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# E. D. WALKER

### Pacific Cable is Spliced to Shore.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14— "In memory of John W. Mackay, I christen the Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness."

With these words, Lucile Gage, the 11 year old daughter of Governor of California, christened the trans-Pacific cable and breaking a bottle of champagne over the shore end, inaugurated a new era in the commercial development of the Pacific coast.

The landing and splicing of the shore end which is to connect the mainland with Honolulu, was accomplished without a hitch of any kind and was witnessed by 30,000 or 40,000 people. Ideal weather prevailed, there being scarcely any surf.

A bachelor is a coward and a failure. He shaves and primps, but is too cowardly to put his arm around success and press it to his bosom. He resolves to marry every day for forty years but when the hour for the duel arrives when in the presence of trembling, rosy cheeks, when beauty shakes her curls his courage oozes and he flies from the field without even learning of the cowpath that leads to matrimony. Better be like old darky Rastus in his cabin when he holds old Dinah's hand and asks, "Who's sweet?" and Dinah drops her head on his shoulder and says, "Bofe of us!"—Bob Taylor.

A plan for marketing the fruit and truck grown in East Texas has been agreed on and will be submitted to the growers. There will be a manager and sales agents, all under bond.

Fine signs of oil have been found in a well now being drilled in San Augustine county.

### Neighboring Notes.

Some missionary work is needed over in Comanche county as the following items from The Chief will bear witness:

Mr. Williams, a Baptist minister, struck a neighbor of his, Mr. Rogers, with a buggy jack in the rear of the Neely-Cunningham store, cutting bad gashes on his face and head. The first blow felled him and another rendered him unconscious. The floor of the store was soaked with blood. The difficulty arose over a farm deal.... A man by the name of Brown assaulted Rev. L. B. Owen, a minister of the Baptist church, on the street Monday on account of the part taken by the latter in the law and order league at DeLeon.

The Rice murder case at Brady was continued by the State.

The Brownwood cotton buyers, assisted by the Columbia Club, are arranging to give a grand Christmas ball.

The Miles Messenger notes that Dr. Julian HernCon is attending medical college at Louisville, Ky.

The McCulloch County Enterprise has passed from the ownership of the Mayes Printing Co. to Tunnel & Adkins, Cyrus A. Tunnell editor.

San Angelo's Christmas roping carnival, will be held December 26 and 27. The first day will embrace a general roping contest. On the second day, Fred Baker and John Hewitt on one side and Joe Gardner and Clay McGonigle on the other, will rope and tie five steers each for a purse of \$1000.

The citizens of West Tom Green are taking steps toward the organization of a new county, to be called Centralia, with Stiles as the county seat. It is stated that the next legislature will be called on to set them up in housekeeping.

### A Bold Bank Robbery.

One of the boldest attempts at bank robbery that has graced the roll of notoriety in Texas in a great many years was perpetrated at Alvord last Monday afternoon about 3:30 p. m.

Three white men made a daring attempt to hold up the cashier and rob the First National Bank of Alvord. Their names were Frank Martin, John McFall and Claude Golden.

The bank officials had been notified that an attempt would be made to rob the bank, even the day and the hour the robbers would come being given. The officers were notified and Sheriff Cirley of Deatur, Deputy Sheriff Prior and Constables Yeary and Dobbs were on hand to receive them. Some of the officers were posted inside the bank and others across the street where the approach could be commanded. All were heavily armed. One of the robbers remained outside to hold the horses while the other two went in to rob the bank. As they went in they did not notice the officers and covered the cashier and demanded all the money in the vault. The officers demanded their surrender and McFall made an attempt to fire but was instantly shot by one of the officers. Golden surrendered. Martin hearing the firing inside attempted to escape but was killed.

The robbers were from the Chico neighborhood and were well known there.

### For Lease.

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#### VENEZUELA CAPITOL IN HANDS OF ENEMY.

Marines From the English and German Fleet Are Landed.

The complications between Venezuela on one side and Great Britain and Germany on the other have reached an acute crisis and bloodshed is imminent.

English and German marines landed Wednesday night at La Guayra, which is the port of Caracas. The Capital may be

said to be practically in the hands of the enemy.

The Venezuelan navy has also been captured and all but one vessel sunk.

A mob marched to the Kaiser's legation and shattered the windows with the cry "Death to the Germans!"

The action of President Castro in ordering the arrest of all British and German subjects in Caracas is without a precedent in the history of civilized countries in time of peace and is tantamount to a declaration of war.

He has summoned the Venezuelan people to arms and declared a general amnesty for all political offenders.

The delicate position of the United States is appreciated by both the European countries involved and it will not be drawn into the controversy until absolutely necessary.

President Roosevelt's recent construction of the Monroe doctrine will be looked to as a guide by the American powers.

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O. K. Shannon of Weatherford will be chief clerk in the office of Secretary of State, Curl.

The state sugar mill in Brazoria county is to be started on the season's work Thursday.

Business houses of Livingston are being guarded as a result of the recent attempts at arson and murder.

Dr. Acheson of Denison, a friend of President Roosevelt, has called a conference of republicans to meet at Dallas December 20.

The cigarmakers and manufacturers of Dallas have determined to make a fight against the cigar trust. The retail grocers will also help.

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### 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 GALTSTON or THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

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Hello Central, give me 45. The Miller Mercantile Co. I want a gallon of that pure apple cider and some fresh cakes—right away.

### Squibs.

An appropriate title for the Venezuelan trouble would be "much ado about nothing."

Those German and English war vessels must be pretty swift because the headlines tell us they "seized the fleet."

A dispatch in the Dallas News from New Orleans says: "This afternoon 100 girls in the Hershey cigar factory struck." Surely not a match—and yet they may now since they have time for such things.

The word "thousand" left out of a headline in Wednesday's News, causes the following rather remarkable statement to appear: "Monarch army to disband. It is stationed at Monte Carlo and consists of two men."

Austin wants to dispose of her water and light plant to the State. Texas is getting pretty "dry" but she don't need the light; plenty of sunshine all the time.

It is hoped the boll weevils will say "we will go."

It makes us glad we live in Texas when we read about the blizzards and the lack of fuel in New England.

The air line between Temple and Belton is rapidly nearing completion.

The Dallas News notes the rain at Sulphur springs. We suppose the bed at Sulphur Springs, also. At least it is to be hoped so.

The fair grounds of Dallas have been offered to the city of Dallas. For the last few years the exposition has been fair in name only.

