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Christmas Presents

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Childrens Presents

Dolls Doll Beds Doll Buggies Air Guns Tin Horns Toy Pistols Trains Whistles story Books Picture Books in fact every thing to please the children. Hobby Horses and Tricycles

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E. D. WALKER

An Explanation.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In the last issue of the Banner-Leader appeared an article in regard to the tragedy of the 22 inst. on which time C. J. Horton deliberately shot and killed Earl Moore, himself and wife, and we beg to say that the article published was in some respects

untrue, and in justice to Mr Horton and all concerned we wish to make some corrections which are as follows:

In the first place I the father of T. E. Moore, wish to state that on Aug 18, 1902, Mr. Horton came to the office and settled his account in full without a word in my presence. Since that time

he had not owed the house any thing at all and Mrs. Horton was not in the store during Mr. Horton's absence. So we ask that the Leader retract what was said last week and publish the facts in the case just as they occurred

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. MOORE.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have personally examined the books of Mr. Moore and find that the facts as above stated are true in every respect.

Signed,
J. R. Brown
T. J. Rawls.

We are more than glad to correct any errors that may appear

in the Banner-Leader and we cheerfully publish the above. As we stated in our last issue our information was obtained from a citizen of Wingate and either he misunderstood the facts or I misunderstood him. However it may be we are glad to make the correction.—Editor.

Christmas! Yes

It is almost here which reminds me to ask: "Have you made out your list of Xmas presents?" If not, don't fail to look over that nice stock of

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Thirty head stock horses including two year old geldings. For particulars call on Banner-Leader.

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For Sale.

A piano in good condition, been used for two years. Original cost \$350, price \$175, \$50 cash, balance \$50 every three months until paid. For particulars call on Banner-Leader.

Will C. Penn spent Sunday in Brownwood with home folks.

Bob Prater, our handsome cotton buyer, spent Sunday in Brownwood.

Litt Chastain Sundayed in San Angelo the guest of M. C. Cobb and wife last Sunday.

Frank Snodgrass, one of Coleman's legal lights, passed through Ballinger Monday.

C. W. Odom and wife of Maverick spent Sunday in Ballinger the guests of G. G. Odom and family.

Miss Pearl Parks left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood after an extended visit with Ballinger friends.

Josh Brewer, one of Runnels county's most successful farmers, transacted business in Ballinger Saturday.

C. C. Thomas, who now owns and operates the Miles Fire Ins. business spent a few hours in our city Saturday.

J. Henry Davis left Monday afternoon for Dallas with his little son to have the latter's eyes treated by an eye specialist.

Miss Farrell Nall, one of Coleman's charming Misses who has been the guest of Miss Ida Royalty, left for her home Sunday.

Carl Burley, manager of one of San Angelo's lumber yards, spent a few hours in Ballinger Sunday the guest of home folks??

The remains of A. D. Jeffries who died in Ballinger last Sunday morning were embalmed by Crews & McGregor and shipped to Brownwood for burial.

W. D. Carrier and daughter came in Saturday from Miles and spent a few hours in our city. Mr. Carrier now devotes his entire time to the land business.

G. N. Harrison, one of Brownwood's most prominent attorneys, passed through Ballinger Monday enroute for his home. He had been to San Angelo on legal business.

Lee Maddox and F. J. Williams of Ballinger passed through our city Thursday enroute to Eden, the former on Ins. business, the latter on lumber business.—Concho Herald.

The following parties left Monday afternoon as delegates to the grand lodge of masonic fraternity which convenes at Houston, Tuesday, Dec. 2: Robert and Jack McGregor of the Ballinger lodge, Frank Pierce and Joe Vancej of the Winters lodge of that order.

An Old Ballinger Boy.

We received a letter this week from Will Gregg asking us to change his paper from Greenville to 712 Main Street Fort Worth, stating that he had just accepted a lucrative position at the latter place. We congratulate Will on securing his new position which we feel sure he will fill satisfactorily.

Markowitz's Fall Dry Goods have arrived.

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Jas. E. Brewer

CASH ONLY

Please take notice that from this day on I will discontinue the credit business for good. This business will be run on a strictly

CASH BASIS

And I will not charge any goods at any time to any one. I am convinced after mature deliberation that

Selling For Cash

Is the only way to do business in this age of progress. It is of mutual benefit to both the buyer and seller. I take this method of informing my friends and the public in general of the change in my method of conducting this business, so that no one will feel slighted if they are refused credit. I wish to thank my friends and customers for the past patronage and trust they will accept the change I am making in this business in the spirit that prompted it. Yours Very Truly,

H. Winkler,

November 17th, 1902.

