over
youse!" he exclaimed. "Then he
sauntered out whistling "Go Away
Back and Sit Down."—Philadelphia
Record.

A Vicious Smuggler.
Readiness of resource is not a
characteristic with which one is
likely to credit the Russian peasant,
but this story of a smuggler on the
Russian frontier comes from Sile-
sia and indicates that they may in
some instances possess a nimble
brain, although they use it mostly
in criminal practices.

The smuggler, who was carrying
a number of bladders on a stick,
was challenged by a customs officer.
He said the bladders were not duti-
able; but, the officer persisting in
wishing to examine them, the smug-
gler detached one and dealt the offi-
cer a blow on the head with it.

The bladder, which contained
pure spirit, burst and saturated
him. Quickly the smuggler lit a
match, and the officer was in a
blaze.

Another officer, who saw what
had occurred, ran up and succeeded
in extinguishing the flames, but the
man's life is despaired of. The mis-
creant succeeded in escaping.

Burning Tobacco.
A revivalist named A. Wagge has
been preaching in Roanoke, Va.,
and advising the farmers to burn
their tobacco crop in order to avoid
burning themselves in the next
world. Matthew Searce, a well
known farmer, emptied eight barns
which were filled with fine tobacco,
piled it in one immense heap, invit-
ed his neighbors in and then set
fire to the whole crop. It was val-
ued at \$8,000. The other farmers,
however, are selling their tobacco,
preferring that some one else should
burn it after they get the money
for it.

Leaf Buds.
Do you know, dear children, that
new branches are developed from
buds growing in the joints of leaves,
called axillary buds? As the branch
pushes out it bears a bud upon the
end of it, called the terminal bud.
Each branch is the result of a bud
which starts out in the joint and
pushes its way until it becomes a
branch and in turn helps form a
new bud.

Mary Dennis says in a "Study of
Leaves:" "Some people pride them-
selves upon their skill in packing
trunks, but Mother Nature excels
all her children in this art. She
uniquely folds away a gigantic oak
in an acorn, and the mightiest
branches are tucked up in a tiny
bud."

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Panhandle. But a few years ago the wonderful possibilities of this
region as a wheat country became known, and great things were
prophecied for "The Granary of the South," which, subsequent
harvests justified. Comparatively recent is the demand of good
livers for "Vernon Cantaloupes," but it's come to stay. Those
acquainted with this section and its wealth as a producer of feed-
stuffs, corn and cotton have long believed in it, nor have they been
moving away. When Northwest Texas remained conspicuous for
its excellence in the face of almost universal discouraging crop
conditions, people began to see reasons for the faith of those invit-
ing them to enter and possess the land; and now, with farms and
ranches being bought daily by new settlers coming in by wagon
and rail, three new railroads now building and four more projected
seeking a share of the general prosperity, good reason is evident
for the favor with which the territory along "THE DENVER
ROAD" is regarded by prospectors.
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A. G. P. A. G. A. P. D. T. P. A.
Fort Worth, Texas.

Clerk's Wise Suggestion.
"I have lately been much
troubled with dyspepsia, belch-
ing and sour stomach," writes
M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist
of Attleboro, Mass. "I could
eat hardly anything with-
out suffering several hours. My
clerk suggested I try Kodol
Dyspepsia Cure which I did
with most happy results. I
have had no more trouble and
when one can go to eating mince
pie, cheese, candy, and nuts
after such a time, their digestion
must be pretty good. I endorse
Kodol Dyspepsia cure heartily."
You don't have to diet. Eat all
the good food you want but
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ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.

The Banner-Leader desires it understood that cash in hand must accompany all orders for insertion of names in these columns.

For Justice of the Peace and Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

CAPT. J. E. SMITH.

(Re-election)

For Public Weigher:

Wm. REINHOLD.

FRANK STUART.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

R. P. KIRK (Re-election.)

PARKER G WOODWARD.

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W. F. SHARP (Re-election.)

For County and District Clerk

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C. P. SHEPHERD.

M. C. Cobb & Co., confectioners, announce they will be open and ready for business next week with a full line of all the things in stock necessary to make a first-class, up-to-date confectionery. Mr. Cobb, the manager, is experienced in this line of business and will put forth his best efforts to merit the patronage of the public. The house has been thoroughly renovated and will be kept neat and clean. Your patronage be it ever so small will be appreciated.

Several cases of smallpox are reported in one family near Maverick, but being under strict quarantine there is little danger of the disease spreading. It is a very mild type of smallpox but is contagious and may later develop into a malignant form. People exposed can not be too careful.

The delinquent tax list which appears in the Banner-Leader this week was turned over to the printers Wednesday morning. By Thursday night it was ready for publication. We call that quick work.

Asa Cordill will sell you an Elgin watch movement 17 jewel adjusted fitted in a gold filled 20 year guaranteed case for \$12.50 now if you want a bargain.

At Jas. E. Brewer's you will find the best quality of jewelry at the lowest prices.

Periodicals for February at Runnels county News Co. Ballinger, Texas.

All Sunday papers at Runnels county News Co. Ballinger Tex She has few equals and no superiors.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Mrs. C. B. Black and little girl are visiting friends and relatives in Marquez.

Read Reed's Isonomy at Runnels county News Co. Ballinger, Texas.

C. B. Black writes J. W. Powell that he has several land trades on hand and will not be at home for some ten days.

She was interrupted often by tumultuous applause, inspired by happy hints and telling truths.—Journal Muscatine, Iowa.

Matilda Fletcher, the lecturer, will appear at the Ballinger Opera House, Friday night, February 14th. See commendatory notices elsewhere in paper.

