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Four People Consumed With Build Contents.

Lower Story of Building Occupied by the J. Furniture Stock, A Total Loss

When the fire bell rang at 2 o'clock last Tuesday morning, little did the citizens of Ballinger think it was to announce the most direful calamity that this city of seventeen summers had ever witnessed.

The great destruction of property was a sad blow to our little city, but the loss of four lives cast a gloom over the people, the like of which was never before experienced.

The entire McBeth family were burned to death, consisting of J. D. McBeth, wife and little daughter and King West, Mrs. McBeth's brother, who lived in the city.

They moved here from Gatesville about eighteen months ago. Mr. McBeth has been in the employ of John F. Drew, contractor. Mrs. McBeth has pursued the occupation of dress-maker since her arrival here. King West worked in the Real Estate and Abstract office of C. D. Doss & Co., of this city.

They had no near relatives here, but Dr. G. H. Miles, this county, brother of deceased McBeth, is now in the city.

The building destroyed was a large two-story structure, owned by J. A. Osertag, a furniture store. The first story was occupied by J. H. Smith as law office, the second story by J. H. Woodmen and his family. The building was insured for \$15,000 by the Citizens' National Bank.

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Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

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Gap Creek

Will try and give a few dots from our community.

Plenty of new houses being built. We will soon have a little town. Need a store or two. Carpenters are in demand.

J. M. Valentine says he has three or four months work on hand.

Mrs. Daisy Low visited home folks last week.

Will Fruit and family moved to their new residence this week.

Mrs. Clark is having a new house built.

The swell wedding of the season took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Wednesday. Contracting parties being: Miss Mattie Jones and Wilsie Whitaker, Miss Mattie was one of our most highly accomplished young ladies and to know her was to love her. Mr. Whitaker is one of our most popular and prosperous young men.

Whitaker and Miss Jewel Th. Jeff Jones and Miss N. Legg were waiters. Rev. Jackson, of Winters, officiated. The bride was dressed in silk, the groom in the suit of black, after the ceremony we were invited to the room to partake of the plentiful supply of good things prepared for the occasion. The table was beautifully decorated. Oh! my the good things had to eat. All the relatives and a few intimate friends were present. On Thursday we were invited to the infirmary at Mr. Whitaker's, for a nice dinner, anything we could for to eat. We were thankful for the again if we could have another treat.

J. M. Valentine's neat little cottage, Whitaker, and at home to the on front street, them, wishing and little cottage. Another one taken from our Sunday, Miss M. of Gap Creek, and son, of Glen Cove, regret to lose. comes h. our lo much. stay. Wingate attended school.

Guess I had better ring off wishing the editor a happy new year. Farmer Jones.

Eola News.

Well, Mr. Editor, news is a little scarce this week, but here is our little batch. Our little city is still on a boom. We are informed that Boardman Bros., are going to put in a full stock of dry goods and have ordered them, no doubt they will do a large business next year.

John A. Loomis' steam plow will soon be in shape for doing its best work as they are going to put on 16 discs and cut 15 feet at one through.

We went to San Angelo a few days ago and saw the big steam plow of Mr. Nezbets running, cutting 15 feet at one through and running faster than a team of horses can walk, pitching the dirt up and tearing the sod in pieces, it is sure a dandy.

Cotton picking is about over and the plow is being prepared to start on another crop on Jan. 1st.

We hear of a few more new

had in count of people, also but the S. prayer meeting was good, also ing at Eola conducted by Gambia.

H. B. Gary death last F team, as he was leading one of the ed and Gambia fence, places pieces him, bad d.

Winters, dropped in to se Wednesday, and left us a stantial remembrance.

Mrs. C. S. Woodward has been visiting her son ker, at Fort Worth, ca Tuesday of last week.

Judge Guion had a sov tack of Lagrippe the lat of this week, but is able his office now.

Sam Taylor took adva the Christmas excu visited Fort Worth a last week.

C. O. Harris made trip to San Angelo, Me legal business.

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Mrs L.H. Bacon will re-open her
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her residence near the College
Building. Especial attention
given to primary work. Terms
\$ 2 50 per month.

It is distressingly dry here
and wheat is needing rain, very
soon or the crop will be a fail-
ure. However, we have always
noticed that a rain comes after
every drouth, so ofcourse we
expect a rain.

R. L. Bennett and wife re-
turned from Dallas, Wednesday,
where they have been to spend
Christmas with Mrs. Bennets
parents.

