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The Banner-Leader,
Ballinger, Texas.

Maverick News.

And still the wind and sand blows. I think we are getting a little more than our share. Our school house was twisted around from the storm of last week but is now back in place.

A Mr. Slaughter of San Angelo has bought an interest in Prof. Bullock's store. They will enlarge the old building and carry a large stock of dry goods and groceries.

Despite the windy weather the work on Mr. Slaughter's residence is being pushed ahead.

A gentleman from San Angelo

has purchased the blacksmith shop. He has already taken possession.

Rev. Wallis Caperton of Albany delivered his sermon at the school house this week. The writer did not have the pleasure of hearing him.

Miss Jamie Kerel spent a few days visiting friends in Maverick last week.

Messrs. Dunlap and Carter are doing some carpenter work in Maverick.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grimes last week, a girl.

By mutual consent the trustees released Miss Alphie Caper

ton of her obligation as assistant teacher in our school. She immediately took charge of the school of the new Methodist church four miles north of this place. Mrs. Daniels having resigned as teacher of the school at that place.

There is a great deal of sickness in our neighborhood though there is nothing serious, mostly "Grippe."

Mr. Joe Hearrall and family of Bronte visited Mrs. Hearrall's parents this week.

Survivor Williams was laying off town lots in Maverick this past week.

Corn planting is the order of the day when the sand storms will cease a day at the time

IKE.

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

Winters.

"In the midst of life there is death." It becomes our sad duty to again chronicle the death of two of our most esteemed and dearly beloved. The spirit of Mrs. L. A. Harper, on February 21 took its flight to its home beyond the skies. Deceased had been an invalid for years but apparently was on the road to recovery until a day or two before her death which was a great shock and surprise to the entire community. She was buried in the Winters cemetery February 25. Rev. W. P. Crow, her pastor, preached the funeral at the grave to a host of friends and loved ones who gathered there to see her for the last time on earth. A loving husband, two daughters and a host of other friends and loved ones deeply mourn her departure. May the Father above comfort them in this great trouble.

Mrs. I. B. Beall left a dear companion, father, mother, brothers, sisters and friends on the 26th of February and went to live forever with the heavenly family where comes no sickness, sorrow, pain nor death. Her death was also a great shock as well as surprise to all, as she was sick but a few days. She was laid to rest in the cemetery here on the 27th in the presence of a concourse of friends and loved ones. Rev. F. M. Jackson conducted funeral services. May the God of love fill the aching void in the bosoms of the bereaved is our prayer.

Mrs. R. H. Nesbitt arrived home last Sunday from Temple where she went to have her eyes treated by a noted specialist. (The Col. is all smiles now.) We are pleased to note that Mrs. Nesbitt's eyes were greatly benefited.

Work on the sheds of Messrs. Pierce & Mullin's lumber yard is progressing rapidly regardless of the big floods (of sand) we have been having of late. A lumber yard for Winters will be an addition of no little value.

Mr. J. H. Kipp accompanied by J. H. Kipp, Jr., left the 5th inst. for Mexico. They go from here to Dallas thence to Detroit thence to New Jersey, thence to New York city, thence to Porto Rico, thence to Cuba, thence to Panama, thence to Mexico.

The Cochran school under the

proficient management of Miss Mary Duke is progressing nicely. The enrollment numbers 40 or more; attendance good.

Dr. Hollis, of Abilene, was here 2 days this week. We found him to be a pleasant and intelligent gentleman. He has the reputation of being a dentist with few superiors. We are pleased to learn that he will visit Winters regularly in the future.

Winters is to have another two story building shortly.

Mr. Tom Patterson, representing the Hill Hardware Co. of Ballinger, was doing business with the Winters people this week. He is selling the Deering Harvester.

Mr. Noel Daniel, of Dallas, is here in the interest of Murray & Co., of Winters. He is taking orders for the Milwaukee Binder.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper, a fine boy recently. "Kit" says that it is almost ready to talk.

C. T. Grant, J. W. Dale, I. T. Avery, Cal Eoff, A. F. Adams, et al., of Winters, are attending District court as jurors this week.

"Associate," we had begun to wonder what had become of you. We enjoy reading your letters very much, also those of the other members of the fraternity.

NEMO.

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

Crews Items.

I have waited so long to gather some news that I thought would be of interest to the many readers of your valuable paper but news is so scarce in this part of the county. Everybody has been very busy sowing oats since the rain. Some people have begun to plant corn. Wheat as a rule looks very well, but unless we have rain soon it will begin to look bad again for we are needing rain very badly, stock water is scarce.

Mr. Abe Montgomery has sold out his harness and hardware to L. C. Hixson.

We have had petitions circulated for Mr. B. T. Hale and H. E. Bradley to be made P. M. at Crews. Mr. Hale the drug man sent his petition off on the 25th inst and on the same day was appointed P. M. Mr. L. C. Hixson having sent in his resignation. Mr. Hale is a brother to our up-to-date Dr. Hale and says he is going to fix the post-office up in the latest style so as to give the patrons all the accommodation he can, which we surely wish him to do, then success will be the many wishes of his many friends.

We are glad to have a new doctor by the name of Merrit he has rented a house and everything is in waiting for his coming, we are glad to welcome the doctor into our midst. Hope he will come and stay.

We have to note the death of Mr. Bud Clark of recent date. He was taken with Brights disease and was only confined to his bed about 15 days. All that could be done by skillful medical aid and loving hands was done but of no avail. The sum-

mons came and he had to obey.

We extend condolence to the family and many friends.

We are having some very nice sand storms but have heard of no particular damage in this part of the county. One today from the north.

Well, will close. Will send you some roasting ears as soon as they make. Success to the Leader.

BILLIE.

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

Wingate Happenings.

Now as we have had several weeks rest we will again try to chronicle the happenings of our little town.

The majority of our farmers are busy this week planting corn.

Messrs. J. W. Gannaway and Jno. Loveless attended court at Ballinger this week.

Rev. Sullivan filled his regular appointment here Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday. After the 11 o'clock services on Sunday the church partook of the Lords supper. Rev. Sullivan is an able minister of the gospel and all who hear him are sure to want to hear him again.

Mr. W. P. Hawkins made a flying trip to Galeen last week on business.

Mr. Will Durham is in the capital city this week courting.

Mr. Mc. D. Townsend was over in Coke county last week seeing after his interests in that part.

Ye scribe took in the beautiful little town of Bronte one day last week.

We had several showers of sand and gravel last week.

We were glad indeed to see our good friend Saul coming to the front again and hope he will come quite often with his newsy articles.

Since the high winds at Robert Lee and other places storm houses have been in constant demand and those who haven't got them are busy at work preparing them.

The Literary met in regular session on Friday night last. The program rendered was good, especially the debate which could not have been excelled under the circumstances the question was: "Resolved that the North has more advantages than the South in manufacturing." Speakers for the affirmative were Prof. Parker and N. F. Smithson; negative, Rev. J. S. Moore and C. J. Horton, the negative came off victorious.

Many thanks to "An Old Writer" for the compliments on being a great writer some day. We have not the least idea of becoming as wise as Caesar nor as great as a Demosthenes but if we do we hope our good friend will not be very far behind.

The young folks met at the church Sunday night and organized a prayer meeting to meet every Wednesday and Sunday night.

Three cheers for our sister town Winters. Some day perhaps she will be able to cope with such places as Wingate.

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"It's better than a letter."

J. Y. Heron and Miss Rosa Freeman were granted license to wed Saturday.

Messrs. Otho Kelley and James Evans, two of Santa Anna's youth's, were up Sunday visiting Ballinger maidens.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler informed the BANNER LEADER this week that it had been decided to begin revival services in the Methodist church in this city the first Sunday in June.

