

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, NOV 7, 1903

NO 4

We are Prepared to meet the Demands for the occasion and save you money

Look Out for Cold Weather

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D. REEDER



New Trimmings just received. * * * * *

Wingate News.

First we want to correct a mistake we made on cotton as to the amount of bales our gin had turned out. It was 1000 bales instead of 2000.

The potato reports get better Mr. John Gannaway dug two potatoes each weighing ten pounds Dr. Wyatt and Mr. Holsehouser got some that weighed seven pounds.

School started Monday with a very good attendance considering the amount of cotton that is yet in the patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gannaway have a new boy at their house.

Mrs. Gibson and little Blanche Son are visiting relatives at this place.

J. E. Henry and family visited on Oak Creek Saturday and Sunday.

Places to rent seems to be a scarce article. Some of the boys think so any way. Any one wishing to rent land will please advertise in the Wingate News.

Several of the New Hope girls visited the millinery department at Wingate Saturday.

Mr. Moore went to Hylton Sunday to fill his regular appointment.

Mr. Glen of Hylton was on our streets Saturday. He came over

to meet his brother from Bell county.

The young people of Wingate have a special invitation to attend the big supper at the county line school house Friday night. Think all are going anticipating a good time.

Mr. John McKown and lady were visiting at Wingate Sunday.

Mrs. John Loveless gave the young people a singing Sunday night. A large crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy the singing very much, especially the duet and quartette.

Mr. Bob Allen has purchased a new buggy. Look out girls!

Mr. Cornelius has recently purchased a new horse and buggy.

Miss Ursula Gannaway went to Fallinger Sunday where she will enter school. We regret Miss Gannaway leaving.

Mr. George Miller and lady visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harter Sunday.

Mr. Jim Miller sold a bunch of horses this week to the horse-buyers.

S. S. McNay shipped a car of horses to Arkansas a few weeks ago.

Miss Etzel Moore looks and feels better we guess since her stock of hats has been found. The freighter lost all of them Saturday. "Guess he was sleep" as he lost them soon after leaving town.

Every one is looking and listening for an other wedding. This will be about the eighth couple that has married since Christmas. We are getting scarce of girls

A word to our boys on the tobacco evil. One of the greatest curses our boys encounter is the tobacco curse. Millions and millions of cigarettes are made and sold each year. They little think how death is lurking in the cigarette, and before they see their danger they are where they cannot help themselves; they are stunted in body, weakened in mind, weakened in will and bound in chains. We want our young friends to let these poisonous things alone, and we are

sure if they do they will not be sorry. Many have repented that they ever learned to smoke; nobody is sorry for letting tobacco alone. Some have tried to quit and failed again and again. Let those who are entangled get clear, and let those who are clear keep clear.

Dr. Grant, of Winters, was in consultation with Dr. Wyatt Tuesday, as to Miss Holsehouser who has been sick some five weeks of fever, and they think she has pneumonia now.

"Routh."

News From Miles.

After an absence of two or three weeks we will again try and give a few dots from Miles.

Our town is still growing. Five or six new buildings going up now and several more to start up as soon as the carpenters can get to them.

Dr. McBeth moved into his new residence on the west side Monday.

Cotton is still coming in fast. About 1500 bales have been ginned up to date.

Rev. Allan filled his last regular appointment at the M. E church Sunday. His many friends here hope to have him back on this circuit.

J. P. Spence of Brown county was visiting and transacting business here the first part of the week.

T. M. Curry returned Wednesday from Waxahachie after a short stay at that place. Mr. Paul of Waxahachie returned with him and will probably located here in the near future.

Miss Nellie Green returned to her home in Brownwood Tuesday after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives near Miles.

Dr. Ellison went on a visit to San Angelo Thursday.

E. L. Stephens completed his new business house on Robinson street this week.

Dr. Taylor of Rio Grande a few days ago.

Amount of cotton received up to Friday noon of this week, 8,000 bales. It is still rolling in at the rate of over 200 bales daily and estimates of the entire number of bales that will be received this season in this market, range from 12000 to 15000 bales, which considering the price paid this year will leave a big lot of money in this section. It is now selling at from 10 to 10 1/2c.

The editor of the Banner Leader compliments Miss "Routh" on her newsy letter this week and hopes that she will continue the good work. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our correspondents to give us the news.

R. F. Echols sold this week to D. A. Cameron, the ten acre tract known as the old Maddox place.

W. R. Spencer was in Austin this week on legal business.

Have your watch repaired by Asa Cordill.

Judge Powell went up to Miles Friday for pleasure and profit.

John Norman, of Paint Rock, was here this week on business.

Among the Ballinger Attorneys who courted at Paint Rock this week, we note B. B. Stone and John I. Guion

We notice in the San Angelo Press of this week that ex-District Judge Woodward, of Coleman, has formed a partnership with Judge Garland of San Angelo and will move to that city from Coleman.

Dr. Halley received this week direct from St. Louis a brand new set of buggy wheels for his buggy and when the Doctor goes down the street behind his fast trotting sorrel he attracts wide attention.

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That our business has steadily increased from year to year until we are receiving shipments of cotton from every county in the State and the Territories where cotton is cultivated.

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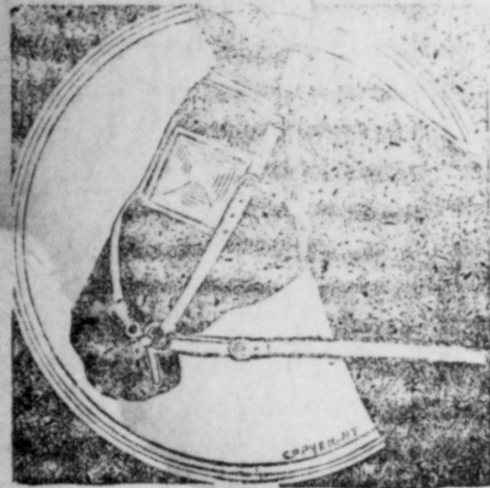
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Yours truly
GEO. HAYDEN

Virginia is preparing a statute of Robt. E. Lee to place in America's Hall of Fame. The law permits each state to place in the Hall two statues without restriction and Virginia will place the statues of Lee and Washington. Of course the G. A. R. continues to cuss and fume on account of Lee's statue being placed there but it will be done nevertheless. Doubtless those little fellows belonging to the G. A. R. believe it best to do their fighting since the war by their mouths. Of course, not all the members are protesting especially those fellows who respect a brave man they have met in battle. As time heals the scars of that conflict, Lee's name will stand out greater and greater as one of the world's sublimest and best characters.

Compare price with price and quality with quality. This is all we ask you to do to find the reason why you should trade at Bob Shaffers.

If you have never traded at the Fair give us a trial and you will be one of our regular customers. 8th St.

Cordill has the war... his prices.