Cost sale extension for two
weeks, ring us or write for
prices. C. & G. Haggelstein
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Our great cost sale extended
to January 16. C. & G. Haggel-
stein Co, San Angelo.

M. S. Edwards, of Content,
was transacting business here
Thursday.

Cotton receipts up to date are
14000 bales. It is still coming
in slowly.

at, an old Runnels
citizen is here this week
guest of friends.

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January 16. C. & G. Haggel-
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in-law to Rev. O. M. Fitz-
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May Harris returned to
Friday to resume her
work in St. Mary's Col-
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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.

Harvey Street

What May Be Expected.

One of the judges has decided that a girl has no breach of promise case against a man who proposes on Sunday and fails to carry out the agreement. After this it may be expected that the lights will be put out promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The St. Louis Dramatic Company.

The St. Louis Dramatic Company that held the boards here for the engagement this week will present a return engagement here Monday night. Their play will be the celebrated drama

EAST LYNN

in four acts 40 per cent of the receipts to go to the Woodmen of the World to purchase new supplies.

This company gave satisfaction here this week and we predict a good house.

Did it ever occur to you that a person who persists sticking his nose in other people's business is only losing his own time and that a backbiter is eternally wasting his own time running you down when he might take the advantage of his own merits, in the case, when a person is then a person to malign, to the last meeting of that you are a former president and Principal in one way or the other, and the idea of success, crude as it is, leads him to think that his success lies in your failure and that anything that he can say or do which is derogatory to you or your business is his best weapon. Many people live every day with this idea, wrong as it is. It is not "throwing mud" that wins, it is real, true merit in every case.—Bowling Cross Timbers.

Advantages of Farm Life.

It is the farmers boys, who are most likely to succeed, whether in business or in professional life. Spending most of their time of their time under the open sky, breathing fresh air, and eating simple food, they are more likely to have vigorous health and strong constitutions than are their city cousins. Brought into constant contact with nature, they absorb a great deal of useful knowledge and acquire habits of observation. Then, too the regular farm work, the "chores," and numberless other little things keep them occupied, and enable them to feel that they are earning their way, thus giving to them a sense of independence and cultivating a spirit of self-reliance and manliness.

The performance of a deal of drudgery is an indispensable preparation for all real success in life, whatever the occupation. A boy who is afraid of work or of soiling his hands need not expect to accomplish much in the world. Country boys have their full share of fun, but there are many disagreeable duties on a farm which farmers' boys learn to accept as a matter of course. Edward Eggleston, speaking of the value of his farm training when a boy, once said to me: "I learned one thing of great value, and that was to do disagreeable things cheerfully."

Phone us, we will pay you good prices for Second Hand Goods. Lankford & Hathaway.

Will exchange new goods for old. Lankford & Hathaway.

See us for Plow Gear. Lankford & Hathaway.

American Physical Type High.

It appears from the report of the surgeon general of the United States army that the total number of candidates examined for enlistment was 45,218, and that of this number about two-thirds, or 30,176, were accepted. This is a large proportion when the fact is taken into account that the standard of excellence required is very high, none but physically perfect men being accepted. Of the 45,218 applicants for enlistment, 42,183 were white men and 3,035 were negroes. Of the white men, 37,790 were accepted, and of the negroes, 2,386. Out of every 1,000 men accepted, 781.05 on the average were born in the United States, 64.76 in British territory, 42.25 in Germany and 8.69 in Sweden and Norway. Of 18 American Indians examined, 14 were enlisted as scouts. It is interesting to note that during the year 736 native Malay were examined for enlistment as Philippine scouts, and that of these all except 20 were accepted, showing a surprisingly high standard of physique among the Philipinos.

Cousins Has the Call.

Marlin, Texas, December 29. The contest between Hon. Arthur Lefevre and Hon. R. B. Cousins for superintendent of instruction, was more in the nature of a farce. At the last meeting of the Association of Superintendents and Principals, the election of Cousins was a foregone conclusion. The friends of both candidates were present, but Cousins' supporters and the vote was very close.

