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WINKLER'S New Spring Goods

HAVE ARRIVED

We take great pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Ballinger and Runnels county, that our spring stock has arrived and ready for inspection.

OUR LINE OF SUMMER DRESS GOODS

Is the most selected that has ever been shown in Ballinger. All the newest weaves and colorings are represented in the line.

We are also showing a very pretty line of Silks, they come in Waist Patterns and only one of a kind, they are all novelties, and the prices are very reasonable.

A complete line of Dress Trimmings, the best that we have ever had the good fortune to show you, only the very newest styles.

We cordially invite you all to pay us an early visit and we will take pleasure in showing our goods whether you want to buy or not. Respectfully,

H. WINKLER

From a Subscriber.

Dallas, Texas, April 1, 1902.

BANNER-LEADER:

I am at home again after a visit to friends and relatives in and around Wingate.

Will write you a few words about some of this country. We have had good rains in these parts and things are looking nice. Corn is up and cotton will be planted right away. Wheat and oats looking very well.

It is "warm times" here today on account of the city election. Cabel and Traylor are strong candidates for mayor. I holler hurrah for Cabel, while some squeal out for Traylor.

Well, as this my first attempt at writing for a paper I had better quit for fear of the waste basket.

Wishing the BANNER-LEADER and people of Runnels county success, I remain

SEE SAW.

Prof. F. L. Hagan and lady arrived Monday night and are visiting Mrs. H's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Royalty. Prof. Hagan was for a number of years principal of the public school of Ballinger and it was during his administration that the writer finished his education; that is, Prof. Hagan finished us up in good shape with the other end of a bell rope. Our graduating essay sounded something like the strains that 'peal forth' from a hound that comes in contact with a quart of hot water. But we delivered it without referring to manuscript at all. Prof. Hagan is, and has been for years one of the first educators of the state. He has just finished a successful term at Stephenville.

The BANNER-LEADER has blank chattel mortgages, blank crop mortgages and blank notes for sale.

A civil case styled Cooper vs. Cain was transferred from Winters Justice court to Ballinger and was tried here yesterday. A number of witnesses were in attendance.

Miss Bertha Mason, returned missionary to Mexico, will speak at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Theo. E. Fitz will sing at both morning and evening services. All are cordially invited.

Dave Forbus, of Norton, came in Thursday to do some trading and remained over yesterday at the bedside of a mule that took lagrippe and was not able to make the trip home until after having received medical attention.

The auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. will have its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Oscar Pearson next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject: "The conquest of Mexico." Miss Bertha Mason, one of our missionaries to Mexico, will be with us at that time, and will tell us about Mexico. All are invited.

Two boys, about 14 years old, sons of Messrs. Mayhew and Tunnell of the northern part of the county, ran away the first of the week. Their fathers phoned Sheriff Kirk to try to locate them and by Wednesday our high sheriff had them detained at Brady and sent Deputy J. DeMotive after the would-be wanderers.

Geo. W. Miller, accompanied by his wife and baby were in from Wingate yesterday trading. Mr. Miller met the Banner Leader man on the street and tossed a dollar at him with instructions to send him the paper for a year. Mr. Miller is a prosperous young farmer and a son-in-law of J. W. Gannaway.

—Mattings and shades.

J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

Mrs. T. H. Shaw received the ladies of the Christian church Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Bertha Mason, of Monteria, Mexico. A delightful time is reported. Miss Mason is a Missionary and was sent by the church to Mexico. Her home is in Palestine, Texas.

Beyond a doubt, Paint Rock will have a gin and grist-mill by next ginning season. Our enterprising citizen, J. D. Smith, is at the head of the enterprise. He having recently purchased the machinery sufficient for three gin stands and a grist-mill. Mr. Smith has not decided where he will erect the gin, but somewhere near Paint Rock.—Concho Herald.

J. W. Gannaway, a successful farmer of the Wingate country, was paying his respects to Ballinger Friday. He reports crops in fine shape, but needing a little more irrigation. Mr. Gannaway is one of the very best farmers of the West. At the beginning of winter he had 100 head of cattle and more than enough feed stored away to carry them through in good shape. Mr. Gannaway came to Runnels county in 1890 and since that year has "lived at home," raising all the meat corn feed-stuffs, etc., necessary to abundantly supply his home, farm and ranch, and besides has marketed a great deal of stuff.

C. B. Armstrong, a Ballinger carpenter, came up Saturday night and spent a couple of days in the city. Miss Matilda Doose arrived from Ballinger Saturday night on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. P. Smith. Homer Cotten, came in from Snyder, Texas, Monday morning and will assist Bide Freeland in moving his household goods to that place. Press Shider, a handsome young man of the Miles country, who is just the correct age to marry, arrived yesterday and will remain in the city a couple of days. Messrs. H. E., Chas F. and R. A. Dickinson, surveyor, lawyer and dentist respectively, passed through Saturday morning enroute to Sonora, where the latter has a land suit. They reside at Ballinger. Watt Harvey, of Miles, member of the firm of W. H. Harvey & Son, contractors of Ballinger and Miles, was here Wednesday to bid on the Jackson & Neeley Bros. building. He informed us that his firm has the contract for furnishing stone for the big dam to be put in on Main Concho. J. O. Bigby, John C. Simmons, Will Mansker and Moore came in yesterday with a lot of fine bulls of R. A. Smith, of Ballinger, to place on the San Angelo market. The former will boss the shipping of A. M. Millar's cattle to the Territory today.—San Angelo Press.

A sore perplexed maiden recently wrote to an editor and asked this momentous question. "Is it proper to sit in a gentleman's lap even if one is engaged." The sapient and altogether human editor replied: "If it is our girl and our lap, yes; if it is some other fellow's girl and our lap, yes; if it is our girl and some other fellow's lap, never! never!! never!!!"

HENRY A. L. GREENWOOD, Ballinger, Texas.

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Wonderful Rice Development.

The agricultural marvel of the century is the development of the rice growing industry in Southern Louisiana and Texas. Frank Holland, the veteran editor and publisher of Farm and Ranch, the well known North Texas agricultural journal, in commenting of the fact said:

"There is no doubt but that rice growing along the Gulf Coast will speedily assume gigantic proportions. The great element of profit, the ease of cultivation, and the sure harvest, combine to make the business very attractive. I believe it will put millions of dollars into circulation in Texas, and make whole communities rich, as well as redeem vast areas, now confined to cattle growing in the Coast country. There will be over 200,000 acres of rice planted this season, and this means \$7,500,000 easy. I also believe that rice will soon compete as a food for stock, the cheaper grades being well adapted to this purpose. Already the prospective rice growers are flocking into Texas, and the splendid immigration work being done by the Southern Pacific in the Middle West is already having its reward. Texas is a grand old State, and if there's anything it won't produce. I don't know what it is."

It is said that Hon. W. L. Grogan, representative from Nolan county would shine better as a bunco man than a law maker. As a trustee of the Sweetwater school he worked the teacher into a poker game and relieved him of \$200. The teacher resigned but Mr. Grogan was still holding the trusteeship at last account.—Breckinridge Democrat.

"A Ride Through the Prairie."

It was 2 o'clock in the morning. Everything around was wrapped in wonderful brightness and hushed in silence, broken only by what seemed at that hour, the tramp and neigh of the horse, the lowing of the cattle, the quack of wild geese, and the hoot of the owl on the bough of the lonely ash, off on the lonesome looking prairie. It was a mild, serene night. The sky was without a cloud, the winds were hushed. The moon, then in the last quarter, scrolled the heavens. The fiery host of words that gemmed night's radiant brow were little affected by her presence. Jupiter, two hours high, was the herald of the day. The Pleiades, just above the horizon, shed their sweet influence in the east, Lyra sparkled near the zenith, the steady pointers far beneath the pole, looking meekly up from the depths of the north to their sovereign.

Such was the glorious spectacle as I sped across the prairie on horseback. "Fashion" seemed a little tired, but with con-

tinued efforts she sped on the uncertain way, haunted by unoccupied, dilapidated buildings, and the shrill note of the frogs in the surrounding ponds; then the timid approach of twilight became more perceptible, the intense blue of the sky began to soften; the small stars, like little children, went first to rest; the sister beams of the Pleiades soon melted together, but the bright constellations of the west and north remained unchanged.

