

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DEC 26, 1903

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## New Years Greeting to the Public!

Having enjoyed a pleasant and profitable season in the Dry Goods Business in Ballinger I thank the public for same and will always try to give the best for the least money. Will show more complete stock next season than in the past. Will add bran new stock of Millinery with one of the finest trimmers in the state at the head of it. Store will be overhauled and made attractive and at all times guarantee satisfaction

### SOME NEW ARRIVALS

5000 Bran new pairs Shoes in newest styles at right prices.---150 Ladies skirts new up-to-date at lowest values for money, prices \$2.50 up to \$15.00 worth 1/2 more. Full line Misses skirts, nice goods.---Cut sale on Mens' and Boys' Clothing.---Fine line of Pants just opened Carhart Work Clothing all sizes



Thanking you for past favors, I promise you your moneys worth in the future. Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and prosperous 1904, I am,

Yours for Dry Goods Values,

# D. REEDER,

Phone 58

BALLINGER

#### Wingate News.

Misses Maud and May Lankford were visiting their grandparents, Saturday and Sunday.

Our Litterary was a success Saturday, December 13, quite a crowd was present all seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

Miss Lena Abney was out from Ballinger, Saturday, visiting Rev. and Mrs. Turney, returned Monday.

The citizens met Saturday night after the society and decided to have a Christmas tree, appointed all necessary committees So will get to have

old Santa with us again, lets all try to make it a success, why not arrange a nice little program for the children that night.

Miss Ada Turner and Tom Barrett were married Sunday. Wish them much happiness.

Mr. Moore attended the quartely meeting at Winters Sunday.

Rev. Matthews will be with us next Saturday and Sunday to hold conference.

Mr. Moore has a neat house and lot he wishes to sell, anyone desiring to invest at Wingate, would do well to call on him.

Abe Gannaway says he is

going to Dallas county, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Smithson are going to Arkansas.

Mr. Sively and family are going to San Angelo.

We wish them all a pleasant trip.

We should try and make home pleasant so that we wouldn't have to seek pleasure elsewhere lets all try to make this the best Christmas of our lives. Do something to make others happy help some poor one, make them glad by kind words or deed. If we wish to be happy make some one else happy.

Mr. Waldon was kept busy Saturday, moving the phone line.

Mr. Jones entered school at this place last week, we failed to get the name of his residence.

Wingate feels proud to have a boarding pupil, but there should be no cause for us not having more pupils from a distance, when we have such a good school. We feel proud of the school so far and feel sure it will build a name yet.

The world is like a looking-glass, laugh at it and it laughs back, frown at it and it frowns back. Anger that canker the

mind and dispose it to the worst temper in the world, that of fixed malice and revenge. It is while in this temper, that most men become criminals.

Mrs. Waldon left for Bell county, Wednesday, where she intends to spend the holidays.

Rev. Matthews spent several days in the home of Mr. Moor this week.

Routh

#### 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. Pearces 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.

50¢ a bottle. All druggists.

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.

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

Ben Parker, of the Content country, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

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

Miss Hattie Miles came in from Santa Anna, Friday, to spend Christmas with friends and relatives in Ballinger.

Miss Maggie Cockrell, who is teaching school in the upper part of the country, came in Friday to spend the holidays with some folks.

W. G. Lykes was in from the Content country Monday getting Christmas trees for the Methodist, Baptist and other churches as well as some family trees

W. G. Allen, the Wingate gin man, came in Friday to see his son and daughter off to visit their old home at Paris, Texas. Mr. Allen reports 1486 bales of cotton ginned at his place up to last Thursday and says he will reach at least 1600 before the season is over.

C. W. Hester, of Winters, was in the city, Monday, making arrangements to store his household goods till he can get a house and if suited will become a permanent citizen of Ballinger.

Jim Henderson and his son Jim, brought cattle up from their Concho county ranch to feed at the oil mill. Mr. Henderson is one of Concho's largest ranchers and a fine man.

Mrs. C. W. Hester and son, of Winters, left Sunday evening for their old home in Louisiana.

Prof. W. A. Perry, principal of the Miles High School, was among his many friends in Ballinger Saturday.

