

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 1905

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## 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

### THE RUSSIAN STRIKERS DESPERATE

The Wildest Rumors are in Circulation.

A mob is reported to be marching on Tsarksoe Selo to see the emperor as the multitude marched to Versailles to see Louis XVI of France for bread in 1879. The strike is spreading rapidly. All printing works have been stopped. No News papers will be issued tomorrow.

Worst days are yet expected and the Revolutionary masses say Russian officials will begin looting houses and a desperate effort is being made by working men to obtain arms. The fight is reported on sterner and more practical lines. Conflicting reports come from various points and it is difficult to get the true state of affairs, but the situation reported horrible enough on all lines.

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

Lankford & Hathaway,  
Ballinger, Texas

W. A. Perry, one of the editors of the Miles Messenger, was down Friday looking after business matters.

J. B. Ash has secured license and will open up a beer saloon at Truitt in a few days.

Henry Hollingsworth was here on business first of the week.

C. P. Shepherd made a business trip to Talpa Thursday.

Don't forget the date. Saturday night Feb 11th.

### Poll Tax Receipts.

Our reporter reports the following data on the poll tax receipts up to 11 a. m. Friday the 27th:

Precinct No. 1, Ballinger.	352
" " 2, Runnels.	35
" " 3, Norwood.	22
" " 4, Crews.	125
" " 5, Content.	55
" " 6, Antelope.	55
" " 7, Winters.	112
" " 8, Cochran.	31
" " 9, Pumphrey.	45
" " 10, Wingate.	72
" " 11, Dry Hollow.	28
" " 12, Norton.	56
" " 13, Maverick.	21
" " 14, Pearce S H.	47
" " 15, Rowena.	53
" " 16, Miles.	153

Total number paid 1262  
The number assessed for the year 1904, 2023, less 1262 the amount already paid, leaves 761 yet to be paid. People were coming in to Sheriff Kirk's office pretty rapidly Friday and this number will be greatly reduced ere Tuesday the 31st closes

### Lost.

A square black silk fascinator at the depot last Sunday. Finder please leave at the Banner-Leader office.

W. S. Davis and John Parks were shaking hands with Ballinger friends first of the week.

Phone 82 they will pay you cash for it



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**ECHOS FROM  
THE EDITORS**

**Of the West Texas Press  
Association**

Among the many things said in regard to the meeting of the West Texas Press Association we clip in part what was said by the following editors:

The "Smoker" given by the Ballinger press, was a thing of beauty, a "swell affair in every appointment and was doubtless a revelation to the "rabbit twister" editor from the province of Coke and the red headed Irish editor from Schleicher county. It was not a "pink tea" affair by any means but was an occasion for genuine rejoicing among the faber agitators who were gathered there.

The Democrat could, if the command of English were at hand, cast an armful of bouquets to those Ballinger knights of the press for their generosity and hospitality, which is characteristic of western towns and western people. Ballinger's short comings, if there were any, were entirely lost to view, save perhaps in one instance—the scarcity of water almost forced us to be intemperate while within the borders of that fair city. —Coleman Democrat.

Ballinger is one of the busiest and most prosperous towns on the Santa Fe and her citizens are the most hospitable this scribe has ever "buted in on" They wear their hearts on the outside and made us have the time of our existence. The newspaper men of this prosperous city are the embodiment of hospitality. They dined, wined and punched us and made us feel it a glorious thing to be an editor, and like we would love to go back fifty two weeks in a year. We havn't quite recov-

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Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

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quarters for first  
class Groceries



ered from our present "run" but think with careful nursing we will in time to attend the next meeting which will be in Brownwood the third Monday in July.

The banquet at the "Katy Cafe" Monday night, given by the brethren of the Ballinger press was the handsomest affair we have ever had the good luck to attend. The tables were loaded with all the good things to eat and drink, which was served in the best of style. Judge John I. Guion, one of Ballinger's brainiest sons was

toastmaster of the occasion and his words of wisdom and encouragement made everyone feel as though it was profitable to be there.—Robert Lee Observer.

Ballinger is a beautiful and thriving town of 3,000 people on the Colorado river. It has an oil mill, several gas and a number of large mercantile establishments. It has three very enterprising and creditable weekly newspapers. There are more elegant homes than in any

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other town of its size in West Texas. The "press boys" were given the glad hand and will long remember their visit to Ballinger.—Comanche Pioneer Exponent.

**Advertised Letter List.**

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday June 12, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

**LADIES:—**

Brooks, Mrs. Mae.

**GENTLEMEN:—**

Beason A. L.

Cairry, J. C.

Fovar, Gregoiro.

Gooch N.

Johnson R.

Laudiman, Mr.

Lauglin, Prof. W. A.

Ray, Mr. (Lightning rod man)

Reinhart, H. G.

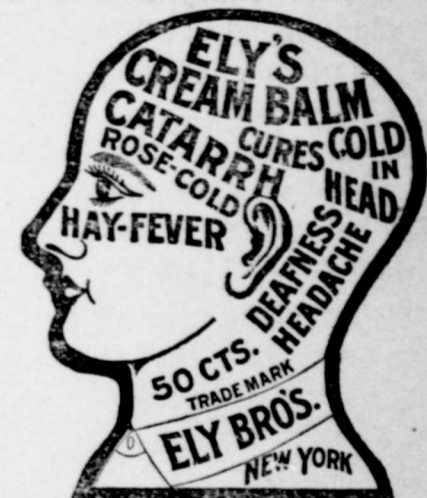
Spain, J. T.

Malone Theater was crowded last night with a large body of refined and cultivated people who came to see Hendrickson & Rosani, and they proved to be very interesting and are artists in their line. As Jugglers and Magicians, their equal was never seen in Jonesboro, all of their Tricks were fine and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.—Jonesboro, Ark. Daily Enterprise.

We appreciate the sermons of our C. P. pastor each Sunday, but last Sunday his sermon on "It is more blessed to give than to receive." was just fine, not from a financial giving standpoint altogether but your hand shake and other ways of showing your liberal disposition was shown.

E. C. Seitz went to Ballinger to spend a few day with relatives and rest up before engaging in business of any kind. Ewell is in rather delicate health and the rest will be good for him.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

**CATARRH**



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## FARMERS COLUMN

Devoted to the Farmers of Runnels county. Contributions of Interest Solicited for this Column.

### Better Prices for Cotton.

Mr. Editors, Planters, Merchants, Bankers and others; All the theories, writings, causeries and plans on earth, no matter how good they are, will not help the cotton situation unless they are put in execution and it takes money first and organization next. Money can always be organized, no matter how ardent and strong, it must have a fountain head. There must be system.