Steadily the wondrous transfiguration went on. Hands of angels hidden from mortal eye shifted the scenery of the heavens; the glories of night melted into the glories of dawn. The blue sky, turned more softly gray, the great watch stars closed their holy eyes; the east began to kindle. Faint streaks of purple soon flushed along the sky; the whole celestial concave was filled with the inflowing tides of the morning light, which came pouring down from above in one great ocean of radiance till, at length, as we reached "Gum Island," a flash of purple fire blazed out from above the horizon, and turned the dewy drops of flower and leaf into rubies and diamonds. In a few seconds the everlasting gates of the morning were thrown wide open, and the "King" of day, arrayed in glories too severe for gaze of man, began his state.

I do not wonder at the superstition of the ancient magician, who, in the morning of the world went up to the hilltops of Central Asia, and ignorant of the true God, adored the most glorious work of His hand. But I am filled with amazement when I see this enlightened age and in the heart of the Christian world, there are persons who can witness this daily manifestation of the power and wisdom of Him who rules amid the armies of heaven and yet stand out and say in their hearts, "There is no God."—Rev. L. L. Harsey.

A local geologist in Laredo advances the startling theory that recent drying up of wells, springs and running streams in Texas is attributable largely to the diminishing of the gas pressure in the subterranean passages of the earth by reason of the enormous escape of gas at the Beaumont oil wells.—Texas Trade Review.

This paper's geologist, weather prophet and walking bureau of general information advances a theory not quite so startling. It is to the effect that the drying up of wells, springs and running streams is caused by dry weather, and says we may expect a "drying up spell" every few years. He has been here a long time and is thought to be reliable sometimes. He also says the reason we can't get gases and gushers in this country is, there is more gas and gush on top of the ground than there is underneath it.

Cold Talk

A. HALL will soon open his cold drink and icecream parlor, and will make neatness purity of goods and fair treatment to all alike his winning card. Will give ladies our special attention. Wine served to suite your taste, dont forget to call

A. HALL
BALLINGER, TEXAS

J. D. Smith, of Runnels, was a passenger on Tuesday's stage to Abilene.

Mrs. Geo. F. Kornegay and little son arrived Monday night from Blanket.

L. E. Whitaker, of Crews, visited the Banner-Leader last Saturday and paid the price of a year's subscription.

There is a healthy, new baby boy at the home of Joe Hardin and wife. He made his arrival on Friday of last week.

The Banner-Leader learns that W. D. Currie, of the Miles Messenger will soon begin the publication of a paper at Talpa.

Rev. W. S. Bowden called Monday and ordered the Banner-Leader sent to his son, A. A. Bowden, at Blanket. Thanks.

T. C. Yantis of Brownwood was elected treasurer of the State Bankers' Association which met at Galveston last week.

Work is now in progress on the Frisco railroad to the south from Boonwood and will reach Brady between November of this year and March, 1903.

During Rev. C. M. Shuffler's absence last Sunday, Rev. A. E. Turney preached at the Methodist church at 11 a. m., and Rev. A. F. Bowden preached at night.

H. A. Thomson left Monday night for San Angelo. From there he will go to his Tom Green county ranch to do some surveying and to look after other business matters.

J. D. Smith and wife, of Runnels, were visitors to the Banner-Leader office Monday. Mr. Smith subscribed for the Banner-Leader and placed an order with us for some job printing. He is general deliveryman for the Model Portrait Co.

The Banner Leader wants more live correspondents at points in the county where we have no correspondents. We furnish paper, stamps and envelopes. Is the local news of your community published weekly in the columns of the Banner-Leader? If not, begin now and let us hear from you regularly. We are proud of our present corps of able correspon-

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 22nd, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

LADIES:

Brown, Mrs. Lillie.
Smith, Mrs. Lizzie. (2)
Roberts, Mrs. E. E.

GENTLEMEN:

Anaya, Christobal.
Jenkins, Charles.
Roberts, J. L.
Summers, Allie.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler informs us that the Methodist protracted meeting will begin on the fourth Sunday in May and embrace the first Sunday in June. Rev. Shuffler will be assisted in this meeting by Rev. J. H. Stuart, of Veman, Texas. All persons interested in the conversion of sinners are requested to pray earnestly for a successful meeting.

It is not uncommon to see a house on wheels in Ballinger. Like the sun and moon. "they do move." Many of the first buildings of the city are being moved off the valuable lots, they have occupied for years to remote and less valuable lots that new, substantial buildings may be erected. Not less than half a dozen houses have been moved within the past ten days.

Runnels county is, to use a Beaumont expression, "proven territory" in the agricultural belt of Texas, and there is very little waste or non-tillable land in the entire county. With such a vast, rich territory from which to draw its support Ballinger is destined to be a metropolis, and rapid strides to that end are now being made.

J. R. Hester, a prosperous citizen of Winters, has paid the editor a pleasant visit. Mr. Hester reports a number of his neighbors planting cotton. He renewed his subscription to this paper and ordered fifty-two issues sent to his son, W. R. Hester, of Downesville, Louisiana.

Tenth street was graded last week, and the grading was done by parties who understand just how the work should be done. The city authorities are doing the right thing in putting the streets in smooth condition. They will no doubt continue the work until all the streets are in good condition.

Rev. A. F. Bowden visited the Banner-Leader office Monday and subscribed, saying he missed too much information by not reading this paper regularly. There are others who are coming to that conclusion.

Tom Durham arrived Saturday to arrange for moving his household effects to San Angelo. He is working in the Standard office.

Rev. Arthur Jones preached at the Christian church Sunday night and left Monday for Comanche, his home.

Rev. Shuffler says the Missionary conference at Comanche was enjoyable and benefitted all who attended.

J. F. Currie contemplates erecting a costly residence soon on his lots fronting north on Ninth street.

Stokes Bros., of Miles, were buying from Ballinger merchants Tuesday.

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.

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.

Give us your printing.

Judge R. B. Truly visited Robert Lee last week.

Mrs. Grant, mother of Mrs. J. E. Brewer, is visiting relatives at Winters.

Mrs. Dave Cohen left Saturday for Houston, where she will reside in the future.

Several new dwellings are under course of construction and many more will be built soon.

Judge Goodwin left Monday morning for Paint Rock, where district court will be in session this week.

Abe Miller shipped three train loads of cattle from San Angelo to Indian Territory on Wednesday.

W. E. Allen returned Sunday afternoon from San Angelo, where he has been looking after live stock interests.

Rev. J. A. Shoptaugh and wife and Miss Katie Glover attended the District Convention of the Christian church at San Angelo Saturday and Sunday.

D. P. Gay and son, Portus, have been in the city this week making arrangements to ship 600 steers and 400 cows from their ranch west of the Pecos to the Indian Territory.—San Angelo Standard.

Captain N. F. Bonsall left Saturday for Nogales, Arizona, to report for duty as conductor on a passenger train. It is the captain's intention to return within thirty days and make Ballinger his permanent home.

Miss Birdie Pearce returned to her home, in Ballinger, on Monday of this week. Miss Birdie will be missed by her many friends in Robert Lee, who wish her success and happiness in life.—Coke County Rustler.

George Kornegay has accepted an editorial position on the Ballinger Banner-Leader. Geo. is an all round newspaper man, an upright, honorable gentleman and will prove a valuable addition to Ballinger's citizenship.—May Enterprise.

A. Slaughter has returned from a stay of several months in Saralvo, Ellis county. He is glad to get back to Ballinger and intends remaining here permanently. Mr. Slaughter is an expert ice-cream and cold-drink mixer and dispenser and has accepted a position with A. Hall.

Mr. Sheppard, of Ballinger and the State Adjuster for the company who had our school house building insured, came out Tuesday, and compromised, paying \$550 damages done by the wind storm. I suppose we will soon have our house repaired.—Bronte correspondent in Coke County Rustler.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Pharmacy of the 35th Judicial District at Coleman, Texas, on the 15th day of May, 1902, for the purpose of examining applicants for certificates and transacting other business that may come before the Board. 4t

Davis-Noyes Co. are leaders.

Joe Ellis, formerly of South Concho, arrived in San Angelo a few days ago from Chihuahua, Mexico, where he has been prospecting for a ranch. On the day of his departure for Angelo he saw Stilwell's special car at Chihuahua containing Mr. Stilwell and the English capitalists in the Orient road. Mr. Ellis says that grading forces are now at work from Chihuahua northeast toward Presido on the Rio Grande coming toward San Angelo, and he says that no one in Mexico has any doubt about the road being built.—Standard.