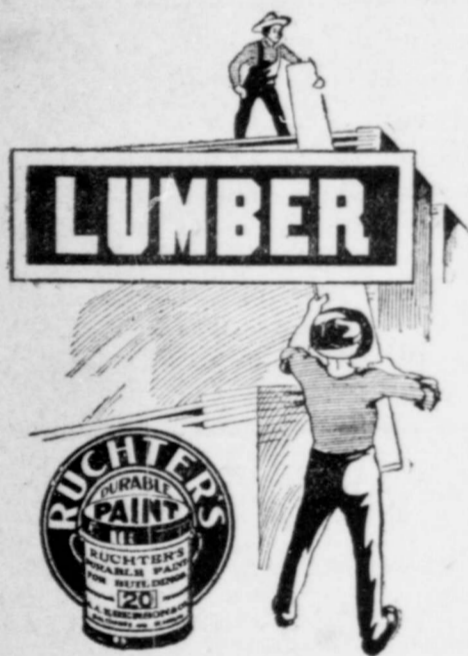


I have just been to

### JNO. G. KEY'S Meat Market

where you always find the best of everything in the butcher line. Tender, Juicy Steak, Pork Sausage and barbecue always on hand. Free delivery to any part of the city. Phone No. 2

**JNO. G. KEY**



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

The Humphrey Lumber Co.,  
BALLINGER, - TEXAS.

## 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.

# 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

# CURRIE - NOYES Co.

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.

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 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.

### BALLINGER - MILLING - CO.

Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION BALLINGER, TEXAS.

**Dr. A. W. Barton,**  
Physician and Surgeon,  
BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS.

Office in Barton Drug Store. Will do a general practice. All calls answered promptly day or night.

## Fort Worth Live Stock Commission Company

Fort Worth Stockyards, Fort Worth, Texas



GEO. T. REYNOLDS, President.  
A. F. CROWLY,  
Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr.  
V. S. WARDLAW,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

SALESMEN: W. D. DAVIS,  
Cattle-L. RUNNELS, Hogs.

OLDEST COMMISSION CO. ON  
THIS MARKET.

Consign your stock to us at  
St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City,  
St. Louis or St. Joseph, Mo.

MARKET REPORTS FREE  
ON APPLICATION.

## Are you going to Build

The BALLINGER LUMBER CO., handle first class stuff for building purposes. They figure close and accurately on all bills and furnish just what they represent. When in need of anything in our line let me figure with you. Lime, Cement, Sash, Doors and blinds always on hand. . . . .

**J. R. McVAY, Manager**  
**BALLINGER TEXAS**

## It's Not What You Make It's What You Save

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.

## 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 Pones for sale at Wilkes

See us for your Christmas fire works of every description

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

Miss Sammie Padgett was in Saturday and Sunday from Norton to see home folks.

Tom Avery bought a place at West End this week from R. P. Kirk. Consideration \$400.

Prepare for winter by buying stoves from  
Hall Hardware Co.

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

J. S. Roaten, of Wingate, was among the visitors to our city on business last Saturday.

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

DR. W. A. GUSTA VUS, Dentist, Over Walker's Drug Store. Charges right—work guaranteed

### 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.

Atkins, Eld. A. V.  
Brown, S. A.  
Ely, Rev. E. G.  
Fullbright, T. W. (2)  
Warning, W. R.

N. H. Henson, of Mertins, Hill county, an old friend of J. A. Watkins and uncle Johnnie Shaffer, of our county, left Monday evening for his home. He says he is well pleased with our county and will return and locate among us as soon as he can settle up his business in Hill county.

Mr. Kedig, traveling passenger agent for the Santa Fe, of Chicago and Mr. Smith, who fills the same position for the same road of Chattanooga, Tenn, were here Friday of last week looking out for a ranch deal.

Mrs. G. W. Given and daughter, Miss Lida, came in on Friday's train. Miss Lida came from Belton, where she is attending school, and came home to spend the holidays.

Atty. Griggs went down the road to day to see—well its nobody's business, but his, so do not be inquisitive about other people's affairs.

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

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

Smith & Hall

Mrs. M. C. Boyd and children left on Monday's train to spend a while with old friends and relatives in Brownwood.

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.

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

Dr. W. W. Fowler left Monday to eat Christmas turkey with old friends and relatives in Tennessee.

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

Oscar Miller came in last Friday from Waco to spend the holidays with home folks.

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

**We Talk Business  
We Mean It  
We Practice It.**

Buy your Lumber and Building Material of **Smith & Hall**, where you get nothing but first class stuff at the prices of second class stuff in other yards.

**W. E. Odom, M'gr.,**  
Ballinger, Texas.

### THERE'S a DIFERENCE



in banks as in all other institutions and

**The CITIZENS NATIONAL**

is no exception It is different in that it holds the business of its depositors to be of paramount importance and their money and interests are carefully safeguarded. No investments are made unless the security offered will bear the closest investigation.

