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THE WIND

Two Churches and Several Stores and Residences Destroyed at Goldthwaite

DAMAGE DONE AROUND OVER THE County.

Considerable Property was Damaged More or Less, Some of which was Insured.

SPECIAL TO BANNER-LEADER.

Goldthwaite, Texas, May 16.—Goldthwaite was yesterday evening the victim of a raging hurricane. The town is badly damaged. Storm struck here at 6:30. The Methodist church was blown away, the Baptist church was torn to pieces and scattered up and down the railroad; two grocery-stores and their stocks were completely demolished; also two grain houses destroyed. Much other damage of less importance. No loss of life so far has been reported.

At Winters the storm was not less severe. T. A. Fannin's ware house considerably torn up and A. F. Roberts' dwelling was blown off its foundation.

L. A. Bedford's house was badly wrecked.

M. F. Cornelius' dwelling was slightly damaged.

D. F. Lollar's farm residence was damaged.

At Wingate, Prof. Parker's residence was blown down and wrecked; Mr. Moore's barn torn to pieces; Smithson's barn unroofed and Mac Townsend's buggy shed demolished.

J. R. Holliday's place was visited by a tremendous hailstorm. The damage is great.

The house in which Will Jackson lives in South Ballinger was badly wrecked by Thursday's storm.

The east wing of F. J. Williams & Co.'s lumber shed was blown down and badly damaged by Thursday's storm, but fortunately they were protected by tornado insurance, being insured in one of C. P. Shepherd's companies.

A. M. Treadway, who lives 2 1/2 miles north of town was in yesterday and reported a considerable loss on account of the heavy rain. He had a large supply of groceries, bacon and other family supplies stored in his cellar and it ran full of water, damaging everything therein.

Jim Holiday in conversation with Dr. W. W. Fowler over the telephone yesterday morning stated that in his community a severe hailstorm occurred Thursday afternoon which did great damage to growing crops. He

said the hail not only stripped the trees of all the fruit but of the leaves also.

The wind blows and the hail beats, but Jas. E. Brewer is still at his old stand with a better and bigger stock of Jewelry than ever. He will be glad to show you.

J. M. Lewis, who lives about ten miles north, was in yesterday. Thursday's storm swept and cleared his farm. The rain lasted about two hours and the wind and rain which accompanied were terrific. The hail stones were as large as hen eggs and broke 24 window lights out of Mr. Lewis' residence, ruined 65 acres of cotton and a large acreage of corn.

Norton News.

We are having some clement weather since the rain and the farmers are busy as bees planting, plowing and chopping cotton.

Crops are looking fine in this part and grass is spreading itself and prairie dogs will do fine if Mr. Roberts will let them alone, people say he is playing havoc with them with his "lasses and meal." I hope he will continue in the good work until the pests will have been annihilated.

By the way Norton is, getting to be noted for its parties. Just had three last week, Wednesday night at Mr. A. Morgan's, given in honor of Mr. Claude Haley, of Sterling, and Mr. Lewis Martin, of Ballinger. The young ladies whom they escorted tell it on Claude and Lewis since their departure that while on their way back from the party they lost their way and wandered over the prairie for some hours before they discovered the path leading to the home of the young ladies.

The masque party at Mr. Tummier's Thursday night was enjoyed by all who were present. When Miss Mary Morgan entered the house where the other guests were she spied, so she thought, Mrs. Taylor and ran and gave her a happy greeting. Jim Taylor, who was dressed in a woman's attire, has had a sore jaw ever since. He wore a mask which fooled Miss Mary.

All report a good time at the social at Mr. Saddler's. The young people met at M. C. Taylor's Sunday night and sang.

Mrs. Eastland went with her husband after wood one day last week and stepped on a thorn and is laid up from it.

The physician was called to see Grandma Tolar yesterday morning. Grandma is very old and feeble, and unwell, but hope she will soon be up again.

Robert Turner will soon have his residence completed; and then look out for a big masque party. Jim, get on your dress if you want your other jaw made sore.

T. L. Tummier and wife went



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Miss Maud Roberts returned home Sunday after a long stay with her sister, Mrs. Lilly. Miss Maude is a noble girl and she made many true friends while here, all of whom regret very much to see her go away.

Mr. Glenn, of Ballinger, was in town yesterday. He tells us that he and M. J. Rayburn, of Oak creek, will build a cotton gin plant here right away. We believe Messrs. Glenn & Rayburn are doing the right thing.

The Maverick baseball team will play the Norton team next Saturday, the 17th, on the Norton ball ground. Everybody is invited to attend.

For fear this will find the waste basket I will desist.

SEDGWICK.

Decoration Program.

For Sunday May 25, 1902.

Services at the court house in Ballinger by Rev. M. S. Smith, after which the congregation will repair to the cemetery, and the following deceased persons' graves will be decorated by the ladies whose names appear opposite.

Mrs. A. M. Kelley—Misses Jennie Bennett and Josie Glen.

Mrs. A. N. Allison—Misses Angie Butler and Eva Routh.

W. M. Laxton—Misses Katie Demoval and Olive Pearce.

W. T. Cordell—Misses Moody Cordell and Earl Gressett.

H. A. Reed—Misses Bertha Reed and Rubie Green.

J. H. Douglas—Misses Annie Massey and Minnie Williams.

S. M. Dunlap—Misses Nettie Massey and Fannie Simmons.

Mrs. S. M. Dunlap—Misses Earle Williams and Myrtle Weaver.

W. A. Humphrey—Misses Sammie Padgett and Myrtle Miles.

Mrs. Parks—Misses Beulah Jones and Olga Schawe.

Wm. Gentry—Misses Agnes Glover and Edna Shap.

J. D. Hardgrave—Misses Augusta Hardgrave and Maggie Wardlow.

Mrs. J. H. Routh—Misses Katie Bell Gregory and Emma Lankford.

Mrs. B. S. Taylor—Misses

Stella Routh and Adrienne Truly.

J. H. McKandless—Misses Byrdie Pearce and Ethel Bowden.

W. S. Knox—Misses Marriett Smith and Emma Williams.

Mrs. L. S. Fowler—Misses Katie Glover and Lee Stocks.

Mrs. H. S. Murphy—Misses Irby Towner and Lousou Luckett.

Mrs. W. J. Dickinson—Misses Inez Butler and Bessie Miller.

Mrs. Eskridge—Misses Annie Harmon and Adelle Miller.

Miss Christian McAuley—Misses Iola Green and Mary Lee Thompson.

H. A. Ransom—Misses Edna Odum and Louise Bacon.

A. L. Bennett—Misses Emma Bennett and Nettie Bacon.

S. P. Brown—Misses Jessie Woodward and Matilda Doose.

G. W. McInturf—Misses Inez Moser and Amelia Johnson.

Mrs. M. C. Kirk—Misses Nellie Gregory and Minnie Wilson.

Mrs. J. A. Younger—Misses Lola Brown and Nellie Alexander.

Mrs. T. D. Shider—Misses Verna Moser and Minnie Wilkie.

Mrs. Sheets—Misses Lena Gay and Zadie Royalty.

Each one of the decorative committee is requested to prepare a wreath and bouquet of flowers. Procession will be formed just inside of the gate at cemetery.

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A Wedding.

On Monday, May 12, Mrs. A. J. Simmons and Mr. Sam Allison were united in marriage at Paint Rock. May they find life's pathway strewn with flowers is the wish of the Banner Leader.

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

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Pilgrimage

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Sanitary Inspection for Dolls. In view of the instinctive fondness of little girls for kissing their dolls, the Lancet thinks more attention should be paid to the source of the material used in making and stuffing them.

Italian Emigration to America. Italian statistics show the emigration to America has reached the figure of 160,000 annually. About half of these return eventually to Italy; the rest remain in the United States.

Original Meaning of Prejudice. Prejudice was originally nothing more than a judgment formed beforehand, the character of such judgments being best indicated by the present meaning of the word.

