

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 1905

NO 14

10 DAYS - - Saturday, Jan. 21st to Feb. 1st - - 10 DAYS

Clean up Sale on Winter Goods. Before buying our new Spring Stock we offer some Extraordinary Bargains to clean up. See below you will need some of them

**Laces and Embroideries,
Less than Half Price**

Several hundred pieces Lace and Embroideries in Swiss and Cambric, Torchons, Vals and Clearings on sale at choice of table 5c, values are 10 to 15c per yd. One table fine goods, some 20 inches wide worth up to 30c, new goods just arrived, don't miss this lot, its only about one-third of its value, only 10 days remember

About 50 pieces Silks 2 to 10 yd lengths in China and Taffeta, were 60 and 75c values go in this sale 35c. Fine assortment of colors for spring waistings

Ladies Underwear and Knit Goods

Fine Sorosis Underskirts 1.50 value now 1.00
Very best mercerized goods 3.00 " " 2.00
Childrens Flannel Gowns 75c value, now 40c, 2 for 75c
Ladies Flannel Gowns 1.00 value, now 2 for 1.00
Big Cut on Skirts, see them.
35c Fascinators, 20c; 75c Fascinators 40c
1.25 Shawls and Fascinators go at 75c
3.50 Silk Shawls 2.00; 2.50 Silk Shawls 1.50
3.00 Ladies Sweaters now 1.50
5.00 Norfolk Jackets 2.50.

Come and get selection early, only 10 days of this Sale

Blankets and Quilts

1.50 Quilts now 1.00; 2.00 Quilts 1.25
1.25 Blankets Balance to close 60c
5.00 White Wool Blankets now 2.75
2.75 colored Wool Blankets will sell for 1.50
4.00 colored Wool Blankets you get for 2.50

CLOTHING

50 Boys Overcoats just one-half price.
Balance Men's and Boy's Clothing slaughtered
All heavy weight Pants one-third discount

D. REEDER

PHONE 58

BALLINGER

West Texas Press Association

The first semi annual meeting of the West Texas Press Association convened at the courthouse in Ballinger Monday, January 16th, and was called to order by the president, W. I. Wayland.

The members present were as follows: W. I. Wayland, San Angelo Press; H. F. Mayes, Brownwood Bulletin; Raymond L. Carothers, El Dorado Paper; Harry Hubert, Coleman Democrat; C. H. Tupper, San Angelo Standard; George Cowan, Robert Lee Observer, Jesse Adams, Comanche Pioneer-Exponent; Fred S. Webb, newspaper correspondent, San Angelo, P. E. Truly, Ballinger Tribune; A. W. Sledge and P. McGregor, Runnels County Ledger; C. C. and Clyde C. Cockrell, Ballinger Banner Leader.

Hon. John I Guion being present, was called on to deliver the address of welcome, and responded in his usual happy style, and made the visitors feel that the entire city was their's.

W. I. Wayland, president of the association, in a most pleasing manner replied to the address of welcome.

The program as arranged was carried out and many points of interest and profit to the craft was offered in the papers read and talked upon and will no

doubt be beneficial to all present. The different papers read would be good reading, but only of especial interest to the newspaper fraternity, and for want of space we have to desist from printing them in full.

The following from the San

Angelo Press shows the appreciation of the visiting editors:

The readers of the Press have heard of Ballinger hospitality and some of them have shared it. To the latter there is nothing to say. They have been and seen for themselves. To

others there is a lot to be said and every word of it is complimentary to the people of Ballinger. In the first place the Ballinger people appreciate the newspaper men of that city. They seem to know that they are doing a good work and are

holding up their hands in the way of moral encouragement as well as material support. In this be it said by way of parenthesis that they in no wise excel the people of San Angelo. The intention of this article is not to make comparisons but to tell the readers of this paper about the way Ballinger did unto the newspaper man who was a stranger within her gates.

Letter to A S Charleton.

Dear Sir: Here's bully one. Mr Dooley (not of Chicago) painter, Lanchaster, N H got the job of painting the Episcopal parsonage. He was used to a paint as pure as Devoe, but weak and short measure, Dooley surveyed the job and said it would take 20 gallons.

Mr L F Moore, our agent offered to give 10 gallons Devoe. Accepted of course.

Eleven gallons did it: the 10 plus one.

Mr. Moore isn't painting parsonages on shares this year!

Your truly,

F W Devoe & Co.

P. S. Ballinger Lumber Co. sells our paint.

In this issue we publish the regular financial statement of "The Citizens National Bank" which shows this most popular institution to be in fine shape. The Individual deposits subject to check are \$276,167.18

New Dry Goods Firm

The L. Markowitz & Co. Dry Goods business is now under a new management, having been purchased by the BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO. The new company will continue the business in the same old stand and will use the same liberal and courteous treatment that has been characteristic of this store

COST SALE CONTINUED

The Cost Sales inaugurated by L. Markowitz & Co. to reduce the stock, has been a success and we will continue the Sale to get rid of goods that we would otherwise probably have to carry over. There are many good values in every department that we are going to sell

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Miss Jennie E. McClung

Studio at Cumberland Presbyterian church

.....RATES REASONABLE.....

By Request.

In 1901 I enlisted in the U. S. army at San Antonio, Texas, there being stationed for the period of four months, then ordered to Fort Clark, Texas along the border of Mexico, there we remained for sixteen months, was ordered to the Philippine Islands in July 1902, had a pleasant trip through to San-Francisco and on August 1st was aboard an army transport en route to the P. I. After sailing for a period of one day I began to wish for home but after the first day out everything was all O.K. then at a steady sail for seven days we were anchored in Honolulu bay on the Hawaiian Islands, which I thought was the garden spot of the world, here being the most beautiful city I ever had the opportunity of visiting. On remaining there for three days we were granted a pass for sight seeing. After leaving Honolulu, still sailing farther from God's country, we reached an island called Guam with a population of about sixteen people and one of Uncle Sam's flag poles. This island is used as a cable station between United States and Philippine Islands. Here I saw nothing but a pile of white sard and coral, did not like this place much. Still getting farther from home and after leaving Guam we were on water again for our future heathern home, Philippine Islands. On September 1st we arrived at Manila and were stationed at a city called Butangas. This place is a very low and unhealthy place but by the aid of the U. S. physicians we were well cared for. There the year round they have a rainy season and a dry season, six months of rain and six months of drouth, so you can imagine how hard this country is on the boys in blue.

I have just about signed a treaty of peace with the natives as I don't think they need me in their business.

By request I have written this story of my trip over to the Islands and in my next letter will tell of my return trip, and also my trip through Japan and other foreign countries.

