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GRAB SALE-GRAB SALE

AT

Jas. E. Brewer's, the Jeweler

Beginning Monday, Mch. 3 at 9 o'clock

GREATEST VALUES EVER OFFERED AT 50cts A GRAB.

600====PACKAGES====600

Each package contains an article guaranteed to be worth 50 cents or more and over three-fourths of them are worth more than \$1.00; many of them containing values from \$5 to \$35.

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\$35.00 Solitaire Diamond Ring, \$30.00 Solid Gold Watch and other watches worth \$5 to \$20 1 fine opal and pearl brooch worth \$10. ladies and gentlemen's, watch chains, solid gold rings, solid gold scarf pins, solid gold cuff button, solid gold studs, brooches, pins, rings, and many other articles in jewelry Rogers knives and Forks, tea spoons, 1 eight day Seth Thomas clock, one fine Telescope nearly 4 feet long worth \$15, 1 ladies Chatelain purse fish scale worth \$4.50. and many other useful articles of good value. **See some of the goods displayed in show window.** No customer will be allowed to handle the packages, simply point out the one wanted and have your change ready. No article exchanged, engraved or sized. During this sale I will **sell at 20 to 30 per cent Discount** anything in my store. **My loss will be your gain,** and you will say, "It is so," when you hear of the values going at 50 cents

COME EARLY AND GET THE PICK OF THE VALUES

JAS. E. BREWER,

THE JEWELER.

First National Bank Building.

Content News.

The storm Wednesday was a renowned exhibition of sand. It unroofed part of C. W. Miller's gin, and did small damages for others in town

Mr. Wolf, a drummer representing the Galveston Dry Goods Co., was doing business in Content first of the week. He received a large order from the enterprising merchants of this place, as does also the numerous drummers from Abilene and Ballinger.

Dr. B. E. Franken, of Normandy, Tenn., is now a fully affiliated partner with Dr. J. M. Smith, and they are going to put up a comfortable, up-to-date office, to be connected with the drug store of Mr. H. T. Edgar. "Associate" extends a cordial welcome to Mr. Franken and family.

There was a dance at Mr. Will Guthree's Tuesday night. So far as we could learn the following attended: Miss Cora Freeman, Miss Minnie Cannon and the Misses Carthing, Messrs. plus Lefshoom, Arthur Edwards, Perry Miller, Reeves Montgomery, Alex Edwards, Will Hucker and Ottes Burford. If we have omitted any names it is unintentionally.

Messrs Bob Kirk and Percy Moser of Ballinger were in Content Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Kirk received a phone message from Mrs. Kirk this morn-

ing (Thursday) stating that their baby was quite sick.

Mr. Jim Sistrunk received a large bunch of bananas from a friend of his in Galveston last week. It was a fine "treat" to Mr. Sistrunk and his friends.

Mrs. J. M. Barnett of Nevice is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Edd Sistrunk is confined to her bed with lagrippe.

Mrs. Joseph Troller is on the sick list, also Mrs. C. W. Miller.

Dr. W. H. Barnett of Glencove has a very sick boy. We are glad to note his improvement, however.

Yes, your "scribbler" has been sick too or we would have appeared in the BANNER-LEADER with the "news" but hope we will be able to continue writing from now on.

Chas. Woodrow has been in Content all this week.

Miss Cordia Bright is at Glencove with her friends Dr. and Mrs. Barnett.

Mr. J. E. McAdams was in town Tuesday.

On Feb. 3rd the death angel visited the city of Pecos and bore the spirit of Mrs. Sarah Woodrow to her home on high. Aged 66 years, she was the mother of Charley Woodrow of Winters, and a sister to Mrs. C. W. Miller of Content. Mrs. Woodrow came to Texas from Springfield Mo. She went from Content last August to

Pecos to live with her daughter Mrs. Will Hawkins. Her physicians amputated her left leg Jan. 30 which was paralyzed from rheumatism. She was a good woman, and though we have not known her a great while, she endeared herself to us in our illness last summer, by her gentle manner and encouraging words. Such Christian acts will always be remembered by us. Peace be to her ashes, rest to her soul.

ASSOCIATE.

Pumphrey Dots.

Bro. Bates filled his appointment here Sunday morning but owing to an attack of lagrippe he was unable to preach at night

Mrs. G. C. Puckett, who has been sick for several days, is still confined to her bed.

Henry Steen of Moro was distributing dog poison in this country last week. So far as it has been tested it has proven good

M. F. Cornelius an ex-merchant of Winters was in our town one day of last week.

Since our last writing there has appeared, at the home of J. E. Greenfield, a fine girl.

Gardening was the order of the day last week. Some have really planted corn. I suppose they didn't have the seed to buy.

It is not a good idea these dry times to leave your clothes where the calves can get to

them.

Two broken watches and a lost ring was the result of two boys trying to down a man on his birthday.

Mr. Noel has been unable to work for a few days as a result of a sprained ankle.

Prof Brown has decided not to have another concert till the close of his school.

A case of mumps has been reported in the community but so far no others have developed.

Say, "Xantippe" we don't wish to trespass but if any of those pretty girls haven't got fellows tell them "me." We appreciate the complimentary remarks of "An Old Writer" and assure him that the people are no less persistent in their efforts than is "Mark Hopkins." We are not however trying to excel any place and if we should it would not be the "New York" of Texas for Nemo did not exaggerate in his remarks concerning that little business city. We hope however to effect some conveniences for ourselves. In such, so far we have been very successful. We have now a voting box. Will probably have daily mail soon. Thanks, "An Old Writer."

We have been asked several times to name some good material for commissioner and Justice of Peace of this precinct. Should you look the entire precinct over according to our candid opinion

no better material could be found for the place than in the person of J. E. Greenfield of this place. Mr. Greenfield is a good, honorable and well thought of citizen. A man of good business ability, well qualified to fill any office of precinct or county creditably. A man who would serve the people irrespective of locality to the best of his ability. A man of merit and principle and should he consent to come before the people we are sure you will find him a suitable and capable man for the place.

Subscribe for the BANNER-LEADER and Post and keep posted. MARK HOPKINS.

—W. W. McKinley is agent for the National, Steam Laundry Co., of Temple, and will be pleased to have your laundry work satisfaction guaranteed. 19 tf

—One of our policies will pay you for any damage however slight, caused by windstorm or cyclone. Stone & Gregg.

—It is always the unexpected that happens. Provide against unexpected financial loss by insuring with Stone & Gregg.

—I wish to say to all of my old customers and to the public that I will take charge of my old blacksmith shop by the Cameron wagon yard in Ballinger on the first of March. Give me a trial. 20-2t Wm. McKinley.

The Press.

The institution of a free press is so firmly established among us and the newspapers of the country are so numerous that few men give any thought to the value of the institution.

The admission is made at the outset that there are newspapers which do harm, but these are the black sheep that exist in a small minority in every profession. It is to be remembered that there are slyster lawyers, quack doctors, and hypocritical preachers, and in all sorts of business there are men who employ questionable methods. The inevitable existence of the unworthy weighs as nothing in the scales of public opinion as against the far more exceeding quantity of the worthy.

The chief function of the newspaper and that by which it does the most good is the publication of facts. In this a twofold end is achieved: Data are furnished for the plans of good men, and bad men are deterred from their evil courses by the fear of their misdeeds being blazoned in the public print. That is, to reduce the newspaper's function to its lowest terms, it is a help to good men and a hindrance to bad.