## Chas. S. Miller Abstract Co.,

INCORPORATED

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

CHAS. S. MILLER,  
President and acting Treasurer

R. L. BENNETT,  
Vice President and Acting Secretary

Abstracters, Conveyancers, Land  
Loan and Insurance Brokers Real  
Estate and Investment Agents

We have the only complete and up-to-date Abstracts of Titles of Runnels and Conch 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.

We Make a Specialty of Deed Writing.

We have the oldest established land agency in Runnels county and have a clientage of both resident and non-resident land owners. We represent a large portion of the lands for sale in Runnels and Concho counties and can offer investors a wide field for selection of either improved or unimproved land, at reasonable prices and on easy terms. Correspondence solicited.

## The Hall Hdw. Co.

Carries the most complete line of  
General Hardware in Ballinger

## Heating Stoves

Are now in demand and we can  
supply that demand

## Prompt Service is Our Motto

We have a large line of Guns, Rifles  
and Sporting Goods of every kind

## Hall Hardware Company

## Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

**W**e 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

J. B. Scurlock and wife were among the excursionist, Monday, leaving Ballinger to spend the holidays back at the old home. Mr. Scurlock goes to Bartlett, Bell county.

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

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

## THE BANNER LEADER.

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SHEPHERD & SKINNER  
PROPRIETORS.

J. M. SKINNER  
EDITOR.

CLYDE C. COCKRELL  
BUSINESS MANAGER.

Entered at the Postoffice at Ballinger, Texas as second class matter.

### 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.

Charity of speech is as divine as charity of action. To judge no one harshly, to misconceive no man's motives, to believe things as they seem to be until proven otherwise, to temper judgement with mercy—surely this quite as good as to build up the churches, establish asylums found colleges. Unkind words do as much harm as unkind deeds. Many a heart has been wounded beyond cure, many a reputation has been stabbed to death by a few little words. There is charity which consists in withholding words, in keeping back hard judgement, if to speak is to condemn.—Vernon Call.

Beautiful Christmas gifts at Pearce's drug store.

*"I sleep well enough at night,  
And the blamest appetite  
Ever mortal man possessed."*

Riley's farmer is the very picture of a man advanced in years, yet in the enjoyment of perfect health. A good appetite, good digestion and sound sleep, are the chief factors in a vigorous old age.

Life is sustained by food, when it is properly digested and assimilated. When digestion fails, there is a loss of nutrition which soon shows itself in physical weakness, nervousness, sleeplessness, etc.

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It strengthens the body in the only way possible,—by enabling the assimilation of the nutrition extracted from food.

"I used ten bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and several vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets' a year ago this spring, and have had no trouble with indigestion since." writes Mr. W. T. Thompson, of Townsend, Broadwater Co., Montana. "Words fail to tell how thankful I am for the relief, as I had suffered so much and it seemed that the doctors could do me no good. I got down in weight to 25 pounds, and was not able to work at all. Now I weigh nearly 100 and can do a day's work on the farm. I have recommended your medicine to several, and shall always have a good word to say for Dr. Pierce and his medicines."

The Common Sense Medical Adviser, 2088 pages, in paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



### 114 Tickets Sold Wednesday 23rd.

There were 114 tickets sold at this point aggregating \$710 to Christmas visitors going out to see their "wife's kin-folks." The ticket agent was busy for an hour and a half selling tickets and every attention was shown the traveling public by the accommodating depot force. Much credit is due the boys for the way they handled the crowd.

How is this for West Texas: Our up to date farmer, J. T. Morgan, whose farm is one mile below Menardville. This year he had thirteen and one half acres in cotton he has gathered twenty bales off of this land each bale weighing 500 lbs and over, realizing therefor an average of \$50 per bale, about \$74.73 per acre. This land two years ago was a solid Johnson grass turf. Say farming don't pay in this country!—Menardville Enterprise

We beg the indulgence of our readers for the small paper this week, as we go to press a day earlier than usual in order to give the force a day or two off for the holidays. We will endeavor to make up the deficiency by giving you a better paper after this issue.

J. M. Skinner, our Senior Editor, and family left Monday for Eastern points to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

Will Vaughn went to Brownwood Thursday to be with his wife and children and old friends at that place

Mrs. A. L. Bennett and daughter, Miss Jennie, left Thursday to visit relatives at Houston for a few days.

T. S. Crowder, of Winters, was one on the east bound train Thursday He goes to commerce.

J. D. Yaynell and sons left Thursday for Austin to visit the old home during the holidays.

Just received a car load of stoves.

