

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DEC 4, 1903

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## CONSOLIDATED

Special 30 days sale will be made previous to taking stock

Remember special sale only this month, come and get selection before stock broken

### Two Stores in One

Clean up on all clothing, Discount  $\frac{1}{3}$

Pants, 25 per cent discount

Clean up sale on Shoes

Special on Hats,

Jno. B. Stetson, Beaver and Thoroughbred

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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When we first began. See us for Good Goods and Low Prices.....

Lankford & Hathaway,

#### City Council Meets.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday night, the mayor and a full board being present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

Mayor Hoffer submitted his report on the city ordinances, drafted by attorney Stone, suggesting several changes, one amendment, which was considered and adopted by the council.

Mayor Hoffer recommended at the salary of \$50 per month the city scavenger be no longer paid by the city, and that

the scavenger be authorized to collect the fees fixed by the ordinance, from those requiring his services.

Also that the salary of \$5 per month to the city marshal be no longer paid, as the city was receiving no benefit therefrom.

Alderman Miller introduced a resolution in accordance with the Mayor's recommendation, which was passed by the council.

Accounts and salaries were ordered paid, and the council adjourned until the next regular meeting.

#### Caperton-Lyttle.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov 22, Bedford Caperton and Miss Edna Lyttle were married at Maverick.

The groom is one of Maverick's most energetic and prosperous farmers and stockman. The bride is one of Maverick's popular young ladies, possessing those qualities suitable for making home happy.

The Banner-Leader extends congratulations.

#### Wingate News.

The Wingate Literary Society met Saturday Nov. 28th, with a nice attentive crowd in attendance. The program was well rendered and much enjoyed by all.

Miss Roxie Allen entertained Thursday night, Mr R. C. Ganaway and Miss Ethel Moore, furnished music while others enjoyed themselves playing Flinch and other games. At the proper time refreshments were served and all bid the hostess good night, expressing themselves as having had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Kindrick's little babe was buried Saturday; also Mr. and Mrs. Farrar's babe Monday. We extend sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Rev. Turney came in Saturday and preached for us Sunday and Sunday night. All are pleased with his efforts so far.

Mr. Alf Smith moved into the

old Hendry house this week and is going to work that land.

Mrs. Snivley's Thanksgiving turkey was enjoyed very much by Mesdames Miller, Moore, Hawkins, Prof. Pickle and lady.

Some of the boys are going to Abilene, trying to leave the impression on the girls' minds they are 'peddling potatoes.'

The most valuable picture on earth is that of a loving, holy family. Irreverence is the brand of ignorance. A man's business is a curse when he is too busy to stop to do good. The church that scatters its money will gather it's members.

Mesdames Snivley and Hawkins made a flying visit to Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. Gregory will soon be enjoying the comforts of a new house.

Rev. Turney went to Punphrey Wednesday night to preach.

Little Ara Holeshouser is sick with fever this week.

Rev. Moore united a runaway couple Monday night, the contracting parties were Mr. McRaney and Miss Bettie Russell.

J. M. Scoggins has his new room completed. We young people are anticipating an entertainment soon.

"Routh."

Beautiful Christmas gifts at Pearce's drug store.

#### Wanted.

1000 Turkeys - Will pay the highest market price.

Davis-Fancher Co.

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



#### Thanksgiving

Take out a policy of insurance if you have not already got one. It will be a great relief to you to feel that you made some provision for the future.

We represent several of the largest companies in the United States and can write you up an INSURANCE POLICY

With a solvent, reliable and liberal concern

We will be pleased to give information as to rates, benefits, terms, etc. Send to or call at this office.

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# Ayer's

One dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral at bedtime prevents night coughs of children. No croup. No bronchitis. A

## Cherry Pectoral

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"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for eight years. There is nothing equal to it for coughs and colds, especially for children."—Mrs. W. H. BRYMER, Shelby, Ala.

Prep. Soc. \$1.00. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

## for Night Coughs

Keep the bowels open with one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime. Just one.

R. C. Tillery is delivering fruit trees in our city this week

Miss Floy Barton is holding down a case with the Banner Leader this week.

H. H. Lucket sold his 107 acre farm, this week to G. G. Odom, consideration, \$600.

Jim Miller and wife of Winata, were the guest of Mike C. Eoyd and wife, Tuesday.

Dud Tom, an old timer of this section, was shaking hands with his many friends here this week.

Mrs. Chris. Gannaway, of the, spent several days here with her daughter, Gentry.

Id Zercher, of Brenham, has been visiting relatives and friends, here for the past two weeks, returned home this week.

E. R. Wheat, a saloon keeper of Big Springs, was killed on Thanksgiving day. It appears that the trouble originated over Sheriff J. A. Baggett trying to disarm and arrest Wheat.

The Ladies Aid Society, of the Presbyterian church, gave a Musical Tea at Judge Guions, last Tuesday night, which was largely attended and enjoyed by all. A neat program was rendered and many interesting features were enjoyed.

The elegant "Crown" organ recently advertised in this paper to be given away by Geo. Allen, the San Angelo music dealer, has been awarded to Betty Paine, Star, Texas.

579 replies were received from 21 counties.

Mexican "Moon," full of bug juice, had quite a chase with the officers, Monday. It seems he had it in for some other Mexicans, and threatened dire vengeance, but a little scare and he out ran a jack rabbit and no further trouble is apprehended.