Noel Daniels, of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Monday and from here proceeded to Winters where the house he represents had several prospective purchasers of machinery.

Wingate was well represented in Ballinger Monday. Among other the BANNER LEADER reporter noted John Loveless, N. W. Dean, W. Durham, J. A. Street, J. W. Gannaway, J. B. Low, W. G. Cathy.

What are you doing to let the world know of the advantages offered the home-seeker in Runnels county? Why not send the BANNER LEADER to two or three friends in the east? "It is better than a letter."

Mrs. J. A. Starnes has been visiting relatives at Benton the past two weeks and has yet a week or so to remain before her visit is concluded. In the meantime Prof. —but some things are best left unsaid.

J. A. Street, from Wingate one of the best sections of Runnels county was in town Monday. His brother-in-law, A. W. Campbell, of Thorndale, Texas, will hereafter receive the BANNER-LEADER, with his compliments. "It's better than a letter."

A letter from T. Alf O'Reilly to C. S. Miller, received recently, states that he is at Kiowa, I. T. and is enjoying a good business, but that the town is not the most desirable place in which to reside, for many reasons. His letter is quite interesting in its description of the town, the people, the country, etc.

County Judge T. T. Crosson in his usual happy style spoke the fateful words Saturday at 2 p.m. which united "until death do them part" Mr. Jo Kohutek and Miss Rosa Pokorny, a young couple from the village of Rowena. The ceremony was performed by the genial judge in his office at the court house, in the midst of interested spectators.

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

"It's better than a letter."

Miss Jessie Woodward returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at San Angelo.

Little Miss Eleanor Marberry, of San Angelo, came down Saturday under the care of C. C. F. Blanchard and is now the guest of Mrs. J. F. Wright.

Mrs. J. W. Reaves left Saturday for Cleburne to visit friends for a few days. From Cleburne she goes to Forrester to pay her mother a visit.

Mr. Max Lange was in San Antonio this week attending an important meeting of the Sons of Herrman of which order he is a prominent member of high rank.

Mr. Dick Bennett returned Sunday night from his home in Dublin where he has been during the winter and will shortly begin the making of summer beverages. He is in the employ of the Ballinger Bottling Works Co.

Col. R. H. Nesbitt, of Winters was in town Saturday and while here subscribed for two copies of the BANNER-LEADER, taking one himself and sending the other to D. E. Nesbitt at Mountain View, Ark.

Misses Minnie and Blanche Perryman were visiting relatives in Ballinger Saturday and Sunday. The former is teaching at Pearce's school house on Valley creek, the latter at Norton. Both have flourishing schools.

W. W. Luper and wife left Ballinger Saturday for Josephine, Texas, called there by an announcement of the dangerous illness of his mother, who had only recently come from her home in Mississippi to visit her sons.

Capt. S. M. Wood, of Brownwood, is here, or was, this week making a religious effort to dispose of some of the products of a nursery which he represents. The BANNER-LEADER learns that he secured quite a number of orders.

Mr. Green Nixon, a well-to-do farmer and stockman living above Runnels on the Winters road, was in town Saturday. Obeying his instructions the BANNER-LEADER will hereafter regularly visit Mr. J. C. Nixon, Covington, Ga.

Prof. J. T. Overby, late principal of the Winters public school but now a citizen of the thriving burg, Santa Anna, was in Ballinger Monday. He is pleased with his new location and is building a house preparatory to entering the mercantile business there.

Judge G. H. Garland, of Paint Rock has two boys, young in years but amply able to look out for themselves. They are the proud owners of a gig which was new once, and a donkey which may have been in Noah's ark. Thus equipped they are ready for traveling, at a rate which varies anywhere from one to four miles per hour according to the inclination of the steed. They visited Ballinger last week and while here were the guests of their aunt Mrs. Jo Hardin. Their equipage was an object of interest on our streets.

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
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The spring term of district court began here Monday.

Mr. Jack McGregor, of the Hall Hardware Co., had business in San Angelo Saturday.

Old residents say the sand storm of last week was the worst in the history of the west.

T. F. Brooks, of Paint Rock, is in town this week building a residence for his son-in-law, Mr. Cam Murray.

Sunday was 'Texas Independence day.' The occasion is not very generally observed throughout west Texas.

I. T. Avery, of Winters, paid the BANNER LEADER an appreciated visit Monday. He was in town in answer to a jury summons.

The Brownwood oil strike gets bigger each day. Lands have increased wonderfully in value and "oil" is said to be the talk of the town.

Mr. Gus Noyes, planter, merchant and capitalist of Menardville was in Ballinger Saturday looking after his various business interests here. His investments in Ballinger have all netted handsome returns which of course is quite pleasing to him.

Dr. Franken, late of Normandy, Tenn., has located at Content and has formed a partnership with Dr. J. M. Smith. He is an enthusiastic K. of P. of high rank, and to some of that order has suggested the immediate organization of a K. of P. lodge in Content.

Mr. John Huthinson was in town Saturday enroute to his home in Bronte from San Angelo where he had Dr. Marberry remove an offending eye which has long troubled him. The operation was quite successful and the hope is expressed that this will end his troubles along that line.

Rev. A. H. Norris is here to ship his belongings to Jacksboro where he has rented the leading hotel for a long term. Mr. Norris ran a splendid house here while proprietor of the Windsor, and we feel sure he will give the greatest satisfaction to his patrons at Jacksboro. We ask for him a trial of the public at Jacksboro and he will do the balance. —Abilene Reporter.

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 March 1st, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

Carkwood, Miss Annie.

GENTLEMEN:

Chapman, H. E.

Crunk, Lee.

Dowdy, Charlie.

Schulze, W. J.

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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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.

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

"It's better than a letter."

My Reasons for Withdrawing.

Several weeks ago I announced as a candidate for the office of public weigher of Runnels county expecting to receive a majority of all the votes cast in the county, but since that time several lawyers have decided there is no such office as public county weigher; that according to law it is a precinct office; and it was decided to elect weigher for precinct No. 1 alone, which would give the farmers no voice in the election of the man who handles their cotton; hence I have withdrawn from the race, as before mentioned.

However I have purchased the block known as the baseball grounds, where I will establish a private yard for weighing cotton. I have given a \$2500 bond, as the law directs, and same has been approved by the commissioners court of Runnels county. Personally I still favor the

plan of making the office of weigher a public one, by petition, and that all the precincts of the county, except Miles, be united and be allowed to elect a man for the place.

Very Respectfully,
WILLIAM REINBOLD.

The City Council ordered an election to be held at the court house in the city of Ballinger on April 1st 1902 to elect the city aldermen.

C. S. Bowdon is hereby appointed as manager of this and all other city elections for the year 1902.
P. McGregor J. W. Powell
Secretary Mayor.

Notice.

I have all my old notes and accounts for collection and they must be closed up. Please call and attend to them at once.

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if you don't
advertise in the Banner-Leader.

I. S. Baldwin, of Content, is
one of the court attendants this
week.

J. N. Maddox, of Menardville,
passed through Ballinger this
week on his way to the territory
to take charge of a large ranch.

Mr. Eugene Baker, of Brown-
wood, was here first of the week
organizing a lodge of the United
Altruists. This society met
Tuesday night in W. O. W. hall.

Messrs. Jno. W. Dale, M. F.
Cornelius, A. F. Adams, W. S.
Sylar, Charlie Grant, I. T.
Avery, Wm. Havenhill were
among those who were in town
first of the week from Winters.

