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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1904

NO 25

Latest and Newest Pattern Hats on Display---Come and See Remember Everything New, no old Stock. All of them the very Latest

36 John B Stetson Hats, we all sell them at \$5 regular, special price ...3.50
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THE CONFECTIONER

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, April 3rd, 4 p. m.

Leader--Mr. Brown.

Song.

Prayer.

Subject--Our Victories through Christ--1 Cor. 15:50-58

Discussion of Subject--Leader

Song.

Select Reading--Mrs. Love.

Male Quartette.

Poem--Miss Lola Green.

Song.

Recitation--Miss Lola Brown.

Song.

Benediction.

Mr. Bair, of the firm of Bair & Brown, the new general merchandise men, we are sorry to note is quite sick at the City Hotel this week.

Wm. Pumphrey, of Pumphrey, was supplying in Ballinger this week.

We are sorry to note D. M. Baker on the sick list this week.

Jim Allen of the Norton country had business here Thursday.

August Seip, our German friend of Vale, was shopping in Ballinger Thursday.

L. E. Bair has rented R. A. Terry's residence in the Sargent survey and will soon occupy the same.

Nath Allen, of the Coyote creek country was shaking hands with Ballinger stockmen Thursday.

Lee Odom, brother of our fellow citizens G. G. and Will Odom was representing Padgett Bros., of Waco, in our city this week.

J. W. Elliott, of Antelope Gap, will read the Banner-Leader for the next year through the kindness of his brother, T. E. Elliott of our city.

A double header freight train passed through Thursday hauling 35 solid cars, containing about 1000 head of cattle for the territory.

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin now issues 8 pages each Saturday and is chuck full of good reading matter and live ads. This is a fine little daily and would be a credit to a city three times the size of Brownwood.

Miss Hattie Bell of Paint Rock had the misfortune to get her arm broken by falling from her buggy in front of H. Winkler's store last Saturday. Dr. Fowler was at once summoned and set the arm and Miss Bell left for home at once and we are informed is at present doing very nicely. She and Miss Griswald of Paint Rock were in Ballinger shopping.

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin in speaking of the Missionary and Educational Conference of the Baptist church in session in that city this week, among other things has this to say about our Baptist pastor of Ballinger: This afternoon the conference again assembled. A devotional service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Burton of Ballinger. Rev. Burton is an enthusiastic worker and soon had an interesting meeting in progress.

J. A. DeMerville.

In this issue appears the name of J. A. DeMerville for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. DeMerville has served in this position one term and we have not heard a single word against his administration so far and we are safe in saying the entire precinct will continue to be satisfied if you see fit to elect him again. He is an honest, fair minded conservative man and as such does his duty without fear or favor and asks your vote and support on his past record as an efficient officer. It will be hard to find a man that will serve the people more faithfully and honestly than Jim DeMerville.

Claud Barnes and ex-employee of the Santa Fe at this place, came in from Yoakum Thursday to spend a few days with friends in Ballinger. Mr. Barnes has a position with the Santa Fe at Clifton, Texas, at present.

Next Tuesday, April 5th, is the day to elect three city aldermen. Turn out and exercise your franchise. This is an important election and we need the very best men available.

Walter Carpenter moved into his new place Friday just below the depot. He has a nice roomy building and will be in a position to handle his beer, ice and bottling works business very nicely.

We don't want to worry any body, but if at any time while in the city you have an extra dollar to pay on subscription we will appreciate it if you will step up and let us have it.

TWO TEMPTING THINGS

About our Candies.

Quality and Price

J. L. CHASTAIN,

Confectioner.

From San Angelo Press.

D. P. Gay was up from Ballinger Thursday on business.

J. W. Powell was up from Ballinger Friday.

Mrs. F. F. Tucker of Ballinger was registered at the Landon last Saturday.

H. G. Dearing sold to Murph March 700 2 year-old steers and cows at \$1 and \$15 per head. He also sold 85 head of stock horses to Mr. March. Two hundred head of stock will be pastured in Mr. Dearing's North Concho pasture at 15 to 20 cents per head.

Austin Spencer returned Friday from Ballinger, Coleman, Santa Anna and Brownwood where he went to look into the baseball situation the coming season. Mr. Spencer says that his trip was a decided success from every standpoint and that this year's ball program will be the best in the history of San Angelo. He says that he was royally entertained on his trip and that a circuit has been formed including Brownwood, Coleman, Santa Anna, Ballinger and San Angelo, and that Abilene and Cisco would be switched in on the circuit. The season will open at the San Angelo park April 7, 8 and 9, between Ballinger and San Angelo. The Brownwood college team will play San Angelo on the 15 and 16, Coleman and San Angelo on 21, 22 and 23, all teams playing Ballinger on their return trip. Work on a park at Ballinger is already under headway and will be finished in time for the games. A park will also be built at Coleman. The Santa Fe has promised to put on excursions with a low rate for each game. Mr. Spencer says that great interest in the national game is being manifested all along the line.

J. W. Powell went up to Winters Wednesday on legal business.

We pay 8½ cents per dozen for fresh eggs and 18 to 24 cents for chickens. See us if you have any to sell. J. B. Alvis & Bro.



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and nothing else will meet this call. A man of foresight will always have an account at the bank. Deposit with us and your money will always be safe and subject to immediate call by check

New Easter Hats

I will have in Saturday April the 2nd, a lot of new Easter hats. In this lot will be found something unique and up-to-date. Call and see them.

MRS. STELLA FORBES,
Ballinger, Texas.

Lost or Strayed.

A brown horse 15 hands high branded X L on left hip. Anyone that is able to give any information concerning same will either phone or write me.

R. P. KIRK,
Ballinger, Tex.

Jeter Mansker came in from Mexico Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mansker of South Ballinger and other relatives and friends.

If we read the signs aright there will be wedding bells in the near future. Watch and see.

A. W. Sledge moved to the place he recently purchased from Frank Miller Thursday.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

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

Bladder troubles most always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sized bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery and a book that tells all about it, both

Home of Swamp-Root, sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in 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.

Letter from the Philippines.

Batangas, P. I., Feb. 14 1904.
DR. THOS. A. RAPE,
Ballinger, Tex.

DEAR UNCLE:
The Banner-Leader you sent me came in due time and was read with great pleasure. I am always glad to hear from home. I was very much surprised to find one of my letters in the paper. You see we have very little news of much interest to communicate from the Islands. I did not mean for the letters to be published but I hope this will be of more interest to you.

I have been in the army now for two years past and I had the pleasure of many interesting sights which I would otherwise never have seen. I do not regret any of my past time in the service although we have hard tack and bacon three times a day. Well you see that is something that is very nourishing. I suppose, though, most of you know something about the diet, as in your younger days you have heard your parents speak of it; now I speak of your parents; I do not mean your mothers; your fathers tho' were the boys who had their supply of

ACCIDENTAL ?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to carelessness which made the accident possible.



There are a great many lives suddenly terminated as a result of carelessness, although the medical certificate may read "heart failure." When a man takes chances with his stomach and neglects the warning symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, which makes strength. It stimulates the liver, cures biliousness, and removes bilious impurities from the blood.

the bread. Now I am not trying to run down the government issue of rations as they are all O. K.

The latest bulletin states a constabulary including 76 men have deserted and with them they had plenty of company, which amounted to 5000 rounds of ammunition. At the present there has been only the Eleventh Company ordered out. The latest reports they had been hot on their trail for three days. We will know more about the matter tomorrow.

We are in a very desolate country and all I can see that look or act like a human are the monks. I have at my little place of business two pair of the funny things and if possible I shall bring them home with me. I remember a man who had one when I left there. Probably I will be able to present him with another on my return. My friends would doubtless be surprised to see me step out on the depot platform in Ballinger with such a bounty.

I am in the best of health and have seen very little sickness while on the Islands, although it is a very common occurrence to see the poor little brown brothers fall over with cholera; then you see another grab them up, wrap a sheet around them, tie them to a bamboo pole, and take them to a cemetery and bury them without a grave or anything else. They throw them on the ground and cover the body with dirt and the funeral service ends. A peculiar people indeed.

I wish some of you could see some parts of the Island. I always wanted to see the place. Now I have seen it and am ready to come home and let some of the boys who have never been over here have my place. There is but one way to do that and that is to hold up your hand for three years. Now you may think three years is a long time but it isn't, time flies, and I will say this, that you will never regret the time you serve, for you may be sure of one thing when you carry a gun that long, you surely will know how to handle one.