Prof. Schlotterback, of Ann Arbor, Mich., has discovered seven new kinds of poison. If a man always finds what he looks for some people make an odd choice.

It is reported that the Mad Mullah, of India, is dead, but if he is anything like Aguinaldo it will take several reports like that to make it a fact.

Speaking of misnomers, how is "Smart Set" as applied to the four hundred of New York.

### He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but have found a cure in Herbine. I recommended it to all my friends who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at E. D. Walker's drug store.

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

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Those new hat pins at Brewer's are beauties and so cheap too.

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Who can direct, when all pretend to know?  
—Goldsmith.

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**BALLINGER TEXAS.**

I. S. Baldwin of Content, was  
in Monday with cotton.

George Holman went down  
the road Sunday night.

Frank Miles went to St. Louis  
last Saturday with cattle.

Frank Miles bought from  
Mrs. Spreen 9 fat cows at \$15

John B. Alvis spent last Sun-  
day in Goldthwaite the guest of  
friends.

G. G. Odom shipped 5 cars  
fat cows to Kansas City last  
week.

Conda Wylie spent last Sunday  
in Brownwood the guest of  
friends.

Sam Parks took a trip down  
to Talpa Saturday evening in  
the interest of the bank.

Alfred Lucket came in Satur-  
day from El Paso county to  
spend the Holidays with home  
folks.

Rector Thomson went to Austin  
Monday to visit relatives  
and look after some business  
matters.

Mrs. M. C. Cobb come in from  
San Angelo Monday afternoon  
and is spending a few days with  
her parents.

Roscoe DeMoville and Bob,  
Newman left last Saturday for  
Fort Worth to accept a position  
with Swift & Co.

Ward Moser, of Beaumont  
son of Col. D. P. Moser, of this  
city spent several days this  
week visiting home folks.

Garland & McKinney of Paint  
Rock shipped from Talpa 8 cars  
fat cows from Talpa to Kansas  
City last Saturday.

R. A. Hall came down from  
San Angelo last Saturday after-  
noon on business returning on  
the 12:40 train that night.

Miss McKinney, of San Saba,  
who has been the guest of Miss  
Clara Guion for the past two  
weeks left for home Sunday af-  
ter noon.

Presiding Elder Matthews, of  
Brownwood held his first quar-  
terly meeting here last Saturday  
and preached Sunday morning  
at 11 o'clock.

Rev. T. W. Phillips, Christian  
minister from Fort Worth who  
has been here the past week  
conducting a protracted meeting  
at the court house left Monday  
afternoon for his home.

Percy Moser left last Satur-  
day for Crawford where he will  
manage a lumber yard, we con-  
gratulate him in securing this  
desirable position and we feel  
sure he will fill it satisfactorily.

C. W. Duke, for a long time a  
citizen of Runnels county, left  
last Saturday, for Demmitt Cas-  
tro county to make his future  
home. We regret to lose Mr  
Duke from our county and we  
wish him much success in his  
new home and that he may soon  
become a cattle king in the pan-  
handle. The Banner-Leader will  
visit him regularly.

Between now and Jan. 1, 1903,  
we will mail each subscriber in  
arrears the amount due us on  
subscription and trust no one  
will be so sensitive as to become  
offended, and if you do we ask  
you to come and spend a week  
in our office and see the number  
of duns received by us and we  
feel sure you will take a sensible  
view and at the same time see  
the need of our action in this  
matter. We trust a liberal re-  
sponse will follow. In country  
newspaper business the bulk of  
our accounts are small ones and  
unless we collect these we suffer  
great inconvenience.

One day this week, one of our  
citizens walked into the hard-  
ware store of Hall Hardware Co.  
with a joint of stove pipe under  
his arm, and the obliging clerk,  
Tom Patterson, asked him what  
he was doing and in reply the  
citizen said, "I am arranging  
the heating apparatus in my  
domicile in such a manner, as to,  
in some slight measure, prevent  
the cold and wintry winds from  
too vigorously singing while I  
am seeking rest and recreation  
in sweet sleep and pleasant  
dreams. In other words, I am  
putting up a stove." Tom faint-  
ed.

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\$600 a year. See pp 28 and 38  
of their free catalogue.

Dave Gully, one of Belton's  
leading society young men spent  
Sunday in Ballinger the guest of  
lady friends.

J. E. Fancher and H. C. Wylie  
shipped 3 cars fat cows and  
Frank Miles 3 cars to St. Louis  
last Friday.

Tom Trail sold to Garland &  
McKinney of Paint Rock 205  
cows at \$15 per head last week.

Callan & Co., of Menardville,  
shipped 6 cars of fat cows to  
St. Louis last Saturday.

Jim Callan of Menardville  
bought of Joe Callan one car of  
fat cows at \$16.

**Pungent Paragraphs.**

No man looks at a girl's face  
first if she is riding a bicycle.

The less hair a woman has, the  
more time it seems to take to do  
it up.

Before marriage a man swears  
to love, after marriage he loves  
to swear.

Woman will never make a suc-  
cess in politics. It's too hard to  
reach her pocket.

Some lawyers think that it is  
more of a crime to confess a  
crime than it is to commit one.

The bass drum does not make  
much good music but it often  
drowns a lot of bad music.

The "Liberty Belles" allowed  
themselves liberties that made  
the house ring.

SHE—Sweetheart why do you  
delay in purchasing my Xmas  
gift?

HE—I am surprised that you  
should think I am so negligent.  
I have already made my selection  
at Jas. E. Brewer's to avoid the  
holiday rush and get the ad-  
vantage of choosing from a com-  
plete line.

It's pretty hard for a girl to  
play the piano and be hugged at  
the same time.

George—Sweetheart you are  
so cold and seem to have that  
far-away look in your eyes.

Mrs. Newlywed—I am think-  
ing darling.

George—Of what dearest?

Mrs. Newlywed—Oh those  
beautiful Diamond Brooches and  
Rings I saw at Brewer's, and  
wondering whether I will get  
one for Christmas.

Whenever laws are enacted  
that will abolish thirst then  
Prohibition will be a success.

He—Let's play solitaire.

