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day December 27 that his brother-  
in-law, Henry Ransom, had  
suddenly died of heart failure in  
Fort Worth, and he took that  
afternoon's train for Fort Worth  
together with Mrs Ransom, wife  
of deceased, and accompanied  
the remains to Ballinger for  
interment on Sunday, but on  
account of failing to make con-  
nections at Brownwood were de-  
layed 24 hours there and did not  
reach Ballinger until Tuesday  
morning.

Funeral services were con-  
ducted at the Methodist church  
by Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh after  
which his remains were interred  
in the Ballinger cemetery attend-  
ed by a large concourse of rela-  
tives and friends, under the  
auspices of the Masonic fratern-  
ity.

We extend sympathy to be-  
reaved relatives and friends.

#### Resolution of Respect.

To Worshipful Master, Wardens  
and Brothers of Ballinger  
lodge No 643, A. F. & A. M.

Whereas on the day of Dec-  
ember A. D. 1902 it pleased  
Almighty God through His in-  
scrutable wisdom remove  
from our midst our brother A.  
J. Smith, therefore  
ed by Ballinger loc

#### F. & A. M.

1st. That in the death of our  
esteemed brother humanity has  
lost a friend, the country a good  
citizen and a true man, the ma-  
sonic fraternity a valiant and  
faithful member.

2nd. We as individuals knew  
him as a neighbor and friend,  
but as a lodge we were bound to  
him by closer ties, as fellow-  
laborers of the same cause; we  
therefore feel a particular grief,  
and claim the privilege of special  
mourning, and abide the hope  
that his example, his worth, his  
manliness, his rugged honesty,  
true sympathy, and ever ready  
heart and hand has blazed out a  
pathway here on earth which  
shall be as a beacon light for us  
all to follow and to emulate to  
the uttermost ends of our feeble  
efforts.

3rd. While his going from  
us opens the springs of our  
grief, yet that grief is but a  
phantom, as compared to the  
grief of his heart stricken fam-  
ily and relatives, which must  
know no bounds, but as a sooth-  
ing solace, so far as we can, we  
offer this our tribute to his de-  
parted memory, and more, if  
possible to those he left behind  
of his family and frienes, and  
extend to them such comfort as  
may be gathered from the know-  
ledge of a life well spent, a char-  
acter well burnished, and a  
ration for that

home beyond the clouds.

4th. As a further mark  
tribute, that we wear the c  
mary badge of mourning  
thirty days, and assign a page i  
our minute book for the perpet-  
uation of his memory among  
men and masons.

5th. That the secretary of  
this lodge transmit to his fam-  
ily a copy of these resolutions, to-  
gether with the customary cer-  
tificate of his membership  
among us.

H. A. Thomson,  
George Milliken,  
C H. Willingham,  
Committee

#### Resolution of Respect.

January 7th, 1903.

Whereas the Great Sovereign  
of Universe did on the 26th day  
of December, 1902, see proper  
to call from our forest to his  
home beyond Sovereign W. E.  
Eskridge, therefore be it resolv-  
ed that in the death of sovereign  
Eskridge Ballinger Camp W. O.  
W. has lost a true and tried  
Woodman, the city a valued citi-  
zen, the wife a loving husband,  
the children a kind and indul-  
gent father. Further resolved  
that a copy of this be published  
in the Ballinger papers.

W. M. Wright  
F. T. Rather  
B. F. C  
G. W.

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**A Divorce Petition-Extraordinary.**  
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the district Court within and or Allen County, Kansas, Sherman L. Foote, Plaintiff, Lizzie D. Foote, Defendant.  
**PETITION.**  
I, the plaintiff to the court of justice bearing his burden of sorrow and woe which he lays down before the court and the Woolsacks

**I.**  
He declares with solemn truth that he has been for more than one year last past an actual resident in good faith of the State of Kansas whose valiant sons swam the Bag bag; that state pointed out by all the world as being the deserted home of Carrie Nation and Mary Ellen Lease; and that he is now a resident of Ten County, said state, where the roar of the natural gas wells and the whistle of great manufacturing furnaces have become as familiar to its inhabitants as were the croaking of frogs to the people of Posey county, Indiana, in the days of "Auld Lang Syne."

**II.**  
It was "back east" in that grand old state of Ohio that has given birth to many statesmen and politicians. It was long years ago and in the sultry summer time, when the dog fennel blossomed in the lane and the wood pecker pecked his peck on the decaying trunk of the hollow Sycamore tree. It was at the "spring" neath the hill close by the spreading beech, a youth and maiden met and meeting, loved, and loving, in troth.  
**III.**  
The ser

the melancholy days had come, the saddest of the year, with their wailing winds, naked woods and meadows brown and sere," that same youth and maiden met again at the forks of the road, where the hazel bush and the sumac grew and the ground squirrel burrowed in the ground unscared. But instead of meeting and parting as lovers are wont to do they met and parted in anger.

**IV.**  
The youth who is now the plaintiff in this action, some time afterward married another girl and went to housekeeping in his native State of Ohio, and the maiden, who is the defendant in this action, married another man by the name of Walker, who walked her, so to speak, to the state of Texas. But it seems that God did not join them together, for a man, who was a judge, put them asunder—They were divorced. Not being satisfied with past matrimonial experience she married another man, whose name this plaintiff does not now remember, and lived with him for a time in Washington, D. C. This union proved as much for him. He died.