But for fear of this growing tiresome to you and my Ballinger friends, and hoping to hear from you all often, I will say goodbye for the present, remaining, Your far away Nephew,
THOS. H. RAPE
Camp McWrath, U. S. Army,
Batanges, P. I.

Saves Two from Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs W K Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist. Trial bottles free.

A three year old stallion of Hamiltonian blood. Will have him in Ballinger on first Monday in April. T. L. TODD,
Maverick, Texas

We are apt to suffer the mean things of life to overgrow the finer nature within us, therefore it is expedient that at least once a day we read a little poetry, or sing a song, or look at a picture. —Goethe.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c, 1.00 Sold by E D Walker

Health is Youth.

Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever, skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs D W Smith, Whitney, Tex., writes April 3 1902: "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it." 50c a bottle. Sold by E D Walker.

A New Town.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:
As the weather has been dry and is getting a little warm now for paper men and fleshy folks to stir out much; and as we are starting a new town down here, I thought it might be of interest to some of your readers to give a few scribblings from this place.

Our town is situated all the way from Mr. Nat Guess' to the mouth of Mustang creek on the Colorado river. Although our town covers a scope of about three miles up and down the river, it is not very densely populated. We have not settled on a name for our town yet. Think it will be called McTown as there are inside of its limits four different Mcs. To commence at the lower end of the town and come up there is McShan, McKinzie, McWilliams and McKinley. We are grubbing out, fencing and ploughing up a good deal of land down here though it is so dry now that breaking sod is a little off just now. There are eight new houses almost in sight of each other. None of the inhabitants of this new country have died yet but we have had two funerals at our grave yard; the dead were brought from Ballinger.

I think there is considerable fishing going on now on the river.

Our town has one blacksmith shop, owned and operated by our neighbor Mr. Absher.

Mr. Abernathy, wife and daughters from South Ballinger visited Mr. B. U. Smith and family the other day.

Mrs. Davis of Ballinger visited her daughter, Mrs. Preston McKinley for a week.

Now, I am a little afraid that having given the location of our town so definitely, the good candidates will be "seeking whom they may devour" among us.

Vegetation is coming rain or no rain and cattle look well.

If we could have a good rain and it did not turn cold our country would "blossom as the rose." Good wishes for the Banner-Leader.
Hymen.

C. A. DOOSE,

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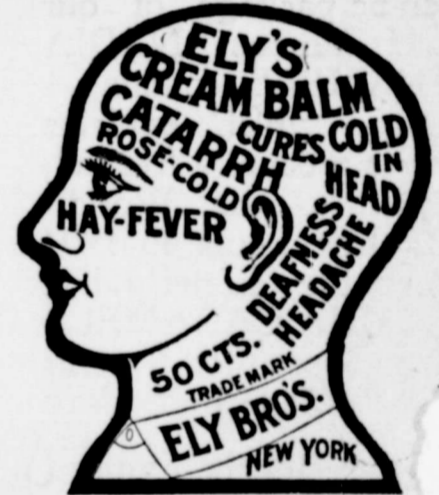
Testimony of a Minister.

Rev Jno S Cox of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by J Y Pearce. Only 50c.

The Best Family Salve.

De Witt's Witch Hazel gives instant relief from burns, cures cuts, bruises, sores, eczema, tetter and all abrasions of the skin. In buying Witch Hazel Salve it is only necessary to see that you get genuine DeWitt's and a cure is certain. There are many cheap counterfeits on the market, all of which are worthless and quite a few are dangerous, while DeWitt's Witch Hazel is perfectly harmless and cures. Sold by E D Walker.

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Get a new saddle at Bob Shafers. They are the best.

Clyde C. Cockrell, a former Brownwood boy who has been connected with the Ballinger Banner-Leader as business manager of the paper, has bought half interest from J. M. Skinner, the former editor, and in future the firm name will be Shepherd & Cockrell. Clyde, as he is familiarly called, has gone from devil to business manager of that paper during the last six years. He is ambitious to succeed and if we read the signs aright he is doing that thing as fast as possible. As a member of the firm he will be stimulated to greater efforts and his success will be more marked than ever. Clyde once held a position on the Bulletin and we are pleased to note his success.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

Miles Messenger.

Raby Padgett, deputy sheriff and collector, was here this week on a hunting tour. The small fish in the Concho snuffered greatly, and the finey tribe generally is said to have grown "beautifully less."

Rev. Stanley of the Christian church preached last Sunday night on the theme "Will we know each other there," and made it very plain from a Bible standpoint that we would know our loved ones in a better world.

The following attorneys are attending district court at Paint Rock this week: Jno. I. Guion, County Attorney Stone, W. R. Spencer, Guion Gregg, R. B. Truly and M. C. Smith.

Mrs. Bate Tracy of Leon county and Mrs. Wm. Long of Santa Aanta, mother and grandmother of J. S. McKenzie of that county, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Rev. Brown, president of Daniel Baker College of Brownwood, in the absence of the regular pastor, delivered two able sermons at the 1st Presbyterian church here last Sunday.

J. T. Morrison of Gatesville, an old friend of M. I. Rayburn of the Norton country, spent a week in our county visiting his friend.

Mose Garlington and Sam Brookshire, representative citizens of the Norwood country, were in the city Saturday.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd came in Saturday evening from Toyah, where she has been visiting her parents for awhile.

Godfrey Massey the Concho county stockman, was in the city a short while last Saturday.

J. R. McVay came in Friday from a vacation of two or three weeks much improved in health.

R. C. Harris of the Maverick country was in the city Monday and remembered the printers.

Capt. J. E. Smith came in last Friday from Goldthwaite where he had been visiting friends.

Carl Wilson came in last Friday from Brownwood where he had been for a week or two.

C. F. Woodrow, the Winters ginman, had business with our merchants last Saturday.

Jas. Rainwater of Crews had business in Ballinger a short while Monday.

The best alarm clock in the world for the money at J E Brewers.

See us for Plow Gear.
Lankford & Hathaway.

Look at Jas. E. Brewer's show window.

Chas. Low of Brownwood spent Monday in our city looking after business interests.

Sam Parks came in from his Concho county ranch and took the train Monday evening for Brownwood.

Mrs. M. C. Cobb returned to her home at Santa Anna Monday evening after several days visit in our city.

W. H. Rodgers, a prosperous stock farmer of the Winters country, gave us a friendly handshake Tuesday.

Rev. Edgar A. Burton left Monday evening to attend the Missionary Rally of the Pecan Valley Baptist Association which met in Brownwood this week.

\$100 Reward \$100

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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger
12:20 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger
4:32 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 Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.
D. M. WEST.

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.
T. T. CROSSON.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.
JOHN HOFFER.

For County Attorney:

GUION GREGG.
R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.
J. F. LUSK.
C. S. BOWDON.

For County Treasurer:

W. F. SHARP.
D. P. MOSER.

For Public Cotton Weiger's Prec. No. 1.

T. J. STOCKS.
FRANK STUART.
LOUISA A. MASSEY.
CHAS. E. NANCE.
H. P. HARKINS.

For County Surveyor.

H. E. DICKINSON.
S. D. WILLIAMS.
J. E. POWELL.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 1.

J. E. SMITH.
W. H. WEEKS.
G. W. NEWMAN.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 2.

J. F. BILLUPS.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.

T. S. CROWDER.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.

J. E. McADAMS.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 3.

W. P. HAWKINS.

For Constable Prec. No. 1.

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Market Letter.

Kansas City, Mo., March 29, 1904—Receipts in Southern Division last week were fairly liberal, consisting mostly of medium to good steers, which advanced 10 to 20 cents over the close of previous week. Supply yesterday and today is moderate. Prices were strong to 10 cents higher yesterday, and are steady today. Bulk of supply yesterday was short fed, medium quality stuff, included a few choice heifers which brought \$3.60. Today's supply is nearly all bulls very few cows or steers being included. The following sales yesterday and today will give a line on prices being paid at this point.