November 26th is designated by the President as Thanksgiving Day. So far this editor has not been able to "swipe" a turkey.

United States Senator Bailey has obtained judgment for \$159,153 against Southwestern Oil Company for work done as an attorney for the company.

Isaac W. Morton of the Simmons hardware company, Saint Louis, after amassing a fortune of \$2,500,000, took his own life to escape the pain and misery brought on by overwork. His remains were incinerated at his request.

All but seven districts in Taylor county levy special taxes for public school purposes. We doubt whether another county in Texas could show as good a record. It is certainly a good index as to the character and enterprise of the people living in that county.

The Confederate pension department of the comptroller's office on the 1st made the pension apportionment for the October and January quarters, and this is larger than it has ever been. The pension warrants for the old soldiers will call for \$9.50 as against \$7.50 for the past two quarters. There are approximately 7,000 pensioners on the rolls, and the amount necessary to cash the first quarter pension warrants will be in the neighborhood of \$66,500.

Things Have Changed.

Things have changed in the past quarter of a century, says the editor of the Waynsburg Messenger. Three score years ago the average boy would go out on Sunday, climb a tree and partake of a few quarts of mulberries and top out with a pocketful of green apples and salt. The next morning his mother diagnosed his case as worms, and he was made to swallow half a bottle of Frey's vermifuge, a quarter of a pound of epsom's salts and was turned loose in the cow pasture until supper time when he would come in for a square meal all right. Now if a boy complains of having a stitch in his side, he has appendicitis and is hustled off to a hospital, starved within an inch of his life, half a dozen surgeons each take a whack at him with pearl handled knives, and he is turned over to his friends or the undertaker.—Ex.

Be master of your possessions. See that they do not get the upperhand of you. Beautiful homes, libraries and pictures, social position and wealth should all be obedient servants, help the owners to a fuller life and finer ideal; but how often we see these things the masters, and the human beings their slaves. How business tyrannizes over some men hardly allowing them a moment or a thought which they can call their own. What hopeless drudges some women make of themselves for their pretty home, their social position and even to the clothes they wear. Start out in life with the determination that these things shall be kept in their proper place. Better live in a hut and eat bread and butter than make yourself a slave to your surroundings. Be a master of what you have, for it will be all the more necessary to use its abundance. People.

The following from the McKinney Courier reminds one of the old saying that a sucker is born every minute: 'A traveling sharper' with his legs off at the knees, struck McKinney yesterday afternoon and last night and worked over half hundred people in the following way which is not by any means new. He sold a piece of cheap jewelry for twenty-five cents, then redeemed the same, giving the purchaser twice the amount he paid for the purchase. He then handed out cheap razors at one dollar each, making a speech that lead the people to believe he would buy them back just as he had done the jewelry. He then shook hands with the purchasers, making them say they were satisfied, and bade his audience good night.



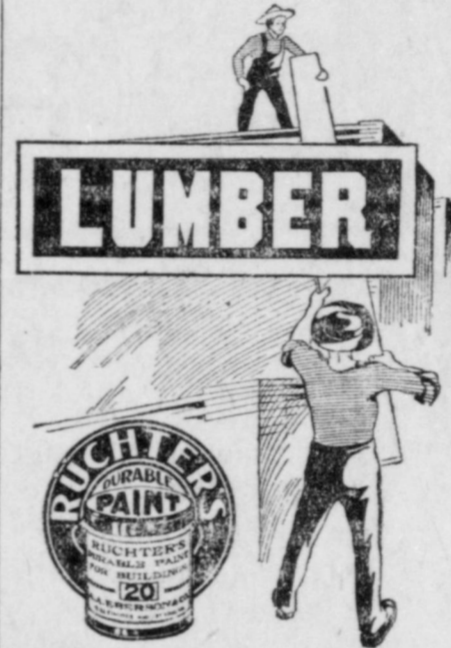
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To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

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He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

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A Boys Composition on Ducks.

The duck is a low, heavy-set bird composed chiefly of meat and feathers. He is a mighty poor singer, having a very hoarse voice caused by getting so many frogs in his neck. He likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach, which he fills with water on going in swimming over his head, to keep from sinking. He can quack loud but can't sing a little bit. Some doctors are called quacks because they are such cheap ducks. The duck has only two legs and they are set on so far back on his running gear by nature that she came purty near missing his body. A quack doctor has only two legs but they are fastened on his body low down. His bill is not so broad as a duck's but a heap longer and harder to pay. Some ducks when they get big have curls in their tails and are called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch, but just loaf, and go in swimming and eat. If I was going to be a duck I'd be a drake every time.

Geo. Kornegay formerly editor of this paper and more recently editor of the Dalhart Sun, has sold out his interest in that enterprising weekly and will leave Dalhart.

J. R. McVay, the popular manager of the Ballinger Lumber Co., came in Tuesday from a visit to Brownwood.

M. S. Davis, of Hill county, bought the Hawthorne Wylie place at West End this week for \$650 cash.

Miss Francis Cady returned this week from a long visit to friends at Plantersville.

What is the reason why you should not come up to the highest ideal of manhood? None in the world. You can if you will. Keep uppermost in your thought what you wish to accomplish. Do not let any minor interest distract you from this chief aim. You can master your faults, strengthen your weak points, cultivate the qualities you admire and respect in others, and realize your ideal of manhood. But you cannot accomplish this by any half-hearted wishes or wavering purposes. You can if you will, but you must will with your might, mind and strength.—Young People's Weekly.

Saved From a Salary of \$5000.

An exchange in speaking of the pecuniary rewards of public life, tells of a certain United States senator who had an income from his law practice of \$20,000 a year and a fortune of \$100,000 when he entered public life, but after a quarter of a century of public service of the most eminent and useful kind, he had no law practice and all his fortune had disappeared. This senator failed to take advantage of his "opportunities," as did old John Sherman. He entered the senate with no income or fortune worth mentioning and in twenty years saved \$5,000,000 from a salary of \$5,000 a year.—Petty Enterprise.

Pick Ups.

Continually buttin' in will make you bald headed.

Don't envy the owner of a sky scraper. That's about as near to the place as he will ever get.

Of course lots of cold dollars put into a business will eventually develop a frost if you don't keep things warm by advertising.

The new Iron Mountain-International flyer is so fast that you have to make a long story short between Austin and St. Louis.

It's a woman's privilege to change her mind. Hence woman is fashion. That's why a \$40 Du Barry coat bought today isn't stylish when it is delivered tomorrow.—Current Issue.