Russia and Japan are still making faces at each other, and apparently getting more inclined to fighting each other. It is very likely, unless Russia plays a smoother hand soon, that there will be fighting.

A legal investigator has discovered that there is no law against badger fighting. Could not a case of disturbing the peace of the tenderfoot be made out.

J. W. Sudduth, of Rowena, a new comer, was in the city Tuesday, and like all others from the boll weevil district, is delighted with our fine country.

John Ainsworth, of the Norwood country, an old eastern Texas friend of this reporter, was doing business in Ballinger Tuesday.

It is reported that Mrs. H. H. Thomson is not improving in health. This, her many friends here will be sorry to hear.

C. G. Allison, was in Tuesday, with another load of Johnson grass hay.

# Lets Have a Sociable Chat

Do you know that during December we will offer some Special bargains in Dry Goods and Clothing and if your winter wardrobe is not yet complete that you will save money by letting us figure on your bills

## This season we are showing

A larger line of Men's Hats than was ever shown the buying public in Ballinger. Every known shade style and color, just from the best makers are here

## Essentials of Perfection

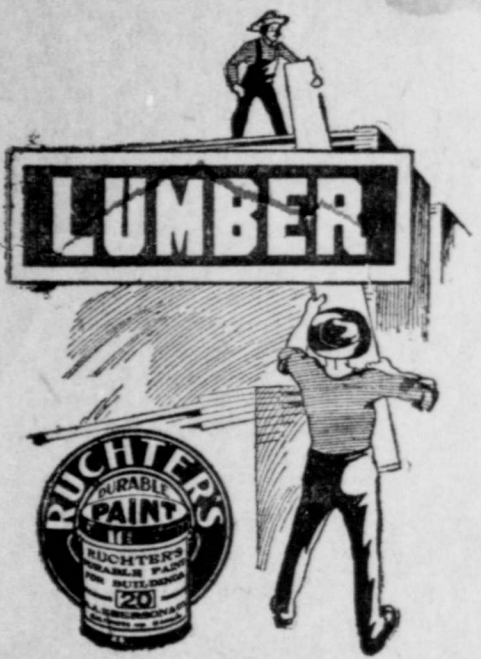
Are in our line of Clothing, all the fabrics and patterns of merit are represented. The tailoring is of the highest class, insuring perfect fit and finish

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Highest Market Price paid for Cotton and we want every bale offered for sale

Headquarters for nice fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries and Country Produce



Buy Your Paint  
—From—  
The Humphrey Lumber Co.  
And Get The Best.  
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## GROCERIES

Are one of the main essentials for good and wholesome living, and

Pure, fresh groceries

Are the only kind that will produce such results  
Buy your Groceries

From us and you will get none but the good and wholesome kind.

# Davis Fancher & Co

Phone 63. All kinds of feed stuff.

### CITY BARBER SHOP,

Jim Dancer, Charley Gilliam and Walter Knight, Proprietors.

Hot and Cold Baths at any old time.  
Hair cutting 25cts  
Easy shaves 15cts  
Be sure and call and see us next door to postoffice.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

For Trade.

A 5 room house, 23 acres of land adjoining the city of Ballinger: wind-mill, fine well of inexhaustible water; would make a splendid truck farm; one-half mile from school building. Will trade for 200 acres of good land in Rannels county

For further particulars call on or address me.  
C. P. Shepherd.

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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

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That makes you rich and if you are alive to your own interests you will find you save money by trading here. Other people do. Why not you? Our groceries are the best.

**LUSK & CO.,**

Hutchings Ave.

Phone 40.

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

J. T. Billups of Content, went to Waco last Sunday.

Nothing better made than Paul Jones, ask Wilke's.

Judge Guion went to Austin, Sunday on legal business.

Go to Wilke's and get a price on the Celebrated Paul Jones.

J. W. Chilton, formerly of this place, was in this city last Monday.

Mrs. Jim Lewis left Sunday last, for a visit to friends at Gonzales.

Mrs. L. C. Alexander, came in Sunday from a visit to relatives at Ft. Worth.

G. W. Hester, of Miles, was in Ballinger, Tuesday and renewed acquaintance with this reporter.

Mrs. George Wright, from Brownwood, came in Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doose.

Miss Charlie Cusenbery, of Talpa, after a pleasant visit to Miss Maggie Sharp, of this place returned home Sunday.

Dr. Barton is spending this week, at Waco, where he will take in the celebration of the Grand Lodge of Masons, and buy a fine stock for his Holiday grade.

Mr. R. L. Williams of Content, put a notice in last week's issue, of this great weekly.

Monday he called and stated that the shoes were found. It pays to advertise in the Banner-Leader. The people read it and the children cry for it. It is warranted to cure dyspepsia, blues or most any old trouble.



We will send you a little of the Emulsion free.

Be sure that this picture in the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

**SCOTT & BOWNE,**  
Chemists,  
409 Pearl St., N. Y.  
50c. and \$1: all druggists.

## Notice.

It has been reported that several bales of cotton have been missed in the cotton yard and could not be accounted for. I wish to state to the public that this is not true, and if anyone has lost a bale of cotton in the yard since I have been running it, I will be pleased to have them call on me, make proof and I will pay for same.