The newspaper's office is magnified when it is considered in how wide a field it operates in fulfilling this function. There is no citizen so high and no citizen so low as to be above or below its influence. The newspaper encourages the president in a policy that affects the whole world; the humblest and poorest man may find work through its advertising columns, or, if unable to work, may learn where to apply for charity. That is only one side of the picture. Before the eyes of the president who wavers in his course the press holds up the constitution as the chart by which he must steer the ship of state or be wrecked upon the rocks of popular disapproval and wrath; before the eyes of the tramp blazes the searchlight of the publicity of the press that renders escape almost impossible to the criminal and prevents the commission of the crime.

With all the intermediate degrees of society from the president down and from the tramp up, the case is the same; all are helped or hindered by the press. Who believes that public officers would enforce the laws and the rights of private persons as well as they do now if the press were not standing guard? Take away the restraining influence of the press, the reporter's cold chronicle and the editor's caustic commentary, and only the good will continue to observe the rule of right; the bad will grow worse and corruption and crime will become rampant.

And not only are all persons thus influenced by the press, but all professions and kinds of business, all arts and sciences human activity of all sorts are dealt with in its columns. The first requisite to reform and progress of any sort is to know, and the press teaches all things, itself leading the way in many reforms and lines of advance, political, social, commercial and artistic. Thinking men are coming more and more every day to appreciate the value of the press, and its influence, great already, is steadily increasing.

With this influence there should come to the press a sense of its responsibility—the obligation to be alert, lest wrong escape, at the same time to be conservative, lest injustice be done in the haste to prevent or rebuke wrong.—Houston Post.

For Sale on Easy Terms.

About 1000 acre pasture in Runnels county on Valley creek, about 2 1/2 miles above Wingate, Valley creek runs through this pasture, there being about 2 miles or more of solid creek front on both sides of creek. A fine body of land for farming purposes, and one of the best locations for a stock farm in West Texas. All fenced with a 3 wire fence. This property can be bought cheap on easy terms. Apply to Chas. A. Dailey. 20-1f San Angelo Texas.

A report from San Angelo states that grip is prevalent in that city and that half the physicians are among its victims.

Walter Robinson, of the Smith & Hail lumber firm, has returned from a business trip to Eldorado, where he secured the contract for his house, to supply the lumber for the new handsome courthouse to be built for Schleicher county. Standard.

It is now a certainty that we are to have a bank in the near future. The parties are now here and the necessary arrangements will be completed next week. This is the thing most needed in Miles at present, but we generally get what we need here. Messenger.

Postmaster Cady at Ballinger is on to his job and is all right. Without any solicitation from the patrons he went to work and got the box rents reduced as follows; Call box from 25 to 10 cents a quarter, small box from 50 to 35 cents, medium box from 75 to 50 cents and large box from \$1.00 to 75 cents. Its good to have a postmaster who interests himself in the welfare of the patrons of the office.—Brownwood Bulletin.

There is a town up in Runnels county known as Winters that will become a place of note yet. The capitalists of that place, mostly stockmen, have decided that it is a good thing to have an oil mill and accordingly they are arranging to build a ten or twenty ton mill. Such combined pluck and energy in a town like Brownwood, would startle the state with its improvements. Hurrah for Winters.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The Brownwood Bulletin and the Coleman Voice are trying to decide whether or not Coleman contains any business men, and the two Coleman papers, with one Grocery and one Dry Goods advertisement, are good witnesses for the Bulletin man when he asserts that the town is devoid of trade seekers. That is one reason why San Angelo, Ballinger and Brownwood loom up like cities while Coleman drags along in a rut and lets half of the country trade go to Brownwood and Ballinger. The same lack of energy on the part of the merchants that leaves the Coleman papers without enough advertising matter to pay for their paste, leaves the town without an electric light plant or oil mill.—Menard Enterprise.

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.

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

Cleaning Up Sale!
Extraordinary Inducements

To clean up all winter merchandise before spring season opens.

Lots of cold weather to come yet, so take advantage of the special values being offered and buy now. Note the Reductions—for Spot Cash only.

Ladies Jackets, well made and of splendid materials, the regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 kinds reduced to only..... **\$2.25 e**
Ladies Jackets of fine quality Kersey cloth, black only, the regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 kinds, now only..... **\$3.25 e**
Misses and Childrens jackets reduced in same proportion as above.....

Underwear Bargains.

Men's Cotton Fleece Shirts and Drawers, extra heavy weight, regular price \$1.00 per suit reduced to..... **75 c per suit**
Men's Wool Shirts and Drawers, the regular price \$2.50 per suit, reduced now to only..... **1.75 per suit**
Men's Wool Shirts and Drawers, the regular price \$2.50 per suit, now only..... **1.50 per suit**
Ladies, Misses and Children's Underwear at a great reduction in price.....

Blankets and Comforts.

Fine quality of all wool blankets 12-4 size. Regular price \$12 pair. Reduced now to only..... **\$8.75 pair**
Fine quality white and colored, all wool Blankets, the regular \$10.00 grade reduced now to only..... **\$7.50 pair**
Fine quality white and grey all wool Blankets the regular \$6.50 kind reduced to only..... **\$4.75 pair**
Regular \$5.00 Blankets white and colored reduced to only..... **\$3.65 pair**
Cotton Bed Comforts at greatly reduced price.....

Come early and get first choice; the quantities are limited and prices are extremely low. Very Truly,

H. WINKLER

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Grand Jurors.

Following are a list of Grand Jurors summoned for the March term of court.

- A. F. Adams.
- W. E. Allen.
- I. S. Baldwin.
- E. Ballow.
- J. T. Billups.
- C. C. E. Blanchard.
- Sam Brookshire.
- R. L. Brooks.
- I. H. Cabe.
- Jno. W. Clampitt.
- W. B. Currie.
- T. M. Curry.
- T. T. Duncan.
- J. P. Eastland.
- Rubin Gentry.
- I. H. Ferguson.

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 like to feel that it's the truth.
 The Dallas Semi-Weekly News
 gives the facts in the case.
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 tention. It is specially edited.
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 hazard go into the makeup of
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 Free Delivery.

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 nors, administrator, trustee, etc.
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 if you don't
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Tabler's Buckeye Pile Oint-
 ment is no panacea, but is rec-
 ommended for Piles only. These
 it will cure. Price 50 cents in
 bottles; Tubes, 75 cents at E. D.
 Walker's Drug Store.

Tom Massey returned home
 Monday night from Temple, out
 of which place he has been act-
 ing as "extra" passenger brake-
 man. The job is a good one in
 point of variety and experience
 and is not lacking in the "where-
 withal" that contributes toward
 happiness and prosperity.
 Mr. Cicero Smith of the local
 lumber firm of Smith & Hail,
 met with a serious accident last
 Saturday at Mineral Wells. He
 was thrown out of his buggy
 and sustained a broken hip. Mr.
 Smith has the sympathy of his
 many friends here and we all
 hope that he may soon recover
 completely.—Standard.

Advertised Letter List.
 Letters and wholly written
 Postal Cards remaining in the
 Ballinger, Texas Post Office, un-
 claimed for two weeks, at close
 of business on Saturday Feb.
 22, 1902. In calling for letters
 please say advertised, giving
 date of this list.
 Coffman, T. J.
 Fields, B. J.
 Huffman, Cal.
 Wood, J. C.