State Proud of Miss Kellar. Miss Helen Kellar is an Alabama girl. She was born in Tusculum, and the people of Alabama have always been proud of her wonderful career.

Brownwood Summer School

Beginning the First Monday in June and Continuing Eight Weeks.

Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Latin, Greek, German, French, History, and any other branches desired. Already a good patronage has been promised. School will be conducted by J. H. Grove, President of Howard Payne College and J. S. Humphreys, Professor of Latin and Greek in Howard Payne College. Address all inquiries to either,

J. H. GROVE, or
J. S. HUMPHREYS.

THE VOLCANO HORROR.

Mount Pelee Had Been Spouting Ashes a Week

BELIEVED ONLY ONE ESCAPED OUT OF 40,000

Awful Mass of Fire and Lava Enveloped City in Sheet of Flame.

TOWN WAS DESTROYED WITH TERRIFIC RAPIDITY WITH EVERY SOUL WITHIN ITS GATES

British Steamer Roddam Reached Safety, Her Crew Burned out of Human Semblance---The Whole Sea Front is Blazing for Miles.

Point a Peitre, Gaudaloupe, May 10.—The morning of May 5, Gaudeloupe learned that the Mont Pelee volcano in Martinique had been in a state of eruption since Saturday, May 3, throwing out ashes. The same day violent thunder storms began here. Tuesday a very heavy storm occurred and loud detonations were heard. At noon came a rumor that lava was from flowing Mont Pelee, and 300 lives had been lost at St. Pierre. All that day were heard loud noises like the discharge of heavy artillery far off. It is known that these noises were from the Martinique volcano. In the afternoon the cable connections with Martinique all disappeared. A very heavy thunder storm then broke over Gaudeloupe, and lasted for a long time, and rumors were current that the Soufriere volcano in Gaudeloupe was more active. The earth was trembling at Basseterre and volcano rumblings were heard. News of the disaster in Martinique reached here by the war vessel Suchet Friday morning. Nearly everyone here has relatives in Martinique, and intense sorrow prevails. All the stores are closed and the flags are flying at half mast. The mountains of Gaudeloupe are shrouded in thick clouds and frequent heavy storms continue. The people are on edge with anxiety, fearing that La Soufriere may become active. A light earthquake shock or a slight increase in the usual smoking of La Soufriere would precipitate a panic here. It is believed, however, that there is now no local danger. As the lava rushed into the sea the latter receded 300 feet along the west coast. Returning with greater strength, a big wave covered the whole sea front of St. Pierre, but caused little damage ashore or afloat.

Terrible detonations were heard hundreds of miles northward, followed at irregular intervals by continued noises. During the intense darkness the light failed, but the town was lit up by lurid flames. The terror stricken inhabitants rushed for the hills in their night clothes, screaming, shouting and wailing, mad with terror.

The Plissono family escaped to St Tura in a small steamer. Thirty-five persons, mostly women and children, arrived here in the forenoon of the 6th and furnished the above details. The men remained at Martinique

The same afternoon later telegraphic communication was in-

terrupted with both the islands Martinique and St. Vincent. During the afternoon of the 8th the British steamer Roddam, which had left St. Lucia at midnight on the 7th for Martinique, crawled slowly in the Castries harbor, unrecognizable, gray with ashes, her rigging dismantled and sheets and awnings hanging about torn and charred.

Captain Whatter reported that having just cast anchor off St. Pierre at 8 a. m. in fine weather succeeding an awful thunder storm during the night, he was talking to the ship's agent, Joseph Plissono, who was in a boat alongside, when he saw a tremendous cloud of smoke and glowing cinders rushing with terrific rapidity over the town and port, completely enveloping in an instant the former in a sheet of flames, and raining fire on board. The agent had just time to climb on board when his boat disappeared. Several of the crew of the Roddam were quickly scorched to death. By superhuman efforts, having steam up, the cable was slipped and the steamer backed away from the shore, and nine hours later managed to reach Castries. Ten of the Roddam's men were lying dead, contorted and burned out of human semblance; among the black cinders which covered the ship's deck to a depth of six inches. Two more of the crew have since died. Two of the survivors of the crew were loud in their praises of the heroic conduct of the captain, steering their vessel with his own hands, which were badly burned by the rain of fire which kept falling on the ship for miles after she got under way. Beyond burns all over his body, the captain is safe, as is also the ship's agent, though he is badly scorched. Mr. Plissono is believed here to be the sole survivor of the 40,000 inhabitants of the town, and all the shipping in the port has been utterly destroyed, the West Indian and Panama Telegraph company's repairing steamer going first, then the Quebec liner Roraima, Captain Muggah of the latter waiving his hand in farewell to the Roddam as his vessel sank with a terrific explosion.

The British royal mail steamer Esk, which called off Martinique at 10 o'clock last night, reports standing off shore five miles, sounding her whistle and sending up rockets, she receives no answer. The whole seafront was blazing for miles. The Esk sent a boat ashore, but it could not land on account of the terrific heat which was accompanied by

loud explosions. Not a living soul appeared ashore after the boat had waited two hours. Fire and ashes fell all over the steamer.

THE GREAT DISASTERS.

Which Are Comparable With the Destruction Wrought By Pelee's Explosion

The following is a table of the world's great disasters, showing the dates, mortality, etc :

Pompeii and Herculaneum, destroyed by eruption of Mount Vesuvius; more than 2000 lost. A. D. 79.

Earthquake in Constantinople, 1000 killed, 557.

Catania, Sicily, 15,000 persons killed by earthquake, 1137.

Syria, 20,000 killed by earthquake 1268.

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Palermo, earthquake 6000 lost 1726.

Canton, China, 100,000 lost by earthquake. November 30, 1731

Kuchan, North Persia, 40,000 lost, earthquake, 1755.

Lisbon, city ruined by earthquake, 25,000 killed. November 1755.

Aleppo destroyed by earthquake, thousands killed, 1822.

Canton, earthquake, 6000 lost, May 27, 1830.

Calabria, earthquake, 10,000 lost, 1857.

Island of Krakaton, volcanic eruption, 36,380 lives lost, May 28, 1883.

Isle of Ischia, earthquake, 2000 lost, 1883.

Eruption of Mouna Loa, Hawaii, 79 killed. July, 1888.

Galveston storm, 6000 lost, September 8, 1900.

Island of Hondo, Japan, earthquake, 10,000 killed, October, 1891.

Venezuela, earthquake, 3000 killed, April 24, 1894

Gautemala, earthquake, loss of life not yet ascertained, April, 1902.—Houston Post.

Lost.

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Sante Fe Excursion Rates.

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.

Annual Meeting National Educational Association and sale of tickets to St. Paul Minn. for the same occasion Minneapolis, Minn. July 7th to 11th Limit July 14th. Rate one regular standard first class fare plus \$2.

Annual meeting Young people's Christian Union Society of the United Presbyterian Church Tacoma, Washington, July 23rd, to 27th. See Santa Fe agents for limit and Rates.

Tourist rates, Sulphur Spring, I. T. See Santa Fe agent for particulars.

Centennial Celebration Salem Female Academy, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 22 to 29, limit June 3, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip.

Southern Students Conference Y. M. C. A., Ashville, N. C. June 14 to 23 and Annual Conference Y. M. C. A. June 13 to 23, limit June 29, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip.

Annual Meeting Southern Educational Association, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 1st to 4th, limit July 8, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip plus \$2.

State Epworth League Convention, Ft. Worth, Texas, May 16th to 18th limit May 19th rate on the convention plan.

Mexican War Veterans Association, Ft. Worth Texas, May 20th and 21st limit May 22nd, rate on the convention plan. See Agent.

Reunion Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Bryan Texas, June 27th and 28th limit June 29th, rate on convention plan.

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Carnegie's Fish Hatchery.

