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Special Sale of Silks

At Winkler's ---

We are showing the best all around line of Silks of any house in West Texas, and are offering some extra good values in

Our Silk Department

Corded Wesh Silks we have a good line to select from these are never sold under 35 cents our price only..... 25c yd

Corded Wash Silks better quality the usual retail price is 50 cents we are selling this line a 4 yard waist pattern for \$1.50

The very best quality corded wash Silk produced in all newest shades, regular 65 cent quality at only..... 50c yd

Large Assortment of Fancy Silk Waist Patterns 3 1/2 yards in Pattern values range up to \$1.25 per yard, we offer you your choice of the lot per pattern for..... \$2.00

Fourlard Silk Dress Patterns we offer our \$1.00 quality Fourlard Silks at the extremely low price of..... 75c yd

Our Line of Trimmings, White Goods, Gingham, Dark Skirtings, is the best in Ballinger. You will find our prices the lowest always.....

H. WINKLER

W. C. T. U. Program at Methodist Church Sunday Night.

Song, Yield not to Temptation. Motto, By Union.

Prayer, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh.

Talk, Supt. J. B. Wilmeth.

Reading, Convict Joe. Willie Allen.

Quartette, Messrs. Ludwig, Parks, Harris and Brewer.

Reading, Good night Papa. Louise Shawe.

Quartette, Messrs. Odom, Wilmeth, Misses Moser and Hardgrave.

Solo, New Kingdom. Miss Echols.

Reading, A Stray Sunbeam. Miss Luper.

Instrumental Duett, Misses Viola and Genevieve Truly.

Reading, Bessie Miller.

Whisky Query. Leader, Mrs. Honea, sanctioned by children

Song, six little girls.

Song, If we could save our father, Miss Blanchard, Willingham, Kelly, Truly, Miles and Padgett.

Reading, Patsy, Miss Myrtle Miles.

Intemperance as I have Seen It, Rev. Shuffler.

Song, Father Come Home with Me by Union.

Reading, I'll sign the pledge To-Night, Louie Honea.

Reading pledge, Mrs. Starnes.

Passing pledge cards, Miss Moser and Mrs. Davis.

Passing white ribbons, Misses Lankford and Woodward.

Prayer, W. W. McKinley.

No other services in they city that night.

Don't miss the Minstrel Jubilee at opera house on the night of April 19th. Prices reduced to 25c, 50c and 75c so that all who wish may enjoy this popular play.

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

Milliken-Bowden.

There was a quiet home wedding at the home of Editor and Mrs. C. S. Bowden Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Louis Milliken and Miss Ida Bowden, and Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh officiated in the ceremonies that united them in marriage.

The groom is a worthy, industrious young man, is a native of this county, and is an employee of the Hall Hardware Co.

The bride is one of Ballinger's fairest girls and is a favorite with her numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliken immediately began house-keeping in the residence recently vacated by Mr. Allison.

The Banner-Leader offers congratulations.

Winters News.

MR. EDITOR: Here we come again

The paramount subject for discussion is, "When will it rain?"

Wheat and oats are suffering. But there is time yet for a big cotton crop, as well as feed crop.

Mr. Jno. Eoff was re-elected, last Saturday, trustee of this district. Mr. Eoff is one of our best citizens. The interest of our school will be in safe hands.

Dr. Halley, of Ballinger, came out one day this week. He was representing the county at the bedside of Mr. Zeb Nesbitt who is laid up with something that resembles the small pox a little.

Dr. J. H. Grant pronounced it no smallpox from the first, and Dr. Hally was of the same opinion after a thorough examination.

Mr. Jno. W. Dale of this city is in the race for Commissioner of this precinct (No. 2.)

We are in a position to know whereof we speak. Mr. Dale is a man of honor, a gentleman in every respect, a good business man, and a man that will, if elected, fill the position with

honor to himself and credit to his constituents.

Chas. H. Jones representing the Banner-Leader has been hustling the boys of late. With in the last 8 or 10 days he has secured 25 or 30 subscribers to the Banner-Leader, besides a large amount of job work from the mechants, doctors and shopmen of our town.

A number of those new subscribers are new comers as all, or nearly so, the old settlers have been reading the Banner-Leader for years. And the longer we read it the better we like it.

Mr. C. E. Woodrow, contractor, ably assisted by Messrs. Burk, Mullin, Avery, Springfield, Spill and Hunter will have completed another two story business house in Winters by the last of next week. When you need skilled carpenters come to Winters.

Mrs. J. Whit Patterson and son are visiting in Ballinger at present.

Mr. S. P. Burnett and family went east about 20 miles on a visit a visit a few days since.

School has been suspended a short time on account of the contagion abroad in the land.

A number of Winters boys of the early 60's will attend the reunion at Dallas.

J. Whit Patterson, J. W. Murray, Joe Vancil Esq., F. L. Pierce, Dr. Craddock and T. A. Fannin attended the Masonic burial service at Ballinger last Saturday.

Mr. S. W. Pratt had business in the metropolis the 10th.

Messrs. Davidson & Oliver are building an ice house on the space between Oliver's store and the store of Eoff & Dale. This will be a thing of value to our people.

A photograph gallery is here and ready to take pictures for the old and young, homely and comely.

Mr. W. R. Davis and family moved out to their ranch near Pumphrey this week.

Mr. F. Ramsel and family occupy the residence vacated by Mr. W. R. Davis.

Mr. Jarmon and family will move to the F. Ramsel house. NEMO.

Squire Smith's Court.

Since last issue of the Banner-Leader Squire Smith's court has disposed of the following cases in the order mentioned:

Frank Campbell vs. J. J. Hubbard suit on account for painting. Verdict for plaintiff and judgement for \$64.

Cooper vs. Cain, suit on account, verdict in favor of defendant.

State vs. Clark, charged with assault. Guilty and fined \$5.

State vs. O'Bannon; for injuring wire fence. Bond placed at \$250.

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.

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

If the land owners of this part of Texas knew how easily they could make fortunes they would quit trying to cultivate so much

**IRRIGATE!
TRY TRUCK-
FARMING.**

**Build Tenant Houses and
Rent out Most of Your
Land to Truck Farmers.**

land single handed and would put in irrigating plants, build tenant houses, divide

their land into small tracts—of from ten to thirty acres—and rent or lease to industrious truck farmers.

The plan of colonizing localities in the state is meeting with a great deal of favor every where and many people all over the country are becoming interested in the project. The result is apparent, as the scheme is proving to be such a success that many strangers are coming into the State and they regard Texas as their home for all time to come.

The climate of Texas is simply a revelation to the people who come here from the Northern and Central States.

An effort will be made to colonize the entire gulf coast country and when the movement starts it will prove a success from the jump. The truck farming industry in the State is rapidly forging to the front, and from statements gathered, the truck farmer with twenty acres of land is better off, from a financial standpoint, than the farmer who is the sole possessor of two or three hundred acres.

The truck farming industry has reached that stage where under the test of practical demonstration it has proved successful and the small irrigated farm is attracting more attention than any other industry anywhere in the South.