J. Y. Pearce sells and exchanges school books.

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Pen holders.....	1ct
Mucilage.....	4cts
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Tablets and pencil.....	5cts
Pencils.....	1 cent up
Book Satchels.....	10cts
Ink per bottle.....	4cts
Erasers.....	2cts
Pen and Pencils.....	4cts

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Ballinger, Texas

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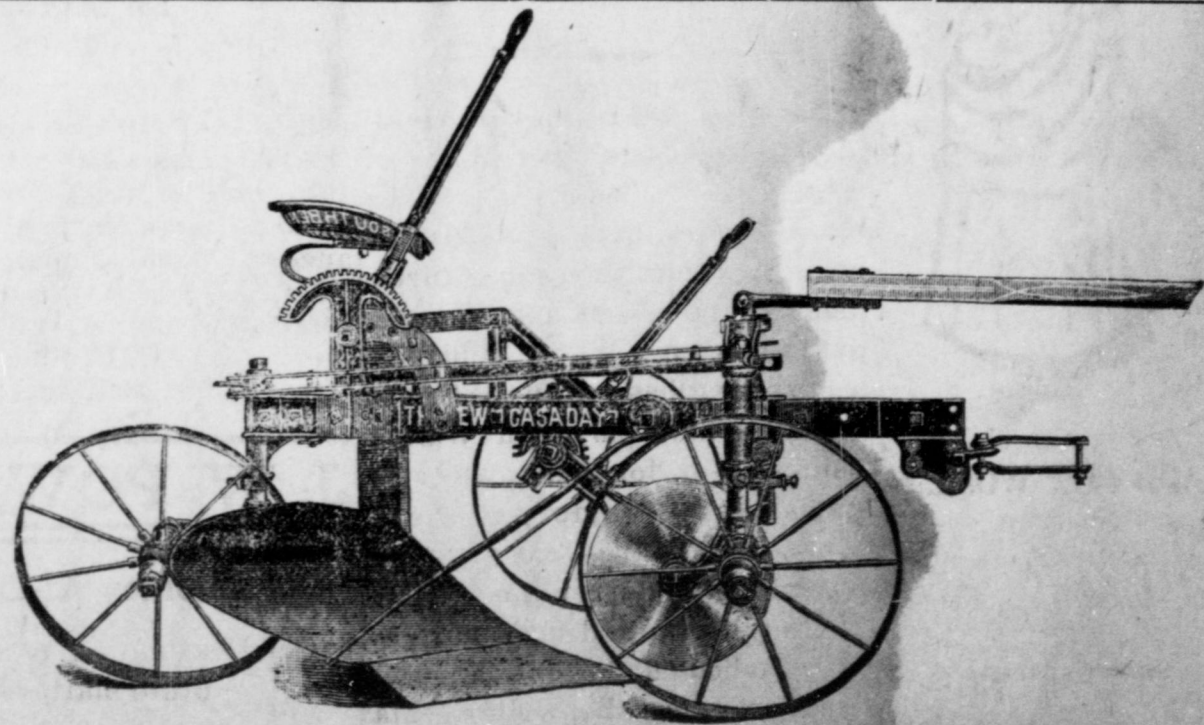
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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger
11:30 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger
4.45 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

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

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

As expected a revolution has broken out in Panama on the Isthmus on account of the canal treaty by the republicans of Colombia. Panama will have to win her independence and if successful then conclude a treaty with the U S

Brownwood is stirring up lots of sand making preparations for the Carnival which takes place from the 9th to the 14th of the month. This editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to be present and enjoy the fun for which he returns thanks.

Not more than 400 of the "Cedars of Lebanon" are standing today. They do not, though their age is measured in years by thousands, rival in dimensions the cedars of the western world, the largest, so slow is their growth, being but twelve feet in diameter. No tree gives so great an expanse of shade as the cedar, and it never dies except from lightning-stroke or from the woodman's axe.

Mike wants your whiskers, at Boyd Bros.

The Burdens of Modern Civilization.

Normally a woman should have no discomfort so far as feelings of discomfort are concerned, at each recurring period. But modern civilization has added its conditions of ever-present suffering to a large proportion of American women. The great bulk of such cases is due to inflammatory or congested conditions within limited territories which can be overcome by the right treatment. Of course, this local irritation is followed by headaches, backaches, nervousness, irritability, and, indeed, often results in nervous prostration or collapse which might have been avoided by proper treatment.

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There is a God.

I sat in one of the great halls at the national capital. It was thronged with youth and beauty, old age and wisdom. I saw a man, the image of God, stand up on the stage, and I heard him speak. His gestures were the perfection of grace, his voice was music, and his language was more beautiful than any mortal lips. He painted picture after picture of pleasures and joys and sympathies of home. He enthroned love and preached the gospel of humanity like an angel. Then I saw him dip his brush in the ink of mortal blackness and blot out the beautiful picture he had painted. I saw him stab love at his feet. I saw him blot out the stars and the sun and leave humanity and the earth in eternal darkness and eternal death. I saw him like the serpent of old worm himself into the paradise of human hearts, and by his seductive eloquence and subtle devices of sophistry inject his fatal venom, under whose blight flowers faded, its music hushed, its sunshine was darkened, and its soul was left a desert with the new-made graves of faith and hope. I saw him like a lawless and erratic meteor with orbit, sweep across the intellectual sky, brilliant only in its self-consuming fire generated by friction with the indestructible and eternal truths of God. That man was the archangel of modern infidelity, and I said: "How true is Holy Writ, which declares that the fool has said in his heart 'There is no God'." Tell me not, O infidel, there is no God, no heaven, no hell! Tell me not, O infidel, there is no risen Christ! What intelligence less than God's could fashion the human body? What motive power is it, if not God, that drives those throbbing engines of the human heart, sending the crimson stream of life bounding through every vein and artery? Whence and what, if not God, is the mystery we call "mind"? What is it that thinks and feels and plans and acts? Oh who can deny the divinity that stirs within us? God is everywhere and in everything. His mystery is in every bud, and blossom, and leaf and tree; in every rock and hill, and mountain; in every river. The rustle of his wing is in every tempest. He dwells in the dark pavilion of every storm-cloud. The lightning is his messenger, and the thunder is his voice. His awful tread is in every earthquake and on every angry ocean. The heavens above us teem with his myriads, of his shining witnesses—the universe of the solar system, whose wheeling orbs course the crystal dead hall of eternity, the glory, and power, and dominion of the all-wise, omnipotent and eternal God.—Robert L. Taylor.

The following is the version of a Missouri boy on dad's old breeches: "When dad has worn his breeches out they pass to brother John, then ma turns them round about and William puts them on. When William's legs so long has grown the trousers fail to hide 'em, then Walter claims them for his own and styles himself inside 'em. Next Sam's fat legs they close invest, and when they stretch no tighter, they're turned and shortened, washed and pressed, and fixed on me, the writer. Ma works them into carpet rags when I burst out the stitches; at doom's day we perhaps, will see the last of dad's old breeches."

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One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind. who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by E. D. Walker.

Ask about Asa Cordill's guarantee extension on all watches bought of him after the 10th day of October 1893. It runs from 1 to 5 years.