PREMIUMS:

Beginning this week we will give away triple plated silverware with purchases consisting of Knives, Forkes, Table Spoons, Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Sugar spoons and many other useful articles in the Silverware line

STILL SELLIG AT COST

I am still selling my entire stock of millinery goods at ACTUAL COST, including the latest designs in Hats, Toilet Goods, Fanne and Majestic Velvets. This is no bogus cost sale. We mean what we say, I must make preparations for my Spring Stock

Yours for Bargains

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Bob Shaffer puts nothing out the best grade of leather in his saddles.

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To the Farmers.

We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay \$5.00 extra as long as present prices prevail. Will pay more or less as the price of seed goes up or down. BALLINGER MILLING CO.

Stock News.

Frank Miles bought of Doc Vancil one car of fat cows at \$15 per head and 15 cows from John Hall at same price.

J. H. McAdams, of Caddo Mills, Hunt county, sold to W. A. Davis 40 head of stock cattle at \$10 per head.

The following shipments were recently made to Kansas City: J. E. Fancher 4 cars fat cows, J. D. O'Danells of Coke county 5 cars of fat cows.

D. K. Wylie 3 cars fat cows from Fallinger and 2 cars from Miles.

J. W. Norman, Paint Rock, 2 cars fat cows,

Tom Shaw two cars fat cows, Tom Trail, of Paint Rock, two bars, fat cows.

Philip Wilson shipped to St. Louis from Talpa two cars fed steers.

R. W. Morris, of Paint Rock, sold to Tom Shaw 2 cars cows at \$15.00.

Jap Adams and Wicks Currie shipped one car of mules to Sherman last Friday.

M. C. McKinney bought 30 head of fat cows from Morris & Howze at \$15 per head.... John A. Loomis shipped six cars of fat cows to the Kansas City market this week, for which he received \$2.65.... T. K. Wilson shipped 3 cars of fat cows to the Northern market—Concho Herald.

A. F. Smith sold to J. S. Dabney, 20 cows at \$10.... Last Friday Harris Bros. started 19 car loads of cattle to the Kansas City market.... T. K. Wilson, the Concho county ranchman, shipped 9 cars of fat cows from Miles Friday.... Thorpe, Ryburn & Co., shipped 14 car loads

of fat cows from this place to Kansas City last Thursday.... D. K. McMullan recently sold 8 head of feeder bulls to M. M. Parkerson, of Rock Springs at \$20 and 7 to Sam Perry of Juno at \$21.... J. P. Anderson reports the sale of three bull calves to Lee Bros. and the price was "way up in the pictures.".... D. K. McMullan and F. L. Drisdale will have two cars of fat cows here in a day or two to sell or ship to Kansas City market, probably —San Angelo Press.

Harris Bros. bought 600 sheep and fall clip of wool from R. D. Palmer for \$2.25 per head.... Chas. Blandon bought from A. F. Clarkson 356 yearling steers at \$14.50 per head. They were dandies, Cope & Hefin made the trade.—Devil's River News.

Toys, hobby horses, dolls, fire works, everything in the toy line at Pearce's Drug Store.

J. T. Darter, one of Madison county's substantial citizens who has been prospecting in the country for several days, returned home Wednesday. He stated that he was well pleased and had just about closed a deal for ranch property in Concho county.

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Excursion Tickets will also be
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I. & G. N. System December
23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1902 and
January 1, 1903, limited January
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and assurances are hereby given
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For many years The News has
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the best and most influential
newspaper in the Southwest, and
it proposes to hold this position
for all time. It will stand by
and advocate every measure
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e it possible for The News to ac-
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are tendered the warmest thanks
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patronage is solicited, with the
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be made to maintain the position
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pleased to remark that I had not
run across any railway in Brit-
ain, Germany, Russia Switzer-
land, Italy or France that excel-
led the I. & G. N. in the solidity
and smoothness of its track, or
the beauty and comfort of its
new coaches—the company's
own make at its Palestine shops.
"If you had said that in THE
400," replied Mr Price. "we
should have considered it a very
notable compliment." I am
very glad to repeat it in THE 400
and also to reiterate what I said
of the I. & G. N. equipment in
the May number—that it is not
surpassed and seldom equalled
by the older and richer railroads
in the north and east. This is
remarkable, in view of the age
and population of Texas, but I
claim to be a judge."—Chicago
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one third fare for round trip
Sell Dec 7th and 8th.

Subscribe for the Banner-
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Miss Sammie Padgett left for
Norton last Sunday and began
her school Monday.

There will be no preaching at
the C. P. church Sunday. Rev.
O. M. Fitzhugh will be in Win-
ters.

Steve Francis left last Wed-
nesday for Glasscock county
where he moved his cattle some
time ago.

Miss Minnie Oliver, spent
last week the guest of Miss
Sammie Padgett returning home
Monday.