Ten years ago vegetables were scarce in the State, and the statement was scattered broadcast over the land that the soil would not produce them. Two or three years later experimenting was entered on and now the truck farmer finds a market for all of his products, and receives a good price.

Nearly every railroad in the State has taken kindly to the colonization plans and are fast building up small towns along their various lines. Their land agents are always looking for bargains in land. Two or three wells are sufficient for irrigating the entire tract. In the language of a newly converted Texan: "All you have to do is to put the seed in the ground, and it comes up as if by magic."

It has been stated on more than one occasion that the truck farmer is rapidly supplanting the cattle man. A short time ago a statement of that nature would have seemed absurd, but today it is a reality, Texas is large enough to accommodate every man who desires to make an honest living, and the old saying of the more the merrier, sounds well.

"Some time ago this correspondent wrote to the general passenger agent of the Katy for information as to the number of passengers brought into the State during October and November of last year. The reply was to the effect that it would be absolutely impossible to furnish correct information on the subject, but that hundreds of strangers came to Texas every week and a large majority of them remained. This is substantially correct, for there is hardly a town in Texas but what does not report a scarcity of rent houses," says an Austin reporter.

When the farmers and in fact all land owners of Runnels county begin to irrigate, the wail of the calamity howler will cease, dry weather will have no serious effect, the country will soon be densely populated with thrifty, prosperous people, and instead of being owners of cheap lands you will be landlords indeed; owners of land worth thousands instead of hundreds. Yes, and the money heretofore sent out of the country will be kept at home and used in building factories, colleges, electric railways, and elegant homes.

Don't wait for other counties to begin. Lead and let them follow. This is an age of agricultural expansion and progress. The lands of this country are rich, fertile and productive will grow nearly anything. The great necessity is water and it is here in abundance and can, with little expense, be transferred from wells to the fields.

Some will think the country will surely become more seasonable after a while, and will wait for that time. But the first to undertake irrigating and truck farming will be the first to reach "easy street" as sure as the sun shines.

It is not too late to begin this year, for in event of a dry summer and fall, would not an irrigated farm raise enough feed and vegetables to pay all expense of irrigating and a handsome profit besides? The Banner-Leader thinks it would.

HENRY A. L. GREENWOOD, Ballinger, Texas.

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Cold Talk

A. HALL will soon open his cold drink and icecream parlor, and will make neatness purify of goods and fair treatment to all alike his winning card. Will give ladies our special attention. Wine served to suit your taste, don't forget to call

A. HALL
BALLINGER, e AS

W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer, was up from Brownwood Sunday and Monday.

Chas. Goodman left Saturday for Lampasas after a pleasant visit of several weeks in Ballinger.

Charlie Moback, stone mason, has returned from Moody where he has been at work for several weeks.

Messrs. Hollingsworth and Watson, of the telephone exchange, visited Santa Anna friends Sunday.

Miss Irby Townner, one of Ballinger's fairest daughters, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Ida Phillips.—Santa Anna News.

Miss Nettie Sledge left Friday evening of last week for her home in Mississippi. She was accompanied to Dallas by her brother, A. W. Sledge, of the Ledger.

A. D. Tally, of Crews, paid the Banner-Leader an appreciated visit Monday. Mr. Tally is a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2. He is an ex-Confederate soldier and will attend the national re-union at Dallas.

Walter Fairman this week renewed his subscription for the Eagle sent to his sister, Mrs. A. L. Greenwood, of Ballinger.

J. M. Valentine came down from Ballinger a few days ago and has been engaged in building a residence for D. S. Warner at Antelope Gap.—Goldthwaite Eagle.

Rev. J. A. Shoptaugh and wife left Monday for Grandview, Illinois, in response to a telegram announcing that Rev. Shoptaugh's father was dangerously ill. We hope they may find him convalescing and that their trip may prove more pleasant than they anticipated at the time of their departure.

Stolen.

From my pasture five miles north-west of Crews and turned into the lane ten miles north of Ballinger last November, one dark colored horse mule, now two-years-old, branded J on left shoulder. Liberal reward for information leading to his recovery.

J. T. BILLUPS,
26-4t Crews, Texas.

Mrs. G. G. Odom, of Ballinger, spent a few days in San Angelo this week, visiting Mrs. Chas. A. Dailey.

Clint Crowell, of Ballinger, has accepted a position in Harris' barber shop.

Garland Odom, of Runnels county, brother-in-law of Chas. A. Dailey, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Matilda Doose, of Ballinger, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. P. Smith in San Angelo, this week.

Geo. B. Hendricks, the large ranch owner of Miles, was in the city Thursday, trading. Mr. Hendricks' family has recently moved from Ft. Worth to the ranch and George is now naturally perfectly contented all the time.—San Angelo Standard.

The Waco Times-Herald is authority for the statement that "a Cotton Belt extension to Brownwood via Hamilton seems to be in the air." The Brownwood end of the line hasn't yet felt any perceptible effect from the current, but still it would do all in its power to get the Cotton Belt headed this way. It's certainly coming some time and Brownwood will speed the day.—Bulletin.

Will H. Scott and W. C. Penn, two Brownwood cotton buyers, left Tuesday after spending a few days in the city, the former on pleasure and business and the latter on business and pleasure. Mr. Penn bought all but a small remnant of last season's cotton and closed business at this point till another crop is raised. There are greater attractions in Ballinger for both these gentlemen than cotton.

C. W. Roberts and Henry Sayles, Jr., have returned from a trip to the Colorado river in Runnels county. Crops are not universally promising as the rains which were so fine here did not reach all districts they visited. At R. K. Wylie's place it has not amounted to a season in fifteen months.—Abilene Reporter.

T. E. Moore, a merchant of Wingate was in the capital on business Tuesday. Mr. Moore says his section of country needs rain and that the bugs are damaging the wheat, which was growing nicely till the pesky little pests struck it. "Dogon" the bugs.

Maurice Crews left Tuesday for Waco to stand examination for railway mail clerk. Maurice is one of Ballinger's brightest, best boys and while we would not like for him to leave us permanently we wish him success at anything he may undertake.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will have charge of services at the Methodist church Sunday night. The other churches of the city will unite and attend these services. A splendid program has been arranged.

Mrs. R. A. Smith returned Tuesday evening from San Angelo, where she has been for several months. She is now spending a few days out on the ranch.

Bob Shaffer accompanied Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh to Winters last Sunday returning Monday morning.

Miss Bertha Mason and Prof. Fitz, the singer, left Monday evening for Santa Anna and other points.

Geo. Pearce left Sunday evening for Houston, to spend a week or more.

J. W. Dale.

The Banner-Leader is authorized to announce J. W. Dale, of Winters, as candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 2. Mr. Dale, is well known to the voters of his precinct, and being a man of many friends, it is not worth while for us to tell the people more than the mere fact that he is a candidate. He runs on his merits and if elected will do his duty. His candidacy is subject to the democratic primary.

W. S. Moorhead.

W. S. Moorhead, of Crews, is candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 2, subject to the democratic primary. Mr. Moorhead is well qualified for the duties of this office and if elected will make a good commissioner. He is a staunch citizen, a good reasoner and a business man. Consider his candidacy before casting your vote.