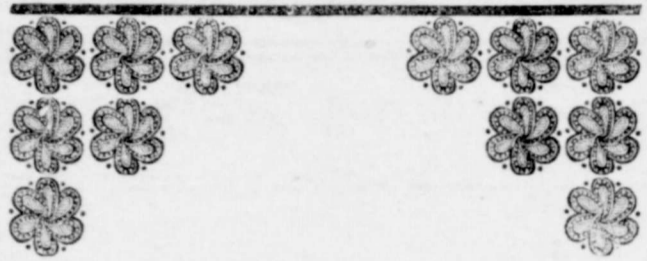
Respectfully
Thomas A. Rape.

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POULTRY
MEDICINE**

Stock and poultry have few troubles which are not bowel and liver irregularities. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is a bowel and liver remedy for stock. It puts the organs of digestion in a perfect condition. Prominent American breeders and farmers keep their herds and flocks healthy by giving them an occasional dose of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine in their food. Any stock raiser may buy a 25-cent half-pound air-tight can of this medicine from his dealer and keep his stock in vigorous health for weeks. Dealers generally keep Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine. If yours does not, send 25 cents for a sample can to the manufacturers, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

ROCHELLE, GA., Jan. 30, 1902.
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S. P. BROCKINGTON.

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Not Hot Air**



It has never been our policy to over-paint our business, our methods are anything else in our advertisements. We believe the truth is best at all times and it does not cost any more to print the truth than it does to print a falsehood. When we advertise an article we always have the goods and the prices we advertise. You need not hesitate to come and call for the goods you'll get them as long as they last and as represented. If you want Underwear this is the place, we have a large line of good values and can suit from the heaviest to the lightest. If you want Dress Goods, Domestic, Flannellets, Outings buy of us. If you want Ladies Skirts and Jackets all new goods and styles at a bargain. Call and see us, we've got a big line. We have the goods, you have the money, you need the goods, we need the money

Come in and trade

The Currie-Noyes Co.

We will pay top price for Cotton

Phrenology.
(by N. S. Edens)

Organic Quality.—Con.

Some grades of sandstone are fine, some coarse. The finer the graae (Molecules) the more beautiful and enduring the stone is almost useless falling to pieces under little pressue. Slate, limestone, marble and granite represent a vast range of quality. Some stones are very fine grained and capable of a high degree of sustaining a high degree of polish and pressure. It takes eleven tons to

crush a half inch cube of granite and granite takes a rich polish. Tone is a fine index of quality. Some of the metals are rich in point of tone qualities. Steel, silver and brass all have excellent tone quality and are extensively use in the manufacturer of unsical instruments steel strings and trlangles, silver reeds and cymbals. Steel however, leads in point of tone variety, for steel strings can be keyed to almost any pitch. Activity is another index of quality. The finest blooded

horses are the fastest. The deer and antelope are fleet footed and their flesh is fine flavored. The swine is sluggish and his flesh is coarse. The same will apply to chattering squirrel and the sullen opposum. The darting fish and the crawling serpent is another example. While great activity indicate high quality it does not indicate food quality save in those animals which are used for food. Hardness and softness, though they are opposites, are signs of quality. Pure diamonds are very

Our stock is head
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hard while pure gold and lead are very soft. The hard coconut and tender tomato verify this fact.

Elasticity as in rubber & etc, rigidness as in rod of steel disclose quality.

The voice is a mark of quality. There is the loud roar of the lion that indicates coarseness; the bray of the donkey that indicates coarseness; the lowing of the cattle that denotes serenity; the plaintive cooing of the dove that breathes of gentleness and there is the human voice that speaks of joy and sorrow, love and hate. Ah! the prattle of a voice of sweet innocent coming from above to dwell among fallen mortals.

As the quality of a thing advances its nature and value also advances. If a thing is elastic fine quality will make it more elastic if rigid more rigid and so on.

Order and quality stand closely related. Things of a low order are low in quality. In the mineral kingdom there are.

Coarse stone poor gems and worthless metals; in the vegetable world there are noxious weed base flowers and bitter fruits; among living creatures there are foul insects, loathsome reptiles and vile beasts and men.

Quality determines the use the use and value of things stone timber, fruits and flowers of poor quality is almost worthless.

One fine horse is worth more dozen poor ones. A highly civilized and enlightened Caucasian is worth more to the world than a thousand South Islanders.

Man is creation's noblest lord. He is an artist, moralist, mechanic, and philosopher.

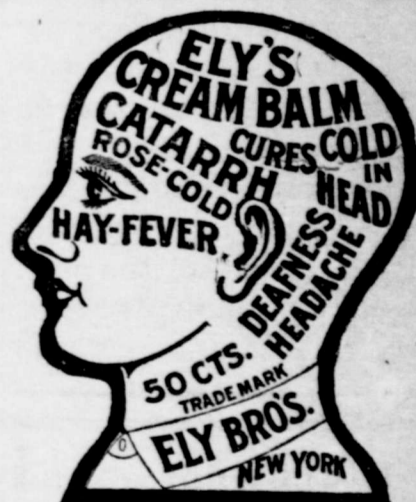
Beautiful features, lovely complexion silken hair, delicate skin and a sweet and flexible voice are sure signs of high quality.

Quality is proportionate throughout. Especially is this true the productions of nature. "A good tree cannot bring forth good fruit." Roses do not grow on cabbage stalks, nor figs on elders. But every thing after its own order." Likewise a pure mind cannot exist in a foul body. The deadly serpent is not given sympathy, nor the pig to philosophy. The mind is monarch of the body. The spirit principle controls the organic structure, a sublime soul will erect for itself a beautiful home. Every house reveals the nature of its of its occupant.

The texture of the body is an unfalling index to the texture of the brain. This is the foundation stone upon which rests the whole super structure of character reading.

Next week we begin a study of the Temperaments

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

**SOLD!
SOLD!
SOLD!**

We have only sold a little over one-third,—4 500 acres, of the THOMSON-CASEY 13,000 acre pasture in the past nine weeks but still have some of the cream left, ranging from 200 acres and upwards, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$12.50 per acre, on terms of one-fifth down, balance "on or before," 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years, 8% per annum interest. So if you want a home, come early and avoid the rush

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CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., BALLINGER, TEXAS

Tom Scott and children visited their old friends in Belton first of the week.

Mrs C. E. Bullock came in Saturday from her old home in Eastern Texas.

Sam Sparks went up to Brownwood Saturday to look after banking interests.

T. S. Lankford, the saddle and harness man made a business trip to Dallas first of the week.

T. A. Fannin and family, of Winters, left here Wednesday for a day or two's visit to friends at San Angelo.

M. Cornelius, one of Winter's prominent business men, went up to San Angelo Wednesday on business matters.

Harold Greenwood of Brownwood an old friend of the writer was in the city the first of the week attending to cotton matters.