Neuralgia Pains,
Rheumatism, lumbago and sciatica pains yield to the penetrating influence of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the nerves and bone and being absorbed into the blood, its healing properties are conveyed to every part of the body, and effect some wonderful cures. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. E. Walker.

Dwelling houses suitable to rent are greatly in demand in this town. People are constantly inquiring for houses. It begins to look as if some one would have to build some houses if the supply is to equal the demand or else those people moving into this town will have to build themselves of camp out for the winter.

Cured of Piles After 40 Years.
Mr C. Haney, of Geneva, O., had the piles for 40 years. Doctors and dollars could do him no lasting good. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him permanently. Invaluable for cuts, burns, bruises, sprains, lacerations, eczema, tetter, salt rheum, and all other skin diseases. Look for the name DeWitt on the package—all others are cheap, worthless counterfeits. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker wife of Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army was killed in the railroad wreck on the Santa Fe road near Marcelline, Mo. last week. She had been very prominent in Salvation Army work. She left seven small children. Her husband was utterly prostrated with grief when he heard of the accident. He was in Chicago at the time awaiting his wife

A Scientific Discovery.
Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does for the stomach that which it is unable to do for itself, even when but slightly disordered or over-loaded. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure 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 Dypepsia Cure digests what you eat and enables the stomach and digestive organs to transform all food into rich, red blood. Sold by E. D. Walker.

You will be surprised at the NEW LOOK on your jewelry when Jas. E. Brewer repaired it.

Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago has decided to become a candidate for president.

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

A frightful collision occurred near Indianapolis, Ind., between a freight and passenger train, in which fifteen persons were killed and forty hurt. The accident happened last Saturday while a passenger train loaded with 954 person were en route to Indianapolis from Lafayette for the purpose of having a football contest.

Cured Consumption.
Mrs B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. Since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

In Italy no maiden can witness a marriage, but matrons accompany the bride to the church. A girl can never enter the house of her lover—that is an emphatic rule. The lover gives presents according to the season—cake at Easter, rosebuds at the feast of Saint Mark and almond paste at Christmas. The groom also sends the future bride all the jewelry he can afford, especially finger rings. Sunday is the only lucky day for weddings. If the wedding is on Monday, insanity is sure to follow; Tuesday is witches' day, and it will bring great suffering.

A Good Name.
From personal experience I testify that DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled as a liver pill. They are rightly named because they give strength and energy, and do their work with ease.—W. T. Easton, Boerne, Texas. Thousands of people are using these tiny little pills in preference to all others, because they are so pleasant and effectual. They cure biliousness, torpid liver, jaundice, sick headache, constipation, etc. They do not purge and weaken, but cleanse and strengthen. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Labor of all character should be recognized as part of the business of the country and every man who earns his living by the sweat of his brow is entitled to full returns for all he does. But let us remember that the interests of labor and capital are mutual. It requires capital to furnish labor for the vast army who have no business of their own and labor is equally necessary to make capital worth anything. The farmer could live without the merchant, but if everybody in the world should turn to farming and there were no customers things would be pretty bad way. So, it is mutual all around. Let each accord to the other the rights that he is entitled to.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December A. D. 1886.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

Salmon Catching Centers.
The six chief salmon catching centers on the Pacific coast, in the order of the quantity of fish packed, are Alaska, Puget sound (British Columbia), the Columbia river, the Oregon coast, the Washington coast and the California rivers. About four-fifths of the entire catch was in American waters, one fifth in Canada. For their extent and importance—the annual product now being worth over \$20,000,000, employing an army of men and millions of capital—the Pacific salmon fisheries are of surprisingly recent development. Like every industry in the northwest, they have seemingly sprung into importance overnight—yesterday nothing, today a business of worldwide recognition.—Ex.

Climatic Cures.
The influence of climatic conditions in the cure of consumption is very much overdrawn. The poor patient, and the rich patient, too, can do much better at home by proper attention to food digestion, and a regular use of German Syrup. Free expectoration in the morning is made certain by German Syrup, so is a good night's rest and the absence of that weakening cough and debilitating night sweat. Restless nights and the exhaustion due to coughing, the greatest danger and dread of the consumptive, can be prevented or stopped by taking German Syrup liberally and regularly. Should you be able to go to a warmer climate, you will find that of the thousands of consumptives there the few who are benefited and regain strength are those who use German Syrup. Trial bottles 5c; regular size, 75c.

Constipation.
Health is absolutely impossible, if constipation be present. Many serious cases of liver and kidney complaint have sprung from neglected constipation. Such a deplorable condition is unnecessary. There is a cure for it. Herbine will speedily remedy matters. C. A. Lindsay, P. M., Bronson, Fla., writes Feb. 12, 1902: "Having tried Herbine, I find it a fine medicine for constipation." 50c bottle. Sold by E. D. Walker.

For Sale.
A Singer Sewing Machine—good as new—with all the attachments—at a great bargain. For further particulars inquire at the Banner-Leader office or The Ice Factory.

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We don't spend our time bragging about unheard of bargains and all that sort of thing. We make no promises that we can not fulfill. Our business is conducted in a straight forward way without any noise and bluster. Our line of jewelry for the fall and winter trade was never so complete and we invite a careful inspection of our stock of novelties. We have an elegant line of Goods.

JAS. E. BREWER

Let Boyd Bros. cut your hair, only 25c.

Jas. E. Brewer is showing some extra fine cut glass.

Diamonds! Diamonds!! Diamonds!!! at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Go to see Mike and Louie at Boyd Bros. They treat you all right.

R. P. Kirk went out to Miles Friday and Saturday to collect taxes.

J. M. Simpson Eden's Justice of the Peace, was in the city Thursday.

Jim Simmons, constable from Eola, Concho county, was here Friday on business.

Buy an Alarm Clock from Brewer and save that hour you lose in the morning

R. F. Echols sold his Fuzzy ranch this week to a Falls county man for \$6 12 1/2 per acre.

Customers are ours by virtue of honest goods at low prices. The Fair.

You are not in the way in my store whether you are buying or not. The Fair.

Come in and let me show you something beautiful in souvenir spoons. Jas. E. Brewer.

I am still selling the highest grade of spectacles and will fit your eyes free. Jas. E. Brewer.

A. Herring and R. Rutherford bought last week 9,000 off the Abe Millar ranch at \$5.50 per acre.

We carry all kinds of fresh fruits at all times. No 12 is the place to get your fruits and nuts for your fruit cakes.

You can look any man in the face with a clear conscience if you wear one of our Star Hats. The Fair.

Among the delegates to Dallas to the State Baptist Association we noticed this week, W. G. Green and Rev. Caperton, of this place, Rev. Sullivan of Norton and Rev. Cumby of Bronte.