Some Brownwood parties sent a pair of scales down here and reweighed some cotton that had been weighed on my scales, an investigation was made and my weights were found to be correct. Now in conclusion I wish to state that I am not working for Brownwood parties, and do not depend on their weights. Respectfully,  
Frank Stuart

The largest load of cotton was sent out from here last Saturday, that was probably ever sent out from West Texas. There were 101 bales loaded on the car. Valued at \$50 per bale, which price is too low, the load was worth \$5050.

H. F. Redwine, of Itasca, Hill county, after prospecting in our country for a week or so, left for his home Tuesday evening. Mr. Redwine will return in a short while and likely become a permanent citizen of our county.

Frank Truitt, the boss painter, came in Saturday from the West, where he has been the past few months. While he has been busy while gone, he says Ballinger beats them all.

Clarence Harter brought down two bales of cotton, Monday, for which he got ten seventy five. He informed us that he raised 8 bales off of 60 acres of sod land.

J. J. Fox made us feel good by sending the Banner Leader to his brother, D. F. Fox, at Mineral City, Bee county, this week.

H. H. Giesecke, of Brenham, who has been visiting his cousins, C. and H. Gieseck of this city, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Walter Tabor of Brownwood, was in town Monday. He is spending some time at his Grape Creek ranch, this side of Talpa.

Charlie Low came up from Brownwood last Monday prospecting on business. He expects to move his family here.

Mrs. Webb McKandlas and babe took the east bound train, Tuesday afternoon, to join Mr. McKandlas at Beaumont.

E. Durham was down from Wingate; Monday, as a witness in court, while here he remembered us.

Mrs. V. L. Grady of Santa Anna, after a visit to friends of this Burg, returned home, last Sunday.

Mrs. L. Markowitz came in Tuesday from San Angelo, where she had been visiting friends.

Ben Davis' familiar countenance was seen on our streets Tuesday.

Rec Thomson went back to Schleicher county ranch, last Sunday morning.

C. W. Hester, of Winters, was in the city Tuesday, enroute to Miles on business.

P. J. Barron, of Rowena, had business in the city, Tuesday.

Wilke's has the agency for the Celebrated Paul Jones.

## Chas. S. Miller Abstract Co.,

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Are now in demand and we can  
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We have a large line of Guns, Rifles  
and Sporting Goods of every kind

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Fulfills the above requirements in every respect. Give us a trial order and we are sure you will be our regular customer. \* \* \* \* \*

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### Notice! Notice!!

All parties knowing themselves indebted to any of the Blacksmiths of Runnels county, will please call and settle up by the 15th of December, and oblige The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths of Runnels Co.

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

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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.

## For County and District Clerk.

We are authorized to announce R. A. Terry as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Bulter, Pa., has an epidemic of typhoid fever up to date over 1,500 cases have occurred. About 60 new cases occur daily. One doctor has 68 patients.

We call attention this week to the notice elsewhere in these columns, of Prof. Henry J. Stovall, and take great pleasure in recommending him to the public. He is a fine Spanish scholar, and well educated gentleman. He was educated at the Southwestern University and took a special course in language and speaks Spanish like a native of Mexico. He has taught in the famous Peacock school at San Antonio and understands thoroughly how to do the work of a trained teacher. We believe that it is a rare opportunity to take a course in Spanish which is fast becoming a necessity to clerks and business men wishing to transact business in South Texas and Mexico.



The crowning joy of womanhood is motherhood and the crowning joy of motherhood is to have healthy children. But there can be no joy in motherhood without health, and without health for the mother there can be no health for the child.

**\$500 REWARD!**  
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Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States, for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

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Laredo has at last gotten free from the yellow fever. Jack Frost made a visit there several days ago and no new cases have occurred for several days

Corpus Christi, claims to have raised the best cotton crop in the state of Texas, this year. This, too, in a section of country long ago given up to the boll weevil

There are 800 petitions for pardons on the deck of the gov of Mississippi. There are only 1100 convicts in the penitentiary, and as the governor's term is nearly up, they hope to profit by the exuberance of clemency which always characterizes the end of an administration.

Grover Cleveland has stated in a letter to the Brooklyn Eagle, that he would under no circumstances be a candidate for the Presidency. This settles the nightmare that some Cleveland haters have been having over the probability of his being in the race again to become President. The favorite candidates for the Democratic nomination for president now seem to be Gorman and Parker.

You can almost imagine that you are inhaling the fragrance of the apple blossoms during some of the scenes in the charming play of "Uncle Josh Spruceby" and, dear reader, it is reality. During the scene in question the theatre is secretly perfumed by the sprinkling of apple Blossom perfume through the house. This may be thought a little costly but nothing is too good for the patrons. So say the manager, and they are the men who carry little hatchets, just the same as George W.

There was a man named Rosenhall, that bought a goat just for a stall; one day the goat became inclined to eat red shirts off the line. Then Rosenhall to the goat did say, "you must die this very day." He took him to the railroad track and there he bound him on his back. The train it came, the whistle blew, the goat he knew his time was due, and with an awful shriek of pain, coughed up the shirts and flagged the train.—Nashville American

## New Quicksilver Mines in Presidio

Terlingua: One of the most important cinnabar discoveries in the big bend since the opening of the mines in this camp three year ago was made by Customs Inspector D. E. Lindsey while on scout duty. This find was made south of the Chisos mountains and extends the promised field some sixty miles. The vein of cinnabar found by Inspector Lindsey averages twelve feet thick and every specimen of ore taken from this vein assay as high as 60 and 75 per cent. Forty-eight claims have been located and development work will begin immediately. Wood and water are in great abundance near the find, which will make this region exceptionally choice for the mining and extraction of quicksilver. It is predicted by mining men that one of the largest and most prosperous cinnabar camps will soon be in active operation in this new locality.