J. T. Snellgrove and family came in last Saturday from their old home in Georgia where they had visited relatives and friends the past 30 days.

T. T. Crosson left Saturday for Livingston, Houston and other points in eastern Texas to look after business matters and will be gone a week or ten days.

C. F. Castleberry writes us this week to change his paper from Stiles to Roscoe, Nolan county, Texas and accompanies his order with a check for \$3.00 to move up his figures.

J. M. Bullock, of Bryan, Texas receives the Banner Leader this week with the compliments of our efficient deputy sheriff C. E. Fullock and will continue to get it for the next six months or longer.

M. C. Cobb informed us this week that he is preparing to open up a first class dairy and expects to have things in shape for business in a few days. He has ordered his outfit and is in the market for good cans.

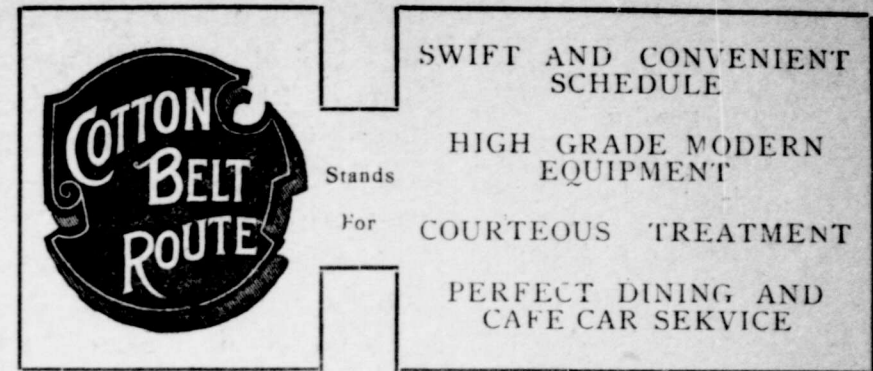
M. L. McDade, of Fulton, Ky., has bought one-half interest in the 20th Century Confectionery. The business will be moved into the Roark building on eighth street as soon as completed. Lewis E. Alexander and M. L. McDade will give their entire time to the business guaranteeing courteous, polite treatment and the best goods the market will afford in confectioneries.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. Katie Robnett, nee Miss Katie Brewer, which occurred at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Brewer, north of Ballinger last Friday January 13th. Mrs. Robnett had only been married a little over a month and while it is sad to part with any loved one, coming this early in life it doubly sad to parents and friends. The Banner-Leader joins a host of friends in condolence to the bereaved ones, knowing the Allwise God doeth all things well and for our good whether we now see it or not.

Notary Publics for Runnels County.

Hon. C. B. Hudspeth, our representative, has written me to send him a list of names of those wanting to be appointed Notary Publics for Runnels county. I will send the names of those appointed two years ago and others wishing appointments if they will hand me their names. I will take pleasure in sending them to him.

Respectfully,
C. C. F. Blanchard.



And Everything necessary to insure a Safe, - Speedy - comfortable - Trip

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D M MORGAN T P A Ft Worth, Texas
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MAKE A RESOLUTION

At the beginning of the New Year that you will have your property insured. But be careful as to the Companies. I represent the biggest and best on earth, such as the L. L. & G. and Hartford.

Lee Maddox

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Try a Bottle of

"Mellow Blossom"

For Sale By

THE CROWN SALOON,
HARRY SCOTT, MANAGER

HOME PROTECTION

IS BEST OBTAINED BY PLACING SOME INSURANCE ON YOUR HOME IN ONE OF R. G. ERWIN & CO'S. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best Made.

"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Cora Walker of Porterville, California. There is no doubt about its being the best No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so sure a preventive of pneumonia No other is so pleasant and safe to take. These are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after having once used this remedy. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Imperfect Digestion.

Means less nutrition and in consequence less vitality. When the liver fails to secrete bile, the blood becomes loaded bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine will rectify this: it gives tone to the stomach, clears and improves the whole system. 50 cents a bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with Lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments gave it up altogether. So I tried one more and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Stomach Troubles and Constipation.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are the best thing for stomach trouble and constipation I have ever sold." J. R. Cullmao, a druggist of Potterville, Mich. They are easy to take and always give satisfaction I tell my customers to try them and if not satisfactory to come back and get their money but have never had a complaint." For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

"SAVED MY LIFE"

—That's what a prominent druggist said of Scott's Emulsion a short time ago. As a rule we don't use or refer to testimonials in addressing the public, but the above remark and similar expressions are made so often in connection with Scott's Emulsion that they are worthy of occasional note. From infancy to old age Scott's Emulsion offers a reliable means of remedying improper and weak development, restoring lost flesh and vitality, and repairing waste. The action of Scott's Emulsion is no more of a secret than the composition of the Emulsion itself. What it does it does through nourishment—the kind of nourishment that cannot be obtained in ordinary food. No system is too weak or delicate to retain Scott's Emulsion and gather good from it.



We will send you a sample free.

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

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

Crockett McClelland came up from Talpa Sunday and spent a few hours between trains with his old friend D. Reeder and wife. Mr. McClelland has recently moved to Talpa from West, and has charge of Campbell & Son's lumber yard.

The carpenters are building and repairing the house formerly occupied by W. E. Odum and as soon as repairs are completed it will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Conda H. Wylie.

D. Reeder and A. W. Sledge enjoyed a hunt Wednesday afternoon. They bagged a Jay bird, two Meadow larks and a Screech Owl.

W. A. Stephenson, of Eola, Concho county, was in Wednesday of this week to consult Judge Harris on legal business.

The holiday rush is over and we are after repairing in dead earnest. Yours for high grade work. Jas. E. Brewer.

Heywood Miller and wife left Tuesday afternoon for Talpa, where Mr. Miller will engage in the mercantile business.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, 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.

READ THIS

Dallas, Tex., April 24, 1902. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Dear Sir—I was cured of kidney and bladder trouble in 1896 and have never suffered since and I can cheerfully recommend it.

Yours truly, Gustav Belitzer,
300 Main St.

School Notes.

If the papers in Ballinger will make the same earnest appeal to their readers in behalf of the children that the Dallas News made and is still making to their readers on the diversification of crops in Texas and other states, we will have a good, new and commodious school building for our children next year and also all the teaching force required to do all the work it is now impossible for the present corps of teachers to do. You have thrown the columns of your papers open to the citizens, but this is not enough. You must enter the fight for the improvement of

school in some of the grades, will have to be divided into fore and afternoon grades or sections. We are doing the best we can, but you are not "jining" in a manner that looks business like to us.

Wake up, everybody, and make a first class school for the children.