C. M. Shuffler and Dr. Fowler
spent Sunday indulging in the
sport of nimbrod but they keep
very quiet as to results.

Wm Allen remembered us sub-
stantially this week. He sends
the paper to two of his relatives,
one at Granbury and one at
Okville, Texas.

Miss Fannie Simmons who has
been holding a position in one of
San Antonio's leading wholesale
houses, came in Sunday night
to spend the holidays with home
folks.

Frank Abney came in Sunday
night from an extended trip in
North Texas and the Indian
Territory. He reports condi-
tions very fine in the Indian Ter-
ritory and said the cotton crop
was the best in years.

Hon. D. D. Wallace, one of San
Angelo's most prominent attor-
neys, died at his home last Sun-
day morning with a complication
of diseases. He served as dis-
trict attorney in the San Angelo
district for a number of years
and was recognized as an author-
ity on questions of law.

Pretty Sentiments.

The Sulphur Springs Gazette
voices the following pretty senti-
ments:

"The man who loves his home
—the place of his nativity—is
blessed with true nobility. When
after the flight of years we turn
the leaves of memory's tablet
and live over again the joys and
sorrows long gone by, it is sad
but sweet retrospection, and the
heart that does not hold sacred
the scenes of such memories is
scarcely human. Many are the
hallowed places in our dear old
home town, the old school house
and play grounds, the scenes of
youthful troubles and schoolday
joys and sorrows; and the town
branch—many times we have
played truant and with crooked
pin fished for craws in its shal-
low water; over field and wood-
land we have hunted birds, set
traps and chased jack-rabbits—
and through it all longed to be a
man. And our first clerkship—
no millionaire was ever prouder
of his hoarded gold than we of
the first fruits of our labor. The
scene shifts as we greet the
pleasures and pains of younger
manhood; play parties, sweet-
hearts, the first dance, jealous
lovers; then to willing ears we
whisper the old, old story. Wed-
ding bells; a new home; bright-
eyed babies; death and the
grave. And now with only mem-
ories for companionship we walk
acid scenes of dead joys and
bless the places of their being.
Dear old home. We love you!
Heaven in some way will be
fashioned like you, else it would
not be complete."

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VEGETABLES and EVERYTHING kept
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Lend Me Your Ears.....

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looking for a place to make your Xmas
purchases and want the most for your
money. My line of Fruits, Candies,
etc. are fresh and first class. We
have candy for the ladies, toys for the
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stipated, bad taste in the mouth? If
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then some of them? It's
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Children of Any Age.
Aids Digestion, Regulates
the Bowels, Strengthens
the Child and Makes
TEETHING EASY.

CURRIE-

→ CHRISTMAS ←

Yes its coming and with it cold weather too. Why not buy something to wear for a Christmas present instead of some foolish toy, then your money will be well spent. Curry-Noyes Co. now has the largest line of Dry Goods and Gents Furnishings ever exhibited in Ballinger. Buy your wife or daughter a new dress or your son a suit of clothes or an overcoat and

MAKE THEM HAPPY

Groceries did you Say?

Yes we have them and they are fresh too. When you begin your Christmas cooking let us send you up an order and we feel sure you will give us a second order for we strive to please. Our goods are just as represented. Give us a share of your patronage

NOYES CO.

Friend-In-Need Society.

Having studied the Insurance question for years from the standpoint of both old line companies and the beneficiary Orders, we have noticed that in a large majority of cases where death occurs, the families of deceased have but little money in hand and that they are from two to six months realizing on insurance policies.

Again, we find that a great many people are unable to carry even the moderate amount of insurance allowed by the fraternal orders, owing to the smallness of their incomes.

This society has grown out of these conditions. It has but one purpose—to place in the hands of the beneficiaries of its deceased members, immediately after death, a sum of money which will tide them over the hardest time. This sum will be one dollar for each member in good standing up to five hundred dollars, but in no case will more than five hundred dollars be paid. When the membership passes five hundred, any surplus arising from assessments will remain in the treasury toward meeting the next loss.

The membership fee is two dollars and the advance assessment for the beneficiary fund, one dollar. So that it costs \$3 to become a member. Aside from the membership fee, not more than one dollar a year can be collected from each member for expenses.

Reputable white persons, male and female, between the ages of 18 and 55 years, are eligible to membership, but applicant

must be in apparent good health.

Persons desiring to become members can apply to a duly authorized representative, or to the Secretary of the Society, pay the membership fee of two dollars, and the advance assessment of one dollar, for which they will receive a receipt. Their name will then go before the membership committee; if elected, certificates of membership are issued; if rejected their money will be refunded.

Persons becoming members will have no further payment to make on death call until death occurs, when they will be notified of an assessment of one dollar, payable in ten days.