Miss Lura Bigham passed
through Ballinger Tuesday going
to Brownwood from Menard-
ville where she has been visit-
ing relatives and friends for
some months past.

The result of an over indul-
gence in food or drink are
properly rectified, without pain
or discomfort, by taking a few
doses of Herbine. Price 50
cents at E. D. Walker's Drug
Store.

In the proper column will be
found the announcement of Ike
O. Wooden for Justice of the
Peace and commissioner
of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Wooden
is among Ballinger's first citi-
zens and has made friends who
have stood by him through
thick and thin. He is offering
for the office on the question of
merit, and not of personal
friendship, declaring that if
elected he will serve the people
fairly and impartially giving no
man preference over another.

At the home of the bride's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J.
Stocks, Rev. W. G. Caperton, of
Albany, united in the bonds of
holy matrimony Mr. Jeff P.
Brooks and Miss Ada Stocks,
the ceremony taking place Sun-
day morning at 10 o'clock. Mr.
Brooks is a young man of
sterling worth, industrious, an
upright gentleman, liked by all.
His bride is the second daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Stocks, is pop-
ular among her acquaintances
and possesses the qualities es-
sential to make a good wife. The
BANNER LEADER wish them a
pleasant journey o'er life's
matrimonial sea.

Declared of unsound mind by
a jury of six good men on evi-
dence which could not be dis-
puted, S. S. Mapes was carried
Tuesday to Austin and placed in
the state asylum. He was ac-
companied by Sheriff Kirk and
Charlie Gallagher. The BANNER
LEADER some time ago recorded
the fact that Mr. Mapes has
made an unsuccessful attempt
on his life. At the time it was
thought only a temporary lapse
of his mind, but since then his
condition has grown worse
steadily, necessitating the
presence of attendants constant-
ly to prevent him taking his
own life or that of some of the
family. The entire town sympa-
thies with the family in this sad
affliction.

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.
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able me to give you the most for
your money. Jas. E. Brewer.
Jeweler

CONDENSED STORIES.
As Preferred a Bottle of "Whuskey"
to "Shampoon."

When Sir Evelyn Wood had his
famous irregulars out once after the
hostile natives in Cape Colony, he
found himself in a curious fix, says
London M. A. P. He was on one
side of a ravine with his small force.
The enemy occupied the other side
in thousands, keeping well in bush
cover. To go straight across at
them might mean another Isandula,
and Sir Evelyn was too cute to be
caught in a trap of that sort.

Sir Evelyn pondered the position
for a time and then called for one
of the best bushmen among the ir-
regulars. The Scotchman who re-
lated the incident was selected, and
the general asked him if he could
contrive to draw the enemy from
cover. The end was that the hardy
irregular rode away round out of
sight under a kloof and came on up
the ravine as if he were not aware
of the presence of either party. Dis-
mounting, he started to make a fire,
as if about to camp. Soon the Zu-
lus came rushing down the slopes
after him in great masses, and the
next moment shrapnel shells from
Wood's camp were playing among
them. A large number were killed,
and the rest cleared off for good,
much alarmed by the sharp lesson.
"I galloped back under the shells,"
said the Scotchman in recalling the
incident, "and when I got in the
general came up and shook hands
with me. He gived me a bottle of
shampoon, too, and what was bet-
ter, he changed it when I askit him
for a bottle of whuskey!"

A Modest Request.
General Alger in his book, recent-
ly published, tells of a unique re-
quest that came to the war depart-
ment from a young lady in Boston
during the Spanish-American war.
He says: "Her note paper, handwrit-
ing and rhetoric vouched at least
for the culture of the writer. Her
request was simple and plainly
worded. With much unfeigned ear-
nestness she stated her case. The
press dispatches had announced
that the volunteer regiment of
which her brother was a member
was to leave for Cuba on a fixed
date. But the brother's birthday
occurred two days after the date
assigned for his embarkation. A
birthday box of cake, jellies, pies,
etc., she said, had been forwarded
to him and would not be received
if the regiment left on the date an-
nounced. She naively asked that
the regiment be detained until the
sweetmeats arrived, as she was sure
it would make no difference to the
government, whereas it would be
"oh, such a disappointment for my
brother!"

Fruit at Meals.
We put ripe fruit on our tables
as a "dessert," as a finish wherewith
to round off a repast already suffi-
ciently substantial. In reality it
ought to be allowed for as part of
that meal. Ripe fruit rarely if ever
digests properly when eaten after
other food. Its place in the dietary
is undoubtedly in between more solid
repasts. Cooked fruit should
form part of a course or possibly
the entire portion of the sweet
course at luncheon or dinner and,
indeed, at breakfast also, if you will,
for with many people cooked fruit is
never better liked than at the table
set for the first meal of the day.

Sweet Potato Pineapple.
Sweet potato pineapple is a pre-
tty way to serve this popular vege-
table. Boil, peel and mash four or
five good sized sweet potatoes. Add
one large tablespoonful of butter,
one tablespoonful of very light
brown sugar, one teaspoonful of
salt, one pinch each of mace and
grated nutmeg. Mold this into pine-
apple shape and place on a buttered
tin. With the tip of a teaspoon
make tiny depressions to resemble
the dots in a pineapple. Into each
one put a wee bit of butter. Light-
ly brown in a hot oven. If you wish,
you can make a small pineapple for
each one at the table.

Man's Body in a Shark.
The other day a Carnarvon man,
who is engaged on the Liverpool
steamship Canada, writing home to
his relatives, referred to the capture
of a big shark at East London,
South Africa. When ripped open,
the monster, which measured eight-
een feet long, was found to have
quite recently swallowed a soldier
bodily. The man's body and uni-
form were intact save for a small
portion of one shoulder, which had
been cut off.—London Globe.

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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
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have had no more trouble and
when one can go to eating mince
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must be pretty good. I endorse
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W. T. PADGETT.

For Representative 102nd Representative District:

DR. A. L. TAYLOR.

of Sonora.

CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH.

of Ozona.

For County Judge.

C. H. WILLINGHAM.

"It's better than a letter."

Ye reporter got his date mixed in an article about Pat Murphy, of the San Angelo Standard, discovering his mistake after the article in question had been printed. However the local, as it stands, will exactly fill the bill a month later, at which time the BANNER LEADER hopes to again publish the fact that Mr. Muphy passed down the road.

An event always looked forward to with great interest by the ladies is the millinery openings each spring. Mrs. Alice Green has received her stock of millinery, and unquestionably it excels anything of the kind ever brought to our city. She is now busily preparing for her spring opening, March 25th, just one week before easter. Remember the date and be prepared to attend this show of handsome, stylish hats and millinery.

THE GLACIERS ARE GOING.

According to Professor Forel, who has made a special study of the Alpine glaciers during the past twenty-five years, the day of the glacier is gone. They are deteriorating slowly, but with steady persistence, and diminution becomes more marked from year to year. There is only one exception to this rule—that of Bovier, in the valley of Entremont, which since 1892 has shown continuous growth. The famous glaciers of the Rhone have shrunk 755 meters since 1874, or an average of twenty-nine meters a year. Many have so changed during the past few years that old tourists after a few seasons of absence have failed to recognize them. Some hotels once standing in the immediate proximity of glaciers are now at a considerable distance from them, to the serious loss of the proprietors.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Consistent Hater.

Mateo Renato Imbriani, the Italian politician, who died a few weeks ago, was noted, among other things, for his rabid chauvinism. He hated particularly the Austrians and Germans. When he was editor of the Pro Patria, the news editor one morning got a telegram that Richard Wagner had died in Venice. He forthwith took the speaking tube and informed Imbriani. The reply was a volley of abuse, in which he made out a few words like: "Canaglia, musica italiana! Tedesco! La morte! Ignominia! Il nostro Bellini! Miserabili!"