Chas. Reeder, brother of D. Reeder, came in with his family Friday, and will make Ballinger their future home.

## Do You.

Expect to spend the Christmas holidays at the old home? The low rates and excellent service via Cotton Belt Route offer you an opportunity you may never have again, and which you cannot afford to overlook.

On December 19, 20, 21 and 26 1903, you can procure round trip tickets to Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis. The old States, also to points in Arkansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and other states at one fare plus \$2.00. These tickets will be good for return within thirty days from date of sale, giving ample time for a leisurely and delightful visit to scene of other days.

If you contemplate going, don't wait until the last minute, but write now and tell us your destination. We will take pleasure in advising you fully of the exact cost of trip, our through car service, the schedule, both going and returning. Then when you buy your ticket provided it reads via Cotton Belt Route, you will know when you board the train just what hour you should reach your destination and what time you will reach home, returning. Let us hear from you. Address A. S. Wagner, T. P. A. Waco. D. M. Morgan, T. P. A. Ft. Worth, or John F. Lehane, G. F. & P. A. Tyler.

A fifteen pound boy arrived at the home of A. W. Sledge and wife Thursday of this week. The Ledger will come out a day later this week as a result.

Mrs. Maxwell, aunt of Miss Francis Cady, came in Friday from Urbana, Ill., to spend the winter with the latter.

Mr. Creasy, manager of the oil mill, happened to a painful accident Friday by falling through an elevator.

Hobby horses and toys at Pearce's drug store.

Santa Claus town at Pearce's drug store.

## At The

# Solicitation

Of numerous friends I have decided to open a school of Spanish here. There is a growing demand for Spanish-speaking Americans; and this is a fine opportunity for any one to learn this, the most beautiful and useful of languages. A College Course is brought within reach of all. I have made a Specialty of the language, and by my method one can master it rapidly. Special attention will be paid to conversational Spanish. The school is for both sexes, and for all ages and sizes. Will Teach at hours to suit the pupils. All who wish to enter the Classes please meet at the Opera House Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Don't miss this opportunity.

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23 hours  
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We offer for Sale for a few days only  
640 acres of land, being Survey No. 171  
Texas & New Orleans R.R. This land is  
just two miles West of the town of Eden,  
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Cash, balance in 3 equal annual payments  
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# A Great Special Sale of New Fall and Winter Goods

We now have on hand the most complete line of

## FASHIONABLE DRY GOODS

To be found in Runnels county including all styles

## Dress Goods, Notions and Waistings

Our line of Cloaks and Ready to wear Skirts were never more complete and stylish. Come and see them

During December we will make close prices on all lines of winter weight goods and it will pay you to figure with us on your bills

## L. Markowitz & Co.

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We buy Cotton and pay the Highest Market price

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#### Dental Notice.

This is to notify my friends and patrons that I have moved my dental office up stairs in the K. of P. building next door to Dr. Younger's office where I am better prepared than ever to give you first-class dental work at the right price.  
S. B. Raby, D. D. S.

We appreciate your trade and you will appreciate our price if you will figure with us.  
Smith & Hail

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Baggage.—Baggage must be checked to Portland only on going journey.

#### Santa Fe Special.

Texas Swine Breeder association, Plano Texas. Sale Jan. 11. Return Jan. 16. Fare one one-third.

Local holiday excursions tickets will be on sale Jan. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31. Call at ticket office for rates.

Austin Annual conference, Ft. Worth, Dec. 3rd to 8th. Fare one-third.

Sunny South Handicap, Brenham, Texas, Jan. 18th to 23rd. Fare and third date of sale, Jan. 16th to 17th. Returning Jan. 21.

West Texas Conference, Waco, Texas, Dec. 16th to 20th. Rate of fare one-third, on sale Dec. 14th and 15th. Limited to Dec. 21st for final return.

Texas Annual Conference, M. E. church, Houston Dec. 9 to 14. Limit for return has been changed to Dec. 15.

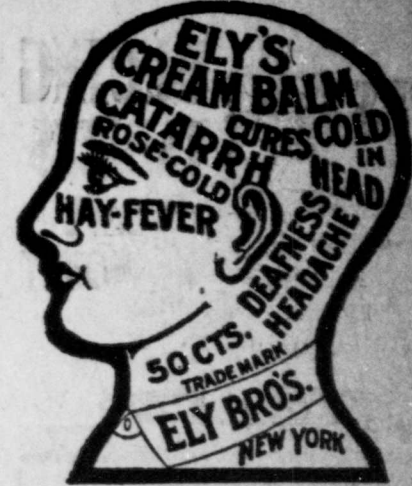
Annual convention of Texas State teachers association, Marlin, Texas. Tickets on sale Dec. 27 and 28. Limit January 24 for final return.

Annual meeting Retail Implement and Vehicle dealers Association, Kansas City, January 19 to 21, one fare plus \$1.00.