After the days of mourning had passed she for the third, but not last time, married another man by the name of Baker, who hailed from the blue grass regions of Kentucky, famous for their good whiskey, fast horses, and pretty women. After their bonds of matrimony had been sealed by the sanction of the law, they turned their faces towards the setting sun and finally got their things together and went to housekeeping beneath the Italian skies of California. Even the midst

sweet scented orange blossoms they could not hide from the death angel, for he invaded their home and touching Baker with his icy hand, he was not.  
As the fruits of the second marriage she had born unto her two children a son and a daughter. The latter is now married and living in California.

**V.**  
In early manhood the plaintiff kneeled at the feet of Aesculapius, and learned the art of healing. After he had perfected himself in his profession by reading and practice he had a severe attack of what was known in those days in the east as the "Kansas fever," for which there was no cure except to immigrate into the state from which it derived its name, so he came and settled at Argentine where he and his first wife lived in conjugal bliss until June 6th, 1899, when her spirit left its tenement of clay and passed gently, peacefully out into the boundless realms of eternity. This misfortune left this plaintiff, at the age of seventy-two years, all alone in a cold, unfriendly world "with no one to love, none to caress." Learning that the defendant still lived in California, plaintiff began to recall incidents of bygone days and sitting under "the dreamland tree" with closed eyes he saw again that Ohio youth making love to the maiden at the spring close by the spreading beech. His blood became warm with desire and he resolved to seek his long lost love, so he straightway sent a message across the plains and over the mountains to her from whom he had parted in anger on that day long ago. With cease he awaited the mail for a reply.

**VI.**  
At the time of said marriage the plaintiff enjoyed a large and extensive practice in his profession of physician and surgeon. His acquaintance extended far and wide and he counted some of the most eminent statesmen of the time among his personal friends. Such men as Hon. John J. Ingalls were his confidants.

**VII.**  
Some time after this marriage the discovery and development of natural gas in Allen county, drew the plaintiff hither to enjoy one of the rarest gifts of God to man in the material world. On his arrival here the wonderful growth of Gas City caused him to locate there where he is still living and is engaged in the

He had not long to wait, for soon an answer, penned by the hand once plighted to him, came in a tinted envelope sweetly perfumed with the scent of roses. This was the beginning of the second courtship. Back and forth the missives flew borne on cupid's wings until the smoldering spark of love in the hearts that had been estranged was fanned into a flame, and the defendant with maidenly modesty and not to appear overbold, planned a visit to Sea Breeze, Florida, that would necessarily take her through Kansas City where she hoped to meet her ardent lover. Her hopes were not in vain. They met. And, figuratively speaking she fell upon the plaintiff's neck and insisted upon an immediate marriage. Being only a man like Adam in the Garden of Eden, he took of the apple offered him by Eve, and did eat. They were married on the 16th day of September, 1900.

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very warm in his eulogistic re-  
marks on President Roosevelt.

practice of his profession.

**VIII.**

But alas for the rarity of any  
bliss in a marriage like this. Al-  
though the plaintiff has always  
demeaned himself toward the  
defendant as a true, faithful and  
loving husband, yet the de-  
fendant disregarding all of her  
marital duties, obligations and  
vows has been guilty of extreme  
cruelty toward the plaintiff in  
this, to-wit:

1st. Within less than three  
weeks after said marriage he  
discovered that his pathway was  
to be strewn with thorns in-  
stead of flowers; that he had  
been "hugging the" delusive  
phantom of hope," instead of a  
lovely woman; and that instead  
of the defendant having a dis-  
position as sweet as honey and  
the honey-comb which she af-  
fected before their marriage, it  
was as sour as vinegar and as  
bitter as wormwood and gall.  
She had grown cold, cross,  
crabbed, fault-finding, morose,  
stubborn, exacting and hard to  
please. Like every other indi-  
vidual who can not recognize a  
good thing when he sees it, she  
began to rail at him about Kan-  
sas and everything pertaining  
to it; not content with baying at  
the brightest star that shines in  
our diadem of states, she began  
nagging at the plaintiff about  
everything. Instead of calling  
him by those endearing names  
known only to the vocabulary of  
the newly wed and that mark  
the period of the honey moon,  
she addressed him as "bigot,  
backnumber, loafer, idiot, crank  
fool, tyrant, no gentleman, filthy,  
low, indecent" and "the most  
unkindest cut of all," she called  
him "Old Curmudgeon." Not  
only in the privacy of their bri-  
dled chamber did she call him  
these names, but publicly and  
in the presence of friends and  
neighbors, to his great mortifi-  
cation, humiliation and shame.  
Not being satisfied with this,  
she wrote and also caused others  
to write scurrilous letters to her  
daughter in California, villifying  
the plaintiff and trying to fish  
from him his good name.

2nd. It has been said that  
woman is given unto man as a  
helpmate; that when at the altar  
she voluntarily takes upon her-  
self the matrimonial vows and  
observes the sacred rites or-  
dained by the Divine Father,  
she not only contracts to "love,  
honor and obey," but to wash,  
cook and sew and to perform all  
the other duties pertaining to  
good housekeeping to the end  
that the husband may have com-  
fort and peace. These things  
the defendant failed and refused  
to do although enjoying good  
health and possessing a strong  
and vigorous constitution for  
one of her age,—a maiden of 68  
summers.