The news editor ventured to suggest that, all the same, a daily paper was obliged to take some note of happenings in the world of art.

"Not a word!" came back the answer, and not a word was printed about the death of Wagner.

Who Was the Poet?

The name of a poet, together with the bulk of his only notable work, is lost. People in literary circles remember just one verse, and that a very striking one, describing the stars as follows:

Above the clouds and tempest's rage,
Across yon blue and radiant arch,
Upon their long, high pilgrimage
I watched their glittering armies march.

Efforts have been making for some time past to ascertain who wrote this verse, where it was published, what is the name of the poem from which it was taken and where the remainder of the verses can be found. The poem is said to be an old timer, of American origin, but the facts about it are shrouded in mystery.—New York Herald.

A Candid Bookseller.

President Roosevelt was once traveling in Idaho and passed a bookstore in the window of which was a copy of his "Winning of the West." Going into the bookstore, he inquired, "Who is this author, Roosevelt?"

"Oh," said the bookseller, "he's a ranch driver."

"And what do you think of his book?" asked the president.

"Well," said the dealer slowly and deliberately, "I've always thought that if he had stuck to running a ranch and given up writing books he'd have made a powerful more of a success at his trade."

Such a Treasure!

The Philadelphia Record tells of a prominent woman in that city who claims to have one of Paderewski's tears in a crystal locket, which she wears around her neck. While claiming by all she holds sacred that it is one of Paderewski's tears, she is equally reticent as to how it came into her possession and how it found its way into her locket. Moreover, she is quite indignant if people joke about it. One young woman asked if Paderewski had wept in his handkerchief and then loaned it to her to wring a tear from. She promptly cut that young woman from her visiting list.

Hardy Scotchmen.

Andrew Carnegie a short time ago was in conversation with a friend who was inclined to be very complimentary. He told Mr. Carnegie what a splendid gift his library was to Edinburgh and so much more needed than any other charity in the city, as the statistics showed that for a great many years there had not been one death by starvation there.

"That," answered Mr. Carnegie, "does not arise from the number of charities in Edinburgh, but from the impossibility of starving a Scotchman."—New York Times.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Why the Sale of a Horse Did Not Take Place.

"I had moved heaven and earth to get rid of that old skate," said the man who loves to trade horses. "Of course he wasn't worth what I could get for him, but he was certainly worth \$1.25, because I had agreed to throw in the headstall, which was a new one. I never had a horse yet that I wasn't able to sell, and the only thing that worried me in this case was that I might wake up some morning and find the brute dead from old age."

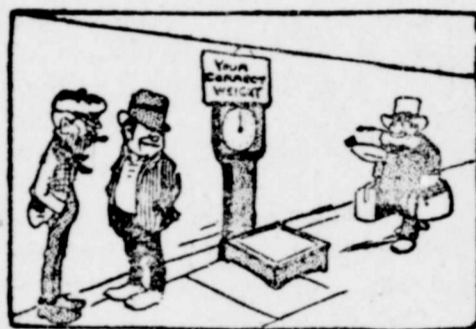
"I ran across a man at last who was looking for a horse, and I talked him to a standstill before I showed him the living illustration of the fact that there is nothing in the story that a horse never lived over twenty years."

"When I had my man in a trance, I led the horse out and was gazing at him in silent admiration when my wife, who was an interested spectator, exclaimed:

"Do you know, that is the funniest horse! Why, he can't eat hay?"

"It is needless to say that I did not make the sale."—Detroit Free Press.

His First Day in Town.



II.



III.



What Is Necessary.

"Good eyesight is necessary for a caddy, isn't it?" asked the boy of no experience.

"Oh, I don't know," answered the experienced lad. "There's some couples in this club that'll pay you more for looking the other way an' not seein' anything than they will for findin' the balls. You've got to learn when to have the eyesight an' when not to have it."—Chicago Post.

Had All Sorts.

Burns (after the great Thanksgiving feast)—I heard that you had a piece of each of the fifteen kinds of pie?

Spurns—Very likely I did. I know that now I'm having about fifteen different kinds of indigestion.—Philadelphia North American.

Diplomacy.

"Pawson, Ah thought yo' said yo' had a crow to pick wif de Widow Johnson?"

"So Ah did, sistah, so Ah did, but when Ah arrived Ah found she had a chicken to pick, so Ah helped her en stayed to dinner."—New York World.

A Small Stratagem.

"How did you ever come to let that man whip you?"

"He took a low down advantage of me," said the pugilist. "He waited till I had been vaccinated and then picked a quarrel with me."—Washington Star.

Utterly Unselfish.

Mother—Do you think his love for you is unselfish?

Daughter—Perfectly. The other night he let me sit so long on his knee that he walked lame for ten minutes.—New York Weekly.

Turkey's Plight.

Mrs. Snaggs—Isn't the sublime porte a ridiculous name for the Turkish government?

Mr. Snaggs—Yes; it is a sublime port now.—Pittsburg Chroni-

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Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE.

J. F. Currie is at home from his buying trip north.

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

Tom Massey returned home Thursday night.

—Asa Cordill, the Jeweler.

Rev. W. M. Matthews, presiding elder, came up from Brownwood Thursday night and next day went to Robert Lee to fill his appointments.

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

Judge Perryman, of Robert Lee, is here this week. We hear it reported that the legislature is proving attractive for him and that he is making an effort to get into the fold.

—Any publication supplied at Runnels County News Co., Ballinger, Texas.

John T. Overby, who formerly taught school at Winters, but is now of Santa Anna, was in Ballinger first of the week.

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

Biggs: "I want to give you a piece of good advice."

Diggs: "All right; but first let me give you a piece."

"Well, what is it?"

"Follow the good advice you are going to give me."—Chicago News.

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

Willingham's Platform

In offering myself for county judge of Runnels county I do so upon three distinct propositions which I shall do all in my power to successfully carry out if elected

First:—Reduction of taxes, and to do this economy in all county affairs must be strictly enforced and carried out.

Second:—The upbuilding of our schools, and the fostering of the entire development of the whole county.

Third:—The opening and maintaining of good roads throughout the entire county.

If the people elect me I pledge my sacred honor to carry out the above mentioned purposes to their fullest extent, as speedily as possible. Upon this platform I ask the support of my people for this office.

Respectfully,
C. H. WILLINGHAM.

—Chatelaine purses, a few left on hand, will be to your interest to get one now—Jas. E. Brewer

Claude B. Hudspeth, of Ozona, candidate for representative from this district is here this week in the interest of his race. As before stated he stands squarely against the present quarantine line, and it might be well to know also that his views along other lines are such as will warrant him a heavy vote. He is of the people and for the people. He is meeting with considerable encouragement as he mingles with our citizens. He plans to go from here to the stockmen's convention.

Mr. Allen, of Talpa, was trading in Ballinger Thursday.

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"LAND OF SUNSHINE,"
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Texas \$7.45 for round trip. Date
of sale April 2nd 1902.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

South of Queen Isabella, the Friend of
Columbus.

Every American boy should be interested in the history of the great queen of Spain who pawned her jewels to buy vessels with which to send Christopher Columbus out to discover the new world.

Isabella was born April 22, 1451, at Madrigal, Spain. Her father, King John, was king of Castile, then a separate kingdom, now only a province of Spain. She was named in honor of her mother, a princess of Portugal, who brought up her daughter very simply in the obscure village of Arevale. At the age of eleven the little princess was betrothed to Prince Carlos of Aragon, who was cruelly poisoned. Other matches were arranged for her, but with great spirit the princess refused them and insisted on marrying Prince Ferdinand of Aragon.