The time has come when something practical must be done, something besides advice and suggestion.

It will take ten million dollars in hard cash to start with, to carry our plans to a successful termination. When we once get ten millions—there will be no trouble to get an unlimited amount, but like the millionaires of today, their greatest struggle was for the first thousand. A short and partial synopsis of our plan is this—Form the Southern States Cotton Company, application for charter which will be made. This company will be a stock company and each shareholder will participate in its profits. The company will issue ten million shares of stock, par value being one dollar per share—(nothing less than ten shares will be issued.) We want every bank in the Southern States to take 100 shares, every merchant to take at least 10 shares and every planter to take one share for each bale of cotton he made this season.

Then let every one else take as many shares as they will.



**T**HE above picture of the man and fish is the trademark of Scott's Emulsion, and is the synonym for strength and purity. It is sold in almost all the civilized countries of the globe.

If the cod fish became extinct it would be a world-wide calamity, because the oil that comes from its liver surpasses all other fats in nourishing and life-giving properties. Thirty years ago the proprietors of Scott's Emulsion found a way of preparing cod liver oil so that everyone can take it and get the full value of the oil without the objectionable taste. Scott's Emulsion is the best thing in the world for weak, backward children, thin, delicate people, and all conditions of wasting and lost strength.

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This money must be raised at once or 5 cent cotton is inevitable.

As soon as the subscriptions amount to one hundred thousand dollars this company will have solicitors in every cotton producing county in the South. When a sufficient amount is subscribed we will begin our bonded warehouse system in all the larger important cotton ports and interior points and will be in the market for at least two millions bales of actual cotton. The planters and merchants who do not wish to sell their cotton can ship it to our different warehouses and a receipt guaranteed by a Bonding Company will be issued to them for same, a receipt that is as good and negotiable in Liverpool, England, as it is in the South. For instance if Mr. B ships us 50 bales of cotton, different grades, we issue him a receipt for so many pounds of each grade.

No two grades are on the same receipt, and by this means Mr. B. can sell his cotton direct to the mills or to the exporter, as these receipts call for so many pounds of a certain grade and upon presentation of the receipt at our warehouses the purchaser gets the exact grade he buys. This would revolutionize the cotton business and save the countless thousands of dollars lost by the present way of handling cotton. This company will lend you money on cotton in their warehouses at 6 per cent per annum.

We will have offices in New York and New Orleans and other places if necessary. With our system, a twelve million bale crop will not sell for less than 9 or 10 cents.

It is a mistaken idea that the wants mills 5 or 6 cent cotton.

When cotton opens up at 10c in September and in November sells at 7c it is as demoralizing to them as it is to every other business interest of the South. The acreage can be reduced if necessary—one of the ways is this—For \$1 per bale margin this company will buy for a planter as many bales of actual cotton of the present crop as he made bales this past season, provided this planter does not plant any cotton this year. In case he violates this agreement then he forfeits the margin to the company. We will have traveling and local representatives to see that this is carried out. Then for \$5 per bale margin this company will buy any one as many bales as they want of actual cotton of this season's crop and hold it as long as they wish.

In neither of these cases will this company call on the parties for any additional margin at any time. The object of the formation and existence of this company is for the betterment of the cotton situation and to take cotton out of the hands of speculators and with our plans of which this is only a part, it can be done. It is with you now whether or not you wish to better yourself and make this a success—and without money it is a failure. If the necessary amount is not in hand by March 1st the amount you have paid in will be refunded to you less your prorata share of the actual

expenses incurred in trying to raise it. Make your remittances at once by check, draft, Express or P. O. order for which scrips will be sent you until our Company is chartered and will then issue you the stock instead.

Make your remittances to  
Byrd B. Lovelett, Jr.  
Trustee.  
Sandersville, Ga.

Farmers, their wives, and their children are now living better than did those of the preceding generation. They have a wider range of thought and observation; they are better educated, dress better, have more opportunities to enjoy life on the farm, for by the use of improved implements much unnecessary labor is prevented and more time is secured for mental improvement and social recreation.

President B. O. Aylesworth, of the Colorado Agricultural College at Fort Collins, reports that the registration of students in the agricultural course greatly exceeds the number of entries last year. This is just as it should be. The farmers' boys are coming to the front. The better the intellectual facilities are cultivated at the agricultural college and the experiment station, the better the land will be cultivated when they return to the farm.

A few of the things that farmers want, and are sure to have in the near future, are increased facilities for rural mail service, an improved parcel post system and a postal saving bank. Congressmen and Senators will do well to direct their official influence towards securing these very reasonable reforms in the interest of so large a number of their constituents.

The Bureau of Forestry of the United States Department of Agriculture is doing excellent work this season in putting into practical operation the most approved methods of restoring trees to lands from which the timber had been taken, and to those where forest fires have destroyed the timber. This work will prove of the very greatest importance to the future welfare of the country.

Gradually the farmer is coming to think more of his calling and his power to achieve influence in his neighborhood, State, and the nation. He is beginning to believe in himself, in his power to become a leader among men. Organized effort in the grange and other associations of farmers has developed a desire to lead rather than follow. He sees that organized intelligence is lifting the farmer to a higher plane of usefulness. He recognizes the fact that in recent years the liberal appropriations which have been made by Congress in the interest of progressive agriculture are aiding very materially in rendering farming one of the most desirable occupations.

The right kind of an education is that which will fit the possessor to get the most out of the occupation he expects to follow. Taught to know the scientific reason by which desired results are attained, the farmer boy will take up the actual work of the farm with an intelligent energy that is sure to be productive of excellent results. Educate to and for the farm—and not away from it.

Call up 107 when you want good fresh Groceries.

# 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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### SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

#### PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger  
12:30 a. m.  
East-bound due at Ballinger  
3:00 p. m.

#### LOCAL TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger  
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East-bound due at Ballinger  
10:40 a. m.

The New York millionaires are strikingly modest when the tax assessor comes around.

The Philadelphia mint turned out over 7,000,000 gold coins last year. Did you get your share?

The Railroads do not care who introduce the bills so long as their attorney writes them.

We will tell you more about what Moody has done to the Beef Trust when we see the price coming down.

Tom Lawson has said that he once prevented Gas Addicks from committing suicide. He now realizes his mistake.

When Gov. Adams of Colorado took his "oath of office" it is thought that ex-Gov. Peabody also did some "swearing."