3rd. Although not an epicu-  
rean in the strict sense of the  
term, the plaintiff always was  
delighted to have as many of the  
good things of this world to eat,  
as his means would allow of, or  
the market afford. In fact dur-  
ing all of his married life, both  
with his first wife as well as  
with his present one, he procur-  
ed and kept on hand a bountiful  
supply of wholesome food. But  
the defendant, with stubborn  
pertinacity and to show her utter  
disregard for his comfort re-  
fused to cook the food furnished  
and to prepare it for the table.  
When gently remonstrated with  
by the plaintiff for such gross  
neglect of duty, the defendant  
would add insult to injury by  
declaring there was no food in  
the house, notwithstanding

what John the Revelator said in  
the Book of Revelations, Chapter  
XXI. verse 8.

On one occasion when the  
question of butter was the theme  
under discussion, the plaintiff to  
appease his appetite rather than  
to oppose the defendant and to  
teach her on which side her  
bread was buttered, went to the  
cupboard and brought forth  
some butter; it was fresh and  
not strong enough to come alone  
as some butter might. The  
sight of this butter seemed to  
have the same effect on the de-  
fendant as the sight of a red rag  
is said to have on a mad bull, for  
she sprang to her feet with the  
agility of a prize-fighter and  
with spirks of anger flashing  
from both her eyes, and thrust-  
ing the index finger of her hand  
in plaintiff's face in a threaten-  
ing manner, exclaimed in a loud  
and angry tone of voice. "If I  
had a gun I would shoot you on  
the spot." On other occasions  
she has threatened to kill plain-  
tiff and to do him great bodily  
harm and he feels he is in great  
danger of these threats being  
carried out.

4th. Unmindful of the time  
of her girlhood when she at-  
tended the country school, and  
forgetting that familiar "copy"  
the teacher used to set, namely,  
"Evil communications corrupt  
good manners," the defendant,  
since said marriage, has been in  
the habit of visiting disreputable  
places and associating with vile  
characters to the utter shame,  
humiliation and disgrace of the  
plaintiff, and when he objected  
to such conduct on her part she  
would reply, "I will go where I  
damn please and you cannot help  
yourself."

5th. Plaintiff avers that he  
has always put his trust in God,  
and at all times his faith in the  
"Life everlasting" has been well  
founded. On the contrary the  
defendant does not believe there  
is a God nor that there is a  
heaven or a hell. She is a sen-  
sualist both in faith and practice.  
Often when plaintiff would talk  
to her about her soul's salvation  
and try to point out to her the  
way to heaven she would say,  
without tremor of voice or blush  
of shame, that the nearest heav-  
en she ever got or ever expected  
to get was when enjoying the  
sensual pleasures of life, know-  
ing full well that such an ex-  
pression caused plaintiff to suffer  
great distress of mind and an-  
guish of soul.

6th. Christ declared while  
ministering here on earth, that  
"A house divided against itself  
can not stand." The house of  
the plaintiff and defendant is  
hopelessly divided not only on  
religion but on politics as well.  
He is a true, loyal, law-abiding  
American citizen, while she is  
an anarchist, socialist and free  
lover, and since their said mar-  
riage she has continuously tor-  
mented and annoyed him, not  
only by trying to impress upon  
him her own views upon these  
subjects, but by subscribing to  
and having about their house  
newspapers and other literature  
that advocated and tried to teach  
such pernicious doctrines.

**IX.**

In consequence of the acts of  
cruelty on the part of the de-  
fendant toward the plaintiff,  
herein specifically enumerated,  
as well as many others not set  
forth, the legitimate ends of  
their matrimonial venture have  
been defeated; plaintiff has been  
caused great suffering both of  
body and mind; his health has  
been destroyed; his busi-  
ness ruined; his home broken up;  
he is left in his declining ye-

all alone with no companionship  
to cheer him on his way, no  
sympathetic soul to pour out  
upon him its soothing balm and  
no fond heart to beat in unison  
with his own, for the defendant  
without any just cause therefor  
has left the plaintiff's bed and  
board, taking with her nearly all  
of his earthly possessions, his  
household furniture, his valu-  
able papers and other articles of  
virtu, of priceless value to him,  
among which was an autograph  
letter from the Hon. John James  
Ingalls, and a fine specimen of  
tape worm seventy-four feet  
and two inches long.

Wherefore: The plaintiff hum-  
bly prays judgment that the  
bonds of matrimony heretofore  
existing between him and the  
defendant be dissolved, set aside  
and held for naught; that he be  
forever divorced from the de-  
fendant on account of her fault  
as hereinbefore set forth; that  
he be decreed to be the owner  
and entitled to the possession of  
all the personal property and  
other articles mentioned in the  
foregoing petition, including  
said tape worm; that he recover  
his costs herein in this behalf  
expended and that he have such  
other and further relief as to  
the Court, in equity and good  
conscience, shall seem meet.

Thompson & Thompson,  
Attorneys for plaintiff,  
Iola, Kansas.

Jewel Wylie and Walter Allen  
left Sunday, the former for Wax-  
ahachie and the latter for Dallas  
to resume school duties.