She—Oh joy! I wear size 6 1/2  
and they have such beauties at  
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# 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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# Cost Sale

From now until the First day of January 1908 we will sell our entire stock of Dry Goods, Clothing Shoes, in fact everything we carry in stock except Groceries

## At actual Cost

Nothing will be reserved. We want to reduce our stock before January 1st, and we realize this is the only way. Our stock is complete in every Department—Come to see us. This is the GREATEST OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE EVER HAD to buy Goods at such prices. We mean what we say a

## Genuine Cost Sale

Positively no goods will be charged during this sale  
—We need the Cash—We cordially invite you to call and see us

# Jarmon & Dale

WINTERS, TEXAS

### Bargains in Real Estate.

No. 1. A good six room house, two galleries, two good wells, good stable, good fence around premises, one acre of ground situated in a desirable part of Ballinger, price \$1000.  
No. 2 A good 4 room house with two galleries, good well, stable and outhouses; situated in a convenient part of Ballinger, price \$900.  
No. 3. A three room house, two galleries, stable, good well, located in a desirable part of Ballinger; 4 acres of fine land in cultivation upon which improvements are situated. This place can be bought for \$600 cash or \$800 on time payment.  
No. 4. A good six-room dwelling, good picket fence around yard, water works, etc, two lots, price \$850. Easy terms.  
No. 5. A good 4 room house; good cistern, good stable and outhouses, water works. Near the business part of town. Price

\$700. \$4.50 cash, \$2.50 on time.  
No. 6. A good six-room house 3 acres of ground, good stable, windmill, irrigated garden and vineyard, underground cistern. situated in the suburbs of Ballinger. Price \$1600.  
No. 7. One hundred and six acre farm. Forty acres in cultivation. Seventy-five acres good valley land, balance good grass. Good three room house. Grainery. Schools and churches convenient. Price \$7 per acre.  
No. 8. A nice six-room residence with halls, galleries and servant's room. Rock wall cellar under servant house. Under ground cistern, water works, nice lawn, rock walks, trees and shrubbery, good barn, lots, poultry house, irrigated garden, peach orchard and other fruits, 4 lots, near the business part of town, one and one half blocks from post office, in fact all modern conveniences. Would make a nice comfortable home or

a nice location for a private boarding house. Improvements cost \$2000. Price \$1650. Terms made known on application. Would take nice, smooth cattle on trade at cash prices. For particulars call on Banner-Leader.  
9. A good 6-room dwelling, two galleries, halls etc. One lot. Good well. Located in the choicest residence portion of Ballinger. Price \$1000. Terms one-half cash, balance in two equal annual payments.  
No 10. 423 acres, all tillable land. 80 acres in cultivation. 2 good wells, one with windmill, both have unexhaustable water. Convenient to church, postoffice, and school. 17 miles from Ballinger. Price \$10.50 per acre. \$2500 cash, balance in two notes one and two years at 8 per cent. This is a rare bargain.  
From now on I will publish a list of real estate listed with me for sale and parties desiring quick sales would do well to consult me. C. P. SHEPHERD.

### Chapter of Accidents.

The morning Frisco, due here at 6:10 a. m., may come in any time during the next twenty-four hours from the time it was due. The cause of the delay is the wreck of a freight train this side of Granbury. The cause of the wreck is not known, tho' it is learned that five or six cars are derailed and the track torn up for nearly a hundred yards. So far as learned no one was hurt

LATER—We learn that the wreck occurred just this side of Dublin and that John Dee of Ft Worth was killed in the smashup. One or two others were injured, how badly could not be learned. Only two cars were derailed. The cause of the wreck is not known.

### JIM MCKINNEY INJURED.

About midnight Monday night Jim McInnis stepped into a seed conveyor at the oil mill and had his foot severely lacerated. A pile of seed under which there was a hole gave way, letting his foot into the conveyor. No serious injury was done tho' the wound is a painful one and will keep him in his room for some time.

### A RUNAWAY.

Third in the list is a runaway. Last night just before the west bound Santa Fe came in some mischievous or other kind of boys placed a long string of torpedoes on the track. A freight train rambled by and the rapid explosion of the torpedoes in succession was terrible—so much so that a team of cab horses that seldom frighten at anything, started off at full speed. The cab was soon overturned, the windows and one lamp smashed, a singletree broken and other minor injuries caused. The team finally became loosed from the cab and ran to the stable. It will be a good idea for the boys who put those torpedoes on the track to keep pretty quiet about this if they are not looking for trouble.

### GLASSWARE WRECK

A crowd attending a special sale at Broad's hardware store became deeply engrossed in the proceedings and leaned heavily against a rope attached to a section of shelving filled with glassware. There was a moment of inaction, then followed a heavy crash of glassware of all description, with considerable scrambling on the part of those under the shelf. One man was cut slightly on the head, another on the hand, and one or two others slightly injured. There was a deal of confusion, but after things had been straightened out and a big boxful of fragments picked up it was found that but little damage was done, as the glassware was fortunately of a cheap variety.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

### State and General News.

Admiral Dewey announces the organization of his mighty fleet. The peace concluded in Colombia is only a truce, as all the causes of the revolution remain without prospect of reform.

The importance to the whole country of the fight being made to stamp out the boll weevil is beginning to be realized at Washington.

Senator Morgan has proposed that the Philippines be used as a place for colonizing the blacks from the United States.

To a delegation of New Mexicans President Roosevelt frankly expressed his opposition to the admission of the Territory to Statehood.

Government experts report finding the boll weevil as far north as Denton county in Texas

The strike situation at Marshall is more serious. Socialists urge the labor men to start a revolution.

A bank robber was shot dead at De Kalb by a young man who had been called on to surrender.



# LOOK OUT

## Santa Is Coming

But before coming he will go to Asa Cordill for his selection of presents where he can have access to a stock of Jewelry that has not been picked over and offered at 1/2 price, but where he will find Cut Glass, watches jewelry in the latest

Before making your final purchases don't fail to see the most elegant line of Jewelry, Cut Glass, Toilet Articles ever offered to public in Runnels county

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#### SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:08 a. m.  
East-bound due at Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.  
East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

#### Wingate Items

Wingate is still improving. Mr. Allen is enlarging his dwelling. There is to be a box-supper at the school building Tuesday evening. Everybody cordially invited.

Our school closes Friday afternoon for a Christmas vacation of one week.

Mrs. Parish, who has been visiting her son at this place, has returned to Kentucky.

Our pastor, Rev. Bates, will preach here Sunday at eleven and again at night.

Miss Gertie Miller has gone to spend Christmas with relatives at Brownwood.

Mr. N. F. Smithson was in Ballinger this week on business.

Our Presiding Elder, Mr. Matthews, and Rev. Shuffler, of Ballinger, attended prayer service here on Wednesday evening.

