

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS. SATURDAY, DEC 19, 1903

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CONSOLIDATED

Special 30 days sale will be made previous to taking stock

Two Stores in One

Having moved our West stock to Ballinger we put them on the market at greatly reduced prices

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

Clean up on all clothing, Discount $\frac{1}{8}$
 Pants, 25 per cent discount
 Clean up sale on Shoes
 Special on Hats,
 Jno. B. Stetson, Beaver and Thoroughbred

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D. REEDER

Phone 58

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Eola.
 Editor Banner-Leader:
 Mr. Editor. I will come with my small batch of news, but I haven't much
 Christmas is all the talk, and Christmas trees and Santa Claus.
 Well yes, there was or might have been a wedding at Paint Rock last Sunday, as two couples of our Eola young people, say that they went to that city, to see a preacher, and intimated that they were married. So it is supposed that if they are not married they soon will be,

from the prospects there will be two or three more sure enough weddings very soon if there is any thing in sweetness.
 Our sick list is a blank this week, and the doctor wears a long face, while bright smiles are to be seen on almost all other faces.
 Cotton picking will soon be over. Our gin will run only three days in the week.
 T A. Gamble has moved to Eola to assist J. W. Corum in running his well drill next year, they will go to work on the drill, January 1st, they have nine wells to drill for John A.

Looms.
 The fine steam plow of John A. Loomes began its work, on Monday, December 14th, on the Loomes ranch, it gave a whistle loud and long when it arrived on the ranch, where its destructive work to grass is to be done.
 Owing to the cold weather, cotton picking is slow.
 House building and turf breaking is the order of the day.
 The prayer meeting was led, Sunday night, by young Brother Gates, which was well attended.
 The Christmas tree will nodoubt be a success by the

way the santa claus goods are being carried from Mr. Bondmans store.
 J. D. Smith was in our community not long ago, delivering some of the finest pictures ever seen. His work is to be seen all over our community and will bear inspection, as it is sure fine.
 Success to the Banner Leader and all its readers.
 Snap Shot.
 Dr. Thos A. Rape Physician and Surgeon. Office phone 38, residence phone 44.

Runnels County Ledger Chartered Austin, Texas, Dec., 12, 1903.
 —Among the charters filed today was one for the Ledger Printing Company, of Ballinger, Runnels county Capital stock \$5000. Incorporators: A. W. Sledge, Peter and Duncan McGregor, all of Ballinger.
Halley & Love,
 Physicians and Surgeons
 BALLINGER, — — TEXAS.
 Office over Walker's Drug Store.
 Will do a general practice. All calls night or day answered promptly.....

Grand Display of Holiday Goods

At J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store

This is the FIFTEENTH Annual Show

As in the past you will find an elegant line of gifts for each member of the family. The largest and best selected Holiday stock in the city. All are invited to come and make it a time of good will and cheer at a cost that is within the reach of the humble as well as the rich. My line of BOOKS, TOILET SETS, ALBUMS, MANICURE SETS, COMB and BRUSH SETS is COMPLETE

THE CENTER OF THE TOY WORLD

J. Y. Pearce's Mammoth Drug Store

Ayer's

Bald? Scalp shiny and thin? Then it's probably too late. You neglected dandruff. If you had only taken our advice, you would have cured

Hair Vigor

the dandruff, saved your hair, and added much to it. If not entirely bald, now is your opportunity. Improve it.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for over 40 years. I am now 91 years old and have a heavy growth of rich brown hair, due, I think, entirely to Ayer's Hair Vigor."
Mrs. M. A. Keith, Belleville, Ill.

50c a bottle, All drugists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

for **Good Hair**

Phone to 82 to sell any old thing.

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

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

Jim Osburn went up to Coleman, Tuesday evening, on business.

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

Mr. Taylor representing Geo. D. Benard, of St. Louis, had business with our county official this week.

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

Ex-County Commissioner, Cathey, of the Wingate country, was among us Tuesday.

Prepare for winter by buying stoves from Hall Hardware Co.

Jonathan Rogers, father of Mrs. J. W. Powell, left Monday for Austin, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Have you anything you don't need or do you need anything you haven't got. I am dealing in second hand goods and am prepared to upholster and repair your furniture.

D. C. Dannelley.
I. O. Wooden's old stand.

Tyler College took fire from a defective flue last Sunday morning and burned to the ground. The school will resume at once in the Armory building. Inmates and students all escaped without injury.

W. M. Koger, real estate man, of Waxachachie, and agent for the Day ranch in Coleman county, spent Monday in our town looking out a location for some eastern parties.

Frank Castlebury writes us from Styles this week to move his figures on the Banner-Leader two years. He reports things prosperous in that section.

Waiter Gentry, a young prosperous and influential citizen of the Norton country had business in the sheriff's office in Ballinger, Tuesday.

J. T. Carter left Monday for the Miles country, where he has a large contract for carpenter work, and more offered every day.