Carriage on short notice for Funerals, Weddings and Entertainments, etc. See Charlie Kennedy at the Rock Livery Stable.

Everything in Jewelry, etc., at Jas. E. Brewer's Jewelry Store, and your patronage is highly appreciated.

Watches—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Born to Max Rucker and wife this week, a fine boy.

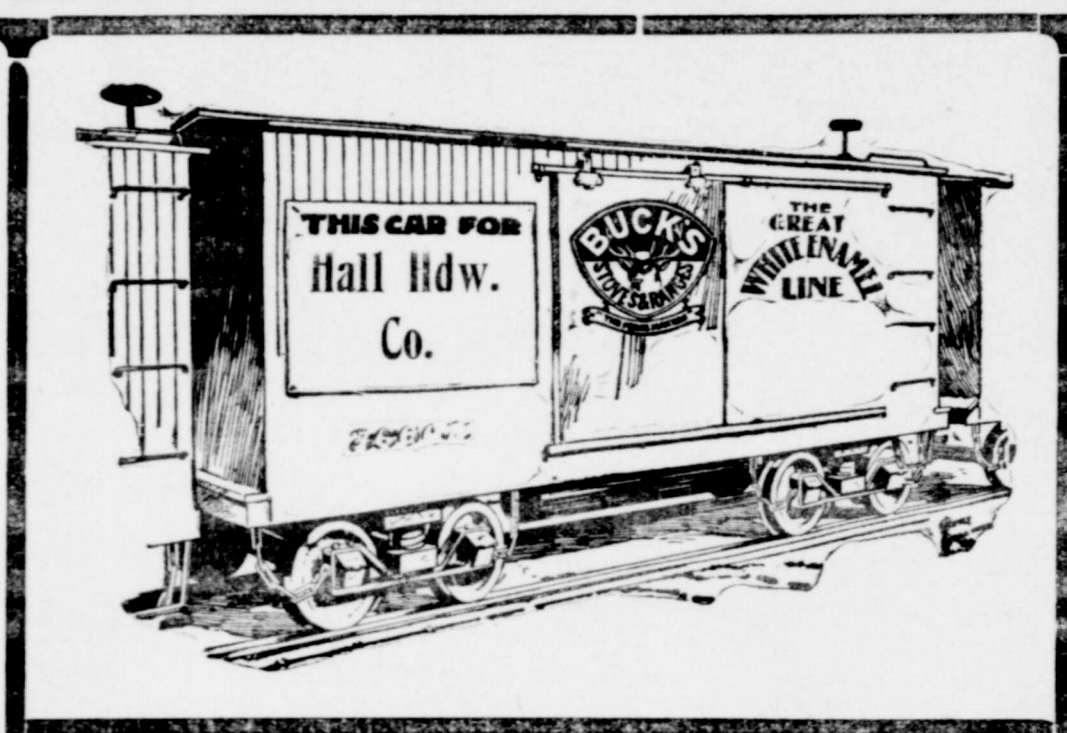
Judges Guion and Smith were in Winters Tuesday on legal business.

Rings—Plain and Set, the best that's made—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Miss Tab Thomson, of Santa Anna, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mamie, of our city.

C. P. Shepherd and B. W. Pilcher had business at Crews Thursday of this week.

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the schools for your children and your neighbor's children. It is alarming to think that nothing will be done to relieve the present condition of your school, 518 pupils crowded into eight rooms, and that too with the lower grades pushed almost to the walls.

One of the lowest grades has enrolled almost ninety in a room that can comfortably seat not over sixty, if it can do that. And you people, citizens, newspaper men, trustees and all are remaining in your homes, never coming about the school to see for yourself, what the lack of advantages to your children is. If you don't better things for another year and the increase is equal to the present year, the



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Open an account with us for the New Year. Liberality and safety is our motto.

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Never Dissapoints.

Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunts Lightning oil is an exception. Confidence it is never misplaced—Dissapoint never follows its use. It is surely the grandest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains. I know no equal."

Geo. E. Padilock,
Doniphan, Mo.

Experience is the best teacher, we have it, and we save you money on saddlery goods
Lankford & Hathaway,
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Try a sack of red Cross or Bell county's best flour.
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Spectacles—the best that's made—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Ayer's

Falling hair means weak hair. Then strengthen your hair; feed it with the only hair food, Ayer's Hair Vigor. It checks falling hair, makes the hair

Hair Vigor

grow, completely cures dandruff. And it always restores color to gray hair, all the rich, dark color of early life.

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REBECCA E. ALLEN, Elizabeth, N. J.

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

For Thirty Years.

"Inclosed find money order for one dollar for which please send me its worth in Simmons Liver Purifier put up in tin boxes. I have been using the medicine for thirty years."

Thos. H. Reilly,
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No comments necessary,
Price 25c per box.

Notice.

We only have a few weeks run of seed on hand and will not buy seed after the Mill closes down.
The Ballinger cotton Oil Co.

W. G. Churchill of Brownwood the compress manager left for home Saturday. He was here to start up the compress at this place and get it adjust and after a thorough trial found everything in good shape and compressed the trial bales of cotton with perfect satisfaction.

A. Shaws says while he has severed his connection with his old land firm W. M. McGinnis, he is still in the business and asks a share of your land business

Good, better and best clocks—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Diamonds—at Jas. E. Brewer's.



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Purchases a \$3.00 Pen

THE
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MODEL NO. 2
FOUNTAIN PEN

is constructed strictly on merit, and is equal if not superior to any \$3 pen on the market today. It is richly ceased, writes fluently and is guaranteed not to leak

\$1.00

is a small sum to pay for a high grade fountain pen which with ordinary care will last a lifetime

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Sent Prepaid to any address in the United States and Canada up on receipt of 1.00. If on examination you are not entirely satisfied or you think the pen is not worth 3.00 return it to us and we will cheerfully refund the money

Order today and name the paper you saw the advertisement in. Address

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Winters Budget

J. S. MOORE, Editor.

"Devoted to the Up-building and Advancement of Winters"

VOL. 1.

BIG BARGAIN SALE

—AT WINTERS—

Beginning Saturday, January 21st, 1905

In order to make room for the big stock to arrive soon, I shall place on the Bargain Counter, Saturday morning, January 21st, a promiscuous stock of

SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, UNDERWEAR, ETC.

All to be sold at Genuine "Give-Away" prices. Some of these goods were slightly damaged by handling in the late burn but left in good condition for service. COME EARLY with CASH and get first choice. Only real Bargain Sale ever had in Winters

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Winters Directory.

METHODIST—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening; also preaching on first Sunday evening. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. L. Speer, supt., Epworth League at 3 p. m. each Sunday evening T. A. Fannin, pres. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night—R. B. Young pastor.