Mr. Carnegie has just erected within the Skibo castle grounds, in Scotland, a magnificent salmon and trout hatchery, in which 150,000 eggs are incubating in well-appointed boxes. In connection also with his Skibo and other estates in Sutherlandshire, he is the proprietor of extensive salmon fishings in Dornoch Firth and along the Kyle of Sutherland, and there are several lakes, both natural and artificial, throughout his domains that are well stocked with trout.

The Birds' Christmas.

In Norway, the cold northern land, the kind-hearted people wish to have every creature rejoice at the glad Christmas season, and they think of the dear little birds; so there is always a sheaf of wheat fastened high on a pole in every farmyard, that the birds may enjoy a good dinner of grain, and the little Norwegian children are Santa Claus' helpers, when they help to bring Christmas to the birds.

DIGESTIBLE BREAD.

That Made From Finely Ground Flour Said to Be Best.

It is the general theory among the majority of people that graham bread is far more digestible than that made of flour thoroughly "bolted" or separated from the bran and middlings. Such does not appear to be the fact, however, if we are to credit experiments of the department of agriculture.

Digestion experiments were carefully carried out with bread from each of the several kinds of flour and the proportions of protein assimilated and rejected by the system carefully determined. The whole wheat flours may afford a greater proportion of the mineral nutrients, however, as this phase of the subject was not studied, but as far as the available protein fats, carbohydrates and energy are concerned the patent roller flours are preferable. According to the chemical analysis of graham, entire wheat and standard patent flours milled from the same lot of hard Scotch Five spring wheat the graham flour contained the highest and the patent flour the lowest percentage of total protein. The results of the digestion experiments with those flours showed that they were invaluable in the reverse order—that is, the standard patent roller flour afforded the greatest amount of assimilable protein, while the graham and whole wheat afforded lesser amounts.

This paradox, that the flour containing the smallest proportion of protein should afford the greatest proportion available for digestion, is explained by the coarseness of the particles of the whole wheat varieties. The bran and germ of these flours resist the action of the digestive juices to a great degree and consequently pass through the system unaltered. On the other hand, the finely ground condition of the patent flour improves its digestibility.

It was also shown that the addition of wheat starch to flour did not improve its breadmaking qualities or the size of the loaf. The most desirable flour for breadmaking appears to be one produced by blending hard and soft wheat flours, in which the undesirable properties of the gluten of each are counterbalanced.—Bakers' Review.

Making It Clear.

An old lady is said to have been asked how to tell good indigo. "Powder the indigo," said she, "sprinkle it upon cold water, and if it is good it will either sink or swim. I have forgotten which."

It was the same with Aunt Charity's eggs. "Jest take a dozen of 'em—no, a half a dozen of 'em—no, it's a dozen—well, raaly I can't say, but it's either a dozen or a half dozen—and you put 'em in a pailful—no, a half pailful—part full—no, it's a pailful—no—well, well, it's either a pailful or a half pailful of water—and the good eggs will swim on top—no, the good eggs will sink to the bottom—no, that's not it—the good eggs will swim—no, no, I declare, I don't raaly know, but, anyway, the good eggs will either sink or swim."

A Pearl Famine.

A pearl famine is the latest cry in the jewelry market, and Paris especially is the city in which it is raging at the present time. The supply does not nearly equal the demand, and the higher prices go the more call there is for the precious gems. Already they are worth from three to four times what they were fetching ten years ago, and the price is still rising. The cause for this abnormal state of affairs is, it is declared, that large numbers of rich Americans have been buying up the gems, especially during the last few months.

In Line With Marconi.

Hugh McLaughlin and several of his friends were chatting together in the Willoughby street auction room the other day when the conversation turned to Marconi's feat of sending a wireless telegraphic message across the sea.

"There was a reporter in here to see me about that a few days ago," remarked Mr. McLaughlin. "He wanted to get my views on the subject for his paper."

"I dare say you gave him something interesting," said one of the group.

"Well," returned Mr. McLaughlin slowly, "I got right in line with Marconi anyway. I gave the reporter a wordless interview."—Brooklyn Eagle.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

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Farm Implement Trade of Dallas.

The city of Dallas, Texas, is said to be the largest depot of farm implement supplies in the world. Every big wholesale house in the United States which engages in the business of manufacturing tools for the farmer has its branch at Dallas. There are twenty-five nine-story buildings devoted to this trade. Dallas lies in the very heart of the choicest farming region of Texas. It is the trading point of the great black land belt of the northern and central counties, which contain two-thirds of the people and three-fourths of the wealth of the state.

Preaching by Phone.

Successful experiments were made with the electrophone at Tunbridge Wells recently. Ten transmitters were placed in St. James' church and connected with the corporation telephone system. People at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Chelmsford, Weybridge and London being enabled to hear the sermon preached. More than 100 local subscribers heard the church service distinctly. The authorities hope to connect all the places of worship in the town with the central telephone exchange.

Vienna Has 185 Horse-Meat Shops.

The horse meat butcher shops of Vienna, of which there are no less than 185, present a clean and attractive appearance, and are in no way distinguishable from the shops where the usual kinds of meat are sold, save by the sign announcing their speciality. Restaurant keepers who serve horse-meat must designate this fact in a special column on the bill-of-fare offered to patrons.

New York's Unclean Streets.

The deaths in New York in the last week of November were 1,227, as against 1,067 in the same week last year. This increase is ascribed to the unclean condition of the streets, and shows a situation which was predicted by Street Cleaning Commissioner Nagle as likely to happen if he did not get the money he asked councils for.

Chinese Superstitions Regarding Milk.

The Chinese have the idea that milk revives the youthful powers, and that it has special virtue as winter food for old people. Pictures and characters illustrating this idea, as well as the value of it for baby food, would without doubt increase the sale of American milk in China, as one of the consuls suggests.

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White's Cream Vermifuge has achieved a world wide reputation as being the best of all worm destroyers, and for its tonic influence on weak and unthrifty children, as it neutralizes the acidity or sourness of the stomach, improves their digestion, and assimilation of food, strengthens their nervous system and restores them to the health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. 25c by E. D. Walker Druggist.

Shortest History on Record.

Senor Carlos Escobana, a Peruvian gentleman, has written the shortest history on record. It is only 100 words in length, and was awarded a gold medal offered by the Society of the Founders of Independence, Lima, for the best history of Peru comprised within that number of words.

Why They Were Bitter.

Old Gentleman—Why do you shed such bitter tears, my boy? Boston Child (pausing in his grief)—Really, I cannot conceive that my tears differ as to their brackish quality from other lachrymose emissions. I have never heard of saccharine tears.—Philadelphia Press.

For those Who Live on Farms.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns." Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 by E. D. Walker Drug.

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

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 583 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.

Cures When Doctors Fail.

Mrs. Frank Chiasson, Patterson La., writes June 8th, 1901: "I had malaria fever in very bad form, was under treatment by doctors, but as soon as I stopped taking their medicine the fever would return. I used a sample bottle of Herbine, found it helped me. Then bought two bottles which completely cured me. I feel grateful to you for furnishing such a splendid medicine, and can honestly recommend it to those suffering from malaria, as it will surely cure them." Herbine, 50c bottle at E. D. Walker's, Druggist.

—For window shades at right prices, see Bowden.

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Passenger Trains:

est-bound due at Ballinger 12:08 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

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West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

To the Public.

The Banner-Leader comes out this week under a change in management. We have nothing strange, new or startling to announce to the reading public. It shall be our aim to follow as closely as our judgment may approve, the policy heretofore pursued by this paper. It is our ambition to make the Banner-Leader second to no local paper in west Texas. Whether or not we realize this ambition we are willing to leave to a discriminating public.

Fairness and impartiality should always characterize the work of a newspaper, but since perfection in any field of human effort is impossible and we presume the newspaper work is no exception to this rule, if we should fall short of our intentions, we ask the public to extend that mantle of charity of which we feel the need of so often in this life.

One of the members of the new ownership of this paper is a practical newspaper man, he having started at the bottom and is acquainted with every phase of the newspaper work and the other member while his contact with this kind of work is limited still he hopes in a few weeks to acquaint himself with the work fairly well—and since he is "from Missouri" he thinks it quite possible that he may be "showed."