THE OLD RELIABLE



Office with the Bank

Marriage licenses issued this week are, W. A. Perry to Miss Mary C. Cordill; Mr. — to Miss —. The latter gentleman seems not to have quite closed up negotiations and no one needs to apply at this office for any further information until matters are consummated. However, everything points to a happy termination and we can then feel at liberty to convey information to our readers.

County Court.

County Court met this week. All business except probate matters was postponed to the 3rd week. Quite a number of probate cases were disposed of.

The Commissioners Court will meet next week.

Lost.

A Brown pony, blaze face, about 13 1/2 hands high, branded figure 8 with bar under it on left thigh. C. A. Doose will pay a reasonable reward for the recovery of him.

A shipment of fine Sterling Table ware, novelties, cut glass, has arrived and I will take pleasure in showing you at any time. Jas. E. Brewer.

Goods well bought are sold. We never bought to better advantage than now, and never sold such values for so little money. The Fair.

Watches! yes I have them in so many different styles that I am sure I can please any one, just let me show you.

Jas. E. Brewer.

Mrs. John Strickland of Coleman, who has been here the past two weeks with her sick sister, Mrs. Lincecum, returned home Wednesday.

Just lots of plain gold rings, the best that's made, can fit you both in size and price.

Jas. E. Brewer.

We must have a limited amt. of eggs and until this order is filled we will pay you 20c doz.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Buy your Groceries fresh from the Miller Mercantile Co., and have them sent up by their Horseless Delivery.

Jas. E. Brewer has just received a handsome show case and has it filled with fine silverware. Let him show you.

Wm. Pumphrey from the Pumphrey country dropped into see us Friday and moved his figures up a year.

Our Groceries make fat friends for they are wholesome.

The Fair.

Don't beat my prices. Asa Cor

Up to now hair cut for 25c, at Boyd Bros.

Ed Gentry and family moved into the Boswell place on 8th street, Monday.

H. G. Schnelle, the father of Mrs. R. L. Bennett, came down this week from Dallas to spend a few days.

Mrs. C. C. Gannaway, of Wingate, was the guest of her daughter Mrs. Ed Gentry, several days this week.

Miss Ersula Gannaway, daughter of C. C. Gannaway of Wingate came down Monday and entered our public school.

W. H. Gee, of North of Winters, was in town Tuesday and stated that he had five acres of cotton that would make 5 bales or one bale per acre.

Parties in Brownwood are making preparations to bore again for oil. The well bored last year was destroyed accidentally after striking some oil and it hopes to be more successful this time in getting plenty of oil.

The genial and good natured W. S. Rogers who runs the engine for the Ballinger Milling Co. dropped a dollar with us Tuesday, and while in conversation with our reporter he informed him that he had just finished paying for his home and had money left, and had made it right here in Ballinger in three years and that whoever says a man can't make a living in Ballinger the fault is theirs.

Meeting of City Council.

City Council met in regular session Tuesday night last at the City Hall, Mayor Hoffer and a quorum of Aldermen present.

A contract was made with Mr. Geo. Vaughn, for the oil mill, to supply water at \$50.00 per month.

B. B. Stone, attorney for the city, was allowed \$100 for revising city ordinances and prosecuting tax suits.

Alderman C. S. Bowdon introduced an ordinance requiring all male persons within the age of 21 and 45 years to work the city streets five days each year, to furnish a substitute or pay \$1.00 for each day, was passed by a unanimous vote of the council.

Final action on the revised ordinances was postponed until next regular meeting in order to give Mayor Hoffer time to carefully consider them and suggest such changes, alterations or corrections as he might deem necessary.

Prohibition will go into effect w. 21st, at Brownwood.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

Margeretha Geisecke.

After a lingering illness little Margeretha Gesicke, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Geisecke, died last Sunday night.

The funeral services were conducted at the home at 2 p. m. Monday by Rev. R. M. Hall after which her remains were interred at the city cemetery. We extend condolence to the bereaved parents in the loss of their loved one.

Thirteen Hundred Dollar Goat.

Kansas City, Mo: Thirteen hundred dollars is the price L. and P. Witt of Montell, Uvalde county, Texas, paid for the prize goat of the American Royal Stock Show at the sale of Angoras. "Dick Jr." is the name of the valuable animal, and he was bred by F. O. Landrum of Laguna, Texas. Dick Jr. won first money for best buck, two years old or over.

The editor of San Antonio offered to pay \$100 to charity if any one could prove that a single case of yellow fever existed. Dr. Brumley at once offered an additional \$100 to charity if said editor would submit to the bite of a mosquito which had bitten one of the yellow fever patients in San Antonio. Up to the present the editor had not taken any notice of the Doctor's challenge. Some editors it appears like to "talk through their hats."

A movement is on foot to organize the pros over the state to further the interests of prohibition.



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The fact that your house is just as likely to burn down as any other house in town should cause you to do some good, hard thinking on the subject of

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Winter Turf Oats for seed.

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No price should be considered.

When you buy look at the style, finish and workmanship. You will find 18 miles from Ballinger, Texas

From San Angelo Standard.

W. C. Penn, one of Ballinger's cotton buyers, paid San Angelo a business visit Tuesday.

Earnest Lumkin, of Coleman county, was in the city yesterday with a pet wild cat which he had caught and tamed. The cat was a monster and was valued at \$7 by its owner, who wanted to dispose of it, but buyers seemed to be scarce.

Conductor Wilder says that train No. 77 on the Santa Fe carried a special sleeper last Wednesday with 29 home seekers on board. They stopped at Coleman and were from the northern parts of Illinois and nearby states. The same train carried two new families to Miles, two to Ballinger and one to Santa Anna, at which places they will make their home.

Cotton weigher H. H. Mitchell estimates that the cotton receipts will be something over 5000 bales this year. He says that the premiums offered by the business club have been the means of bringing more cotton here, and that the prize of \$15 offered to the one who markets the twenty-five hundredth bale is going to make things lively about next week. There has been 500 bales received here during the past week, making a total to date of 2011.

The following parties renewed their allegiance with the Banner-Leader this week:

Jack Guy, Ballinger
Henry King, Wingate
J. B. Pace, Pumphrey
Warren Williams, Miles
D. L. Coggin, Rowena
W. S. Rogers, Ballinger
N. W. Dean, Wingate
Dr. Fred Tinkle, Winters.

Say, hello there! What have you this time? Chickens, Eggs, Butter and Turkeys. Bring them in we will pay you the highest prices.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

The Ice Factory Gin had ginned up to Tuesday morning of this week 930 bales of cotton. They only ginned 900 bales last year for the entire season.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh received this week a liberal offer to come to Abilene and accept the position as pastor there but he declined.

We want you to understand we make everything good that proves otherwise, bought of J. B. Alvis & Bro.

When in need of pure ribbon cane syrup just call on J. B. Alvis & Bro. under the Opera House.

Nothing but insurance and I attend to that right. See me for a policy. Lee Maddox.

Saddles and Harness neatly repaired.