J. A. Brown and Mrs. Robert Cooke enroll this week as subscribers at Winters. The Banner-Leader list grows in spite of threatened "hard times."

Matilda Fletcher is one of the pleasantest speakers we have ever listened to, language faultless, while her subjects are always well chosen.—Tribune, Fremont, Neb.

Hon. O. T. Maxwell, of Cisco, is a candidate for congress from this district. Mr. Maxwell is a former member of the legislature and has the reputation of being an earnest, intelligent, influential worker in the interest of his constituents. He has the backing and support of influential men throughout the entire district and has every prospect of making a winning fight. The Banner-Leader assures the Runnels county citizens that if Mr. Maxwell is elected their interests will be in safe hands.

The Banner-Leader is authorized to announce Parker G. Woodward as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector. Mr. Woodward is a young man grown to manhood among our people. His warmest friends are among those who know him best. This is his first appearance as a candidate and the Banner-Leader has no hesitancy in saying he has the qualifications necessary to fill the position with credit to himself and the county. In making the race he makes no promises save that if elected he will do his level best.

In compliance with an order from the court the assets of R. L. Maddox were sold Friday to the highest bidder. The sales were as follows: Uncollected accounts amounting to \$2930.90 to J. W. Powell for \$205; uncollected notes amounting to \$312.95 to J. W. Powell for \$60; \$25 stock in Ballinger Opera House to J. W. Powell for \$10; stock goods, invoiced at \$1954.17 to Oscar Pearson for \$265. It is explained that these assets would have brought more, but were mainly odds and ends. This sale drew a large crowd, though the bidding was not very spirited. The sale was made subject to the approval of referee Coffee.

Conference of Peoples party of Texas Dallas Texas One and one third fares for round trip. Dates of sale Feb. 11 and 12th.

Program for the Ballinger Auxilliary and the Junior S. C. E. at the Christian church Sunday, Feb. 2, 1902.

Instrumental music May Harris

Song, No. 69 in Praise Hymnal.

Scripture Reading.

Song No. 178.

Prayer

Song No. 357

History and purpose of C.W.B.M., Miss Kyle

Song No. 338

Reports from the field:

Jamaica, Mrs. Norman.

India, Mrs. Black.

Mexico, Mrs. Honea.

Porto Rico, Mrs. Pilcher.

Home Land.

Solo, "Our Sunset Song" Mrs. Odom.

History of local auxiliary Mrs. Crews.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

Song by the children.

The Junior Supt. trust, Mrs. Shoptaugh

Song by the children.

Recitation, "What Johnny gave."

Beatrice Sessum.

Recitation, T. B. Honea.

"Missionary Mother Goose" by eight Juniors

Song by the children.

"Growing in God's care" by five Juniors

Recitation, Winne Huffaker.

Recitation, Lalla Sessum.

Song by the children.

Recitation, Pearl Luper.

Song by the smallest Juniors.

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"Behold I come to do thy will, O God."

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Apply to Chas. A. Dailey.
San Angelo Texas.

—Get prices where you please on watches, clocks, jewelry and etc and be convinced that Jas. E. Brewer has the best goods for the least money.

Sheriff R. P. Kirk this week authorizes the Banner-Leader to insert his name in our announcement column as a candidate for reelection to the office of sheriff and tax collector of Runnels county. No peace officer in the state can boast a better record than can Sheriff Kirk. He has been a faithful, efficient officer discharging his duties fairly and impartially. Naturally enough he has made some few enemies who will do all in their power to defeat him, but he has hosts of friends, true as steel, who will stand by him as long as he cares to hold office. Runnels county is to be congratulated in having a sheriff who knows his duties and knowing them does them. Sheriff Kirk is before the people on his merits and the records of his office are open for comparison and inspection.

P. C. Gwin, of San Angelo is in our city this week making the final arrangements for the opening of the Runnels county News agency. See locals elsewhere in the Banner-Leader.

—It is worth your while to take a look at Asa Cordill's show window. Some rare bargains are offered therein.

Mr. Henry Henderson, a Coleman hardware merchant, visited Ballinger Thursday.

Our announcement columns contains several new names this week. Look them up.

Don't fail, if you have a bit of news, to report it to No. 27. The editor will appreciate the kindness.

Mr. Frank Stuart desires it understood that his race for Public Weigher is subject to the action of the democratic party.

Gaines Scott came up from Brownwood this week and will hereafter be associated with his brother in the saloon business.

The Banner-Leader calls the attention of its readers to the "For Sale" notice inserted by C. E. Bullock of Maverick. This is an excellent opening for the right sort of a man.

—Don't fail to call at the tent gallery if you wish anything in the photo line. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Well now, if you want the best get the Live Oak Flour at Miller Mercantile Co.