Miles Roberts made a business trip to Winters last week spending most of the week. Albert Roberts, formerly of Lawn but now of Winters has gone into the drug business at that place with Mr. T. A. Fannin, who has been engaged in the business some time. We wish them great success.—Rev. W. S. Maddox preached a very able sermon at the Baptist church Sunday as he always does.—Lawn correspondent in Abilene Reporter.

The friends of Jack McGregor have urged him to consent to his name being placed on the ticket for school trustee. If elected Mr. McGregor will make a trustee of whom his friends and all patrons of the school may well be proud. He can be depended upon to do the right thing at all times. The election will be held today.

W. J. Ellis and lady, of San Angelo, arrived Tuesday afternoon to visit D. P. Moser and family for a few days. Messrs. Ellis and Moser are old-time friends.

G. M. Vaughn, of Ballinger, has just passed through and viewed the sights of Brownwood.—Bulletin.

Rev. Fitzhugh will preach at Winters tomorrow and there will be no preaching at the C. P. church here.

Oscar Stuart, of Groesbeck is spending a few weeks in Ballinger for his health. He is a guest of Mr. Wardlow.

CHAS. S. MILLER.

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Drs. Halley & Love,

General Medicine and Surgery.

(Office up Stairs Walker Building)

- BALLINGER. -

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.

LEE MADDOX.

The watch contest will close on the night of April 1st. All who come in and pay by that time will get a chance at the watch.
JAS. E. BREWER.

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

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

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

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

—A watch given away at Jas. E. Brewer's. Call and see the conditions.

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THE TEXAS FLAG.

(By Chas. H. Jones.)

The year eighteen hundred and thirty-six
Recorded the Texas Republic's birth,
And on March the second its great life wicks
Began to blaze with its national worth.

Old Santa Anna with his Spanish horde
In Aztec style and Montazuma ways,
Found Texas soldiers greater than his sword
And yielded his claim to the Lone Star's rays.

But in eighteen hundred and forty-five
The Republic of Texas ceased to exist,
To join "Uncle Sams" United States hire.
And since then has grown the best on his list.

Texas patriots, statesmen and heroes
Glory in Texas as the freeman's prize,
Trusting in God and prepared for all foes
Its people e'er don dear liberty's guise.

Independence is Texans' sacred creed
And liberty or death their battle cry.
To gain for Texas its merited need
All Texas heroes would willingly die.

The names of Austin and Travis will live
With Bowie, Crockett and Fannin to note,
But Sam Houston's name will forever give
The brightest splendor to the Lone Star state.

These names will ever grace history's page
And time their luster can never dim.
The joy of the saint and pride of the sage
Their worth is the cadence of our state's hymn.

So in eighteen hundred and thirty eight
The Texas Republic needed a flag,
To display their noble and Lone Star trait
When unfurled o'er vale and each mountain crag.

Then proudly the bonnie blue Lone Star flag
Texans enfurled to the winds of the globe,
And they vowed in dust it never should drag
As its priceless folds were liberty's robe.

Among the bright names on the scroll of fame
Texas is viewed as the brightest of all,
Among the grand flags of the world's best aim
The Texas flag leads all others at call.

Yea, it was baptized at the Alamo
In Texas patriots' pure hearts blood,
And it was christened at San Jacinto
In Goliad's fount and victory's flood.

Emblem of the brave and flag of the free,
The statesman's guage and the warrior's guide,
The sages boast that the saints consigned there
With liberty's goddess ever to bide.

Then ever let Texas united be
And never let Texas in duty lag,
For God and country, home and liberty
May they live and die 'neath The Texas Flag.

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is the nearest, best
and healthiest...

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Solicit your trade when you
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Pork, Veal, Roasts,
Steaks, Sausage, Etc.

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

L. Markowitz is erecting an
elegant new residence this week.

Miss Condie Scott returned
home last night from a visit to
her brother's family at Ballinger.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

R. E. Alexander is moving the
old Cotten residence to lot fronting
north on 9th street and is
building a handsome new dwelling
on the lot formerly occupied
by one of the first residence
buildings of the town.

Judge R. B. Truly has returned
from a week's stay at
Robert Lee and Tennyson where
he was employed in a number of
cases that were tried in justice
court. He was successful in
every case.

In the democratic primaries
of Arkansas last Saturday, Ex-
Governor Clarke of that State
defeated Senator J. K. Jones,
national democratic chairman,
for the United States senate by
a great majority, carrying be-
tween eighty and ninety coun-
ties out of a total of 132.

When an unknown party tele-
phones you that he wishes to see
you on important business at a
certain hour, and when that
time comes he turns up with a
canvasser's prospectus under
his coat tail and the smile of a
book agent on his shameless
face, the devil jumps over the
back fence.—Greenville Herald.

Rev. James P. Kinchen, of
Hico, was here Wednesday,
prospecting. He wants a home
in a clean, school and church
town and also wants a stock
farm in a good country. After
looking about, we feel assured
he will decide that Ballinger and
Runnels county will suit him.

The latest organization for
Ballinger is "The Hoodoo Club."
It is strictly local, at present,
and was organized at the same old
place—we no not where—on the
night of March 31st. The fol-
lowing officers were elected:
James L. Chastain, president;
Bert M. Dorsey, vice president;
J. Robt. Lusk, 2nd vice presi-
dent; Harry Sharp, secretary;
Mills Bennett, treasurer. They
have established headquarters
at corner of 8th and Santa Fe
Avenue. Meeting called to
order "any old time" and the
"club" applied right now—when
necessary. We predict much
trouble for the Hoodoo Club, but
wish them a healthy existence
of many years.

C. J. Horton.

C. J. Horton, of Wingate, an-
nounces this week as a candidate
for re-election to the office of
Commissioner and Justice of the
Peace of Precinct No. 3. Mr
Horton has made the county a
good commissioner and if re-
elected will continue to serve in
this capacity to the best of his
ability. He is a substantial citi-
zen and an all round good man.
His candidacy should have the
consideration of all voters in
precinct No. 3.

Two New Aldermen.

Tuesday was city election day
and while three aldermen were
the only officers to be elected in
our city there was a lively inter-
est manifested. The vote was
as follows: Lee Maddox, 35; W.
J. Miller, 41; Sam Baker, 18; M.
D. Chastain, 35; J. R. McVay,
42; J. F. Lusk, 47; A. W. Sledge,
33; J. Y. Pearce, 31; H. A. Cady,
29; W. A. Davis, 5; W. P. Hum-
phrey, 2. J. F. Lusk, J. R. Mc-
Vay and W. J. Miller were
elected. J. Y. Pearce and Lee
Maddox are the retiring alder-
men, J. R. McVay being re-
elected.

Hugh Paramore has moved
his meat market into the build-
ing vacated by F. P. Abney.

The jury in the Sam Murray
case failed to agree and at 12
o'clock last Saturday night were
discharged. Five of the jury
men were for conviction and
seven for acquittal. The case
will probably be tried here again
at next term of district court.

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

Judge J. O. Woodward, of Cole-
man, who has been attending
district court at Paint Rock,
passed through yesterday on his
way home.

H. A. L. Greenwood, who has
been working on a ranch for
several months will return to the
city this week and engage in
bill-posting, sample distributing,
etc. See his ad in this issue.

We the undersigned have
agreed to close our shops at 8
o'clock p. m. from April 1st
until Sept 1st, 1902.

J. A. Dancer.
T. P. Hubbard.
J. L. McWhirter.
Lee & Copeland.

Albert T. Patrick, who was
last week convicted of the mur-
der of Wm. M. Rice, was mar-
ried by common law contract to
Mrs. Addie M. Francis, in the
Tombs last Sunday. Patrick
and Mrs. Francis were engaged
four years.

The Supreme Court refused a
rehearing in the case of the
Fort Worth and Denver City
Railway Company vs. R. B.
Masterson et al., from Tarrant,
thus finally holding the railroad
company liable for damages on
account of its refusal to trans-
port cattle billed to Seymour,
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Commission was without author-
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The business men and conservative element of Houston elected O. T. Holt mayor of that city Tuesday.