Members can make their certificates payable as they wish, and are not confined to relatives. This will enable men without families to provide for decent burial. In cases of continued illness, resulting fatally, it will enable the holder of a certificate to procure proper nursing and medical attention, as parties who attend them will have knowledge of the fund provided, which the sick member can leave to be paid to them.

As the object of the Society is to carry out its purpose at the least possible expense the fees have been made very small. It therefore submits this plain statement confident that its purpose will appeal to every thinking man and woman and that its ranks will soon be as full as will be desirable

In a restaurant: He—Will you have a little lobster? She—Oh John, this is so sudden.

Why Men Don't Go to Church.

"The average American business man has outgrown the average preacher," says the Chicago Inter Ocean, in undertaking to explain why men are not going to church in these days to the extent they did in former times.

The specifications of the Chicago paper are that, "in trying to formulate religion by the rules and in the terms of science, many preachers have cut loose the ship of faith on a boundless sea of mental speculation;" that "many preachers appear to think that men can be led to do right without having any definite principles by which to do right;" that the "business man" sees many preachers and churches repudiating all appeals to fear and trying to maintain themselves by love alone.

It may be true; it is true that there are these deficiencies in modern preaching, but do they explain men's staying away from church? Is it not true, also, that the very churches in which there is this sort of preaching are most largely attended, that is, of the churches in which the single element of attraction is the preaching?

Diminished church attendance, where there is such a diminution, is not fairly attributable to the preachers. If the people are earnest in their religious belief and crave spiritual food they are not critical of the preacher, so long as he is earnest like themselves. When they set to carping at his sermons it is a sign that they are not hungry for food. In times of religious revival the humblest, the plainest

preacher, inspired by an ardent faith, is eloquent enough for them. If there is in their hearts the demand the supply is sure to come. At the time of the Great Awakening in 1857 the preachers in New York were not able men than their successors are now, and not greater pulpit orators, but the fire of religious belief in them, kindled a responsive flame of emotion in the hearts of the people, for the crowds who listened to their appeals were already burning with a desire for the word of Salvation.

As it is now, the churches which make their appeal to religious sentiment, to devout emotion, and hold up before men the idealism of religion are about as full as ever. It is only those pulpits which depend on insufficient intellectual ability simply to draw the people, or are not clever enough adepts at clap-trap, that have been "outgrown" by the "average American business man." When the clap trap suits vulgar tastes, it is now a greater drawing card than ever, as the example we have mentioned illustrates.

The fault is absence of religious faith in the pulpit and in the people who otherwise would fill the pews. Wherever that faith is found the churches are full of people who have other thoughts and emotions than of criticism of the sermon and carping at the preacher. The magnet which attracts them to the church is not the expected eloquence of the preacher, but the eloquent religious faith with which their hearts are charged.

Only when men really believe in the world to come and that a other profit is a snare and a delusion as long as they lose their souls in its pursuits, will the churches be as thronged as are the marts of trade and the stock exchanges.—Ex.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

To points in the SOUTHEAST

also to ARKANSAS and MISSOURI, at

ONE FARE

Plus two dollars for the Round Trip, limited 30 days for return.

Tickets on sale

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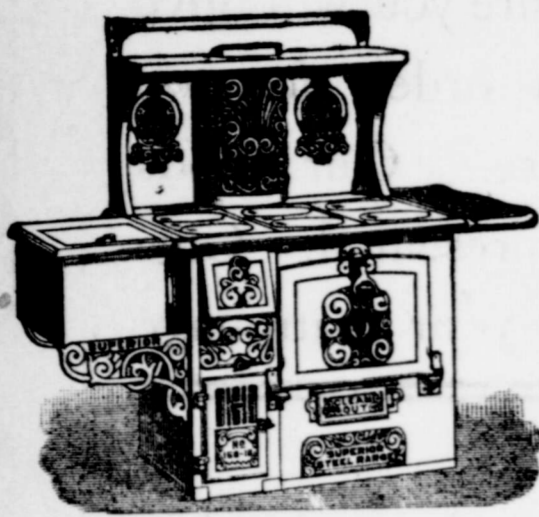
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W. A. TULEY, G. P. A. Fort Worth, Texas

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Van Pelt & Kirk propose to give with each \$2.00 Cash Purchase on all articles except Wire and Nails, a Ticket which entitles the holder to a chance at this Range. The party holding the largest number gets the Range which will be decided

December 25th, 1902

If You want Absolutely Pure Open Kettle Ribbon Cane Syrup

At mill prices plus the freight it will pay you well to wait until about Dec. 10th to buy your Syrup. I will have a car of this syrup here about the date mentioned above and it will be the finest car of syrup ever offered in Ballinger and every gallon will be sold under a guarantee to be absolutely pure and contain every particle of sugar in the cane. I will store this syrup with Godwin & Alvis under the opera house building.