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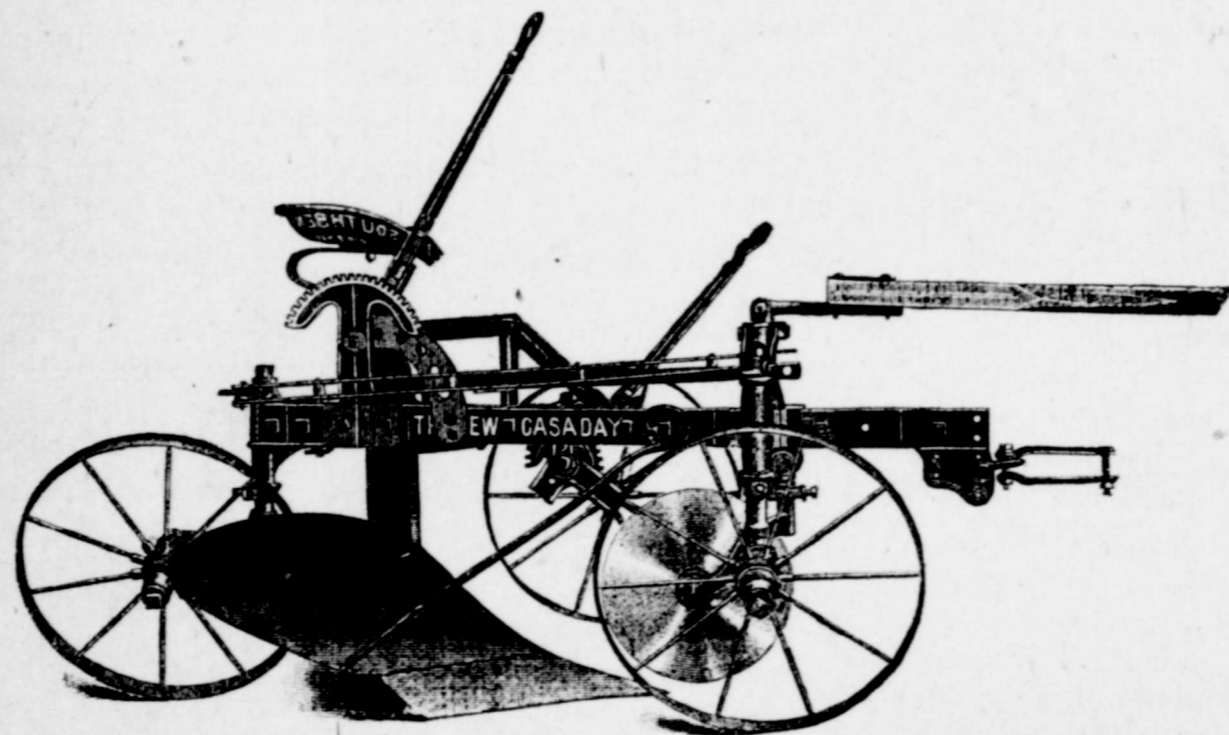
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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

How a Youth in Love Needed All the Assistance He Could Get.

"Say, old man, got anything particular on hand for this afternoon?"
"No; nothing I can't drop if there is any excitement in sight."

"Well, there is. Yes, I think I can safely say that you won't stagnate."

"Good! What's up?"
"I want you to help me propose to Miss Lovelton."

"The deuce you do!"

"Exactly. Will you?"

"Why—why, I don't know. How?"

"Well, you know that pet bull terrier she always has with her?"

Yes? Well, he hates me for some reason, and if I should venture even to touch her he'd be at my calves in a holy second. Now, how can a fellow propose properly to a girl without taking her hand or slipping his arm round her? And when she accepts me, if I forget about that blasted pup in the ardor of the moment, I shudder at the consequences."

"I see. But where do I come in?"

"Why, he hates tramps too. So I want you to rig up as one and get him to chase you, say, anywhere from half a mile to a mile. Then you can climb a tree and roost out of his reach till we come and call him off."

"But suppose she rejects you and you should forget all about me?"

"Oh, don't go to raising frivolous objections. Nothing of the kind will happen, and even if it does I suppose he'll starve to death in time."

Putting His Foot In It.



What he intended to say was, "It is no small feat on my part to pluck up the courage necessary to lay my humble affection prostrate before your great beauty."



What he really did say was, "It shows no small pluck on my part to courageously lay the beauty of my affection prostrate before your great feet."

What He Was Told.

"Say," said the funny man as he paused in front of the depositors' window in a downtown bank, "are you the teller?"

"Yes," was the reply. "What can I do for you, sir?"

"Oh," replied the f. m., "I merely wished to ask what you tell."

"I tell people who have no business here to trot along to the farthest extremity and be seated," rejoined the weary clerk.—Chicago News.

Wise by Experience.

"Mrs. Hasher let her boarders decide by vote whether the turkey should be boiled, roasted, broiled, fried, stewed or fricassee."

"What was the decision?"

"The boarders were governed by past experience and voted unanimously that the turkey be put through all the processes."—Philadelphia North American.

Obvious Result.

"Do you know what will happen," asked the orator in that wild, hoarse half whisper that is more impressive than the loudest vociferation, "if England ever plants her foot on our possessions?"

"Yes," huskily replied a man in the audience. "She will raise a crop of corns!"—Chicago Tribune.

Patient Under Affliction.

Mrs. Muggins—Mrs. Bjones is a patient sufferer. She never complains.

Mrs. Buggins—I didn't know she was an invalid.

Mrs. Muggins—Oh, she isn't, but her husband has dyspepsia.—Philadelphia Record.

—You'll get the best watch repairing at Asa Cordill's.

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

Give us your job work.

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

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

—Have you seen those dollar-a-dozen photos at the tent gallery? They are fine.

—Bring your watch to me you'll be surprised at how cheap I'll repair it. Asa Cordill.

FOUND—A gold brooch, large mother-of-pearl setting. Describe, pay for this notice and get same.

All the audiences that have heard her have been greatly pleased.—New York Tribune.

Mardi Gras Festivities New Orleans La. One and one third fares for round trip. Dates of sale sell Feb. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 1902.

A Big Combine.

Messrs. W. A. Davis, J. F. Currie, W. E. Allen, J. N. Adams, Joe Wilmeth and Gus Noyes have formed a big combine and will in a few days open a mammoth stock of dry goods and groceries in the building formerly occupied by Lee Maddox. The stocks belonging to W. A. Davis and J. F. Currie will be thrown together and more added. The company has incorporated with a capital stock of \$30,000. W. A. Davis will be general manager. More particular: next week.