We expect to make Ballinger our home and we shall always endeavor to improve every opportunity to further the interests of our town and county and as a reward for these efforts we kindly ask the liberal support of the public.

C. P. SHEPHERD,
GEORGE F. KORNEGAY

The Ballinger Banner-Leader is now the property of C. P. Shepherd and Geo. F. Kornegay, both former citizens of Brownwood. They took charge last Saturday. These young men are hustlers of unusual ability and the Bulletin's word for it, the paper is in competent hands. We wish Messrs. Shepherd and Kornegay unbounded success in their efforts.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin, May 15th.

Mails of the land agents in Texas are now very heavy. Visitors to the reunion at Dallas have returned home, and have had time to consider things they saw in Texas, and have com-

menced to write back for prices.—Dallas News.

Ballinger land agents are receiving their share of the letters, too. Ballinger had representatives at the reunion to tell of Runnels county's greatness.

Among the many attractions during the Neptune Carnival, the most interesting feature will be the visit of the famous sloop of war, Hartford, next to the Constitution, the Hartford is the dearest prize relic of the American Navy. She has seen more actual battle, and heard the whistling of more shot and shell than any warship afloat, and the Hartford, comparatively speaking, draws but little water, consequently will be anchored "CLOSE IN," and the public will be afforded ample opportunity to inspect the Naval antiquity.

Another Great Rain.

Once more this country is thoroughly soaked, the ground perhaps having absorbed all the water it can contain for a short while at least. Thursday evening a cloud arose in the north and by 6:30 was over Ballinger and freely pouring its abundant waters upon the face of the earth. The rain began slowly, but soon was pouring down at a greater rate than at any previous time this year; and it continued for fully an hour. A gale accompanied the rain from the beginning throughout the entire time and there was also a light accompaniment of hail—not enough to do much damage. The damage from the wind must have been greatest, as it was the worst storm of the present year in this section, but even this damage could not have been so very bad on crops as corn is not tall enough to be easily damaged and wheat and oats are not beginning to ripen. The amount of good to be derived directly and indirectly from this rain will doubtless greatly overbalance the damage accrued from the wind, for grass and crops of all kinds will grow and mature, and that means prosperity.

Wheat and oats will now average a very fair yield; corn will do well and yield abundantly with but little more rain later on; sorghum, Johnson grass, alfalfa, maize, millet, etc., are sure crops; vegetables, melons and fruit—oh hush! the quantity tremendous and the quality rich and fine.

If a man ever felt like like throwing up his old sombrero and yelling "Hurrah for Runnels county" this ought to be the time. Just watch the county thrive and flourish and the little capital city prosper and grow.

The people of Missouri, not satisfied with the notoriety achieved through the disclosure that a British camp existed at Lathrop, in that State, have re-resented the statement made in a recent issue of the St. Louis Republic that the tallest person living was a French Canadian, of Colorado. They bring forth as evidence a Miss Ewing of Gorin, Mo., who is only 28 years of age, eight feet and four inches tall, weighs 260 pounds, and wears a No. 20 shoe. Texas might compete in height and weight, but when it comes to such feet we are compelled to accept second place.—Sweet-water Review.

That Picnic.

It has been suggested by some of the citizens of Ballinger that we celebrate Ballinger's sixteenth anniversary with a grand picnic. On June 29th the little city will be sixteen, and as that date comes on Sunday we might celebrate just before. The Banner-Leader endorses these suggestions and asks the good people of Ballinger to consider this matter.

Ballinger has made a growth during the past two years of which she may well feel proud, and a grand celebration would be a good advertisement for our town and county and be an indirect means of immigration and capital to this neck-o-the-woods. And besides a benefit from a financial point of view, the social feature is worth considering. We are too apt in these modern times to get an idea that money-making is the only thing in life worth considering and with this idea dominating forget that there are other things worth our time and attention.

It is true a picnic in Ballinger would cost somebody a little effort and perhaps some would have to go down and "dig up," but we believe the benefit that would be derived would repay for any effort or expense that it would take to push this matter to a successful termination.

Let us discuss this matter with our neighbors and friends and see what can be done. By all means let's have a picnic.

But A Common Steer.

A young doctor, wishing to make a good impression upon a German farmer, mentioned the fact that he had received a double education, as it were. He had studied homeopathy, and was also a graduate of a "regular" medical school. "Oh! dot was noding," said the farmer, "I had vonce a calf vot sucked two cows and he made noding but a common schteer after all."

It appears to us that if the Santa Fe road will not consider the wishes of those who want seventh street opened, it ought at least place an express delivery in the city. This thing of the townspeople paying for the delivery of all express packages is growing monotonous, and doesn't speak well for the city nor the Santa Fe railroad. We herewith register a kick and hope everybody in Ballinger will do likewise. We don't want to run the Santa Fe, but we believe our judgment in this matter better than that of the officials of the road and we believe they will profit by heeding our suggestion. Ballinger must be respected a little bit, anyhow.

Now, do not for a moment think the Banner-Leader is in charge of parties who have had but little experience in the printing business and newspaper work and who may let the paper "run down." We have had experience of many years and have successfully run newspapers in less prosperous towns than this. We are young, ambitious and anxious to honestly climb to the top with the successful, and by steady, constant, legitimate efforts we will climb. Watch us. The Banner-Leader is our pride; its success our hope and aim. If you like the paper you are our friend, whether you like us or not. The paper is your friend, if such you care to have it be. Our efforts will be to please you.

HOFEER & ABNEY

DEALERS IN GROCERIES and GRAIN

John Hoffer and F. P. Abney have combined their stores and are now handling a full line of choice staple and fancy family groceries, fresh vegetables, farm and ranch supplies, and the largest stock of grain, hay and other feed stuffs in Ballinger. They make prices to suit the times and will appreciate your trade

HOFFER & ABNEY

John Hoffer Old Stand.

BALLINGER, TEAAS

Look Out For Red Sunsets.

Paris, May 14.—M. Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, says he agrees with Mr. John Milne, the British seismologist, as to the cause of the volcanic eruptions in the Lesser Antilles. He believes that the infiltration of water caused an enormous volatilization. He adds that the volcanic dust may remain in the air for years, and have a luminous effect at night.

The eruption of Krakatoa in 1883 was followed by a phenomena, such as those which M. Flammarion predicts. For months, all over the world, the "red sunsets" were observed and commented on.

Scholastic Census Report.

District No. 9, Runnels county Texas. Scholastic year beginning September 1st, 1902, and ending August 31st, 1903, is as follows: The scholastic number for 1900 was 447, for 1901 was 497 and 1902 is 510. If there is anyone overlooked you will please let me know or call on Mr. E. D. Walker and have your children enrolled. Ages between 8 and 17 years September 1st. Yours Respectfully,
W. R. WHITE.

To the Public.

My office will be with the Banner-Leader over the Mapes saloon where I will be glad to see my friends. I take this occasion to thank the public for their support and patronage and expect to continue to conduct a first class insurance business, make farm ranch and city loans etc. as in the past.

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Waco, Tex.—Texas Grain Dealers Association, May 22nd and 23rd, limit May 25th, rate on the convention plan.

Macon, Ga.—Annual Meeting Farmers National Congress, Oct. 7th to 10th, limit Oct. 15th, one first class limited fare for the round trip.

Austin, Tex.—State Epworth League Conventions (Colored) May 20 to 22nd limit May 23rd Rate on the convention plan.

Round trip to Galveston \$5.30 date of sale May 21st only good to leave Galveston on train No. 6 at 7.20 A. M. May 23rd.

New Braunfels, Tex.—Meeting Texas Millers' Association May 13th limit May 14th, Rate one and one third fare.