The Gov. of New York says he is there to enforce the laws and not to set them aside. We thought quite differently.

Chicago is again making fun of New York because the former can have a large charity ball without a big diamond steal.

Promoters of the ship subsidy bill are now calling it the subvention. Why not go a little farther and call it plain "graft."

We have been advised that attorney general Moody, is of the opinion that he has the beef trust on the road to the Slaughter House.

Panama is having so much prosperity that she is beginning to bother herself about tucks and frills that other governments have.

Wall Street is complaining that while Tom Lawson did not give them a scare he frightened the "lambs" away, which was much worse.

Now that Tom Lawson has cornered the market with frenzied finance literature, complaint is made because he has pushed the price up a little.

It is feared that if the grand jury continues to indict U. S. Senators, they will be numerous enough to start a party of their own and "run" things.

Gov. Folk of Missouri, had better keep his eye on his Republican Legislature. It is reported that thousand dollar bills are getting very plentiful around there.

The great mistake the Czar of Russia is making is not in learning English. He could then subscribe to our paper which would tell him how to run his government.

The stage is going to lose another one of its brilliant lights. John L. Sullivan announces that he will give it up and take to the lecture platform.

Ex Lieutenant Gov. Tim Woodruff of New York is a candidate for matrimony, as there seems to be nothing else for which he can run just now.

Several frisky congressmen are getting themselves interviewed in which they discuss what they had better see Uncle Joe Cannon about first.

We would advise our young men against proposing while skating on the ice with her. You are more liable to go through than the proposal.

### The Ideal Editor.

You hear talk of the "ideal newspaper." It is says an exchange like, the flower that never withers, the bird never alights, the land where sunlight never fades—it only exists in the imagination of the sucker whom we are told the elements consume. Wright from the standpoint of a country editor, if you have ever been in his shoes you know he is the repository of the secrets of the community, none of which he ever divulges. He must publish a paper chuck full of local news, whether anything happens or not. His judicial mind must be far superior to the district judge and give him pointers in instructing the jury. He must discourse with equal fluency upon the silver question and farmer Jones' Jersey calf china painting and Poland-China pigs. He must preach the perseverance of the saints, foreign wars and local strikes, justification by faith and justification of type, the doctrine of election, the election returns, the doing of the last synod and the details of prize fights. The receipts of church socials and squables in the town council must be equally familiar to the versatile mind.

With all this he must wait on the delinquent subscribers, discount the bill of the patent medicine fakes, stand off his wash bill always go well dressed, pay your printer on Saturday night whether a cent has come in or not write free puffs, teach the city administration how to run the city and be content with \$20 a year of printing the proceedings when it is worth \$250, never ask for any honors, but help others to get them; boom the local statesman who owes him a 3 years subscription—in short be all things to all men, make no mistakes in dates, take the cussings of the community and never cuss back. This is the ideal editor and his paper is a daisy. We have never seen one.—Potter Democrat Coudersport, Pa.

We lease you anything you want

Lankford & Hathaway,  
Ballinger, Texas

## Market Report.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan 24th, 1905. From the very good run of 1100 head yesterday, receipts in the quarantine division here dropped down today to 200 head. No top steers were included, and \$3.95 was the best price. Some 1082 steers sold at \$4.25 yesterday, other sales were at \$3.90 to \$4.25, light steers at \$3.40 to \$3.90. The steer market is called low to 10 cents lower today. Cows are strong, some cases higher. There was a decline in cows last week, but this has been recovered. Steers are 15 to 25 cents lower than a week ago, but salesmen are of the opinion that a few days of moderate or light receipts at all the markets would put the market right back up again. Bulls are 15 to 25 cents lower, and do not recuperate as easily as steers; they sell at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Not enough calves are coming to test prices.

Top hogs today \$8.71 and several loads sold at \$4.85. Top for weights below 200 was \$4.75 but the late market was hardly up to these figures. Bulk of sales \$4.60 to \$4.85 5 cents lower than yesterday. Weights continue to get heavier and demand from packers is strong, and it looks like any break in price must be short lived.

Mutton prices remained about steady all of last week and trade was active but have turned downward today 5 to 10 cents. A large proportion of receipts yesterday and today were lambs and practically all of them have sold at \$7.00 to \$7.40, insuring a good profit to feeders. Yearling sales today and yesterday were at \$6.25 to 6.50, wethers \$5.50 to \$5.65, ewes \$5.75 to \$6.15.

J. A. Rickart,  
L. S. Correspondent.

### Modern Praetorians.

The Modern Order of Praetorians is a Texas order, with headquarters in Dallas.

The Praetorians offer as reliable insurance as can be secured anywhere. Their rates are not the lowest but are high enough to be safe, yet not burdensome even to the laboring man.

Praetorians have as good, if not the best guarantee of any order doing business in Texas, that rates will never be increased i. e. a reserve fund of \$20.00 per member.

Quite a number of the best people of Ballinger have identified themselves with the order and are well pleased. A hundred members are wanted here. Men and women are taken on the same footing.

Now is your chance to get good insurance and at the same time patronize a home order.

### Notice.

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.

### FARMERS

When you want a good meal go to Maud McDaniel's at the old Castellaw stand next door to Pink Hubbard's barber shop. Courteous treatment and a good meal will be given you.

Judge Tom Crosson made a business trip to Miles yesterday.

Fry a gallon of pure Georgia Ribbon Cane syrup.  
Ellis Grocery Co.

## NEW EMBROIDERIES

Another new lot of fine Embroideries opened up this week. We extend a cordial invitation to all the ladies of Ballinger to come to our store and inspect the

**Largest and Finest Line of Embroideries Ever Brought to Ballinger.**

Consisting of Edgings and Insertings in matched sets, beadings. All over embroideries and corset cover edgings. Every piece of embroidery shown is a novelty.

We have also added this week a new lot of very wide embroideries to our SPECIAL 10c per yard assortment, making it the finest lot of embroideries ever sold at 10c by any store anywhere.

### Special Silk Value.

36 inches wide changeable Taffeta, fine soft quality Regular \$1.25 value. Introductory price \$1 per yd

**A. H. VAN PELT  
H. WINKLER, Mgr.**

Hendrickson & Rosani, opera house Saturday night Feb. 11th.

Notice! We have moved to the Gustavus old stand on 8th St. Hixon Bros.

An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

We sell you on the installment plan anything you need, prices as low as good goods can be bought.

Lankford & Hathaway,  
Ballinger, Texas.

### CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

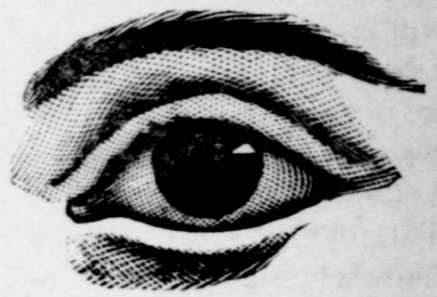
We have the following list of City property for sale described as follows. The listation below is subject to change.

No. 2.—Good six room dwelling, two galleries, in good neighborhood near school and church, good underground, cistern stable etc. Terms: \$1100, \$400 cash balance in two equal annual payments 8 per cent on deferred payments.

No. 8.—New three room box residence weatherboarded and painted two galleries, fine well of everlasting water, two lots 60 by 150 each, situated on Large survey in good neighborhood good stable and buggy shed all fenced. A great bargain Terms: \$700, \$ cash balance in three equal annual payments at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

C. P. SHEPHERD,  
Office With Banner-Leader,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Cross Eyes straightened and glasses Fitted Free



**DRS.  
Daly & Francis  
Eye Specialist**

Need no introduction, they are not transient visitors, they have been in Texas for the last ten years. What they promise they absolutely guarantee to accomplish, and they make no promises they cannot fulfill.

They positively and permanently cure Granulated Lids, Cataracts, Pterygiums, Ingrowing Lashes, Deformed Lids, Cross Eyes, Double Vision, White Spots over pupils or in fact any disease or deformity of the eye that is curable.

If you have an eye trouble you should call for names of patients that they have cured in Runnels county, many of them were led to Ballinger and regained their sight by their treatment and surgery

Dr. Daly will be in Winters Feb. 8 and 9, office with Dr. Grant  
In Ballinger February 6 and 7, office at Royalty Hotel

## Put in Electric Lights

Your children can study better. No dirt, no fretting to fill lamps. The cost is moderate. Phone our man.

**Ballinger Light & Ice Co.**



#### A CONFIDENTIAL CHAT.

"It's perfect nonsense, Bessie, for you to talk of being laid on the shelf. Why, it all depends on yourself. Forget your worries, your aches and ailments; do as I did, take plenty of out-of-door air, cultivate happiness by not allowing your mind to dwell on the trifles and the worries of life. I sent thirty-one cents in stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., for his 'Common Sense Medical Adviser,' and found it contained much useful information about the care of my health, about physiology, anatomy, and everything a woman should know. I then decided to write Dr. Pierce and tell him all about my ailments. I received such a nice, carefully considered and confidential letter, in reply, giving me advice about my diet, exercise and all. This advice is free to everyone and I wonder you don't write him at once. It didn't take me many months to regain my good looks. Ever since I was fifteen I have suffered untold agonies periodically but now I am free from pain, worry and bad temper. Occasionally I took Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—this for the complexion, and to stimulate the liver. Then I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription three times a day for those womanly weaknesses I told you about. That's my secret of beauty. It's the easiest thing in the world to be happy and keep one's good looks. Look at the thousands of women who have been made well by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; look how they keep their good looks. Dr. Pierce offers \$500 reward for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb which he cannot cure. All he asks is a fair and reasonable trial of his means of cure."

#### Cabe-Brady.

Earnest Cabe and bride (nee Miss Lena Brady) arrived here Saturday on the noon train from "Old Kentucky." They were happily married at the home of the bride's parents near Fulton, Ky. on January 15th, Mr Cabe having gone there a couple of weeks ago to claim his bride.

Several were at the station to meet them and accompany them to the home of the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. H. Cabe, near Hatchell, where a big reception was tendered the happy young couple and which was attended by a big crowd of their friends and relatives.

The bride, though coming from such a distance, is no stranger in this community as she has at different times visited friends in Runnels county, where she has many friends and admirers.

The grooms is one of Runnels county's most progressive and popular young farmers and has the congratulations of a large circle of friends who extend to the pair their best wishes for a long life full of prosperity and happiness.

You will have a hot time in cold weather if you will order your coal from Hayden Routh's Yard, the best quality and as cheap as good goods can be sold.

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

#### 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.

At the Opera House last night the programme opened with Prof. Hendrickson, and he amazed the audience with some very clever Tricks and as a Magician, he is certainly one of the best. Then followed the Prince of Jugglers, Rosani, he performed marvelous Feats various articles, which was certainly wonderful, and the performance was one of the best of its kind ever seen in this city.—Demopolis, Ala. Dispatch.

A new postoffice has been granted and will be styled Drasco, nine Miles northwest of Winters.

Diamonds—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

John Maddox was here a few days this week.

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

Mr. McFadden, of Miles, was a Ballinger visitor Sunday.

R. M. Adams, of McKinney, was here prospecting first of the week.

Miss Myra Penn returned Tuesday from a seort visit to friends in Brownwood.

A. P. Diggs, of Paris, Tenn., is here on a visit to his uncle, L. C. Aieander, and family.

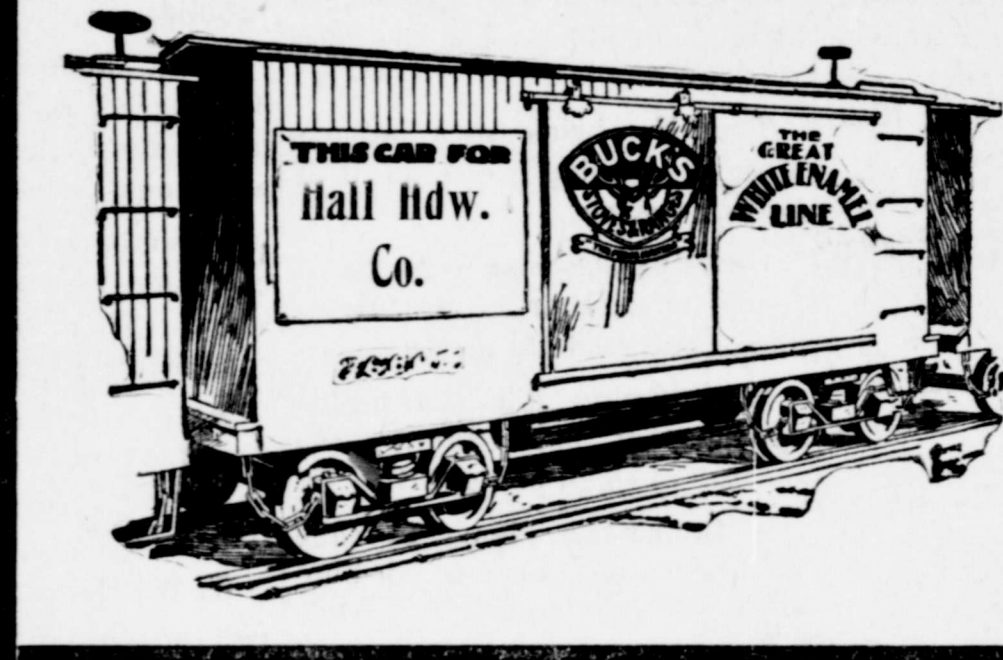
E. A. Jeanes has rented the Wilkie building and will move his stock of second hand goods to that stand.