C. W. Hester and wife, of Winters, were in town Saturday, shopping. Mr. Hester ordered the paper sent to R. F. Jones, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Mr. Bide Freeland, of San Angelo, a son-in-law of J. S. Cotton, will be here in a few days and will open an ice cream parlor and confectionery in city style.—Snyder Western Light.

W. S. Moorhead, of Crews, called at the Banner-Leader office Tuesday, authorized us to announce him candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 2, and paid a big, bright wheel on subscription.

"Uncle Bob" Shaffer has been out fishing with some preachers and says he "had hard luck." He attributes the cause of his hard luck to the fact that the preachers watched him so closely he couldn't take a drink of Peruna and spit on his bait—which he says seldom fails to hang a "sucker" on the hook.

W. N. Gentry, a well-to-do citizen of Valley creek died at his home Friday night and was buried Saturday at the Ballinger cemetery with Masonic honors. A wife and several sons survive him. The Banner-Leader regrets the death of this good man and tenders condolence to the bereaved relatives.

A large team belonging to Mr. Cathey ran away Tuesday, but kept in the middle of the street and were caught before any damage was done. The team was standing hitched to a wagon in front of Davis-Noyes Co's store and ran up Eighth street near Judge J. I. Guion's residence, where they were checked.

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.

Housekeepers Delight is the finest made—sold by Davis-Noyes Co. 23 1/2

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.

For saddle and harness repairing try Currie & Shaffer.

F. P. Abney and Oscar Pearson went to Eden Tuesday on business.

Mr. Austin Long, Currie & Shaffer's saddle maker, returned this week and has resumed duties in the shop.

Albert E. Turney, who has worked in the grain store of F. P. Abney since last fall, left with his family Tuesday for Blanket. It is his intention to join the Methodist conference and engage regularly in the ministry.

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:

Clark, Miss Maggie.
Jones, Mrs. Josie.

GENELEMEN:

"R. B. P." care of A. C. Klemicke.

Sunday was as warm as a midsummer day until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon when a dark, threatening cloud arose in the northwest and hovered over Ballinger like a goose would over a poor, little, suffering gosling, and we like a gosling, began to forget our troubles and prepare to swim for we knew that a shower was coming. And it did come, but instead of rain and hail it was rocks and sand. Instead of bringing up grass, corn, etc., it covered it up. Then a norther came and made vegetation look like the blossom of hard times.

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

Spring dusters, whips, bridles, collars, saddle blankets, marals, etc., etc., at Currie & Shaffer's.

Max Lange,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Special attention paid to Land Matters.

CHAS. S. MILLER,

(Business Established in 1879.)
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Real Estate Agent, Abstractor and Conveyancer.

Owner of Complete Abstracts of Title to Lands in Runnels and Concho Counties

BALLINGER MILLING CO.

Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

M. C. SMITH,

Attorney-At-Law.

Office up stairs in the Ostertag Building.

BALLINGER TEXAS.

J. W. POWELL,

Lawyer.

Especial attention to probate courts, settling estates of decedents, acting as guardian of minors, administrator, trustee, etc
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You lose more than we do if you don't advertise in the Banner-Leader.

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.

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.

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

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

Give us your printing.

FIRE LIFE and ACCIDENT	Lee Maddox NOTHING BUT INSURANCE BALLINGER, :: TEXAS	NEW YORK LIFE AETNA ACCIDENT
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\$300,000--Responsibility of Stockholders--\$300,000

YOUR BANKING

No matter how small, no matter how large

The W. C. Parks Banking Co.,

BALLINGER, - - TEXAS.

Will give it careful attention. We loan money, discount notes, buy and sell exchange, receive deposits and transact a general banking business. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and personal attention, we allow interest on time deposits.

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CONFLICTING TESTIMONY.

(J. W. WADDILL.)

The scientific men, who tell us what to eat and wear
 Have so confused the people that they don't know where they are:
 The public wants to know what's best, from every point of view;
 And stand, waiting anxiously, the course it should pursue.
 One school of scientists assert their belief in bacon,
 Another raves against all breads from which the bran is taken,
 Another one proclaims aloud, "No kind of meat is good,"
 And yet another says, "No bread or any starchy food."
 And says that too much water, while one eats will kill a man,
 Another says "Drink while you eat, of water, all you can."
 One says the liver will not work when taking milk and eggs,
 Another says, "Eat eggs and drink the milk down to the dregs."
 One says the stomach's juices must not touch that which is sour,
 Another says "eat wholesome fruits a little every hour."
 Like mixed and complex views are on as touching one's attire,
 One wants the body loose and cool, another hot as fire.
 One school find certain death within the common coffee pot,
 The same of tea and chocolate, and everything that's hot.
 Another warms most solemnly against fresh beans and peas,
 Another taboos sugar as producing Bright's disease.
 One says, "avoid all condiments, all keethups, sauces, oil,
 Another says "don't stop till the gastic juices boil."
 One wants an ice-cold daily bath, in winter and in summer:
 Another wants it tepid, and another wants it warmer.
 And yet another finds a poison lurking in the weed,
 Which soothes alike the rich and poor, the bondman and the freed,
 All say the gun and bottle are both children of one mother,
 And yet the law forbids the one while liscensing the other.
 Oh! wretched man, how can you please the scientists who tell
 So many different stories how to keep the body well;
 Mayhap, 'tis best, and when all is said, to learn to be content,
 Work hard outdoors, live pure and clean and eat whate'er you want.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Sentences That Are Difficult For the Tongue to Repeat.

Most boys and girls have at some time been asked to repeat some sentence that confuses their tongues, as "She sells seashells" or the "Sea ceaseth, and it sufficeth us" or possibly this one, "What a shame such a shapely sash should shabby stitches show!"

Now, it is very easy to suggest sentences to the one who might claim a victory because of some slip of the tongue. If by asking the teaser to "give Grimes Jim's gilt gig whip" does not suffice, possibly the task to repeat six times in one breath "What a pity poor Peter picked pretty Polly's pigs" may do very well. If that will not do, tell him to repeat ten times in ten seconds "Six misses mixed hisses."

Other difficult combinations to repeat are: "If he slipped, should she sip?" "Should a ship's steward sell a shoddy suit?" "The bore brought boar brawn," "Sam should soon sell Shem six shilling single shingles" and "He threw two true throws." But still more difficult is the one "Should sooty Sue seek soap?"

UTILIZING A PAWNSHOP.

A pawnbroker with a shop up town thinks that after all there may be something new under the sun, although the adage says differently.

"A man wearing a rather handsome fur lined overcoat came into my store one cold day recently," said he one day last week, "and after removing his outside coat handed it over to be put in pawn."

"I suppose you'll allow me a dollar on it, won't you?" he asked.

"I said that he could have that much and more, too, if he wanted it. He declined anything above a dollar advance on the garment and after getting it went away. On the evening of the same day he came back for his coat and asked how much the interest on the loan would be. I told him 3 cents. This he paid, and as he was going away I said to him:

"I beg your pardon, but do you mind telling me why you put that coat in pawn and took it out on the same day?"