Rev. Dobbs, of Tennessee, oc-  
cupied the pulpit at the First  
Presbyterian church last Sun-  
day morning and night.

Miss May Harris accompanied  
by her father left Sunday for  
Dallas to resume school duties  
in St Mary's College of that city.

Robert Massey, after spend-  
ing vacation with home folks,  
left Saturday for Dallas to fur-  
ther pursue his business course  
in the Metropolitan Business  
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### Wingate Items.

Mr. W. P. Hawkins, who sometime ago sold his property here to Mr. Allen, is now erecting a new residence in our village. We are glad to have such men as Mr. Hawkins to remain in our midst.

Bro. Hicks, the Content missionary, preached at this place Tuesday evening last.

Some of our young men spent Monday in Abilene chatting with the jockeys of that place.

Two latter day saints were visiting in our community during the first of the week. Don't think they met with much success.

Bro. Sullivan filled his regular appointment here last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Brown made a business trip to the capital city this week.

Farmers are still gathering cotton this pretty weather.

Scriptor.

### Dale-Bright.

A happy event in the way of a wedding occurred at Content Wednesday Dec. 31st, in which J. W. Dale of Winters and Miss Carrie Bright of Content, were united in marriage. L. A. Dale, brother of the groom, of Abilene, officiating.

The ceremony was performed at 3:30 in the afternoon and they immediately left for Winters where a sumptuous supper awaited them. Many valuable presents were received by this worthy young couple.

Mr. Dale is a prominent young business man of Winters, being a partner in the mercantile firm of Jarmon & Dale, and also fills the position of commissioner and justice of the peace of his precinct.

Miss Bright is the daughter of M. C. Bright, one of Runnels county's most substantial citizens, and by her sweet amiable disposition enjoys a large circle of friends who wish her much joy as the wife of Mr. Dale.

The Banner-Leader extends congratulations and wishes for this worthy young couple a long, prosperous and happy life.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler, wife and son Ralph came in from Temple, Oklahoma, where they have been on an extended visit.

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### Miller Abstract Co. Incorporated.

It has been current gossip on our streets for some time that the old and well known abstract business of Chas. S. Miller would be incorporated at an early date. On inquiry at his office, we were informed that this is true and that Articles of Incorporation had been filed and a Charter applied for with Chas. S. Miller, R. L. Bennett and S. Prentiss Gregg as incorporators, and their formal announcement would appear next week. In anticipation of the same, it is with pleasure we note the formation of this company, as it will solidify, strengthen and perpetuate what is the oldest establishment of its character in the county; having been founded in 1878, before Runnels county was organized.

Much can be said of the gentlemen composing the personnel of the new corporation. Chas. S. Miller came here with the railroad and was on the ground when the town of Ballinger was created, and immediately took up his proper place in the front rank of Ballinger's business men, which position he has always maintained and still maintains. For the past eleven years he has been engaged in the real estate and abstract business, in which he has been successful. Being one of our most up-to-date ranchmen, as well as vice president of a prominent bank, he is well known as a business man of ability, responsibility, integrity and financial standing.

R. L. Bennett came to Ballinger in 1889, and in 1890 began his schooling in the land business under the able tutelage of that mighty hustler, D. C. Underwood, and since then has been engaged the greater part of his time in this character of business. As an abstracter, his careful, painstaking, and conscientious fidelity to the records, the neatness of his work, together with his clear, clean cut and easily legible penmanship, have made him many friends, especially among the legal fraternity under whose immediate inspection his abstracts naturally pass, and one of the leading members of this bar has said, "If you want your work done right, and done neatly, take it to Bennett."

S. Prentiss Gregg is the junior member, and is by no means an unimportant acquisition. Entering the office of Mr. Miller in his boyhood, he has by his diligence, perseverance and fidelity advanced himself to the junior membership. Having spent years in the office, he is perfectly familiar with the details of the business and office routine. Bright, energetic and thoroughly qualified, his talents will do much to advance the interests of the new corporation, for which we predict a bright future.

### Died.

T. C. Beard departed this life Friday, Jan. 2. He was only ill a few days. Some time ago he was lifting on some stone and ruptured himself which finally resulted in his death. His remains were interred in the Ballinger cemetery. Runnels county had no better citizen than Mr. Beard. We join the bereaved family in their grief.

Someone carried off an overcoat from Miller Mercantile Co. yesterday by mistake or otherwise. Please return same or no questions will be asked.

# GREETING

At the beginning of the New Year, I wish to thank all my friends for their very liberal patronage since I have been in business and hope by fair and honest treatment, to greatly increase my business during the coming year, and to this end I need YOUR HELP. I aim to sell only the BEST QUALITY, and all I ask is fair, living profit, and one price to all. A child can buy as cheap here as anyone. We invite you in to see us, and can assure you we will do all we can to make you a regular customer.