E. M. Blackburn, who perhaps has a wider acquaintance throughout the country than the Banner-Leader, uses its columns this week to announce that he is a candidate for the office of county and district clerk of Runnels county. Mr. Blackburn is eminently qualified to fill this responsible position, having had several years experience in court house clerical work, and being a man of ability, a good penman, an accurate accountant and an all round man. He has many friends who will work hard for him. He solicits the support of the readers of this paper, promising to fill the office to the very best of his ability, if elected.

Americans in European Race.

Albert C. Bostwick has decided to compete in the Paris-Vienna motor vehicle race in July next. He will make the third American millionaire to enter this contest, which is to be held under the auspices of the national automobile associations of France, Germany and Austria. As his present machine, one of American construction, is above the weight limit fixed by the international rules, and cannot, therefore, be used in this contest, Mr. Bostwick has placed an order with a foreign manufacturer for a new machine.

Rich Men Should Spend Money.

A friend of William C. Whitney the other day spoke of the latter gentleman's lavish style of entertainment. Mr. Whitney said in reply: "I have the money and can afford the expenditure. It is the duty of every rich man to spend as much as he can afford, and that is my way of helping those less fortunate than myself. Better give employment than give alms."

California's Crop of Olives.

This year California's crop of olives will reach eight hundred tons, or 5,600 barrels, an increase of 3,600 barrels over last year. The price this year has dropped 33 1/3 per cent. Olives now bring only \$40 a ton as they come from the tree, half of which goes to the packers, thus allowing the growers only \$20 a ton.

Citation by Publication.

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, L. J. 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, 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 live oak bears 22.86 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 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 the 24th day of December, A. D., 1901.

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

Runnels County Gossip.

Winters, Runnels County, Texas, January 22.—This great section of grand old Texas is now needing rain to help the agricultural interests. The drouth has been a continued backset for several months, but I look for a blizzard rain all over Texas about the 25th, 26th and 27th instant. I look for a good crop year, since I believe we will get two good rains in February and a cold month too, that will end the winter then and give us an early warm, dry spring till May, when I look for plenty of rain; then a dry June, and rain in July, August and September, enough to give us a bountiful crop of corn and cotton. I don't think small grain crops will do well.

Lands here range from \$10 to \$15 per acre. A great deal of new land has been sodded for cotton, and should we have the moisture a large cotton crop will add to the fame and financial interests of West Texas.

Runnels county is a great county; in fact Taylor, Fisher, Nolan and Coke counties can't be excelled in Texas. But Coke county is the prettiest and best of the above named. Lands are cheap too over there, but Runnels county is hard to beat for good water.

The mesquite tree is the wood tree of this section and thrives best on dry weather. Its bean makes good coffee, and its roots and leaves have a medical value.

Runnels county is a county of postoffice burgs, and Winters is the largest, with a population of about 300; fifteen or twenty business houses, telephones, postoffice, churches and a high school of 150 pupils. It is situated seventeen miles north of Ballinger, and when a railroad strikes it I look for it to spring into a county seat of many summers. We are hopefully looking for President Stilwell's iron horse to soon neigh north of us, but would not be surprised, per newspaper reports, to hear that he has swapped his road off for a "yaller dorg" or two and traded the canines for a bee course in Arkansas with a view of going into the apiary and and honey business in Kansas. Yet we wish the Orient more than an oriental success.

The severe drouth and severer republican party administration is certainly a trying drawback to our United States people, and a test of their liberly loving "grit" and patriotism, and by the time Roosevelt is through with us all the rose odor will have wilted and lost its sweet scented veil in a vain effort to help the moneyocracy to establish a monarchy. If the democrats will nominate Bryan again, they will get the country people's votes, but Hill and Gorman wont go; mark the assertion.

Johnson of Ohio is next to Bryan, but the country looks to Bryan more than all else to lead us out of the wilderness. The third time is the charm.

I passed old Fort Chadborne west of here the other day, and to see it now and fifty years ago one would think pride and patriotism were wanting in our people. The old fort was once commanded by Generals Lee and Grant, but nothing remains now but a dilapidated scene of old rock walls. The old barracks are now a stock pen and provender crib. The man—a stockman—who owns the land let it go to decay. It was once a pretty and prosperous place on Oak creek, where water remains in the drouthiest drouth. The grave yard near by is a sombre seeming spot

Ballinger our blissful county capital is a wideawake up-to-date railroad city with attractive and entertaining business fraternities, with a large local trade. Custom from surrounding counties comes pouring in to fill the city's exchequer to a victor's content. Ballinger's two worthy and lively newspapers, the Ballinger Leader and the Ledger, keep our people well informed and educated in the affairs of our State and nation, as well as of the world at large, giving Runnels county a curriculum of human existence unexcelled by older communities.

The people of West Texas look to The Post as a great friend and leader, and hope its wise course may stay the monarchial avalanche that is heard nearing to swoop down upon us with its wanton destruction. Long may The Houston Post continue to post us on all matters of interest pertaining to the grand old Lone Star State and "Uncle Sam's" star spangled realm, is the prayer of thousands of people of West Texas. Wishing it a prosperous tread, I am yours Texanly.—Chas. H. Jones in Houston Post.

Townsend-Perry.

Last Sunday morning, January 19th, at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Isaac Newton spoke the beautiful and impressive words which united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. C. C. Townsend and Miss Roxie Perry.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry and an attractive and accomplished young ady. The groom is an energetic and prosperous young mechanic of Orange, Texas, a man of sterling worth and noble character.