Respectfully the Syrup Man,

E. A. JEANS.

But where to find that happiest spot below; Who can direct, when all pretend to know?

—Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good Crop Kaiser. Not only Cattle but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed Stuffs, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals.

Land, which is being sold at really low figures—tho the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and Farms and Ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.

We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little Book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statement of what People Have Accomplished along the line of

THE DENVER ROAD

Passenger Department,

Fort Worth, Texas.

N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two clear thru. We continue the year round, the excellent Class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, Winter and Summer. By the way, we offer now now offer more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dalhart (also good for old Mexico), with first grade Eating Cars all the way.

We sell a Home-Seeker's ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

Albert Jeffries Dead.

Word was received here this morning that Albert Jeffries, whom many Brownwood citizens will remember, is dead in Ballinger. His body will arrive to night and the services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Albert had been in Bloomington, Ill., for the past seven years but about two months ago, having been attacked by a slight illness, he went to Ballinger for his health. There he contracted galloping consumption and died as stated above.

We have not been informed where the funeral services will be held, but presume at the residence of his uncle, S. C. Petty.—Daily Bulletin.

Quite an exciting horse sale occurred on our street Tuesday afternoon in which the best prices were paid for an auction sale in some time, which indicates the horse market is looking up. The prices ranged from \$35 to \$50.

Miss Clara Mabry, who has been the guest of Miss Alma Crews for the past week, left Tuesday afternoon for her home, Kingsland, Texas.

Mrs. Geo. Wright, who has spent the past month in San Angelo came in Tuesday afternoon.

NOTICE OF INTENTION

Of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to apply to the next Legislature of Texas for an Act authorizing it to purchase or lease all of the properties of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company and of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Company.

The undersigned will apply to the Legislature of the State of Texas, convening in January, 1903, for the passage of a law authorizing the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase, or to lease, for a term of years, not exceeding nine hundred and ninety-nine (999) all of the railroads and all other properties, and all of the rights and franchises pertaining thereto of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company, and of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, and when so purchased, or leased, to operate the same under its charter as a part of its own line, and authorizing the last two named companies and each of them, and their respective stockholders, to sell, or lease all of their said properties, rights and franchises to said Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company.

GULF COLORADO & SANTA FE RAILWAY CO.,

By E. P. Ripley, President
GULF BEAUMONT & KANSAS CITY RAILWAY CO.,

By E. P. Ripley, President
GULF BEAUMONT & GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO.,

By E. P. Ripley, President.

Friend—But if there's no hope of saving him, doctor, what are you going to perform the operation for? Doctor—One hundred dollars.

Don't be robbed by an auction fake. Go to Asa Cordill's and get just what you want.

Good goods speak for themselves. You'll get the best from Asa Cordill's

State News.

The Dallas municipal commission has turned down the street car monopoly recently voted by the city council.

Mrs. Julia A. Vannerlik, last of the American pioneers of San Antonio is dead.

Orange is to have a factory for the manufacture of rice threshing machines.

The North Texas Methodist conference has a membership of 51,252.

Many negroes are leaving Colorado and Fayette counties for Louisiana.

North Texas teachers want an amendment submitted to remove some of the limitations from school funds.

The damage to the Jefferson county rice crop is now estimated at \$200,000.

The following from a Texas editor is expressive, and is respectfully dedicated to whomsoever it will fit:

"Here's to the kicker, the faint-hearted kicker, the kicker so helpless and blue, who is always crying and never is trying some good for his town to do. No use to correct him nor need we expect him to get to the front like a man, for while others rustle, he'll sit down and hustle objections to raise to each plan."

It is time the holiday advertising was well in hand. The best way to insure its being satisfactory is to get at it and make it as effective as possible. It is better to start early than to wait until the other fellow has started. Now that Thanksgiving is over it is time to push for Christmas. As soon as the stock is in shape it is time to commence advertising it. As soon as the people commence to buy in small amounts it is time to commence to push a little harder in order to induce more to come and buy. There are ways to get them in. There are things that are necessary to be done to excite early attention. There are many points to make in favor of buying early rather than waiting. The early effort shows the people that the merchant is the first in the field, and the early sales get the people interested in the buying. It will not be difficult to get customers if many people know that values are great or that goods are attractive or that prices are low. If all will not come when the first advertisement is published, probably others will come after two or three satisfied purchasers of holiday stock have gone out to say what they have found and how they were treated. The best way to decide whether or not this may be done is to get the advertising started in the hope of getting a few walking advertisements started and the result will show for itself.

Everything in the saddle and harness line at Bob Shaffers.

I make a specialty of watch repairing Jas. E. Brewer.

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

Auctions are fakes. Their goods prove it Asa Cordill.

If you want a neat up-to-date lap-robe go to Bob Shaffers.

You'll be pleased if you buy jewelry from Asa Cordill.