Another busted stock broker has decided to follow Tom Lawson's example and drop amalgamated copper and take up amalgamated literature.

Wm. Havenhill, of the Winters country, has a fine section of land advertised in this issue. It will pay you to investigate the bargain.

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

T. S. Lankford, the popular saddle and harness man, came home last Saturday from a business trip to the eastern markets.



## Getting Ready for a Big Implement Trade

### For 1905 We Have this to Offer

We are going to try harder than we've ever done to merit your patronage. We will have even better, larger and more complete stock for you to select from and we will always price everything just as low as is consistent with conservative merchandising. In fact you can look here for the best and most up-to-date in **IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, HARDWARE**

## HALL HARDWARE CO.

Quite a number of the precinct chairmen of the Cotton Growers Association have made reports of the meetings held in their respective precincts last Saturday. The reports show that the farmers are very liberal in pledging themselves to reduce the the cotton acreage 25 per cent, and quite a number say they will reduce 50 per cent. There is hundreds of acres of new land that will be planted in cotton and the acreage will no doubt be as large in Runnels county this year as last, but reports from the old cotton states is to the effect that this will be a year of diversification with them and very little cotton will be planted.



Can be obtained at this Bank—the safest, surest and cheapest way of sending money.

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

The Citizens National Bank,  
Ballinger, Texas.

#### Never Dissapoints.

Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunts Lightning oil is an exception. Confidence it is never misplaced—Dissappoint 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,  
Ballinger, Texas

Try a sack of red Cross or Bell county's best flour.

Ellis Grocery Co.

Spectacles—the best that's made—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

## Ayer's

For coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, weak throats, weak lungs, consumption, take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

### Cherry Pectoral

Always keep a bottle of it in the house. We have been saying this for 60 years, and so have the doctors.

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for 40 years. It is the best medicine in the world, I know, for all throat and lung troubles."  
Mrs. J. K. Noncross, Waltham, Mass.  
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

### The Lungs

Daily action of the bowels is necessary. Aid nature with Ayer's Pills.

George Reeder was down from Miles first of the week.

J. W. Norman, the Paint Rock banker, was over this week.

Rev. J. D. Leslie came in from the east Saturday of last week.

R. A. Hall and George Bird, of San Angelo, were here first of the week.

W. E. Duncan, the Hylton hardware man was here Saturday of last week.

Jas. Barron was in from the Wingate country Tuesday with cotton and reports a very good season in the ground in that community.

#### 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.

#### 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,  
Jonesville, La.

No comments necessary,  
Price 25c per box.



\$1.00

Purchases a \$3.00 Pen

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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

Our Guarantee—The Pen is Solid Gold, guaranteed finest 14k Holder is made of the best quality rubber in four parts

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

The Selden Pen Mfg Co.,  
140 Nassau St., New York

# Winters Budget

J. S. MOORE, Editor.

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

VOL. 1.

## 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.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**—Service each Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Mr. Eoff, leader.

**LUTHERAN**—Services each second Sunday.

**Secret Orders**—A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday on or before full moon, W. H. Brown, sec., W. S. Mullin, W. M. K. of P. meets each second and third Thursday nights, L. E. Jarmon, C. C., W. S. Mullin, K. R. & S.

**W. O. W.**—Camps meets each second and fourth Monday nights W. P. Springfield, N. G., A. M. Young, V. G., H. A. Mitchell, Sec., T. W. Murry, Treas.

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

## 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 Groceries.

**Moore & Co's.**  
WINTERS, - - TEXAS

Work was begun on the store house of Jarmon & Meeks Tuesday.

## 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, pailed yard full of trees and shrubbery, 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.

## Wednesday Night Prayer Service.

Subject—Prayer.  
Opening address by Leader.  
Gods Promise to Answer Prayer.—Scripture.  
What Elements Necessary in Prevailing Prayer.—Scripture.  
How Often Should We Pray.—Scripture.  
Why are Our Prayers not Answered.—Scripture.  
Interspersed with songs and prayer.

Do you want a home where you can have plenty of good post oak wood to burn? One that you can get today? If so come at once. I will sell you my place near Blue Gap cheap. Will take \$12.50 per acre, \$400 down rest on easy terms. Come quick, this will not appear again  
T. A. FANNIN

A. F. Roberts and wife came in from Lawn Tuesday evening where they had been for several days visiting the parents of Mrs. Roberts.

The new hotel is nearing completion.

Ed Stone goes west but soon comes back.

Mr Landers now has charge of the restaurant.

The hammer is now heard every day in Winters.

Walter Mullins sold to Mr. Chumley 150 yearlings at p. t.

There will be preaching at the M. E. church Sunday by Rev. Moore.

Mrs. J. W. Wyatt of Wingate, was visiting friends at Winters Sunday.

Lumber is on the ground to rebuild one store. Let the good work go.

Tom Hambrick says he has stopped hauling wood as it is getting scarce.

Grandpa Chapman says he is ready for another crop. He is one of our good old men.

Rev. Ewing did not fill his appointment here Sunday on account of small pox at Miles.

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

We wish to say for the benefit of League that we failed call on the vice-president for the program. The topic, however, is "Jesus, the Missionary to Man."

## 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

**Raird & Fannin**  
REAL ESTATE AGENTS  
Winters, \* \* \* \* \* Texas

R. B. Young pastor of the Methodist church has inaugurated a new idea in the prayer service Wednesday night, that of taking up some Bible character for discussion. The life of Gideon will be discussed at the meeting Wednesday night.

Our school is full to overflowing, 220 enrolled. We must do something for the accommodation of the children. No other interest demands our attention more promptly than this.

Jarmon & Meeks began hauling rock for the foundation for their new store Monday. We are glad to see these young men rebuild.

J. S. Moore sold to John Jackson a business lot Wednesday. Mr. Jackson will put up a business house on it at once.

A number of our farmers are carrying in their cotton this week. Good resolutions will come loose some time.