Lankford & Hathaway.

D. L. Coggin, of the Rowena country, dropped a dollar into our empty coffers this week.

Prepare for winter by buying stoves from

Hall Hardware Co.

Lee Maddox was in the Eden country this week looking after business.

The carpenters are doing the finishing work on E. D. Walker's house this week.

W. J. Turner of Gail was circulating among his Ballinger friends this week.

Walter Kent of Glen Cove had Best g here this week.

Bill's cut glass at Cordill's.

New Games

A FREE game inside each package of

Lion Coffee

60 different games.

John Alexander Dowie decided that Gotham is too tough to be wasting any more time trying to convert her, and he and his followers went back to Chicago, or rather to Zion near there.

Edward Wentz a young Philadelphia millionaire was missing a few days ago, it has since transpired that he was kidnapped and the parties now want \$100,000 for his safe return. Negotiations are going on leading to the young man's rescue.

Historic House.

Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 24.—To make room for modern improvements, the old log house used by Gen. Zachary Taylor as headquarters when commanding the post here in 1847, will be sold by the Sisters of Mercy for firewood. The house was built in June, 1841, of hewn logs and the date of the erections is still plainly to be seen in a branded imprint upon the plaster of one of the rooms. It was in this house that Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, then a lieutenant attached to the post, courted the daughter of the old soldier, so much to his disgust, because of the presumed difference in social rank, that he ordered the young officer from the house. Miss Taylor, like her sire, was possessed of much determination and she eloped with young Davis and married him. Subsequently during the Mexican war, when Davis rescued the general from imminent danger, the latter took Davis by the hand and exclaimed: "My daughter was a better judge of the man than I was, and I want to apologize for any affront I may have put upon you." It was at the primitive landing here that Gen. Taylor, who was attired in an ill-fitting civilian's suit was accosted by a couple of young army officers bound up the river, and who after making a number of inquiries, courteously answered by Gen. Taylor, bade him good-bye and sent their respects to "the old woman and gal." Subsequently Gen. Taylor gave a reception to the army officers and invited the two young and somewhat fresh young officers and introduced them to their great discomfiture and his infinite delight, to Mrs. and Miss Taylor as "the old woman and the gal," to whom they sent their respects when they passed up the river.



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CLOTHING

WYLER, ACKERLAND

Mrs. R. M. Hall and little girl came in Wednesday from Austin.

Mrs. A. S. Love came in Wednesday from an extended visit to Florence.

Dr. Fred Tikle of Winters was in Wednesday and paid this office an appreciated visit.

Jim Miller and wife of Wingate, was the guest of H. H. Luckett and wife Wednesday.

W. D. Currier passed through Wednesday with a crowd of prospectors en route for the Miles country.

Mrs. R. F. Echols who has been visiting the family of Mr. Parish returned to Longview this week.

W. D. Wilson went to Pidgeon, Coryell county, this week accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. J. W. Warren, who had been visiting here.

Attorney Tom Wilkerson of Brownwood passed through Wednesday en route for Paint Rock to attend District Court in session there.

Next Sunday Rev. C. M. Shuffler will preach his farewell sermon for the year and will leave to attend conference the following Tuesday.

Misses Emma and Mattie Hickerson returned to Valley Mills Wednesday after a lengthy visit to relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Faris of this place.

We are glad to note the recovery of Mr. W. P. Humphrey's little son who had a stroke of paralysis last week. He was unable for several days to talk.

R. A. Terry went up to Miles Tuesday to take a look at the new steam plow there. He is thinking of going to farming and if so will buy a few of them.

N. W. Dean was in from Wingate Wednesday and remembered us. He has just returned from Fort Worth, where he went to consult a specialist about heart trouble.

J. R. McVay, a prominent lumber man of Ballinger, was in the city yesterday looking after the value of Brownwood real estate with a view to turning loose some holdings he has here.—Brownwood Bulletin.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, Nov. 8, 4 p. m.

Leader—H. O'Bannon.

Song

Prayer

Lesson Topic—What Elijah Teaches Us. II Kings 2:1-12; Matt. 11:14; James 5:17-18.

Union discussion by Leader.

Song

Scripture Readings: Selected by the Com. and read by Volunteers.

Song

Select Reading—Mrs. Lynch.

Select Reading—Dr. Love.

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Voluntary talks.

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Cordill-Perry.

Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. E. Cordill, Mr. W. A. Perry and Miss Mary C. Cordill were united in marriage by Rev. Newton of Miles.

The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of lovely roses and chrysanthemums. The bride and groom entered the room to the wedding march, played by Mrs. W. E. Odom, and preceded by the bride's Sunday School class of which she had been teacher for four years, and two lovely little flower-girls, little Misses Anna Winkler and Callie Cordill.

After the impressive words were spoken that made them one, the bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends, of which, only the most intimate were present.

The bride is well known in Ballinger, having lived here a number of years, and as her friends say, "to know her, is to love her."

The groom is the popular principal of the Miles school, having taught there for a number of years, and is highly esteemed by his acquaintances everywhere as a hightoned, upright gentleman in every sense of the word.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Perry left for Miles, where a cosy little new home awaited them. A number of useful and handsome presents were received.

No more cents are to be made by the United States mint at Philadelphia for at least a year unless special order is issued from the United States Treasury at Washington. This is the latest order from Washington, due to the enormous production in the last five years—3,000,000,393 pennies having been shipped from the Philadelphia mint which is the only one that coins one-cent pieces, to various parts of the country. Between July 1, and June 1, 1903, 89,000,000 cents were coined.

A leader of the bad Indians on the warpath in Wyoming is "Eagle Feather," known there as Charley White White, who was a brilliant student at Carlisle school, was one of the greatest football players the college ever produced. Gridiron battles he formerly engaged in will seem like lawn tennis compared to the one he will break into when the sheriff's posse gets him. There is evidently much truth in the opinion of Gen. Phil Sheridan, who held that the only good Indians were the dead ones.

Miss Helen Gould denies that she is to marry a Belgian nobleman. Says that she doesn't even know the gentleman. It seems the Duke took it for granted that Miss Gould would take him if he was willing. It's refreshing to see that we have some American girls that are not ready to accept some of the effete aristocracy of the old world.

A span of the new bridge across the Brazos near Chappell Hill gave way and precipitated fifty workmen and a train into the river. Eleven men were killed and many wounded. Some thirty other men jumped into the water and escaped injury.

The war prospects between Japan and Russia have settled down somewhat and the trouble would not lead to war.

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People who buy a big fat...

The strike of the Pacific Expressmen is declared off and all the old hands have gone to work wherever there were any vacancies. Its failure is said to be due to many of the old men returning to work before the strike was called off.

Tornado insurance at \$2.50 per \$1000 per annum. See Lee Maddox.