"Certainly I'll tell you," said he, grinning mischievously. "I merely wanted to check my coat for safe keeping for the day. At the Grand Central station parcel room they wanted 10 cents, but you kindly did it for 3. That's all."—New York Tribune.

A Fossil Quarry.

One of the strangest quarries in the world exists near the town of Kemmerer, Wyo., at an elevation of 8,200 feet above sea level. This quarry is worked by hand, no blasting being permitted, owing to the fragile nature of its output. The latter consists solely of fossils, mostly those of a few varieties of fish. In operation the shale is split into slabs, broken with sledge hammers and thrown over the bank by hand. When slabs containing the specimens are cut and taken out, they are very moist and have to be dried out to about one-third of their original weight. After the drying has proceeded far enough to permit of the easy manipulation of the material the fossils are carefully cleaned by means of special tools devised for the purpose. Many of these fish fossils are exceedingly beautiful, every bone being plainly shown in the outline. They rank as the finest specimens of fossil fishes yet discovered.

Historical Novels.

One of the female historical novel makers describes her hero as "standing like a piece of marble with his thumb on the trigger of his trusted pistol." Few people of experience trust pistols, and those who press the trigger with their thumbs are usually employed in the museums as trick artists. But, then, you can find almost anything in the historical novels since the women have started to writing them.—Washington Post.

Odd Advertisements.

The placard in a Buffalo clothing store window, "Pants, 99 cents a leg; seats free," has been outdone by one in a tailor shop window of East London, which reads: "Dandy kickies, with wroughty buttons and an artful takedown the sides. Cut saucy over the trotters. Half a monarch."

Governor Shaw of Iowa, the recently appointed secretary of the treasury, tells this story of a case in an Iowa court, says the New York Times. A boy about 14 years old had been put on the stand and the opposing counsel was examining. After the usual preliminary questions as to the witness' age, residence and the like, he then proceeded:

"Have you any occupation?"

"No."

"Don't you do any kind of work?"

"Just loaf around home?"

"That's about all."

"What does your father do?"

"Nothin' much."

"Doesn't he do anything to support the family?"

"He does odd jobs once in a while when he can get them."

"As a matter of fact, isn't your father a pretty worthless fellow, a dead beat and a loafer?"

"I don't know, sir. You'd better ask him. He's sittin' over there on the jury."—Ex.

There are two sides to every story—and a lot of them should be turned.

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

A small boy doesn't care for a book that is instructive as well as amusing.

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

The average man shows up all right on the surface, but few can stand probing.

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

Truer words than these by Samuel Smiles, were never penned: "Fortune has often been blamed for her blindness; but fortune is not so blind as men are. Those who look at practical life will find that fortune is usually on the side of the industrious, as the winds and waves on the side of the best navigators. Success treads on the head of every right effort; and though it is possible to over estimate success to the extent of almost defying it, as is sometimes done, still, in any worthy pursuit, it is meritorious. Nor are all the qualities necessary to insure success at all extraordinary. They may, for the most part, be summed up in these two—common sense and perseverance."

—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.

—The BANNER-LEADER has blank chattel mortgages, blank crop mortgages and blank notes for sale. 23-tf

Take your old shoes to Currie & Shaffer and have them made new.

Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE

For Sale.

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

Phone 45

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Free Delivery.

The Tennyson correspondent in the Miles Messenger notes that Judge R. B. Truly attended Justice court at that place and also made a ringing political speech.

Federal court will convene at San Angelo on April 21st.

The average man wastes a lot of time telling other people things they don't want to hear.

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THE MAYES PRINTING CO.

—Most anything you want at a bargain, at "The Fair."

Gov. Sayers has appointed Searcy Baker of Grimes county as superintendent of State Penitentiaries to succeed J. S. Rice resigned.

Ex-Gov. Hogg is enroute home from quite a stay in England. When asked, before starting home if he would attend the coronation of King Edward, Mr. Hogg replied that he would not, adding that he would then be fishing in Texas.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Talpa Eagle has reached this office. It is published by W. D. Currier, of the Miles Messenger and edited by Henry McGeorge. The Eagle is a creditable paper for Talpa and will no doubt be of great benefit to the town. It is liberally patronized by local merchants. We wish the Eagle success.

James Mason, a deaf mute, of Louisville Ky., has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stealing a Bible. After sentencing him the judge of the court made a subscription of \$1 to a fund with which to buy Mason a Bible to take with him to the penitentiary. That was perhaps that judge's first missionary work, and he will doubtless go to heaven, but if he does he should go by the way of the penitentiary for not doing earlier missionary work.

A nice lot of fresh strawberries at Miller Mercantile Co's.

—New line of matting.
J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

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

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

Davis-Noyes Co. are leaders.

ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.

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

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

CAPT. J. E. SMITH,
(Re-election)

W. H. WEEKS.
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.)

Several sales and exchanges of city property have been made this week.

"Mark Hopkins" writes from Pumphrey this week and his letter is interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe will return Sunday from an extensive tour of South Texas.

Wide Jurisdiction of One Officer.

The federal judicial officer who probably has the largest territorial jurisdiction is Andrew J. Balliett, United States court commissioner at Rampart precinct, Alaska. He covers over 150,000 square miles in his district. His functions are like those of Pooh Bah. He not only has the regular duties of a court commissioner, which are in themselves multifarious, but he acts as justice of the peace, judge of probate and recorder of all the mining claims in his district.—Chicago Chronicle.

Monument to a Joan of Arc.

In the Russian town of Jelabuga there was recently unveiled a monument to a local Joan of Arc. Her name was Nadyeshada Andreyevna Durova, and she died in 1866, age 33 years. Impelled by patriotism she had, as a young woman, enlisted in the army and distinguished herself by bravery, especially in the war of 1812. Subsequently she became a novelist, and her books, filled with descriptions of war scenes, became very popular.

Manchuria a Russian Possession.

William Penn Henley of California, who recently returned from the orient, says concerning the attitude of Russia toward Manchuria: "Manchuria is as surely a Russian possession as the District of Columbia is under the control of Uncle Sam. The agents of the Czar are now collecting taxes, percentage from the gross incomes of mines, and no one but a Russian subject can own or lay claim to a foot of Manchurian soil."—Washington Star.

A Noted Character Killed.

El Paso, Tex., April 8.—News has reached this city of the killing at Fort Stockton of Barney Riggs, frontiersman, feudist and fighter. Riggs was a prominent cattleman of that section. He was shot five times and instantly killed. The killing is the outcome of a family quarrel.

Twenty years ago Riggs and his bride went to Arizona. There he became a cowboy and during the intervals of his absence from the ranch owner's camp on round-ups Riggs' employer wronged him and so it came about that Riggs, in good old Texas style, speedily killed the rancher.

Riggs was given a life sentence at Yuma. One day a half dozen convicts sought to kill the warden. Armed with knives, they made a murderous attack upon their keeper, but Riggs rushing unarmed into the thick of the fight, hurled a rioter to the floor. Grasping the man's knife, he fought until two desperadoes were killed. The guards rushing up, saw Riggs with the dagger upheld and fired, but missed. Riggs was forthwith pardoned.