Special attention is called to the announcement in these columns of the opening of the Business College. There is a splendid opportunity to establish in this community a first class Business and Normal school. The public school is all right in its scope of work, but additional opportunity should be offered to enable the boys and girls to qualify themselves for business or profession of teaching. Is it not good business sense and economy to send your boy to a school at home at a small cost rather than send him off at great cost. Besides the money spent at home is kept in the town. The way is open now, if the people of Ballinger will show an active appreciation and lend a helping hand to establish a good college here that will eventually mean much financially for the town. Everyone that that comes here from elsewhere will necessarily spend considerable money here. Again if we succeed in establishing the school on a permanent basis there will then be a strong inducement for people to move into Ballinger on account of its educational advantages. It is a well known fact that many towns depend almost entirely for their prosperity on their educational advantages when let's keep Ballinger in the front rank of progress.

Cost sale extension for two weeks, ring us up or write for prices. C. & G. Haggelstein Co, San Angelo.

Bob Goodfellow, Coleman county's efficient Sheriff, was here Thursday the guest of R.P. Kirk.

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.

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Waco, Texas, Dec. 20, 1902 — Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo. My Dear Sir—In 1894 I was a great sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble and your Texas Wonder cured me and I have never suffered since. I most heartily recommend it.

Yours Truly,
A. S. Fosier,
215 Mary St.

Miss Laura Hays who formerly wielded the rod at old Runnels, but who now teaches in the Eldorado public school, spent the holidays here with Misses May and Nettie Massey. She returned to Eldorado Thursday.

J. P. Scarborough and Mr. William ...

Scarborough is our Walter Knight's father-in-law.

Marriage licenses issued since last week are:

J. B. Kornegoy and Miss Carrie L. Roberts; Jno. King and Miss Kate Hicks; R. W. Hicks and Miss Mamie Alexander.

Last night being the last one of 1903 the boys painted things a bright carmine. However, no vicious pranks were played that we have heard of and "boys will be boys."

Dr. Richard Ratliff now of Quanah, but who was for a while a practitioner of Dentistry at Ballinger, is in the city of C. P. ...

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

It's Your Liver!

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

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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.
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PREPARED BY E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago

The re-issue of the Pope bicycle daily calendar may be considered the most profitable claim of the natural and healthful return of bicycling. Col. Albert A. Pope, the founder of our bicycle industries and the pioneer in the Good Roads Movement, is again at the head of the bicycle industry. Upon the 366 calendar leaves are freshly written lines from the pens of our greatest college presidents, actors, clergymen, statesmen, and other eminent men and women all of them enthusiastically supporting bicycling. Half each leaf is blank for memoranda. This calendar is free at the Pope Manufacturing Co.'s stores or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2-cent stamps to the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigle Street, Chicago, Ill.

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.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L.L.D.

Of Waverly, Texas, writes, "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge, but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat and lung trouble." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at 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.

W. H. Harrison and daughter, Miss Flossie, were East bound passengers, Thursday, of last week, going to join Mrs. Harrison who is at Mineral Wells.

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.

Jas Evans, one of the efficient attaches of the Telephone system here spent a few days with relatives and friends at Sauta Anna last week.

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.

Joy Destroyed by Beans.

Mrs. Arabella Elliott of Kokomo, Ind., has testified in court that for two years of her married life her husband, Henry H. Elliott, insisted that they should live on beans. They had beans for breakfast, beans for dinner, and beans for supper. It was beans, beans, until she heard the rattling of beans in the flapping of the vines against the corner of the dear little cottage; she had beans in her dreams, and in waking fancies all the while. It came a pod and all the men and women in it were merely beans. Finally she got Mr. Elliott to change to potatoes, and, fearing that he would insist on returning to them, she sued for divorce.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexanaria, Ind., "and could hardly sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." Its absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, lagripp bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00 at J. Y. Pearce drug store.

Rev. G. W. Newman and wife, made a flying trip to Goldthwaite last week to see old friends.

Brutally Tortued.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick, of Colusa, Calif, writes, "for 15 years I endured insufferable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me, though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and its the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles completely relieved and cured me. Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c Satisfaction guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce druggist.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh and wife returned from Brownwood Saturday, where they had been spending a few days with Mrs. Fitzhugh's parents.

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Miss Una Gustavus went to Madisonville, Madison county, her old home, to visit during the holidays.

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John Drew, wife and children were among the visiting public from our city to Lammasas, last week.

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Eola News.

Eola, Tex., Dec. 28, 1903.
Editor Banner-Leader:

Dear Sir—Here I come with our little bundle of Christmas happenings.

First there is none to put on the sick list this week.