Hall Hardware Co.

P. L. Meeks, of Winters, was among the excursionists Thursday for Eastern points.

Mr. Ramsel, the blacksmith of Winters, had business in the city Wednesday

Mrs. W. A. Davis and children went East Thursday to spend a few days.

### Wanted.

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

### A Business College For Ballinger.

On Monday, Jan. 5th, 1904, I will open a Business College here. Thorough Courses in Book keeping, Short-hand, Typewriting, Penmanship and Spanish. Reasonable rates, Competent Teachers, day and night classes. For particulars, call on me at R. S. Griggs' office or address.

Henry J. Stovall,  
Lock Box 305,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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

### For your Information.

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. 31d 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 Implementation 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.

Mike will cut your hair for 25cts.

WE WISH YOU ALL  
A  
Merry Christmas  
A. H. VAN PELT  
H. WINKLER, MANAGER

C. A. DOOSE,

Real Estate and Loan Agent...

....Abstracter and Conveyancer

Will sell you either improved or unimproved lands in Runnels and adjoining counties, in parcels to suit. Loans negotiated on your Farm and Ranch Lands, Vendor's Lien notes taken up and extend. Abstracts compiled on short notice. All letters of inquiry promptly answered

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

A BOOM  
does not, ultimately, bring about the best results to a community  
THE PAN-HANDLE  
is NOT on a boom, but is enjoying the most rapid growth of any section of Texas:  
WHY  
Because only recently have the public at large realized the opportunities with which this northwest section of Texas offers. The large ranches are being divided into  
SMALL STOCK FARMS  
Wheat, corn, cotton, mellons and all kinds of feed stuffs are being raised in abundance, surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine. A country abounding in such resources [tried and proven] together with the  
LOW PRICES  
Of lands, cannot help enjoying a most rapid growth, and that is what is happening in the Pan-Handle  
"THE DENVER ROAD"  
has on sale daily a low rate home-seekers' ticket, which allows you stop-over at nearly all points; thus giving you a chance to investigate the various sections of the Pan-Handle.  
Write A. A. GISSON,  
General Passenger Agent FT. WORTH, TEXAS  
For pamphlets and full information

\$50.00 REWARD, \$50.00

We will pay to any one \$50.00 to find a BED BUG in a house where my exterminator is used. 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.

Address,

Prof. JAS. CALDWELL,  
MERKEL, TEXAS.

\$50.00 REWARD, \$50.00

Take Notice;

People if you have a big fat hog for sale call on Joe Ashbacker; and if you want genuine hog lard call on Joe Ashbacker.

A HOLIDAY VACATION  
ANYWHERE

VIA THE



ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00

TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 19, 20, 21 AND 26, 1903  
LIMITED 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

TO ALL POINTS SOUTHEAST

TO POINTS IN THE STATES OF ILLINOIS, IOWA, MINNESOTA, NEBRASKA, KANSAS, MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS  
DENVER, COLORADO SPRINGS, PUEBLO TRINIDAD, COL., AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

MANY POINTS IN OLD MEXICO

FOR INFORMATION, TIME CARDS, ETC., SEE SANTA FE AGENTS OR ADDRESS

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., GALVESTON, TEXAS

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

# 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 & C.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

We buy Cotton and pay the Highest Market price

### Special Clubbing Offer

A man who is fully alive to his own interests will take his LOCAL PAPER, because he gets a class of news and useful information from it that he can get nowhere else.

### Strong-Minded

Up-to-date men also want a good General Newspaper in order to keep in close touch with the outside world. Such a paper is The Dallas Semi-Weekly News. A combination of The Banner-Leader and The Dallas Semi-Weekly News is just what the farmers need in order to keep thoroughly posted upon local news, home enterprises, personal items, state news, national affairs, foreign matters, in short this combination keeps the farmer and his family up to the times on information.

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.**

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

Hobby horses and toys at Pearce's drug store.

### 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. Tylor.

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

### 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 gaitways.

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 firstclass travel.

Further particulars may be had of nearest representative of Frisco System or by addressing.

A. Hilton,  
General Passenger agent,  
St. Louis, Mo.

#### 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.

### Twentieth Anniversary.

At home to the Shakespeare Club, on Wednesday afternoon of this week was the Twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. W. R. Spencer.

The members of the club were received by Mrs. Frank Miller, president of the club. Each member presented the host with a beautiful piece of chinaware as fitting remembrance to the host, it being their china wedding.

After which the guests were ushered into another room where they were met by Mrs. Spencer and presented with a card with a verse the blanks to be supplied with the wedding anniversaries. This caused much merriment.