Annual American association for the advancement of science, St. Louis, Dec. 36 to Jan 2nd. One and one-third fare. Call on agent for further particulars.

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A funny little incident took place at Fort Dodge hotel during the fair, the particulars of which have only just leaked out. It seems that a gentleman from this country, accompanied by his wife, stopped over night at the—house, and some time during the night the gentleman was taken with a terrible case of cramp colic. His wife was frightened nearly to death, but knowing that something must be done, she slipped on her wrapper and went down to the dining room where she emptied the contents of the mustard cruet into her handkerchief and ran back up stairs; she dived into her room (as she thought) and seeing a man lying in bed, she turned down the cover and still more gently tucked up his lingerie and slapped on the plaster. No sooner had it come in contact with his epidermis than the man arose and yelled out, "what in h—Hoboken are you doing, woman?" The lady gave a glance at his face—it was not her husband; a screech like that of an ocean liner split the midnight from Dan to Black Duck, there was a sound of pattering feet and switching draperies, a door slammed and quiet again reigned! When the lady got to her own room she told her husband of the mistake she had made and it tickled him so that the cramp colic took a change of venue and left him.—Cherokee Democrat.

Secretary Wilson recommends an appropriation, one half million of dollars by congress to combat the boll weevil.

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**Eola News.**

**Editor Banner Leader:**

Well, Mr. Editor, I will come again with our little news

Business is fairly good

Farmers are still busy with their fleecy staple, but will soon be done with it, but not as glad as they have been in former years, as it still remains above 10c and as long as cotton is worth 10c we can afford to raise it.

Well, the great work of improvement in our community still goes on. More new resident houses are reported and soon our beautiful flat country will be dotted all over with nice farm houses and beautiful farms too.

Health of our community is improving.

... a few days ago, but we are glad to say that she is again improving.

The services at the church well attended, both Sunday school and preaching. The sermon was preached by Rev. Allen, of Paint Fork, the prayer meeting, Sunday night, was well attended. There was a move made to have a Christmas tree ... which will be carried

into effect on the first Sunday in December. We are very sure that it will be a success.  
Snap Shot

It has been demonstrated beyond question that soldiers who are supplied with alcoholic drink are less capable of long marches and suffer more from fatigue than those to whom no alcohol is furnished. That it is not simply the physical powers that alcohol attacks, has been abundantly proved by experiment. Tests made by Kraepelin, the eminent chemist show among drinking men a lessened capacity for mental work and small ability to concentrate the attention. Even small doses of liquor he found impaired the faculties so that the average efficiency was not regained until from twelve to twenty-four hours had elapsed after the alcohol had been taken. "This being true," he says, persons who have acquired a tolerance for alcohol are many of them never completely normal, their mental power never recovering entirely from one dose before another is taken." Thus is proved the expediency of total abstinence from a business standpoint, and thus also proved the importance of total abstinence in those who do our thinking, who decide for us momentous questions — Union Signal.

It is reported that a class of fifteen members in girls high school class in Indiana, were expelled because they could and would not take high A in singing. Now, don't that jar

high school girls, before refusing to screech any old time.

They were hunting chestnuts. "Dear me," said the pretty girl, "it is chilly, I wish I had something around me."

"I'll let you have my coat," spoke up the gallant young man. "Perhaps just the sleeve would do."

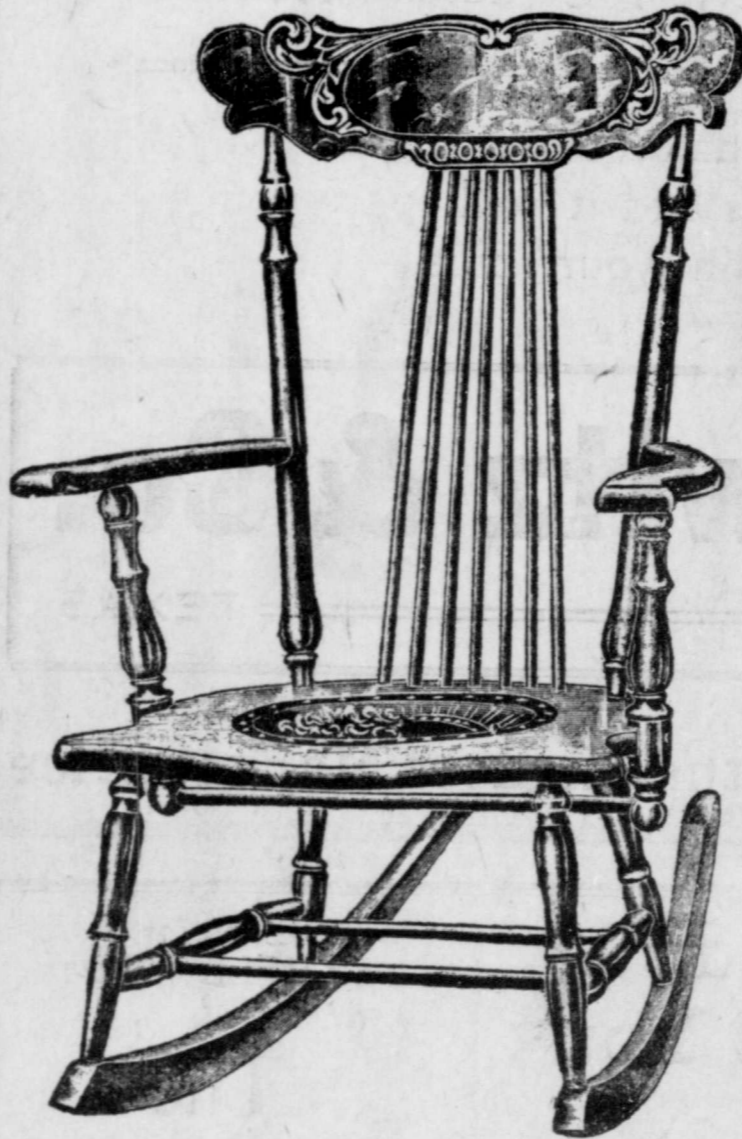
And then even the dogwood leaves turned red.