An editor once owned \$20,000 in railroad stocks and \$10,000 in government bonds, two white shirts, a country residence, a farm, a span of horses, two suits of good clothes, a plug hat and—

This fable teaches that all of the liars are not dead yet.—Ennis Local.

"Mexico, a land of white sunshine, redolent with flowers; a land of gay costumes, crumbling churches and old convents; a land of kindly greeting, of extreme courtesy, of open, broad hospitality,"—such is the encomium bestowed by a great traveler writing of Mexico. After all, what land is devoid of special attractions where nature has sway of her artistic powers and the high arts of man are made to join harmoniously in every production.—Meehan's Monthly.

Wheat may bring a higher price this year than ever known before. Dispatches from the Northwest state that thousands of acres have been winter-killed, and if resown may not yield one-half a crop. Wheat throughout Kansas is damaged at least 50 per cent. The states of Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Arkansas report more or less damage. The Texas crop is making fine growth since the rains, is almost free from predatory insects, and a big yield selling at fancy prices can be conservatively expected. Dallas Democrat.

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ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.

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(Re-election)

W. H. WEEKS.
IKE O. WOODEN.

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.

For County Judge.

C. H. WILLINGHAM.
T. T. CROSSON (re-election)

For Congress 16th Congressional District:

O. T. MAXWELL, of Cisco.

Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

J. E. GREENFIELD.
C. J. HORTON. (Re-election)

Commissioner and Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2.

A. D. TALLY. (Re-election.)

Ben E. Cabell was re-elected mayor of Dallas last Tuesday by a majority of 700 over his opponent, ex-mayor John H. Traylor.

A plan for a wholesale escape of prisoners in the jail at El Paso was unearched by an attack of two prisoners on Jailer Molina Saturday. They were loosed by trustics, and were to have killed the keeper and liberated the prisoners, but they were foiled by a mad Chinaman, who sprang upon the two men and prevented them from killing Molina.

What is the world coming to, anyway? A man has just invented a solution that will make the hardest steel as soft as butter and the consequences of the invention are hard to foretell. Government officials are baffled to know how they are to protect the treasures in the thousands of banks over the country.—Pittsburg Gazette.

Hang that fellow and destroy the solution. We can't afford to be deprived of so much rest and sleep. Yet, the invention might be a blessing in disguise; for who knows but that we might be enabled with this solution to make jelly of old wagon tires and gravy of horse shoes?

Haven't time to name all the new goods just received at Jas. E. Brewer's, come and see for yourself.

About Mistakes.

When the editor makes a mistake the entire country knows of it at once.

A preacher's mistakes are often forgotten, a lawyer's killed by the stenographer, a baker's eaten, a coal dealer's burned and a doctor's buried—the editor's are in sight every time some one comes in to look over the blamed old file. And every few years they are brought forth and aired before a forgetful public—just to keep up the excitement. People, some of them, seem to forget that a country editor may change his mind as time rolls, just like an ordinary white man.

The country editor has his period of encouragement and discouragement, yet he is, after all, rather a happy fellow. He can stand more bullets from outraged fortune and still assert "we are here to stay" than he who follows any other calling. It is true that he sometimes stays because he can't get away, but what of that? He is not the only one in the boat.—American Press.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Homeseekers' Excursion to California, first and third Tuesdays of March, April and May 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.

Biennial meeting, Knights of Pythias, San Francisco, Cal. August 12th, to 15th, 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.

Meeting Lumbermen's Convention, Houston Texas. Dates of sale April 6th and 7th. Rate \$11.70 for round trip.

Texas Veteran Ass'n and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Lampasas. One and one third fare, date of sale April 18.

Grand Lodge Knights, of Pythias of Texas, Waco. Convention rate, date of sale April 20 and 21.

United Confederate Veterans Reunion, Dallas. Sale April 21st at rate \$5.80 for round trip. Convention rates on April 22nd and 23rd.

National Baptist Anniversaries, St Paul, Minn. May 20th to 25th, limit May 29th, rate, one standard first class limited fare plus \$2.00.

Southern Baptist Convention, Ashville, N. C. May 8th to 14th, limit May 24th, rate, one standard first class limited fare.

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian church, Springfield, Mo. May 15th to 23rd, limit May 27th, rate one standard first limited fare plus \$1.00.

Annual Conference and Sunday School Institute of Northwest M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas, one and one-third fare.

Southwestern Gas Electric Light and Street Railway Ass'n. San Antonio, Texas, one and one-third fares for round trip, date of sale April 17th.

State Volunteer Firemen's Association, Waco Texas, May 14th, to 16th. Limit May 17th, 1902. Rate convention plan.

Southwestern Gas, Electric Light & Street Railway Association, Battle of Flowers, San Jacinto Day April 21st Horse Show, April 23rd, Spanish-American Veterans, San Antonio, Texas April 21st. to 23rd. For selling dates and limit see Santa Fe agents. Rate one and one third fares.

Annual G. A. R. Encampment Beaumont, Texas April 24th, to 25th, Limit April 28th 1902. Rate convention plan.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A Few Good Things From the Pen of a Yonkers Jester.

Mrs. Gotham—Why, dear, you're home very late from church this morning.

Mr. Gotham—Yes; I overslept myself.

She—It's actually so cold in my flat that it is impossible for me to play the piano.

He—Perhaps the janitor knows you can't play when it's cold.

Bacon—That fellow's mother says that when he was a baby he was always putting his toe in his mouth.

Egbert—Yes, and he's been putting his foot in it ever since.

Mrs. Bacon—It's surprising! Johnnie went through that suit of clothes in two months!

Mr. Bacon—Well, dear, you know you go through mine in one night.

Yeast—What is the matter with your wife? I see she's got her arm in a sling.

Crimsonbeak—Reckless driving. "Horse?"

"No; nail."—Yonkers Statesman.

Indifferent.



"Don't you think it would look better if you'd work instead of begging?"

"Oh, sir, but I never wuz wot yer might call a stickler fer appearances."

He Had His Doubts.

"You promised me a tip," suggested the district messenger boy.

"True," admitted the stingy man, "but I understand you're not allowed to accept tips."

"Of course," said the boy, "but you might give me a chance to refuse it."

The stingy man fingered a dime for a minute and then shook his head.

"I might," he conceded, "but I'm afraid to trust you."—Chicago Post.

How He Worked It.

"I don't see why they call you the star boarder," complained the fellow who always got the wing.

"That's easy," replied the other in his copyrighted superior style. "I just twinkle, twinkle, and the landlady doesn't know what I am and lets me stay on blind faith."—Baltimore World.

A News Average.

Hustling Editor—How many murders did that man commit?

Assistant—One reporter says three, another says five and another says nine.

Hustling Editor—Three, five, nine, eh? Oh, well, we'll have to strike an average. Make it 359.—New York Weekly.

No Hypocrite.

Farmer Prymm (in city theater)—Better take off yer hat, Sary. All the other wimin folks has theirs off.

His Wife—Let them, the brazen things! Nobody'll ever have a chance to say that I'd do anything in a show place that I wouldn't do in church.—Brooklyn Life.

Motive Suspected.

"Isn't your father kind to take you riding on your new sled?"

"Huh," exclaimed the obtrusive child, "father has more fun than I have. You ought to see him laugh when he bumps me over a gutter and makes me holler."—Washington Star.

Mental Exercise.

Berenice—What is the nature of this brain work Cholly has undertaken?

Hortense—He has made his valet take a back seat, and he thinks for himself what suit he will wear each day.—Smart Set.

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Congress will soon pass a law authorizing the appointment of diplomatic and consular officers in accordance with the recommendations in the President's recent message announcing the forth coming inauguration of the new Cuban Government. Whoever is selected to fill the office of Minister to Cuba will have a delicate and difficult task to fulfill. The President wants a man of high reputation and wide experience in public affairs, one who understands the conditions existing here and who will be able to maintain the friendly relations now existing between the United States Government and the people of the island, and it is not altogether unlikely that he may send Gen. Fitzhugh Lee back to the post in which he rendered such conspicuous service as Consul General in the trying days before the declaration of war with Spain.

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President's Message in Figures.

The president's message contained 23,126 words. We counted compound words as two. Counting them as one, the document contains 22,987 words. The definite article occurs 1,124 times, the indefinite 629. The president uses the conjunction "and" less freely than any other president whose messages we have counted; it occurs only 421 times. The word "strenuous" occurs only three times, but the word "duty" crops out 940 times. Placed on top of one another, the lines would make a stack a little more than twenty-five feet high.—Chicago Tribune.