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### Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS } To the sheriff or any constable of Runnels County--greeting:  
You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Runnels, if there is a newspaper published in such county, (but if not then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published) for three weeks previous to the return day hereof, you Summon all persons interested in the persons and estates of Iola, Rubie, Pearl, James and Joe Green, minors, to be and appear before the Hon. County Court at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Runnels at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1903, the same being the 2nd day of said month, File Number being 86, then and there to answer the application filed by Mrs. R. A. Green for approval of her final report and for a discharge as guardian filed in said Court on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1902, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

That at February term 1897 she was appointed by this Court Guardian of the persons and estates of said minors, that she erroneously caused to be inventoried as belonging to the estate of said minors Lot No 4 in Block No 39, in Ballinger, Texas, when in truth and in fact same was her separate estate, that on May 7th, 1897 she procured an order of sale from this court to sell said property and that in pursuance of said order she sold the same for the sum of \$225 which she alleges was a fair valuation for same, the title to said lot being defective; that said sum of \$225 has long since been expended by said guardian in the education and maintenance of said minors. She alleges that even if she be mistaken as to said property being her separate estate then in any event the same was the community estate of herself and her deceased husband W. T. Green and said minors only entitled to one half of same, and she avers that same has long since been consumed as aforesaid, and she respectfully represents that said minors have not now any estate whatever nor had they any estate at time of institution of this guardianship; and she further shows that she is the mother of said minors and their natural guardian and no necessity exists for this guardianship and she prays that same be closed and she discharged. She has accompanied her application for discharge by her final report duly verified and same will be heard on Feb 2nd, 1903, at the Court House of said county in the county court at which time all persons interested in the persons and estates of said minors may appear and contest said final report and application for discharge.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ,

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## AN OBJECT LESSON.

The Friend-In-Need Society of Runnels county has had its charter and has been regularly organized for business a little less than one month. One of the first persons to see in and appreciate its importance and value to the citizens of the county and to secure membership in the Society was W. E. Eskridge of Ballinger. Although a comparatively young man and seemingly in the best of health, he was one of the first to join. Mr. Eskridge was taken suddenly and seriously ill on Christmas morning. At six o'clock on the evening of the next day he was dead. As soon as the bank opened next morning, Dec. 27th, the trustees of the society presented Mrs. Eskridge \$119 in cash, there being at that time just 119 members of the Society. The money was received by her in time to pay funeral expenses, if it had been needed for that purpose.

Don't you think your family, too, deserve the protection the Society offers. We now have 160 members. We hope to make up the 550 in a few weeks. Help us do it.

B. B. STONE, President. L. MARKOWITZ, Secretary

you executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court in Ballinger this 24 day of November A. D. 1902. with your return thereon showing how Attest: W. L. TOWNER, Clerk County Court Runnels county, Texas.

## The Public

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 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.

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The following parties attended the grand ball at San Angelo given by the ladies of that city: Misses Maud Erwin, Clara and Neil Guion, Minnie Guion Fran-

cis, Kate Thomson, Adele Underwood, and Messrs. J. R. Casey, Conda Wylie, Alfred Luckett and Geo. Holman.

#### Resolution of Respect.

To Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brothers of Ballinger lodge No 643 A. F. & A. M.

Whereas, Almighty God in His merciful providence, has removed from the cares and troubles of a transitory existence to a state of eternal duration, our esteemed Brother and Fellow-laborer, W. E. Eskridge, thus weakening the ties that bind us together;

And, whereas, our long and intimate association with him in the labors of this Lodge had taught us to prize him for worthy character, leaving to us in his taking away a sense of serious loss, therefore

Resolved:—That we bow in meek submission to the supreme will of the great Creator in this, His unfathomable providence

Resolved:—That the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members of this Lodge and to the community at large a loss irreparable.

Resolved:—That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him, who doeth all things well.

Resolved:—That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge, a copy printed in the local paper and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

J. J. Erwin,  
Jo Wilmeth,  
J. V. Pearce,  
Committee.

#### Resolution of Respect.

Ballinger, Tex., Jan. 6, 1903. To Jack McGregor, Esq., Worshipful Master, and members of Ballinger Lodge No. 643, A. F. & A. M.

Brothers, we your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of brother Henry A. Ransome, respectfully submit the following resolutions as our report:

Whereas, Almighty God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from us our brother, H. O. Ransom, formerly a member of the Ballinger lodge, be it resolved

1st. That in the death of Bro. Ransom, we have lost a man of good impulses, a generous, wholesouled, kindhearted brother; a man whose purse was always ready to relieve the wants of those in distress; a man kind to his wife and little boy; one who stricken down in the prime of life, had his life been spared could have done much to relieve the cares and troubles of humanity. May his soul rest in peace and may the mantle of charity cover any defects in his life and may we only honor and remember him for the good deeds he did.

2nd. Resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the lodge and that his family be furnished a copy of the same.

J. J. Erwin,  
T. T. Crosson,  
C. C. F. Blanchard,  
Committee.

#### At the Cradle.

Born to Jas. E. Brewer and wife last Tuesday a fine boy. Mother and babe doing well. Jim will hardly speak to a common man since his arrival.

Born to Rob Gillian and wife a fine boy Wednesday, Dec. 31. Bob says he's a democrat.

Born to Dan Gill and wife a fine boy Tuesday morning, mother and baby doing well.

A fine boy arrived at Ben Stone's home Thursday. B. B. is not practicing law now.

Don't buy cheap john stuff to build with but buy the best. You can get it at the Ballinger Lumber Co's establishment.

Miss Adele Underwood returned from Brownwood after a ten days visit to the Misses Parks.

When you build buy the best. The Ballinger Lumber Co will supply you.

#### 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. Grain ery. 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. Underground 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.