Coming back to Texas, he was married to Mrs. Johnson, a sister of Bud Frazer, who was then the Sheriff of Reeves County. He became a prominent rancher.

Frazer had a deputy, with whom he fell out, and then was begun a prolonged, bloody and celebrated feud. Twice there were duels on the streets of Pecos, and the deputy was twice wounded, but in the meantime Con Gibson, a brother to the present District Clerk of Reeves County and a friend and deputy to Frazer, was killed by a cousin to Frazer's enemy, living at Eddy, N. M.

At an election Frazer was defeated and moved over into New Mexico. He came to El Paso, but went back to Reeves County and ran for office again. His former deputy, hearing of this, went there and suddenly opening the door to a saloon, discharged both barrels of a shotgun into Frazer's body, killing him instantly.

The circus came to Pecos, and so did Riggs; likewise John Denson and a friend bearing a reliable gun.

Meeting Riggs in a saloon, one of them made a gun play, and so did Riggs, and when the smoke had cleared away a man named Earheart and Denson had bullets in their brains.

Something bloodier would be doing at Pecos, folks thought, when Frazer's deputy should meet Riggs, for both were dead shots.

The meeting never came, but in its stead was another, and Riggs, man-killer, hero of the insurrection at the territorial prison, fearless, intrepid, met death at the death of a beardless boy, with whom he was romantically related.

Geo. M. Vaughn bought from various parties yesterday about 300 steers. He will make a shipment to Indian Territory next week.

On May 5th Mr. Hodnette and Miss Pitman will open a private school in the Public School building. Special attention will be given those desiring to take examination for certificates or those who have failed to be promoted. Tuition from \$2 to \$4 per month.

Fresh vegetables received three and four times a week at Miller Mercantile Co's.

Headquarters for Everything

Attention

We desire to announce to the people of Ballinger and Runnels county that no firm is better prepared to fill your wants in Dry Goods, Groceries and Feed Stuff than ourselves.

Dry Goods

We have a Full Line of New Spring Goods, fresh from the Eastern Markets. We paid Cash and got them at a Bargain and so can sell cheaper than others.

Groceries

In this line we have no superiors. We can furnish you with anything from a picnic lunch to a dinner fit for a king. Once our customer always our customer

Feed Stuff

We can supply your wants with dispatch. Our stock is complete and up-to-date

The DAVIS-NOYES CO.,

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GENERAL ADMISSION : : : 25 cenis

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Doors opens at 8 p. m., the noise will begin begin promptly at 8:30. You SHOULD come, you MUST come you WILL come. Your'e wslcome, you'll enjoy it and at the same time assist the

Ladies Cemetery Ass'n.

All Kinds of

Saddles and
Harness

Neatly Repaired
and Pressed.

T. S. LANKFORD,

The Saddle and
Harness Man



Ed Levy, a Brownwood man, is here this week on business.

J. H. Butts, travelling agent of the Dallas News, is in the city today.

"Nemo" writes a newsy, interesting letter from Winters this week.

Ballinger land agents report several sales during the week to new comers.

Geo. M. Vaughn will begin shipping his steers to the Territory next week.

Otto Lisso, of Concho county sold about 100 head of steers to Geo. M. Vaughn yesterday.

Mrs. Callie Lewin and sister, Mrs. Brooks, of Miles, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stocks.

Mrs. Saunders, of Sonora, is visiting her brothers, Messrs. McGregor. She arrived yesterday evening.

Three entertainments at the opera house next week, which means that Ballinger is not numbered with the unnoticed and unattractive.

J. F. Lusk has received word from Miss Stella Couch who is now in Red Oak, Texas, stating that her sister, who was dangerously ill is recovering. Miss Couch will return to Ballinger next week.

We learn that there was a heavy rain in the northern part of the county Thursday night. Since last Sunday we have, almost constantly, been afraid(?) we would have a shower in Ballinger.

Contractor John Chaillette is making daily shipments of rock to San Angelo where he has the contract for building the powerhouse dam. Mr. Chaillette shipped one rock that was 40 feet long, eight feet wide and one foot thick. He gets his rock half a mile west of town and says it is a very fine building stone.

R. Rutherford has sold his stock of groceries to J. W. Norman, of Paint Rock, a brother of our townsman, W. A. Norman. Mr. Norman will continue the business at the same stand, and will probably carry another line of goods in connection. He is an experienced merchant. We wish him success.

Several window lights have been knocked out of the Presbyterian church recently. Boys passing the church should choose some other object at which to throw stones, or not throw at all, for it may cause them trouble. It is known who broke the lights and if any more lights are broken, "somebody's darling" will have to pay a fine. A hint should be sufficient.

Estray Notice.

Estrayed from my place at Winters, Runnels county, Texas, on April 6th, 1902; one dark bay horse mule, three years old, with scar on breast caused by wire cut. Will pay liberal reward for same if taken up and notified. J. R. HESTER.

The farmers Live Oak Flour delights all housekeepers. A fresh lot at Miller Merchandise Co's, opposite postoffice.

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

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

Ladies Shirtwaist and Slipper Sale

AT THE HUB

Wednesday and Thursday, April 16, 17
250-----LADIES GIBSON SHIRTWAISTS-----250

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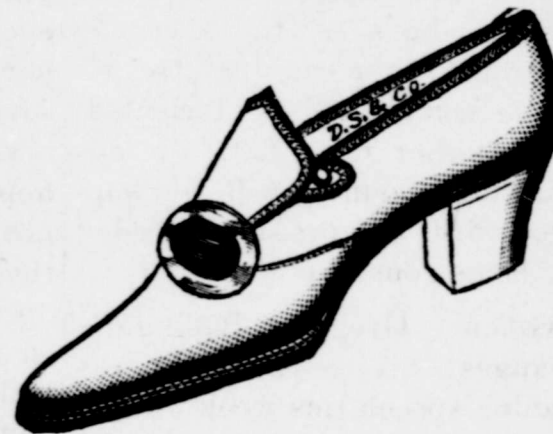
A 75c	Shirtwaist for	52c
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A 2.50	pair Oxfords or Slippers	2.00
A 3.00	pair Oxfords or Slippers	2.68
A 3.50	pair Colonials "Patent" Kid	2.98



Watch our show windows, remember date and place

THE HUB

We Sell Goods as we Advertise.

J. D. NORWOOD, Manager

Pumphrey.
Services Saturday and Sunday by Bro. Carter, but owing to the severe wind from the north in the evening there were no services at night.
Singing Sunday evening was attended largely by a jolly crowd.
Bro. J. J. Burk is on the sick list this week.
Misses Carrie and Nettie Middleton, of Audra, were the guests of their uncle, Mr. W. T. Middleton of this place.
Messrs. Carter and Pallock and Misses Carter and Pallock, of Moro, paid our community a visit Sunday.
Miss Carrie Keel has returned from an extended visit to Williamson county.
Ben Eubank is able to be out on his crutch again.