Immensity of Siberia.

Few people realize the immensity of Siberia. To think of a single state stretching through 130 degrees of longitude and possessing one-ninth of all the land surface of the globe, is staggering. Let us measure it by the countries we are familiar with: The United States and all its possessions and all Europe, except Russia, could be put into Siberia, with land enough left to make thirty-five states like Connecticut. And Manchuria will make seventy more.—Correspondence New York Post.

An Authority on Fish.

No one in the house is a better authority on fish than Representative Minor of Wisconsin. He is a disciple of Izaak Walton, and during the summer spends much of his time with rod and line. Mr. Minor is said to be so expert with the rod that he can tell the difference between the bite of a black bass and a brook trout. Before coming to congress Mr. Minor was engaged in the shipping business.

Traits of the Mikado.

The Mikado of Japan is a man of much energy and endurance and is constantly smoking cigarettes. He is fond of outdoor sports and has warmly encouraged the introduction of football into Japan. He is a hunter and fisherman of no mean reputation and is a good shot with a rifle. His devotion to lawn tennis is marked, and he is clever as a wielder of the racket.

A Devotee of Three Arts.

Weeden Grossmith, besides being an excellent actor, is a clever portrait painter and has several times been hung on the line at Burlington house. He is, indeed, a devotee of three arts—those of music, painting and the drama. In addition to his painting and his acting, he is a violinist of no mean order. It is fifteen years since he made his debut on the stage, his adoption of it as a profession being the result of many amateur performances.

Johnny on Bullfrogs.

The bullfrog is large, green and warty. He can jump several times his own length. His voice is loud, but not pleasing. The bullfrog is shy and diffident. He builds his nest in damp, swampy places where it is difficult to track him. At the slightest alarm he utters a low, plaintive note and immediately seeks refuge in the water. He is a good diver and can swim like a fish except that he does not wiggle, but kicks. There was a frog once that blew himself full of air until he busted like a paper sack. This shows the folly of vanity and self conceit. Oh, my friends, let us endeavor not to act in that manner, but to be good and truthful. Let us remember that life is short and that we must always be up and doing. Some people like bullfrogs to eat, but I would rather have pie.—Johnny in Saturday Blade.

A Smart Salesman.

Jeweler (to new boy)—Did you sell anything while I was out, Johnny?

"Yes, sir; I sold six plain gold rings."

"Good, my boy," said the jeweler, highly pleased. "We'll make a first class salesman of you one of these days. You got the regular price, of course?"

"Oh, yes, sir. The price was marked on the inside, 18c., and the gentleman took all that was left, sir."—Life.

Our Arctic Schoolboy.

A picturesque little Eskimo is one of Uncle Sam's most northern schoolboys. His schoolhouse is at Point Barrow, Alaska, and stands on the most northern portion of land on the American continent.

The schoolhouse is built of huge logs, having double walls. Many of



A LITTLE ESKIMO.

the children come from points forty or a hundred miles away. This distance is covered by dog sleds.

The teachers declare they never had more intelligent pupils than these of the wild Eskimos of the north. At the beginning of the school year only a few could count ten in a blundering fashion, and nine-tenths knew no English whatsoever. At the close of the first year they could count up to 1,000 and write and read simple English words.

A Little Helper.

"My father says I'm a great helper," said little Miss Dorothy Gay. "There's just only us and our Bridget. So I have to work ev'ry day. On Monday I help do the washing. By wiping the plates dry and bright; On Tuesday I help Bridget iron. By folding the towels just right; On Wednesday I help do the mending. By threading the needles up fast, And Thursday I help clean the silver. By counting it over at last. And Friday I help with the sweeping. By dusting as hard as I can, And Sat'day I most do the baking. By buttering every pan, And Sunday—well, Sunday my father. Says he doesn't act'ly know. But he'd break right down in his sermon. At meeting if I didn't go!"—Elizabeth Lincoln Gould in Youth's Companion.

Wouldn't Help Him Back.

General William Joyce Sewell was a generous friend and an equally good hater, as was shown by his treatment of Colonel Scovel, who had dared to dispute his authority in Camden politics. One time when the colonel thought he had smoothed things over sufficiently to make it possible he ventured to ask Sewell to send him a pass to San Francisco. The pass came by return of mail. "But, general," Scovel exclaimed at an early morning call at the West Jersey railway office the next day, "the pass is only to San Francisco. There is no return coupon with it." "Sir," the general roared, "I'm willing to send you to California, but I'll be — if I'll help you to get back again."

Plague in Many Lands.

The plague during the year has been reported in the following countries: Cape Colony and Egypt, in Africa; Arabia, the Argentine Republic, Australia, Brazil, China, England, Formosa, Germany, Hawaiian Islands, Japan, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippine Islands, Mauritius, Portugal, Reunion, Russia, Scotland, Straits Settlements, Turkey and Wales—probably a wider dissemination than has ever been known in the history of the world.

Cost of New York Police.

The police department and the board of education continue to be the New York city departments requiring the largest expenditure of public money. For 1902 the appropriation for the police department is \$11,350,000 and for the school department \$19,263,000, subject to a reimbursement by the state of \$1,200,000, which will bring the school expenses this year to \$18,000,000, approximately.

France Carrying a Heavy Load.

With a national debt of \$6,000,000,000 and a population practically at a standstill, with a costly standing army and an expensive navy, France is staggering under a heavy load. Perhaps her shoulders are strong enough and broad enough to bear it, but the crash may come some day despite French confidence in the stability and financial resources of the republic.—Baltimore Sun.

Chile Seeks Steamship Line.

Senor Salvador Casero has presented to the Chilean government a project for a new fast line of steamers between the Pacific and Mediterranean ports, with headquarters at Valparaiso and a capital of a quarter of a million sterling in 20,000 shares, a subvention to be granted on condition that the steamers should be armed as cruisers in war time.

Washington Society Changing Customs.

The infrequency of large evening receptions as features of the social life in Washington has been noticeable for several years past. The decadence of this form of social intercourse is attributed to the abuse which gradually became associated with it, leading to extremely late hours. When the evening reception was at the height of its popularity, it was not uncommon for the hostess at such a function not to come down stairs until after 10 o'clock.—Washington Star.

Dr. Henson's Apt Text.

The Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson was met by a friend in one of the big department stores while doing some holiday shopping. "Good day, doctor, what are you doing here?" he asked. Dr. Henson, who had been delayed for some time, replied: "I can best answer your question with the words of the text, Job xiv. 14. 'All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change comes.'"—New York Times.

New Giant Peanut.

There are reports of a wonderful new kind of peanut, called the "Japanese White Mammoth," grown in Matagorda County, Texas. It is of giant size, and is said to yield 87 barrels to the acre.

Should Chinatown Be Burned?

Chinatown, in San Francisco, according to the president of the board of health, should be burned. As it is at present, it cannot be rendered sanitary except by total obliteration.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Why Senator Cullom Never Suggests Cabinet Appointments.

Senator Cullom made a call on President Roosevelt one day, and when he came out of the chief executive's room he was asked, "Did you suggest to the president any candidate for cabinet positions?" "I never offer advice to the president," replied Mr. Cullom, "regarding cabinet positions. I did that once, and I will never do it again. When Grant was in the White House, I thought I saw a chance to get an Illinois man in the cabinet, so I suggested his name to Grant and pointed out some of his good qualities. Grant arose from his table and, stepping up to me, placed his hands on my shoulders and looked me squarely in the face. Then he said seriously, 'Cullom, a president wants to be just as free from interference or advice when he selects a member of his cabinet as he does when he picks out his wife.'"

Of Course He Knew Him.

Nat Goodwin, the actor, has a remarkable memory for faces and has frequently boasted among his friends



that once he has seen a man and talked with him, even for a few minutes, he never forgets that man's face. This highly developed faculty was put to a triumphant test the other evening soon after the return of the actor from his European trip. He was seated with a party of friends in a Broadway cafe when his attention became riveted upon a well dressed man sitting at a table a short distance away.

"There's a man whose face is as familiar to me as though I had seen him but yesterday," remarked the comedian to his friends, "but for the life of me I cannot place him in my memory."

None of the party remembered ever having seen the stranger before, and Mr. Goodwin, after worrying over the thing and cudgeling his brain for a time, could stand the suspense no longer and went over to the stranger.