Monday, March 28th 1904

Scott Eubanks, Holland Texas
108 steers 1036, 4.05

Scott Eubanks, Holland, Texas
15 bulls 1317, 3.15

Reed Bros., Holland, Texas,
22 steers 1176, 3.99

W. P. Blazey, Mulhall, O. T.,
10 steers 907, 4.00

W. P. Blazey, Mulhall, O. T.,
21 heifers 956, 3.90

W. K. Allison, Purcell, I. T.,
33 steers 1113, 3.90

W. K. Allison Purcell, I. T.,
19 cows 785, 2.65

Jas. Crawford, Purcell, I. T.
72 steers 1048, 3.85

Jas. Crawford, Purcell, I. T.,
8 steers, 992, 3.90

Crawford & Gruman, Purcell,
I. T., 15 steers 1006, 3.90

Hendrix & Reed, Alix, I. T.,
23 steers 978, 3.90

Driggers & Sharp, Chickasha,
52 steers 960, 3.85

G. W. Thomas, Chickasha,
25 steers 990, 3.85

C. W. Slavens, Hobart, O. T.,
45 steers 922, 3.75

Lewis Walz, Shawnee, O. T.,
17 steers 970, 3.75

Sullivan & Mulky, Norman, O.
T., 25 steers 852, 3.70

Sullivan & Mulky, Norman, O.
T., 3 bulls 1019, 3.30

Harrison Bros., Pauls Valley,
I. T., 14 steers 990, 3.60

Harrison Bros., Pauls Valley,
I. T., 7 bulls 1290, 2.90

Tuesday, March 29th.

Silberstein & Weatherby, Nin
nekah, 9 steers 1123, 3.65

Silberstein & Weatherby, Nin
nekah, 10 bulls 1496, 3.15

Perry & B. Sweetwater, Tex-
as, 1 stag 1210, 3.10

Perry & B., Sweetwater, Tex
as, 1 steer 1180, 3.75

Perry & B., Sweetwater, Tex-
as, 18 bulls 1405, 2.90

Hog prices changed very little
last week, the feature being an
advance of 15 cents on medium
to light weights, while heavy-
weights remained steady. Gen-
eral market was steady, and is
5 cents higher today. Light
weights sold strong yesterday,
and are possibly 10 cents higher
today, still further narrowing
the range of prices of bulks of
sales. Top today is \$5.30; bulk
of all sales, \$5.15 to \$5.25.

JOSEPH A. RICKART,
Live Stock Correspondent

Will Vaughn and family left
Wednesday evening for Brady
where Mrs. Vaughn and children
will remain awhile with Mrs.
Vaughn's father, Col. Melton,
and Will goes from there to
prospect in Old Mexico. The
best wishes of our people go
with them and hope for them
much success wherever they
may locate.

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your feet, that give satisfaction,
that are reasonable in price,
that are comfortable? If so, the
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THE FAIR.

Business College Notes.

It has been some time since there has been a communication from us in the papers of the county but we will let the people know that we are still on the upward tendency. The quality of the work will compare favorably with the work of the best colleges, both in the literary and business departments. No one can do better than to come here if they want a thorough practical education.

Miss Marie Morgan, one of the most popular young ladies of Norton, was a very pleasant caller at the college one day last week. We hope she will come again.

Miss Lola Brown, one of our best college girls, is on the sick list, but we hope to see her with us again in a few days.

Tom Stocks, one of our popular boys, will enter the employ of J. G. Key after the first, and will continue his studies in the night class. We are sorry to lose Tom from the day class but he will do well in the night class.

The literary society will meet again, as usual Friday night, and we invite our friends to be with us. We are doing good work, and would like to have our friends visit us.

Larkin Brown, of Georgia, will arrive by the 5th, and enter the bookkeeping department. He is a nephew of our townsman, A. H. Van Pelt.

Claude Smith of the Ledger force will enter the college in a few days and complete a book-keeping course.

There is much to tell that space will not permit to be said. Next time we hope to be more newsy. Reporter.

Song Service.

The choir of the Presbyterian church have arranged an Easter song service to be given Sunday night at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited. Following program will be rendered:

Voluntary—Organ and Violin.
Anthem—God is with His People.

Prayer.
Hymn—Refuge.

Duet—I will give you rest.
Solo—The Good Shepherd.

Talk by Pastor.
Anthem—The Lord is Risen.

Offering.
Solo—Beyond the Gates of Paradise.

Hymn—Let the Lower Lights be Burning.

Anthem—O, Be Joyful.

Estray Notice.

To W. L. Towner, county clerk, Runnels county, Texas.

In compliance with the Estray law now in force, I herewith return the following estray which has been found running at large and not estrayed, and state that the owner of the same is unknown, one brown horse 12 or 14 years old, star in forehead, about 14 hands high, branded on left hip IX. Said horse in care of J. K. Battle 10 miles N. W. of Ballinger.

J. E. SMITH,
County Commissioner Precinct
No. 1, Runnels county, Texas
(ATTEST) W. L. Towner,
County Clerk

General Webster Flannagan, one of the best parliamentarians in the state, was made the permanent chairman of the republican state convention at Dallas. The convention endorsed Roosevelt and his administration. Cecil A. Lyon, R. B. Hawley, C. M. Ferguson and M. W. Rogers are the delegates at large from Texas to the national convention.

Ballinger Public Library.

Total Cost.

Only \$1.50 for a two years' membership if taken now. After organization the membership fee will be \$2.00. About April 2nd 1906 the library will be closed out by dividing the book among the members.

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Copyrights a Specialty. You can see the books at Tisinger & Cos. Drug Store. Every member selects a book and then ten per cent more is added.

OPENING DAY.

Thursday, March 31st. Every member call that day and help select the books. April 2nd closing day for \$1.50 membership.

Thos. J. Hocker,

Organizer.

COST SALE CONTINUED.

My Sales have been good, but I still have some choice goods left. Come while you can get a good selection.

MY COST SALE

Will continue until all my good are disposed of.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs. Emma Godwin,

At the Hub,

Ballinger, Texas.

Spring Easter Attire

Is very necessary for the ladies, but while you are supplying their needs don't forget to dress your driving horse up for spring. We have the most elegant line of light buggy harness ever offered the public. Come and see them.

Lankford & Hathaway

Tasteless Castor Oil.

What mother would punish her baby by doting it with old nauseating Castor Oil when she can get a bottle or Tisinger's Tasteless Castor Oil for 15c. We also compound Rx 555, a sure cure for Rheumatism. Prepared only by—

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Governor Lanham has been guilty of the unspeakable crime of employing his son as his private secretary, and there are not lacking those who would, if they could, encompass his defeat for having done so. He ought to be commended for making his son work and not permitting him to idle around as the "son of the governor." Some indulgent fathers might have done this.

J. W. POWELL,

Attorney-At-Law

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But the wise save in spending. Bargains are what all the buyers seek, not the shimmering phantoms of "five for one." Not the slippery will-o'-the-wisps that pledge impossible return, but a fair, equitable placing of money on a substantial common sense basis. Try any of these offerings by the most rigorous test—they will more than bear us out in quality, style and price. There is a kind of personal satisfaction in knowing that one is well dressed. besides the fact occasion demand it. Our business is to furnish you with the proper apparel at reasonable prices and we can do this to your entire satisfaction. Also our stock in all other lines is of better quality than the usual make and the styles are the latest and noblest, and the workmanship of the highest class and bound to give satisfaction

Hungry People

Can satisfy their appetite with a meal made of almost any kind of old groceries, but to really enjoy your meal it must be composed of pure fresh groceries—the kind kept at our store. Our prices are on the best of terms with the pocketbooks hereabouts and the reason is very clear to those who have given us their orders. When you come right down to bargain facts it is prices and quality that tell the tale. We don't know of a store anywhere that meets these two requirements more faithfully than this, but to appreciate this you will have to give us a trial and be convinced. We do not keep any old stock and will make anything good that goes out of our store

THE CURRIE-NOYES CO.

Joshua Brewer and son Charlie were pleasant callers at our office Tuesday.

Tom McFarland went east Tuesday evening on a visit to his old home.

Geo. Gardner merchant of Hylton, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

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

Miss Julia Hays of Bronte is in the city this week the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Bennett.

The Belton Steam Laundry gives satisfaction.

I. L. ALEXANDER, Agent. Phone 100.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill are rejoicing over the arrival of an eight pound boy at their home Tuesday.

Go to Tisinger & Co. and take a look at the books for the Ballinger Public Library. Just as well take \$1.50 along for you will be sure to want a membership.

Go right now to Tisinger & Co. and enroll as a member of the Ballinger Public Library. Only \$1.50 for two years. Every member helps select the books. Next week it will cost \$2.00

Thursday Friday and Saturday are Red Letter days for the Ballinger Public Library. All the good books you can read for two years for only \$1.50. After organization the fee will be \$2.00. Call at Tisinger & Co's and enroll now

The following are the newly elected officers of the "Home Circle Society" of Runnels county: C. S. Bowdon, president; C. R. Crews, vice president; J. W. Patterson, secretary; D. M. Baker, treasurer; E. D. Walker, L. Markowitz and R. P. Kirk, trustees. This society is similar to the Friend-In-Need society which has been in operation in our county for some time.