Mrs. J. Wilhelm, of Calf creek,
 sold 800 yearlings, May delivery,
 to Dick Sellman, of Brown coun-
 ty, for \$17.50. B. J. Williams
 sold two cars of three and four
 year old range steers to a Hub-
 bard City buyer for \$35 per
 head. D. E. Sims has return-
 ed from a trip to Upton county,
 where he has been to see about
 his sheep which he is wintering
 there. He reports them doing
 nicely. Mrs. G. W. Swofford
 spent the week in Ballinger. She
 intended to stay only one night,
 but old "Seldom Fed" made his
 exit from the lot the first night,
 and waving Ballinger a fond
 farewell with his candal appen-
 dage arrived home in time for
 breakfast. Dr. Fowler re-
 turned last night from N. R.
 Knight's, and reports eight new
 cases of smallpox. Seven of
 which are in the family of Mr.
 Knight, the mother, and a babe
 born Sunday night being among
 the number. A gentleman by
 the name of Anderson, living
 near the Knight home also has
 it. Steps having been taken in
 time to prevent spreading of the
 diseases is thought there will be
 no new cases. The case men-
 tioned in last week's paper is re-
 covering, and the others are of a
 mild form.—Concho Herald.

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all tres-
 passers on the ranches and lands for-
 merly owned by W. J. Turner in Run-
 nels county, near Wingate, for the
 purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood,
 gathering pecans, working stock or
 hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the
 full extent of the law.
 Lange & Doose Agents.
 Ballinger Texas.

Bones, Bones, Bones.
 I want your dry bleached
 bones, will buy until Apr. 1st
 1902.
 I. O. Wooden.

—My motto is to select the best
 quality and pay cash, thus en-
 able me to give you the most for
 your money. Jas. E. Brewer.
 Jeweler.

**You lose more
 than we do if you don't advertise
 in the Banner-Leader.**
 Job work neatly done.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.
**All Good Cooks Are Versed in the Art
 of Seasoning.**
 Many columns might be written
 on the "Art of Seasoning." In no
 one essential is judgment more to
 be depended upon than in this.
 Cookbooks tell you to take "a salt-
 spoon of salt," so much of pepper,
 etc. Now, there is salt and salt;
 there is the pepper bought ground,
 only half the pungency of that
 you grind yourself; there are the
 spices ditto, and one cannot use the
 same quantity of the one as of the
 other. As the celebrated painter
 who, when asked with what medi-
 um he blended his colors, making
 them so perfect, replied, "Brains,"
 so the mistress must herself, and
 must instruct her cook to, use good
 judgment and "brains" in season-
 ing. Food that has to be seasoned
 at the table, unless for some abnor-
 mal appetite, is but meat and vege-
 tables served with seasonings, not
 meat and vegetables thoroughly per-
 meated as they should be with sea-
 soning matter. Upon the knowl-
 edge of this law of good cooking de-
 pends the excellence of your dishes.

Effective Table Covers.
 Particularly effective for table
 covers is the new improved Java or
 Aida canvas, which comes in very
 harmonious colorings and graceful
 designs. The material being revers-
 ible, a variety in the color may be
 introduced by using alternately the
 front and back. In one example the
 pure white ground is strewn with
 large lilies or dahlias and foliage
 woven with spring green, while
 streaks of this tender color form a
 kind of fretting all over the back-
 ground, says the Brooklyn Eagle.
 The green parts representing the
 pattern are filled with cross stitch
 or, newer still, solid embroidery in
 lovely natural tints, mostly wrought
 in lustrine or any other glossy
 thread as a substitute for silk. How-
 ever, a mere outlining will be found
 sufficient by many, while others still
 frequently use the material as it
 comes from the manufacturer. Huge
 flowers are more striking when well
 shaded and relieved with Japanese
 gold. Ivory work could be utilized
 to cover the damask band of other
 table covers in khaki shades.

To Designate Towels.
 A clever woman, according to
 Good Housekeeping, has hit upon
 the idea of embroidering with a
 dark blue or red thread the out-
 lines of various utensils, such as
 tumblers, a cup and saucer, a fry-
 ing pan or a saucepan, for the pur-
 pose of conveying by object lessons
 the separate use for which each
 towel is designed. She says: "What
 I could not impress upon the vari-
 ous girls who served in my kitchen
 was which towel was to be used for
 certain dishes. They wipe my cut
 glass with a heavy crash towel and
 the frying pan with the towel de-
 signed for glass. Since I have put
 emblems on each of the towels I
 have no further trouble."

Wax Berry Decoration.
 For decorative use an old time fa-
 vorite, the wax berry, is receiving
 marked attention just now. Florists
 have had it in stock for some time,
 decorative artists are introducing
 it in designs and mineral painters
 are using it for ornamenting plates,
 trays and vases. It is also being in-
 troduced in water color sketches.
 In one home in this borough crys-
 tal bowls and silver vases are kept
 filled with wax berries, a constant
 supply being sent in from the coun-
 try. The berries will keep fresh for
 some time, and even when the leaves
 are dry they are still effective. For
 winter decoration for sitting room
 or den wax berries are appropriate
 and beautiful.

Japan's Peerage.
 Japan has been very busy lately
 creating peers. No fewer than 275
 have been added to the number since
 the system was inaugurated. In
 1884, when peers were first created,
 patents were granted to 11 princes,
 excluding princes of the blood; 24
 marquises, 73 counts, 321 viscounts,
 and 74 barons. Now the numbers
 stand: Eleven princes, 34 marquises,
 89 counts, 363 viscounts and 281
 barons. The total in 1884 was 503;
 today it is 778.

Reforestation.
 Connecticut is the latest to take
 up the question of reforestation.
 Many states have awakened to this
 fact, but the damage already has
 been done, and it will be a hard
 matter to find a remedy.—Los An-
 geles Express.

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Has given prominence in history to the now world famous Texas
 Panhandle. But a few years ago the wonderful possibilities of this
 region as a wheat country became known, and great things were
 prophesied 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.

W. F. STERLEY, A. A. GLISSON, CHARLES L. HULL
 A. G. P. A. G. A. P. D. T. P. A.
 Fort Worth, Texas.

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

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

Out of 118 pupils enrolled in
 the Menardville school, there
 has been 98 cases of mumps.—
 Enterprise.

J. W. Chilton one of the big
 dry goods merchants of Ballin-
 ger was registered in Brown-
 wood Monday evening.—Bulle-
 tin.

The day of special prayer for
 institutions of learning will be
 observed at Daniel Baker college
 next Thursday culminating with
 a sermon preached there at night
 by Rev. M. S. Smith of Ballin-
 ger.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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

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

—See Van Pelt & Kirk's Bug-
 gies and Saddles before buying.

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
 don't overload the stomach.
 Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
 digests your food. E. D. Walk-
 er.

Favorite Nearly Everywhere.
 Constipation means dullness,
 depression, headache, generally
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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)
W. H. WEEKS.

For Constable Precinct No. 1.

J. A. DEMOVILLE.
B. W. PILCHER,

For Public Weigher:

FRANK STUART.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

R. P. KIRK (Re election.)
PARKER G. WOODWARD.
J. W. CLAMPITT.

For Treasurer

W. F. SHARP (Re-election.)

For County and District Clerk

E. M. BLACKBURN.
W. L. TOWNER (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT,

For Representative 102nd Representative District:

DR. A. L. TAYLOR,
of Sonora.
CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH,
of Ozona.