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**Kansas City (Mo.) Journal.** Her entire repertoire was played without notes and this feat of memory was one of the marvels that added to the appreciation of the audience.

**Atchison, (Kan.) Globe.** Annie Hodges' bowing is a study in itself, her arm wrist and fingers have all the accuracy of machinery and the delicacy of fancy.

**San Antonio Express.** She draws a remarkable tone, her bowing is exquisite, her intonation true, her interpretation scholarly. For this little girl we predict a bright future.

**Waco Times Herald.** A very large and appreciative audience assembled at the Conservatory Hall last night to hear the gifted child violinist, Annie Hodges. This little girl handles her violin in a way that would do credit to a mature artist. Her beautiful playing is a revelation to any lover of the art divine. Her rendition of Berriot's Fantasia, "Scenes de Ballet" created the wildest enthusiasm.

**Oklahoma City, (Okla.) Daily Oklahoman.** Few children at her age have reached the degree of perfection in playing shown in her artistic rendering of the "Fantasia" of De Berriott, and the Gavotte, by Bohm.

**Denison Daily Herald.** No better violin playing has been heard here since the visit of Ovide Musin, than was heard at the XX Club last night. Annie Hodges plays with the charm and grace of a master; she plays as if the violin were part of her self, and seems to pour forth her very soul from her instrument.

**Paris Daily Advocate.** Annie Hodges is the picture of grace as she faces her audience in her work. Her bowing technique and volume of tone is wonderful for one of her years. She played De Berriot's "Scenes De Ballet" with the same ease and finish as she did the lighter numbers. In the "Cradle Song," Hauser's beautiful little dream for the violin, her tone, color and shading cannot be described.

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

Opera House Friday Dec. 11.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby."

The Reading Daily Review has the following to say about the "Uncle Josh Spruceby" company, which comes to Ballinger for one night, Friday, Dec. 11.

A treat was in store for those who attended the performance of "Uncle Josh Spruceby" last night, for instead of seeing an old worn-out play "Uncle Josh Spruceby" proved to be one of the most pleasing rural comedy-dramas that has visited Reading in many a day. Both the production and the company presenting it are far above the average and judging from the continued applause, the play certainly gave entire satisfaction. The piece is staged with every attention to detail, the saw mill scene in the third act being particularly realistic and the thrilling climax was greeted with a storm of applause. Several clever specialties were introduced during the first and second acts and were of a high order. The orchestra with this company is a fine one and their music is of the highest class.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby."

The Chicago Daily Democrat has the following comment of "Uncle Josh Spruceby" company, which appears at Ballinger for one night, Friday, Dec. 11.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby" the well known New England comedy drama, proved a record-breaker yesterday at each performance at the Bijou, where it opened a week's engagement to packed houses.

The play is splendidly interpreted by a company of thirty-five players and deals with rural life in Vermont, showing Uncle Josh Spruceby's trials and tribulations in making a visit to New York City. The scenic and mechanical effects are exceedingly clever, especially the realistic saw mill scene. Catchy specialties and an elegant musical program is introduced during the action of the play.

This is the fourth season this popular production has appeared at the Bijou, and no season would be complete without it. "Uncle Josh Spruceby" cer

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tainly has caught the fancy of the patrons of this theatre. The superb orchestra rendered a special selection of classic music that won the heart of those from the lower floor, but it remained for the "gallery gods" to attest their approval when popular airs were given later.

A little family disagreement happened in Hodgenville, Ky., and two men were killed and two wounded as a result.

Moral: A fellow ought always to agree with a fellow in Kentucky.

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J. W. Battles, of the Valley Creek country, was among the crowd here Tuesday.

The Celebrated Paul Ponies for sale at Wilkes.

### The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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E. D. Walker.

From San Angelo Standard, H. A. Roach came out Saturday from Billinger and spent Sunday with his family, returned to Ballinger Sunday afternoon. He has a contract of painting at Ballinger.

Two member of King-K medicine show which visited San Angelo a few weeks ago, are reported to have had a stabbing affray at Coleman. One received several ugly gashes across the face and chest and the other was kicked in the ribs so that three of them were broken.

George, the young son of V. Schonka, was shot in the ankle last Saturday while returning from school. He turned a corner suddenly and as he turned, a stray bullet from some target rifle struck just above his ankle. His playmates heard him yell and ran to his assistance. They were obliged to carry him home. Dr. Smith was summoned and dressed the injury. The boy is recovering rapidly.

G. W. Jones Ranch For Sale 3400 acres fine farm and ranch at \$5.50 per acre. One third cash, 1, 2, or 3 years on balance. See J. W. Powell.