Some new diamonds at Jas. E. Brewer's, see them

Buy the best. You'll find it at Asa Cordill's.

Great Society and Its Noble Head.

The Red Cross Society, which is incorporated in nearly every country in the world, is to hold soon in Russia its international convention. These meetings occur ever five years. Clara Barton, representing the American Red Cross, is now at sea, steaming Russiaward. Of Miss Barton one of the organization's secretaries said recently: She is over 75 years old, and yet she is as active and as cheery as a young girl. The American Red Cross Society is due entirely to her. She went to Europe to recuperate after the Civil War, wherein her indefatigable work at nursing had worn down her health, and while abroad she witnessed some of the Franco-Prussian war and helped the Red Cross folk in their work. She began, immediately on her return home to organize a society here, and certainly this energetic and good woman may be said to have succeeded, for the American Red Cross is now one of the biggest and best. The very biggest and the very best is the Japanese Red Cross Society."

Even Snake Meat is Scarce.

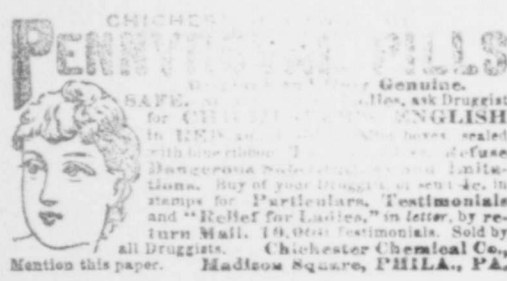
"Since snake skin has become so fashionable in wallets, belts and cigarette cases," said a zoo keeper in one of the big Eastern cities recently, "we find rather a dearth of snakes each month, not for exhibition purposes, but as a food, for many of our most valuable specimens are canibals, and will eat nothing but their own kind. Well, up to a year ago, men visited us regularly with snakes for sale, and we had no difficulty in buying all the 'pines' and 'blacks' and 'garters' we desired at from 5 to 20 cents a piece, according to size. But now these men sell their snakes to tanners, and get for them three or four times more than we can afford to pay. So I don't know what we are going to do for snake meat unless we start a farm, and in the future grow right here the food snakes that we need."

Dancing School for Horses.

Few people learn that these horses learn dancing just as men and women do. They actually go to a "school of dancing for horses," and there is a big school of this kind in New York, where there are many bright pupils on the hoof. In the school competent instructors drill them in the several feats they are to perform, and accustom them to music, teach them to run up inclined planes, and to obey the slightest word of command. After being thoroughly drilled the horses are given several dress rehearsals on the stage until pronounced ready for their debut. At the school there are always several veteran actor horses waiting for an engagement. There are also understudies ready for work at an instant's notice.

Unique Charleston.

Charleston is the only city of the United States, affirms Victor Smith, in which the publication of women's names is objected to by the women themselves and their menfolk. In big Northern cities society boasts its social secretaries, whose duty it is to inform the newspapers of the movements of matrons and dowagers employing them. The highest-salaried secretaries are those young women who succeed, by hook or crook, in capturing the most space in the daily journals. One bright girl receives \$25 a week from the wife of a New York paper general for keeping that lady's name before the public.



THOUSANDS SAVED BY DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure. No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

A Weak Stomach

Indigestion is often caused by over-eating. An eminent authority says the harm done thus exceeds that from the excessive use of alcohol. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. A weak stomach may refuse to digest what you eat. Then you need a good digestant like Kodol, which digests your food without the stomach's aid. This rest and the wholesome tonics Kodol contains soon restore health. Dieting unnecessary. Kodol quickly relieves the feeling of fullness and bloating from which some people suffer after meals. Absolutely cures indigestion.

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



Mrs. Fred Unrath,
President Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich.

"After my first baby was born I did not seem to regain my strength although the doctor gave me a tonic which he considered very superior, but instead of getting better I grew weaker every day. My husband insisted that I take Wine of Cardui for a week and see what it would do for me. I did take the medicine and was very grateful to find my strength and health slowly returning. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very enthusiastic in its praise."

Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs of generation for the ordeal of pregnancy and childbirth. It prevents miscarriage. No woman who takes Wine of Cardui need fear the coming of her child. If Mrs. Unrath had taken Wine of Cardui before her baby came she would not have been weakened as she was. Her rapid recovery should commend this great remedy to every expectant mother. Wine of Cardui regulates the menstrual flow.

WINE OF CARDUI

—Buy yourself a new dress, make biscuit for supper with Housekeepers Delight flour and "all will be well"—Davis-Noyes Co. 23-1f

Old papers for sale at this office 20c per 100.

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 in 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.

Cures Cancer and Blood Poison.