BAPTIST—Preaching every second Sunday morning. Sunday School at 9 a. m., James Flint supt. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday afternoon 4 p. m., S. W. Pratt pres., Ben S. Sullivan, pastor.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—Preaching every first Sunday and night, Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor.

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I. O. O. F.—Meets every Saturday night, P. H. Williams, N. G., W. P. Springfield, V. G., H. C. Springfield, sec.

FOR SALE 456 4-10 acres of Fine Land

Situated 1 mile from Winters. Well improved, 150 acres in cultivation, at \$21 per acre, 1/4 down all time wanted on balance. This is a bargain, come quick or it will be gone. See or write

Baird & Fannin
REAL ESTATE AGENTS
Winters, Texas

A. L. Cox has plenty of cane with heads on it at 3cts per bundle. 5 miles Northeast of Winters.

Mr. Leg of Crews was in to see Drs. Grant & Alred for treatment of his eyes this week.

Remember the prayer meeting Wednesday night.

Sunday School Letter.

Editor Winters Budget:

Dear Editor—Thinking you would probably be interested in our Sunday School and how it is progressing I send you these hastily written lines.

Of the past history of the school I do not propose to speak. We have had many different schools at Winters with more or less success, and the failures have been most always on account of inattendance.

Of all our Sunday Schools we think the present one is the best. We have a pastor who loves to look after our interest, and lay plans for a helpful, spiritual, growing Sunday School and a superintendent who loves to carry them all into effect.

In our school we have some thing like 60 pupils and from the way they attend we feel sure that they are benefitted by the lessons. Of the six teachers we are sure that there is not one but has the interest of their class at heart.

It must be said, however, pity that it is, that the older ones do not attend as they should, and we thus publicly invite and beg fathers and mothers to come to Sunday School. In doing so you will not only be spiritually benefitted, but you may encourage some idle boy or girl to come and some absentee to be more regular. The little folks are watching you.

Let us unite and make it a better school. Good Sunday Schools now mean better churches after while.

Albert Spill says there are only two in the band but what could read music at sight and that was John C. and himself, and as they were drummer boys they didn't need to know much. Our band boys can read perfectly and seemingly without any effort

Hison Eoff and Charlie Meeks have returned from a hunting trip and report lots of game.

Little Thelma Grant has the grippe this week.

See F. L. Pierce's card this week.

See Wm. Smiley's big ad on this page.

C. O. Harris, of Ballinger, was in town Wednesday.

Judge Guion and M. C. Smith, of Ballinger, were here Wednesday.

Mrs. Williams was in town Wednesday looking over the cheap goods.

Dr. Daly, Eye Specialist, will be in Winters February 8th and 9th, office with Dr. Grant.

Rev. Trainum, of Ballinger, filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday.

Prof. Rotramel's infant child was buried Tuesday. His little girl is very sick at this writing.

F. L. Pierce has sold his business to Dale & Smiley who will continue the business at the old stand.

Rev. Young is to organize a Junior League in the near future. We think this a good organization for the children and invite all the little folks to come out and join us.

Moore & Co.

Are showing best line Tailor Made Skirts, Fancy Dress Shirts, up to date Pants and Shoes Sweaters for Men and Ladies, Millinery and Gooceries.

Moore & Co's.
WINTERS, - - TEXAS

The West Side Drug Store

Drugs, Patent Medicines, Stationery, Paints Oils, and every thing in the drug line

BARNETT & TINKLE,

League Program.

Leader—Mr. Smiley
Subject—With Jesus in the City, the Reformer. John 2:13-17
Song

1. Abuses to be corrected, verse 14—Lena Snively.

2. Beginning at the house of God, verses 15 and 16—Etta Farrar.

The Consuming Zeal, verse 17—Leta Vancil.

Song
Prayer
Reading on Subject—Mr. Cebing.

Song
Recitation—Lorena Hood.
Scripture Reading and Comment—Robert Yates.

Sentence Prayers—by Leagues, concluded by Lord's prayer.

Quartett
Each one is building a character of his own—Messrs. Tucker, Yates and Misses Ethel Moore and Lola Rodgers.

Song
Benediction—So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Fine Property For Sale.

A. L. Cox home place for sale. 5 miles Northeast of Winters on Moro Flat; 191 acres in tract, 135 acres in farm, level hog wallow land; good house, paved yard full of trees and shrubery, well of pure water that can't be pumped out with wind mill; complete water works and hydrant at garden; the house, well and water works and yard are worth \$2,000.00; good young orchard.

This place is rented for 1905, can't give possession, but parties will take good care of the place and plant over 100 acres in cotton. This place can be bought for \$25 per acre, 1/4 down, 1/4 in 1906 and 10 years time on the balance at 8 per cent. Apply to A. L. Cox, Winters, Texas for the next 30 days.

F. L. Pierce will devote his entire time to the banking business.

The band meets every Tuesday and Friday nights.

Mrs. Murry will give a recital Friday night.

Mr. James has several sick children this week.

J. N. Adams, of Ballinger, was in town Wednesday.

T. A. Fannin left for Ballinger and San Angelo Wednesday.

Court Meeks opened his rescued stock in the restaurant.

We are glad to report Will Hall's family much improved.

Mr. Lark Chapman has two sick this week with pneumonia.

Winters looks lonely now with the largest block in the city burned out.

J. B. Barrot, who has been suffering for some time with blood poison in his hand, is much better.

Moore & Co. have opened up at Fannin & Robert's drug store. They will sell you goods cheap to close out.

There was a shooting bee two miles north of Truitt Saturday evening in which Ike Smith was shot by Lon Pike

Mr. Ret Cooper is erecting himself a neat cottage near the Lutheran church. Mr. D. Young will build soon. Winters continues to grow inspite of its misfortunes.

Dr. Tinkle will leave soon for New York where he will take a post graduate course. He will take his father and mother to Mississippi where they will remain until his return.

Jarmon & Bro. began cleaning their lot Wednesday morning preparatory to rebuilding again. We are glad to see them going forward in business and hope to see the entire block rebuilt soon.

Mr. Hester and family have moved to their home in Mergel. Miss Hester resigned her position as p. m. We are sorry to see her go. Mr. Luther Pratt succeeded her and seems to be apt in all the work as clerk.

Our printer failed to print the account of the marriages of Mr. Jack Pierce and Miss Nellie Hane, Mr. Roberts and Miss Elbie Speer and Mr. Will Craddock and Miss Stella Cryer, Bro. Young officiated in the last three ceremonies. We wish them much happiness, they are some of our most popular young people.

Notice to My Patrons.

I wish to announce to my friends and patrons that I have discontinued my interest in the mercantile business, and will hereafter devote my time exclusively to the banking business at Winters.