Isabella was heiress to the throne, so her marriage was a matter of great importance to the country. October, 1469, after a romantic courtship Ferdinand was married to his sweetheart at Valladolid, Spain, and her brother, the king, dying, she was proclaimed queen of Castile Dec. 13, 1474. When, in January, 1478, Prince Ferdinand succeeded to the throne of Aragon, the two kingdoms were united, and the peace of the Spanish peninsula seemed assured. It was under the reign of Ferdinand that the Moors were expelled from Spain and driven back to Africa. In 1492, against the advice of the court, the queen pawned her jewels to help the needy adventurer, Christopher Columbus, whose discovery of a new continent was the glory of her land and reign. This good and wise queen died at Medina del Campo, Spain, Nov. 26, 1504.

A Simple Trick.

One need not be an alchemist to make money, as the following trick will show: First pour clear water



DOUBLING YOUR MONEY.

into a glass until it is half full; then throw a bright piece of money into the water and cover the glass with a plate. If the glass is now turned over quickly, the piece of money will be seen gleaming on the plate and a second piece will be seen swimming on the surface of the water.

It is a refraction of the rays of light which causes this curious illusion, for the moment the glass is restored to its original position and the water ceases to move the second piece of money disappears.

Game of Step.

In the game of step the ground is marked off by two parallel lines, a wide distance apart. One player, who is "it," stands on one of these lines, with his back to the other players, who start at the other line. The one who is "it" counts ten rapidly, during which time the other players approach his line. As he says "Ten!" they stand still in whatever attitude they may be at the moment. He turns his head quickly and calls the name of any player or players whom he sees moving. Any thus caught moving have to go back to the starting line and begin over, while the counter repeats the count of ten and the players again move forward. The object of the game is to cross the counter's line without being seen in motion by him. The last one over changes places with the counter.

New Milk Adulterant.

A new milk adulterant has been discovered in use by the dairy inspectors in Minnesota. It is called visco-gen and is composed of sugar, lime and water. It has the effect of making milk appear richer than it is, as the lactic acid in the milk turns the lime to a thick white substance that assimilates with the milk, improving its looks without injuring its taste.

Triffles.

"Today," said pretty Dolly, as she opened her bright eyes,
"I'm going to give my dear mamma
A beautiful surprise.
I hardly know yet what 'twill be,
But I'll soon find a way
To do some unexpected thing
To please mamma today."

"I'm tired of doing little things.
Why, any one can sweep
And dust or wipe the dishes
Or sing Evelyn to sleep.
'Tis some big thing I want to do.
If I could write a book
Or save the house from burning now,
How pleased mamma would look."

So after breakfast Dolly went
And sat beside the fire,
While mother cleared the table off
And mended baby's tear.
She wiped the dishes, made the beds
And braided Bessy's hair,
While Dolly sat and pondered long
Within her easy chair.

And so Miss Dolly dreamed and planned
That busy morning through;
She could not think of anything
Quite large enough to do,
And as she went to bed that night
She really wondered why,
When mother kissed her lovingly,
The kiss was half a sigh!
—Youth's Companion.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Reasons For His Admiration of the Redoubtable Dewey.

Not long ago a party of Washington people took a yachting trip along the coast. Among the guests was a daughter of a prominent senator, who during the day found herself next to a modest, quiet looking young man, who seemed a stranger to most of the party and whose name she had not quite heard, relates the Chicago Chronicle. In some way or other their conversation from the ordinary chit-chat and small talk that new acquaintances usually begin on drifted into politics, and the young girl found herself soon smartly quarreling with the young man on the subject of Admiral Dewey, for whom she seemed to feel immense disdain, possibly sharpened by the fact that her companion took a directly opposite point of view, contradicted her constantly and even stood up for what she considered the admiral's most glaring defects. Finally in sheer desperation she left his side and, crossing to the hostess of the yacht, said in a thoroughly impatient voice: "Who on earth is that stupid man I've been talking to?" "Stupid!" said her hostess. "Why, I never found him so. He's rather quiet and unassuming, but never stupid, indeed." "Oh, well," said the girl, "he has such a slavish adoration and admiration for the redoubtable Admiral Dewey." "Well, and why shouldn't he have," exclaimed the other lady, "and the admiral his own father?"

Paderewski's Kindness.

This is what happened to Paderewski in Bristol, says a London newspaper. He received a letter from a lady who said she had an invalid friend who was anxious to hear the great pianist perform, but she could not possibly attend a public recital. "My friend," she wrote, "would come anywhere you like to name to hear you play privately. As we are not rich we cannot afford a high



HE PLAYED FIVE OR SIX PIECES FOR HER fee, but we shall be happy to pay you half a guinea for your loss of time."

Paderewski told his secretary to write to invite the lady to come to his hotel the next morning. She came, and he played five or six pieces to her. She was delighted, and on leaving she gratefully tendered him 10s. 6d., which, needless to say, Paderewski politely declined.

Describing the Bargain Sale.

"And then," said the girl who had been reading football news, "she went through the line for a gain of five yards of slightly damaged silk."—Chicago News.

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

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

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

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A woman to cook and do house work. Good wages. Apply to JOHN HOFFER.

Bones, Bones, Bones.

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

You can be cheerful and happy only when you are well. If you feel "out of sorts" take Herbine. It will brace you up. Price, 50 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Through the Wrong Door.

A man who figures somewhat prominently in Philadelphia social circles was attending a grand ball recently in company with his wife. While dancing a quadrille he noticed that his pants were ripping and hurriedly retired to a dressing room with his wife, who procured a needle and thread and began sewing up the rip. While the man was standing there without any pants on he heard the rustle of skirts and it occurred to him that he had taken refuge in the ladies' dressing room. He appealed to his wife and she shoved him to a door which opened, as she thought, into a closet. Opening the door quickly, she shoved him through and locked the door. Then the man began pounding the door "Mary," he screamed, "I'm in the ball room!" The door, instead of opening into a closet, opened into the ballroom.—Chicago Chronicle.

To allay pains, subdue inflammation, heal foul sores and ulcers, the most satisfactory results are obtained by using Ballard's Snow Liniment. Price, 25 cts. and 50 cts. at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Quite Prepared.

Politeness, it is true, must have its origin in a kind heart and a desire to please, but tact and thoughtfulness and quick wit are also essential to good manners.

A very stout hostess who was entertaining a large company one evening, turned to a group of young men standing near her chair and smilingly asked:

"May I trouble one of you young gentlemen for a glass of water from the pitcher on the table?"

Several of the young men hurried to comply with the request. One, who was particularly active, succeeded in reaching the table first.

As he handed the glass of water to the hostess she complimented him on his quickness.

"Oh, that's nothing," he said. "I am used to it. I got into many a circus and menagerie, when I was a boy, by carrying water for the elephant." Youth's Companion.

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

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

Tommy at School.
Visitor—Well, Tommy, how are you getting on at school?
Tommy (aged eight)—Pretty well. I ain't doing as well as some of the other boys, though. I can stand on my head, but I have to put my feet against the fence. I want to do it without being near the fence at all, and I guess I can after awhile.—Exchange.

Up So High.
 In the treetops, in the treetops,
 Up so high, up so high,
 A little bird sat chirping
 When the spring fitted by,
 And she built as nice a nest there
 As ever you did spy.

In the treetops, in the treetops,
 Up so high, up so high,
 A little bird sat waiting
 When summer fitted by,
 So happy after teaching
 Her little ones to fly.