No. 11. 640 acres, 25 miles of Ballinger, 1 mile from Wingate on Valley Creek. 500 acres in cultivation, 3 improvements; All good land held at \$10 per acre, half cash, reasonable payments.

No. 12. 160 acres creek valley land; 50 acres in cultivation. Good two room house; good storm house 16x17; plenty of everlasting water 3 good springs; plenty of timber; land all fenced with 3 wire fence; field fence separate with 3 wires; 2 miles and half north east of Winters; three fourths of a mile from good school. Price \$10 per acre; half cash, balance 1, 2, 3 or 4 years, or to suit the purchaser if sold soon.

No. 13. 200 acres timber land 1 miles from Corsicana, fine well, suitable for cultivation

when timber is cut off. Will sell or trade for residence property in Ballinger. Call on Banner-Leader.

14. 3000 acres one mile north of Talpa; about 800 acres tillable; 2 small farms on place, one house; good well and windmill with 5000 gallon cistern; plenty of stock water and good protection. Price \$5.50 per acre. 1/4 cash, balance to suit purchaser. Farms adjoining this land are selling from \$12.50 to \$15 per acre.

15. 1044 acres near Lawn in Taylor county, Texas, two-thirds good farm land, all fine grass land, 55 acres in cultivation. Lasting stock water on creek that runs across the place. Plenty of mesquite wood to run the place. Two good plank lots, 50 foot shed 3 acres fenced with net wire for orchard and garden New \$1200 house. \$8.00 per acre. All cash but \$1350.

16. 640 acres, 5 miles south of Talpa. Good 3 room house and new good corral. Plenty of lasting water, but small field in cultivation, very little farm land on this section. Price \$4.25 per acre, easy terms.

17. 1280 acres, 3 miles south of Talpa, good frame house, good underground cistern, good windmill at spring 200 yards from house with system of water works which furnishes water for a surface tank at Corral also. A 1500 gal on cistern in yard for watering shrubbery. Plenty of stock water and good protection. Small field in cultivation. Price \$4.50 per acre.

18. 1820 acres 3 miles N. E. of Talpa on the Talpa and Glen Cove road. 100 acres in cultivation 75 acres more adjoining can be tilled. 3 good wells, one windmill. 9 room house. 2 rent houses. About half of the land timber and half prairie. \$5 per acre. \$5,000 cash, balance in 1, 2 or 3 years or 5 per cent discount for balance cash

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.

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The lands lying in this pasture owned by Mr. Hugh Lewis will be offered for sale just as soon as we make an inspection of the same and classify and price them. As Mr. Lewis controls lease of some odd sections in the pasture for about two years longer, in selling his own land he will also turn over his lease of some of these lands with the lands sold by him as shall hereafter be agreed to with the purchaser. For purchase price and terms of said lands apply to

The CHAS. S. MILLER CO.,  
Ballinger, Texas

The following from one of our exchanges expresses our sentiments exactly:

We have never made a practice of prying through the windows of the homes of our citizens to find out the news. We ask our friends for items and if they fail to tell us what they know they have no right to complain if we do not mention any particular matter and they have no right to question our sincerity. The poorer and more friendless a person is the more our sympathies are aroused. If we fail to note the illness of such a one it is because some one who knows of it lacks thoughtfulness and sympathy to disclose fact. We tell all the news we can find out, eschewing personalities and family affairs

**Obituary.**

On Dec. 16, 1902, the death angel visited the home of one of Runnels county's most respected citizens and took from it the husband, father and son, A. J. Smith. He was a husband loving and true, a father devoted and kind, a son noble and deserving, a Masou in its highest meaning. He leaves a wife and eight children, an aged father, two sisters, and two brothers. All that human skill and loving hands could do proved fruitless in giving relief and death claimed him as her own. Three children have gone before to greet him on that beautiful shore. Grieve not dear ones. He has sailed over life's surging sea and passed death's chilly blast and is now at rest with sweet babes gone before. May God bless and comfort the grief stricken family

Gone but not forgotten,  
Thy memory liveth still,  
Thy life taught many lessons,  
Of God's Holy Will.  
His Nièce.

**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.

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The importance of the soda cracker as an article of daily consumption, made this worthy of extraordinary effort. True, many people laughed at the idea of so much thought—time—labor—capital, being devoted to a soda cracker. But the greatest industries of the greatest country in the world have been developed from smaller things than a soda cracker, and so it seemed worth while to make the best soda cracker that could be made and to place it on the table as good as it had been made.

To do the first required the selection of the best materials, of the best equipment, the highest skill. To do the second upset all traditions. The oldest bakers said there was no way to keep a soda cracker good.

That no one expected it any way. That people were satisfied to eat them stale, as they had been in the habit of doing. And so it fell to the lot of younger minds to do this unheard of thing—to keep a soda cracker good until eaten.

The result was the creation of the In-er-seal Package with red and white seal. An invention that kept out the air, moisture, dust germs, that first retained the natural flavor of the biscuit, keeping it crisp and fresh until it reached the table, and so **Uneeda Biscuit** became a reality. The little thing that seemed hardly worth while became a great thing that seemed hardly possible.

To-day over 300,000,000 packages have been consumed by the thoughtful people of this country and the demand is ever increasing.