W. G. Allen and Forest Smithson of Wingate was here Thursday looking after the interest of the W. O. W.

W. W. Hall's second son has pneumonia. Mr. Hall has had several cases of sickness this winter.

Prof. Rotramel is sick at his home this week. We hope that he will soon be himself again.

N. W. Dean of Wingate was here Monday on his way home from Glen Cove.

Mr. Bruce of the firm of Rasbury & Bruce of Ballinger was here Tuesday.

Walter Mullin has moved into his new house and Mrs. Mullin is delighted.

I. Bedford is feeding a lot of mules at Winters this month.

Mr. Will Barrott came in to see the Drs. Tuesday.

## FINE PROPERTY FOR SALE

3 miles north east of Winters. 650 acres, 150 in cultivation, good 4 room house, good lots sheds, 2 windmills, and good water, apply to

**Wm. HAVENHILL**  
on place

## The West Side Drug Store

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

**BARNETT & TINKLE,**

## I Wish

To inform my customers and all others that I have placed in my shop a machine to sharpen disks, will not draw the temper, will sharpen from 12 to 30 inches circumference

**F. RAMSEL**

We were informed that young Nelson who lives near Pumphrey came in Saturday night from Oak Creek with a flesh wound in his leg. In attempting to put his gun in his pocket it fired with the above result.

Winters will soon rise from her ashes to her former prosperity.

## Phrenology.

(by N. S. Eoens.)

If you should take a person and by dissection remove all his bones, muscles and ligaments, you would have left all there is, physically of the motive temper

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

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

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

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

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



ament. The vital temperament produces bodily tissue, the motive temperament gives physical strength, the mental temperament sustains thought.

In building any structure that is to be permanent and durable there must be a framework to support it, to give it strength. "Man is fearfully and wonderfully made." God made man with the intention that he should come in touch with every department of His universe. He made his soul to feel every impulse of love, his mind to conceive every branch of knowledge and his body to execute every motive of grace and construct every work of art. This being the case man must have a body strong yet graceful, enduring yet supple. If we should enumerate the motions that a man will make we will readily see that these various bones must be supplied with some means of support and motion. So strong ligaments are provided to unite them, and muscle given to produce motion. The bones of the limbs are given for strength and motion, the bones of the head and trunk are given for a protection. The bones that are given for Protection are near the surface and are made so as to form a cavity, while the bones that are made to give support and motion are imbedded in

the flesh and are inclined to be long and round.

Persons of the motive temperament have more bone and muscle in their makeup than anything else. They have a short trunk, long limbs, broad square shoulders, Roman nose, broad square chin, prominent cheek bones, large crown, front and back head, dark eyes, dark strong abundant hair and large hands and feet.

This temperament is commanding throughout its whole tone and bearing.

People of this temperament are slow both in thought and in action. They are set and decided in their ways, hard to drive and are inclined to be harsh, domineering and sometimes egotistical. Biliousness melancholy, etc. go along with this temperament.

A flesh diet contributes to the upbuilding of this temperament. All carnivorous beasts and birds have the motive temperament and are hard to tame when allowed to subsist upon this natural diet. Men of the vital temperament enjoy vegetables, men of the motive temperament crave meat, men of the mental temperament relish fruits and grains.

This is the laboring, manufacturing and producing temperament. Its horning hands of toil are on the throttle of the engine

of progress and holds the helm of the floating palace of commerce.

## Rev. Carlise P. B. Martin, L. D.

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

Congress is acting very wisely in its efforts to legislate for the abolition of the rebate system among the railroads and it would also be entitled to praise if it devises means to enable us to escape the pullman car porter.

China has been having peace for ten years and is now itching for a little trouble. If she can just keep quiet until Japan finishes Russia she will receive proper attention.

Get Red Cross and Bell County's Best Flour from Ellis Grocery. Every sack guaranteed.

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

The Philadelphia authorities are taking steps to prevent gambling—except poker and roulette. This leaves the stock market a clear monopoly of the gambling business.

## \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggist 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

# Crews Items.

H. A. MONIGOMERY, EDITOR

Devoted to the upbuilding and advancement of Crews

Our items from Crews arrived too late for publication this week we will publish both this and next weeks news from that place in our next issue.

## CREWS DIRECTORY.

Services at the M E church Saturday night before each 2nd Sunday; also Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. L A Clark pastor.

Baptist—3rd Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., also Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. W. C. White pastor.

## SECRET ORDERS.

W O W Camp—First and third Saturday night in each month. W A Suggs, C. C.; R L Carleton, Clerk.

Farmers Union—Meets on 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings. G A Kincade, President; R E Hardgree, Sec

## Gus' Barber Shop.

When in need of anything in my line don't fail to give me a trial. Kind, courteous treatment to all. Laundry basket in connection, leaves Monday of each week returning Friday.

Gus. Hardgree, Proprietor.  
CREWS, TEXAS.

## B. U. Smith,

Dealer In

Dry Goods and Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats and General Merchandise. Call on us and we will take pleasure in showing you through our stock.

M. B. FREEMAN, Manager.  
CREWS, TEXAS.

## Montgomery & Henderson,

Dealers In

Dry Goods, Staple and Fancy Groceries. We have bought our good right and we will make prices to suit you. Call and see us

Montgomery & Henderson,  
CREWS, TEXAS.

## For Sale,

One fine Black Spanish Jack 15 hands high, 8 years old.

Call on or write

W. H. Trout,  
Crews, Texas.

## FOR SALE

I will sell my entire stock consisting of Drugs and Groceries very reasonable, apply

HALE BROS.  
Crews, - - - Texas

Trade with Montgoery & Henderson and get an Oil-it-portrate made free.

## Trials of Winter.

Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to pneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Be wise; use Simmons Crugh Syrup. I cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

## The Money Mania.

If you, madam, knew that your husband or son was suffering from a fever, how anxiously you would look after his bodily welfare, and how unremitting would be your efforts to bring him back to health.

Why then are you not equally solicitous when he is suffering from the money fever, which is driving so many of our men to day into early graves or asylums for the insane? What are you doing to control this fever?

Are you wishing for a larger house, more jewels, vehicles and journeys? Are you wondering why other men have more success than those of your household, and do the men of your household hear your admiring

you take, I must have it." But thousands of women, by thoughtless words and actions, suggest the necessity for such a course to the men who support them.

Thousands of others fail to give the word of admonition, or to make the small or large sacrifice which would arrest a man in his insane race after millions. Silence may make a more insistent demand than speech.