"Pardon me, sir," said the actor in his most polite tones, "but I feel as if I knew you well. So stupid of me in forgetting your name. I am Mr. Goodwin—Nat Goodwin—and I trust your memory is better than mine and that you can recall where we have met."

"Certainly, Mr. Goodwin," replied the stranger, with a profound bow. "I have the first chair at —'s shop up here on Broadway. I shaved you yesterday."

"Ah, so you did; so you did," replied the comedian in faraway tones. "I am glad to meet you again."

Then Mr. Goodwin went back to his party and called for "something all around."—New York Times.

Humorous to the Last.

"So you've been through our big shoe manufactory, eh? What did you think of all that modern machinery?"

"Well," replied the old fashioned cobbler, "it certainly does beat awl."—Philadelphia Press.

The Critic.

Big Schoolgirl—Ain't you got no grammar yet?

Little Schoolgirl—Nope; not till next year.

Big Girl—Why, gracious, I've took grammar two hull years a'ready!

Quiet Game.

He—It is only a quiet little game. She—What do you mean by a quiet game?

He—Oh, one in which money does nearly all the talking.—Judge.

CARELESS LETTER WRITERS.

The fact that anybody would be so careless as to post a letter without an address, much less without stamping it, of course strikes most people as ludicrously ridiculous. Yet each year this class of errors on the part of the public is steadily growing, until now over 87,000 pieces of this class of mail matter have been turned into the department at Washington in a single year, the increase over the number of the preceding year being over 6,000 pieces received without address. And there were over 15,000 persons who were so thoughtless as to inclose money in their envelopes in sums from a dime to several bills of the twenty dollar denomination and then forget to address the envelope.

Those who forget to stamp their letters and parcels are also on the increase, as the department received 156,000 last year, an increase of 11,000 over the preceding year.

This habit may be largely overcome by giving to the envelope a farewell glance before dropping it in the letter box and not mailing it with the flap up. Mail your matter with the right side of the envelope up. Then its white, untouched, unstamped surface will call you down silently and make you more careful.—Washington Star.

A Genial Encounter.

The czar's last visit to France has filled the French papers with reminiscences of his former stay.

One day he drove incognito to the house of Loubet, then president of the senate, and while his companion went in to announce the visit he amused himself by putting his head out of the window and looking at the people who passed.

A whistling street boy approached and recognized him in spite of the plainness of his equipage. He stopped, took off his cap and said cheerfully: "Good day, sir. How is the empress?"

The czar was naturally surprised, but he replied, with a smile:

"Thanks, young man. The empress is quite well and has enjoyed the trip very much."

The boy seemed glad to hear it, nodded and went whistling away. The czar said in telling the story that he, thus cordially accosted, was the only one of the two to be embarrassed.

The Rise of De Bloch.

The death of M. Jean de Bloch, the author of "The War of the Future," a great work which has had a profound influence on public opinion in Europe, removes a man of superior intellect. He was a Polish Jew and began life at Warsaw as a peddler and taught himself to read and write. It is interesting to note that his start in life came from drawing a ten thousand dollar prize in a local lottery. He used this money to procure a sound education, going to Berlin, where he engaged a Frenchman and an Englishman as tutors. He returned to Warsaw a cultivated man and obtained a position in a bank. Soon he married a great heiress and rose rapidly in society, being ennobled and made financial adviser of the czar and of the monarch's minister of finance, M. de Witte.

His Maiden Speech.

"The papers," says the Kansas City Journal, "are all talking about the 'maiden' speech just made by Charley Scott in congress. As a matter of fact the maiden speech of Charley Scott was made nine years ago last June. It was in a parlor at Iola, and he got up awkwardly from a chair, pulling a tidy and half the books on the parlor table to the floor, after which he got down on one knee before a sofa which stood between the whatnot and the piano and asked Miss May Bevard Ewing if she would have him. And the cordiality with which his peroration was received on that occasion makes even the flattering reception which was accorded his effort in congress the other day appear like a frost."

Congressional Black Eagles.

A letter came to Washington the other day addressed to "The Black Eagle, M. C." There are two "Black Eagles" in congress. One is De Grafenreid of Texas, "the Black Eagle of the Piny Woods;" the other is Senator Clapp of Minnesota, "the Black Eagle of Fergus Falls." The house postmaster got the letter first and gave it to De Grafenreid. It belonged to him.

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PING PONG IS HERE

Just How to Play it Nobody
Seems to Know.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

It's the Proper Caper, and You
May Gamble on Its Raging With
Ballinger's Smart Set.

Ping Pong, also known as pom pom and table tennis has obtained quite a foothold in Ballinger. Just how the game is played is something that has not yet reached this city. Those who have bought the ping pong, pom pom, ping pom, pom pong, table tennis, or what not, have done so believing they could secure some sort of fun out of it and at the same time be one of those who are strictly up to now.

Ping pong is nothing less than lawn tennis, with a good sized table for a lawn, if those who have bought the game have guessed rightly, or, to be more exact, it is a combination of golf and battledore and shuttlecock and lawn tennis. The similarity between ping pong and golf lies in the fact that one will have to hunt for the ball if the ball happens to roll under a table or lounge.

The balls are made of papier mache and are as light as a light opera. The battledores, used to shove the balls through the air, are as strong as a policeman's billy. Presumably the object of the game is to hit the ball without knocking it into atoms, or some other old place. A strong table is also required. Stretched across the center of this table is a piece of netting about four inches high. The tables made by the sporting goods houses are marked off like a tennis court, but just what these lines are intended for no one in Ballinger has yet announced.

But ping pong is fashionable. If one does not know how to play it correctly, why then one can play it as correctly as he is able to play it. It is said to be as exciting as a dog fight and as interesting as a new baby. The exercise it affords is said to

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FARM AND RANCH, Dallas, Texas.

make a Shandow or a Hercules out of a debutante, even after she has been out for nine years. One is even said to become enthralled with the game before he knows anything about it and to become a regular fiend after he discovers he can smash the balls without breaking them.

It is known that ping pong is the rage in New York. H. R. H., King Edward VII, has stamped it with his royal approval and now the lords of creation who live in Ballinger are numbered among the devotees of the new fad.

Thus bicycles, kodaks, croquet, lawn tennis and even dominoes, golf and goo-gooing have all been dethroned and ping pong is now the master. Vive ping pong, says society, and ping pong will live for a period anyway.

Do the Best You Can.

A clock with the notion never to strike less than twelve would be a nuisance instead of a joy. It would be like some people—such people as are indisposed to do anything unless they can do some big thing. You could perhaps do a thousand little and useful things while you sit and do nothing, waiting for the opportunity to do some great thing. You are waiting in vain. Learn now that the ability to do great things belongs to those who are disposed to do little things. They are the willing doers of little things who are promoted to the doing of great things.—Word and Way.

Said Little Socrates.

"Some generous person," said little Socrates Bulgibrow of Boston, "has been kind enough to send me a copy of Mother Goose's lyrics for Christmas. Do you know, the tory that a representative of the bovine genus at one time leaped over the chief luminary of the night leads to some interesting calculations as to the muscular development of the cows of that time. I have ascertained that they must have been endowed with strength proportionate to that of the flea of the present day."—Baltimore American.

Woman Doctor Is Boycotted.

The governors of Macclesfield In-mary recently appointed Miss Clarke of Glasgow to be house surgeon, "has been kind enough to send me a copy of Mother Goose's lyrics for Christmas. Do you know, the tory that a representative of the bovine genus at one time leaped over the chief luminary of the night leads to some interesting calculations as to the muscular development of the cows of that time. I have ascertained that they must have been endowed with strength proportionate to that of the flea of the present day."—Baltimore American.

Watch Given by Walter Raleigh.

Among the bequests of the late Dr. Edmund Croker of Lisnabrin House, Tallow county, Waterford, Ireland, is a gold watch which Sir Walter Raleigh gave to the infant son of Richard Croker, the direct ancestor of Dr. Croker, in 1589. Sir Walter was sponsor to the infant son, who was named Walter, and to whom the watch was given. Until a few years ago the watch kept excellent time, although the case was worn to the thinness of silver paper.

Counterfeiting in United States.

The average number of counterfeit cases now handled annually in this country is about six hundred, and of this number nearly 50 per cent are those of persistent and habitual violators of these laws.