The young couple left on Thursday evening's train for Orange, where they will make their future home. The Messenger joins with their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life, shadowed by few sorrows and brightened by many joys.—Miles Messenger.

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 Jan. 25, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

- Allen, Mrs. L. L.
- Anderson, Mrs. Henrietta.
- Gill, Mrs. Mary.
- Pelfry, Mrs. Molley.

GENTLEMEN:

- Hill, N. D.
- McCormick, R. H.
- Weaver, Lester.

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Solicits your patronage. All kinds of Planing and Scroll Work prices that will save you money.
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State School Tax.....	110 86
State Poll Tax.....	15 00
Total State Taxes.....	264.79
County Ad Valorem Tax.....	98 55
County Poll Tax.....	184 33
County Poll Tax.....	2 50
District School Tax.....	131.45
Total County Taxes.....	396 83

Given in open Court this 11th day of May, 1899.
C. H. WILLINGHAM, County Judge.

J. A. Hays,
L. A. Harper,
T. T. Duncan,
J. A. Grimes,
County Commissioners Attest:

State School Tax.....	89 03
State Poll Tax.....	22 50
Total State Taxes.....	210.44
County Ad Valorem Tax.....	86 88
County Special Tax.....	110 86
County Poll Tax.....	3 75
District School Tax.....	98 92
Total County Taxes.....	300 41

Given in open court this 18th day of May, 1900.
C. H. WILLINGHAM, County Judge.

J. A. Hays,
L. A. Harper,
T. T. Duncan,
J. A. Grimes,
County Commissioners. Attest:
W. L. TOWNER, County Clerk.

State School Tax.....	14 46
State Poll Tax.....	6 00
Total State Taxes.....	33.87
County Ad Valorem Tax.....	14.07
County Special Taxes.....	18 13
County Poll Tax.....	1 00
District School Tax.....	16.10
Total County Taxes.....	49 30

Given in open Court this 17th day of May, 1901.
T. T. CROSSON, County Judge;

J. E. Smith,
A. D. Tally,
C. J. Horton,
John A. Grimes,
County Commissioners.

W. L. TOWNER, County Clerk.

Classified as to Church Attendance.

Justice Phillemore of England, the other day declared that modern church-goers are "oncens," not "twicers," while non-church-goers are either "has-beeners" or "never-wasers."

Persian Ladies Dress Like English.

The British consul-general at Meshed reports that the Persian ladies are adopting the English style of dress, and that all articles of ladies' clothing are in great demand there.

Saved Half His Wages.

One of the large dry goods stores in Montgomery, Ala., is owned by a colored man who began life as a porter and made it a rule never to save less than half his wages.

Possibly Green or White.

A Kansas City man's full dress suit was stolen one night recently and the detective who was sent to investigate the case asked, "What color was it?"

Mutual Curiosity.

"Why do the English people insist on calling an elevator a 'lift,' and a pie a 'tart?," inquired the young woman. "Really," answered the young man, who came over to get married, "I can't say. I was about to ask you why so many people here call a lift an 'elevator' and a tart a 'pie.'"—Washington Star.

Legal Tangle About Whiskers.

Three friends of a Russian living at Marlenburg gave him 100 marks to shave off his beard. But his wife interfered with a police notice to the effect that she claimed part proprietorship. The three friends are now suing the husband for non-performance of his contract.

Gamblers Are Superstitious.

Habitual gamblers are perhaps the most superstitious persons in the world. They invariably carry little portable mascots in their pockets, and it would be impossible to persuade them to enter into a game of chance if by some inadvertence their mascots were not with them. Lumps of lead, coins, snake rattles, locks of hair, cauls, bits of bone, hairpins, are some of these charms.

Fairy Tales Becoming Realities.

The century is beginning with the great achievement of wireless telegraphy. With what it will end passes the imagination of man if progress into the secrets and resources of nature continue at the same rate. We have already realized in common business life some of the wonders of the ancient fairy tales.—Baltimore American.

The Partridge Detested in Turkey.

In Turkey the partridge is detested because once it betrayed the prophet to his enemies, and its legs are red because they were dipped in the blood of Hassan. If a man kills a panther he is imprisoned for twenty-four hours and then is handsomely rewarded. The crane is respected and it is a crime to kill it.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

Warm water softens the skin. The pores relax and throw off their vitiated contents. After an exposure to the dust and foreign matter in the air that lodges in the pores of the skin the face requires washing with warm water and a good pure soap to eject it. I have been told by physicians that three-quarters of the diseases of the skin are caused by uncleanness or carelessness in performing the above duty.—New York Press.

An Improvised Abbreviation.

The telegraph operators in Washington who each day and night were compelled to send the name of Mrs. Bonine, accused of the mysterious hotel murder, an almost endless number of times, devised a way to shorten their work. The numeral 9 was used for the last syllable of Mrs. Bonine's name. The word as sent telegraphically appeared "Bo-9."

The People of Prussia.

Prussia, on December 1, 1900, according to the official census figures, had 34,472,509 inhabitants, of whom 16,971,425 were males and 17,501,084 females. The kingdom contained 21,817,577 Protestants, 12,113,670 Catholics (including Greek Orthodox), 139,127 members of other Christian sects and 392,322 Jews.

Arizona's Application for Statehood.

The application of Arizona for admission to the rights of statehood is based less upon its growth in population than in wealth and manufactures. By the census of 1870 the investment in manufactures in Arizona was only \$150,000. In 1880 it was \$270,000, in 1890 \$615,000, and last year \$10,100,000.

"Uncle Sam's" Marine Hospitals.