Wales Eubank came in from Sterling county Friday and returned Wednesday with his mother and family.
We have been substantially informed that we will receive daily mail after this week.
Mrs. Nance is building a residence on her farm and will occupy same when completed.
There will be a concert at the close of Prof. Brown's school. A good time is anticipated as every one seems to be lending a helping hand.
Prof. Brown has purchased a new buggy.
Mr. Allen and Mr. King and their families are on the Concho fishing and prospecting this week.
The trustee election at Wingate Saturday resulted in the election of H. K. Reed and G.

W. Greenfield as trustees.
Everybody seems to have business in the capital city this week.
Cotton planting is the order of the day.
Singing Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited.
MARK HOPKINS
Hand & Carter's "Happy Town Girls and Minstrel Jubilee" at Opera House April 19th, one night only. Remember the date.
Rings, just lots of them, new both plain and set, diamonds too. Jas. E. Brewer, the Jeweler.
—Our mattings are direct imports. J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.
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How the List Grows.

Since last issue, the following names have been added to the Banner-Leader's subscription list:

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| D. C. Toone, | Winters. |
| M. C. Church, | " |
| T. A. Bedford, | " |
| J. M. Fisher, | " |
| J. W. Jones, | " |
| H. P. Hudgens | " |
| Hugh Hinds | " |
| O. J. Hinds | " |
| Bob Shaw, | " |
| W. W. Cooper, | Pumphrey. |
| J. W. King, | Crews. |
| J. C. Hickson, | " |
| J. S. Black, | " |
| B. F. Clark, | " |
| W. Mitchell, | " |
| J. M. Greenfield, | Wingate. |
| S. F. Flynt, | " |
| W. H. Whitley, | Audra, |
| D. H. Nall, | " |
| R. F. Jones, West Monrre, | La. |
| Miss Ella Drake, | Acme, Ala. |
| Lee Scott | Content. |
| M. V. Johnson | Audra. |
| J. L. Bailey | " |
| J. E. Pruitt | " |
| J. W. Pruitt | " |
| G. A. Davis | " |
| Joe Gill | " |

RENEWALS.

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| J. H. Miller, | Ballinger. |
| Max Lange, | " |
| W. S. Moorhead | Crews. |
| C. J. Horton, | Wingate. |
- You will notice that all of the new subscribers, excepting two, are citizens of Runnels county.

Hands & Carter's Minstrels.

Five consecutive seasons of phenomenal success is the record of Hans & Carter's Famous Happy Town Girls & Big Minstrel Jubilee, announces to appear in this city at opera house one night, Saturday, April 19th. This great measure of popularity is due to the very clever and up-to-date stage performance presented by this excellent company indisputably the best aggregation of colored singers, dancers and comedians in the land, headed by the 6 Monarch of Modern Minstrelsy, Thorton & Carter, the only end-lady artists in the world, Ware Brothers, knock about comedians, Agery & Johnson, sketch and impersonating artists, and a number of equally important persons including Bohanna, a coon cyclone of comicality, Smith & Allen, a musical union, Harris & Woodward, the best buck and wing dancers that ever stirred dust, the one and only White, (a money's worth coon), who is great, Miss Carr, queen of fantastic cakewalkers, Anderson Upshaw champion cakewalker of the South, who amplifies his idea of what constitutes the poetry of motion, Miss Blocker, the pride of the levee, a coquette with a thrush's voice, Childress, the Al H. Wilson of colored tenors, the Trans-Atlantic Quartette, and a delightful creation called "Song of Dixie" consisting of a happy arrangement of the latest songs of the south. A Ragtime Courtship, an original skit of song, dance and acrobatic contortions. The Great Cakewalk, participated in by the champions of the east and south. Anderson & Carr, and an event of extraordinary popular interest, and the best exhibition of the poetry of motion. Miss January, the only bass singer in the world. Concluding the rollicking afterpiece "Fund at Tenderbar Cafe." You have to laugh. Complete band and kaleidoscope orchestra. Grand free street parade and theatre concert in front of opera house. Remember the date. Last minstrels of the season.

DON'T BE GAUGHT

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

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That name stands for all that is best in farm Implements, Walking Plows, Cultivators, Disc Plows, Planters.

HALL HARDWARE GO
BALLINGER'S BEST STORE.



Butting Jack.

In ante bellum days, when the old town of Columbia was the head of navigation on the Brazos and the most flourishing town on the lower Brazos, there was one old African slave of the blue gum species who was known far and wide as "Butting Jack," and it is said that he would butt a hole through an inch plank for a drink any time.

There was a merchant in those days who had his store near the river's edge—only a narrow street between the store and the river bank, which was very steep and about thirty-five feet to the water's edge. This merchant, whose name is omitted, was fond of a practical joke. Butting Jack came into the store one Saturday (negro's day) and proposed to the merchant to do some scientific butting for a piece of cheese and some crackers. The merchants were reminded that he had a very large cheese spoiled, completely decayed, except the outside rind, which held it in shape. He told Jack that if he would butt a hole through the cheese he would give him the cheese. Jack accepted quickly and the merchant took the large cheese, weighing some fifty pounds, and being about eighteen inches broad and six inches thick, and set it right on the bank of the river and told Jack he could have a run of twenty steps to aid him and that if he butted a hole clear through the cheese it was his.

Jack removed his hat, spit in his hands, and started in a mighty rush. His head struck the cheese about the center and went through like an arrow, and the cheese and Jack disappeared down the bluff. Spectators rushed to the river side but saw neither Jack nor the cheese for about a minute, when about twenty feet from shore there was a mighty upheaval in the water and Jack appeared with the cheese around his neck and his face and head completely covered with the spoiled cheese.

After a struggle he cleared his eyes and mouth of the cheese and pulled for land, coming out and to the top of the bank still wearing the cheese.

After he had relieved himself of his burden and washed the decayed cheese from his hair, the merchant asked him how he liked his cheese. Scratching his head and studying awhile he replied:

"Well boss, I likes cheese and I'z eat a heap of cheese in my life, but dis is de ransomest cheese, 'fore God, I ever seed."

After having his fun at Jack's expense, and feeling that he owed him something, the merchant called Jack in and cut a vrey fine cheese and gave him half of it as a compromise, but ever after that experience Jack drew the line at butting cheese on the banks of the Brazos.—H. P.

Marshall and Jim Hoover were here this week enroute from Galveston to Sweetwater. While in the city they were guests of J. L. McWhirter.

They say it takes two to make a quarrel but one meddlesome gossip has often done it alone.

The King looks down upon the people, but what would the King be if it were not for the people?

How many men who have done great things would have accomplished them if they had known others would get the credit.

B. B. Hale, a San Angelo lumberman, was in the city Monday on business.

L. Markowitz & Bro. bought four lots in R. B. Truly First Addition this week.

Wise is the candidate that can convince the voters that the office is seeking him.

The Methodist Home Mission Society will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. P. Kirk.

Mrs. J. S. McKenzie and children, of Vigo, were visiting Mrs. M's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Wilson, the first of the week.