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W. S. Boswell was doing business in the city Tuesday, and report the ranch in fine shape.

### Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Nov 28, 1903. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P.M.

- Allen, Mrs. Cynthia.
- King, Mrs. N. E.
- Brown, J. W.
- Dotson, Henry.
- Kelsaw, Dr. W. F.
- Martin, Ross.
- Manchill, A. B.
- Millir, Doras.
- Shafer, G. D.
- Whiteman, B. A.
- Williams, Arthur.

### A Big Cotton Crop in Williamson.

Georgetown: The cotton crop of Williamson county, which reported to be 65,000 bales by United States Statistician C. I. Harris, against 50,000 bales, has been gathered earlier this year than was ever known, weather having been almost perfect. The largest yield reported in the country is thirty-five acres by J. J. Parmele of Granger, which has yielded exactly fifty bales, or nearly a bale and a half to the acre. The cotton is from Georgia seed, and all the seed from the fifty bales will be planted next year.

From Rev. C. M. Shuffler.

Banner-Leader.

Dear Brothers:

Well, the more I see of this place the better I like it. I think we will all be pleased with the church and people.

Following my inclinations, I have been casting about, but I fail to find a place to recuperate hunting or fishing. So look out for me

\* Much love for Ballinger and also the Banner-Leader.

C. M. Shuffler.

### Cattle Horses or Mules for gin outfit.

We have a good gin outfit put up by us this season, at Eden, Concho county, Texas, that we haven't time to look after and therefore offer it for sale. Will take stock in full or part payment. We expect to gin 600 bales this season. The average will be about double next year. This is your chance if you have stock to dispose of. Write for particulars.

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### Notice.

Owing to the fact that my entire library has been lost by the railroad company. I have asked Rev. C. R. Nichols to postpone our debate at Robert Lee, until some time after the Christmas holidays, a date which he himself will arrange.

C. M. Shuffler.

A little excitement on 8th street, Tuesday, occasioned by the run-away team of Mr. Eaton of Bronte. No serious damage, though some miraculous escapes.

Cal McCord came in from Coleman, Tuesday and went out to the G. G. Odom ranch to spend a few days.

M. C. Caperton, of Maverick, was disposing of the fleecy staple in Ballinger, Tuesday.

Fred Ikle is among the people of our section, delivering fruit trees, this week.

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Yours, etc., D. W. McIVER, Editor and Proprietor Tuskegee (Ala.) News.

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There was a man named Rosenhall, that bought a goat just for a stall; one day the goat became inclined to eat red shirts off the line. Then Rosenhall to the goat said, "you must die this very day." He took him to the railroad track and there he bound him on his back. The train it came, the whistle blew, the goat he knew his time was due, and with an awful shriek of pain, coughed up the shirts and flagged the train.—Nashville American.

**Heart Fluttering.** Undigested food and gas in the stomach, located just below the heart, presses against it and causes heart palpitation. When your heart troubles you in that way take Herbine for a few days. You will soon be all right. 50c. Sold by E. D. Walker.

**Spread Himself.** The reporter on the West Point, Miss. Times, thus delivers himself on the occasion of a marriage in that city:

"Would that my pen had been plucked from some beautiful bird of Paradise and dipped in the eyes of a rainbow, that I might describe the beautiful marriage scene enacted at the residence of Mrs. E. V. Braswell, 401 St. Anthony street. Just as the day god, clothed in majesty sublime, had withdrawn his galaxy of quivering, golden beams from all the earth and wafted a good night kiss to the young evening, who was fast approaching with her cloudless brow, mounted by a crown of jeweled stars—it was then that the cords of confidence, hope and love, birding the hearts of Hiram J. Buister and Mary Elizabeth Braswell were indelibly traced upon the scroll of life, and the sacred seal of holy matrimony placed thereon.

**Millionaire's Poor Stomach.** The worn out stomach of the over fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c.

"I was much afflicted with sciatic," writes Ed C. Nud, Lowaville, Sedgwick Co., Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used three bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk with out crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

An exchange gets off the following: "If the men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is a necessity, sugar a luxury. Vicious men are salt-peter; stern men are rock salt; nice men are table-salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar, pretty girls are fine pulverized sugar. Pass the pulverized sugar, please.

**Cured Paralysis.** W. S. Bailey, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. It does the work." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

**The Lone Star State.** Down in Texas at Yoakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that logy feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by E. D. Walker.

A thousand Sunday school superintendents, teachers, scholars and workers will leave the United States on March 3, 1904, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. At Jerusalem the American party will be joined by several hundred pilgrims from England and Europe. The host of workers will gather on April 18, 19 and 20 in a great tent just outside the walls of Jerusalem close to Calvary and amid impressive surroundings will be held the Fourth World's Sunday School Convention.

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

A boy who isn't permitted to be out at night after 9 o'clock, until he is 18, and who is expected to inform his mother where he goes in the day time when not at work or in school, is not likely to go into bad company to form bad habits. A girl who is taught to respect herself and keep off the streets in the evening, unless accompanied by some older person, will not bring sorrow to her family or regrets to herself. John Thomson, of the Winters country, on Elm creek, was a financial visitor to our office this week. We have had the pleasure of partaking of the hospitality of Mr. Thomson, and we are always glad to shake his hand and return the courtesy when in our city.