The Belton Steam Laundry will clean and press your suit for \$1.40.

I. L. ALEXANDER, Agent. Phone 100.

Mrs. Bell Burnett, daughter of B. T. Dawson of Maverick, left Wednesday evening for Sour Lake where she goes to join her husband.

Prof. Thos. J. Hocker, the library organizer, opened in due form on March 31st the public library installed in this city.

J. E. McAdams, a prosperous and successful farmer of the Content country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Dr. R. A. Dickinson came in Wednesday evening from Sonora where he has been for a few days on business.

W. J. Flowers, whose postoffice is Ballinger joined the throng of Banner-Leader readers this week.

W. H. Mullins sold 200 acres of land south of Winters one day this week at \$17.00 per acre.

Dr. W. A. GUSTAVUS, Dentist, Over Walker's Drug Store. Charges right—work guaranteed

School books bought sold and exchanged at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

E. P. Carr of the Content country had business on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Currie now owns a swell rubber tire buggy which her husband purchased in St. Louis.

A. T. Teurpe, the prosperous stock farmer of the Norton country, was among Ballinger friends Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

R. G. Erwin & Co. will give to each purchaser of an Oliver typewriter one Reid copy holder During month of April 1904. Price of copy holder \$2.50.

Rev. Matthews, presiding elder of the M. E. church in this district came in Monday evening from Wingate where he had been for several days, and took the east bound train for Brownwood, his home, Monday.

The Banner-Leader notes from the Brownwood papers that Conductor Howard Pickens has bought a nice home in Temple. Mr. Pickens and family moved from Brownwood to Temple last Monday. This family are well known in Ballinger and we feel sure they will be missed in the church and social circles of the Bayou City, but what is Brownwood's loss is Temple's gain. Mr. Pickens has been in the employ of the Santa Fe railway for the past fourteen years and formerly had a run on this branch, but he is now running a train between Temple and Beeville.

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J. T. OSTEEN,

At Banner-Leader Old Stand Opposite Currie Noyes Co.

The new livery stable back of Lankford & Hathaway's harness and saddle shop is being rushed to completion and will be ready for occupancy about April the 5th. The name of the new firm will be the Ballinger Livery Company, composed of Messrs. Cole, Bullock and Bowden. These gentlemen have recently moved into our town, but are men of push and energy and we predict for them success in their new business.

D. Reeder purchased this week from Mrs. Tucker her fine trotting sorrel mare. Mr. Reeder has ordered a swell trap and when it arrives he will have a neat rig.

Just think of it! California canned fruit at J. B. Alvis & Bro. for only \$1.50 per dozen.

Mr. Youngblood, a prominent merchant of Hylton, was in town Wednesday.

The candidates are mixing with the "dear people" considerably these days.

D. Reeder and John Hoffer spent Tuesday out on Mustang and succeeded in catching some thirty pounds of fish.

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

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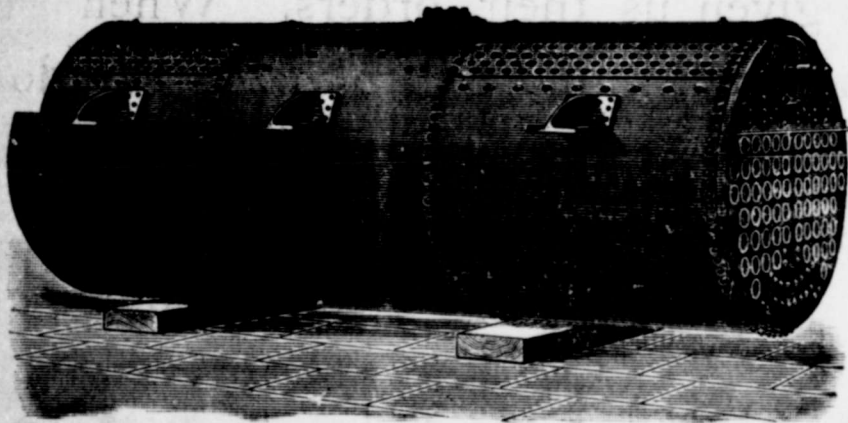
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Communicated.

Young man, what are you carrying in stock? If you were going to sell dry goods you wouldn't lay in a stock of lumber, you would realize that what ever you stocked up with that is what you would try to sell. To grow a big robust physical body what should we nourish it with? Sawdust would not do. Why? Because there is no nourishment in it, which is very correct. Do you think the public would not know the difference between a healthy robust physique and a puny dwarf? You answer that they certainly would know. In that you are correct again.

Now let us reason together. Can we afford to carry in stock but that which is worth one hundred cents on the dollar, whatever we carry in stock that surely is what we are trying to sell to the public. Now is it reasonable to suppose that we can set up two standards of morality, one for the public eye and one to suit our own convenience; one to practice when we are in our home town and one to use when we go off to the city. Do you think that would be the correct idea, do you think our friends in the home town would never know the difference, don't you believe that we would unconsciously put off some of our shady stock on our friends at home and give the whole scheme away? The weakness of our human nature would certainly lead us into just such a position.

But let us carry nothing but a clean stock. Well we may ask what it is to consist of. We will answer that a good stock of honesty would be in place, then a department of integrity, then a fine case of sobriety and early hours at home instead of down town after business hours, then a great big show case of charity and usefulness, and when we add to this pure thoughts and clean literature, then we will realize that all unconsciously to us, love for fellow mortals has crept in and we feel so happy and contented we scarcely realize that we are the same old merchant that formally carried a shady stock. Then we realize that we are what we seem to be we are practicing true man and womanhood, true to ourselves true to our fellow man and true to our Maker. Clean in our thoughts and charitable in our views, have a clear conscience and can look any man in the face. What have we accomplished by all this? Simply this, we have brought down some of the laws of heaven and put them in practice here on

earth. Here is where we must commence to practice such laws and familiarize ourselves with them or we certainly would not like the laws of heaven if we were to be admitted ever with our shady stock, as there they have but one standard of morality.

C. K. GWINN,
Ballinger, Texas, March 2, 1904.

Ray Heavenhill.

The death angel has again visited our midst and taken away one that we love.

After a brief illness, Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heavenhill, of Winters, departed this life Wednesday, March 23, 1904.

To the loved ones we would say "weep not as one who has no hope" for Ray has gone to join the host on the other side, and while it seems hard to part with loved ones, it makes Heaven all the dearer to know that we have loved ones waiting there.

Ray was a good boy, an obedient pupil, and loved by all, and may we all strive to meet him where parting is no more.

A FRIEND.

Crews.

Singing at Mr. Moorehead's Monday night.

Rev. White of Talpa, filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

As it was near Easter Sunday he gave us an Easter sermon on the resurrection of Christ. His discourse was very interesting and instructive. We think the Baptist church is in luck to have his services.

Miss Lena Brunson remains very sick.

Taylor county friends visited at Mr. Mooreheads Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ada Woods is an efficient factor at Vaughn's store.

Hull Eros, have left us—gone to Glen Cove. They developed over 3200 pictures while here.

(Judge) B. B. Stone was on our streets yesterday seeing "the dear people."

Freeman and Vaugh have had storm houses dug. Make room boys when it blows there's more of your tribe.

Webb Scarborough left for other parts Monday.

Mrs Perry has measles but is improving, others are about over. No new cases near here that we know of.

Permanent water has been found in the tank at Crews gin.

Bill Borders has moved Mr. Ash's residence to Truitt.

We hear that Mr. Jayroe contemplates building on his lot in Crews.

Crews will come to the front yet if a hame don't break.

Santiago de Crews has about become depopulated.

Trustee election is getting near but not much interest is felt until election day, unless some fellow has an axe to grind or spite to fill. Crews is generally very nice about trustees.

Our country was supplied last year by a traveling book agent with histories of the United States. We have looked over them carefully and find them in many places positively false. It states that after about 30 minutes hard fighting the Merrimac surrendered to the Monitor. Any child that has ever read an account of this great conflict knows its falseness. Again it describes the prison of Andersonville, Ga. as follows. "It covered at first only 18 acres afterwards enlarged to twenty three with a marsh in center of

7 acres. In 1863 there were less than 6 sq. ft. of surface to each prisoner." I have talked with those who were familiar with the circumstances and they say such was not the case. Children, if they have any taste for reading, are more apt to read new books and in this case small children are apt to have their minds filled with falsity that will materially mar their future course in history.