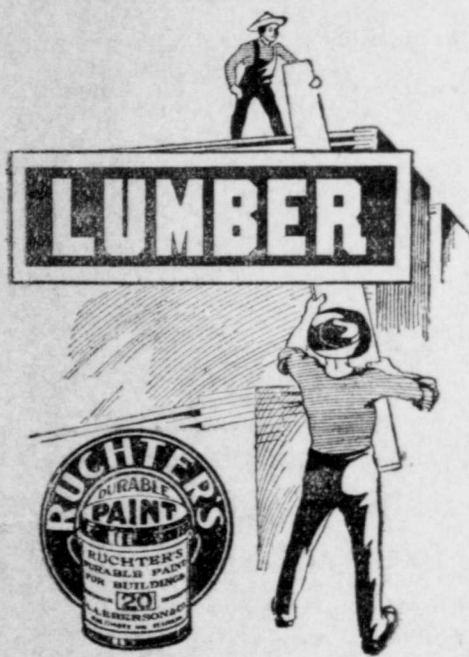
P. C. Cobb, the big whole souled friend of the Banner-Leader man, was transacting business here Monday.

W. W. Scott, the stock-farmer, of north of Winters, was among the usual big crowd in our city Monday.

W. D. Currier returned from his eastern trip Monday evening en route to San Angelo.

The cotton crops of Concho county is estimated to be this season about 3,000 bales.

M. I. Rayburn, of the Maverick country, was here Monday.



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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.

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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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BALLINGER. - - - TEXAS

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

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.

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 Runnels county.

For further particulars call on or address me.

C. P. Shepherd.

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

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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

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Hutchings Ave.

Phone 40.

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

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

Scott's Emulsion is a mixed food; the Cod Liver Oil in it makes flesh, blood and muscle, the Lime and Soda make bone and brain. It is the standard scientific food for delicate children.



Send for free sample.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

Scott & Bowne
CHEMISTS,
409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and \$1, all druggists.

Toy town at Pearce's drug store.

The Celebrated Paul Ponies for sale at Wilkes

Bob Wilson, of Pumphrey, came in Tuesday after freight for his burg.

A. C. Boyd, editor of the Winters Recorder, paid our city a visit Tuesday.

Before buying a typewriter, let R. G. Erwin & Co. show you how the "Oliver" writes.

A blizzard raged all over the north last week. Mercury dropped to 24 below zero in St. Paul.

Now is the time to put out onion sets and of course you will want the best. Then go to J. B. Alvis.

J. W. King, of Crews, was in Wednesday with cotton, for which he got 11-35 he raised 13 bales off of 40 acres.

N. J. Wardlow came in on Tuesday evening's train from San Angelo, where he had been for a few days on business.

John Currie has purchased a fine bay driving horse of Dr. Fowler of Paint Rock. Price paid was \$125, so report goes

Pickens Butler, who has been attending an electrical school in New York, returned last Friday to spend a while with home folks and friends. He left Tuesday evening for a short stay in Temple.

W. P. Hawkins was in from Wingate, Wednesday and left a nice order for stationery. He has recently purchased Mr. Moore's interest at Wingate and will run the business alone.

The following poll taxes are paid up to date and shows that our country towns are in the lead. Bear in mind that if you want to take part in the next year's elections you must pay your poll tax before February 1, 1904: Ballinger, 29; Runnels, 13; Norwood, 5; Crews, 51; Content, 24; Antelope, 16; Winters, 26; Cochran, 20; Pumphrey, 18; Wingate, 28; Allen School House, 9; Norton, 35; Maverick, 15; Pearce School House, 15; Rowena, 8; Miles, 53.

How does that article, "Secession Triumphant," that appears in this issue, strike you? It begins to look a little like the South in trying to secede was not so very much wrong after all when even the Northern statesmen begin to recognize the right of Secession.

W. J. Parks, formerly of this section, but now of Osage, I. T., a son-in-law of Taylor Nichols, left Monday evening for his home, after having spent several days here visiting relatives and friends.

J. H. Cabe, of the Coyote Creek country, was doing business here Saturday and told us that his wife was much improved. She has been in a very dangerous condition from erysipelas.

Will Flowers and family, of Schleicher county, are welcome additions to our fast increasing population. They will take charge of J. H. Wilke's farm above the pump house.

Mrs. Harry Scott and little son went to Brownwood Monday to visit friends and relatives during the holidays and also to have the little son treated for an ear trouble.

J. S. Dickerson, at May, killed himself last week with a rifle. It was a suicide. Reasons given for the rash act was that he couldn't support his wife and children.

Miss Norma Harris, niece of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell, left Monday evening for Lampasas, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in our city.

J. H. Wilke is improving his place over on the creek by erecting a nice little residence. It will be occupied by Will Flowers and family.

Insure your property against loss by fire before the holidays, with R. G. Erwin & Co. Office at Citizens National bank.