Messrs. Street & Holshouser have in a line of Christmas goods.

After much investigation, ear-

nest inquiry, observation, etc., two of our most prosperous farmers, J. E. Hendry and H. A. Snively, arrived at the conclusion that Santa Claus could no where be found in a local option town, such as Wingate, therefore all of a sudden their teams became harnessed and with a few stirring words they were off and far down the road toward Ballinger. Since their return their faces are so overshadowed with gloom we fear the "Old Fellow" gave them the slip. Scriptor.

#### Fire Losses Adjusted.

W. G. Slaton, Independent adjuster, of Dallas, was here this week and settled claims caused by the recent fire as follows:

T. S. Lankford \$600 damages on building, \$683.35 damages on stock and \$50 on fixtures. Bowden Bros. \$1809.11 on stock. Jim Dancer, \$9.20 damages on fixtures. E. D. Walker, \$15 damage on front of building. J. F. Currie \$15 on same.

This was a prompt and satisfactory adjustment.

Will pasture 125 horses at 75c per head. ED DOZIER, Paint Rock, Texas.

The people of Nacogdoches are considerably stirred up over the continued spread smallpox.

#### Pat.

Pat. is in the dining hall. He's quite a favorite with us all; Tall and slender, spick and span, Catch him napping if you can.

Brings your breakfast, brings your dinner.

Waits alike on saint or sinner; Skips about the drummer's table just as fast as he is able.

Back again to steady boarders, Taking half a dozen orders; In the kitchen, wiping dishes, Meeting everybody's wishes.

Sometimes, I have heard it said, Even playing chambermaid; Sweeping, dusting, making beds, Straightening pillows at their heads.

If anything Pat could not do It would surprise both me and you. I know all this, because, you see, I board there at the Royaltee.

# CHRISTMAS

Well you would think so if you were to visit FANNIN & ROBERTS Drug store and see their Christmas goods. They have every thing from the cheapest to as expensive as you like. We have made a special effort to please the people in and around Winters this Christmas and we feel sure you will be pleased if you visit us. Watch our ad next week.

**Fannin & Roberts**  
**East Side Drug Store**  
WINTERS, TEXAS

Waco business men will aid the farmers in getting seed for the early planting.

#### Listen.

We will sell our entire stock of hats at cost, in order to make room for spring goods, and to keep a clean stock each season. MISSES LOLA & JENNIE LEWIS, At Winkler's Store

#### Differing Opinions as to Cancer.

The second report of the cancer committee to the Harvard medical school is published in the Journal of Medical Research. The enumeration of the principal conclusions of these investigations shows that the theory that cancer is caused by a parasite, in whatever form it may be stated, does not receive a trace of support. Thus the Boston investigators reach conclusions which are diametrically opposed to those of the Buffalo investigators headed by Gaylord and Park.

#### Now Watson's a Historian.

Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, once a famous People's Party leader, is under contract with the Macmillan Company to write a history of the United States, and is now engaged in getting the material together for the purpose of entering upon the task early this summer.

#### To The Public

We have purchased the wagon yard business heretofore run by A. S. Justice known as the Farmers Wagon Yard and will run in connection a livery and feed stable, we will have for hire first class teams and turn outs, feed of all kinds will be kept for sale. Our location is to the rear of F. J. Williams & Co's. lumber yard. Give us a share of your patronage. Yours for business,

**Smith & Gorum**

#### A Fire Insurance Policy with

# LEE MADDOX

Is just like a U. S. Bond in case of a loss. Liberal adjustment and quick settlement is the motto of the companies he represents.

Wishing you a merry Xmas and happy New Year

**LEE MADDOX**  
The Insurance Man  
BALLINGER, TEXAS



# You will be Happy

The receiver will be happy and I will not be sorry if you buy your Christmas presents from me and if you come and look through the nice Watches, Chains, Diamonds, Fine Clocks, Cut Glass, Silverware, Toilet Sets, Silver Novelties, Set Rings, Plain Rings, Baby Rings, Solid Gold and Gold Filled, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Chatelain Bags, Locketts and Chains and many other things, you will agree with me that you can do no better elsewhere, beauty, price and quality considered. I engrave them free and guarantee them just as represented. Come and buy and we will be happy. \* \* \* Yours for a merry Xmas.

## Jas. E. Brewer

There is Music in the Air  
For it is Christmas Time

### But How About The Christmas Menu?

Is it complete, have you every thing on it that is desirable and that will contribute to the completeness of your Christmas dinner? If not come to us. The banishing of your troubles in this particular is our pleasure and and we are fully equipped to do that very thing.

We are truly grateful for the very liberal parronage which the public has destowed on us. Since we have been in business in Ballinger, we have always endeavored to show our appreciation in a practical and substantial way which we trust has been recognized by our patronage.

We always exert every effort to supply our customers with the best the market affords and shall continue to do this in the future as in the past

## GODWIN & ALVIS

#### Gave Medicine to a Tree.

A curious example of superstition was made public the other day in the law courts of Berlin. A tree, growing opposite the gateway of a farmer, was noticed to be withering away. It was found that a deep hole had been bored in it, probably by some person who wished to kill it. As the tree somewhat incommoded the entrance to the farmer's house, he was charged with the deed and fined. He, however, appealed and succeeded in proving that the hole had been bored by some superstitious person who believed that, if illness attacks a household, it can be driven away by "burying" it in a healthy tree. A hole is bored in the tree, and all kinds of medicines are buried in the hole, which is then carefully stopped up, amid the singing of wierd incantations. This could have been done by any superstitious person in the neighborhood, the farmer pointed out. The judge acquitted him.

#### Hoar's View of It.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts was telling of the recent action of Governor Jeff Davis of Arkansas in pardoning a negro from the penitentiary on the condition that the negro should move to Massachusetts. "That was quite right and proper," said the senator. "As long as he was in jail and a criminal of course Massachusetts was not the place for him, although I would not say Arkansas was; but as soon as he was pardoned and freed from the stain of the crime and became a good citizen, then there is no state that offers so many advantages as Massachusetts."

#### Why Vienna Retires Early.

In Vienna every man's home is his dungeon from 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. the common entrance door of each block is closed and bolted. Thereafter persons passing in or out must pay a fine of 2d to the concierage until midnight, and 4d from that hour to 6 a. m. To go out to post a letter costs 2d, and the same amount to return. To prolong a visit to a friend after 10 p. m. means 2d to get out of his house and 2d more to tenter your own. A natural result of this irritating tax is that of all capital cities Vienna is earliest to bed.