The guests then passed into the spacious dining room which was decorated in mistletoe and autumn leaves. The menu consisted of a two course luncheon, the center piece consisted of a bower of mistletoe.

At each plate was a calendar, tied with yellow and white ribbon (the club colors) and a daisy (the club flower) and each guest drew a dainty little piece of china from under the bower of mistletoe attached to the little calendar.

A select program of music was rendered after which the guests departed expressing a wish to the host that it might be their pleasure to attend their diamond wedding.

### Let Boys Keep House.

When a boy does not know how to keep house, one half of his education has been neglected. He should be taught simple cooking, bed-making, mending made familiar with the routine of ordinary housekeeping.

A certain wealthy family in town has put its boys through a course of household training. The boys have taken turns marketing, they have turned the wringer for the laundress and write descriptions of the process of washing, they have made beds and swept and dusted and only the other day one of the young fellows just married said:

"Why, I wouldn't part with my practical knowledge of housework for a thousand dollars. It has saved me that already, as I am able to keep run of the details of expenses, and the work that must be done"—Ex.

### Will Eat Holes in You.

"Will eat the lining out of my stomach?" said a young man to a bar keeper, as he held up a glass of gin the bar keeper had just poured out for him.

"Yes," said the bar-keeper, "and it will eat the coat off your back if you drink enough of it."—Ex.

Leslie Baker, who has been attending school at Trinity University, came home Wednesday, a day sooner than he was expected thus giving his parents a pleasant surprise, he will remain through the holidays.

Mr. Rogers and family, brother of W. H. Rogers, of Winters came in Thursday to spend a while in our section.

Mrs. J. N. White left Thursday evening for Brownwood to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

D. P. Small, of the Moro Mountain country, was among the visitors to our city Wednesday.

Temple Hoffer was among the crowd that come in Thursday to spend the holidays at home.

Malcom Wardlow came in on Thursday's train to spend the holidays with homfolks.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

#### Hall's Great Discovery.

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.

Ablene, 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  
GEO. HAYDEF

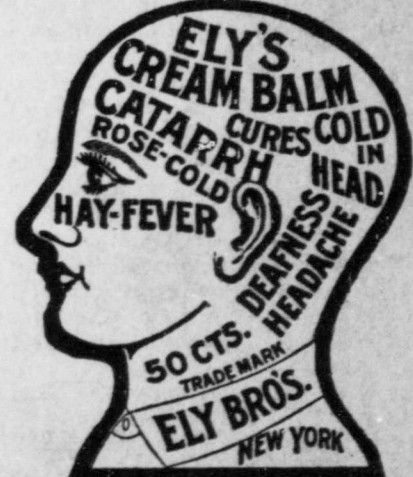
It is hardly likely that State Superintendent Leferve, who has announced for reelection, will have the hearty support of the press of the State, because he recently went out of his way to slander the newspapers when he said "that the newspaper field of to-day presented an excellent field for ignorance and illiteracy, and that they could not be depended upon to furnish the kind of reading that is best for our pupils in the public schools—if the pupils do not know English he would have to go elsewhere for it." Mr Leferve seems to be a vicious know all, but he is up against it hard when he tackles the newspapers of the State.—Merkel Mail.

### Lost.

A black horse 15½ hands high 4 years old wire cut on right fore foot, no brand, parties able to give any information will please give same to J. W. Godwin or G. C. Wright



## CATARRH



### ELY'S CREAM BALM

This Remedy is a Specific, Sure to Give Satisfaction. GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE.

It cleanses, soothes, heals, and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. Applied into the nostrils and absorbed. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York

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**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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Department P

ABILENE, TEXAS

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

**Lankford & Hathaway,**

A most disgusting thing is the boy or grown up individual who cannot talk on the streets or in company of men without using oaths at every breath. If boys and men given to such a nauseating habit could only stand by and hear how weak and unutterably cowardly it sounds, they wouldn't open their mouths in conversation again until they had cured themselves. Such profanity is altogether inexcusable and those guilty of such should "cut it out." They should increase their vocabulary of clean expressive words and terms and leave off these worn out and disgusting oaths.—Flatona Record.