Judge Woodward was in Brady this week in the capacity of special judge in a case in county court. The case involves a strip of land claimed by S. N. Woody, and it is also claimed by McCulloch county for road purposes. Woody had the land under fence when ordered to remove his fence by the commissioners court. He refused and the county authorities went out in a body and tore down the fence. He put up the fence again and brought suit to restrain the county officials from tearing down his fence. The county judge filed suit against Woody for obstructing a public road and the jury in the case fined him \$150.—Coleman Democrat.

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

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**One Hundred Dollars a Box.** Is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C. places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt'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.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contains Mercury.** As mercury will surely destroy the sense of the smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. F. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by J. F. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggist, 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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

Bill Dreman had his foot right painfully, though not serious crushed, at the oil mill, Saturday.

Forty of the newest watches added to our stock, Thursday of this week, let me sell you one.—J. E. Brewer.

Miss Maud Rape entertained the young folks at the home of her uncle, Dr. T. A. Rape, Thursday night.

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.

The reporter had a pleasant chat with J. Sam Hall of the Oak Creek country, Monday, while transacting business.

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

Thursday afternoon, a team belonging to some of our country friends took fright at the machinery at the oil mill, and ran up the railroad, to 8th street and was met by Prof. Hagan; who attempted to stop them by reflecting a silver mirror in front of them. Mrs. Hagan came to the rescue of the professor, but not in time to save the mirror. The professor claims he had to drop the mirror in order to extricate his wife, the bystander saw the performance in a different light. Nevertheless, we think the professor has great forethoughts as he claims. We watched the team for more than half a mile. The mirror, Mrs. Hagan says, is now worth less.

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"Uncle Josh Spruceby", the best of the many rural plays now being presented in the different cities, will be seen at Ballinger for one night, Dec. 11.

This production is said to be different from all others as it contains much comedy as well as pathos and the realistic saw mill scene is said to be the most exciting and intense effect ever produced. The scenes of the play are laid in Vermont and New York, which gives ample opportunity for portraying the simple rustic characters in country as well as the many incidents that befall simple country folks, who visit the metropolis.

A visit to the lumber yards these days will prove to the observer that something is doing in the lumber trade, which shows that a great deal of buildings is going in the country. Tuesday at the Smith & Hall lumber yard, there was sold over six hundred dollars worth of lumber. In October it was thought they had supplies enough to last two years, but find themselves running short, and almost unable to supply the demands. The other two lumber yards seem to be doing equally as well. Verily Runnels county is moving upward.

C. K. Gwin and C. S. Woodward are having an office fitted up for land and commission business in the Billups building on 8th street. The remainder of the building is to be occupied by Tom Osteen, who will run a bakery and confectionery therein. They are all enterprising gentlemen and deserve success.

Owing to the bad weather prevailing for some time, cotton is coming in slowly. Up to Friday, of this week, the total receipts here were 12,150 bales. Thursday 11:45 was paid and the fellows that brought in any cotton went home happy and with a pocketfull of spondulix.

Judge Crosson came back from Galveston this week, where he has been enjoying himself and transacting some business at some time.

L. A. Harper, of the Valley Creek country, made a business trip to Brownwood Wednesday.

If you don't see what you want call for it we have it. Lankford & Hathaway.

We exchange new furniture for second hand. Lankford & Hathaway.

For sale, cheap a second hand wagon. Lankford & Hathaway.

Toy town at Pearce's drug store.

Alioretta candy at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Four inches of snow fell in Mississippi on Dec. 1.

Thad Thomson is working at J. Y. Pearce's during the rush.

R. P. Kirk and wife returned, Wednesday, from a visit to El Campo.

Judge Guion got back, Wednesday, from a trip to Kansas City on legal business.

Born to Dixie Parrott and wife on Valley Creek last Monday, a 12 pound boy.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape, Physician and Surgeon. Office phone 38, residence phone 44.

Miss Nettie Bacon is holding down a position with E. D. Walker during December.

Attorney Morrow, of Abilene, grand son of Sam Houston was here Tuesday on legal business.

Ballinger Commercial club will take notice that the secretary will call on its members for one months dues (\$1.00 each) to defray obligations due by the club for repairs of county roads etc.

By order of  
J. McGregor, Pres.  
J. W. Powell, Sec.

License issued this week to W. Y. McBarey and Miss Bettie Russel; Wint Livingston and Miss Fannie D. Borders; Fred Muelkin and Miss Lena Runge; J. W. Dancer and Miss Saran F. Awatt; Frank Hourland and Miss Augusta Krunger; T. J. Hines and Miss Alice Harris; J. W. Williams and Miss Mattie Walker.

To the Public.

I have purchased the interest of Nath Allen, in the butcher shop heretofore run under the name of Allen & Key. All accounts due the old firm will be paid to me. I appreciate the patronage extended us in the past and ask a continuance.

Yours very truly,  
J. G. Key.

This reporter in conversation with Charlie Low, who came in from Brownwood, Saturday, to make Ballinger his home, says that he will be here most of the time himself, but will not move his family for a while. The writer has known Charley Low for the past 11 years, and can say that he will make us a No. 1 citizen and we cordially welcome him and family to our town. He is an enterprising business man and will add materially to the growth and up building of our town and section.

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