The government owns and operates twenty-one marine hospitals and operates two additional hospitals in leased buildings (New York and Dutch harbor, Alaska). There are besides 115 relief stations, where patients receive hospital or dispensary treatment.

Swedish Dynamite Gun.

A Swedish officer named Elmelin has invented a dynamite gun, which is said to be capable of piercing double the thickness of steel penetrable by any other known gun. The gun has been bought for the Swedish navy.

cheaply.
hearing arrangements can be installed for lighting and the sailors argue that sels. Most of them have electric plants kind is allowed on board of these vessels. No fire of any kind is permitted to desert unless their threats to desert the vessels, and have made assistance to secure the electrical heat-consists of their various countries for at Point Breeze have appealed to the Crews of several big oil tankers now
Sailors Want to Keep Warm.

New York Times.
I might be willing to pay for it."
and can't buy it either, big a price as I haven't got the dime far niente; and I am the man of all work. Well, but I am the man of all work, nothing or stocks," retorted the friend. your farm and your stock—to say life was my fancy. "Well, you have—the dime far niente of the farmer's and have the finest stock in the world friend recently," was to be a farmer observed J. Pierpont Morgan to a "The dream of my boyhood days."
J. P. Morgan's Dream in Boyhood.

Superlative Degree People.

A Louisiana jury upheld a lynching because the persons that participated in it "were among the best citizens of the country." Lynchings are always managed by the best citizens, and it is a question if the country would not be better off with fewer of these superlative degree people.—Detroit Free Press.

Louis XIV Was Not Tall.

Louis XIV., spoken of by his contemporaries as a man of majestic stature, was of only medium height. When the royal tombs of St. Denis were violated during the revolution, the body of this monarch was dragged out with the rest and discovered to be only five feet six inches.

Judge Has a Good Voice.

William Jefferson Pollard known as "the stentor of all Missouri," is now judge of the Fourth District Court of St. Louis. His voice, which is described by an enthusiastic local paper as "weird, wonderful, witching, powerful as the basso profundo, penetrating as Gabriel's silver trumpet, and sweet as an Aeolian harp," won him the position of reading clerk in the Missouri State Assembly, and in many city and state Democratic conventions. He was also one of the reading clerks in the Democratic national convention at Chicago in 1896.

Rossetti Resented Intrusion.

Toward the latter part of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's life he rarely left his house and garden and preferred to see his friends and acquaintances by appointment. Woe betide the too intrusive stranger. It is said that one day an enterprising man called, duly armed with a letter of introduction, and the servant was nearly yielding to the impulsive stranger, whereupon the painter of "Dante's Dream" leaned over the banister and said, in a firm, mellifluous voice, "Tell the gentleman that I am not at home."

In Dear Old London.

A well-known New Yorker, who recently returned from London, had a funny experience there, says the New York Times. He was stopping at a family hotel that had a wheezy elevator, or "lift," as the English call it. His room was on the third floor, and he used the "lift" several times every day. After he had been stopping at the hotel about four days he discovered one morning a neatly written sign posted up alongside of the elevator shaft on his floor. The sign read: "Guests will please walk downstairs, as the lift is only used for ascending."

Charley Molloy Sr. has had the misfortune to lose five of his fine Herfords with blackleg recently.....Bob Morris, Albert Goforth and Frank Hargis left yesterday for Dryden to move the Morris & Howze cattle, as stock water has played out in their range.....Oliver Strong has purchased 30 head of stock cattle from Lee Jones at p.t..... G. W. Kilpatrick has sold his 320 acres of land in the Molloy pasture for \$420 to John Cox..... Lige Ballard has sold 30 head of coming 2 year old steers to B. F. Wheelis for \$17 around..... The 540 calves being fed by John A. Loomis for the market are the prettiest bunch we ever laid our optics on. And the best part of it is that the signs are right for Mr. Loomis to clear a handsome profit on them. He will put them on the market about March 1st.—Concho Herald.

Children who are troubled with worms are pale in the face, fretful by spells, restless in sleep, have blue rings around their eyes, bad dreams, variable appetite, and pick the nose. White's Cream Vermifuge will kill and expel these parasites. Price 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A public school teacher in Kansas, who furnishes his pupils every Friday newspapers to read in place of lessons, says: "If I were blind and could not read, if I were deaf and could not hear another read to me, I would still have a weekly newspaper thrown into my yard each week that the casual passerby might see and note that at least here was a friend of progress."

Wonderful Things Baby Sees.

People big as out of doors—
Mostly gabbling meddling bores
Do all sorts of things to me—
Good for nothing I can see.
What's the use of this or that?
Who am I? Where am I at?
Woman puts me in her lap.
Cuddles me to take a nap.
Tickles me and says "goo goo"
Till I try to say it too.
Awful silly, seems to me—
Wish they just would let me be.
Whiskered fellow grabs me up.
Calls me "Buster." "Lollypup."
"Boss of all the blooming place"
Rubs his whiskers in my face.
But when I begin to cry,
Drops me quick—I wonder why
Little Terror in top boots,
Tearing things up by the roots
Mostly runs to dirt and noise.
Boom-de-aye and tooting toys.
Whiskers call him "Dandy Jim"
Wonder what's the use of him?
Airy, fairy Tippetoe,
'Bout my size, or so and so.
Fed me on some angel cake—
Gave me awful stomach ache.
Woman calls her "Little Pet"—
Cutest thing I've seen yet.
'Nother woman comes about,
Wrinkled, gray and somewhat stout,
Doses me on catnip tea.
Walks me, rocks me, cuddles me,
Whiskers says she's "spoiled the kid"—
Didn't hurt HIM if she did.
Never saw a world like this—
Ootsy-wootsy, cootsy-kiss—
Pick me up and put me down—
Trot a horse to Tumpy-town.
I thought people had some sense
What is this I'm up against?
—Clarence Ousley.
—Repairing that's the best at here was a friend of progress." Jas. E. Brewer.