### 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.

L. C. Looney, said to be the tallest man in the country, went turkey hunting over in the wilds of Soon Supper last week, and the suit of clothes he wore is now a spectacular ruin. In a deep jungle he came upon a bunch of the coveted game, blazed away at the flock, killed one and broke the wing of a fine gobbler. These unhurt took wing, while the maimed turkey took to his heels and then the race begun. Mr. Looney sized up the situation at a glance, threw down his gun, spit in his hands, gave a hitch at his pants and lit out to catch his gobbler. People living in that reign thought they heard the low, distant hum of a cyclone. Some thought the sounds were like those of a fire in a cedar brake. The trail he left looks like the right of way lately opened thru the brush for a telegraph line, only there are no marks of an ax. Scraps of clothing and the tail feathers of a turkey mark the path of the unique race. But the gobbler dodged suddenly to one side and Mr. Looney had gained such momentum that he couldn't take up until he got to the top of the mountain.—Mason Herald.

Modern business methods practically destroys competition at the expense of the purchasing public. The man who wants to buy a certain kind of a farm implement can not select it from any one of the firms in his town dealing in farm implements, but most go to an exclusive dealer to whom alone the manufacturer will sell and must buy it at the price fixed not by the dealer,

Miss Lena Scott will spend Christmas in Ballinger as the guest of her brother's family.—Brownwood Bulletin.

### Epworth League.

For Sunday, December 27.  
Subject—Nine missionary heroes.  
Leader—Genevieve Truly.  
Song.  
Scripture, Rev. 7:14-17.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Great missionary of the church—Rev. White.  
Duet—Mrs. Brewer and Miss Earl Gresset.  
Select reading—Mrs. Chastaine.  
Song.  
Select reading—Miss Katie Cameron.  
Song.  
Benediction.

### FRISCO SYSTEM TO GUTHRIE. Two Trains Daily.

The Capital of Oklahoma is now reached via the Frisco System 2:30 p. m. train from St. Louis; the 10:40 a. m. train from from Kansas City, arrive at Guthrie 8:05 a. m., 10:00 p. m. train from St. Louis; the 11:30 p. m. train from Kansas City arrives 8:15 p. m. The return service to the North and East is equally convenient.

On this new line of railway, thirty eight miles distant from Chandler, the following stations are located, viz: Lowe, Dudley Merriek, Iconium, and Taylor. The extension opens a new field in fertile Oklahoma, offering golden opportunities to those seeking homes or investment.—Frisco System.

Wm. Smiley and Frank Pierce, two of Winters prosperous business and stockmen, were among the representatives from that town in Ballinger, Monday.

W. K. Ritch, of Whitewright, Fanning county, was prospecting in our county this week and is well pleased with this section.

Just back of plain gold mines, the best of its made, can be had both at a low price.

**Free Holiday Games**  
60 different games—all new—  
—one in each package of  
**Lion Coffee**  
at your Grocer's.

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SAVE MONEY

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Perfection for the finest linen as well as all clothing, cheaper, better, neater and more convenient than Bluing in any other form. WARRANTED NOT TO STREAK THE CLOTHES.  
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Ask your grocer for it. If he does not keep it send us 10 cents for a box by mail.  
**St. Louis Granule Co. 114 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.**

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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, Concho County, known as the Tom Mahon section. Price \$2000.00. \$944.00 Cash, balance in 3 equal annual payments interest 6 per cent per annum.  
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We are now better prepared to do blacksmith and repair work than ever before. M. S. Middlebrook will do the painting on our work. Give us your work.

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Cures Cholera-Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASY.

Costs Only 25 cents at Druggists, Or mail 25 cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., ST. LOUIS, MO.

TOLEDO, Ala., July 23, 1878.—Dr. C. J. MOFFETT—My Dear Sir: Justice to you demands that I should give you my experience with your excellent medicine, TEETHINA. Our little girl, just thirteen months old, has had much trouble teething. Every remedy was exhausted in the shape of prescriptions from family physicians. Her bowels continued to pass off pure blood and burning fever continued for days at a time. Her life was almost despaired of. Her mother determined to try TEETHINA, and in a day or two there was a great change—new life had returned—the bowels were regular, and thanks to TEETHINA, the little babe is now doing well. Yours, etc., D. W. McIVER, Editor and Proprietor Tuskegee (Ala.) News.

**It's Your Liver!** Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.

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**OZMANLIS ORIENTAL SEXUAL PILLS**  
Sure, Prompt, Positive Cure for Impotence, Loss of Manhood, Seminal Emissions, Spermatorrhoea, Nervousness, Self-Strain, Loss of Memory, etc. Will make you a STRONG, Vigorous Man. Price \$1.00, 6 Boxes, \$5.00. Special Directions Mailed with each Box. Address Ballard Sore Lintment Co., 2019 Lucas Ave., ST. LOUIS, MO.