Geo H. Holman of Ballinger, was here Monday visiting his brother, A. P. Holman of the Concho drug store. W. R. White a prominent citizen of Ballinger, came up with T. S. Sharp from Miles Monday night. Mrs. J. J. Erwin, wife of a prominent Ballinger merchant, visited friends in the city until yesterday. J. M. Slaughter, who has lived in San Angelo about a year, has bought property at Maverick, Runnels county, and will open a store there. Cashier R. A. Hall took advantage of legal holiday Saturday, and ran down to Ballinger to see his family. Miss Mezzie Williams went over to Ballinger one day last week to visit old friends and awaken new hope in the disconsolate.—San Angelo Press.

Y. M. C. A. State Convention Cleburne Texas. One and one third fare for round trip. Sell March 12th, 13th and 14th.

Meeting of Texas Cattle Raisers Association and Fort Worth Fat Stock show, Fort Worth Texas. Return \$6.70. Date of sale March 9th and 10th.

Ballinger Shakespeare Club Entertains Friends

A Brilliant Reception at the Home of Dr and Mrs. T. E. Butler.

First Open Session Ballinger Shakespeare Club, 1901-1902

February 27th, 1902.

MOTTO

"Ignorance is the curse of God, knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."—Shakespeare.

"Salutation and greeting to you all"—As you like it.

"The man who hath no music in himself nor is moved by concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils."—Merchant of Venice.

PROGRAM.

PART 1.

Midsummer Night's Dream, duett, Sidney Smith
Miss Neal Guion and Mrs. W. E. Odom.

"All the world's a stage," Pinsuti
Mrs. W. E. Odom

"Meditation" de Koutski
Miss Neal Guion.

"O Memory," trio, arranged by Leslie
Mrs. Odom, Miss Hardgrave and Mrs. Wilmeth.

PART 2

Synopsis, Mrs. M. H. Odom

ACT V.—As You Like It.

CASTE.

Duke.....	Mrs. Spencer
Oliver.....	Miss Miles
Orlando.....	Mrs. Baker
Jaques.....	Mrs. Mayes
Jaques de Bois.....	Mrs. Currie
Sylvius.....	Mrs. Miller
Corin.....	Mrs. Wilmeth
Touchstone.....	Mrs. Odom
Amiens.....	Mrs. Butler
Rosalind.....	Miss Hardgrave
Celia.....	Miss Neal Guion
Phebe.....	Miss Echols
Audrey.....	Miss Moser
William.....	Miss Rather
1st Page.....	Mrs. Mayes
2nd Page.....	Mrs. Wilmeth
Hymen.....	Miss Butler

PUNCH.

"Here is that which is too weak to be a sinner."
—Timon of Athens.

"Come let us eat, drink and be merry."

MENU.

"But we may pick a thousand salads ere we light upon such another."—All's well that ends well.

"Made of cheese paring."—Henry IV.

"Cheese puts forth her OLIVE everywhere."—Henry IV.

"Let the sky rain potatoes."—Merry Wives.

"Sweets to the sweet, here is a daisy."—Hamlet

"My cake is dough."—Taming of the Shrew.

"Airy nothing molded and given a name."—Midsummer Nights Dream.

"Coffee, chief nourisher in life's feast."—Macbeth.

"Tho' this be all do not so quickly go."

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Our buyer, Mr. John F. Currie is, now in the eastern markets, with cash in hand, buying an immense stock of Dry Goods, which will arrive in a few days.

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T. S. LANKFORD
The Saddle and Harness Man.

Hudspeth for Representative.

One of the best known men in West Texas is Claude B. Hudspeth, editor of the Ozona Kicker, who yielding to solicitation of friends, appears before the people of the 102 district as a candidate for representative. Mr Hudspeth is a west Texas boy, frank and outspoken, and as he states it in a letter to the BANNER-LEADER "square against the present quarantine line." Being a cow-boy and ranchman himself his candidacy appeals particularly to the people of the district he hopes to represent. He writes that he will be in Ballinger during district court when he hopes to meet more of our good people. His announcement appears in this issue of the BANNER-LEADER.

—A pretty line of watches at bargain prices—Asa Cordill.

Max L. McClure, of St. Louis and H. D. Geigerman, of New York, the former with the Hammer Paint Co. and the latter with a dry goods house, were in Ballinger this week. This was their first trip to Texas and they were high in praise of the people and state and the west in particular. It was the pleasure of a BANNER-LEADER reporter to make the acquaintance of these two gentlemen and found them to be as sociable as any traveling men on the road.

Periodicals for Febuary at Rannels county News Co. Ballinger, Texas.

—Asa Cordill sets the pace in jewelry circles. Get his prices always before buying.

L. Markowitz is at home from eastern markets. His wife is at Hot Springs, the guest of a friend.

Struck Oil at Brownwood.

The report came today from Brownwood through W. R. Browne, late of Winters, who came up for a few days visit that Brownwood is all excitement over the striking of oil in that city. A well has been going down for several months and recently work was stopped and guards were placed over the well, and the company began securing leases wherever possible. Yesterday it leaked out that oil had been struck. It is said to be of a fine quality, superior to anything yet discovered, and is in paying quantities. The BANNER-LEADER hopes that it may be as reported and better. It would mean much for Brownwood and all west Texas. The people of that city have long believed that oil was there, and we are glad to see that faith develop into something tangible.

Through T. S. Lankford the BANNER-LEADER learns of a terrible tragedy at Robert Lee. During the wind storm Wednesday afternoon the home of Judge Graham, connty judge of Coke county, was blown down and the family caught under the ruins. All managed to escape, save the eldest daughter, 17 years of age. While she was still pinned under the timbers, the house caught on fire and before she could be rescued flames had burned the flesh from both limbs and one arm and had eaten a great hole in her side. Despite these mortal injuries she lived and was conscious for two hours after being dragged from the flames. Mrs. Graham and the children were alone in the house when it blew down.

—You have the best if you buy of Asa Cordill.

Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE.

—Pure cider made from wine sap apples at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite postoffice. Phone 45.

—Asa Cordill, the Jeweler.

—Books to rent at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger Texas.

—Any puplicacion supplied at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger, Texas.

Dr. A. S. Love received a telegram Thursday afternoon stating that his father was in a dying condition at his home in Florence. The news was very unexpected and came as a shock. Dr. Love and wife and Miss Love left on the train their afternoon for his bedside.

Just Received.

A handsome line of fresh millinery, pretty enough to delight the eye of the most fastidious; the latest styles, the newest shades, and we would be glad of an opportunity to prove the truth of these statements. When may we look for you? Respt. MRS. ALICE GREEN.

The Shakespeare Club Entertainment.

On another page of the BANNER-LEADER appears the program as rendered by the Ballinger Shakespeare Club Thursday night at the elegant home of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler. It was up to expectations and that is saying a great deal for much was expected of the ladies.

At the conclusion of the program elegant refreshments were served. The dining room and table were artistically arranged carrying out the club colors, white and yellow. At each end of the table were placed handsome candelabra holding candles with white and yellow shades while at the center a tall cut glass vase held choice flowers; these pieces were connected with festoons of ribbon. The plate and tumber doilies were of battenburg laid over yellow satin. The whole made a decoration, simple but charming in effect.