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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.

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Some one has asked the question "what is a friend?" It is the fellow who will inconvenience himself for you. It is the man who will sit by your bedside when your frame has been touched by disease. It is the man who will come to you when the clouds are black; when the muttering thunder of misfortune growls along the sky. It is the man who says "Don't be discouraged. I'll see you out." It is not the man who will do you a kindness only when he feels he will get back full pay for services rendered.—Ex.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises. For use in such cases Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. Price, 25cts, and 50 cts at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

There is no excuse for a young man not being successful this

day and time, for there never were so many opportunities presented. If he will just make himself competent, thorough and accurate in the business he attempts to do he will find no trouble in being highly compensated. There is hardly one young man in ten who does anything he goes at well. How difficult it is to find one who is sensible, sober, reliable and industrious and thorough and to be depended upon in all instances and it is not so hard for a sensible person to possess these traits. Thousands of employers are wanting just such young men and are putting up with substitutes because the right kind are not available. Young men and boys when you attempt to do anything, do it well, no matter how small a thing it is—if it is nothing but sweeping the floor, don't forget the corners.—Italy News-Herald.

The Last Heard Of It.

"My little boy took the croup one night and soon grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house," says F. D. Reynolds, Mansfield, O. "We feared he would die, but a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure quickly relieved him and he went to sleep. That's the last we heard of the croup. Now isn't a cough cure like that valuable?" One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts immediately. For coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis and all other throat and lung troubles it is a certain cure. Very pleasant to take. The little ones like it. E. D. Walker.

Notice to Trespassers.

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. Lange & Doose Agents, Ballinger Texas.

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Thinking that a write up of Winters and surrounding country would interest your readers we offer the following scattering remarks.

Winters is situated near Bluff creek, one of the finest streams in the county, about 18 miles north of Ballinger and 40 miles south of Abilene in the heart of the best portion of Runnels county.

The soil in the community is a rich sandy loam, extending for miles in every direction every foot of which almost, is, or can be, put in cultivation. Although 15 or 20 years ago it was thought fit only for the production of grass, it now produces as much corn, cotton, wheat and other grain as any other portion of Texas on or near the 100 meridian.

It is no uncommon thing to see farmers gathering cotton in the month of December and even in January, which proves that more can be produced here than can be gathered in due season. As is the case in all other portions of the south, there are better crops made some years than others, but a complete failure, never.

The writer has been in Runnels county since 1873, three years before the organization thereof, and to his certain knowledge there has been but two years of that time that approached anything like a failure. That was in '86 and '87 if we remember correctly and embraced nearly the entire state.

As a stock-farming county this has no superior. Men have come here with but a yoke of oxen and plenty of "get up and go," rented land a few years and now own their own homes consisting of from 160 to 640 acres of land and that paid for. Also stock enough to eat the surplus feed stuff and grass.

There are but few renters here. The "vine and fig tree" are tended by the owners of the soil, therefore contentment and prosperity reign supreme.

As a rule the general health is good, there being little or no malaria or other causes to produce disease. We have a high altitude and the atmosphere is pure. Many came here for the benefit of their health, and after staying a few months conclude to make this their home.

There is no lack of water here and in the region round about. Water can be gotten, by digging, at an average depth of 30 feet. There is no limit to the supply. The streams have water in them the year round and during certain seasons, run from 1 to 6 months in the year.

There is no better school out side of Ballinger to be found in the county than the Winters school. Three as good teachers as the state affords are employed for this term. Four will be needed next. There is an enrollment of over 200 pupils and the attendance holds up exceedingly well.

An ambitious boy or girl can prepare his or her self here to fill almost any position in the business world or to enter college.

Yes, our school is the pride of every citizen and well it should be, for a good school is indispensable to the life and prosperity of every town or community.

No town has better advantage for schools than ours. Pure atmosphere, good society, no saloons, no intoxicating drinks sold, or can be sold within a radius of 5 miles around. The nearest saloon is 18 miles from our doors.

There are fine churches organized here to wit: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian and Christian each of which has a strong membership.

The following lodges have an organization here, a membership of which each is proud, the A. F. & A. M., K. of P. and W. O. W.

For enterprising, intelligent, sober, high minded, honest Christian men and women no locality can boast of more.

The Winters telephone system is surpassed by none for equipment or satisfactory service. The proprietor continues to extend its lines and ere long people living 5 or 6 miles out from town can converse with the people thereof without leaving their homes and vice versa.

The Winters water work company has a capital

Winters Gin.

Cotton ginning is our business. We have an up-to-date outfit. By the next ginning season we will have everything arranged in complete order, and will gin all the cotton that comes in our way. We thank our friends and customers for past favors and respectfully solicit patronage in future. We propose to treat all courteously and give them good and honest work.

Respectfully,
 Phone 5 WOODROW & HOOD.

Beautiful your home by papering the walls thereof. I handle the best and prettiest wall paper on the market. Be sure to see me before buying elsewhere. I will undersell all others. I will also do your painting for only \$1.50 per day. All work guaranteed. Respectfully,
 Phone 16. I. H. AVERY.

Winters Wagon Yard and Feed Store.

We keep a complete livery outfit and sell feed at the lowest market price. When you need anything in our line call on us and we will treat you right. Phone 8. I. L. BEARD, Prop.