That is the story of **Uneeda Biscuit**. Some day we will tell it over again for the benefit of those who are still "satisfied" with the stale and broken crackers that come in a paper bag, when they can get **Uneeda Biscuit** whole, fresh, and clean.

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**A Good Position Free of Cost.** is secured for those who take a business and shorthand course in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas. This is the largest commercial and shorthand school in the South. Large catalogue free.

**Lewis Wardlaw.** Saturday, Dec. 27, Lewis Wardlaw took the examination for admission to the bar and passed a fine examination. Lewis is now principal of the E. J. school but will be in practice of law as soon as school term closes at Elgin, Tex. We predict for him much success.

**The Best New Year Resolution** for a young person to make is to enter Tyler College, Tyler, Tex., for the opening of the mid-winter term, Monday, Jan. 5, 1903. It may be the turning point in your life as it has been with so many others. A course here more than thrifbles one's earning capacity and usefulness and costs about half that of a business and shorthand course in most schools.

**R. A. Ritchie,** of Palestine, spent the holidays with his friend Thad Thomson of this place. They are schoolmates in the University.

Harry Scott had business in Coleman the first of the week.

Jim Miller, one of Wingate's substantial stock farmers, was in Ballinger Monday.

Dan VanPel and Geo. W. Inan spent a few hours in Coleman Sunday the guests of fair ones.

J. H. Miller purchased the Chilton stock of goods for 67½ cents and has taken charge of same.

Thad Thomson, after spending his vacation with home folks left Monday for Austin to resume his studies at the University. Thad is a sophomore in the B. S. course.

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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.

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Indigestion is often caused by over-eating. An eminent authority says the harm done thus exceeds that from 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.

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Norman, Ark., May 25, 1901.  
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Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va. she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania has stated there will be an extra session of congress if the Statehood bill is not passed.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D. Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first rising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which is very hard to dislodge; but a small dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, will at once dislodge it and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons, needing a medicine for throat or lung troubles." Price 25c, 50c, 1.00 bottle at E. D. Walker's Druggist

The republicans have filed contest proceedings against every democratic member of the Colorado senate.

**IF UNWELL**

Try a 50c bottle of Herbine, notice the improvement speedily effected in your Appetite Energy and Vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from Indigestion and Debility! Isaac Story, Ava, Mo., writes, Sept. 10th, 1900 "I was in bad health, I had stomach trouble for 12 months, also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed Herbine, it cured me in two weeks. I can't recommend it too highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by E. D. Volker Druggist.

The Louisiana cane crop is below the average, but it is better than expected.

**The Secret Of A Long Life.**

Consists in keeping all the main organs of the body in healthy regular action, and in quickly destroying deadly disease germs. Electric Bitters regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys purify the blood, and give a splendid appetite. They work wonders in curing Kidney troubles, Female Complaints, Nervous Diseases, Constipation, Dyspepsia, and Malaria. Vigorous health and strength always follow their use. Only 50c, guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist.

Three English medical experts have just taken prizes for essays going to prove that consumption is curable.

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During a sudden and terrible attack of croup our little girl was unconscious from strangulation says A. L. Spafford, postmaster Chester Mich., and a dose of One Minute Cough Cure was administered and repeated often. It reduced the swelling and inflammation, cut the mucus and shortly after the child was resting easy and speedily recovered. It cures Coughs Colds, La Grippe and all Throat and Lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure lingers in the throat and chest and enables the lungs to contribute pure health-giving oxygen to the blood. Sold by E. D. Walker.

**Finds way to live long.**

The startling announcement of a Discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downe of Chnrbusco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for Coughs, Colds and Grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread Pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and certain." J. Y. Pearce will guarantee every 50c and 1.00 bottle, and gives trial bottles free.

The Washington government is somewhat concerned over the outlook in China, where the powers have given notice that the indemnity will not be received in silver.

**One Hundred Dollars A Box**

is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summeaton, S. C. places on De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years, I tried doctors and medicines but all failed except De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding itching and protruding piles, sores cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Germany's exhibit at the St. Louis fair will be principally devoted to the empire's educational system.

**A Scientific Discovery**

Kodol does for the stomach that which it is unable to do for itself, even when but slightly disordered or overloaded. Kodol supplies the natural juices of digestion and does the work of the stomach relaxing the nervous tension, while the inflamed muscles of that organ are allowed to rest and heal. Kodol digests what you eat and enables the stomach and digestive organs to transform all food into rich, red blood. Sold by E. D. Walker.

The lack of power of the king of England is shown in an article in the Spectator.

**Now Is The Accepted Time**

to get an education, and Tyler College, Tyler, Texas, is the place. The famous Byrne shorthand is taught there by author and five assistants in 5 months time with a speed of 150 words to the minute or no charge. Write for 124 page catalogue free and note pages 14 and 25.

The government of Mexico has decided to break up the wheat ring, which has reduced the size of the loaves the poorer classes buy.

**Best Liniment On Earth**

Henry D. Baldwin, Supt. City Water Works, Shullsburg Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth. 25c, 50c, 1.00 bottle at E. D. Walker's drug store.

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If your blood is impure, thin diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer carbuncles, eating sores scrofula eczema, itching, risings and lumps, scabby and pimpy skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time, B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, and strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co. Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

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On Fish Creek, near Wingate, 640 acres of land known as Noah Smithwick survey, No. 452. Will lease for one or three years straight, not subject to sale. Apply to CHAS. S. MILLER, Ballinger, Texas.