J. M. Chumley, formerly of Winters, but now of Taylor county, had business in Ballinger this week.

Rev. J. D. Gamble, of Eola, Concho county, was looking up Christmas goods in our city Saturday.

The familiar face of Ad Schawe, of Bronte, was seen on our streets several days this week.

Ben Garven, of Ellis county, spent Saturday in our city, the guest of his old friend, J. H. Kelley.

Insure your cotton before the holidays with R. G. Erwin & Co. Office at Citizens National bank

Capt. R. A. Smith was in from his ranch, Saturday and report the rain light at his place.

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

T. Jones Webb was in from his Maverick ranch Saturday.

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

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INCORPORATED

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$25,000
Successor to business founded 1879

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We have the only complete and up-to-date Abstracts of titles of Runnels and Concho county lands. They have been compiled with the strictest fidelity to the official records and represent a quarter of a century's painstaking labor. Abstracts of title carefully compiled and furnished on short notice at reasonable prices.

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Heating Stoves

Are now in demand and we can
supply that demand * * * * *

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We have a large line of Guns, Rifles
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Hall Hardware Company

Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

We answer this question. 1st. Where the prices are right. 2nd. Where the goods are fresh and first class. 3rd. Where you will receive Courteous and Honest Treatment. * * * * *

The Miller Mercantile Co

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

The Miller Mercantile Co

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.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

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EDITOR.
CLYDE C. COCKRELL
BUSINESS MANAGER.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES—Strictly Cash in Advance:
District Offices \$10.00
County Offices \$7.50
Precinct Offices \$2.50

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For District and County Clerk,
R. A. TERRY.
JOHN HOFFER.

The husband of Rath Bryan Leavitt is reported to have a breach of promise suit on hand. He ought to have been smooth enough to "Leavitt" (her) alone.

A lot of Chinese, who had gotten rich in South America, came into the United States a few days ago so that your Uncle Sam might arrest and send them by free passage back to China. It's a chilly dull day when the almond eyed celestial doesn't learn a thing or two when it comes to tricks.

Wanted.

1000 Turkeys—Will pay the highest market price.
Davis-Fancher Co.



"I wrote to Doctor Pierce, who sent me a very kind letter and advised me."

Thousands of weak and sick women can trace the beginning of a new life of perfect health to that letter written to Dr. Pierce.

Sick and ailing women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures weak and aching backs, headaches, nervousness and other womanly ailments by curing the womanly diseases which cause them.

"In the spring of 1900 I became very ill," writes Mrs. Alvina Scholtz, of Lake Washington, Lesueur Co., Minn. "my back was very weak and ached so that I could do no work at all, so I was obliged to take to my bed. I felt a constant desire to urinate and the pains in my abdomen were almost unbearable. I wrote to Dr. Pierce, who sent me a very kind letter, and advised me to take his 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I took six bottles of each and am a well woman now. I cannot say enough in favor of Dr. Pierce's medicines."

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the most desirable laxative for delicate women.

Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. T. E. Butler, the ladies of the Shakespere club held an informal reception in honor of Miss Augusta Hardgrave.

After the usual welcome and greetings, the ladies repaired to the spacious dining hall and gathered around the festal board, at one end of which was the punch bowl, presided over by Mrs. J. B. Wilmett. During the merriment of drinking, Mrs. W. R. Spencer assumed the role of Toast Mistress and in well chosen words proposed a toast to Miss Hardgrave. Mrs. F. C. Miller thankfully offered this toast Miss Hardgrave readily responded in a most graceful manner. Mrs. Spencer next proposed a toast to "our husband and sweethearts," which was given by Mrs. Butler and received hearty applause. Mrs. W. E. Odom was then called upon to toast the ladies of the Shakespere club, which she did in a most pleasing and graceful manner.

Miss Hardgrave then thanked the club for the pleasure they had given her; after which all adjourned to the parlors. While sitting in the parlor Miss Hardgrave was given a veritable lichen shower, which completely enveloped her. After many good wishes to Miss Hardgrave, the ladies departed for their homes thanking Mrs. Butler for her hospitality.

13300 bales of cotton were received up to Thursday evening of the present week, and looks as if there would not be less than 15000 bales marketed here this season. 12 cents was paid here this week and every farmer that brings in a bale of cotton gets a pocketful of money for it.

Some of the young ladies of this burg are curious to learn why R. A. Terry is going to so much expense just to build a nice new house for himself. Perhaps girls, Mr. Terry's landlady just now wants to go on a visit and Mr. Terry is going to try to batch it for a moon or two.

J. W. Remington, of Brownwood represents Norvall, Shapleigh Hardware Co., of St. Louis, Mo. made Ballinger Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Banner-Leader office. Mr. Remington is an old friend of the junior member of our firm.

J. H. Tyner and family and John Latham, all of Cypress, Mississippi, have located at Winters recently. We understand that they are good citizens and will do their share towards making Runnels county one of the best sections in the state.