My mercantile experience has been made pleasant through the formation of many cherished friendships, and I desire to thank my friends for their liberal support.

Having sold the entire mercantile interest to Mr. William Smiley who will occupy the old stand, it would please me greatly for my old patrons to remain with him with the assurance from me of attentive and liberal treatment.

With my attention given exclusively to the banking business, I will be better prepared than ever to accommodate the public in that line.

Respectfully,
F. L. Pierce.

Ought to be Arrested

Any person or firm that will willfully overcharge their customers. Lend us about two minutes of your time and convince yourself. Our goods are fresh and we sell everything in proportion to prices as follows:

3lb can of Tomatoes	10c
2lb can of Blackberries	10c
A No 1 can of Corn	10c
California Peaches	15c to 30c
Pears	20c to 25c
Good Bacon per pound	1.0c
" Lard "	8c
Gal Ribbon Cane Syrup	50c
Call and get prices in ealf barrel lots	
Good Laundry Soap	13 bars for 25c
We have 9 different brands	
Lima Beans	13lbs 1.00
Pink "	20lbs 1.00
Black eyed Peas	20lbs 1.00
5 gals Euprion Oil	90c

Yours for a trial

ELLIS GROCERY CO.,

West Side Square at old Ostertag Stand

Prices Subject to change without notice

Its a Pleasure

To get an easy shave and a neat hair cut, improves your looks too. Go to Ben Allen's and get an easy shave, neat hair cut, shampoo, etc.

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\$1.60 - PER GALLON - \$1.60

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The First National Bank

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The City Barber Shop

I have two Porcelain Tubs and can accommodate you at any old time. We solicit your trade and guarantee to please you

Walter Knight, Prop.

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Solicits your business

Phrenology.

(by N S. Edeus.)

The Vital Temperament corresponds in nature to the Vegetable Kingdom for it embodies all those principles, laws and processes upon which rests all life, growth, health and activity. This temperament includes in its makeup all those bodily organs whose functions are required in creating vitality and carrying forward the processes of nutrition. Respiration, digestion, circulation and assimilation are strongly predominant, making the body stocky and rotund.

In the Vital Temperament the trunk of the individual is very conspicuous. It is large and long, tapering in every direction and ending in short tapering limbs and rounded shoulders. The sole office of this temperament seems to be to create and enjoy life. Vitality here is the power behind the throne. The blood being the vehicle of life gives a ruddy or florid complexion. The beard is round and large in the sides and bass in the region of the appetites and propensities. The nose is celestial or pug, eyes gray, hair light and fine and the voice a deep rich bass.

People of this temperament enjoy eating, drinking, bathing, etc. They prefer moist foods—such as soups, etc to solid food. They are sunny, gay and usually light hearted and hopeful. Intellectually they are more brilliant, effusive, emotional, pathetic, eloquent and oratorical than deep, stable and enduring.

When active this temperament is very excitable and versatile and flowery in its language. When not excited it is inclined to dreamy repose.

This is a clear and brief analysis of the Vital Temperament proper. However, there are some elements which may appear and unite themselves in either of the temperaments modifying and influencing them to a wonderful degree. These elements are; sanguin, lymphatic and bilious. The sanguin element indicates a predominance of blood in the system and predisposes to great activity. The lymphatic indicates a surplus of lymph which induces languor and lassitude. The bilious indicates an overabundance of bile and gloomy forboding. The heart controls the blood, the lungs give it health. All the internal organs of the body show their strength and condition in the face and any physician well versed in the science of medicine can readily discern what organs are out of order.

There are different shades of the vital temperament occasioned by the blond and brunette types. Golden hair softens the features, gives a mild disposition and makes mellow the tone of voice.

On account of a superabundance of blood, lymph, etc temperament is subject to engorgements, inflammations, etc, and all kinds of blood diseases.

Persons of the vital temperament make orators, physicians, engineers, conductors, etc. The food which contributes to this temperament is found mostly in the vegetable kingdom, and among that class of plants and fruits containing a great amount of fluids and starch. Potatoes, cabbage, etc furnish an excellent illustration of this fact.

Seed Oats, Wheat and Barley

For Winter Sewing.

Lowest Prices on Corn, Oats, Chops, Bran, Prairie and Alfalfa Hay and SEEDS. Your patronage solicited by the

The BALLINGER GRAIN and COM. CO.,
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Your Barber Work.

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

J. R. McVAY, Manager
BALLINGER TEXAS

Where Shal I buy my GROCERIES

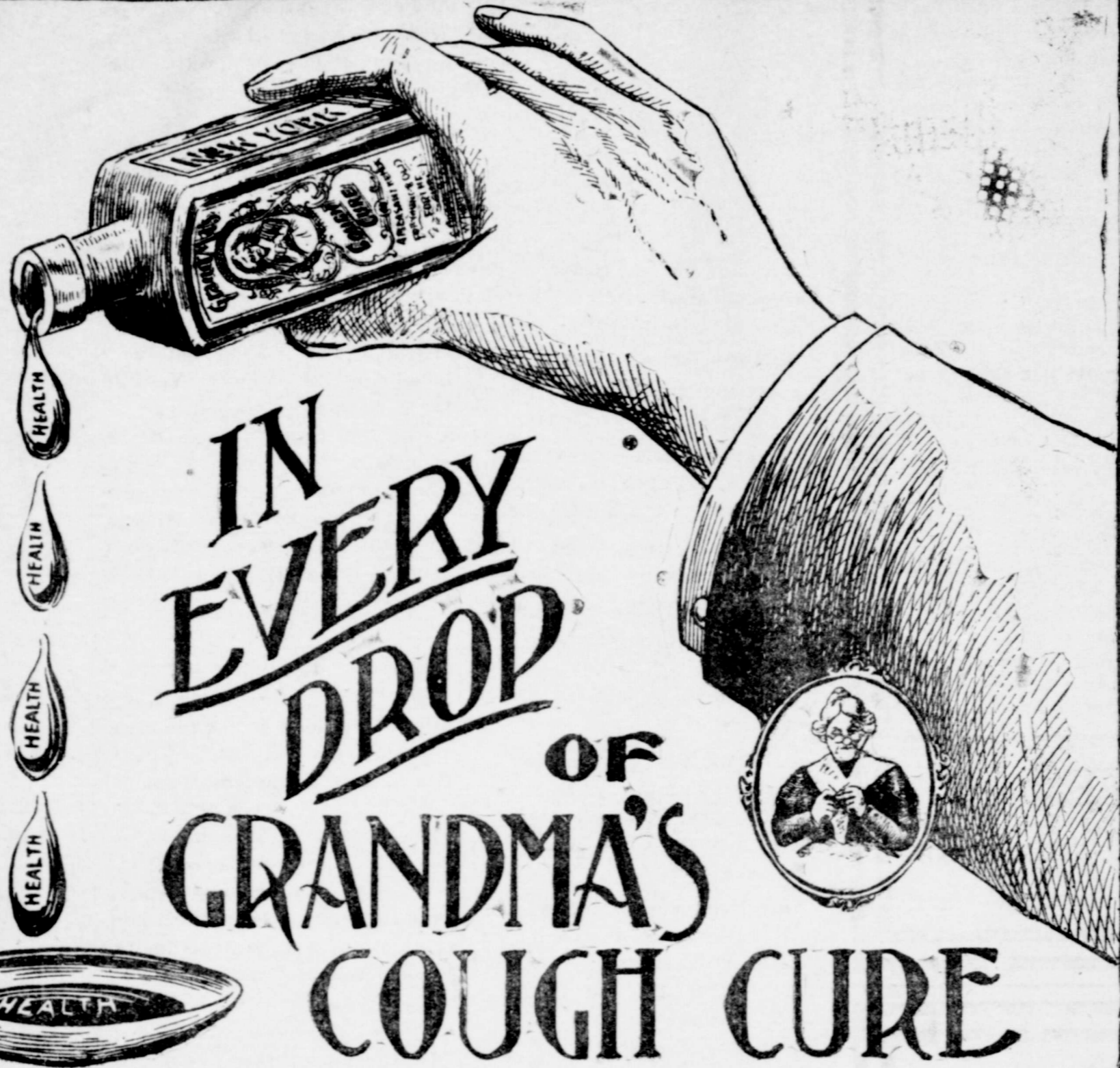
We answer this question. 1st. Where the prices are right. 2nd. Where the goods are fresh and first class. 3rd. Where you will receive Courteous and Honest Treatment. * * * * *