Mr. Frank Leke, of Baird preached to the Baptists of the city Thursday and Friday nights.

The sand storm Wednesday "took the rag off the bush" and came near taking the bush with it. It excelled any like event within the recollection of the writer. As a correspondent aptly stated, it caused everything that was loose at both ends to emigrate. It was awful. A. E. Turney's barn was blown down, a section of the opera house roof and a portion of the gallery at the Royalty hotel was torn away. No other damage has been reported to the BANNER-LEADER office.

Wholesale Millinery Opening Described.

The largest opening ever displayed in St. Louis is herewith pictured for the benefit of the BANNER-LEADER readers. The 18th of February being set by the eleven wholesale millinery houses of this city for their first annual opening of the spring season of 1902, your scribe in company with crowds from all over the United States, wended her way through the city which was covered some five inches in snow to the places of business which were to reveal to her the fashions and fads for her next four months work.

What we did not see that day in hats we care not to look at. It reminded us of a southern sea shore, standing in the midst of a flower garden surrounded with all that was lovely and fair and yet we were fanned by a gentle breeze from off the frozen Mississippi. But notwithstanding being cold we went from house to house until we had seen all French, Paris and New York millinery we cared to look at. The leading shape at present is the Continental and Binnanna, something entirely new for the milliner, white, pink, chocolate and receta green makes up the stylish shades for season.

We have not the least idea how many attended this opening. The morning was taken up alone by milliners and in the evening the city people made a display of everything that was beautiful to a woman's eye in the way of dress from a street costume to an elaborate evening toilette. This is said by St. Louis people to be the best opening and largest crowd ever assembled in the city for such an occasion and there are yet several thousand in the trimming rooms. STELLA FORBES. St. Louis, Mo., 2-22-'02.

FOR SALE: Farm and Ranch Lands.

We are now offering the G. G. Odom Ranch, comprising about 17,000 acres, located in the North Western part of Rannels County and the North Eastern part of Coke County, for sale, either as a whole, or in parcels of 1500 acres and upwards.

The Land is all fenced and cross fenced; there being several different enclosures.

Old Fort Chadbourne is located very near the center of the land; several of the old original rock buildings still remaining intact; some of which are utilized at the present time as residences and some as outbuildings. There are also several different Farms on the Ranch. The Land is of different qualities; containing a super abundance of timber, consisting of both Post Oak and Live Oak, Mesquite, Elm and Hackberry. There is a School House located near the center of the Land, while there are others located near the outskirts of it.

The Land is watered by Oak Creek, which traverses it diagonally, for some 8 or 9 miles, besides being watered by wells and windmills and tanks.

It is located near Wingate, a thriving little village in the North Western part of Rannels County and Hylton, a thriving little village in the South Eastern part of Nolan County just 5 or 6 miles east of the proposed route of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad.

The Titles to this land are absolutely straight. Price \$5.00 per acre. Terms 1-3 cash, balance 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, 8 per cent interest.

For particulars call on or write,

LANGE & DOOSE, Ballinger, Texas....

....CHAS. A. DAILEY, San Angelo, Texas.

—The tornado season is here. Dig a storm house, insure your life and property with Stone & Gregg and let the wind blow.

Breat Britain plans to spend 150 million dollars on her fleet this year and will put 49 new ships into the water.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Washington during the week beginning October 6.

The National Confederate reunion is to be held in Dallas in April. The contract for badges was let last week to a Milwaukee firm for \$2000.

W. T. McCampbell of Goliad county bought of P. Austin of Victoria county 10,000 head of cows and steers to be delivered in the spring.

According to reliable authorities 168,000 head of horses and mules were shipped out of Texas the past twelve months to be used by the British in the Boer war.

Secretary Long has announced his intention of resigning his place on the cabinet but as yet has set no specific date for such action. He has had this in mind several months.

A transport sailed from the New York harbor last week bound for Manila. The vessel carried 120 men and 80 women who will establish schools in the Philippines.

The House committee on Territories has voted to report bills for the admission of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma into full fellowship with other states in our union.

Three ministers, of as many different denominations, were robbed in San Antonio one night last week. The burglars confined their attention exclusively to ministers. They made rich hauls, too.

Recruiting offices for the U. S. government are complaining that so few applicants are received. The office at Galveston averages about four recruits per month and during the past month has enlisted only one recruit.

In Ellis county Ed Harvill was sitting in his house with his wife and children when a man walked into the house and without a word of warning blew the former's head off with a load of buckshot. No cause is assigned for the foul deed.

The executive committee of the Cattlemen's association of Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas will meet at Guthrie, O. T., in March to merge under the name of the Southwestern Cattle Grower's association which will then be the largest organization of cattle interests in the world.

Be an Immune.

As by vaccination you may become immune or safe from smallpox, so by taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin you will become immune from constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, and all stomach and bowel troubles. 50c and \$1.00 bottles.—E. D. Walker.

A large number of manufacturers, who use Beaumont oil as fuel, have formed a company and bought a well thus insuring fuel at the lowest price to all stockholders. This was done to avoid the possibility of the Standard Oil Co. monopolizing the market and advancing the price.

From Denison comes the news that crowds of home seekers are entering the state on every train at that point. They seem to have no particular destination but Western Texas is attracting the most attention. With but few exceptions the new comers are farmers in good circumstances, the kind that are always sure of a hearty reception.

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.

Reports from the general land office at Austin state that nearly every section of public school land has been sold, and that applications now are mostly to purchase lands which have heretofore been under lease. There is considerable open land in Hansford and Sherman counties which have not yet been placed on the market.

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.

Galveston people are in earnest about building a breakwater around the island. They have thus far subscribed for \$582,000 worth of bonds, and enough more is promised and in sight to make the grand total \$812,000. If they can dispose of bonds to the extent of a million dollars the wall will be built and Galveston will then be free from danger of such a flood as overwhelmed the city in September 1900.

The Doctor's Picture.

The likeness of W. B. Caldwell, M. D., is on every bottle of the genuine Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Accept no other. Take it for constipation and as a regulator of the stomach and bowels. 50c and \$1.00.—E. D. Walker.

—Feed of all kinds can be had at Miller Mercantile Co., opposite the post office. Phone No. 45.

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

—Fashion Journals at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger Tex.

Takes Issue with Banner-Leader. MR. EDITOR:

Referring to your article in issue of Banner-Leader of 22nd inst., in which you refer to an ordinance of the city council directing and demanding the removal of all obstructions from 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th and 12th streets, and the opening of the crossing on said streets for travel, in which you take the position that the removal of the depot on 9th street would be too great an expense on the railroad company, as the city did not propose to bear any part of such expense, and that there was no other available location except across the river or Elm creek. I beg to say, the Santa Fe railroad company purchased the land and plotted the town of Ballinger, and sold the lots with reference to the plot thereof. The original plot was filed in the County Clerk's office August 26, 1886. This plot includes the railroad right-of-way, located the passenger depot between 7th and Broadway and the freight depot between 9th and 10th streets. The plot of the addition to the town was filed March 8, 1887, and shows only one depot between 7th and Broadway. This plot of the addition shows all streets in the original town to be continued across the right-of-way by the same names and numbers as in the original plot. Both plots are certified to by Thos. King, engineer, as a correct survey as made by him on the ground.