If you have blood poison producing eruptions, pimples, ulcers, swollen glands, bumps and risings, burning, itching skin, copper colored spots or rash on the skin, mucous patches in mouth or throat, falling hair, bone pains, old rheumatism or foul catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B B B). It kills the poison in the blood; soon all sores heal, hard swellings subside, aches and pains stop and a perfect cure is made of the worst cases of Blood Poison.

For cancers, tumors, swellings, eating sores, ugly ulcers, persistent pimples of all kinds, take B B B. It destroys the cancer poison in the blood, heals cancer of all kinds, cures the worst humors or suppurating swellings. Thousands cured by B B B after all else fails. Composed of pure botanic ingredients. Improves the digestion, makes the blood pure and rich, stops the awful itching and all sharp shooting pains. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, \$1 per bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice also sent in sealed letter.

Mr Terrel has announced his appointment in the land office.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.

Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach Troubles, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol rebuilds wornout tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends. E D Walker.

A cotton mill company has been chartered by Celeste capital.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Bucklem's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at J Y Pearce's drug store.

Silverware at Brewer's.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 lbs." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Electric Bitters are a positive guaranteed cure. Only 50c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

The Episcopal missionary conference is now being held at Corpus Christi.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

Congressman Ball and Senator Culberson were given a dinner by the Dallas Commercial club.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell come on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Two hundred and fifty insurance companies of various sorts are doing business in Texas.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsbury, Wisconsin, writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

What's in a Name?

Everything's in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. E. D. Walker.

A Cold Wave.

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health and probably my life." It cures Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strenghtens the lungs. E. D. Walker.

Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department

has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

Special Offer

If you are not talking THE BANNER-LEADER you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.80, cash in advance, we will mail you THE BANNER-LEADER and THE GALVESTON or THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

Foils a Deadly Attack.

My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M M Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache, etc. 25c at J Y Pearce's.

Do it Now.

Write Tyler College, Tyler, Texas, for their large illustrated catalogue, free. They have by far the largest shorthand and commercial school in the South or West. They use the Byrne celebrated system of practical bookkeeping and actual business training. The famous Byrne shorthand is also taught there by its author in from 7 to 12 weeks with a speed of 150 words to the minnte or no charge for the course.

They teach the touch method of typewriting which enables the student to operate the typewriter as the musician does the piano, keeping their eyes on their copy while they write.

Note in their catalogue on page 41 the comparison on time, cost, etc., in their college with that of the other colleges. You will be astonished at the time and money they save you.

They have an employment department which enables them to secure excellent positions for their graduates.

Do it now.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household which cause burns cuts, sprains, and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

I. & G. N. Excursion Rates.

Meeting Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Masonic Lodge, Houston, Texas. Convention rates. Sell tickets Nov. 23rd, 24th and for trains arriving Houston morning Nov. 25th. Also sell tickets Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st and for trains arriving at Houston morning of Dec. 2. Limit Dec 16th for return.

Annual State Meeting Daughters of the Confederacy, Fort Worth, Texas. Convention rates. Sell tickets Dec. 1st and 2nd, limit Dec. 6th.

International Live Stock Exposition Chicago, Ill. Sell tickets Nov 28th 29th and 30th and Dec. 1st. Limit to leave Chicago not later than Dec. 8th.

The Great Texas Health Resort, Marlin, Tex. Sell tickets every day the year round. Limit 60 days for return. Rate one and one third fare.

The Great Sea-Wall Carnival, Dec. 15 to 20, Galveston, Texas. Special excursion rates and arrangements will be announced later.

Our Christmas Holiday Excursions will cover a very large territory this year. Rate one fare plus \$2.00 round trip. Sell tickets Dec 13, 17, 21, 25, 23 and 26th, limit 30 days for return. Tickets will be on sale to points in the Southeast (Old States), to Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado and Mexico. Note the early selling dates and low rates.

Local Holiday Excursions: Excursion tickets will be on sale between all points on the I. & G. N. System Dec 23rd 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, 1902 and Jan. 1st, 1903, limited to January 3rd for return.

Call on I. & G. N. ticket agents for complete information. Write us regarding your Christmas trip and we will furnish full particulars, cost of ticket, train time, etc.

D. P. Price, G. P. & T. A. L. Price, 2nd V. P. & G. M., Palestine, Texas.

Christmas Excursions.

via



ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00

Tickets on sale December 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, Limit to return 30 days from date of sale. Santa Fe ticket agents will tell you all about Rates, Routes and Territory. Ask them.

W. S. Keenan, G.P.A. GALVESTON, - - TEXAS

'Phone J. A. Forbes at the new steam laundry for wood.

THE OLD RELIABLE

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

Howdy Santa Claus! Headquarters at Pearce's Drug Store

Don't fail to read Asa Cordill's 'ad' in this issue. It will interest you.

The best show, the most beautiful holiday goods at Pearce's Drug Store.