In the treetops, in the treetops,
 Up so high, up so high,
 A little bird sat strutting
 When autumn fitted by,
 Then she flew away so swiftly
 To the south. —Wonder why?
 —Miss Maudie Collins.

Wanted More Talk.

Booker T. Washington tells this story in his autobiography, "Up From Slavery." "The number of people who stand ready to consume one's time to no purpose is almost countless. At one time I spoke before a large audience in Boston in the evening. The next morning I was awakened by having a card



WANTED MORE TALK.

brought to my room and with it a message that some one was anxious to see me. Thinking that it must be something very important, I dressed hastily and went down. When I reached the hotel office, I found a blank and innocent looking individual waiting for me, who coolly remarked: 'I heard you talk at a meeting last night. I rather liked your talk, and so I came this morning to hear you talk some more.'

From an English Source.

An English newspaper tells by way of illustrating what it calls "the native precocity of the American child" this story of an incident on board an Atlantic liner: A little girl barely seven years of age who had tasted every dish at the saloon dinner on the first day out was not asked by the steward in attendance whether she would have cheese. The man offered the little miss ice cream, fruit and cakes, only to receive a refusal in each case. On asking whether there was anything else on the table she would like, the small diner replied with a great air of dignity: "Yes. Bring me some Camembert and champagne, please."

Games For Winter Evenings.

Have you ever played "cards in the hat?" Take an old high hat—or a deep bowl or basket about the size of a hat will do—place it upon the floor, stand at a point about ten feet from it—the distance is optional—and hold in your hands a pack of ordinary playing cards. From the top of the pack take one card and toss it, or try to, into the hat. In like manner toss the others until the pack is gone. A card resting upon the rim of the hat counts half; those going in, one point each. Great skill may be acquired after practice, and when several are playing it is real sport.

An insurance officer who claims to be the only man in his business who ever talked business to J. Pierpont Morgan remarked the other day: "I could more easily see the hundred hardest men in San Francisco than do it again. Never mind how I did it. I walked in on Morgan at the office one day and stated my business.

"How did you get in here?" said he.
 "I walked in," said I.
 "Well, walk out," said he.
 "I did."

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Brooms That Sweep Clean and Dust-ers That Do the Work.

For hardwood or stained floors and those covered with matting a hair broom should be used. The hardwood floors need to be dusted after sweeping. A very easy way of doing this is to make a cotton flannel bag of some dark color and tie it over a common broom. A vigorous rubbing with this covered broom will add considerable polish to a dim floor. For wiping floors heavy cotton flannel makes a good cloth. Cut a convenient size and overcast the edges coarsely. This is also an excellent plan for cleaning paint. Dusters made of cheesecloth with the hems run in are soft to use and wash easily. Old india or foulard silk is the best thing I have ever tried for bric-a-brac and small articles. All dusters should be washed and dried after using. There is nothing gained by using a cloth filled with dust. It will not make anything clean. If brooms, both large and small, are often washed and dried, then turned up on their handles, they will sweep cleaner and last longer. There should be a convenient place for keeping brooms, dust pans and cloths. It will save many steps if a set is kept on each floor.—Mary Graham in Woman's Home Companion.

English Muffins.

The regulation English muffins are made of raised dough and are baked in muffin rings and on a griddle and are turned during the baking so that the muffins come out flat on both sides. Put one-third of a compressed yeast cake into one-third of a cupful of cold water and let it dissolve. Have one and a half cupfuls of water heated to blood heat and add to it a teaspoonful of salt and the dissolved yeast. Sift one quart of flour and gradually stir into it the yeast and water. This forms a dough that requires thorough beating. Cover and set in a warm room for about five hours, when it will be light and spongy. Now shape the dough into cakes about one-third of an inch thick and put in the rings on a warm and slightly greased griddle. The heat under the griddle must be very little indeed at first, for the muffins must rise and bake slowly. Later on, as they begin to rise, pull the griddle toward the front of the stove and cook a trifle more rapidly. Thirty-five minutes is none too long to allow for the cooking. When ready, break the muffins open, butter them and serve.

To Preserve Cut Flowers.

A bouquet sprayed with water and placed under a bell glass will last many days longer than if simply placed in a vase or bowl, while if a buttonhole or a spray for the hair is required to look fresh all day or at an evening fete a dab of sealing wax at the end of the stalks will keep the flowers fresh for many hours.

Violets, primroses and many other simple flowers, if placed in a bed of sand and kept moist, will keep fresh for some weeks, while such flowers as foxgloves, campanulas, etc., if placed in water, with the bottom leaves on the stalks kept under water, will last thrice as long as if the leaves were stripped off the stalks.

Ferns when placed in water always have some of the fronds in the water, as it has been proved over and over again that no nourishment can be taken through the stem alone.

A Way to Warm Up Cold Mutton.

Take one teaspoonful of chopped onion, put into a stewpan with one ounce of butter, place it over a slow fire and keep the onions stirred till rather brown, but not burned. Add some flour, which mix well in, and fry for five minutes; then pour in one-half pint of gravy seasoned with cayenne and salt, let boil to thicken and add browning. Add one teaspoonful of sugar, one of vinegar, one of worcester sauce, some chopped gherkins and capers and a few button mushrooms; put in the mutton, which you have previously cut into thin slices, perfectly free from fat, let it remain a few minutes and simmer, not boil; then serve.

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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.
 Apropos 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."

Credo Fanciful 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 remains.

Bright's Disease.

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

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

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Looks Ahead.

E. B. Warmack grew dwarf milo maize last year, making about 400 bushels, on 9 acres, he tells us, and now he is selling seed at \$1.50 per bushel. Who says it won't pay better to grow milo maize than Indian corn? His latter crop last year was 15 bushels per acre. He expects to plant 60 acres of dwarf milo maize to feed cattle next fall, as an experiment. He says corn fed cattle bring a cent to a cent and a half more per pound than oil fed stuff and he believes that he can make his milo maize pay \$2; per acre. He is buying no feed this year—he made "a plenty" at home, also plenty of Irish potatoes, beans, and peanuts. His luck come from looking ahead. He reports his 65 acres of wheat doing nicely, spreading out all over the ground and carrying 40 head of stock. He has already received \$193.60 for straw from the former crop and for pasture on the growing crop and with feed for his own stock, he has already got his money out of the crop, but with rain in 20 days and seasonable weather thereafter he will get good returns again. His ground is all broken and he has nothing more to do till it rains and then he will get help and get at things with a rush.—Abilene Reporter

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—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-tf J. M. FLENNIKEN M. D.

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Surgery is no longer necessary to cure piles. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures such cases at once, removing the necessity for dangerous, painful and expensive operations. For scalds, cuts, burns, wounds, bruises, sores and skin diseases it is unequalled. Beware of counterfeits. E. D. Walker.

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

CAUSES OF STOMACH TROUBLES. Four Professors Claim That Quick Lunches Bring on Diseases.

The "business lunch" threatens to accomplish the destruction of the human race—or so much of it as dwells in large American cities—if the statistics adduced by eminent physicians and surgeons, at a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society, are bound to be the unflinching mirrors of destiny that the doctors promise.

In the alarming increase of intestinal or "gastric" ulcers such eminent medical practitioners as Dr. N. S. Davis, Jr. W. A. Evans, J. B. Herrick and E. W. Andrews announced in a symposium that they feared the American stomach would give out in the course of time unless the public becomes wise enough to curb and regulate the lunch counter method of hasty eating.

It would seem that danger from gastric ulceration is not confined alone to the men, who are the consumers of the business lunches, but that women are also threatened. To the women's habit of eating a few bites at many hours of the day their imminent peril is ascribed.