### A Christmas Gift At Actual Cost

Thats what you can get at Mrs. Emma Godwins COST SALE and what could be more appropriate and sensible for a Xmas present, than a stylish hat for street or dress wear.

We offer until Jan. 1st, 1903, Hats marked \$8 for \$6 hats marked to sell at \$4.50 for \$2.75, hats marked \$5 for \$3.50. This is a genuine cost sale and we will prove it if you will call on us.

Mrs. EMMA GODWIN,  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

AT MRS. ALICE GREEN'S OLD STAND



### HOLIDAY HINTS

#### Early Xmas Selections

Are always most satisfactory because you get your choice of the many handsome gifts and you arrived the big holiday rush.

#### GIFT GOODS GALORE

HARDWARE, TINWARE  
STOVES, VEHICLES, etc  
Get our Xmas prices on them.

## Hall Hardware Company.....



#### Lion Coffee

is 16 ounces of pure coffee to the pound. Coated Coffees are only about 14 ounces of coffee and two ounces of eggs, glue, etc., of no value to you, but money in the pocket of the roaster. The sealed package insures uniform quality and freshness.

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

R. G. Erwin & Co will insure you in nothing but old line companies.

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

Everything in the saddle and harness line at Bob Shaffers.

Elgin and Waltham watches at J E Brewer's



# Compare It With Others

## Not A Cost Sale

## Nor a Removal Sale

Yours for Cash

# L. MARKOWITZ & BROTHER

Our prices are going to create a stir for never before has such offers been made to the people of Runnels county. We are offering our entire stock of clothing for sale to either merchants or retail at a price which can not be bought at wholesale cost. We especially ask

### Country merchants

To call and examine our stock of clothing. We are going to quit the ready made clothing line and must sell out before taking

### Inventory

to our retail trade we will say no matter what it costs us we will sell you clothing cheaper than any house in the west. All our goods will be cut prices. Call and see before you buy.

#### The School Land Question.

This is a question that will not directly affect Runnels county in the next legislature, but will be one of the leading issues when that body meets at Austin in January. For the benefit of our readers who perhaps do not know how our Honorable representative stands on the land question we publish the following from the Ozona Kicker of which he is the editor.

"The Kicker will at all times be found advocating those principles which it believes to be right. The biggest coward on earth is the fellow who gets on the fence and hasn't the moral courage to let people know how his pulse beats. We are strictly 'agin' the state violating the lease contracts she has made with certain of her citizens, and we are going to let it be known wherever the Kicker kicks. The policy of repudiation is, to our notion, an unjust and unwise policy. The state can hardly afford to set a precedent that by her laws she will not allow her citizens to follow. The stockmen who have leased school lands from the state of Texas for a term of years, and made improvements and large investments on the strength of said leases are entitled to full protection from the party of the first part to the very expiration of the leases. 'But,' the natural settlers says, 'the land belongs to the homeseeker; he alone is entitled to it. And then, too, the stockman isn't paying what it is worth.' A 'delusion and a snare!' The land belongs to the school children of Texas; it is for their education. The state owes no man a home save those who bared their bosoms to the shot and shell of Santa Anna's army of invasion. And

even if it is true that the stockman is paying less than the land is worth—though we doubt it—he is indeed paying all that it was worth when he found it lying here dormant, yielding not a dime for the education of our children. And again, who will say that E. M. Powell has a right to invalidate a lease contract that he has made with a citizen of Crockett county because he can do better? The truth of the business is this: The stockmen have come out here and wrested this waste from the coyote and the catwampus, and by sinking wells, building houses, etc., have made the lands very valuable. They are raising fine stock and are prosperous, and there are those who envy them and want something for nothing. But the Kicker will continue to say: "Nay, nay, Pauline!"

We admire the bravery in our new representative, if it does come at a late hour. He is very liberal in expressing his views since Nov. 4th, and no doubt the Paulines of this district see things differently now.—Ledger.

We are unable to determine whether our worthy contemporary approves or censures the doctrine laid down by the Kicker man, our present representative, or whether by implication he charges duplicity on the part of Mr. Hudspeth in pretending to favor the actual settler before the election because their vote was most numerous and then when his election is assured to take a different position on the school land question. Surely he did not mean to attack the position taken by the Kicker, that when a contract is made between the State and an individual for a term of years it would be right for the State to repudiate that contract before the expiration of

that term.

If such a precedent were set, what might we expect the result to be? Would not the integrity of the State be lowered, and would not outside capital be afraid to enter the state for investment? Suppose the State of Texas should make a contract with a corporation for 10 years and at the end of three years should decide it unprofitable to continue to fulfill the obligations of said contract and repudiate same would we approve or censure? The same underlying principal prevails in the lease contracts with the stockmen in West Texas.

It is true that it may retard the development of Western Texas from an agricultural point of view to allow these lease contracts to expire before throwing the land open for the actual settler, still if the state is compelled to repudiate contracts made in good faith and greatly to the damage of a large representation of our citizenship in order to develop the state from an agricultural standpoint, we say let her go undeveloped.

Now, if the Ledger means to attack Mr. Hudspeth's course of action while making his campaign, that's a different proposition. We never questioned him as to how he stood on the school land question during his campaign and hence are not in a position to say whether or not he has pretended to favor both sides of this question. The Ledger, perhaps, has information in their possession on that question we know nothing of and hence offer no comment on it.

C. H. Brosic and family and Mr. Brosic's mother will leave today for Belville, Galveston and Houston to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

#### 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 Railway 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 so 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.,  
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Prices Reasonable and good work rendered. All custom appreciated.

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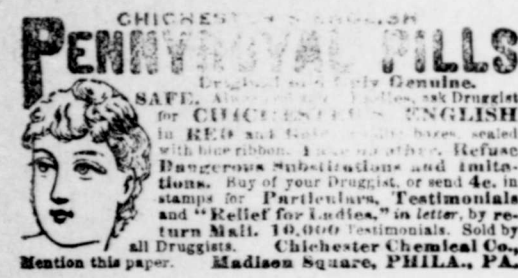
#### Now Ready.

A series of views consisting of 14 different photos of and around Ballinger, river, etc. Put up in neat book form, average size of views 3½ to 4½. Just the thing to send to friends away for Xmas. See them at our gallery. See sample or leave orders at J. E. Brewer's.

Greenwood & Osteen,  
Photographers.

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**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.



I have had occasion to use your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and am pleased to say that I never used anything for stock that gave half as good satisfaction. I heartily recommend it to all owners of stock.