Dr. Tinkle.
 We handle all kinds of drugs and patent medicines; our line of stationery and toilet articles is full and complete; you can get any and all kinds of paints and oils from us. Prescriptions given careful and polite attention at any time of day or night. Our prices are to suit the hard times. DR. TINKLE,
 Winters, Texas.

To the Public.
 Winters, Tex., Jan. 21, '02
 I have bought out the business of M. F. Cornelius and in the future will carry a full line of dry goods, groceries, shoes, hats, etc. Will sell you goods as cheap as you can buy them elsewhere. Will thank you for a part of your patronage. Wishing you all a prosperous New Year, I am,
 Very Truly,
 S. W. PRATT.

I wish to thank my friends and customers one and all for their liberal patronage in the past and respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. I am in a better position to serve you now than ever before. To please customers is my constant aim. I am here to stay therefore your interest is my interest. Wishing you all a prosperous 1902, I am,
 Yours Truly,
 T. A. FANNIN.
 Office Phone 15. Residence Phone 7.

F. Ramsel, Blacksmith and General Repairer.
 Come to see us when in need of any kind of work, such as plough sharpening, horse shoeing, wagon or carriage work. We guarantee satisfaction in every particular. Respectfully
 F. RAMSEL,
 Winters, Texas.

L. E. Jarmon.
 Dealer in dry goods, shoes, hats and groceries. Come and see that I mean to get your business. Goods sold as cheap as the cheapest. Buy country produce. Grain made a specialty. L. E. JARMON,
 Phone 24. Winters, Texas.

stock of \$10,000. Competent men have been elected as directors and everything is being conducted on strictly business principles. When completed the water works will be a valuable addition to Winters.

The best silver cornet band in the county or adjoining counties is to be found here. The members keep in good practice and are ready at a moments notice to play when occasion demands.

The town of Winters has grown from a postoffice, school house and one store within the last 2 or 3 years, to a flourishing little town of between 2 and 3 hundred inhabitants.

There are now 15 business houses and 50 or 75 resident houses within its limits—others under construction. There is not a vacant house in town, inquiries are made daily for houses to rent.

The surrounding country has kept pace with the town. Thousands of acres of land that a year or two ago were in pasture are now in a high state of cultivation. The price of land has increased considerably but it is yet in the reach of those with only moderate means.

We invite all good people wishing a home in the best town in the best community in the best county in the best state in the best nation in the world to come to Winters. Respectfully
 NEMO.

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

Murray & Company.
 Winters, Tex., Jan. 21, '02
 We want you to understand that we still handle the famous Rock Island implements and wagons, Detroit buggies, Garland stoves and a complete line of hardware, queensware, enameledware, harness, collars, collar pads, saddle blankets, bridles etc. We invite you to inspect our stock and get our prices before placing your orders elsewhere. Yours for business.
 MURRAY & CO.,
 Winters, Texas.

The Winters up-to-date Silver Cornet Band, consisting of 14 instruments, will play for barbecues, picnics, entertainments, etc., on terms as follows: \$25 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. or \$35 all day, two days for \$75. Correspondence solicited.
 WINTERS BAND.
 Phone 6 and 11.

T. T. Davis & Co.
 The up-to-date grocery store. Leader in low prices, staple and fancy groceries. We also have a complete line of shoes and hats which we offer at very low prices. Treat all honestly and courteously. Come to our store when in Winters and you will be pleased. Yours for business,
 T. T. DAVIS, Manager.

When in Winters don't fail to stop with W. H. Avery the up-to-date restauranter. Meals, lunches and chili at all hours. All kinds of fresh meats kept in stock. Shoe repairing in connection. Polite treatment is our pass word. Respectfully,
 Phone 16. W. H. AVERY.

A. C. Davison.
 Handles a fresh line of fancy and family groceries. Sells for cash and gives more goods for the money than anybody in Winters. Give me a trial and be convinced.

L. MARKOWITZ & BRO.,
 The Leading Mercantile House Outside of Ballinger.
 DEALERS IN
 Dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats and notions. Our Motto: "Rapid sales and small margins," and are pleased to give our customers prompt and courteous attention.
 J. Whit Patterson, Mgr.,
 Phone No. 6. Winters, Texas.

Eoff & Dale, Grocers, Winters, Texas.
 We thank our many customers and friends for their liberal patronage during the past year. For this year, we will offer the best goods on the market at the lowest possible price. We pay cash for our goods own our own house, run our own freight wagon, do our own clerking, so we do not fear competition. Phone 17.

The Winters Meat Market.
 Do you eat beef? If so I can furnish you the very best stall fed beef at reasonable prices. A fresh beef every Saturday.
 Yours for the best,
 JOE VANCIL.

Dr. J. H. Grant,
 PHYSICIAN
 and
 SURGEON.
 Office Phone No. 18
 Residence Phone No. 14

Winter's Furniture Company
 Dealers In
 Furniture and a general line of house furnishing goods and undertakers goods, coffins caskets, etc.
 PIERCE & STONE, Mgrs.
 Winters, Texas.
 Office Phone 19. Residence Phone 10

IF YOU THINK
 We will not sell you Paints, Oils, Drugs, Stationery, etc., as cheap as you can get elsewhere in the west, get prices, come in and we will discount them.
 Respectfully,
 T. A. FANNIN.

Blacksmith and Woodshop.
 W. R. DAVIS, PROPRIETOR.
 The leading shop of Winters. Repair all kinds of farming and drilling machinery. Wagons and buggies repaired and repainted. Horse shoeing a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed in every case. : : : : :
 —My motto is to select the best quality and pay cash, thus enable me to give you the most for your money. Jas. E. Brewer.
 Jeweler.