Asheville, N. C.—Southern Students' Conference Y. M. C. A. June 14th to 23rd, and Annual Conference Y. W. C. A. June 13th to 23rd, One standard first class limited fare for the round trip.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS } To the sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, That by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Runnels, if there be a newspaper published in said County, (but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you Summon T. C. Hunt whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. Justice Court at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Runnels at the Court House thereof, in Town of Ballinger on the 26th day of May 1902. File Number being 322, then and there to answer the Petition of J. F. Currie filed in said Court, on the 8th day of May A. D. 1902 against the said T. C. Hunt and alleging in substance as follows to wit: That the said dett. T. C. Hunt is justly indebted to plaintiff upon an open account in the sum of seventy eight 60-100 dollars for merchandise. That same is justly due and unpaid

Herein Fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this rit, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in Ballinger this the 8th day of May A. D. 1902.

Attest: J. E. SMITH
Justice of the Peace Runnels county Texas.

There is Health in the Pines.

Kinney's Rheumatic and Kidney Remedy, "K. R. K. R." distilled from the buds and berries of our forest trees, pine, etc., not the balsam, but the essence. This famous little remedy has gained its good reputation on its genuine merits. If this should meet the eye of a sufferer do not hesitate to mail 75 cents in stamps to Kinney Medicine Co., Los Angeles, Cal., and a bottle of this remedy will be sent by mail. Rheumatism sciatica, lumbago, dropsy, grave kidney and urinary troubles are cured to stay cured.

For Sale.

A full-blooded Durham bull in fine condition; 1 year old December 29th, 1901, also a few full blood Berkshire pigs. Call on or address, W. S. WESTCOTT 26-1f Brownwood, Texas.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy.

29-4t.

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

Half million people are using the White Mountain Refrigerator. J. A. Ostertag & Co.

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Commencing Saturday, May 17th

Entire Stock of Goods at COST

This is a chance for Everybody to save money, and especially so when times are not so flourishing as they should be. By **Cost** I mean that you will get any article in the house at what it cost in the market with freight and expense added. Some goods will go regardless of cost, which means from 25 to 50 per cent less than they cost me.

My Stock Consists of the Highest Grade of Merchandise ever Brought to Ballinger.

This is no Fake Cost Sale

To back up my statements my Invoice book will be open for your inspection. My reasons for selling goods at Cost are plain and simple. I need money to meet my obligations

My Stock Consists of

Clothing, Hats, Boots and Shoes, Shirts, Gloves, Underwear, Hoisery, Neckwear, Dress Goods in Silk, wool and Cotton, Wash Goods of all discriptions. Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Bleached and Brown Domestic, Drilling, Linings, Near Silks, Velvets, Notions of all kinds. Embroideries and Laces, Handkercheifs, corsets, Shirt waist in silk and cotton, Petticoats, Ladies Muslin Underwear, Vests, Ready made wrapper, Dress Skirts, Lace Curtains, White bed Spreads, Carpets; Silk and cotton Draperies, Rugs; Trunks; Valises, Telescopes; Cotton Checks; Chev iots; Ticking; Blankets and Comforts.

Thanking the good people of Ballinger and Runnels Co. for past favors, and hope to receive a continuance of same,

I AM YOURS TO PLEASE,

H. WINKLER.

P. S. No Goods Will be Charged at Cost. Bring Your Purse well Filled and You Can Save Money.

The Way an English Officer Was Saved From Death.

"An English girl was engaged to be married to a young American who had been a student abroad," says Rev. Minot J. Savage in Ainslee's. "They had met at Heidelberg. He died suddenly after returning to this country. She came over here shortly afterward to visit his mother. While in New York she went to a medium. There was no appointment beforehand, and there was no way by which the psychic could know who she was. Taking her turn, she sat down by the medium, who went into a trance and began to speak. Immediately the girl's lover claimed to be present. He told her a number of things which only they two had ever known. He recalled circumstances connected with their acquaintance abroad.

"Now, it so happened that this young lady's father was an English officer in the war in South Africa. Among other things which the young man told was this: 'I am glad that I have been able to save your father's life once or twice during the past summer.'

"Now comes the strange coincidence, if coincidence only it be. The father writes home from South Africa, being entirely ignorant of all that had taken place here, and relates what seems to him a somewhat remarkable fact. He tells how he was sitting in his tent one day when there came upon him suddenly an unaccountable impression that he was in danger. It was as though some one were trying to make him feel this and induce him to move. So strong was the feeling that he got up and went over to the other side of the tent. He had hardly done this before a shell struck the chair where he had been sitting. Had he remained there he would have been instantly killed.

"Of course it is not asserted that this is anything more than a coincidence, but the suggestion is made that coincidences of this sort have been so very frequent as to make one wonder as to whether there is not some deeper meaning in it all."

An Extraordinary Duel.

One of the most remarkable duels ever fought, perhaps, took place in 1893 between two Frenchmen. Of course the quarrel arose about a lady, a certain Mlle. Tirevet, who, it appears, was unable to decide on which of the two she preferred. She finally found a way out of the difficulty by promising to marry whichever of them worsted the other. They thought over the matter in a calm and judicial spirit for a month and at the end decided to fight a duel in the air. Accordingly two balloons were made exactly alike, and upon the appointed day each soared aloft, accompanied by his second.

They were each armed with a blunderbuss, the agreement being that they were to fire not at each other, but at the balloons. They arose to the height of half a mile, and then the preconcerted signal was given. One fired and missed. The other followed suit with more disastrous effect. He hit his opponent's balloon, which instantly collapsed, with the result that the occupants of the car were dashed to the earth with frightful rapidity and instantly killed.

Precocity of the Hub Youngster.

Nothing, says the Boston Herald, feazes the twentieth century child. A handsome little chap of seven years of age was awakened in the night by the sudden illness of his mother, and the next day, as soon as he was dressed, he went and asked her for a dollar. It was given to him without demur or inquiry as to its purpose. Then the boy hied him forth to the nearest telegraph office, and this was the message he wired to his papa in California:

Dear Daddy—Mother is sick. Come home at once after the funeral.

The operator suggested "funeral" might alarm the father, but she was told, with an exultant laugh, that of course it wasn't his mother's funeral, but his uncle's. "Then you should say so," was her smiling suggestion. "All right," replied the boy. "Write 'uncle's.' You see, this is the first telegram I ever sent." The following morning a telegram reached the youngster worded:

Dear Dwight—You're all right. Take care of mother. DADDY.

And that was the first "mother" knew what care her seven-year-old son had taken of her.



STOPS PAIN

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

What is life worth to a woman suffering like Nannie Davis suffered? Yet there are women in thousands of homes who are bearing those terrible pains in silence. If you are not to say that this

one of same

WINE OF CARDUI

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

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

Picture Postcards in France.

It is said that in France 88,000,000 picture postcards pass through the postoffice annually. That country takes the lead of all others, Austria-Hungary coming next with 31,000,000. The total in circulation throughout the world in one year is said by experts to be 2,350,000,000.

Potato Raising Pays in Alaska.

Two farmers at Dyea, Alaska, raised 25,000 bushels of potatoes this year, and will receive for them \$2 a bushel. The potatoes are described as large, solid, mealy and palatable, and contain more sugar than potatoes grown in larger latitudes.

History in Scrap Book Form.

Frank Price of Chicago has sixteen large scrap books of newspaper clippings that tell the most stirring history of Chicago, Ill., and surrounding states, from times as far back as the days of Fort Dearborn.

Electric Light Stations in Illinois.

The largest number of separate electric light stations in any state is in Illinois, while the largest capital invested is in Pennsylvania, which also possesses the second largest number of stations.

Julius Caesar's Epilepsy.

Julius Caesar was an epileptic; his attacks of this disease sometimes seized him while engaged in urgent business, and he frequently remained unconscious for hours.

Floods of Nile Are Regular.

The floods of the Nile are so regular in their coming that for hundreds of years they have not varied ten days in the date or their arrival at a given point.

Greatness of Mackenzie River.

The Mackenzie, the principal river of the Dominion, is 2,500 miles in length and drains an area equal to one-half of the United States.

The Musical Voice.