J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.

Sick stock or poultry should not eat cheap stock food any more than sick persons should expect to be cared by food. When your stock and poultry are sick give them medicine. Don't stuff them with worthless stock foods. Unload the bowels and stir up the torpid liver and the animal will be cured, if it be possible to cure it. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine unloads the bowels and stirs up the torpid liver. It cures every malady of stock if taken in time. Secure a 25-cent can of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and it will pay for itself ten times over. Horses work better. Cows give more milk. Hogs gain flesh. And hens lay more eggs. It solves the problem of making as much blood, flesh and energy as possible out of the smallest amount of food consumed. Buy a can from your dealer.

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

Old papers for sale at this office 20cts 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 on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, eighty seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

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

### 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.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, wife of the Federal military hero, died Sunday night at 11:17 o'clock.

### Boils 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.

The Pacific cable was successfully landed at San Francisco. It was christened by a little girl, as follows: "In memory of John W. Mackay, I christen the Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness."

### 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.

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.

Senator Gallinger, answering the criticism of Dr. Keen of Philadelphia, asks a few plain questions and states that he is not opposed to vivisection, humanely practiced, in cases of urgent necessity.

### 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.

The tariff bill, which passed third reading in the reichstag is aimed chiefly at the United States, and threats of a tariff war are openly made by members of the majority.

### 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 came 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.

Mexico's finance minister admits that the economical situation of the republic is confronted by a serious danger in the fall of silver.

### 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 strengthens the lungs. E. D. Walker.

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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.

The mine workers continue to present their side of the strike controversy at Scranton.

### 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 for a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

### The Biggest

Commercial and shorthand school in the South is Tyler College, Tyler, Tex. Write for large free catalogue.

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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.

Two "Latter Day Saints" divines have been touring Runnels county the past ten days scattering their literature and preaching where they could find an opportunity. Whether or not they mentioned polygamy we did not learn. They generally wait until they get their doctrine well fastened in a community before they mention this phase of their doctrine.

### A Serious Problem.

The proposition of fighting the mail order houses is one that confronts every business man, for it threatens great loss to the retail man in all parts of Texas. Notwithstanding the fact that an inferior quality of goods is obtained and a great many times equally as large a price is paid, yet there is something in their glaring advertisements that is catchy and attracts a great deal of trade that legitimately belongs to the retail merchant and this in a measure reduces his profits and takes the money out of their home towns. The real way for the retail man to meet this question successfully is to fight it with its own weapon, viz: Sell for cash and use good newspaper advertising and plenty of it.

### You Get

In Tyler College, Tyler, Tex., the famous Byrne shorthand taught by its author in 8 to 12 weeks with speed of 150 words to the minute or no charge. You get a business not a theory course. See pp 13-14 of big free catalogue.

### 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.

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, 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.

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### 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 Dec 12, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised stating date of this list.

Hanz, Chas.  
Nichols, T. A. (2)  
Wilson, G. R.

### Jack Nichols Tread by Wolves.

One night this week Jack Nichols, who resides about 9 miles west of Ballinger, was disturbed by the howling of wolves about his premises about 8 o'clock. Jack called his dogs and proceeded to try to scare the wolves or coyotes away, but while Jack was urging his dogs to take hold of them they got between him and the house and tread Jack on the fence. He yelled for his wife to assist him and she immediately procured a light and came to his rescue. As soon as the little animals saw the light they scampered away and the joke seems to be on Jack, for while he resided in Milam county he served as convict guard, chosen to fill the position on account of his nerve and bravery but since this little incident he disclaims any right to the above mentioned qualities, as he has run across something in West Texas that makes him lose his nerve, and when a man once loses his nerve he is never safe in a trying position. It's Jack's time to set 'em up.

### Winters News.

(Too late for last week).

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of the K of P lodge last Thursday night: W. H. Mullin, C. C.; Dr. F. Tinkle, V. C.; J. H. Rotramel, K. of R. and S.; T. S. Crowder, M. W.; C. Woodrow, M. A.; L. E. Jarmon, P.; L. O. Jarmon, I. G.; B. Gee, O. G.; Dr. Craddock, Trustee; J. Whit Patterson, D. G. L.; T. A. Fannin, D. G. C.

Bro. Finch of the Christian faith preached at the school house Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Fitzhugh preached at the church Sunday at 11 and Sunday night.

The W. of W. had a Feast Royal at the Hall Monday night. J. Speer, J. W. Dale and T. S. Crowder were the orators of the occasion.

There was a show at the school house Tuesday night.

Mr. B. Porch has gone to Oklahoma this week prospecting. The school received a number of new desks this week.

Mr. L. Maddox of Ballinger was seen in Winters this week.

J. W. Dale sold his old stand to Mr. Smiley who will go into the Mercantile business at Winters soon.

Winters is soon to have a dentist. Dr. Hicks, of Tenn., is here making arrangements for same.

A concert will be given some time during Xmas week for the library, by the school and Miss Landreth's music class.

Everybody get ready for the Christmas tree.

School is moving along nicely. The following have helped our library this week. Dr. Tinkle \$1.00; Will Avery, 50cts, Miss Linnie Hunter 25cts.

Local Holiday Excursions: Local Holiday Excursion rates on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31st, 1902, and Jan. 1st 1903 limited to Jan. 3rd, 1903 for final return.

### Si Simmons at a Ball.

"Yes, I went to the fandango an' I seed more o' human natur' o' the female persuasion than I ever seed in my hull life. I was a passin' the new opery house and I seed a car o' folks goin' up the steps, an' a feller says to me, 'Mr. Simmons wont you walk up? The bong tongs of the town is givin' a ball,' says ne. Well, I had to stay in town so I went erlong.

"When we got into the big hall the lights wus all a blazin' and the music wus jest humpin' itself. I looked on fur full a minute afore I could speak. I wus rale dumfounded.

"The gals wus jest orful purty, Jerushy I'll 'low that, and the young men wus dressed to kill, and, Jerushy, as they skipped about the floor they made me think o' them long green bugs we used to call 'Devil's ridin' hosses.' They twisted thar necks jest that erway. An' them gals! Why, ole woman, they didn't have no more sleeves on thar arms than a newborn baby, an' thar dresses wus that low down on thar backs an' on thar— a—thar a—shoulders that I felt the blood tinglin' up in my ole face fur very shame. I thought once ole Si hed got into the wrong box, but then I seed married men and thar wives thar, that I knowed must be all right, and you know a feller likes to look at purty gals no matter how ole he is.