One can not be too careful about the books they surround their children with.

R. L. C.

Winters.

Mr. Joe Barnett of this place died Wednesday and was buried at the Winters cemetery Thursday, the 24th.

Mr. Hughes' family left last week for Ballinger, their future home.

The millinery opening at Mr Moore's store Saturday seemed to be a success in spite of the windy day.

The band played for the opening and all the ladies seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mr. R. Gannaway of Wingate was visiting in Winters Sunday.

Miss Mattie Church of Pumphrey has been spending some days in Winters the guest of Miss Ethel Moore.

Our League and B. Y. P. U. are progressing nicely. A great interest is being taken in the work.

County Attorney Ben Stone was circulating on our streets Thursday.

Prof. Rotramel has sold his town property to Mr. Cornelius.

Miss Ruthie Farrar is yet on the sick list.

Rev. Jackson is better, after having had a case of measles.

Mr. Beard is up again. Also Mr. Dale. Measles struck lots of old fellows this time.

Prof. Goodman will sing for us again Sunday afternoon.

Some of our young people attended the literary at Boldon Saturday night. All reported a good time.

Mr. Chas Lloyd and lady of Wingate were trading in Winters Thursday.

The new hotel is being put up. Also a new wagon yard. Winters is growing.

Mr. Kit Cooper has been very sick but is now able to be up.

Come out to services Sunday afternoon.

The Presbyterians have called Rev. Yates as pastor. He notified them that he couldn't be with them until the 1st Sunday in May. "Dick."

Strayed or Stolen.

One brown horse 14½ hands high, white feet and white face, branded O. J. on left jaw, \$2.50 reward for delivery to me at Ballinger or will pay a liberal reward for information leading to his recovery.

T. A. EMBRY,
Ballinger, Texas.

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

J. D. Yarnell of the Norton country was with us a short while Wednesday.

E. D. Walker went up to Coleman Wednesday evening.

Pure Democracy.

The following is a part of the speech of William Randolph Hearst issued to the people, responding to numerous invitations to attend Jackson Day Celebrations in various cities of the United States:

The promoters of extortionate speculative trusts do not develop the resources of the country, but hinder and restrict development. They do not create wealth but appropriate the wealth which others have created. They check prosperity by concentrated wealth in the hands of the few out of the savings of the many. They limit production, they limit opportunity, they limit the employment of labor and reduce the laborer's wage while they increase the cost of living. They confer no benefits on the community. The wealth they possess is stolen money, and the laws of the country should hold them as public criminals.

Managers of get rich quick trusts, managers of fraudulent trusts—that great tribe of public robbers—are not confounded in any Democrat's mind with the honest men whose superior ability, industry, patience or intellect have brought them legitimate wealth.

The growth and prosperity of the United States have merely begun. The nation needs the ablest minds, capable of wide planning and accomplishment. These will continue to be valued and encouraged by all good citizens. Every Democrat will agree that the laborer is worthy of his hire, whether he work for day wages or for great wealth so long as he works honestly and legitimately.

The Democratic party is the party of all honest working Americans. It is the party that will promote the welfare of all those contented to live within the laws.

The Democratic party is the party of prosperity—the prosperity of the many, not of the law defying few.

The coming battle of the Democracy against special privilege is already clearly outlined in the minds of intelligent voters. This nation was established for the benefit of all, for the purpose of giving equal rights to all. The coming fight of the Democracy is to preserve the essential character of our American system and is to be against the criminal element which seeks to change the nation's character.

The following are some of the reasons for observing Holy Week which begun with Palm Sunday and continues to Easter: The Christian emperors anciently exercised charity during this week in granting a general release from prison to all debtors and criminals. Masters, in like manner, during the week preceding and the week following Easter often gave freedom to their slaves or bound servants. All of which comes from the example of the Lord, who at this time delivered mankind from the bonds of sin and made men capable of enjoying numberless blessings. And several of the first Christian emperors demanded that all courts of law be suspended during the week of passion in honor of those great mysteries of the Cross and the Resurrection.

Frank Miller moved to his pretty home, recently purchased from Will Vaughn, this week.

The Citizen's National Bank will tender to the Ladies of Ballinger and surrounding country an Easter entertainment at their banking house on Saturday, April 2nd, 1904, and give a nice souvenir to each one attending.

Mrs. W. S. Robinson, after spending several days with relatives and friends here, returned Wednesday to her home at San Angelo.

J. D. Newberry of the Maverick country was in town Wednesday and will read the Banner-Leader for the next 12 months.

Jim Miller, the stock-farmer of Wingate, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Wednesday.

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

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin of Wednesday in speaking of the Baptist Rally held there pays the following tribute to Dr. Gambrell, whose children are here attending the Business College: Dr. J. B. Gambrell, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist General Convention, was introduced and delivered an excellent and scholarly address. Dr. Gambrell's subject was "How can Church Independence as taught in the New Testament be preserved and maintained consistent with co-operation through general bodies?" The scholarly manner in which Dr. Gambrell handled his subject shows him to have given it much thought and study. His talk was favorable to boards and conventions as practical methods of obtaining desired results throughout the land in church work. His point was well taken and clearly defined in manner simple enough to insure a general understanding. A stenographer took down the address and at the close a collection of \$86.05 was taken to have it printed in pamphlet for distribution throughout the county. After Dr. Gambrell's talk the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Our Cares.

There are many well meaning people who have an idea that when they are stumbling along under the heaviest burdens they are pleasing God the most. They forget that the only thing any Christian has a right to do with a care is to give it to Christ, and that in the heart where there is anxiety there is no trust. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He will sustain thee," was put in the Bible on purpose to give every heartsore pilgrim rest. No question as to the size of the burden—God said give it to the Lord, and when you have done so, leave it in His hands, trusting that all will be well.

Nothing takes the life and heart out of a Christian like staggering along under loads that God never intended he should try even to lift—anxiety about a thousand things that flatten one to the dust if given a thought. If there happens to be plenty in the house today, he worries and loses sleep for fear there will be nothing for tomorrow or next week. Today, the rosy children play about the house, and he gives way to forebodings that "such things cannot last—something will be sure to happen tomorrow." He is afraid to eat of the loaf today, fearing that even the crust shall be wanting tomorrow. The comfortable garment must be folded away now, lest a greater need for it shall press tomorrow.

O, thou of little faith! Can you not hear the voice of the Father, bidding you to bring all your burdens to him? Can you not trust his love, when he tells you of his care over the sparrows, than which you are many times more valuable? You have no right to doubt God's word; you have no right to question His wisdom. When our poor houses begin to be crowded with faithful Christians, it will be time to become anxious for fear that God will forget his own. God has told us by the lips of His Son, that "according to our faith shall it be done to us," and He has asked us only to trust and believe, and all shall be well with us. Can we not do this?

Weather Forecast by Foster.

Washington, D. C. March 1904—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent April 2 to 6, warm wave 1 to 5, cool wave 4 to 8. Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about 7, cross west of Rockies by close of 8, great central valleys 9 to 11, eastern states 12. Warm wave will cross west of Rockies about 7, great central valleys 9, eastern states 11. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies about 10, great central valleys 12, eastern states 14.

This disturbance will not have much force on the Pacific coast but by 22, when it is expected to reach the eastern states, it will begin to increase in intensity. Out on the North Atlantic about 14 it will become a furious and dangerous storm. At the same time, about 14, a furious and dangerous storm will be on North Pacific west of the Oregon coast.

April will bring highest temperature during first and about beginning of fourth weeks, lowest temperatures during second and last weeks of the month. Most rain will come during first week and from 22 to 29.

Temperature of the month will average lower than usual south of the Missouri and west of the Mississippi and highest north of the Missouri and west of the Mississippi. In other sections temperature will average about normal.

We don't care whether a fellow is a brass collar democrat or a prohibitive tariff republican; whether he believes in a funnel gang, or local option; in the final preservation of the saints or in predestination. He has a right to his belief. But we do want to see a fellow honest and truthful and manly in every respect. We want to see him or a solid foundation where you can depend on his words and acts. There are some men that you can always place without making an inquiry; if a thing is right they are for it and you can depend on them until the last day in the morning. But there are others "wishy washy;" they can be swayed like a tender sapling in a howling hurricane. Thank God for the firm, upright men who have convictions and stand by them. They are the salt of the earth. Principle is something we should keep about us always. It is not a masquerade uniform to be worn on special occasions, and then thrown under foot.—X.