The Miller Mercantile Co

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

The Miller Mercantile Co

THERE'S HEALTH



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 it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it 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.

Another Chadwick trunk has been opened and enough Brown paper was found there in to manipulate several million dollars. It is thought that a few more developments will reveal the list of banks she had down for future operations.

Pleasant and Most Effective

T. J. Chambers, Ed. Liberty Texas, writes Dec. 25, 1902: "With pleasure and unsolicited by you, I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it in my family and can cheerfully affirm it is the most effective and pleasantest remedy for coughs and colds I have ever used." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

We have just found out what has ailed the weather man. Every time Chicago has a blizzard New York has a worse one and the rest of us have to stand for it.

Advices from Venezuela indicate that President Castro will introduce Jin Jitsu methods in his diplomacy.

According to one of the secretaries of Mr. Carnegie, his motto is: "Millions for libraries but not one cent for Mrs. Cadwick."

T. J. Middlebrook & Son, Blacksmiths & Wheelwrights.

All kinds of Wood and Iron Work Done. Carriage painting, repairing tops, cushions etc. Shoeing interfering horses a specialty. Give us a trial.

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You Have Malarial

HERBINE

WILL CURE YOU

CURES

LIVER TROUBLES

BEST FOR

CONSTIPATION

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53 CENTS

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," say W. H. Howard of Husoad, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried. In fact, she is never without it now and is all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

An Editor's Recommendation.

Mr. H. J. Keeler publisher of the Press, Maiden Rock, Wis., writes: "Allow me to say that I have recently used a bottle of Harts' Honey and Horehound and found it a valuable remedy for a cold and cough. I have personally recommended it in several cases and hear a good word from all." When our readers need a reliable medicine for Colds, coughs, Croup, and Whooping Cough there is no other so satisfactory as Harts' Honey and Horehound. Large bottles 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker Druggist.

Senator Platt wants it understood that "he" will make the announcement, when the time for retirement comes. We are afraid, however, that the angel Gabriel will have to do it for him.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I walked a block I would cough freightfully 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." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. Y. Pearce drug store.

The speaker of the Colorado lower house has promised not to use his gun for a gavel. We feel hopeful that Colorado is getting civilized.

A Minneapolis philosopher thinks it is a mistake to make too many good resolutions on New Year's day because of what happens to them so soon after they are made.

WITCHAM'S Cream Vermifuge

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THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.

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Tresspass Notice--Keep Out. All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in any way on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out. C. A. DOOSE.

With the thermometer near zero and the ground frozen two feet deep in most states, people had better not break their New Year's resolution by falling off the water wagon or they'll get hurt.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substance, is some more disastrous than they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for cough, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

Russia is going to follow our example with Schley and have her greatest fighter tried by a military tribunal. Monarchies are almost as ungrateful as Republics.

Colds

It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs lowers the vitality and prepares the system for the more serious diseases, among which are the two greatest destroyers of human life, pneumonia and consumption.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

has won its great popularity by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It aids expectoration, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions, effecting a speedy and permanent cure. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

Price 25c, Large Size 50c.

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PENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Truly Vegetable.

SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, use Druggists for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Bottle for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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All the Latest Sheet Music, Songs, etc., at HALF PRICE. We handle all publications and sell complete. The famous McKinley Edition of "The Star Spangled Banner" is now on hand. Write for our catalogue today. GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

LQUIZONE, the great medicine, for sale by J. Y. Pearce, Druggist.

Great Clearing Sale

On Fall and Winter Dry Goods
Notions, Men's and Boys Suits

Odd Pants, Hats and Shoes. Will sell cheaper than any house in West Texas for the next 30 days. Winter Dry Goods at actual cost. Men and Boy's Suits 25 per cent less than first cost. Overstocked in Shoes—have 1600 pairs in stock of all sizes, shapes and styles. Handle the famous M D Wells Shoe exclusively. The factory guarantees them to me and I guarantee them to my customers. Will give 20 per cent discount on every pair sold. Big stock of Hats, shapes and styles will give 25% discount.

GROCERIES

White Cream flour high patent 100 pounds 3.00
Good flour 100 pound 2.75, meal 50 cents sack. Pure
east Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup 45 cents per gal. good
Syrup 40cts per gal., 15 1 2 pounds Sugar 1.00, 8lbs
good Coffee 1.00, 26lbs Japan Rice 1.00, Bacon 10cts
FRUIT:—Grapes 8cts per pound, apples 9cts pound,
peaches 10 cents per pound, apricots 11 cents per
pound prunes 6 cents per pound

CAN GOODS

3lb can tomatoes 25cts, three 2lb cans Chipper
brand corn 25cts, two 3lb cans kroust 25cts, muscat
grapes 10cts per can, salmon 10cts, 3 cans desert
peaches 25cts, five 2lb cans blackberries 25cts, Cream
wheat 15cts pkg, Scotch oats 10cts pkg, 6 bars white
crystal landry soap 5 cents, 10 pound bucket soda
55 cents, three 2 pound cans blackberries for 25 cents

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most reliable patent medicines

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will be protected from loss during this year

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Phone 82 they will pay you
cash for it

Fewer gallons, wears longer;
Devoe.