The woman who must take her trip abroad each year and choose the most expensive resorts for her health, or her pleasure; the woman who must lead the fashions; who must have an army of attendants to look after her comforts; the woman who has no word of disapproval for the successful

America is almost limitless. Let her use it for making our country a better place for men to be reared in than it has become in the last quarter of a century. Let her talk more and think more of quieter pleasures and simple habits of living and she will find man following in her wake as he has, since time began.

## Notice.

I will pay \$2.00 per acre to have 50 turfed. Blacksmith shop on land; also nice little farm for sale.

John Ballew,  
Mazeland Tex.

See Charlie Kenney for a Carriage at any hour.

## Fifth Sunday Meeting.

To be held with the First Baptist church of Ballinger, Texas January 26 to 29, 1905.

## PROGRAM

### THURSDAY.

7:30 p.m. Sermon by Rev A M Lackey.

### FRIDAY.

9:30 a.m. Devotional Service. Rev. W. S. Maddox. Soul winning.

10:00 a.m. (1) The public preaching of the gospel in soul winning, Rev. B. S. Sullivan.

(2) Personal work in soul winning, Rev. J. A. Hicks, 1:45 p.m. Devotional service by Rev R Cook.

2:00 p.m. (3) The Sunday School in soul winning, Rev W J Hicks.

(4) The Holy Spirit in soul winning, Rev W I Newton.

7:15 p.m. Devotional Service, Rev Theo Estell.

7:30 p.m. Sermon by Rev W A Knight, followed by question box, queries to be on topic discussed.

### SATURDAY.

9:45 a.m. Devotional service, by Rev W Graham.

The Sunday School.

10:00 a.m. (1) Qualification and duties of the superintendent Rev R M Cumbie.

(2) Qualifications of the teachers, Rev S T Hazel.

1:45 p.m. Devotional services, Rev D W White.

2:00 p.m. (3) The pastors relation to the Sunday school, Rev D E Adams.

(4) The value of teachers' meeting, Rev W A Knight.

7:15 p.m. Devotional services, Rev J F Matthews.

7:30 p.m. How can we best maintain spirituality in our churches, Rev R M Cumbie. Services to close with an experience meeting.

### SUNDAY.

10:00 a.m. Sunday school mass meeting led by Rev B S Sullivan.

11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rev A R Watson.

All topics will be followed by general discussion. Everybody invited to attend these services. COMMITTEE.

Two cars fine furniture just arrived, don't fail to get our prices.

Lankford & Hathaway  
Ballinger Texas.

Charlie Kenney is ready to serve you with his Carriage at any time day or night Polite attention. See him at The Rock Stable.

Try trading a month with Ellis Groc. Co They will convince you that they are the cheap estplace in town.

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

Cut Glass—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

## Don't Forget

To go to JNO. G. KEY'S Meat Market when you want a nice tender Steak, Barbecue or anything, in the meat line.

Jno. G. Key,  
BALLINGER, TEX.  
New Wooden Building.

## New, Elegant Line of

# Fine Embroideries

See our 10c counter. Values up to 25c, your choice 10c per yard. Toile du Nord Gingham, best on earth, only 10c. All the remainder of the L. Markowitz & Co. stock at cost and less. Special values in men's and ladies' knit Underwear, men's wool over Shirts, Sweaters, etc.

## BALLINGER DRY GOODS COMPANY

Robt. McGregor, Manager.

Quality First.

Ballinger, Texas.

comments upon others who have means for greater display?

Were you to place before a fever patient the food which would inflame the disease you would feel like a criminal. Just as criminal in the conversation, or demand, which drives a business man into speculation and mad schemes for acquiring money.

The attention of the whole world is focussed upon America today because of the money mania which has seized upon our men. Many foreigners who visit us lay the blame of this condition upon women.

Before they deny the accusation it might be well for each one to ask herself how guiltless she may be.

Only the most selfish or mercenary woman would say to her husband or father: "You must make money for me one way or another. No matter what risks

speculator, and only smiling admiration for the schemer who escapes prison to lead society, is most assuredly guilty of feeding the money fever.

There are men who love the strife and excitement of the business world for itself, love the fray of the street and mart as men of old loved the battlefield, aside from any principle for which they fought. I believe it is for the gratification of the love of power that most men have money mania today but even when the ambitious woman has been no part of his impetus it should be the loving woman's part to help lead man away from these false ideas of happiness and teach him that actual happiness lies in quieter ways. The only method by which she can so lead him is to indicate her own preference for those quieter ways.

The influence of woman in

## A Traveling Man's Experience.

Mr. Albert Eldrege, representing the Edgar Printing Co., Paris Ill. says: "I used Harts Honey and Horehound during the winter of 1901 and 1902 for a bad cold and la grippe. I found it an excellent medicine, which effected a cure a short time." Our readers are invited to call on the druggist named below and secure a large sample bottles. Sold by E. D. Walker.

## The Brown Hotel.

Is now newly fitted up and modern in every respect. We solicit local and transient custom, by the day, week and month. Nice new comfortable rooms, and table furnished with all the market affords. Remember The Brown Hotel.

Mrs. F. A. Mater,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Trade Lankford & Hathaway your old furniture for new.

## 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 half 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

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## 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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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.**

## W. L. TOWER,

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Office at Court House

Solicit your business

## Public Health.

The people of Ballinger and Runnels county will please keep a close watch in their own house for any suspicious case of illness and should anyone become suddenly sick report same to the city and health authorities so the necessary steps can be taken to isolate the sick until a correct diagnosis may be made of said case, or cases, and all persons are requested not to visit the sick rooms of anyone out of their own homes until they obtain permission from the attending physician, who will be careful to examine all cases called on by him and as near as possible make a correct diagnosis before giving his consent for anyone to enter the rooms of the sick. In this way a great deal can be done to prevent the contagion and spread of any pestilential disease. Now I hope all will lend a helping hand to advance this noble cause that our county at large may be benefitted by a healthy, thrifty, happy and prosperous people.

THOS. A. RAPE.

City physician,  
Ballinger, Texas.

**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.

Senator Cockrell, at the end of thirty years service is leaving the senate with not only a record for statesmanship but also one of unblemished honor. This is a striking contrast with Mr. Neidringhaus whom the penitentiary seems to desire more than the United States Senate.

## Saved Him.

"It did not kill me but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieve and one box cured me. "I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind."  
Clifton Lawrence,  
Helena, O.T.