Refreshments and musical program at the Ladies Bazaar, Dec. 12 at A. H. Van Pelt's

Chas Low, of Brownwood, spent Wednesday in Ballinger looking after his interests here.

Attend the Ladies Bazaar and buy yourself a Christmas present. A fine line of fancywork will be on sale.

J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store presents the most pleasing picture in the holiday line this little city has ever known.

Miss Mollie Trammell, of Coleman, who has been visiting Mrs J. E. Stricklin of this city, returned home Tuesday.

At the residence of A. H. Van Pelt the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a fancy work bazaar Dec. 12th from 4 to 6 p. m.

Mrs. P. E. Scott, and Miss Connie, mother and sister to Harry Scott, left Wednesday afternoon for their home at Brownwood after a several days visit in Ballinger.

Judge A. W. Terrel of Austin spent Wednesday in Ballinger. He came out to buy a team of horses of R. A. Dickinson but we did not learn whether or not the deal was made. Judge Terrel has been quite a prominent man in Texas politics. He was Minister Plenipotentiary to Turkey under Cleveland's administration and was District Judge in the Austin district.

If you want fresh vegetables go to Godwin & Alvis.

Prepare for that "nother" by ordering your wool from J. A. Forbes.

Godwin & Alvis keep nothing but fresh, first-class groceries. Give them a trial order.

Lee Maddox represents the strongest "old line" companies doing business in Texas.

Ladies, visit L. Markowitz & Bro's store during the next week and see the pretty line of stylish dress goods they are opening up.

For Sale.

My entire livery stable outfit Call on or address
JOHN H. WEBB,
Ballinger, Texas.

For Sale.

A good horse, buggy and harness for \$75.00. Must sell at once. For further information call on Banner-Leader.

The produce store at Winters handles a nice line of assorted goods and exchanges them for all kinds of country produce, raw hides and stovewood. Give us a trial.

W. H. WHITLEY & Co.

Dr. A. W. Cravens of Elm Mott, Texas, was a pleasant caller at our office Wednesday and while here joined the ranks of the readers of the Banner-Leader. Something over a year ago Doctor invested in Runnels County real estate near Winters and he wants to keep up with the progress of the best county in West Texas.

R. A. Terry came in Tuesday night from Longtown, Miss., where he has been to visit home folks. He reports everything in fine shape in that country; the cotton is yielding well and the merchants are collecting their old accounts.

J. W. Powell spent several days in Miles this week on business. He stated Miles was a regular Oklahoma land, was selling rapidly, that a big boom was on.

We received nice letters from Wingate and Norton this week but on account of the crowded condition of the paper we are compelled to leave them out till next week.

Notice.

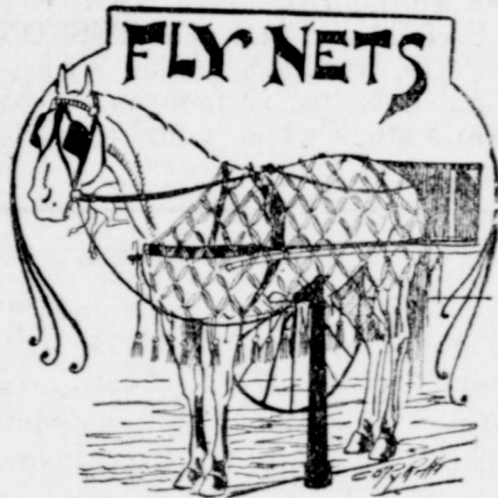
Those who are indebted to me will please come around and pay up. All accounts must be settled at once.

J. L. CHASTAIN.

Farmers.

Bring your cotton to the Ice Factory Gin. We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay you in addition \$5.00. Will pay more or less as the price of cotton seed varies.

The Ice Factory Gin.



A Well-Dressed Horse.

What a stylish suit of clothes is to a man, a handsome harness is to a horse. A well made, well fitting harness improves the appearance of a horse one hundred per cent and is an investment never to be regretted. Buggy harness, \$7.50 to \$30. Light double harnesses and harnesses of all descriptions.

T. S. LANKFORD,
The Saddle and Harness Man.

DON'T EAT TOUGH MEAT

When you can get a juicy tender steak, fresh pork, sausage, etc., at

Allen & Key's

10c Bring this coupon with you it is good for 10c on all work at \$3.00 or over made at our studio before the 15th of December. Number of coupons for each party limited to four. We do nothing but first class work and guarantee satisfaction. We also handle enlarging of all kinds.

Yours for Business,
Greenwood & Osteen,
Photographers

You Don't Have To Apologize

For your home when it is built with Lumber, Doors, Shingles, Windows, etc., bought of F. J. Williams & Co.

We handle everything in our line and the best of everything too. * * * * Let us show you

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At actual Cost

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