"Why didn't they finish dressin' afore they left home?" says I 'Aint they goin' to kiver up directly?"

"Not much' says the feller I come with, 'They are all in ball costume,' says he.

"A good deal o' ball an' mighty little costume,' says I.

Oh, that's all right. It's the fashion you know,' says he.

"I hev hearn that twas the fashion in Mother Eve's time,' says I, 'but I didn't know it hilt on till yit.'

"Thar's my waltz,' says he. 'Excuse me.'

"He went up to a purty gal an' spoke to her, an' they walked out on the floor, an' as sure as I'm settin' here if that imperdent feller didn't slap his arm squar round that gal's waist. Jerushy, I couldn't stan' by and see any gal treated that way an' I jest hauled back to knock that feller's hand clean off, when somebody ketched hold o' me and says, 'What the dickens are you goin' to do?'

"Don't you see that feller?" says I. 'If nobody else don't perfect that gal, by all the fish in Bitter Creek I will.'

"They are only dancin' you old hayseed,' says he. 'I tell ye the gal ain't sufferin', she likes it. Look at the rest of 'em,' says he.

"Wall, I looked aroun' an' I seed 'em fellers a huggin' them gals like all possessed. They tuck out their handkerchers and spread them on the gals' backs— fur all the world like them porous plasters you wear fur the rheumatism—an' thar they went, 'roun and roun' bendin' over the gals, an' the gals a hangin' over thar shoulders like petticoats on a close line till I got plum dizzy a lookin' at 'em. I never seed sich doin's afore.

"Why, Jerushy, it like to a skeered me to death when we wus a courtin' that time I up and kissed you in the cow pen you reck'lect, the time the red heffer jumped and turned all the milk over, an' I know we wus married three weeks afore I dast give you a good old

fashioned squeeze. Times is shorely changed some way. It seems as if this telegraph and 'lectricity hes got into every-thing.

"The feller I went in with didn't come back, an' as I didn't know how to hug to music myself, I got tired lookin' on and went out and laid down in the waggin and slept till daylight.

"Thar's that soap and starch an' ten yards o' calico you wanted. I may be an old foggy, but I must say I don't like huggin' when its permiscous."

SI SIMMONS,  
Of Cat Claw Creek.

### THE DALLAS NEWS

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The News will always be found true to principal and thoroughly independent. It will not be the organ of any combination or clique, but will be conducted upon such lines as shall best redound to the prosperity of the whole people.

The tens of thousands of readers and patrons who have made it possible for The News to accomplish so much in the past are tendered the warmest thanks and their continued favor and patronage is solicited, with the assurance that every effort will be made to maintain the position of The News in the leading rank of clean journalism.

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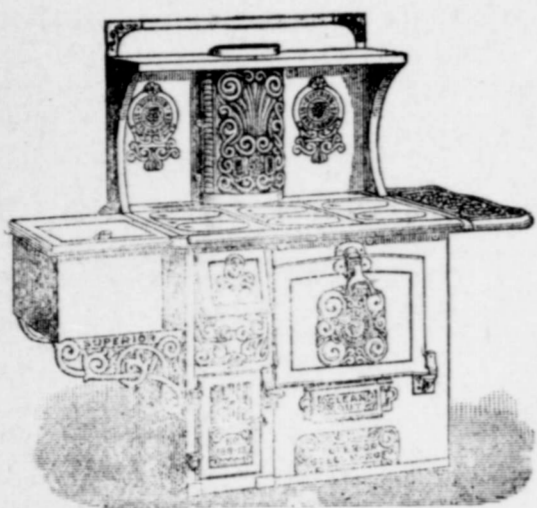
Costs Only 25 cents at Druggists, or mail 25 cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., ST. LOUIS, MO. Office of D. H. HARDY, Secretary of State, AUSTIN, TEX., Nov. 21, 1902. I have found Dr. Moffett's TEETHINA a splendid remedy and aid for my teething children. When my eldest boy was a teething child, every succeeding day warned us that we would inevitably lose him. I happened upon TEETHINA, and began at once administering it to him, and his improvement was marked in 24 hours, and from that day on he recuperated. I have constantly kept it and used it since with my children, and have taken great pleasure in sounding its praises to all mothers of young children. I found it irrefragable even after the teething period was passed. MRS. D. H. HARDY.



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**December 25th, 1902**

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# F. J. WILLIAMS & COMPANY

J. H. Hendry of Wingate, was trading here Monday.

Cal Proctor and wife of Norton were trading in Ballinger Wednesday.

Joe Wilmeth and Will Penn spent Wednesday in San Angelo on business.

Tobe Edwards, of Content, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. S. Griggs went to Gatesville Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives.

John Hoffer, Max Lange and Frank Schroeter spent last Sunday very pleasantly with Frank Heulcher.

Tom and Arthur Trail left last Wednesday afternoon for Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with relatives.

J. A. Grimes, one of Maverick's substantial farmers, went to Belton Wednesday to spend the holidays with his brother of that city.

Pickens Butler is spending the week with home folks while he recovers from a severe cold. He has been breaking out of Temple for the past 3 months.

J. L. Foster who for the past year has resided on the Rosner place on coyote creek left last Tuesday for Fulton, Kentucky his old home where he owns a small farm, to make his future home.

### On Road to Recovery.

Crosson Miller, the boy who was crushed between cars in the Southern Pacific yards, Saturday afternoon, is at the infirmary and doing well. He is out of danger and will be able to be moved to his father's home, Mr. C. R. Miller, 3518 Travis street in a few days.—Houston Post.

We were indeed sorry to learn of the above accident and are glad that it is not more serious. Crosson was for two years a pupil of the editor and as such was an especially bright and diligent boy and we trust he will soon recover and resume his old position.

N. F. Smithson, Wingate's efficient blacksmith and wheelwright, was trading in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Smithson had the misfortune to have his ankle crushed in September and has been confined to his room since, this being his first trip out since the accident.

Miss Nell Butler left Wednesday for an extended trip, she will visit Brownwood, Tyler, Jackson, Miss., and several other points and will return about April 1st.

Mrs. W. R. Spencer left Wednesday for Brownwood to visit her brother, Howard Pickens and from there she will visit Galveston before her return.

J. W. Chilton went down to Brownwood Wednesday on business.

C. C. Thomas and Dr. C. A. McBeth, a leading insurance man and physician of Miles, spent a few hours in Ballinger Saturday on business.