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This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure. No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

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**THE FAMOUS LITTLE PILLS.**  
For quick relief from Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Dizziness, and all troubles arising from an inactive or sluggish liver, DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled. They act promptly and never gripe. They are so dainty that it is a pleasure to take them. One to two act as a mild laxative; two or four act as a pleasant and effective cathartic. They are purely vegetable and absolutely harmless. They tonic the liver. YOUR DEALER CAN SUPPLY YOU. PREPARED BY E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago

**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.

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Nowaville, 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 without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

### 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.

### Cured after suffering 10 years.

B. F. Hara, Supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any benefit. He says, "one night while feeling exceptionally bad I was about to throw down the paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years. I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach troubles. Sold by E. D. Walker.

### 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.

Wilke's has the agency for the Celebrated Major Paul

### 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, 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

### 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.

### A Vest Pocket Doctor.

Never in the way, no trouble to carry, easy to take, pleasant and never failing in results are DeWitt's Little early risers. A vial of these little pills in the vest pocket is a certain guarantee against headache, biliousness, torpid liver and all of the ills resulting from constipation. They tonic and strengthen the liver. Sold by E. D. Walker.

### What's in a Name.

Everything is in a name when it comes to Witch Hazel salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for piles. For blind, bleeding itching and protruding piles, cuts burns and all skin diseases DeWitt has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeit. Ask for DeWitt's the genuine. Sold by E. D. Walker.

### Just one Minute.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of coughs, colds and croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by E. D. Walker.

### 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.

### 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.

### Turnips.

Here is a chipping from the Lincoln Democrat and was written by a preacher. Now this is an awful big turnip tale, but we must believe it is true it being told by a preacher.

Dear Mister Editor:

The big turnip so much talked about in Stanford literary syrcle of late have led me to tell your readers about a whopper my daddy onst raised back in Buncomb county, North Carliar. He made a plough, my dad did, what tuk 4 yoke of steers to pull. With this and these he plowed up a ten akir beeck bottom and fenced it in he did, and sowed it in turnirs of the expansion sort, dad did. They started growing like other turnips, they did. Bt soon they began to mingle, to lock togateer and to weld together till purty soon every turnip in the 10 akir was growed hard, tite and fast into every other turnip in the hole field and it pushed the bottom rale outside and around the whole field. Yours, Koy Robbards.

Post skript That wasn't a good season for turnips, or I think it would have bulged in the middle. K. R.

P. S The oid people of Buncomb county, remember that turnip nity well, they do. K. R.

The foregoing narrative was sent to this office by a preacher and you can weigh it to suit yourself.—Spectater, Columbia, Ky.

### Make Home a Place Hard to Leave.

Don't be afraid of a little fun at home, good people. Don't shut up your houses lest the sun fade your carpets, and your hearts lest a laugh should shake down some of the dusty cobwebs there. If you want to ruin your sons let them think that all mirth and social enjoyment must be left on the threshold when they come home at night. When once home is regarded as only a place to eat, to drink and to sleep, the work is begun that ends in gambling houses and degradation. Young people must have fun and relaxation somewhere. If they do not find it at their own hearthstones it will be sought in other, perhaps less profitable places. Therefore let the fire burn brightly at home, ever delightful with all those arts that parents so artfully understand. Don't supress the buoyant spirits of merriment around the lamps and firelight of home that blot our the remembrance of many a care and annoyance during the day; and the best safeguard they can take with them in the world is unseen influence of a bright and domestic sanctum.—Hutto Enterprise.

### 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.

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

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# At the Close of the Old Year

I wish to heartily thank my many friends and customers for their very liberal patronage, and I assure them that in the future I shall spare no pains to meet their demands. Again thanking all, I am,  
Yours very truly,

## JAS. E. BREWER

P. S.—Notwithstanding the good trade, I yet have some beautiful pieces in Sterling Silver, Cut Glass, Jewelry, etc. suitable for New Years gifts at extremely low prices

Santa Claus town at Pearce's drug store

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

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

J. A. Hays, of Bronte, was looking up Santa Clause in our city, 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.

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

M C Bright, of Content, was in the city, Tuesday, and renewed his allegiance with the Banner-Leader.

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

Judge J. O. Woodward was on the east bound passenger train, Tuesday, from San Angelo, en route home, Coleman

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

J. B. Aivis & Bro.

We have an interesting letter in this issue from our young friend, Tom Rape, now in the Phillipines. His many friends here will be glad to hear from him.

J. S. Jackson, of Santa Anna, an old friend of Hugh Jackson, of South Ballinger, returned Tuesday to his home to arrange to move to our country at an early date.