They are further certified to by Geo. Sealey, as president, that said maps were adopted as the original town of Ballinger and addition thereto, and that all sales of lots would be made with reference to said lots, and duly acknowledged by him before a notary public as the act of the Santa Fe Railroad for the purposes thereto expressed. As the Santa Fe sold the lots with reference to said lots, showing streets, alleys and location of its depots, what right did it have to move its depots and place them across one of the most important streets in our city? And should the depot be moved across either the river or the creek, have the owners of lots purchased according to the plots, no action for damages? The depot does not occupy a greater space than the width of a block, hence, why should it be built across the street? The streets by the act of the Santa Fe railway company, were dedicated to the public, and no private or corporate interest can use them for their own convenience and profit to the detriment and injury of the people at large. A majority of the voters of the city petitioned for the opening of these streets. They believe they are right, that they are asking for only what they are entitled to, and are going to stand by the position they have taken until it is proven that the Santa Fe railway corporation and not the citizens own and control the highways of Ballinger. JOHN HOFFER.

Gift for Chemical School.

Dr. Purdie, professor chemistry in St. Andrew's University, Scotland, has offered the university \$25,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a small chemical research department at St. Andrew's. The gift is made in memory of his late uncle, Thomas Purdie of Castledife.

Florida's Orange Crop.

The time is close at hand when Florida will ship as many boxes of oranges as she did before the great freeze of 1895—namely, 5,000,000 boxes. If it had not been for that disaster she would be shipping more than 8,000,000 now.—Indianapolis News.

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Tricky Dentist's Punishment.
A Berlin dentist was sentenced the other day to five years' imprisonment, a fine of 1,000 marks (\$238) and five years' loss of titles and privileges, for overcharging, cheating and injuring his patients as well as compelling them to sign contracts while under the influence of anaesthetics.

Carnegie's Coat of Arms.
Andrew Carnegie's coat of arms shows a reversed crown surmounted by a liberty cap. A weaver's shuttle and a shoemaker's knife are upon the escutcheon, Scotch and American flags are the supporters, and below is the legend, "Death to Privilege."

Wheat for Semi-Arid Districts.
Wheat-growing in the semi-arid districts of the west has been rendered less uncertain, it is thought, by the introduction of macaroni and several other varieties of wheat, which have already given promise.

Dickens Had Pecuniary Worries.
Appropos of popular authors who leave small estates, the London Truth says: "Dickens did not begin to save money until he was nearly forty, and throughout life he suffered acutely and incessantly from pecuniary worries and anxieties. He was never short of ready money after his great crisis of 1844, but he was never easy about the future until after his enormously profitable second American trip in the winter of 1867-68."

Crude Fancies in Asia Minor.
Perhaps Asia Minor is richer in crude and interesting fancies than any other country. When children hear an owl hooting from the cypress groves they cry: "Good news for us; good messages for you." If they catch an owl they hold it up by the beak and chant, "Palm Sunday owl, how does your mother dance?" The meaning of the rite is lost, but the habit lingers.

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 Spheric 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 I. FELTON COMPANY, 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.



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Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It is unequalled for all stomach troubles.

It can't help

but do you good

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. one.



STOPS PAIN

Athens, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1901. Ever since the first appearance of my menses they were very irregular and I suffered with great pain in my hips, back, stomach and legs, with terrible bearing down pains in the abdomen. During the past month I have been taking Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught, and I passed the monthly period without pain for the first time in years. NANNIE DAVIS.

What is life worth to a woman suffering like Nannie Davis suffered? Yet there are women in thousands of homes to-day who are bearing those terrible pains in silence. If you are one of them, don't say that this same

WINE OF CARDUI

will bring you permanent relief. Console yourself with the knowledge that 1,000,000 women have been completely cured by Wine of Cardui. These women suffered from leucorrhoea, irregular menses, headache, backache, and bearing down pains. Wine of Cardui will stop all these aches and pains for you. Purchase a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui to-day and take it in the privacy of your home.

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

For Sale.

Only blacksmith shop in Maverick; best stand in county; complete set of blacksmith tools; house and lot. For price and terms write to C. E. BULLOCK, Maverick, Texas.

—Stone & Gregg propose to protect you against financial loss in consequence of the following most destructive and dreaded agencies: wind, fire, robbery, sickness, accident and even death itself. If you fear any of these call on us.

Father of our Country.

George Washington, first president of the United States. His two terms lasted from April 30, 1789, to March 4, 1797. He was born at Bridges Creek, on the Potomac river, in Westmoreland county, Virginia, on the 22nd day of February, 1732. He died at Mount Vernon, Va., December 14, 1799, and was buried there.

One hundred and seventy years ago last Saturday George Washington, the first president of the United States, was born at Wakefield, Westmoreland county Virginia. As early as 1781 the soldiers of the patriot army and the allied French forces celebrated his birthday in elaborate fashion. General Washington then had his headquarters at Newburg, and wrote Count de Rochambeau as follows:

"The flattering distinction paid to the anniversary of my birthday is an honor of which I dare not attempt to express my gratitude; I confide in your excellency's sensibility to interpret my feeling for this and for the obliging manner in which you are pleased to announce it."

In 1790 the Society of the Cincinnati gave a public celebration in Philadelphia in his honor. They marched through the streets and to the executive mansion, where they paid their respects to the president general. Six years later a motion was made in congress to adjourn in honor of Washington's Birthday. The motion was lost by disqualified members, who made a plea of bad precedent. When this became known about the town a large crowd gathered, which made so much noise that congress had to adjourn, and the precedent was set. Nor has there been any falling off after all these years in the attention paid to this anniversary. In every State in the Union, except Mississippi, the day is a legal holiday.

The practice of holding Washington exercises in the public schools has become general, and is followed even in Mississippi, where there are no statutory holidays. As someone said many years ago, "Never, perhaps, was the memory of a man so honored, for never has there lived before a public man whose virtue can be remembered."

—Now is the time to buy tornado insurance. Stone & Gregg will sell you \$1000 worth for \$5.00.

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.

For Sale.

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.

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

—Ballinger Steam Laundry will be in operation within 30 days with F. M. Honea as proprietor.

—Cover your property above ground during the storm period with one of Stone & Gregg's matchless tornado policies.

Ten Years Ago and Now.

There is no better antidote for despondency than to take a measure of our own community as it was ten years ago and as it is today—unless you live in an unrepresentative and stagnant community. You will be likely to find the roads and the streets better than they were; the railroad service better, the postal service, possibly even the telegraph and the telephone service; you will observe better houses, more attractive grounds; the people are better clad, or more are well clad. Inside their houses you will find more books or better, more rooms, better lights and better furniture. A larger proportion of children and youth are receiving good training at better schools. All this means more than prosperous years. It means a higher level of life and a stronger ambition. The well being of the people of the United States is rising higher and especially is it diffusing itself wider. Life is constantly becoming more comfortable and more cheerful as well as longer and safer—leading to better conditions for intellectual growth and social development.—Ex.

Saved Him From Torture.

There is no more agonizing trouble than piles. The constant itching and burning makes life intolerable. No position is comfortable. The torture is unceasing. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles at once. For skin diseases, cuts, burns, bruises, all kinds of wounds it is unequalled. J. S. Gerall, St. Paul, Ark., says: "From 1865 I suffered with protruding, bleeding piles and could find nothing to help me until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes completely cured me." Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

The corner stone of character, that on which the whole edifice is to rest, must be truth. Be truthful in word and deed and act, faithful to your conception of right, and you can no more help building a noble character than the earth can help moving on its orbit. A boy who has the courage to tell the truth under all circumstances, even when it may appear to be to his own disadvantage, will never do a mean, unmanly, or dishonest thing; he will not stoop to do anything questionable, no matter what material gain it may promise.—Terrell Times Star.