Marriage license issued since last issue of the Banner-Leader are:

W. L. Pettit and Miss Ina Chumbeley; Wilson S. Whitaker and Miss Mattie Jones; J. M. Hickson and Miss Lyda Fulfer.

W. L. Lollar, of Norton, left two mammoth hen's eggs here this week. They are over 7 inches in circumference but have no prophetic inscriptions on them. We are glad to say as such things always give us an arctic feeling.

Mrs. L. C. Terry, mother of our efficient and debonair deputy county clerk, is here on a visit from Mississippi.

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

Crews News.

W. H. Troot spent Sunday in Winters.

The presiding elder of the M. E. church, Rev. Mathews, of Brownwood, preached for us Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Vaughn moved his store and goods this week from West Crews to this place and has part of the lumber on the ground for his new residence.

Mr. Henry Booth returned Sunday from a trip to Mills county.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kincaid, a girl, on the 14th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pruitt, on the 14th, a boy.

Henry Absber has bought a 640 acre farm, 7 miles east of Ballinger and will move in soon. Dr. W. W. Carter, of Leland, Ellis county, was here prospecting, Friday, and seemed well pleased with this country as he will probably locate at Crews.

W. Whitaker and Miss Mattie Jones were married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday night.

Wesley Nixon and Miss Lyda Fulfer were married Wednesday.

On Christmas eve night there is to be a Christmas tree and supper at the Methodist church in Crews. The supper will be for the benefit of the church. It will begin at 4 o'clock. All are cordially invited. X

C. O. Harris and wife came in from Indianapolis, Friday. They came back by way of Dallas and their daughter, Miss May, came in from school to spend the holidays.

Miss Louise Fentress, who has for the past few weeks been the guest of Miss Minnie Guion Francis, went up to San Angelo Friday.

School closed today, Friday, at noon for the holidays. It will resume duties the 1st of January 1904.

Let Lee Maddox write you a life or accident policy. He represents the best companies.

If you want all kinds of fire works call on Stubbs & Hartman.

Hobby horses and toys at Pearce's drug store.

Born to Verge Sylvan and wife last Monday a girl.

ANNUAL EXCURSION

East and North.

Low rate excursion tickets will be on sale at all Frisco System Stations to various points East and North via St. Louis and Memphis, also to Mexico via Southern gateways.

Tickets will be on sale Dec. 19, 20, 21, and 26, limited to return passage 30 days from date.

The splendid service, in equipment and otherwise, assures patrons of the Frisco System all the comforts of first-class travel.

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Cut this ad out and send it to me with **One Dollar** P. O. Money Order or Registered letter on or before Feb. 1, 1904, and I will send you my exterminator, and after using same according to directions, if on March 1, 1904, you can find one BED BUG in your house I WILL PAY \$50.00 for it. My exterminator will not injure the finest furniture.

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For \$1.75 we will send the two papers one year—156 copies. The Farmers Forum in the Dallas News is alone worth the money to any intelligent farmer or stockman of this locality to say nothing of other special features. **SUBSCRIBE NOW.**

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 scenes 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.

Go to Stubbs & Hartman's for your fire works.



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ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00

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KANSAS, MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS

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TRINIDAD, COL., AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

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Cattle Houses or Mules for Gin Outfit.

We have a 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.

Hubert H. H. H. Co.
Brownwood, Texas.

Take Notice.

Please if you see a big fat hog for sale call on Joe Ashbacher; and if you want genuine hog lard call on Joe Ashbacher.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



But before that time arrives you should know that several **new cars of FURNITURE** have just been received **at our store** and you can find something suitable and valuable for **your present** to your family.

Don't waste money in buying foolishness but purchase something that will have lasting value

In our new stock you will be sure to find something that will be sure to please you. You will make a mistake unless you visit us **before making your purchases**



J. A. OSTERTAG & CO.
BALLINGER, TEXAS

Wilson & Wilson

Blacksmiths and wheelwrights.

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Ballinger, - - : Texas.

Prairie Dogs Must Go

Bass Dog Poison Will Kill Most of Them

The best and cheapest if many are to be killed.

Bass' Carbon Compound makes a clean sweep, kills all the hole, no other dog will open or use the hole again. NOT THAT WAY IF YOU USE COMMON CARBON. Carbon Compound retails \$1.50 per gal., 5 gals. \$6.25 Bass Poison \$1 bottle for peck of grain, \$3.25 package for bushel. Sold by all druggists wholesale and retail. Special prices on large quantities.

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Office with the Banner-Leader. * * Ballinger, Texas

Antis won out by 56 votes in prohibition election at Amarillo, last Saturday.

W. A. Pace, of Wingate, was shaking hands with the boys in Ballinger, Monday.

Frank Bolf, our clever German friend, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

Report has it that Miles is to be a telegraph station in the near future. We can't understand why a place as large as Miles, shouldn't long ago have had telegraphic service.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



Home of Swamp-Root.