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No. 3. 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 northeast 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. 4. 500 acre farm 5 miles from Ballinger. 300 acres tillable land, 200 ranch, 5 room dwelling, good barns, 2 cisterns—one underground; a rare bargain. \$8.00 per acre.

No. 5. 369 acres, tract containing 380 acres, in two miles of a good town, good land, \$2000.

No. 6. 640 acres 9 miles from Ballinger fronting on Colorado river; a fine body of land, a great bargain. Price \$4,000.

No. 7. 640 acres of fine land in Concho county; about 26 miles from Ballinger. Fully three-fourths fine tillable land. Price \$4.00 per acre.

No. 8. 1617 acres, 1300 acres of which is the finest quality of agricultural land. About 75 acres in cultivation, balance divided into three pastures; well watered by creek, springs and tanks. Plenty of mesquite timber; 12 miles from Ballinger and 4 miles small town. Has a four-room farm house, stable and out houses. With this 7 head of horses, a farm wagon and farming implements almost new, and about 135 head of high grade Durham cattle. A great bargain. Price \$18,500, one half cash, balance easy terms.

No. 9. 640 acres 3 1/2 miles from Ballinger. A fine body of land, 150 acres in cultivation, all under fence, plenty of mesquite timber, a good well with windmill, a good barn and necessary lots. Price \$11 per acre.

No. 10. 740 acres 9 miles from Ballinger; 75 acres in cultivation, a 3 room house good barn and lots. Price \$10 per acre.

No. 11. 160 acres unimproved 3 miles from Ballinger on Paint Rock road. A fine body of land. Price \$1,600.

No. 12. 640 acres in Concho county, about 35 miles from Ballinger. 100 acres in cultivation. A good 4 room house, good well with windmill. Price \$3,200, half cash, balance easy terms.

No. 13. 625 acres 7 miles from Ballinger all fine land, 200 acres in cultivation. Good farm house and orchard; watered by Valley Creek; plenty of mesquite timber. Price \$12.50 per acre.

No. 14. 1920 acres on Concho River; 140 acres in cultivation, balance divided into three pastures. About 4 miles from Paint Rock and 18 miles from Ballinger.

good barn. Plenty of pecan and mesquite timber. A bargain. Price \$6.00 per acre cash or \$6.50 on time.

No. 15. 11000 acre ranch about 7 miles from Ballinger. Divided into two farms and four pastures; 220 acres under cultivation, one tenant house and a fine residence with seven rooms, 4 barns, buggy house, ranch house and other improvements. This is an exceptionally fine piece of land; a small portion of same points on the Colorado River and is watered by Pony Creek and wells with windmills. There is plenty of mesquite timber, and the creek abounds with trout. This is an ideal ranch and a fine piece of land upon which to locate a colony. There are a number of sections in this body that will readily sell at from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per acre. A bargain. Price \$75,000 cash or on time.

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No. 17. 3400 acres 20 miles north of Ballinger, all under fence and watered by Elm Creek. A fine ranch, 3 houses and farms. A good portion of the land is agricultural. A bargain. Price \$6 cash or easy terms.

Tuesday's Elections.

New York City is carried by McClellan over Low by about 70,000. In other cities in the state republicans are successful.

Massachusetts—Republican plurality will be about 37,000.

Pennsylvania—Usual republican majority of about 100,000.

Ohio—State goes republican by 100,000 or more, and Hanna's re-election is assured.

Kentucky—Indications point to re-election of Gov. Beckham (Dem.) by a majority of about 14,000.

New Jersey, Rhode Island and Iowa are carried by the republicans.

Nebraska is in doubt and returns will be late coming in.

Mississippi is democratic and in Utah democrats appear to have won.

California returns are meager, and show republicans slightly in the lead.

Colorado is claimed by both democrats and republicans for Justice of Supreme Court.

Virginia is swept by the democrats for the General Assembly. Two democrats, however, are defeated.

Maryland count will be slow, but returns received indicate election of Warfield (Dem.) for Gov. and a legislature which will elect a democratic United States Senator.

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As usual nothing appears to be settled by the elections. Part of the states were overwhelmingly democratic and the others overwhelmingly republican. It now looks as if George B. McClellan, the newly elected Mayor of New York, would be the next Democratic Presidential nominee.

B. J. Ewen the star witness in the Jett-White case in Kentucky, was shot at, but missed in Louisville on the 3rd. Ewen returned the fire but failed to hit his man.

Tuesday's election in New York is said to guarantee the support of that state in favor of the nomination of Cleveland as it is stated that the Tammany leader is in favor of Cleveland.

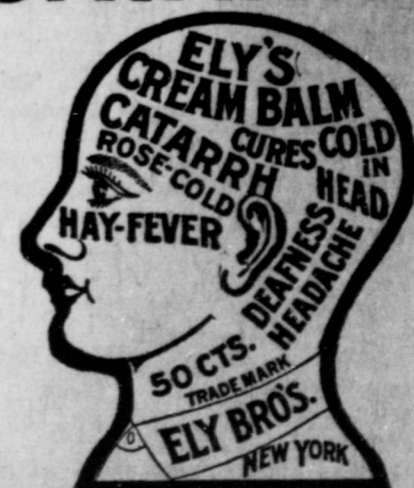
In the prohibition election of last Saturday in Sweetwater the pros won out by six majority.

Rev. I. N. Lewis moved to town this week. He has recently built a new home and now intends to enjoy it.

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How Old is Ann?

The following is the answer to the problem "How old is Ann?" printed in a recent issue of the Banner-Leader. The answer is from an exchange:

"Mary is 24 years old. Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann?"

It will be seen that it states that at 24 years Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now.

Of course, 24 is twice only one time, which is 12 which was Ann's age when Mary was Ann's age when Mary was Ann's present age at the same rate.

The fact that Ann was 12 is established by the problem itself. So is the fact that Mary is 24. Of necessity, then both advancing in age at the same rate, Mary must have been 18 when Ann was 12. Six years have elapsed Mary from 18, has grown to 24, while Ann, from 12, has arrived at 18 - her present age.

An apparently simple solution is given here: Evidently, then, you must count back from 24 and up from 12 to find where Ann is now. Now take the whole problem, only paraphrasing a little for the sake of clearness. Then it will run something like this:

Mary is 24. Mary is twice as old as Ann was 12, and when Ann was 12, Mary was the same age that Ann now is." See if we can't get it simple: "Mary is 24 when Ann was 12. Mary was Ann's present age. How old is Ann?" Why, to be sure. And it stands to reason that the time between 12 and Ann's present age is the same as between Ann's present age and 24.

In other words as several solvers put it:

"Since the time that Ann was 12, she has caught up to where Mary was, while Mary has skipped from there to 24."

Then of course, each is six years older. Ann is eighteen.

And it came to pass that when father Adam took a walk on Sunday afternoon that mother Eve reminded him if he should meet any lady, to strictly observe what style of hat she wore.