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.

—Dr. Flenniken has now located in Ballinger and will treat all chronic and acute diseases. If you have been given up by others don't despair—there is hope as long as there is life. Come to see me at once at F. M. Honea's residence, phone 167. Respectfully yours

20-1f J. M. FLENNIKEN M. D.

"The test of the success of a business career is not in the amount of money accumulated at the end, but in the honorable method employed, and in the usefulness of the business during the long years of struggle. The man who goes through the struggle and temptations of the business world of today with clean hands need not feel ashamed if he has not been able to fill his pockets. The blessed consciousness of doing right at all cost is the noblest success that this world affords."

A Cashier Testifies.

Gentlemen:—After twenty years of aches and pains caused by constipation brought on by sedentary habits, I have found more relief in two bottles of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin than all of the hundreds of other remedies I have tried, and I take pleasure in giving you this testimony, believing you have the finest preparation made for stomach troubles. Very truly yours, D. F. Lange, Cashier Wabash R. R., East St. Louis. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Advertising the State.

Many of our people could do a great work in the way of advertising the state and its resources, prospects, etc. if they would bear the matter in mind.

There are some citizens we are glad to state who make a practice of sending away their home paper after they have read them; that is they mail them to their friends and acquaintances in other states, and there are even those who subscribe for their home paper and have them sent direct abroad, without receiving them in the first instance themselves.

We wish there were more of our citizens who would fall into the habit and do likewise, for all this helps the community; it is a way of advertising that counts, for it not only informs those to whom they are sent of whom and what we are, but the fact of receiving this information through the intervention of a friend here carries with it the assurance that the friends here who send the paper believe in the future of the State.—Cheyenne Leader.

Stock Panic.

A panic in Wall street, involving millions of dollars, is no more nerve racking than the panic which seizes the man who realizes that he is hopelessly in the grasp of constipation, dyspepsia or any form of stomach or bowel trouble. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the only guaranteed cure for these troubles.—E. D. Walker.

Fifty lives lost and \$1,000,000 in property destroyed was the result of a fire in New York last week. The fire originated in the armory of the Seventy-first regiment, a magnificent granite building, and spread to the Park Avenue Hotel, both buildings being destroyed. In the hotel were 600 guests and it was here the great loss of life occurred.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

The Boy Who Had an Exciting Trip With a Balloon.

How would you like to sail skyward for 1,500 feet or more hanging with your feet entangled in a rope and your head down? Such was the experience of Carlton E. Myers, a twelve-year-old West Liberty (Ia.) boy on July 6 last. Carl was helping hold a big balloon down when suddenly it sprang into the air. His feet were caught in the ropes, and to the amazement of every one he was carried upward in the wake of the big airship. The boy bravely clung to the line and finally caught one of the dangling parachute ropes. Twisting himself about this, he



CARLTON E. MYERS.

gradually worked his way up to the balloon. When his strange conveyance had reached the height of about 1,500 feet, a current of air struck it, and it drifted away. There was a novel and exciting chase for the balloon on the part of the crowd, some in wagons, some on horseback, others on foot. After a chase of three miles the balloon was seen slowly to descend. It finally came to earth in a field of grain, where it gently dropped the young aeronaut. A triumphal procession was formed, and the boy was carried back home, and there a purse of a hundred dollars was raised to show to the boy how much his pluck was appreciated.—American Boy.

The Siberian Tiger.

While the keepers in the various zoological gardens exercise great care in protecting their charges from chilling winds, there is one member of the cat tribe who stays in an exterior cage of the lion house even on the coldest days. He is the Siberian tiger in New York's menagerie. Such is the climate of his native land that he need not fear anything in the way of cold that that city can produce. The Siberian tiger is probably the largest member of the cat family, and some claim for him the added distinction of being the most ferocious. In the winter the exile is one of the most attractive features of the menagerie. The colder the weather the more animated he becomes. He paces the cage all day long with eyes glowing and head erect, longing, no doubt, to feast on the rosy children who gather in crowds before his prison. It is in hot weather that the other members of the cat family have the laugh on their handsome cousin, as the saying is. The Siberian tiger has no winters of discontent; he has summers. It is pitiable to see his suffering when the sun begins to warm things up. At such times the poor beast lies on the floor of his cage from morning to night with his tongue hanging from his mouth.

Boys, Remember This.

Sharp eyed men of business take note of a boy's general appearance in making up their estimate of what he is worth. A straightforward, manly bearing will help any lad to get his way in the world, while the haphazard sort of a way usually suggests to the observer a corresponding character. Manliness is not a garment you can put on and off like your Sunday coat. It must have its foundation in the heart or it will be a flimsy sham that will deceive nobody.—Golden Days.

A Unique Street Lamp.

In London they have a street lamp which provides a stream of boiling water and dispenses tea, coffee and cocoa. The heat of the lamp warms the water and by dropping a cent in the slot a gallon of boiling water may be had. Two cents brings you milk, sugar, tea, coffee, etc. The light and heat are provided by the city, which co-operates with a private corporation that furnishes the rest.

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Baking Powder

Most healthful
Dissolver in
the world.
Goes farther.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK

Steve Francis of Maverick, was in town Saturday buying feed for his cattle.

Rev. W. G. Caperton, of Albany, will preach at the Baptist church in this city Sunday.

Miss Couch, one of Ballinger's most proficient teachers, returned Wednesday night, from Comanche county where she had been called by the death of her grandfather.

Oscar Lykes, a good friend of ours from the Norton neighborhood, was in town last week accompanied by his wife and son. The BANNER LEADER acknowledges an appreciated visit.

Last week's BANNER-LEADER overlooked the fact that Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill have assumed charge of the City Hotel. That it will be a success under their management goes without saying.

Col. R. H. Nesbitt, manager and owner of the Winters telephone exchange, was in town Saturday to meet his wife who has been in Temple the past month visiting her sister, and having her eyes treated by a specialist.

Prof. G. W. Brown came down Saturday from what he claims is, "the quietest community in Runnels county," Pumphrey. Not quiet in point of business but orderly and law abiding. Such a reputation is well worth getting and holding.

With this issue the BANNER LEADER concludes its third year under the present management and ownership. During that time the people of Ballinger and surrounding territory have given liberally of their patronage to its support and by that patronage have enabled the BANNER-LEADER to take rank among the best country weeklies in West Texas. More might be said on this line but the paper speaks for itself. We invite comparisons.

A BANNER-LEADER reporter visited the court house this week and found two charming young ladies of our town, their heads close together, poring over the records on the docket and occasionally commenting on the contents thereof, with sundry ohs! and ahs! which had a world of meaning in them. We fancy that had certain of our young men, who in days that are past have transgressed in the eyes of the law, witnessed these proceedings and listened to the comments their names would be found no more on the book which in black and white proclaims their misdeeds to whomsoever may be curious enough to investigate.

Judge M. C. Smith had legal business in Brownwood first of the week.