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The negro that was shot by Leslie Thompson, at Brownwood, two weeks ago and reported about, or quite dead, was a mistake. The doctors report the negro not seriously hurt and perhaps up and about by this time. We gladly make this correction.

Mrs. Joe Johnson will entertain, at her residence, the Sunday school children of the Christian church, Christmas eve night in line of a tree for the church.

"I've seen young women spend three months time and hundreds of dollars of their father's money in getting a trousseau for the purpose of marrying a 30 cent man."

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.

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.

J. T. Wooten, who has been with the oil mill here for the past few months, left Tuesday to spend the holidays in Waco.

E. S. Sandusky, of Valley Creek, left Tuesday evening to spend the holidays with old friends in Hunt county.

R. K. Wyley and wife were among the excursionist Tuesday. They will spend a few weeks in Hot Springs, Ark.

Say, my friend, if you have never tried a sack of Live Oak Flour get one for your wife for Christmas. The best at the Miller Mercantile Co.

Mrs. W. T. Padgett left Sunday evening to visit old friends and relatives in the East during the holidays.

R. P. Kirk, hunted down a very large savage mad dog, Monday and killed same.

S. S. Allcorn, of the Crews country, was interviewing our merchants this week.

C. N. Currie and family, of Winters, were shopping in Ballinger, Monday.

F. M. Murphy, of Norton, was among the busy crowd in Ballinger Monday.

A. Horn, of Maverick, was marketing cotton here Monday

### Letter from the Phillipines.

Batangas, P. I., Camp McGrath. Dear uncle Tom:

I will begin this letter something like this, the missive of a forgotten boy by home folks. Now uncle Tom if you only knew what kind of a place these islands are, you could not write me too often, it has been about three months since I have heard from you, I don't know whether you are dead or not, now please all of you write me.

We are having very much rain now it is the rainy season and very disagreeable for us, although as far as trouble with the natives, we have seen none so far, they have become half way civilized, that is some of them, but there is a great army of Ladrones in the mountains yet, but they never give any trouble, there has been, since I have been in Batangas, one general and his men have surrendered on the account of starvation. He had a body of men, five hundred strong, they are gradually coming in and doing the same, well I don't see how they could do otherwise I hope we will never see trouble with them, but if we do, I think Tom will be at the front ready to preform his duties. I was just talking to the troop clerk, and he told me that I had a perfect record so far have never missed anything yet, and am going to continue that way if possible. I am learning a great deal about saddling. I have got to where I can make a saddle at any time. I have been troop saddler for one year and a little over now, and it becomes handy for me, I know, I am sure for good wages when I get out of the army, for my discharge will show how long I have worked at the trade.

Well how is aunt Emma getting along? There is not a day that I don't think of you all, whether or not you think of me, well now I know you are thinking of me, it won't be long before I may see you all if I am well, which I hope I will.

Tell Maud the shawl I sent her is a Phillipino shawl and it doesn't look like a very costly one, but it is very pretty I think. I will send or bring you and aunt Emma something for a relic of the island.

Well I hope I will hear from you often, now you write me once a week and I will get them we only get our mail once a month. You be glad to get a home paper once in a while.

Will close for this time hoping to hear from you all soon. Tell Kate my address and tell her and Whit to write.

I remind your nephew,  
T. H. Rape.

### Notice to Confederates.

The Adela A. Duvant Chapter, U. D. C., of Ballinger, Texas has put off the bestowal of Cross of Honor from the 19th of Jan. 1903, to June 3rd 1904, President Jefferson Davis' birth day, and they hope that all confederates and sons that are entitled to receive Cross will at once, or as soon as possible file their applications. The blank applications and full instructions can be had by applying to H. D. Pearce at Pearce hotel, Ballinger, Texas.

Adjutant, Henry E. McCulloch Camp, No. 557, U. C. V. The Camp has to approve of all applications before Crosses can be bestowed. The securing of a Cross is worth more than a twenty dollar gold piece to the recipient or to the family of a deceased comrade. By order of J. H. Routh, Commander. Attest, H. D. Pearce, Adjutant.

Miss Lena Mapes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes, came in Thursday from Lampasas, where she is attending school to spend Christmas at at home.

W. M. Forbus and wife, of the Norton country, left Monday evening to spend the holidays at their old home in Georgia

W. D. Sawyer, who has been visiting his brother and other relatives in the Winters country the past week, returned home, Lampasas, Monday.

John Dale, the Winters merchant, was here Monday looking after business affairs.



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