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.

Beauchamp, Dock.
Cobb, Lenard.
Christian, Elmer.
Hock, G. W.
Hobson, Tracy, T.
Hickson, B. M.
Martin, J. T.
Shelton, J. T.
Sparks, David.
Wilson, J. H.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke, celebrated, last Friday night, their 25th marriage anniversary or Silver Wedding. They had only a few of their old and most intimate German friends, who had associated together for many years. The evening was passed by social conversation and remembrance of early days, also the occasion was celebrated with music and delightful refreshments. All report themselves as having spent a most pleasant evening.

Notic.

I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
H. C. WYLIE.

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.

Secession Triumphant.

The Panama Junta has ratified the treaty with the United States, granting to us perpetual sovereignty over a strip of land twenty miles wide and extending clear across that "republic." The Junta is the clique which we installed in power by means of an "insurrection" upheld by our arms. It has not even pretended to hold an election, or secure any endorsement from the people. While it ratified the treaty, our warships guarded it from attack by the army of the United States of Colombia, whose sovereignty over the isthmus we are by treaty bound to uphold and protect. It was all as pretty a bit of international piracy as the world has ever seen, and owing to our vastly superior force, it was all conducted with a most polite regard for the smaller proprieties of life.

This transaction puts the United States on exactly opposite ground, so far as the right of secession is concerned, to that which was held from 1860 to 1865. Then we denied that the Southern States could by any possibility gain the right to secede. We notified Europe that any recognition of them would be considered an act of war upon us, and we made our position good by force of arms.

Now we use force to dismember a sister republic with which we were on friendly terms, and with whom we had agreed that we could respect her rights over this very territory.

There are new and surprising changes for old fashioned Americans these days, and the Panama business is one of the most disquieting of them all.

Three Pigs Weighed 611 Pounds.

Our old friend S. R. Munsey dropped in to see us Wednesday and while in conversation with our reporter stated that on Tuesday of this week, he killed three pigs that were five months and 10 days old and netted 611 pounds.

No. 1 weighed 220 lbs. No. 2 208 lbs. No. 3 183 lbs.

These three pigs were purchased by him two months ago for \$10 and have been on heavy feed since that time.

He sold these pigs in Ballinger Wednesday for \$45.80.

Mr. Munsey made a close estimate on the corn he fed them and says he got just \$1.50 per bushel for it by feeding it.

Mr. Munsey is also a breeder of fine chickens, they have the finest in West Texas.

Why not pay more attention to hogs and chickens, farmers and raise less cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. F. Blanchard and children, returned from Amarillo, Saturday morning, where Mrs. Blanchard had been visiting, the past three weeks.

Uncle John Currie, the genial county treasurer of Concho, county, was among the visitors to our town Monday.

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.

See J. Y. Pearce's Christmas ad in this issue. He says something that will interest you.

Stubbs & Hartmans have a full line of fire works, cheaper than any where in town.

See us for your Christmas fire works of every description

Christmas Excursions

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JNO. G. KEY

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

R. Underwood sold his place on the river and is moving this week to Tom Green county.

Miss Lois Crews went up to San Angelo, Wednesday, to visit for a few days.

Christmas Excursions

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Good Returning January 4, 1904.

Special Arrangements.

See Agents, or Write D. J. PRICE,

Gen'l Pass. & Ticket Agent, Palestine, Texas

Trespass Notice.

All parties Hunting, Fishing, Cutting Timber or otherwise trespassing on my land in the Norwood country, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Mrs. Mary Spreen.

A Great Special Sale of New Fall and Winter Goods

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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.

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Ft. Worth, Texas, Nov. 19, 1903. F. C. C. No. 197. Special rate order No. 1133.

National Live Stock Association.

Portland, Oregon.—Jan. 12th, 15th, 1904.

All agents:

You are hereby authorized to sell round trip tickets to Portland, Oregon, as follows:

Rate:—One lowest normal first class one way fare.

Routes:—The above rate applies for tickets going via Huntington or Billings, returning same route, or going via Huntington, or returning via Billings or vice versa.

Going via Huntington or Billings, returning via Shasta route or at rate of \$13.50 higher.

Final return limit:—Jan. 31, 1904.

Transit limit:—Going transit limit January 12, 1904, going passage to begin on date of sale. Returning transit to begin on date of execution. Joint agent at destination will execute tickets by attaching validation certificate thereto. Stopovers will be allowed within final limit at and west of Colorado common points, by depositing tickets with ticket agent at stop-over point.

Form of ticket:—Regular iron-clad descriptive form of ticket will be required, and all coupons and contract must be endorsed "N. L. S. A."

Tickets must not be sold through California on the going journey.

Destination:—Tickets must be sold only to Portland, and will be executed only at destination.