Cotton picking is just about closed out and the hum of the gin will soon be heard no more in 1903, but the preparation for another fine crop is already begun.

Well, as there is so much to be said about Mrs. Santa Claus and the grand success of our Christmas tree that we will have to omit a few other things perhaps. It was no surprise to me when the curtain was drawn back and I beheld that magnificent tree of beautiful presents, when I took into consideration the vast amount of Christmas goods that I had seen carried away from Ballinger and San Angelo and Boardman Bros. and Low, of this place.

The tree was moderately large but not sufficient to bear more than one third of the presents, the remaining two-thirds were placed on a table, benches and boxes, and the tree was beautifully lighted with large Chinese lanterns and a curtain was drawn just in front of the tree so as to completely hide the whole seen from the gaze of the large crowd, that began to gather before candlelight.

At 7:30 the crowd was called to order by J. D. Gamble and prayer was offered by Rev. Allen of Paint Rock, then a short talk by J. D. Gamble partially explaining the intention or design of a Christmas tree. At the close of the speech the curtain opened and revealed the Christmas tree and all the beautiful presents on and around it.

Mr. Gamble then called for one Mr. Ezra Low who promptly responded and approached to ward Mr. Gamble who proceeded to present him with a beautiful Christmas present in the person of Miss Birthie Henry, who was seated on the rostrum in a large rocking chair close beside the tree. Mr. Low advanced and taking Miss Henry by the hand, faced the large surprised crowd and just in front of the couple stood Rev. Allen who performed the ceremony which always makes two hearts beat as one.

After which Santa Claus was called and instead of the old man it was the old lady appeared and after a few comments about the beauties of the tree with helpers began to distribute the presents. The old lady was dressed in a beautiful flowered gown resembling a flower garden, with red cap and rosy cheeks. After the tree was unloaded Mrs. Santa Claus mounted the rostrum and told us that the old man was dead and had sent her down to bring all these pretty things, and further explained to us that Santa Claus was only a man dressed in a woman's gown, and at that juncture off came cap, face and dress and the voice changed to the voice of Mr. Gamble, and with a few other remarks the crowd was dismissed in due and ancient form.

We are glad to state the very best of order prevailed during the entire evening, and the crowd was estimated to be 300 in number.

Among the other enjoyments of the week a reunion of the family of J. D. Gamble at the home John Reed on Christmas day. Those present were the families of James Corum, John

Reed, Joe Low, Tom Gamble and J. D. Gamble and neighbor J. W. Kinerd and family.

Parties by the young folks too numerous to mention.

With many thanks to the Editor and good luck to you many readers. Snap Shot.

Rackley-Hardgrave.

Thursday afternoon, of last week, Dec. 24, at 4:30 o'clock, Miss Augusta Hardgrave was united in marriage to Mr. J. D. Rackley, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh officiating.

The wedding took place at the home of bride's mother, Mrs. J. D. Hardgrave, of this city, and was a quiet affair, being witnessed by only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends.

The bride is one of the best known and most popular young ladies of this town. She has for several years been a teacher in the public school of this place and has also been prominently identified with the social and religious life of the town for all of which spheres of the life she was eminently fitted, both of nature and cultivation. Her pleasantness of manner, her gentleness of disposition, her unselfishness of character and her culture and refinement, all conspired to make her a most congenial and helpful part of Ballinger life and has caused her to be loved by all who know her. She will, without doubt, be much missed by the whole community.

The groom is a popular young ranchman of the Van Horn, El Paso country. He is comparatively unknown here, but is spoken of by those who know him as being a man of sterling worth and commendable habits.

The happy couple left on Saturday afternoon's train for Van Horn, their future home.

The Banner-Leader joins a host of friends in extending hearty congratulations and in wishing for the new husband and wife a long and happy married life.

Notice.

Parties holding vendor lien notes and desiring to sell them for cash, we will buy a limited number.

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R. J. Queen, of Crews, was a new recruit to the Banner Leader list this week.



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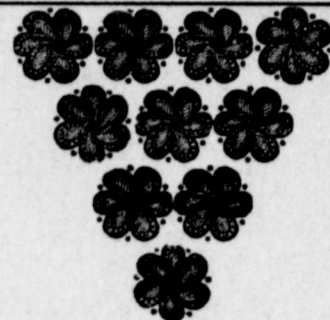
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The smiling countenance of our former fellow-townsmen, J. A. Hays, now of Bronte, was seen on our streets Thursday.

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