Everyone should counteract the danger brought about by too hasty or overeating by taking at meal times Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and Herb Laxative Compound. This wonderful medicine will keep the stomach in a perfectly healthy condition, preventing and permanently curing indigestion, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and all complications arising from stomach trouble. Try it today. Its pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

"He Believes in Me."

There is nothing which quite takes the place, in a boy's life, of the consciousness that Somebody—his teacher, brother, sister, father, mother, or friend,—believes in him.

One of the most discouraging things to a youth, who is apparently dull, yet is conscious of real power and ability to succeed, is to be depreciated by those around him, to feel that his parents and teacher do not understand him, that they look upon him as a probable failure.

When into the life of such a boy there comes the loving assurance that somebody has discovered him, has seen in him possibilities undreamed of by others, that will never cease to be an inspiration and encouragement.

If you believe in a boy, if you see any real ability in him (and every human being is born with ability to do some one thing well) tell him so; tell him that you believe he has the making of a man in him. Such assurance has often proved a greater advantage to a youth than cash capital.

There is inspiration in "He believes in me"—Ex.

If your child is cross or peevish, it is no doubt troubled with worms. White's Cream Vermifuge will remove the worms, and its tonic effect restore its natural cheerfulness. Price, 25 cents at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

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The famous Scotch railroad bridge across the Firth of Forth is now receiving its fourth coat of paint since it was opened, eleven years ago. A regular force of about 35 men is kept constantly at work painting the bridge, and as it takes about 2 years to work across in, putting on one coat, it becomes necessary for the men to start in painting the other end as soon as one trip is finished.

Could Not Breathe.

Coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, other throat and lung troubles are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. One Minute Cough Cure is not a mere expectorant, which gives only temporary relief. It softens and liquifies the mucous, draws out the inflammation and removes the cause of the disease. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. "One Minute Cough Cure will do all that is claimed of it." Says Justice of the Peace, J. Q. Hood, Crosby Miss. "My wife could not get her breath and was relieved by the first dose. It has been a benefit to all my family." E. D. Walker.

W. P. Nash Loses his House.

W. P. Nash, of Waco, brother-in-law of Lee Maddox and Hayden Routh, lost his house by fire last Sunday morning. The following account of the fire appears in the Waco Times-Herald. Mr. and Mrs. Nash are well known in Ballinger having made this their home for several years. The Times-Herald says: "The fire originated in the residence of W. P. Nash on North Eight street and it caught from a defective flue. The family were sleeping soundly and were awakened by the baby, it being disturbed by a piece of burning timber falling on it from the ceiling, which was then burning rapidly. They arose as quickly as possible and barely escaped with nothing on but their night clothes. The child was not injured a great deal, though Mr. Nash received painful burns on his hands.

Mr. Nash is one of the Linotype operators on the Times-Herald, but luckily was not on duty at night, having worked the day before. Had he been on duty at night, as he might have been, the fire may have been a more serious one. The entire building and effects were a total loss. A fine Emerson piano in the house was at first carried into the yard and set down, it being thought that it was safe. The heat from the building was so intense that the instrument caught fire and was consumed. Mr. Nash carried five hundred dollars insurance on the furniture, but it is not known how much he carried on the house."

"It's better than a letter."

A MASTERPIECE.

Casimir, who for nearly half a century has presided over the culinary department of the Maison Doree, is to retire. This famous cook has been so devoted to his business that he rarely went out and boasts that he has never seen Eiffel's tower. Casimir laments the decadence of dining in Paris of recent years. Formerly, as ancient Casimir points out, the creation of a new soup or sauce or dish was an event of equal importance with the production of a new play.

The grandest day in Casimir's life was that on which he invented or discovered potage germiny, a soup made with the yolk of eggs, cream and sorrel. The potage was prepared for a dinner given by the Marquis de St. George, author of the "Mousquetaires de la Reine." Casimir was as nervous over the reception of his soup as a dramatic author or a composer on a first night. He had his reward when the marquis sent for him and before the assembled guests pressed him to his bosom and exclaimed, "Casimir, it is not a soup; it is a great work, a masterpiece!"

"The Splendor of the Man!"

Talking of jewelry, how regretably fond is the Marquis of Anglesey of decking himself out in precious stones! "The marquis likes wearing jewelry in profusion, doesn't he?" asked Mr. Plowden of the marquis' head valet. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "And changes his jewels from time to time during the day?" "Well, I—er"—"At any rate, he has jewels for the morning and jewels for the night?" "Yes, sir."

If Mr. Plowden had allowed the head valet to finish his answer begun by "Well, I—er"—he would have learned that the marquis has been known to wear one set of jewels for the morning, another for the afternoon, another for the evening and another for the night; which is sad, to say the very least. The very most had better not be said.—Free Lance.

A King as an Automobilist.

During the king of Italy's sojourn at Racconigi an excursion was made in his automobile to the Col di Nava. Near the central fort he met an artillery captain, of whom the king asked various questions respecting the fort. The questions appearing to the officer too searching, he politely but firmly refused further information. Thereupon the king said, smiling, "You may safely give the information to me," and, removing his blue chauffeur spectacles, revealed himself to the astonished officer. It is needless to add that king and captain were equally satisfied with their encounter.—Italian Review.

Largest Prison in the World.

In France at the new prison, which is about eight miles from Paris, the authorities show their belief in fresh air and sunshine, and the prison is a model sanitarium. The prison is the largest in the world and takes the place of three old ones. It is built in a very simple style, but covers, with its floral gardens and residences of officials, more than half a square mile. There are so many as 1,824 cells; but, as there is accommodation on the association system for about 400 more prisoners, the total it will contain is considerably over 2,000.

What Becomes of Arctic Animals?

It has been a source of much surprise to Professor Nordenskjold that during his expedition within the arctic circle, in regions where animal life is abundant, he has found very few remains of animals which died a natural death. No one has any idea of what becomes of the bodies of such animals, and it is indeed very strange that on Spitzbergen it is easier to find bones of a gigantic lizard of remote geological time than those of a "self dead" seal, walrus or bird. The same is also true of some places not so far north.

End of Series Novels.

Now comes Editor Alden of Harper's predicting that both the serial novel and the conventional short story are about to disappear from the magazines and that their place will be taken by the vivid, suggestive sketch, giving brief expression to some single phase of thought concerning an interesting theme. This looks as if the magazine was going to be something like the modern newspaper, minus the news.—St.

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"It's better than a letter"

Sam Chumley, of Oak Creek, was buying supplies Thursday.

Arthur Doose left Tuesday evening for Dallas to attend school.

Paul McCalis, of Runnels traded his bunch of cattle to J. W. Raby for an equal number of horses.

A. J. Smith, of Runnels, was in town Thursday and while here purchased a windmill for use on his place.

The Kilpatrick cases, transferred to this county from Concho, have been postponed till next term of court.

The grand jury is still in session, but will likely adjourn tonight. This body has found very few bills, we learn.

J. A. Ostertag sold his two story rock building this week to A. Hering for \$7500 cash. Mr. Ostertag will continue to occupy the building.

Frank Glass, who bought the Jim Bigby place on Fuzzy Creek arrived with his family this week from Knox county and is now a Runnels county citizen.

Rev. M. E. Chappel and Mr. Jno. McMinn, of Brownwood are here attending the Cumberland Presbytery. The latter gentleman is mayor of Brownwood.

Mr. Howard Pickens and mother were up from Brownwood last week to attend the Shakespeare Club entertainment. Mrs. Pickens remained in Ballinger and will visit her daughters, Mesdames Spencer and Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Coggin, who have been in San Angelo several weeks for the benefit of the former's health passed down the road Tuesday returning to their home in Brownwood. Mr. Coggin is still in very poor health. W. L. McAuley of Maverick accompanied them on the trip.