Rubber in Peru and Brazil.

A French explorer, Emile Bonneau, thinks that, with proper protection, Brazil and Peru alone would be able to satisfy the world's increasing demand for rubber.

Large Pearls Are Sarcophagi.

A French naturalist, Rapael Dubois, asserts that all large pearls are nothing but sarcophagi, in the center of which rest the dead bodies of small marine worms.

Business Associations Soon Broken.

Business associations which are kept up for more than one generation between members of different families are rare in this country.

Bright's Disease.

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

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

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



Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

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

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but do you good

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

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. J. Turner in Runnels county, near Wingate, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gathering pecans, working stock or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Lange & Dooze Agents,
Ballinger Texas.

Wants to Help Others.

"I had stomach trouble all my life," says Edw. Mehler, proprietor of the Union Bottling Works, Erie, Pa., "and tried all kinds of remedies, went to several doctors and spent considerable money trying to get a moment's peace. Finally I read of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have been taking it to my great satisfaction. I never found its equal for stomach trouble and gladly recommend it in hope that I may help other sufferers."

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. You don't have to diet. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. E. D. Walker.

The wild-eyed wonders of the western plains are passing away. The artesian well, the railroad, the gang plow are changing that country to a veritable garden. The poor captive maiden has been rescued from the savages; the savages have been shot, and the maiden has got married. Even "Dead Man's Gulch," is a railway station and Alkali Pete has gone to work as a section hand.—Jacksonville Reformer.

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. For sale by E. D. Walker.

A man—no, not a man, he is a bad imitation of a poor model—who will vulgarly make slanderous remarks about the virtue of a woman is himself as vile as the middle of perdition, where all the betrayers of woman's fair name will soon be sizzling.—Hubbard City Pick and Pan News.

Neglect Means Danger.

Don't neglect biliousness and constipation. Your health will suffer permanently if you do. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure such cases. M. B. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the most satisfactory pill I ever took. Never gripe or cause nausea." E. D. Walker.

A writer in an English agricultural paper thus looks toward giving the cow her dues: "The Hindoo worships the cow. The Irish peasant lives with her on a footing of social equality. She is the friend of man in every zone," a gift "to human nature in every clime."

The Hoodoo who has to milk and feed the cow and suffer his breeches legs chewed off and gulped down by the calf has a decidedly different view from that of the Hindoo.

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

—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.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

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

SPECIALLY EDITED

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

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED

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

Saved Many a Time.

Don't neglect coughs and colds even if it is spring. Such cases often result seriously at this season just because people are careless. A dose of One Minute Cough Cure will remove all danger. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. Sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles. "I have used One Minute Cough Cure several years," says Postmaster C. O. Dawson, Barr, Ill. "It is the very best cough medicine on the market. It has saved me many a severe spell of sickness and I warmly recommend it." The children's favorites. E. D. Walker

A Boston mother took her four year old girl to a photographer. The child couldn't be made to sit still. He of the camera was as suave as he could be, and worked every device of gentle persuasion to make the little wiggler keep still. Finally he said to the despairing mother, "Madam, if you leave the little dear alone with me a few minutes, I think I can succeed." The mother had scarcely withdrawn, when she was summoned back by the triumphant photographer, who exhibited a satisfactory negative. When they got home the mother asked: "Nellie, what did the man say to you when I left you alone with him?" "He thaid," lisped Nellie, "thit thill, you little ratheall, or I'll thake you."

The Power of the Press.

Wendell Phillips, when once addressing a hostile audience, was so interrupted that he quietly leaned over the platform and began talking in a low tone to the reporter, and when the audience stopped their racket only said—"Go on, gentlemen—go on—I am not talking to you, but to fifty millions of the American people."

The great Greek philosopher said that if he could only get a place to rest his lever he could move the world. Give us the press and it would be easy to move the world.

The old saying used to be: "Three things have mighty sway o'er men,

The sword, the sceptre and the pen."

But mightier now than either sword or sceptre is the pen.—Geo. T. Angell.

Try Davis-Noyes Co. for anything in the Dry Goods or Grocery line.

"It's better than a letter."

Shot in His Left Leg.

For all kinds of sores, burns, bruises, or other wounds DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a sure cure. Skin diseases yield to it at once. Never fails in cases of piles. Cooling and healing. None genuine but DeWitt's. Beware of counterfeits. "I suffered for many years from a sore caused by a gun shot wound in my left leg," says A. S. Fuller, English, Ind. "It would not heal and gave me much trouble. I used all kinds of remedies to no purpose until I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes completely cured me." E. D. Walker.

There are bustling, hurrying people; people that seem to be accomplishing everything, in farming as in all the other walks of life. A superficial view of such people gives the idea that they are accomplishing a great deal; and yet in point of fact they are usually poor workers. They expend a great deal of steam in kicking up a dust. The men who accomplish the most never seem in a hurry, no matter how much they have to do. They are not troubled for lack of time, for they make the most of the minutes by working in cool, clear, orderly and methodical fashion. It will greatly reduce the liability to waste from fussiness if plans are formed in advance of action, and in the main adhered to when the time for doing arrives.

A Great Market for Livestock.

C. C. French, traveling solicitor of the Fort Worth Stock Yards Co., spent Wednesday in Ballinger. Being interviewed by the Banner-Leader man, Mr. French had the following to say of the great packery now being built at Fort Worth:

"The Swift-Armour Packing Co. will have their packeries at Fort Worth completed by the first of November. When completed this will be the greatest and most complete packing plant in the world. It will cost over \$3,000,000, and will be a great thing for Texas. Within the next thirty days 5,000 men will be employed in the construction of the building, etc., which means that a vast amount of money is being put in circulation. But this is not all, after Nov. 1st this company will want and will use 500 hogs and about 1000 cattle daily, affording a ready market for all the cattle and hogs that may be raised in Texas. The cost of shipping to Fort Worth will be small and the profit to the stockraisers will be far better than ever known in this country."

Mr. French says the Swift-Armour Co. are anxious for Texas people to raise hogs and will guarantee a market for all that may be raised.

Corn is scarce in this country, but hogs can be raised and fattened on sorghum, Johnson grass, milo maize, melons and other crops that grow in profusion, and the stock-farmer of Runnels county can by taking advantage of this opportunity, prosper as they never have before. There will be local buyers for all the fat hogs and cattle in this country after the Fort Worth packery is put in operation. Plant feedstuffs and fatten your cattle and hogs. Prepare for swelling your bank account.

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

THE MASS OF HUMANITY comprises two Classes.—those whose Individual Characteristics enable them to command situations and those whom situations govern. The weaker element covets constantly the attributes of Preference. Frequently the Insufficient appear to triumph. Title and Regalia, however, never yet made a king.

Half a dozen Conventions occur within a few months at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Salt Lake City.

By reason of Advantages, natural as well as acquired, "THE DENVER ROAD" is Master of the situation as to Pacific Coast points and the Northwest. It simply has the Best of it any way you care to figure.

One important consideration is distance. Distance means time, which is money. Just for example, would you deliberately choose to ride out 856 miles to a point but 588 miles distant from Fort Worth via "THE DENVER ROAD," which reaches the place where the interesting part of the Los Angeles trip begins, with 268 miles Less travel, taking Less time, therefore Less money, with neither changes nor waiting, too? Why, of course it makes a Difference! It's so with all other possible combinations of lines—twas so in old Euclid's time, 'tis so now, always will be, —two sides of a Triangle must exceed the third.

Study the Map.

Further than this, persons of Discrimination recognize and appreciate the fact that certain Modern Conveniences are of the Necessities of really good passenger service and that many of these "THE DENVER ROAD" alone provides. Such are:—

Daily thru trains, models of improved, box-vestibuled equipment; Sleepers with ladies dressing rooms, large enough for several.—With No Locks; Coaches furnished with the most Comfortable high-back seats made; Cafe Cars, meals a la carte, pay for what you order; No Junctions to wait at, nor any changes of cars; no matter how small your Party, Thru trains for each, for everybody, Each Day.

Another point, "THE DENVER ROAD" gives choice of Six Routes from Colorado west, with thru connections. You may view Colorado's Grandeur going, returning, or both ways, if you will

Study the Map and Think Twice before buying. Tickets cost no more via "THE DENVER ROAD" than over routes where you'd get considerably more ride but less actual Satisfaction.