C. P. Shepherd spent a few hours in Coleman Sunday eve, the guest of his brother, Tom.

H. Winkler, the merchant, has gone east to purchase supplies for the people of Ballinger and her trade territory.

Land agent C. S. Miller left Sunday for Beeville to attend to some business matters. His little daughter accompanied him.

Messrs. P. E. Truly, of the Press, and R. A. Hall of the San Angelo National Bank, visited their families in Ballinger Sunday.

"The BANNER-LEADER is the best paper for a county I ever read in my life," writes A. C. Hargroves, a subscriber at Sweetwater.

John F. Currie, head of the dry goods department of the Davis-Noyes Co., left first of the week for St. Louis to buy his spring and summer stock.

Charlie Gallagher arrived in Ballinger Wednesday night after an extended absence. He has been spending the time in San Antonio, Beeville and other south Texas points.

Hall Hardware Co. have rented and are using for their tin shop the building formerly occupied by W. A. Davis & Co. This move leaves a vacant building next door to Crews & McGregor.

Mr. Lem Phillips and wife of Santa Anna came up Saturday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles. Mr. Phillips returned home Sunday afternoon while Mrs. Phillips will make a more extended visit to her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Love arrived Monday night, the former from New York where he had been taking a course, the latter from Florence, Williamson county, where she has been visiting her parents. All are glad to welcome them home again.

W. A. Glenn and Parker Woodward were out hunting Wednesday and Thursday, bringing in seven geese and thirteen ducks. The credit is due Parker for having killed the bigger part of the game.

Mr. Globler, living in Routh's addition, lost his barn and contents by fire one evening this week. In the barn was a ton or two of hay and considerable other feed which was an entire loss. Children, playing in the barn, are supposed to have set it on fire accidentally.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sledge, born on the night of the 22nd, died Monday night and was the following day interred in Ballinger's cemetery. Our deepest sympathies are with the young parents in their loss. God knows best.

S. C. Coffee, referee in bankruptcy cases, was here Saturday approving the sale of certain assets in a recent bankruptcy. The BANNER-LEADER has nothing against Mr. Coffee but it is sincere in the wish that, in so far as his bankruptcy business is concerned, he may have little in future to bring him to our city. In other words we don't want any more failures.

—Asa Cordill will sell you a Seth Thomas clock without alarm for \$2.25.



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Napping this year. Don't let your neighbors get ahead of you. See us now for Up-To-Date Garden Tools. New stock of everything that is latest and most labor saving. A "DANDY" Windmill is a paying investment. Never gets a lame back nor a sore arm from pumping too long. You will make no mistake if you supply your spring needs here

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F. M. HONEA

S. L. McNay, of Wingate, called on the BANNER-LEADER Wednesday, renewing his allegiance to the best paper in the county.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon, over Walker's Store.

W. M. Smiley, of Winters, was among the visitors in Ballinger this week. He isn't complaining about dry weather.

J. A. Walker, president of the Temple Grocer Co., was in Ballinger Wednesday looking after his branch house here.

Henry Tipton is back from a visit to Menardville and for the present is behind the bar in Mapes saloon, his old position.

Wheat throughout Runnels county appears to be in splendid shape. Reports from all sections of the county bear out this statement.

Mr. Bud Clark died Wednesday evening at his home near Crews of Brights disease, leaving a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

Jas. W. Pickens, brother of Mesdames W. R. Spencer and T. E. Butler, is in our city again for his health. He has been having a hard time lately and returned to Ballinger in the hope that he may recover his former health. His many friends here join him in the hope.

The Winters telephone exchange now numbers nearly thirty phones and the list is growing. In the summer Col. Nesbitt expects to connect with several ranch houses and possibly extend his line to Crews and Glen Cove. The BANNER-LEADER is pleased to note that the people are liberally patronizing this very commendable enterprise.

A telephone message from Bronte Thursday morning gave the information that the wind the previous day had wrecked the school house there, blowing the windows in, tearing down the bell and caving in the walls, making the house totally unfit for school purposes. Fortunately the house was insured against loss by wind to the extent of \$2,000 and the people will be enabled to rebuild. Mr. Walton's hotel also suffered from the force of the wind, the roof being blown off. The wind was reported much stronger at Bronte than at Ballinger and it was enough to make a number hunt for storm houses here.

Norton News.

Just at this time we are having a riproaring time in these parts, the wind is roaring and trash, sand, and in fact almost everything that is loose at both ends is emigrating.

Trimmer & Mitchell are putting up a drug and family grocery store on south main.

We see Mr. Patterson's well drill set up right in the middle of town and upon investigation find he is putting in a public well.

Mr. Turner, present mayor and president of board of trade, informs us that the telephone is forth-coming.

Dr. Mitchell is doing a good practice, and having success as a physician. He is thorough and as a citizen he is a model.

There has been more sickness than usual in our community but nothing fatal and at this writing all are improving.

Mr. Emet Long, of Ocker, Bell county will likely cast his lot with Norton people. This country is fast settling up with a substantial class of people and Mr. Long is no exception to the rule.

The trio of bird hunters returned Tuesday with 51 quail. They went 17 miles after them, returning the same day. They were M. C. Taylor, Oscar Lykes and "Tab" Lykes, who did the pointing act.

The tackey party was pulled off at Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Pattersons Saturday night. From the reports it was "immense." Miss Alma Morgan took first premium on ladies side, while Jas. Taylor with John Taylor a close second won first money for being the most "onerary" among the boys.

LATER—THE STORM

At 5:30 Wednesday the elements became dark and a straight wind storm began to blow; the air was full of small rocks, sticks, dirt and almost everything imaginable. M. C. Taylor's house was completely demolished, lumber and household effects were strewn across the cotton patch for 1/4 mile. Your scribe was among the first there and I confess that it was as complete a wreck as I ever witnessed. All the household goods seem to be as much a wreck as

the house. Luckily no one was seriously hurt. Mrs. Taylor, being the only one in the house, was carried with the wreck about 50 yards and escaped with a gash in the head that we hope is not serious. Her escape without serious injury is miraculous.

Mr. Turners crib was turned completely around but otherwise is O. K.

Mr. Pattersons buggy house is missing and other minor things all over the country.

We can't say as to other damage over this part of the country as we will likely not hear of it until today. This smashing all occurred in 1/4 mile of the store.

Miss Cady Entertains.

Last Friday night at the home of H. A. Cady, his highly accomplished daughter, Miss Francis, entertained six couples in progressive "high five." Those present were Misses H. Edna Myers, Daisy Pitman, Maud Northcutt, Minnie Guion Francis, and Minnie McGregor, Messrs. Robt. McGregor, Harry Thomson, C. P. Shepherd, Dan and Percy Moser, Arthur Chilton. Miss Francis Cady won the greatest number of games and Miss Minnie McGregor, the fewest.

Dr. Thomas, of Durant, I. T., was here prospecting Wednesday but the sand storm completely disgusted him and he boarded the first train headed homeward.

New farms are being opened, new land is being turned by the plow, new roads are being opened and big preparations are being made for the 1902 crop in Runnels county.

M. C. Taylor, of Norton, a victim of the wind's fury Wednesday, was in town Thursday getting lumber to rebuild. A description of the storm and the destruction of his home is to be found in the Norton correspondence this week. Should any reader of this paper feel inclined to render Mr. Taylor financial assistance, and we know it would not be amiss, the BANNER-LEADER will take pleasure in receiving any amount however small, and forwarding it to Mr. Taylor. Whatever you do, do quickly.