The Vocal Physiologist says: "More money is thrown away on the education of the human voice than on the support of the government. Of every 10,000 voices one may be listened to without pain; of every 100,000 voices one may be listened to with patience; of every 1,000,000 voices one may be listened to with satisfaction; of every 10,000,000 voices one may be listened to with sensations of joy."

Woman Lacked Cosmopolitan Culture.

The rather strenuous wife of a western congressman met Wu Ting-fang at a dinner and eagerly sought to engage him in conversation. She was compelled to lean out over the table and greet him at a distance of several covers from where she sat. "Mr. Wu, we all think you are so clever," she declared. "Isn't it such a pity you are only Chinese!"

I want your cigar trade. B. M. Dorsey.

—Most anything at "The Fair" at a bargain.

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

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THE KEELEY WHISKEY, MORPHINE and TOBAC-CURE CO yield easily to the double chloride of gold treatment as administered at the **KEELEY INSTITUTE** Bellvue Place, Dallas, Texas. The only Keeley Institute in Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Established at Dallas 1894. Communications confidential. Write for particulars. J. H. KEITH, Manager. 23-3m

Notice to Trespassers.

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

Lange & Doose Agents, Ballinger Texas.

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

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

Give us your printing.

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, Re-election

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:

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.)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:

W. S. MOORHEAD
J. W. DALE

Wallace R. Evans, of Ozona, was here Tuesday.

—Visit the 5, 10 and 15 cent counters at "The Fair.

O. H. Bean, of Menardville, was here Tuesday.

Dr. W. B. Halley has returned from a stay at Dallas of several weeks.

Dr. J. A. Younger, of Maverick was shaking hands with friends in Ballinger Monday.

Rev. Frank J. Theiner, of Brownwood, was in the city Tuesday.

Pres. Sheider came in from the West Monday to spend a few days with friends.

Dr. A. S. Love and lady went to San Angelo Monday night on a brief pleasure trip.

Portus Gay came in from the Territory Friday night where he has been with cattle to hunt grass.

Peery C. Abney, a "knight of the grip," arrived Tuesday night and is visiting his brother, F. P. Abney. He will remain a week or two.

Messrs. John Shaffer, John Hoffer, Cal. Kirk and George Pierce spent a few days of this week on the Concho. They got bites, caught fish, and had a taste of real high life in camps.

E. H. Levein, of Winters, was trading in the city Monday and was a welcome visitor at the Banner-Leader office. Mr. Levein is a farmer and says that before the rain he didn't think his wheat would even make hay, but since it has grown wonderfully and he is confident of realizing at least ten bushels per acre.

Miss Katherine Myers left Monday afternoon for her home in Shelbina, Mo. She has been attending the Ballinger High School during the past year. Her departure is regretted by her many friends as she was quite a favorite among the Junior "Elites" of Ballinger.

The Banner-Leader will be pleased to have newsy letters from its country and village correspondents every week. By writing you help your vicinity, Runnels county and the Banner-Leader. By not writing you waste an opportunity to do good. Let us hear from you.

Rev. Willie Wynne, pastor of the M. E. church at Salisbury, Mo., and who has been visiting his parents at this place left Monday via Dallas where he will spend a day at the General Conference then to his home at Salisbury, Mo.

Mrs. D. B. Cushenberry, of Sonora, sister to our genial friend, Dr. R. A. Dickinson, whom she has been visiting for the past few days, left for Dallas Monday afternoon to be gone several days.

The Banner-Leader is pleased to acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, Sunday, May 24, to Wednesday, May 28.

Miss Alice Routh, of Bristol, Tennessee, arrived Sunday night and is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. R. L. Maddox. Miss Routh is an applicant for a position in the public schools.

Miss Delia Day came in from Ft. Worth Thursday night after spending several months there attending the High School. Her many friends here are glad to welcome her return.

Mrs. Archie Holman, of San Angelo, but formerly of Ballinger passed through Monday afternoon enroute to visit her parents at Pearce City, Mo.

White Mountain Refrigerators mean to you more economy, more satisfaction, less ice and more refrigeration for your money. J. A. Ostertag & Co.

S. Baker and wife, returned last Saturday to their home in Arkansas, after a pleasant visit to the family of their brother, D. M. Baker.

Lee Maddox lost a horse and placed a small ad. in the Banner-Leader last week. A man read the notice and brought the horse in on Tuesday.

Ballinger soon will be sixteen years old, and while comparatively large at this age is not full-grown by more than half.

Mrs. M. E. Abney, of Blanket, arrived Monday night and will visit her son, F. P. Abney, and family for several weeks.

Staffard S. Dowty, of San Angelo, is manging Tomple Grocery Co.'s business during the absence of F. C. Ludwig.

W. S. Harmon has sold the Farmers Wagon Yard to J. D. Justice. Mr. Justice has taken possession.

—Try McKinly when you want good blacksmithing.

Brownwood Bulletins.

DAILY BULLETIN (TUESDAY'S.)

Mrs. M. E. Abney, of Blanket, passed through Brownwood last night en route to Ballinger to visit her son, F. P. Abney, and family.

Judge G. H. Carland, of Paint Rock, is in our city to-day.

Sidney Cockrell, one of the Ballinger Banner-Leader's typos, is in the city.

W. P. Humphrey, of the Snyder Brokerage Co., visited his family in Ballinger Monday.

Editor Will H. Mayes and wife and Mrs. H. F. Mayes left this morning for Gainesville to attend the State Press Association meeting.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Ballinger, was in Brownwood last night between trains to meet his sisters, Mrs. Walker and Miss Winnie Fitzhugh, of Granbury. The ladies were on their way to Edwards county to visit their parents who have recently moved from Tolar to that part of the state.

Epworth League Program.

May 18th, 1902.

Topic.—Practical Consecration Song.

Prayer.

The Basis of Service.—Deut. 6:4-9. Mr. Greenwood.

True Consecrations.—Mrs. Abney.

Fruitful Service.—Ps. 1:1-6 Rev. Bowden.

Complete Consecration.—Mrs. Brewer.

Strong Service.—Isa. 40:28-31. Miss Lena Abney.

Victory.—Miss Sammie Padgett.

Be Diligent.—2 Pet. 3:9-14. Mr. Brewer.

Separation from Evil.—Mrs. Shuffler.

With all your Heart.—2 Chron. 31:20-21. Katie Cameron.

Consecration must be Perpetual. Mrs. Forbes.

Happy Service.—Isa. 26:3-12. Rev. Shuffler.

Picnic.

On Monday 19th the Cochran Gun Club will give a picnic in J. Smith's pasture on Coyote 3 miles west of Winters. The exercises will consist of a competitive shoot with target rifle, dancing, etc. Candidates and all are invited to attend and enjoy this occasion.

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 May 3rd, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Wilson, S. J.

Irwin, Sam.

Rudd, E. J.

Wilson, W. B.

Winfrey, E. B.

Bargain Extraordinary.

I have for sale 14 residence lots, well located, between business part of town and West End Addition, size 67x132 feet. Title perfect. Can sell at forty dollars per lot, or if purchaser take's all together, \$35 per lot. Terms cash. For further particulars, or if you want to see property call on

R. B. TRULY, Attorney,
Ballinger, Texas.

—Currie & Shaffer still sell the famous "Noxall" collar—the best ever sold in the west.

W. P. Humphrey was up from Brownwood Monday and Tuesday visiting his family and attending to some business matters. He likes Brownwood splendidly.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh went to Brownwood Monday evening to meet his sisters who came up on the west bound train en route to Edwards county.

Mrs. Grant came down from Winters last Saturday and is visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. E. Brewer and Mrs. Asa Cordill.

Claim Agent, R. E. Buchanan, was in the city a few hours Monday, leaving on the 5.12 passenger train.

Look Out for the Wagon.