All work at the Home Steam
Laundry is guaranteed.

Judge J. W. Powell came in
Friday from a business trip
east.

Try a gallon of that new East
Texas Ribbon cane syrup at J.
B. Alvis & Bro.

DR. THOS. A. RAPE, Physician
and Surgeon, Office Phone 38,
Residence Phone 44.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Day
came in Tuesday from a visit
to friends and relatives.

Start in the new Year right
by letting the Godwin Grocery
Co. sell you your groceries.

Look! We have moved to the
Gustavus old stand on 8th St.

Hixson Bros Racket store.

Mrs. M. F. Guy and Mrs.
Jack Guy visited San Angelo
friends Wednesday of this week.

County Attorney Griggs, R. B.
Truly and C. E. Dickinson at-
tended Justice court at Crews
Saturday.

A big sleet is reported in the
Wingate, Pumphrey and Con-
tent country, and remained on
the ground until the middle of
this week.

Otto Needham, who has been
here for some weeks with his
uncle Robert Needham left first
of the week for his old home in
Leon County.

Fresh vegetables on hand
and of the best and freshest va-
riety let us send you up some.

Godwin Grocery Co.
Ballinger, Texas.

E. A. Jeans bought last week
the second hand business of
Dillion Dannelly opposite the
Globe and is associated with his
brother B. H. Jeans of El Paso.

A good start in the dissection
mean success, but be sure you
start in the direction of The
Godwin Grocery Co's place of
business to buy your groceries.

We sell the famous Thomas
White Cook Stoves, best stove
on the market.

Lankford & Hathaway,
Ballinger, Texas

Dr E. W. Walker and family
of East Texas came in Sunday
last and are now permanent
citizens of our city. The doctor's
office is over Tisinger & Jones'
Drug store.

Among your many resolutions
made during this year resolve
that you will give part of your
trade to The Godwin Grocery Co
the place where prices are right
and delivery prompt.

M. D. Chastain closed the con-
tract Wednesday with John
Drew to build a rock store house
next to his Grocery store 31 1/2
x 60 feet. We understand the
Ledger will occupy part of the
building.

Ernest Plummer purchased
the Griggs-Erwin Insurance
business this week but we are
not apprised of the details of
the transaction, however, with
Ernest Plummer at the head of
the firm, prompt, accurate and
correct insurance business is as-
sured.

J. T. Brown chairman at Win-
ters made report to Secretary
Sledge Wednesday as to cotton
reduction. He had seen all the
growers and reported as follows
In 1904 there were 4692 acres
planted and for 1905 the acreage
will be 3377 a reduction of over
25 per cent.

Removal Notice.

For 1905 I will be found in my
new quarters over The First Na-
tional Bank.

I have fixed up a pleasant sit-
ting room. Also an operating
room equipped with all the latest
and best inventions for painless
Dental surgery. I can perform
all operations, absolutely with-
out pain or inconvenience to the
patients.

I guarantee all my work
S. L. Hicks.

A Jolly Serenading Party.

R. G. Erwin and G. R. Casey
with their ladies had a serenad-
ing party Thursday night, con-
sisting of four coons and furn-
ished some fine music. Ye Edi-
tor acknowledges the receipt of
a call for this jolly party al-
though we were not at home.
Many popular selections were
rendered greatly to the delight
of those who were fortunate
enough to be the recipients of
their courtesies.

Married.

Mr. Reese, of Norwood, and
Miss Willie Mae Watson of Run-
nels were married at 2 o'clock
Wednesday at the residence of
Rev. W. J. Moore, pastor of the
First Baptist church at Ballin-
ger, Rev. Moore performing the
ceremony. The Banner Leader
joins their many friends in con-
gratulations and well wishes for
a prosperous and happy married
life.

On account of the rush of
business and want of space we
had to leave out a notice we had
of the ad of the firm of T. T.
Crosson & Co. However the
name at the head of the ad.
would be sufficient if you knew it
was the old, honest, reliable Tom
Crosson, whose name in this en-
tire section stands synonymous
with honesty, upright and fair
dealings in any line of business.
You can rest assured of prompt,
careful and correct work entrus-
ted to this firm.

In another place in this issue
of the Banner-Leader appears
the announcement of M. C. Cobb
to open a first-class dairy for
Ballinger. This is an enter-
prise that will be welcomed and
will no doubt prove profitable to
its promoter. He plans to run
it in a first-class manner and
furnish the people with pure
fresh milk and handle his cans,
bottles, etc. in a sanitary man-
ner.

A. Schawe is preparing to
build a handsome residence on
the lot recently purchased a-
cross 9th street from J. F. Cur-
ries's residence.

Charlie Steffemire who for the
past two months has been with
the Citizens National Bank is
now with Rasbury & Bruce as
book-keeper.

Mrs S. D. Williams and Mrs.
Nunn left on Wednesday's train
for a visit to friends at San An-
gelo and other points West for a
while.

Come in and see us at Gus-
tavus old stand.

Hixson Bros.

If you want something good
try those new Mexican Apples at
Miller Mercantile Co.

Prices are all right on Georgia
Ribbon Cane molasses at Miller
Mercantile Co.

Judge C. O. Harris was in Win-
ters Tuesday on legal business.

Alarm Clocks, the best that's
made—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Cut Glass—at Jas. E. Brew-
er's.

**Tom Crosson
& Co.**

Land Agents.

At The Court House.
Notary in Office.

Have some good bargains.
If you want to buy come to
see us. If you want to sell
list with us. Will advertise
some special bargains later.

Here are some of our bar-
gains

643 acres, 215 in cultivation,
3 good dwelling houses, barn
lots and sheds. Living water,
well and windmill, close to mar-
ket.

491 acres, clear living stream
running through it, unimproved
fenced.

3 acres well improved, close
to Ballinger, 6 room house, barn,
lots and sheds; bearing fruit
trees, peaches, apricots and
plums. Some fine grapes, fine
well of water, wind mill, 60 bbl
irrigation tank, irrigation pipes
laid, hydrants 1/2 acre now under
irrigation underground cistern
160 bbls.

80 acres fine land under fence
lot in cultivation, close to mar-
ket.

1630 acres clear running
stream through it, 4 room house
well with house barn, lots & etc
100 acres in cultivation on public
road.

207 acres 3 room house good
well and wind mills, 100 acrae in
cultivation on public 1st class
road.

All the above well be said on
good terms.

We have several other tract of
land whice can sell on terms
to suit purchaser.

Call to see us we with not fall
out with you if you don't bet.