Ailston Gibson, who is said to have been Andrew Jackson's horse jockey is to celebrate his 116th birthday July 4th, at Calera, Ala., and the horsemen and turfmen of America are invited to make the day a success. A Memphis dispatch says that his age is vouched for by the best citizens of Calera, and that records at his birthplace bear him out in his claim as to age.

A spirit of mutual friendship seems to prevail between Coleman and Santa Anna. A crowd of Coleman gentlemen who are promoting the oil mill at Coleman recently made a trip to Santa Anna and while there the Santa Anna business men subscribed to the oil mill and the Coleman men subscribed to Santa Anna's compress.

The question now is when and what kind of a new depot will Ballinger have.

We call attention to L. Markowitz & Co.'s ad in this issue. Read it. It will interest you.

A New, Novel
AND
Unique Plan

Cost Sales are Chestnuts

Bargain Days Played Out

But here is something all can appreciate

Kold Klean Kash

For every dollars worth purchased at our store during April for cash we will return to you by check on the First National Bank 10 per cent of the amount of your purchase. No delays, no worthless premiums, simply CASH. All goods marked in plain figures, every buyer his own salesman. One price and that the lowest and then 10 per cent of your money back

L. MARKOWITZ & COMPANY

The mail clerks on the Santa Fe branch now run to Coleman, doubling out of Temple. This is necessitated by the increase in the mails in this country. Theodore Herring of San Angelo has been appointed to this run.

The first Texas watermelons of this season were marketed at San Antonio Wednesday. They were raised near Pearsall and upon being cut were found to be nice and sweet.

Live Oak flour, the best to be had at Miller Mercantile Co.

The sable-hued parson who opened the republican convention at Dallas made this appeal: "O, Lord, one favor we must ask of thee, and that is that you don't let our party get defeated this year. Grant that, O, Lord, and we will be satisfied." That's like praying for the rain to cease when the wind is in the east.—Transcript.

Reports from reliable sources indicate that the boll weevil has already made his appearance in many portions of the state and is ready to pounce upon the cotton just as soon as it reaches the stage that suits his fancy most.

Ayer's

Your doctor will tell you that this, pale, weak, nervous children become strong and well by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Small doses, for a few days.

Sarsaparilla

The change is very prompt and very marked. Ask your doctor why it is. He has our formula and will explain.

"When 13 years old, for many months no one thought I could live because of thin blood. But, in a few weeks, Ayer's Sarsaparilla completely restored me to health."
Mrs. E. BUCKMINSTER, Vineland, N. J.

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Biliousness, constipation prevent recovery. Cure these with Ayer's Pills.

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Every educated person has heard of Radium, its wonderful powers and healing qualities have occupied page after page in the Metropolitan publications. Almost everybody knows that it is the greatest remedy that God has ever given to suffering humanity. Disease germs of every description flee before it—they cannot stand the contact. We have such faith in our proposition that we guarantee absolutely to cure you. What is more we will give you a written contract to that effect. This offer has never been duplicated. Fill out the blank below and mark the malady from which you are suffering and receive by return mail information that will be worth hundreds of dollars to you. Ask any banking firm regarding our responsibility.

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Kindly send me free of cost information regarding your Radium treatment and your wonderful remedy "Radios"

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City.....
State.....
Disease.....

J. E. McAdams.

In this issue will be found the announcement of J. E. McAdams for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. After due consideration and at the solicitation of a large number of the voters and friends Mr. McAdams consented to make this race. Mr. McAdams is a man of sterling worth and undoubted integrity and will make a commissioner that his section and the county at large will be proud of. He has made a success of his own affairs which is evidence enough that he will manage the county's affairs in the same business like manner. He will appreciate your vote and support.

Bob Adkins, sheriff of Mills county, was in our city Tuesday. He came up and went out into Coke county and arrested a man by the name of Green who is wanted at Goldthwaite for forgery, and also for a similar offense at Comanche. Mr. Adkins left with his prisoner for Goldthwaite Tuesday evening.

Rev. J. H. Gambrell and daughter, who have been visiting Mesdames Spencer and Butler and other relatives in our city, left Monday evening for Brownwood to attend the Missionary Rally of the Pecan Valley Baptist Association which convened in that city Tuesday.

There is a petition being circulated to raise funds to build the base ball park, which will no doubt meet with prompt response from our public spirited citizens.

Jim Osburn, the big woolsouled drummer, passed through enroute to San Angelo and other points west Tuesday and will stop off on his return.

We should have said last week that Mr. Ike Gatling who died two weeks ago was a brother and not the father of Mrs. G. W. Hull.

Brown F. Lee, an attorney of San Angelo, passed through Ballinger Tuesday enroute from Paint Rock to San Angelo.

A. A. Wynn, a San Angelo printer, came up to Ballinger Tuesday of this week.

John Brown of Winters was among the visitors to the city Tuesday.

W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer, came in Tuesday from Brownwood.

Look at J. E. Brewer's show window.

Some new, stylish jewelry novelties at Jas E Brewer's.

W. F. McKown of Norton was doing business in Ballinger Monday.

Jas. Kirby, a staunch citizen of the Crews country, was here Monday.

Oscar Lykes of the Norton country was on our streets Tuesday.

John McFarlane of West End enrolled with the Banner-Leader readers this week.

C. F. Dickinson is preparing to erect a nice cottage on his lot in Sargent survey.

Rev. G. W. White preached to the people of the Valley Creek country Sunday last.

J. M. Skinner made a flying trip to Coleman Saturday evening returning Sunday.

Mr. Cole, the hatter of San Angelo, was drumming business in our city first of the week.

John Gordon, county surveyor of Coleman county had land business in Ballinger Monday.

Frank Gurly, a merchant of Guion, was shaking hands with old friends in Ballinger first of the week.

W. J. Bowden, now of Bangs, but formerly in business here, was in the city this week shaking hands with old friends.

W. L. Waterhouse, the Norton merchant, had business in Ballinger Monday and made the Banner-Leader a pleasant call.

We are glad to state that Miss Maud Lankford who has been quite sick near Wingate was well enough to be brought home Monday.

Walter Kent, the new dry goods man who recently bought out the Hub informs us that he will be open for business next Monday.

Porter McMinn, a druggist of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Tuesday attending the Board of Pharmacy which convened here this week.

Mrs. M. M. Caperton of San Marcos is visiting her son Bedford Caperton of Maverick. She will visit relatives in this city before going out.

We have a few more seed sweet potatoes and seed Irish potatoes for sale. Also all kinds of fresh garden seed.

J B ALVIS & BRO.

Mrs. John Givens, daughter in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Givens of West End left Tuesday evening to join her husband who is traveling out from Newton, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford left Sunday evening in response to a phone message from Wingate stating that their daughter, Miss Maud, was quite sick with a threatened attack of pneumonia

P. C. Barnes of Waters Station and Mrs. Mary E. Bird of Hutto, Texas, will receive the Banner-Leader for the next twelve months through the kindness of Mr. Joshua Brewer of Vale.

It does us good to meet and feel the warm handshake of our German friend, E. Schumm of the Coyote country. He is always in a good humor and makes everybody around him happy.

Judge J. W. Goodwin and District Attorney Jim Baker passed through Ballinger first of this week enroute to Paint Rock to hold the term of district court which convened in that place Monday morning.

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.

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Excursion Rates.

State Medical Ass'n, Austin, Tex. Sell April 20 and 26. Limit May 1st. Rate \$8.70

State Convention T. P. A., Austin, Tex. Sell April 28th. Limit May 1st. Rate \$8.70

Grand Lodge K of P, Houston, Texas. Sell April 23 and 26. Limit April 30. Rate \$12.80.

Convention Hotel Men, San Antonio, Tex. Sell May 24 and 25. Limit May 28. Rate \$11.30.