Joint agent.—Tickets must be executed for return passage at Portland by joint agency to be conducted in the name of James Charlton, and contract to tickets must be endorsed "Fee of Fifty cents must be paid for execution at Portland."

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.

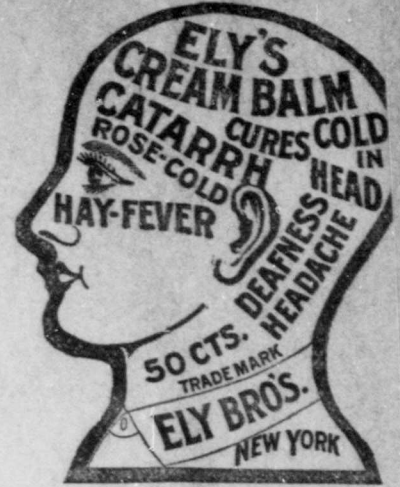
Annual convention of Texas State teachers association, Marlin, Texas. Tickets on sale Dec. 27 and 28. Limit January 24 for final return.

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. 30 to Jan. 2nd. one and one-third fare. Call on agent for further particulars.

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Colon, or Aspinwall, as it some times called, has population of about 300,000 persons. The Public Leader's correspondent says: "The city of Panama has a population of about 25,000. It was founded in 1519, burned in 1671, and rebuilt in 1673 while Colon is of much more recent date, having been founded in 1855. The population which already indicate, amounts in number to about 300,000, is composed of various elements—Spanish Indians, negroes, and a limited number of persons from the European countries and the United States especially those engaged in commerce and transportation and the operation of the Panama railway. A considerable number of the population is composed of persons brought to the isthmus as laborers for the construction of the canal, and of their descendants. Since the abolition of slavery in Jamaica a considerable number of blacks and mulattoes have settled on the isthmus as small dealers and farmers, and some villages on the Atlantic side they are said to be in the majority and as a result the English language is much in use especially on the Atlantic side. Some of the native population have retained their customs, speech and physical type especially those in the western part of the province and claim to be descendants of the natives found in that section by the Spaniards when they discovered and conquered the country."

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One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold

by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment. Dr. Ernest W. Hall, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and E. D. Walker.

READ THIS.

Abilene, Tex. Oct. 16, 1901. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—I suffered two years with kidney and bladder troubles and one-half bottle of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery cured me entirely, and I cheerfully recommend it to all.

Yours truly
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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.

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

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

Just received a car load of stoves.
Hall Hardware Co.

Beautiful Christmas gifts at Pearce's drug store.

The railroad commission at Austin has promulgated the following rules which are to govern the issuance of transportation for shippers of live stock to the markets. These are the old rules amended to a certain extent:

"Men in charge of shipments of live stock in carloads, when belonging to one consignor, shall be passed as follows:

"1—Pass one man in charge of one or two cars of live stock, including horses and mules, no return pass.

"2—Pass one man each way in charge of two to five cars of stock all kinds.

"3—Pass two men each way in charge of six to twelve cars of live stock all kinds.

"4—Pass three men each way in charge of thirteen or more cars of live stock, all kinds which shall be the maximum number of men that will be passed with any shipment from one shipper in the same train.

"5—The railway company at point of origin may, for the purpose of preventing the abuse of the privileges herein provided for, require of shipper or his agent a sworn statement to the effect that he or his principal is the real owner of the shipment offered, and that the number of men of which free passage is asked are actually needed in order to properly care for the same.

"6—Return transportation for men in charge of live stock shipment shall be good only for continuous passage, without lay over from the destination of the shipment to the shipping points and shall be limited to fifteen days from date of shipment

from original shipping point. "Each railroad company shall use proper method to secure the identification of parties entitled to free transportation under this section."

The Question of Marriage.

If these gay, light hearted girls, commonly called "boy-crazy," would give as much careful thought to the question of marriage as they give to a new gown and its trimmings, innumerable sad marriages would be avoided. It is the one thing that really counts in a girl's whole life. For almost everything else she may do there is a remedy; there is none for luckless marriage. "Oh, yes," says some one, "there is a divorce." Is divorce a remedy? Is a girl's life as sweet and unspotted after living a miserable life with a miserable man as when she was a happy, care-free girl in her father's home? Is her name and reputation unsullied after having dragged them through a divorce court?

No, divorce is not a remedy. If a woman marries unhappy she has much more to lose than the man, and divorce is but the lesser of two evils. Even divorce is not to be thought of for the woman who has children; these commonly make her dependent on her husband for support, and there is nothing to do but bear the burden the best she can. There is but one thing more terrible to a sensitive, pure minded woman than the continued living with a man for whom she has neither love nor respect; that one alternative is the horrors of a divorce court, and a modest, pure minded woman shrinks from this as from nothing else.