The managers of the Oil Well have ordered pumping machinery and received the bill of lading to it. When it arrives a test of the well will be made as it now stand.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

Some day—and we hope the day not far distant—the broad fertile valleys of the Colorado river and other running streams in this county will be irrigated, and whether rain falls or not this entire country will be supplied with all products needed for home consumption.

Guion Gregg, Ballinger's youngest attorney, made his maiden speech this week in the case of the State vs. Clark, who was charged with assault. Stone & Gregg were attorneys for the state, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Mr. Gregg is of course pleased with the result.

A. & M. President Chosen

Waco, Tex., April 7.—The board of trustees met here today and elected Prof. David F. Houston president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Members of the board present were: Marion Sansom of Alvarado, S. A. Reichardt of Houston, P. H. Tobin of Denison, J. A. Koker of San Antonio, William Malone of San Marcos, A. P. Smith of McClellan County and Jeffersod Johnson of Austin. Marion Sansom was elected president and J. A. Baker of Bryan was appointed Secretary.

The following names of applicants were submitted: H. B. Stoddard of Bryan, F. H. Robertson of Waco, T. R. Day of Henderson, S. H. Flake of Navasota, A. E. Easley of Waco, Clarence W. Ousley of Galveston, James M. Skinner of West Virginia, E. F. Comegys of Gainesville, Charles Rogan of Austin, John H. Cochran of Milam County, A. J. Beatty of Fort Worth, R. L. Abbott of Waco, Wells Thompson of Columbus, Q. F. Anderson of Whitewright, Wilbur Colxin of Georgia and H. C. Phitchet of Huntsville.

Balloting went on for four hours on the above names without result. It is understood that Gov. Sayers responded over the long distance telephone that under no circumstances would he accept the place. Prof. Houston's name was then submitted. He signified in response to a message that he would accept, whereupon he was elected by a unanimous vote.

Prof. David F. Houston, the newly elected president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, is dean of the faculty of the Texas State University. He is by birth a South Carolinian and has been connected with the university for ten years.—Dallas News.

A Frog Story.

A few years ago, a milkman near St. Louis was driving into town with his cans of milk, and, on coming to a small stream, it occurred to him that his milk was too good for the people of that city, and he promptly got down and poured water in each of his cans. Without his knowledge he had dipped up two frogs, and both of these were put into one can. After he had resumed his journey, the situation grew very serious for the frogs, and they found that it would be impossible for them to survive long in the unaccustomed medium. After kicking vigorously for some time to maintain themselves on the top, one of them concluded that it was not worth while to continue the struggle, and told his companion he would give it up. The other urged him to hold out a little longer, in the hope that rescue might come from some source. The first frog, already disheartened, was soon completely exhausted, and saying "Good bye," sank to the bottom. The remaining frog naturally more hopeful and courageous, continued kicking vigorously, and when the driver of the milk wagon opened the can he was astonished to see a frog sitting on a nice little pat of butter which he had churned by his efforts, looking as chipper as you please.

The moral of this tale is so obvious that the writer is almost ashamed to call attention to it. In brief it is this: "Keep kicking." And, though the moral is really of universal application, it fits the advertiser as well as anyone. The advertiser, doubtless, should not kick so aimlessly as the frog, or with such an uncertain prospect, but he should, like all the rest of us, "keep kicking."—Agricultural Advertising.

—Visit "The Fair" for bargains.

Nothing pleases some girls so much as the chance to resist an attempt to kiss them.

One trouble with the man who is fond of his joke is that he expects everybody else to be fond of it.

"GOD'S COUNTRY,"
"LAND OF SUNSHINE,"
"THE GOLDEN WEST."

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THROUGH TOURIST SLEEP-
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WOMEN'S CLUBS,
LOS ANGELES.

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ROUND TRIP TICKETS ON
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NO CHANGE OF CARS
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THE CANYON DIABLO,
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Sante 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.
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 28th, 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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—My motto is to select the best quality and pay cash, thus enable me to give you the most for your money. Jas. E. Brewer. Jeweler.

Bright's Disease.

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

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

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

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. It's pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles. For sale by E. D. Walker.

Santa Fe Contemplating A Change.

Temple, Texas, April 4, 1902.—The Santa Fe people are contemplating a change in the running of their westbound morning train, usually styled the "Chicken Limited." This train leaves Temple at 7:25 in the morning and runs to Lampasas, returning at noon. This gives a double daily service only from Lampasas to Temple, while the territory from Lampasas out has but one train a day each way. The move contemplated is to run this first train out just after the last train on the main line as far as Brownwood, to return in time for the noonday train south. From Brownwood out a coach on the local train would give a double daily service. The matter hinges on whether the service from Temple to Brownwood shall be a mixed passenger and freight service or a straight passenger service.—Houston Post.

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.

Judge Reagan is ill at his home in Palestine and it is said that there is but little hope for his recovery.

Davis R. Hall, editor of the Gatesville Messenger, was last week elected mayor of his city.

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.

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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 favorite. E. D. Walker

The sheriff of Duval county should be presented with a gold medal. He is offering \$10 reward for information of those who carry pistols. If all sheriffs would do this, and the state offer a similar reward to sheriffs for the arrest and conviction of such parties, it might do something toward breaking up that evil.—Rockport Enterprise.

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.

Col. Lanham opened his campaign at Clarksville last Saturday under most favorable conditions. His initial speech was conservative and brief.

A desperate negro of Birmingham, Alabama, refused to be arrested last Sunday for obtaining goods under false pretense, and when pressed by the sheriff began firing with a winchester and mortally wounded the sheriff and his deputy. He then took refuge in a house and shot six more men before he was killed. Six of the eight wounded men died. The negro was riddled with bullets and his body burned.

"It's better than a letter."

SCHOOL LAND ISSUE.

Citizens of San Angelo Favor the Sale of all Leased Land

A mass meeting was held at the courthouse at San Angelo last Saturday evening to obtain an expression relative to the placing of all school lands on the market for actual settlement. Dr. O. H. Love was elected chairman and Editor Truly secretary. Resolutions were adopted favoring the proposition, and also asking the executive committee of Tom Green county for a primary election. Candidates for Representative and Senator are asked to declare themselves on the school land question.

Why Grace Was Omitted.

A tiny girl of seven gave a dinner party the other day, for which twelve covers were laid, and that number of small maidens sat down to dine. It was a real little hostess herself presided, sitting at the head of the table. She had been very anxious in looking forward to it, to do everything as it should be done.

"Mamma," she asked "shall we say grace?"

"No," said mamma; "it will be a very informal dinner, and I think you need not do that."

That meant one ceremony the less to be gone through with and was a relief. But the little lady was anxious to have all her guests understand it. So, as they gathered about the table she explained:

"Mamma says that this is such an infernal dinner that we need not have grace today!"

Good Advice.