### The Ladies Bazaar.

The Bazaar given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church at A. H. Van Pelt's residence Friday night was quite a success both financially and socially. Quite a large crowd attended and expressed themselves as well pleased with the endless variety of nice and appropriate presents suitable for Christmas. Several musical features were on the program, rendered by local talent which added to the entertainment.

We did not learn the proceeds but understand it was very satisfactory.

If your shoes need repairing go to Bob Shaffers.

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

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THE OLD RELIABLE



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

C. O. Harris went to Dallas Wednesday afternoon to accompany his daughter May home for the holidays.

G. G. Odom and daughter Miss Edna spent several days this week in San Angelo the guest of Mrs. C. A. Daily.

Jack Parramore came in from Abilene this week and is spending a few days with his brother Hugh of this place.

Mrs. Cross Baker came in Thursday morning to spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Francis Mae Cady of this city.

Dr. A. J. Marberry came over from San Angelo Thursday to assist Drs. Halley & Love perform an operation on A. J. Smith of Runnels.

#### An Arc Light.

It was suggested to us this week that an arc light 2000 candle power be placed at the intersection of 8th St. and Hutchings avenue and remove three of the small lights at 7th, 8th and 9th streets. The arc light would cost \$10.00 less \$3.75 the reduction by removing the 3 small lights or an additional cost of \$6.25 per month. This would be a great advantage to the city as it could be swung high enough that the light would be sufficient all over the business portion of the city and would add very greatly to the appearance of the city. We suggest that the City Council of Commercial Club take hold of this matter and see what can be done.

#### S. N. Allison Dead.

S. N. Allison, one of Runnels county's oldest and most respected citizens died here Wednesday.

Mr. Allison was formerly a resident of Williamson county, and moved to this county several years ago and bought a large tract of land 10 miles west of Ballinger on which he has resided since.

He had been a sufferer from a cancer several months and visited a number of specialists and health resorts but the grim monster death claimed him as her own.

His remains were laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Thursday at 4 p. m. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Caperton at the cemetery.

We extend sympathy to sorrowing relatives and friends.

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.

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

#### DAVID BRIN KILLED.

Leading Merchant in Waxahachie Found Dead in His Room.

David Brin, manager of the Brin Dry Goods Company of Waxahachie and prominent in the dry goods business in that city for the last twenty-five years, killed himself there Monday.

He was at his usual place of business as usual that morning and left the store about 12:30 to go home to dinner. After reaching home he went into the parlor and locked the door. A shot was heard and he was found with a bullet from a revolver through his brain.

An empty laudanum vial was found in the room, and it is supposed he took the poison before shooting himself.

Mr. David Brin is a cousin of our fellow-townsmen, Sam Brin, to whom his death came as a great shock, he not knowing it until reading of it in the Dallas News.

Mr. Brin states that his cousin having several years ago made \$50,000 or \$60,000 embarked in Dallas on too large a scale and failed. This so affected him then that he came near losing his mind, while his wife did, and is at present in a private St. Louis hospital.

Mr. Sam Brin saw his cousin in New York not long since when he went to market. There is no doubt that in a state of temporary insanity Mr. David Brin took his own life.

Mr. Brin has our sympathy in this loss.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

A story is going the rounds that a certain young man who has a foolish fondness for the "gentler sex" evolved the idea of making a date with a certain Ballinger lady so he proceeded to write a note, but before receiving an answer to said note he began the preparation of his toilet and went to the barber shop thinking of course everything would be all right. But the "best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley." While getting his shave he seemed to be unusually buoyant and continuously hummed, "I'll be all smiles to-night love." After having his preparations, consisting of paint, powder and a posy pinned on the lapel of his coat, completed, he started out of the barber shop, walking erect and jollying the boys, but just as he started to leave he met the boy he had sent the note by with an answer. It read: "Dear — please excuse me." His demeanor suddenly changed, his temperature fell 20 degrees and the last seen of him he was walking up the street looking for Dr. Fowler's office and claiming he had a severe attack of cramp colic and he was gently humming to himself "Home Sweet Home."

The supper given by the ladies of the Christian church in the R. A. Hall building was quite a success. We did not learn what the proceeds were but they sold about 2000 oysters which was all they had.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson and daughter, Miss Amelia, left Friday afternoon for Moody, Texas, where they will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Adrienne Truly came in Friday afternoon from Concho county where she has been teaching. She will spend the holidays with home folks.

# Xmas Suggestions

A last word about Christmas Gifts. Christmas is just a little over a week away, and if you have not made your selection let me advise you to do so now while the stocks are more complete. My stock contains many useful and appropriate Xmas presents. Such as the following:

Ladies Jackets and Plush Capes, Ladies Ready Made Silk Waists, Silk Waist Patterns in Wool and Silk and Wool Novelties, Skirt Patterns, Initial Silk Handkerchiefs in white and colored, a large line of Smyrna and Wilton Velvet Rugs, Fine Damask Table Cloths, all wool and half wool Carpets

All at prices within the reach of every one come and look over the line and see whether we can not find something you want.

## H. WINKLER

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

I am pleased to say that the Christmas presents sold by me up-to-date have been of the very best goods. I am always glad to sell the best. It guarantees satisfaction to me and my customers also.

#### ASA CORDILL.

Mrs. W. E. Odom and two children came in from Ardmore, Indian Territory, last Thursday night, where they have been spending several weeks visiting relatives and friends. Will has ceased to wear that lonesome, woe-be-gone, bachelor look since his wife's arrival.

J. F. Mansker, of South Ballinger, will leave today for Gallatin, Tenn., to visit his old home. It has been 13 years since Mr. Mansker has been to this old home.

Protect your dear ones by investing \$3.00 in the Friend-In-Need Society for a Christmas present. The best local insurance ever offered to the public.

All barber shops in the city will close Christmas day. Parties desiring work call on Wednesday.

Ed Zurcher and wife, nee Miss Minnie Wilke, of Brenham, are the guests of J. H. Wilke and family at present.

Fine line of souvenir spoons and novelties at Asa Cordill's.

Howdy Santa Claus! Headquarters at Pearce's Drug Store

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

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Old Sugar Valley, Philadelphia Club or Old Coon Hollow Whiskies

## BUT

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Yours for a Merry Xmas.

## Andrew Hall

G. M. Miller, of Wingate, was trading in Ballinger Thursday.

Bob and Ab Gannaway brought cotton in from Wingate Thursday.

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