"THE DENVER ROAD" doesn't need to be called "Official." Correspond with us. FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

A ducky was asking old Uncle Jake about a party platform. Uncle Jake said: "Bless yer life, nigger, didn't yer know what dem platforms is? Dey is jes' like de platform on that cyar yonder. It ain't made ter stand on; it is made to git on; an' den when you git in de party it is jes' like de cyar. You will see on de inside dat little cyard up dar. 'Dangerous to ride on de platform.' Lor nigger, you got a heap to larn in dis here wicked, persecuters world; yer don't know nuffin." —Ex.

Housekeepers Delight is the finest made—sold by Davis-Noyes Co. 23 ff



Light Biscuit
Delicious Cake
Dainty Pastries
Fine Puddings
Flaky Crusts

Dr. F. M. Hale and lady, of Crews, were in the city Tuesday.

J. T. Brown, of Winters, was a visitor to Ballinger yesterday.

G. R. Oliver, of Winters, spent several days in the city this week.

Gaines Scott is spending a few days in Brownwood with relatives and friends.

W. J. Tomerlin and several ladies, from Paint Rock, were trading in the city yesterday.

Miss Sadie Royalty has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Lubbock county.

Judge J. D. Scruggs arrived Thursday night from a week's sojourn in Mississippi and Tennessee and left Friday for his home, Menardville.

Tax Collector Kirk informs us that he will start a man over the county next week to collect all due and unpaid taxes. He requests us to state that the delinquents will have to pay the cost of the trip made throughout the county including all extra expenses.

Hand & Carter's famous "Happy Town Girls and Big Minstrel Jubilee" is billed to play in Ballinger on the night of April 19th. They have signed a contract with Manager J. W. Powell and will post bills and advertise extensively next week. This is an up-to-date and refined company and will doubtless attract a full house.

The school trustee election will be held today in the Shroter building instead of at the court house. This will be a convenient place and all voters should turn out and cast their ballots for a man who is interested in the school and who wants to make Ballinger the best school town in the west. Only one trustee is to be elected.

This a great fruit country and we believe a canning factory would be a profitable enterprise for Ballinger. \$1000 would cover the entire cost of a cannery, and there is not one within a radius of 300 miles of Ballinger. We hope this suggestion will be sufficient and that some man will grasp this opportunity to engage in a business that will be profitable both to himself, the city and the county.

—See our Japanese matting.
 J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

Ladies Locketts and chains. Latest thing in jewelry, very stylish. Jas. E. Brewer.

—Buy yourself a new dress, make biscuit for supper with Housekeepers Delight flour and "all will be well"—Davis Noyes Co. 23-tf

Meeting of Democratic Committeemen.

County Chairman, J. Y. Pearce has called a meeting of the Democratic committeemen to be held at the court house on April 19th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Following is a list of the committeemen:

- Rowena, P. J. Baron;
- Miles, E. Boykin;
- Maverick, J. A. Grimes;
- Center Point, W. F. McKown;
- Pearce School House, S. M. Francis;
- Cochran, J. A. Barr;
- Wingate, Jno. Loveless;
- Content, C. C. Coats;
- Antelope, A. F. Adams;
- Winters, J. W. Murray;
- Runnels, J. C. Swift;
- Norwood, G. W. Clayton;
- Ballinger, J. F. Lusk;
- Norton, J. P. Eastland;
- Pumphrey, Bed Tidwell;
- Lone Star, J. V. Trout.

A. D. Tally.

The Banner-Leader is pleased to announce this week A. D. Tally, of Crews, as candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of precinct No. 2. Mr. Tally has only served one term in this official capacity but has demonstrated that he is fully capable and will do his whole duty at all times. He is an ex-confederate soldier, a good citizen and neighbor, and a man of integrity and honor. If re-elected he will show his appreciation by endeavoring to work for the interests of his precinct and of Runnels county.

Spring picnics are in order now. Take a day off, go to the river or some clear creek, fish, watch the grass grow, the flowers bloom and the cattle graze. Buzz with the bees, "flit" with the butterflies and hum with the humming birds. "Turn yourself loose" forget all cares, and absorb some sunshine and life.

C. P. Shepherd received notice Thursday from the Hartford Insurance Co. to the effect that they would not make an advance in rates on insurance, notwithstanding the fact that nearly all other companies would make an advance of 25 per cent.

On Tuesday of last week W. G. Slaten, independent adjuster, came to Ballinger and adjusted the loss by fire of J. B. Alvi's residence at West End and the tornado loss at Bronte. Both losses were paid promptly. They were insured by C. P. Shepherd.

For Sale.

A full-blooded Durham bull in fine condition; 1 year old December 29th, 1901. Call on or address. W. S. WESTCOTT Brownwood, Texas. 26-tf

Miss Irby Towner is visiting friends in Santa Anna.

—Murray will fix you up with a stylish haircut and shave for only 35 cents.

John Thomason, of Winters, was in the city Thursday, and left a dollar with the Banner-Leader.

C. Murray, the barber requests us to add his name to the Banner-Leader subscription list. We are pleased to put it there.

Epworth League Program.

Subject.—"Growing in Grace." 3 Peter 3:17-18.

Leader.—Mrs. F. P. Abney

Song.

Prayer.

1 Peter 2:12.—Katie Cameron.

Duet.—Mr. and Mrs. Brewer.

Eph. 4:12-15.—Mrs. Greenwood.

Song.

Short testimonials by all the Leaguers.

—New line of matting.

J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

A whole lot of new watches at Jas. E. Brewer's. See them and get prices before buying.

Quite an assortment of new Brooches just received. They are beautiful. Jas. E. Brewer.

G. M. Vaughn has returned from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. Murray returned yesterday from a visit to her father at Paint Rock.

County Attorney B. B. Stone returned Thursday night from a business trip to Lampasas.

Mrs. G. M. Vaughn returned Thursday afternoon from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Arch Holman, at San Angelo.

S. B. Hobson held the number that drew the watch given away on April 1st by Jas. E. Brewer. The lucky number was 4218.

G. W. Childs, an acquaintance of Dr. Butler and who has been spending a time in Ballinger for his health, returned Thursday to his home in Tennessee.

D. M. Baker and lady returned Thursday night from their trip to Havana, Cuba, via Galveston. They speak of the trip as being a most delightful one in every particular.

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

A large assortment of latest styled fobs. Call and see them. A beautiful assortment. Jas. E. Brewer.

F. Haberkorn went to Ballinger last night to visit relatives and meet his music pupils there.

George Adams, who is now making his home at Talpa in Runnels county is in the city on business.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

Will Ballinger wake up and realize that with her great water supply, her quarries of fine building stone, and numerous other advantages, she ought to be a factory town? Ballinger is so well located and has so many sources from which to draw support that we fear she is too well contented for her own good. The neighboring cities and towns with less advantages are on the alert and will outstrip us if we fail to do our part. Let us start with a cotton seed oil mill and a canning factory. There is no risk to run. Money invested in these two enterprises is safe and sure to bring handsome returns.

—If your wagon, buggy, or plows are out of fix, call and see W. W. McKinley. He will do the work right.

—We have just received a fine lot of embroideries and laces that we will sell at lowest cash prices. Hixson Bros Racket Store. 23-tf

L. Markowitz & Bro.

—THIS STORE IS—

FULL OF NEW SPRING GOODS

Fresh crisp and beautiful. Bought with the nicest and most discriminating taste and regard for established and correct styles for the season of 1902 : : : : :

Our Prices the Lowest

Quality Considered, made by any house in the West. We give you as much as possible for your money, but never lower the standard of quality which makes it after the finest economy to consider wearing qualities before prices

OUR DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

Is Complete from the Cheapest to the Best.

Special on Ladies Shirt Waists from \$1.00 **75c** to \$3.50, choice at

We sacrifice a beautiful line of Black Cheprons for skirts, goods worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per yard, must move at **75c yd**

EMBROIDERIES

2000 yards of short length, extraordinary values Give us a look.

We have 250 pairs of Ladies Shoes and Oxfords. Small lots will sell at half price.

We have other Bargains which are to numerous to put down. Come to see us and if you are from Missouri we will show you. Now this is strictly a CASH price, no tickets or charges will be made so dont get offended but do your part and bring your pocket book.

—Yours for Bargains—

L. Markowitz & Bro