Ballinger Steam Laundry will be in operation by the 22nd of April. We cordially invite a liberal patronage from our home people and adjoining towns. We guarantee first class work as we have experienced help, said to be as good as there is in the state. All work at customary price, family washing and ironing 50 cents per dozen. Agents wanted in all adjoining towns. Address

HONEA & RUTHERFORD,
Ballinger, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.

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

Lange & Doose Agents,
Ballinger Texas.

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.

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

—We are still saving money for the people by repairing stoves and furniture. BOWDEN.

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.

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

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Special attention paid to Land Matters.

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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CHAS. S. MILLER,

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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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

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.

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

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

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

Give us your printing.

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No matter how small, no matter how large

The W. C. Parks Banking Co.,
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But would like a share of your trade. We do not sell 25 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1 but we do sell every article in our store as low as it can possibly be sold for and live. Experience has taught us that this is the best way to conduct a business, and we think a trial will satisfy you that it is so. We realize that our interests are mutual and in best serving you we best serve ourselves.

Yours for Good Groceries at Reasonable Prices.

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The Banner-Leader

Ballinger, Texas.

'Phone No. 167 for Wood.

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F. M. HONEA

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

Jas. E. Brewer.

The White Mountain Refrigerator is convenience itself, everything about it is convenient.

J. A. Ostertag.

For saddle and harness repairing try Currie & Shaffer.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy.

—For matting at bargains, see Bowden.

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

Why Texas is Prosperous.

A thousand head of beeves sold in Temple the other day at 5 cents a pound. The animals averaged 1200 pounds, and brought the feeder about \$60 each. They cost him on the range from \$18 to \$40, or an average of less than \$30, therefore, for feeding, and the \$30 the producer received was ample for a fair profit in raising. Horses and mules have been in fine demand by reason of the Boer war and hogs and mutton have been fetching good prices. Consequently, although the grain crop last year was short, live stock producers enjoyed a prosperous fall and winter.

Cotton was unduly depressed early in the season, but the great majority of farmers were able to hold enough of their crop to benefit by the advance, and on the whole the staple has yielded around 7cts a pound, or \$35 a bale to the planter. It has been demonstrated that cotton is grown in Texas at less than 6 cents a pound, so the crop has profited the farmer \$5 to \$10 a bale.

At the same time Texas farmers have learned to diversify, it is an exception where one does not get money out of something besides cotton.

As the farmers prosper, so prosper all, and these few figures are sufficient to show why Texas is feeling quite comfortable in all lines of industry. And the past season was even less profitable than the two preceding seasons. So Texas has had three more than average years. The result is found in the large deposits in Texas banks, the home investments in factories, in new homes and business houses all over the state, in handsome railroad earnings—in short, in a uniform condition of thrift.

In view of all this, it is not strange that capital is looking this way. As a matter of fact, Texas is getting so much capital of her own that she is not so much concerned as she once was about the state of mind among foreign investors.—Houston Post

Congressional Race.

Judge Smith will go into the convention with considerably more votes than is necessary to nominate him on the first ballot. He has the fight won and those dark horses who have been preparing for a locked convention will find their best laid plans brought to naught.—Colorado Clipper.

Judge W. R. Smith came in from his home at Colorado last night. The judge has bright prospects for securing the nomination for congress as he has 30 instructed votes, Dean 15, Jones none and Maxwell none though Jones may have carried Jones county today (Saturday.) That Smith has the other three to fight collectively and individually, there is scarcely any doubt. Crosby, Shackelford and Tom Green also hold primaries or conventions today.—Abilene Reporter.

The Arkansas delegation in the parade during the Dallas reunion caused much merriment. In the lead was a man 7 feet and 8 inches tall clad in Confederate gray, while close behind followed a boy with a banner bearing the following.

"We're from Arkansas; now laugh, darn ye."

—Comanche Chief

Horse Climbed Stairway.

J. A. Lawler was considerably surprised this morning in passing O. W. Steffens' barn to see a horse with his head out of an upstairs window. About that time Lon came out to get the horse, or feed him and seemed much surprised to note the animal's absence. He looked up and down the street and first refused to believe that the horse could be up in the loft. Seeing is believing, though and Lon had to believe. The horse had to climb a pretty steep stairway to get into the loft but he made the trip all right, and, no doubt, spent a night in clover. How he was gotten down will make another story.—Abilene Reporter.

Knew Where He Would Go.

"In Esquire Roberts court recently," says the Fulton (Ky) Leader, "a boy was put on the witness stand, and to ascertain if he knew the nature of an oath the justice interviewed him as follows:

"Do you know the nature of an oath?"

"Don't know whether I do or not?"

"Well if you should tell a lie do you know where you would go when you die?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well when we moved out here dad said if any of us lied he would take us back to Arkansas, and I reckon he'll be as good as his word."—Ex.

Office Seeking the Man.

The election of school trustees in El Paso is reported as one of the fiercest political contests ever waged in that city. On the same day we had an election in Menardville and so fierce was the contest that the voters could not rustle a candidate who would volunteer to serve and they elected the three retiring members of the board against their will and protest.—Menardville Enterprise.

In naming babies fond parents should remember that of the fifty-four signers of the Declaration of Independence only three had more than a single Christian name. Of twenty-five presidents only eight carried a middle name into office, and all whose course gave such satisfaction as to secure a second term, except Grant, had but a single name conferred at the christening. The same rule holds in similar proportion among judges of the supreme court, and other bodies of illustrious men. This is a little remarkable, when by examining directories we find more than twice as many men with as without middle names. There seems to be more in a name than in two names.—Farm and Ranch.

Yes, there was Benedict Arnold, Charles Guiteau, Jesse James, the Younger boys, Leon Czolgosz and Carrie Nations, who perhaps would never have amounted to much had they been burdened with a middle name.

The machinery for working Copperas Cove gold mines has arrived and is being placed in position on Clear Creek, about two miles from the mines. As soon as the mill is ready for operation a representative of this paper expects to visit the mines and give our readers a detailed description of all he sees. If the mill demonstrates that the ore can be worked profitably, there will be employment for ten thousand men in the Cove mountains.—Killen Herald.

Crosby county instructed last Saturday for W. R. Smith for Congress. Judge Smith is in the lead and will be "hard to catch."

A dispatch from Delagobay, Portugese, East Africa, says that peace in South Africa is certain to result from the conference of the Boer leaders to be held at Veringing, Transvaal. It is said, the dispatch continues, that peace will be officially pronounced May 20th. Preparations are afoot for general re-joining—especially in Great Britain.

Geo. Clayton says that the Panhandle has fine specimens of ticks itself, and that they are on native cattle, within fifty miles of the Kansas state line. Their cattle up there are not in as good shape as ours, but are better graded and larger of the same age. "I know something of the quarantine question myself now, said Mr. Clayton, "and I may have something to say on it later."

John Wanamaker has closed a contract with the New York Journal for a full page advertisement, daily, for one year, at a cost of \$150,000. This price of merchants knows full well the value of such publicity, which has been the keynote to his remarkable success. What seems like a fortune to spend on one paper for advertising, is to this merchant but a shrewd business investment. Reader, what other business men have done, you may do. Try it! and be convinced.—Austin Democrat.

W. E. Fisher, of the Content district, has lived there eighteen years and has in that time bought but one load of corn and has sold more bacon than he has bought. Mr. Fisher has not sent out any money to enrich other states. "I am not much of a farmer either," said Mr. Fisher. But if all our people did as well as he ten thousand dollars a week would be saved to the people who trade at Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. Fisher is a Runnels county man, and there are others of his "stripe" who live this side of the Taylor county line. They are men who are placing Runnels county in the lead as an agricultural center. As Mr. Fisher insinuated, any man who can farm at all, and will not move about can prosper in Runnels county. The man who STAYS and tries, prospers.

Election Notice.

It is ordered by the city council of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas that C. S. Bowden as presiding officer shall hold an election at the court house in said Ballinger on May 22nd, 1902 for the election of one alderman to fill the unexpired term of P. E. Truly (resigned) May 6th, 1902.

J. W. POWELL,

P. MCGREGOR, Mayor.
Secretary.

\$5.00 Reward.