General Conference of the Methodist church, Los Angeles, Cal. Sell April 23rd to May 1st. Limit June 30. Rate \$45.00 from Galveston. See agent for particulars.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, Paris, Texas. Sell April 11th and 12th. Limit April 17. Rate \$12.05

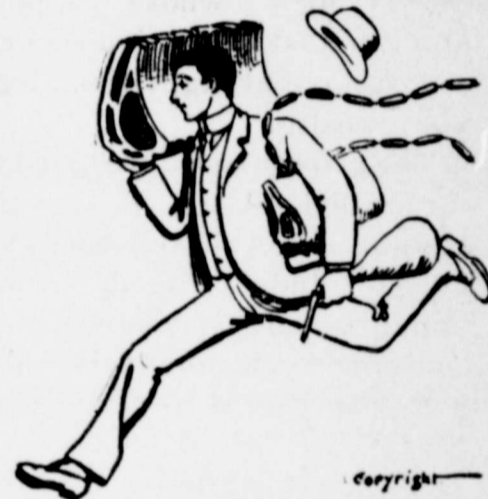
General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Tex. Sell May 18 and 19. Limit May 28. Rate \$7.75

District Federation of Womens Clubs, Cuero, Tex. Sell April 4 and 5. Limit April 9. Rate \$13.75

General Board of Missions M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas. Sell May 2 and 3. Limit May 10. Rate \$7.75

Meeting International Good Roads Ass'n, New Orleans, La. Sell April 3 and 4. Limit April 9. Rate \$23.05.

Will exchange new goods for old. Lankford & Hathaway.



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Saving Soles.

By going bare footed is the way of economical people in some countries, but the way to save money is to have Bob Shaffer half sole your shoes.

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.

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

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is a natural vegetable remedy, containing no mineral or narcotic poisons. It will correct any or all symptoms, make your health, appetite and spirits good. At druggists, 50 cents.

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A Perfect Cure For All Throat and Lung Troubles. Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles 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 grip. They are so salty 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.

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FEMALE WEAKNESS

643 1-2 Congress St. PORTLAND, MAINE, Oct. 17, 1902. I consider Wine of Cardui superior to any doctor's medicine I ever used and I know whereof I speak. I suffered for nine months with suppressed menstruation which completely prostrated me. Pains would shoot through my back and sides and I would have blinding headaches. My limbs would swell up and I would feel so weak I could not stand up. I naturally felt discouraged for I seemed to be beyond the help of physicians, but Wine of Cardui came as a God-send to me. I felt a change for the better within a week. After nineteen days treatment I menstruated without suffering the agonies I usually did and soon became regular and without pain. Wine of Cardui is simply wonderful and I wish that all suffering women knew of its good qualities.

Wilhelmina S. Lewis
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

Periodical headaches tell of female weakness. Wine of Cardui cures permanently nineteen out of every twenty cases of irregular menses, bearing down pains or any female weakness. If you are discouraged and doctors have failed, that is the best reason in the world you should try Wine of Cardui now. Remember that headaches mean female weakness. Secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

WINE OF GARDUI

The Celebrated Paul Jones for sale at Wilkes.

Broke into His House.
S Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at J Y Pearce's drugstore.

They sat upon the garden stile, The youthlet and the maid. "The stars above are not as bright, As you," he softly said. She lifted up her little hand Towards Luna's golden light, "The moon above is not as full As you, my dear, to-night." —Ex.

A Cure for Headache.
Any man, woman or child, suffering from headache, biliousness or a dull, drowsy feeling should take one or two of De Witt's Little Early Risers night and morning. These famous little pills are famous because they are a tonic as well as a pill. While they cleanse the system they strengthen and rebuild it by their tonic effect upon the liver and bowels. Sold by E D Walker.

No man can afford to neglect his town and those things which are important and necessary to it, any more than he can afford to neglect his home and things important and necessary to it. There is a duty owed by every man to his community as well as to his home. A clean, prosperous and progressive town is a credit to its citizenship, and in it every citizen may find his ideal of all that is desirable in this world. It is not only through the efforts of the biggest and best men that towns can be made and kept clean and progressive and prosperous but it depends upon every citizen in every walk of life to make a town. There is none so small but that his assistance is important in making a town prosperous. —Denison Herald.

Are You a Dyspeptic?
If you are a dyspeptic you owe it to yourself and your friends to get well. Dyspepsia annoys the dyspeptic's friends because his disease sours his disposition as well as his stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will not only cure dyspepsia, indigestion and sour stomach, but this palatable, reconstructive tonic digestant strengthens the whole digestive apparatus, and sweetens the life as well as the stomach. When you take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure the food you eat is enjoyed. It is digested, assimilated and its nutrient properties appropriated by the blood and tissues. Health is the result. Sold by E D Walker.

Phone 82 to buy, sell or lease household goods.

Wingate.
Well here we are again! News in these parts is scarce. Still dry and farmers in the blues as usual.

Mr. Editor if you don't believe there is sand in this part of the county we will invite you up to see for yourself.

Mr. J. F. Lusk of Ballinger was on our streets Monday of this week. It will be remembered that Mr. Lusk is a candidate for tax assessor. Your scribe had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lusk while here and likes him very much. Think he will make a good assessor if elected.

Mr. Goodman, who is very successfully teaching a vocal class in music has failed to show up since Thursday night. Some of the young folks went to Pumphrey Sunday eve to see if they could locate him. You good people of Pumphrey please do not monopolize all his time as we want half his time till our class is finished.

Mr. Bob Gannaway after about six week's stay with home folks made another one of his flying trips to Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brassell are quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. J. O. Allen preached to the Christian people Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Henry Clark and Miss Blanche McKown of Oak Creek were among our young people Sunday eve. Come again, we are always glad to see you.

Mr. Claud Drake of Pumphrey was a pleasant caller at Mr. Street's Sunday eve.

Mr. Bob Duncan who has been visiting his brother Nath of this place was seen on our streets Friday eve enroute to Winters.

A crowd of our folks are gone to the Concho this week to disturb the finny tribe.

Mr. Jno. Coleman and Shel Durham went to the river Thursday of last week on a fishing and hunting trip.

Well, it thundered here Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddox of the capitol were seen in town Wednesday. Mr. Maddox on business and Mrs. Maddox for the pleasure of the trip.

Our society met Friday night and the program was,— well, we had better say carried out.

PAT.
If you want to raise your boy for the penitentiary the recipe is very simple. When he don't want to go to school let him loaf; when he gets into some mischief and your neighbor reports to you curse the neighbor in the presence of the boy but don't even reprimand the boy. When he gets a little larger and purloins something of little value and you find it out, laugh at him and let him go; when he gets into something that calls him into justice court, and he is found guilty and fined, pay his fine, curse the court, the jury and everyone connected with the matter, and pity the boy and you will soon have a splendid candidate for the penitentiary. —Florence Vidette.

Cures Coughs and Colds
Mrs C Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle Sold by E D Walker.

Board of Pharmacy Meets.
The following gentlemen were in the city Tuesday to go before the Board of Pharmacy which met here this week: T. A. Fannin of Winters; J. H. Womack, of Waco; S. P. McMinn of Brownwood; Robert Bowen of Coleman, and Geo. Pearce of our city. The Board is composed of E. D. Walker, Ballinger; Dr. M. L. Brown, Goldthwaite, and R. F. Brown of Coleman.

A Dandy for Burns.
Dr Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommended it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns. Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental burns, cuts, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by E D Walker.

Epworth League Program.
April the 3rd 1904.
Leader—Miss Mary Rather.
Song.
Roll Call.
Song.
Prayer.
Subject—Witness of the Resurrection—Acts 2:22
The life and death of Jesus are indisputable history.—Matt. 27: 35—Miss Willingham.
The Resurrection was a subject of prophecy and was testified to by many witnesses—Matt 28:16; 7:18-19—Rev. White.
Everyone who has experienced the new birth is a witness of the Resurrection—Acts 4:33—Mr. Elliott
League Testimonies.
Duett—Miss Kate Patterson and Miss Maude Rape.
Collection.
Closing.

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Drop a Tablet in half a tub of water, and the Bluing is made. The Tablet is effervescent and the water is instantly and evenly colored. Ten and twenty washings in a single box, for 5 and 10 cents.
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No less than two lights will be installed.
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Shoe repairing is done the best at Bob Shaffers

Fresh strawberries every day at Godwin Grocery Co.

M. G. Caperton, of Maverick, was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Mrs. George Vaughn left on the Wednesday's train for San Angelo.

Boyd Bros. want your barber work and will treat you right. Hair cuts 25cts.

Fresh vegetables and strawberries arriving every day at Godwin Grocery Co.

Why not let Boyd Bros. have your old Hat made new. It saves buying a new one.

J. S. Moore, the up-to-date merchant of Winters, had business in our city Wednesday.

John Parks of Fort Worth, brother-in-law of D. M. Baker, is in the city this week.