**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.

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Temple Hoffer left Tuesday for Bryan to resume school duties.

C. S. Woodward shipped a car of horses to Columbia, Tenn., last week.

Judge Willingham recently sold to W. L. McAulay the Dallas place on Oak Creek.

A grand ball is to be given January 9th at San Angelo by the young ladies of the town.

L. A. Bedford of Winters was trading here Wednesday and while in town remembered us.

R. L. Bennett and wife spent last Saturday at Miles, the guests of Mr. Bennet's mother.

Pickens Butler left Tuesday afternoon for Temple to resume duty as brakeman on the Santa Fe.

Miss Edna Odom came in Tuesday night from Fort Worth where she has been visiting for the past ten days.

Will Mullin, one of Winters' business men was in town Tuesday and while here left a couple of "punks" with us.

Attorney Brown, of the law firm of Brown & Toland of Coleman, spent Monday and Tuesday here on legal business.

C. H. Willingham traded his 200 acre farm in South Ballinger to Antonio Lapoor for his 320 acre tract on Little Concho.

W. G. Lykes, one of Content's substantial citizens, spent Wednesday in Ballinger and while here enrolled with the Banner Leader.

R. C. and John Tillery, two former citizens of Runnels county but who now reside in Concho county, were trading in Ballinger Tuesday.

The wills of J. G. Williams, S. N. Allison and M. R. S. Allison were offered for probate in this county since our last issue by Judge Powell as attorney.

It was reported in our last issue that Hoffer had purchased Abney's interest in their partnership business, which was an error. Abney purchased Hoffer's interest.

John Hoffer has purchased the livery business heretofore owned and operated by John H. Webb. Mr. Hoffer is a hustling business man and we predict success for him.

The Ballinger Commercial Club is hereby notified that the 2nd Tuesday in January is regular quarterly meeting day and all members are requested to attend at opera house at 3 p. m. next Tuesday. J. W. Powell.

The regular preaching services will be held at the C. P. church next Sunday at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 at night. The pastor will occupy the pulpit. The public is cordially invited.

**Card of Thanks.**

Ballinger, Texas, Jan. 6, 1903.  
 To my friends and patrons;

On retiring from the livery business in Ballinger I take this means of extending my thanks to the citizens and especially the business men of Ballinger for favors and courtesies shown me while in business. My business relations have been pleasant as well as my stay among the good people of this community. While my actions have not been free from mistakes yet I was willing to make amends at all times to anyone I may have mistreated.

I ask that the same courtesy be extended to my successor, Mr. Hoffer, as was shown me.

JOHN H. WEBB

**Notice of Dissolution.**

The copartnership heretofore existing between John Hoffer and F. P. Abney, doing a retail grocery business in Ballinger, under the firm name and style of Hoffer & Abney, has this day dissolved by mutual consent. F. P. Abney succeeding to the business and is authorized to collect and receipt for all accounts due, and will pay all obligations owing by the firm.

JOHN HOFFER,  
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**For Sale.**

The Ballinger Electric Light plant. Machinery all new and first class. A good chance for some man to operate a paying business. My reason for wanting to sell is that other lines of business require my time and attention. For terms and particulars call on or write

W. J. MILLER,  
 Ballinger, Texas.

**Notice.**

Parties holding vendor loan notes on farm or ranch property and desiring to sell same for cash can do so by calling on me.

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Julius E. Urbanthoe will fill the pulpit at the German Methodist church next Sunday morning at 10:30 and 2:30 in the afternoon.

The Bible Class being conducted at the C. P. church meets next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock for the first lesson of the third month's work.

Geo. Milliken shipped a fine driving horse to Jesse Cane at Rodgers, Texas, last week.

J. W. Powell left Tuesday for Sweetwater on legal business, and will be gone all week.

Currie and Adams recently shipped a car of mules to Waxahachie.

*We will continue to handle the Live Oak brand of flour, finding nothing as good.*  
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Mid-winter carnival, El Paso, Texas. Round trip rate \$24.75. Dates of sale Jan. 10, 11 and 12.

Southwestern Retail Saddlery Convention, San Antonio, Texas. Convention rates. Sell Jan. 11.

Fifth Annual Convention National Live Stock Ass'n, Kansas City, Mo. One fare plus \$2.00 for round trip. Dates of sale Jan. 11th and 12th.

Annual Convention Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Ass'n of lumber dealers, Kansas City, Mo., one fare for round trip. Sell Jan. 25 and 26.

**Will Eskridge.**

Many sad and sudden deaths have occurred in Ballinger out perhaps none more sad than that of W. F. Eskridge. Well and hardy on the 24th day of December and assisting in weighing a large amount of cotton on that day. The next day about 11 a. m. he was taken suddenly ill and before 5 o'clock December 26th he was a corpse.

All that skilled physicians and loving friends could do to save him was done, but the icy hand of death decreed that his earthly career should end. Dr. Marberry was called over from San Angelo but did not reach his bedside until he was almost dead.

He was a member of the Baptist church of this city and has led an exemplary Christian life during his residence here. He was a member of three orders, Masons, K. of P. and W. O. W.

His remains were interred in the Ballinger cemetery Sunday, December 28, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

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