It is well for the girl who wishes to marry to ponder well what she is about to do, and not marry the first man who asks, whether good, bad or indifferent merely for the sake of getting married. Is she had been blest with proper training, and has a wise mother and father, she will look deeper than the mere surface matter, and will learn to regard marriage as the most grave and important step she will ever be called upon to take. Its influence for weal or for woe is far reaching as life, itself.—
Selected.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas.

In the matter of H. Winkler, } In Bankrupt-
Bankrupt } cy, No. 62.

To the creditors of H. Winkler, of Ballinger, Texas, and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of December, A. D., 1903, said H. Winkler was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the court house in Ballinger, Texas, on the 29th day of December, A. D., 1903, at 9 o'clock, a. m. at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.

Witness my hand at Brownwood, this the 15th day of December, A. D., 1903.

A. E. Wilson,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

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

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Will be Headquarters for Santa Claus' Toy Department During the Holidays, Including Dolls, Fire Works and Toilet Articles. * * * * *

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Of lands, cannot help enjoying a most rapid growth, and that is what is happening in the Pan-Handle.

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Will You Listen while I Say

That I have purchased the larger part of my Holiday goods direct from the manufacturer, thereby getting the very latest designs and newly made goods which consists of Cut Glass, Silver Novelties, Souvenir Spoons, Jewelry Cases, Toilet Sets, etc

That my line of Diamonds Watches, Rings, Chains, Scarf Pins and Brooches are complete and that they make elegant and suitable Christmas gifts.

That I have endeavored to buy goods of such quality that I offer to sell them to the people with the utmost confidence in their durability and guarantee every piece to be just as represented.

Come take a look, I am sure you will be delighted with the excellent selection of nice suitable Holiday Goods. Something that will not only please your loved one or friend but will last a LIFE TIME—at prices that are right.

JAS. E. BREWER

Santa Claus town at Pearce's drug store.

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

Lonnie Baldwin, of Content, was laying in supplies in Ballinger Tuesday.

Griffith & Son are well stocked up on Christmas candies, fruits, etc. Call on them.

1 lb package Persian dates 15c, at Griffith & Son's, others ask 20c for same.

A. F. Adams, of the Winters country was transacting business in the Hub, Tuesday.

H. Connor, of the Norwood country, was among the usual big crowd on our streets, Tuesday.

J. P. Watson, a valuable friend of the Banner-Leader, of the Miles country, was here Wednesday.

Wm McAuley, of the Maverick country, was talking business with the cow men in our city Wednesday.

W. S. Green, a prominent stock man, of Santa Anna, who is feeding cattle here, was in the city Wednesday.

Steve Francis is in our city, from the west, this week shaking hands with old friends and looking as natural as ever

Just call at J. Y. Pearce's if you want to see where Old Santa Claus has his Christmas things. It is simply a treat to see the pretty things there.

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.

Our friend W. P. King, dropped into see us, Tuesday, and left us feeling better by about \$3.00. He reports that the gin at Wingate has ginned about 1400 bales of cotton.

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For Sunday, December 20.
Subject—Visions of Peace.
Leader—Miss Rather.
Song by League.
Scripture, Isa 41:6-9—Leader.
Prayer
Vocal solo—Mrs. Shephard.
Scripture 1st Ps. — Miss Bertha Barton.
Scripture, 23 Ps. — Miss Zennett Willingham.
Song.
Select reading—Mrs. Forbs.
How to make the League a success.—Mr. Stovall.
Song.
Closing.

For Sale or Trade.

A good frame business house together with a lot 30x120 feet in a suitable place for business. will trade for farm land around Ballinger. For further particulars call on or address me.
C. P. Shepherd,
Ballinger, Texas.

The members of the Shakers society tendered Miss Augusta Hardgrave a delightful reception at Mrs. T. E. Butler's residence, on last Thursday afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had.

For anything in Furniture of all kinds, Carpets, Matings, Art Squares, Rugs, Linoleums, Window Shades, and Glass. Undertakers Goods, call on Crews Furniture Co. Their stock is fresh and new.

Swirk sells all kinds of fire works from 5 cents packages up to the giant shooters, pipes, pencils, candies, apples, oranges and in fact everything to make the children happy Christmas. Don't fail to see him.

Otto Voglesang, the old time friend of this writer and the Banner Leader, of the Coyote creek country, was with us a short while, Wednesday.

Tob Edward, one of the largest men in all respects, of the Content country, was doing business with our merchants Wednesday.

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.

H. L. Chapman and wife, of Winters, were trading in Ballinger, Wednesday.

Joe B. Johnson returned from Dallas on the Tuesday's 12 o'clock train.

J. D. Knox is a new one on our rolls this week.

A real bargain in a piano, good as new. Lankford & Hathaway.

Mrs. Daugharty, of Hylton, left Wednesday to visit relatives at Killeen for the holidays.

W. S. Syler and family, of the Winters country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. J. Hosch, of Santa Anna, was looking up some horse deals in our section this week.