Judge C. H. Willingham is an avowed candidate for the county judgeship of Runnels county. His platform appears in another column and is of such a nature as to deserve consideration at the hands of the people. His views on these three most important issues are stated in no uncertain language. Judge Willingham is known as a tireless, conscientious worker, thoroughly acquainted with all the requirements of the office having served the county in that capacity a number of years. He is a lawyer of ability, a successful farmer, a breeder of fine stock, a level-headed business man and if elected the people will have no cause to regret their action.

An Elegant Birthday Repast.

Sunday will be a day long remembered by a number of the elite of the progressive town of Ballinger, it being the anniversary of the natal day of one of your most prominent lady citizens, Mrs. W. A. Wright, who presided at an elegant repast in honor of the above day. Dinner was announced for 3 p. m., this aristocratic hour giving ample time for guests to attend their respective places of worship, that being a duty each of the guests felt incumbent upon them to do, not simply from a Sabbatharian point of view, but as become earnest Christians. At the near approach of the all important hour, the guests were conducted from the reception room by a son of Ethiopia, (servant), to the elegantly appointed dining room, which for beauty of adornment reminded one of some scene taken from the "Arabian Nights," which had to be seen to be believed, as it is not in the power of ye present humble scribe to describe in fitting language what that grand old mahogany of goodly proportions supported! But those who know the artistic taste of the fair hostess were better prepared for such a glad sight than those who have not partaken of the hospitality as frequently as the writer.

The dining room was a marvel of elegance being decorated in the latest style and furnished in that substantial yet chaste manner which we can only expect from those who have had the benefits of travel and have had the privilege of collecting articles granted but to few. And the manner of arranging such rare souvenirs and bric-a-brac is simply the gift of one who possesses an artistic gift in the highest degree. The display of cut glass sparkled in a manner which spoke volumes for the ancient cutter of glass; old family silver which shone with mirror like brilliancy in spite of its antiquity; and the china from the far famed Sevres pottery made during the first Empire which now with all our advancement in the Fine Arts can not be duplicated; and added to the above was a floral display which came as a welcome surprise, since we have had a dearth of those ever fragrant beauties, "The Rose" that I remember used to grace the gardens of some of our Ballinger ladies, tended as only ladies can do.

As the hour announced for dinner was somewhat later than we usually have it, it goes without saying that the guests were in fine condition to do full justice to the good things provided. The first course consisted of oyster soup, a la mode, served with French crackers and Italian lightbread. Then when soup had been disposed of our old time "Thanksgiving friend, the Turkey," was introduced and was very ably dissected by Mr. Norman who seemed to have the knack of giving to each the piece wanted, which showed he was a past grand master in the art of carving. The turkey was surrounded by parsley, with the latest style of dressing and the ever welcome cranberry sauce. French rolls and various kinds of lightbread were passed as fancy willed. Other meats of divers kind unknown to ye scribe were ranged within convenient reach. As the turkey was being disposed of Mocha, a la Francaise, was served in the thinnest of china cups which were of a very costly kind. Af-

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ter the turkey had been removed or rather a very small remnant of it, the soon attendant approached with fruits, light wines and such a variety of cakes that space compels me to refrain from enumerating and with the above was one of the old time plumpuddings, jellies, blanc-mange and all things necessary to make up an elegant desert. And as is usual "across the walnuts and wine," every one felt a pleasurable glow and kindly disposed towards all mankind but more especially towards our fair hostess and her husband and offered up a silent prayer that they might all meet again under similar circumstances. But the poet says, "Nothing in this world can last," and alas, it was so on this memorable occasion and as each passed out with a hearty shake of the hand from our genial host and hostess we were fain to quote those lines so familiar to most of us:

A Sabbath well spent,
Brings a week of content,
And health for the toil of the morrow
And so ends another bright episode in each of our lives. The guests present were Mr. Rogers, Mayor Powell and wife, Mr. J. Y. Pearce, wife and son, Mr. Geo. Pearce, Miss Lucelle Powell, Miss Eleanor Marberry, Mr. W. H. Harrison and lady, Mr. Norman, Dr. W. B. Halley. Other guests owing to sickness were unable to be present.

W. C. T. U. Program.

The following program has been handed the BANNER LEADER for publication together with the request that all members be present. The time of meeting is Monday afternoon at 4:30; the place the Methodist church. Scripture and prayer by President.
Song.
Paper by Mrs. Honea.
Reading Minutes and Roll call.
Paper by Mrs. Shoptaugh.
Song.
Prayer.
Recitation by Frankie Honea.
Paper by Mrs. Padgett.
Report from all officers.

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

Auxiliary Program.

Wednesday, March 12, 1902.
Subject, "Our recruiting stations."
Song, "Hark! 'Tis the Shepherd's voice I hear."
All repeat together the 23rd Psalm.
Prayer, by a mother that God, not Satan, may claim our children.
Bible lesson, Luke 2 42-51.
The normal growth of childhood, Luke 2 40-52.
Song, "Speed the light."
Circle of prayer for Junior Superintendents, Sunday school superintendents and mothers, that the sacred obligations of training our children aright may be impressed upon us.
Our recruiting stations:
In Jamaica, Mrs. Honea.
In India, Mrs. Willingham.
In America, Mrs. Shaw.
In Porto Rico, Mrs. Pilcher.
Song, "I will tell the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me."
Roll call with scripture response.
Business period.
Payment of offerings.
Doxology.
Closing prayer.
Meeting will be with Mrs. Shoptaugh at 4:15 p. m. All are invited.

List of Winners.

The following were successful in the drawing of prizes in Jas. E. Brewer's "grab sale" first of the week:
Charlie Grant, diamond ring; Prof. W. S. Syler, \$30 watch; Cal Campbell, telescope; Foster Ryan, R. P. Kirk, Charles Ludwig, silver watches; John Guion chatelaine purse.

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

A visitor to a farm was especially struck by the great ruggedness and strength of one of the stalwart harvest hands, and said to the farmer;
"That fellow ought to be chuck-full of work."
"He is," replied the farmer, "or he ought to be, because I hain't never been able to get none out of him."—Success.

J. M. Slaughter will move his family to Maverick the first of next week where he recently went in the mercantile business. San Angelo Press.

—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

"It's better than a letter."
A watch given away at Jas. E. Brewer's. Call and see the conditions.

Perry McConnell, a big cattle man of the Sonora country, was in Ballinger this week on business.

Willis Childs, of Jackson, Miss, is in Ballinger this week. This is his second visit to West Texas.

Rev. W. G. Caperton will preach in the Baptist church here the third Sunday in March, the 16th.

The proprietor of the Press has purchased a home in San Angelo and hopes soon to have his family living here.—Press.

C. C. F. Blanchard, a Ballinger land man, was in the city on business and called on the Press Saturday.—San Angelo Press.

H. A. Thomson came up from Ballinger and went out to the Thomson Bros. ranch in Schleicher county Thursday.—San Angelo Press.

An exchange says: "We have noticed that the man who never gets a square meal at home is the one to make a roar at the hotel; the person who complains most of his neighbors is the meanest of the lot; the member who pays least to the preacher is always finding fault with the preaching."

No unforgiving person can hope for much happiness in this world of imperfect human beings.

There is wonderful wisdom in dealing with conditions as they are when we can not have them as we wish.

To put on an appearance of love, when in reality you are indifferent, is to cultivate deceit, and fatally mar your character.

It is a sign of weakness rather than of strength to bear a grudge and the noblest souls on earth are they who are quickest to forgive a wrong.—March Ladies' Home Journal.