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Educators throughout the country are interested in the decision of the appellate division of the United States supreme court affirming the right of the school boards of New York to declare the position vacant of any woman teacher or principal who is married during the term of service. There is a difference of opinion among school masters upon the subject, which has resulted in very much discussion. The school board adopted a resolution that marrying should be equivalent to resigning. Two Brooklyn teachers brought suits to test the law, and the lower court decided in their favor. Superintendent Maxwell then brought the matter before the supreme court, and the result was the upholding of the New York school board. Justice Hooker in giving his opinion said:

"The purpose of the rule is not to discourage marriage. It is rather in the public interest to dispense with the service of that class of teachers who assume new duties and step into another field, and where it is thought their environments would tend toward the disparagement of school interest."

In the majority of the cities of the country there is either a written or unwritten law upon the subject, which makes marriage of the woman teacher equivalent to resignation, and this is manifestly wise that friends of the case.



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A Boys Composition on Ducks.

The duck is a low, heavy-set bird composed chiefly of meat and feathers. He is a mighty poor singer, having a very hoarse voice caused by getting so many frogs in his neck. He likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach, which he fills with water on going in swimming over his head, to keep from sinking. He can quack loud but can't sing a little bit. Some doctors are called quacks because they are such cheap ducks. The duck has only two legs and they are set on so far back on his running gear by nature that she came purty near missing his body. A quack doctor has only two legs but they are fastened on his body low down. His bill is not so broad as a duck's but a heap longer and harder to pay. Some ducks when they get big have curls in their tails and are called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch, but just loaf, and go in swimming and eat. If I was going to be a duck I'd be a drake every time.

Geo. Kornegay formerly editor of this paper and more recently editor of the Dalhart Sun, has sold out his interest in that enterprising weekly and will leave Dalhart.

J. R. McVay, the popular manager of the Ballinger Lumber Co., came in Tuesday from a visit to Brownwood.

M. S. Davis, of Hill county, bought the Hawthorne Wylie place at West End this week for \$650 cash.

Miss Francis Cady returned this week from a long visit to friends at Plantersville.

What is the reason why you should not come up to the highest ideal of manhood? None in the world. You can if you will. Keep uppermost in your thought what you wish to accomplish. Do not let any minor interest distract you from this chief aim. You can master your faults, strengthen your weak points, cultivate the qualities you admire and respect in others, and realize your ideal of manhood. But you cannot accomplish this by any half-hearted wishes or wavering purposes. You can if you will, but you must will with your might, mind and strength.—Young People's Weekly.

Saved From a Salary of \$5000.

An exchange in speaking of the pecuniary rewards of public life, tells of a certain United States senator who had an income from his law practice of \$20,000 a year and a fortune of \$100,000 when he entered public life, but after a quarter of a century of public service of the most eminent and useful kind, he had no law practice and all his fortune had disappeared. This senator failed to take advantage of his "opportunities," as did old John Sherman. He entered the senate with no income or fortune worth mentioning and in twenty years saved \$5,000,000 from a salary of \$5,000 a year.—Petty Enterprise.

Pick Ups.

Continually buttin' in will make you bald headed.

Don't envy the owner of a sky scraper. That's about as near to the place as he will ever get.

Of course lots of cold dollars put into a business will eventually develop a frost if you don't keep things warm by advertising.

The new Iron Mountain-International flyer is so fast that you have to make a long story short between Austin and St. Louis.

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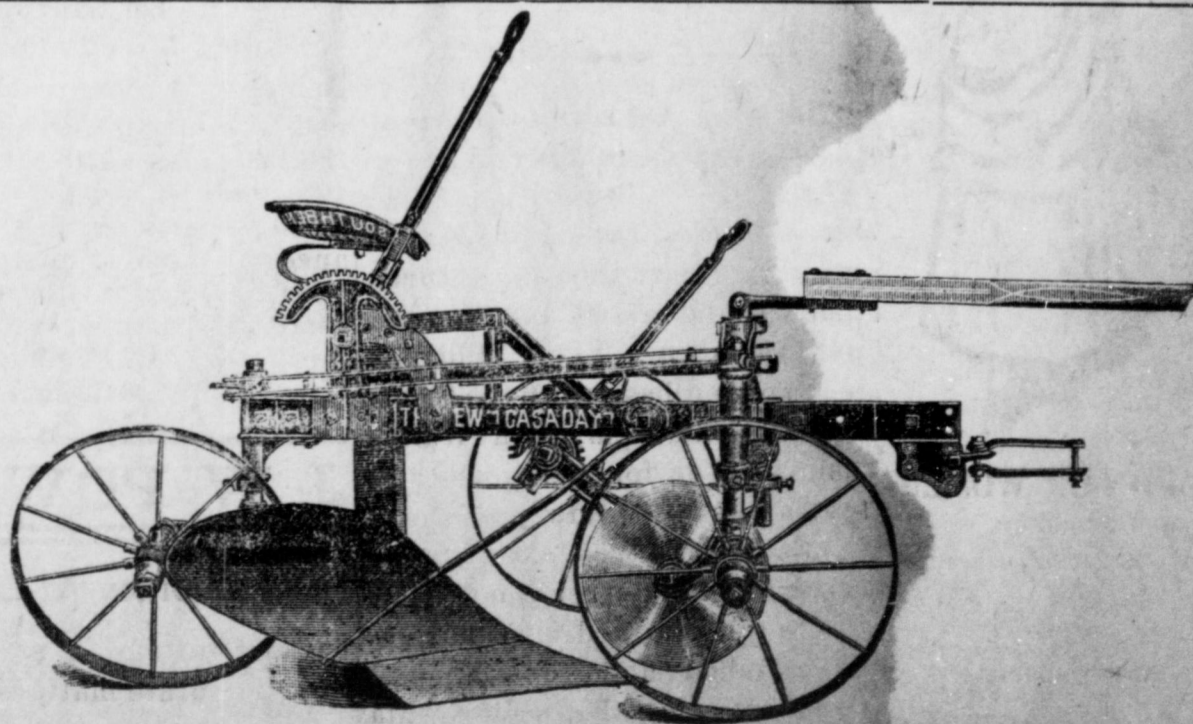
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As expected a revolution has broken out in Panama on the Isthmus on account of the canal treaty by the republicans of Colombia. Panama will have to win her independence and if successful then conclude a treaty with the U S

Brownwood is stirring up lots of sand making preparations for the Carnival which takes place from the 9th to the 14th of the month. This editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to be present and enjoy the fun for which he returns thanks.

Not more than 400 of the "Cedars of Lebanon" are standing today. They do not, though their age is measured in years by thousands, rival in dimensions the cedars of the western world, the largest, so slow is their growth, being but twelve feet in diameter. No tree gives so great an expanse of shade as the cedar, and it never dies except from lightning-stroke or from the woodman's axe.

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