Mrs. J. A. Waldron, of Wingate, left Wednesday, to visit relatives at Killeen for the holidays.

S. B. Hopson, the successful fruit tree man, is with us again this week, after an absence of several months.

M. D. McDaniel left Wednesday for Comanche, he will visit his mother and other relatives during the holidays.

Antone Martinez was among the excursionist, Thursday, returning to their old homes to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Wm. Vaughn left on Thursday evening's train to spend the holidays with relatives in Brownwood.

Mrs. H. E. Petty and children, of Norton, left Tuesday to visit friends and relatives at her old home in Coryell county.

Wm. Ludwig left Thursday in response to a telegram that his brother was seriously hurt at their old home near Rockdale

C. K. Willmeth, better known as Rabbit foot Bill, the Texas Book, Picture and Rug auctioneer man, is in our city and will be here till Tuesday, of next week, at the old Banner-Leader print-office, on 8th street, opposite Currie-Neys Co. Don't fail to call and see him, he is a nice clever gentleman, well recommended and will please and profit you.

John Hoffer.

In this issue, John Hoffer, the present city mayor of Ballinger, announces for the office of county and district clerk subject to the Democratic party.

Mr. Hoffer's business and official career is too well known in Ballinger and Runnels county for us to offer comment.

He has filled this responsible office in Armstrong county some years ago and is fitted by both experience and special fitness to perform the duties of this office, should the voters of Runnels county see fit to place him there—We take pleasure in placing Mr. Hoffer before the public for their consideration.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

For Sunday, December 20, at 4 o'clock.

Leader—Miss Nell Gregory.
Song.
Prayer.
Lesson topic—A vision of world-wide peace, Isa 11:6-9; 9-6. Leading thought, "Peace."
Song.
Select reading—H. O'Bannon.
Select reading—Miss Stella Routh.
Quartette.
Peace—Rev. Edgar A. Burton.
Song.
Benediction.

The report that Rhome Shields ex-sheriff of Tom Green county, having been killed in a difficulty last week, we are glad to state is all a mistake.

What do you think of the question, "Secession Triumphant," as to the Panama situation in this issue of the Banner-Leader.

Uncle Jimmie Hughes, of Paint Rock, came in Tuesday from Victoria, where he has been visiting old friends.

Mrs. G. W. Given went to Brownwood Wednesday to meet her daughter, Miss Lida, who is returning from school.

C. H. Richey, merchant of Talpa, was doing some wholesale business with our merchants, Wednesday.

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

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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.

Rare Pearl Gritt in Her Teeth
Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 7.—Mrs. Charles Kinnemann was eating white fish today, when her teeth gritted on something hard, which she thought was a bone. She was about to throw it away, when its peculiar shape and brilliancy attracted her attention. The bone proved to be a rare and beautiful water pearl, worth is said, about \$800.
Because she did not feel well enough to get her dinner, Mrs. Kinnemann had a lunch brought to her from a restaurant. A piece of white fish was a part of it.
An Indianapolis jeweler, who examined the gem, says it is one of the rarest jewels, so rare that Tiffany, of New York, has only about a half dozen of them in his possession. The jeweler offered the woman several hundred dollars for it, but she refused to part with it.

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.

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 Linctament, 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.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contains Mercury.
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Papa Wouldn't Kick.
Out our way there lives a boy whose mother is bringing him up according to the most correct ideas. He came in the other day with his pockets quite full of marbles—glassies, crockies jaspers and all the other kinds boys hold dear. His mother asked where they all came from. "I won 'em playing keeps," answered the boy.
The mother was properly shocked.
"Why," said she, "don't you know it's wrong to play for keeps? It's nothing but gambling, and gambling is wicked. You must give them all back or I shall speak to your father about it."

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 learned Oklahoma judge has decided that women have always been hugged and kissed, men have always hugged and kissed them, and that therefore it is proper. If it is a question of contempt of court or following out the judge's instructions, we will be loyal to the court.—Drovers Telegram.

One Hundred Dollars a Box.
Is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summertown, 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.

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One-Eye Trick.
We learn from parties returning from Gainesville that one of the Cincialo brothers of that city had a trick played on him that beats the gold brick swindle. A few nights ago a stranger stepped into his place of business and after purchasing something pretended that he had lost his glass eye. The man was sure enough minus an eye and they both looked about in the room for it for quite awhile. At last the stranger told Cincialo that he would give \$75 for it and if anyone found it to send them down to the hotel, and stepped out. Soon afterwards another fellow appeared, apparently drunk bought something and reached down and pretended that he found a glass eye. After looking at it he put it in his pocket. Cincialo told him he would give him \$45 for the glass eye, feeling confident that he would soon make \$80 dollar if he had it. The drunken fellow told him all right, for he had no use for it. The money was paid the man soon left, and Cincialo carried the eye down to the hotel to turn it over to the owner, but to his surprise found that no such person had been there and he was out just \$45.—Dahlongga Nugget.

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