Try a sack of cotton white flour. It is simply out of sight. Sold by Godwin Grocery Co.

J. F. Lusk, candidate for tax assessor, went up to Miles Wednesday to see the "dear people."

You can get fresh vegetables and straw berries most any old time at J. B. ALVIS & BRO'S.

Say? when in town don't forget to let Boyd Bros. do your barber work, and clean your old Hat.

Mr. Willis the land man of Talpa, had three prospectors from Johnson county in our section this week.

We want your chickens and eggs and will pay you the highest market price.

Godwin Grocery Co.

From every point of view our stock of jewelry is desirable—in beauty, in style, in quality, in saving price. Jas. E. Brewer.

The Citizen's National Bank installed this week a nice filing cabinet which adds greatly to their already many conveniences.

Miss Marie Morgan, a charming young lady of the Norton country, smiled on the Banner-Leader force a short while Thursday eve.


R. J. Queen, of the Crews country, was doing business in Ballinger Wednesday and says the new town of Truitt has been granted a postoffice.

We want 50 cases of eggs and 50 dozen chickens and will pay the highest market price for same. See us when you have any to sell. J. A. Alvis & Bro.

For staple and fancy groceries fruits, vegetables, corn chops, bran, hay, in fact anything kept at an up-to-date grocery and feed store call on Godwin Grocery Co.

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Nice line Prints5c to 6c	Men's Fur Hats\$1 and up
White Lawn20c down	" fine Shoes..... \$1 " "
Ladies 2.50 Shoes for.....2.10	" Heavy work Shoes solid
" 2.00 Shoes for.....1.65	leather.....\$1.15 up
Other styles as cheap accordingly	Mens work shirts..... 25c up
Window Shades25c up	" negligee shirts....45c up
36 sheets good Note Paper 5cts	Don't fail to see our line Midget
35 good Envelopes1cts	String and Four in Hand Ties
Nickle Tip Lead Pencils.....1c	Mens Suspenders10c up
Colgates toilet soaps and per-	Beautiful assortment mercerized
fumery, all prices, all you can	White Goods for Ladies Shirt
carry.....5cts	Waists from30c down

Let us take your measure for a suit of tailor made clothes. Have had eight years experience in this line, therefore you need not be afraid of getting a misfit. Our prices are right too

We are sole agents for the celebrated WALK-OVER SHOES for men. The shoe that is as comfortable when new as an old shoe and as shapely when old as a new shoe.

Also agents for Finck's union made Overalls. AS GOOD as money can buy.

You are cordially invited to call compare prices and quality promising you at all times fair and courteous treatment. Remember please, our lowest, OUR ONLY prices are those marked in plain figures on our goods. Will give you more prices later. Yours for Business,

Bair & Brown

Quarterly Meeting.

The second quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will be held in this city Sunday, April 3. Services both morning and night. Extra Easter music will be rendered during the services. Everybody invited.

When you go to eat you want to know that you are going to have good bread and the way to insure good bread is to buy White Billows flour. You can't keep from making good bread with it. Sold only by J. B. ALVIS & BRO.

We do our drumming by giving bargains. Our bargains are in quality not quantity. We have too many canned goods. The cut is in price, not quality. THE FAIR.

Herbert Hailey W. W. Moore, Osburn and several others of the degree team of the K. of P. lodge of Miles, passed through Monday evening enroute to Lometa to organize a lodge at that place.

Guion Gregg went down to Lometa with the degree team of the K. of P. lodge of Miles and organized a lodge at that place. Guion went from Lometa to San Saba to visit his mother.

Mrs. L. E. Fair and children came in from Luling, Texas, one day this week to make their future home. Mrs. Bair is the wife of L. E. Bair of the firm of Bair & Brown.

We make a specialty of leasing goods. Charges reasonable. LANKFORD & HATHAWAY.

Those latest improved metal fobs at J E Brewer's make a good guardian for your watch.

Eugene Stokes has been in Miles several days this week visiting his brother.

Chickens and eggs wanted. Godwin Grocery Co.

Lankford & Hathaway for Second Hand Goods.

G. R. Casey came in from San Angelo Thursday.

Jim Henderson came in from the West Thursday evening

J. H. Roach, of the Winters country, was in the city Thursday.

A. F. Pfluger left Thursday for a visit to his home at Pflugerville.

G. G. Odom came in Thursday from the ranch looking as brown as a bear.

Miss Minnie Wilson and Jas. Evans left Thursday for Santa Anna to visit a day or two.

W. R. Spencer and M. C. Smith left for Brownwood Thursday to hear Bob Taylor lecture.

J. G. Chumley, a former citizen of Ballinger but now of Bronte, was with us a short while Thursday.

Mrs. S. J. Roach, mother of J. H. Roach of Winters, left Thursday evening on a visit to her daughter at Hoiland.

R. Gordan of Gordan, Palo Pinto county, a barber who formerly lived here came in last week and has formed a partnership with Mr Knight of the city barber shop.

J. C. Farley, a former citizen of Ballinger but now of Ennis, Texas, is spending a few days with old friends here. Mr. Farley says the growth of Ballinger the past few years is marvelous.

Among the late arrivals is a shipment of men's shirts. These go on along with some others which we desire to close out without delay in order to move them. We have made the prices \$1.00, some at 75c and others at 65c. THE FAIR.

The New Barber Firm.

Is Gordan & Knight at the old stand of the City barbershop. Mr. Gordan is a former citizen of our town and is a fine barber and up-to-date in every respect. Mr. Knight needs no introduction as his work has always given perfect satisfaction. They solicit the patronage of old customers and new ones also and promise to please you. Give them a trial and you will be sure to go back.

Through the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends we received this week several subscriptions to be sent to different sections of our state. This is a good way to help your relatives and friends to learn of our fine country. Others might do likewise, and while helping the paper and encouraging it to better efforts, you are also doing yourself good and conferring a lasting favor on your relative or friend, for we know after a person gets out here and lives for a couple of years they will surely become permanent citizens. We have the soil, wood and water and all that is necessary is for the stranger to see it.

In view of the fact that water is getting scarce in the creek why do not some of our capitalists and public spirited citizens get the machinery and bore an Artesian well? It would be a paying investment and a blessing to our city that can scarcely be estimated. Think over the matter, talk it up and act.

Jim Dancer and family will leave Monday for Ogden, Utah, where Mr. Dancer has formed a partnership in the barber business. Jim Dancer has lived in Ballinger for several years and has by his honesty and fair dealings made a host of friends who regret to see him leave but wish for him and family all the success possible in their new home.

Rev. Ben S. Sullivan returned Thursday from Brownwood where he had been attending the Baptist Missionary Rally.

Return Davitt of Brownwood was here Thursday in the interest of the Bob Taylor lecture at Brownwood April 1st.

J. M. Whittaker, a prosperous farmer of the Crews country, was doing business with our merchants Thursday.

D. H. Gary of Valley Mills came in Wednesday and will visit relatives at Ft Chadbourne for a few days.

Mrs. Laura Tucker came in Thursday from San Angelo where she had been visiting friends.

When you want good pickles and olives see J. B. Alvis & Bro They handle Heiziz's goods.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and garden seed at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite Post Office.

Lime, brick, cement and all kind of building material at the Ballinger Lumber Co.

G. W. Clayton of the Norwood country was with us awhile Thursday.

Corn, oats, hay, chops, bran and cotton seed at Miller Mercantile Co.

Tobe Edwards of Content was in the city supplying Thursday.

C. O Harris left Thursday for Waxahachie on legal business.

D. A Fortus of the Norton country was here Thursday.

Joe Wilmeth came in from the West Wednesday.

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'g'r., Ballinger, Texas.

In conversation this week with Mr. Walter Kent, who recently bought out The Hub in Ballinger, and gave us his order for some business, we were encouraged by the true ring of his words when he said that his home printers could always do as nice, artistic work as he needed, and he always gave his work to home printers. This is not only right with the merchant but every class of people. We are all mutually dependent one upon the other and every dollar we send away from home is a clear loss to us all. Besides it is not right to send off money that rightfully belongs in our county to those who support her every enterprise. Your county paper does more to build up the town and county than nearly any other enterprise in her borders.

W. T. Swink

Is a candidate for your trade in a fresh line of sugar, coffee, etc., which he has recently added to his complete confectionery stock.

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Lv. San Angelo.....3:30 p. m.

Ar. Temple.....1:30 a. m.

 " Fort Worth.....7:20 a. m.

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