For the return of one bay horse, 5 years old, 16 hands high, unbranded, mane parts in the middle and hangs on both sides of his neck, fresh shod, has long fetlocks, has an old scar on right hind leg below hock.

LEE MADDOX, Ballinger.

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

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder

DR. PRICES CREAM BAKING POWDER

Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

Junior Endeavor Program.

Song 53.

Prayer.

Subject.

Leader—Willie Allen.

Reading—Sam Rather.

Violin Duet—Misses Viola Truly and Anna Lee Doose.

Recitation—Louise Schawe.

Prayer.

Reading—Bonnie Matthews.

Song 168.

Reading of minutes and roll called. Answer roll call with verse of scripture.

Reading—Hattie Miles.

Song 15.

Benediction.

All members are requested to be present.

Commissioners Court.

The following is a partial list of the proceedings of the commissioners court this week:

Two roads granted running from Rowena to the Paint Rock road; one from Winters to Crews; one from Pumphrey to the Winters road.

Treasurer's report received and approved. Annual settlement with collector.

One thousand dollars transferred from the special fund to the road and bridge fund and bond canceled.

Notice.

It is my desire and intention to make a general canvas, but as it may be possible that I cannot do so without neglecting the duties of the office, I will ask my friends to remember me at the primaries.

W. L. TOWNER.

Duke Stone, an Eldorado attorney, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to his old home at Brownwood. Mr. Stone was principal of the Eldorado public school last year, but has recently been admitted to the bar and appointed county attorney of Schleicher county.

Miss Mattie Brooks, of Grand Prairie, who has been visiting Rev. C. M. Shuffler and family, left Tuesday for Tennyson, Coke county, where she will visit a sister whom she had not seen for many years.

J. H. Routh, Dr. W. A. Gustavous, Wm. Gregory's family, Mrs. Hayden Routh and others whose names we did not learn, spent Tuesday fishing on the Colorado several miles west of town.

Col. W. T. Melton and wife, of Brownwood, arrived Wednesday night to visit their daughter Mrs. Will Vaughn. The Colonel will try his luck fishing while out here.

Dr. I. H. Turney, of Blanket, spent Wednesday in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. Geo. F. Kornegay. He left Thursday for a tour of the western counties in search of ranch lands.

—Visit "The Fair" for bargains.

Runnels county is a blooming paradise.

Algerita berries are ripe. Have you enjoyed a pie?

A. J. Smith reports considerable damage to his residence.

Wellie Chastain made a business trip to Sherwood the latter part of last week.

E. C. Allison and wife are the proud parents of a little son, who arrived Wednesday evening.

Miss Ollie Dulaney, of Bristol, Tennessee, arrived Tuesday and has applied for a position in the public schools.

H. A. Massey and wife spent Thursday at their fine farm on Valley creek. They report everything flourishing on Valley creek.

Charlie Reynolds spent Thursday in Ballinger the guest of his brother, Robert. He accompanied his mother home to La-Grange.

D. R. Oliver, one of Winters, most progressive young business men, left Tuesday to be gone about ten days. He will visit Brownwood and Groesbeck on his trip.

There will be preaching at the C. P. church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh, having gone to Coleman county, where he will preach that date.

H. A. L. Greenwood and T. M. Osteen have bought A. M. Hartung's art gallery, upstairs in J. H. Miller's building. They are both experienced photographers and will, no doubt, be successful.

Mrs. S. Reynolds, mother of our druggist, R. W. Reynolds left Thursday afternoon for La Grange, she spent several weeks visiting her sons in San Angelo and Ballinger.

Rev. R. E. Hardin of Ballinger came in Saturday evening to meet his appointment here Sunday, but was taken very sick Saturday night and could not preach. He was able to return home Sunday evening.—Talpa Eagle.

The Banner-Leader printing office is well equipped with an all-round lot of printing material and has one of the best job printers in the state. Our job and book printing is guaranteed to please. Our prices are very reasonable. Try us.

That pond between the livery stable and the rear of Miller Mercantile Co's. store ought to be filled. It breeds mosquitoes, frogs, tad poles and malarial microbes too numerous to herd within the city limits. It is a stain and a stinch and a thing that ought not to be. We don't like it.

Old friends and patrons of the Banner-Leader will find the present management of the paper ever ready and glad to meet and greet them. It is our purpose to be courteous and accommodating; to be useful; to do good service; and to allow no friends or patrons to be more kind and helpful to us than we will be to them.

H. F. Mayes was up from Brownwood last Saturday to complete the sale of the Banner-Leader to Shepherd & Kornegay. He parted with this property, with Ballinger and with Runnels county with no little reluctance. Mr. Mayes has many staunch friends throughout the entire county who regret his decision to leave here, but who wish him success.

Miss Adelle Miller spent Thursday in San Angelo.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh, spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

—Delicious "Betsy" at B. M. Dorsey's.

C. O. Harris and M. C. Smith, spent Monday in San Angelo on legal business.

—Just think! Murray will cut your whiskers out of sight for 10c.

J. S. Blalock, of the Crews country, spent Monday in the capital city.

—For Ladies and Misses Oxford at close prices—visit "The Fair."

E. D. Walker attended the meeting of the Board of Pharmacy—of which he is a member—at Coleman on Wednesday.

Henry Bradford received a telegram Thursday afternoon from Sterling Hathaway stating that his father was dead, the telegram was sent from Stephenville.

J. W. Powell bought lots 9 and 13 in block 6 from Santa Fe Ry. Co. and lots A B C and D, Wilkie addition to Ballinger and sold to W. S. Harmon lots 1 and 2 in block 32 Ballinger this week.

The mayor reports the new engineer, Mr. Huffaker, is keeping the stand pipe well filled with water and is cutting off many who are taking water in violation of city ordinances, he also reports Pete McGregor, city secretary, is making all delinquent water takers pay up or cut off their supply. That is justice to all and the mayor stands with them.

Waco, Tex.—Eighteenth Annual Session Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias June 9th to 14th, limit June 15th, rate on the convention plan.

Atlanta, Ga.—Negro Young People Christian and Educational Congress, August 6th to 11th, One standard first limited fare plus \$1.00 plus 50 cents, membership fee.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Monteagle Sunday School Institute, August 11th to 23rd, limit August 27th, One standard first class limited fare for round trip.

—If you can't see good take your eyes around to Jas. E. Brewer and have him to fit them with a pair of periscopic lenses. They are the best.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy.

29-4t.

F. Ramsel

Blacksmith and Wood Work,

Prices Reasonable and good work rendered. All custom appreciated.

HORSE SHOING A SPECIALTY
WINTERS, - - - TEXAS.

Having made

A Change in Business

that necessitates a closing of my books I respectfully ask that all owing me come forward and settle up by paying the cash or their notes until fall.

Very Respectfully,

T. A. FANNIN,

WINTERS, - - TEXAS.



Probably

You have heard of HALL'S

Soda Water

And if you live near our corner, tasted it. Good wasn't it. Well it's just as good now, if not better, than ever before. We have learned how to make it better and colder. Added many new flavors to our already large variety and also some new drinks which are calculated to dispel the most tired feeling that ever was. Bring the girls.

A. HALL.

"It's better than a letter"

—See Bowden for bargains in crockery.

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

23-tf

State Epworth League Convention (colored) Austin Texas. Date of sale May 19th. Convention rates.

Meeting Texas Millers Assn., New Braunfels, Texas. One and one third fares for round trip. Dates of sale May 12th.

HOT and COLD BATHS

Easy Shaves
at
Jim Dancer's

BARBER SHOP

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

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

Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE.

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

—For good blacksmithing try McKinley, at corner of Cameron's wagon yard.

Look out for the ice man and have him put your ice in a White Mountain Refrigerator.

J. A. Ostertag & Co.

—How about your eyes? Do you need glasses? If so get a pair from Jas. E. Brewer. He has just received a new lot of all kinds.

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

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.,