Never get it into your head that you are too good to mingle with "common people." Nice clothes and a four-inch collar do not necessarily make you too good to be civil to those who wear a pair of blue overalls and a blouse. In young men this feeling is called "swell head," and in old men, "aristocracy." Whatever it may be, it is not gentlemanliness. No young man or old one can be a gentleman who treats the workingman as an inferior being. Some of the most intelligent men of the age were at one time—are today—workingmen; men who are not afraid to take off their coats and work at hard manual labor. The man who boasts that he never had to work and has good clothes and thinks he is doing the workingman a great favor by speaking to him, is one the world could get along without. The workingman could get along without the well-dressed gentleman who does not work, but the well-dressed gentleman could not get along without the workingman.—Ex.

If there is only one unpardonable sin it must be insincerity.

In one way a bad habit is like a bill collector. It is hard to get away from.

Few men are willing to limit themselves to hoping for the reward of merit.

The more a man gets the less he is able to understand the discontent of the poor.

The millenium will have arrived when all people shall look upon books as necessities instead of as luxuries.

With all the weddings in the Hay family "Little Breeches" may be expected to achieve a new popularity if not a new significance before long.

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-vestibled 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.

Living One Day at a Time.

A certain lady met with a serious accident, which necessitated a very painful operation and many months confinement to her bed says one of our exchanges. When the physician had finished his work and was about taking his leave, the patient asked, "Doctor how long shall I have to lie here helpless?" "Oh, only a day at a time," was the cheery answer; and the poor sufferer was not only comforted for the moment, but many times through the succeeding weary days did the thought, "Only a day at a time" come back with its quieting influence.—Ram's Horn.



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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.

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CHICAGO.

NOTE.—Alum baking powders are low priced, as alum costs but two cents a pound; but alum is a corrosive poison and it renders the baking powder dangerous to use in food.

J. A. Street, of Wingate, is trading in the city to-day.

H. E. Dickinson returned Wednesday from a week's stay at Sonora.

April 19th at opera house—**"Happy Town Girls and Minstrel Jubilee."**

Wellie Chastain and wife spent last Sunday with D. C. Dimpson and family at Runnels.

Grand conclave Knights Templar El Paso Texas, \$24.75 for round trip. Dates of sale April 13 and 14th.

Jack McGregor's friends elected him school trustee last Saturday. A better man for the place would be hard to find.

A. P. Day, of Ozona country, after receiving the French cattle yesterday, went west to look at two other bunches of cattle—one at Lampasas and the other at Ballinger. Mr. Day is a son-in-law of John L. Lee of this city.—Temple Mirror.

While at work on the second story of his father's new residence Wednesday evening, Homer Alexander slipped and fell backward to the ground and was rendered unconscious until the next morning. For a time it was feared that he might not recover. He is up again, however, and going about as if no accident had occurred.

The moving of Honea's laundry building along Eighth street Thursday made work for the telephone boys and created a bit of excitement for a time. Several telephone wires were struck by the front of the house and broken. We have often heard of expert "wire-working," but never saw the real thing until we saw Hollingsworth, Watson and Pickens Butler on top of a moving building running, jumping, sliding, dodging, and at the same time holding a whole network of wire above so that the house could pass under. It was a free show and "Bill" Humphrey was the clown. He stood at the First National Bank corner and eight of the ten mules and horses that pulled the house would obey every command he made—especially that of "whoa." Humphrey was only a spectator, but was ornamental as well as detrimental. Mr. Honea has located his laundry on Sealey Avenue near the big ditch.

J. M. Dean, of El Paso, was in the city the first of the week in the interest of his candidacy.

R. A. Hall was here from San Angelo Tuesday and moved his family to that city on Tuesday night's train.

Rev. W. T. Caperton will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday instead of the third Sunday.

Dr. J. M. Smith, of Content, was a visitor to the city Wednesday and was a welcome caller at the Banner-Leader office.

Annual meeting General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, Jackson Miss., May 14th, to 27th. Limit May 30th, 1902. Rate one and one third fares.

Several men with wagons and teams passed through today enroute from Mills county to Sweetwater where they hope to get work on the Orient railroad.

J. E. Cole, of Ballinger, arrived in Ozona Saturday and went to work in Carmichael, Perner & Co's saddle shop Monday morning. Mr. Cole's family will follow him later.—Ozona Kicker.

Miss Emma Holland, who has been visiting J. W. Norman and family at Paint Rock, arrived Tuesday and is spending a few days with W. A. Norman and lady before returning to her home, eight miles in the country.

The Coleman Orchestra of 12 Ladies are billed for Ballinger Friday night, the 18th, at the Opera house. This company of ladies is gaining quite a reputation. They will play at San Angelo on the 17th. They, being our neighbors, should have a full house.

The Frisco is doing a great cattle business now; trains pass through here every hour with cattle. About 2,500 cars of cattle will be shipped from San Angelo to the Indian Territory during this month. Besides a number are being shipped from Ballinger, Coleman, Brownwood and points on the Frisco.—Comanche Exponent.

All lovers of music can get the pretty song "The Pocket," by Chas. H. Jones, 50 cents per copy, first-class music. Mr. Jones has just received a number of them and will be here in a few days to sell a few of them.

Carl Wilson returned Tuesday from Arizona, where he has been since leaving Ballinger four months ago. He doesn't like Arizona and is glad to be at home again.

City Council meets Saturday the 12th at 2:30 o'clock to swear in the newly elected aldermen, and the mayor says there is much on hand at that meeting. Keeping stand pipe full of water, changing from wood to oil fuel, possibly the building of an additional stand pipe, the purchasing of 200 feet of fire hose etc.

Some time ago Mr. O'Bannon one of our oldest citizens, was arrested by the sheriff upon a charge of injuring the wire fence between town and West End and required to enter into bond of five hundred dollars to answer before the justice of the peace. On last Wednesday the case was called up and the court, evidently entertaining the opinion that if the defendant was guilty of any offense it was only a misdemeanor, fixed the bond to answer to the proper court at the small amount of \$250. Mr. O'Bannon has always been regarded as a law abiding citizen and his friends do not believe that he wantonly and willfully injured the property.

If you have friends in the old states whom you think would like to know something of Runnels county, send them the Banner-Leader. It will cost less than writing to them and will give them more information than you could afford to send in letters. It has been the means of bringing prospectors here many of whom are now citizens of the county.

Observations of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

The following letter to Judge T. T. Crosson is self explanatory:

Washington, D. C., 3 1, 02.
To the County Judge,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:
I take pleasure in giving you the following results of observations made at Ballinger by Mr. F. M. Little of the Coast and Geodetic Survey in connection with the establishment of a true north and south line.
Date, May, 27, 1901.
Latitude 31o49
Longitude, 99 58 W of Gr.
Magnetic Declination 9 53 East.

Respectfully yours,
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Fish for the City Lake.
A few days ago Mayor Powell wrote to the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries for some Black Bass to be put in the city lake and he this week received the following reply:
Washington, D. C., 4 4, 02.
Mr. J. W. Powell,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of March 30 has been received. In reply you are advised that your application for black bass is on file in this office, and we hope to send a liberal supply during the coming spring distribution from the station of this commission at San Marcos, Texas. You will receive notice in advance of shipment.
Respectfully,
George M. Bowers,
Commissioner.

Quite an assortment of new Brooches just received. They are beautiful. Jas. E. Brewer.
—Mattings and shades.
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