Gov. Pennypacker's real objection to newspapers in general seems to be that all the cartoons positively flatter him—in looks. If they were as ugly as he is they would certainly stop the press.

## A Registered Druggist Speaks.

Mr. Homer Alvey registered pharmacist and manager of the West Side Drug Store, Lincoln Ill., in speaking of a medicine advertised in our columns says, "I have sold Hart's Honey and Horchound for two years and regard it as a medicine of exceptional merit for the cure of Croup, Coughs and Colds and La Grippe." For childrens Hart's Honey and Horchound is undoubtedly the safest and best as it contains no opium or other narcotics and is pleasant to take. 25c 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by E. D. Walker.

Ten per cent of the Republican Senators are charged with grafting and they are unable so far to exonerate themselves.

## 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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Try a Bottle of

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For Sale By

**THE CROWN SALOON,**

HARRY SCOTT, MANAGER

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Not just "any old kind of goods" but

**Pure Fresh Groceries and Feed Stuff of all kinds**

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## Are you going to Build

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

**J. R. McVAY, Manager**

**BALLINGER TEXAS**

## 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.

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Place your Insurance with my agency and you will be protected from loss during this year

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## 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.

## WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge

### THE GUARANTEED WORM REMEDY

THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.  
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.  
THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY  
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Fine saddles, fine harness at  
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### Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says 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.

### 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.

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

### 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 pleasant remedy for coughs and colds I have ever used." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

### Miles Messenger.

S. W. Meineke and S. M. Farmer were business visitors to Ballinger Thursday.

S. O. Padgett a prosperous farmer of the Tennyson community returned on Thursday's train from a business trip to Coryell county.

### 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.

J. A. Grimes who recently sold his land near Mavrick came in Tuesday from a prospective trip in Bell, McLennan and other counties. He did not find anything that suited him but has decided to go in the hardware business at Belton with his brother.

### 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. Cullman, 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.

The Y. M. C. A. gave one of their series of Entertainments at the Opera House last night. Given by Hendrickson & Rosani in the shape of juggling and Sleight-of-Hand Performance which was well attended and was said by every one present to be the best Entertainment of its kind ever given here—Texarkana, Ark. Daily Courier.

### 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 once 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.

### Tresspass Notice--Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.

C. A. DOOSE.

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

T. D. Shider has his paper changed this week from Miles to Ballinger.

F. A. Mater is just completing a 16x30 dining room and a 14x20 L to his Brown hotel property.

Miss Bessie Wilkie went up San Angelo Saturday of last week to visit friends for a few days.

Judge T. T. Crosson came in Monday from an extended business trip to his old home in Eastern Texas.

Luther Bird, of Jewett, Leon county, has been here several days prospecting and visiting old friends in our county.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Duncan are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy baby at their house which arrived Friday of last week.

Among others who went up to San Angelo last Saturday we noticed Arthur Doose, Temple Hoffer, Oscar Miller and Abb Gay

Mr and Mrs W. S. Rodgers left Monday for their new home at Hondo, Texas. They carry the best wishes of many friends in Ballinger for their success in their new home.

Hendrickson & Rosani are delightful entertainers, their Tricks are all skilfully performed and they completely mystify their audience and put them in the best of spirits by their clever work.—Naugatuck, Conn. Daily News.

### 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.

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

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Original and Only Genuine.  
SAFE, Always reliable. Ladies, ask for it for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in KEIP and Gold sealable boxes, with the ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies" in letter by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, PHILA., PA.  
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All the Latest Sheet Music, at HALF PRICE. We handle all publications and fill all orders promptly. The famous McKinley Edition of "GODS" Pianos and Organs. Write for Catalogue. ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

## 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. . . . .

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## 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

Ballinger Sun 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 10cts, 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 laundry soap 25 cents, 10 pound bucket soda 55 cents, three 2 pound cans blackberries for 25 cents

**THE FAIR,**  
W. A. Gustavus, Proprietor  
In J. H. Miller building, phone 128

**Watches**—at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Fewer gallons, wears longer; Devoe.

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

Judge C. O. Harris was in Winters Tuesday on legal business.

W. L. Golden, of Truitt, was doing business in Ballinger first of the week.

Joe Vancil of Winters was among the visitors to Ballinger first of this week.

H. A. Snively of Winters was looking after business matters in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Landrum, of Lampasas, mother of Sid Landrum, is visiting in our city this week.

L. T. White of Comanche, is in our section prospecting and if he can find a suitable house will locate.

Miss Doyne, Bell Odom who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. H. Luckett, of Toyah, the past six months came in Friday.

A. T. Deere and W. O. Potts of the Pumphrey county, encouraged us this week each with a years subscription to the Banner-Leader.

Geo Reeder, the genial Miles dry goods man was down Monday to meet a shoe drummer and make a purchase of his spring and summer line.

There has been more cotton brought into Ballinger this week than has been altogether in the past six weeks. So much is being held that it not only cramps the man who holds it but the small merchant whom they owe. While it looks hard to take 5 1/2 cents when 8 and 10 has been the prevailing price heretofore, yet it seems that the conditions are such as to force this step. We are not a prophet, neither do we pretend to fathom the cotton situation, yet we believe it would be better for all concerned to unload at least part of the holdings.

Only three more days remain in which you can procure a voting certificate in the shape of your poll tax receipt. Don't think because it is an off year that you will not be called on to vote. There may be several elections during the year, in which you will want to participate and will feel badly about it if you allow yourself to be disfranchised.

The old wooden building in front of the Citizens National Bank, which is being removed this week to make room for the new Chastain building, is one of the old land marks of the city.

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

Godwin Grocery Co.  
Ballinger, Texas,

Opera house Saturday night Feb 11th.

Sam Jones the druggist was on the sick list this week.

All work at the Home Steam Laundry is guaranteed.

Coal! Coal! Coal! that will heat not dirt and trash. Phone No. 2

Dry oak wood aways on hand at my yard phone us your order.

Wood! Wood! Wood! we have wood to burn! phone us your order.

C. P. Shepherd made a business trip to Goldthwaite first of the week.

T. A. Knight gave the editor \$2.00 with instructions to keep her coming

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

John Grimes of the Maverick Country came Saturday from a trip to Eastern Texas.

Freight of all descriptions delivered on short notice.

Hayden Routh.

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. J. Y. Pearce was the recipient of a fine Chickering piano this week given by her husband.

Let Hayden Routh do your hauling, he will give you prompt service and handle your stuff with care.

A good start in the dissection mean success, but be sure you start in the direction of The Godwin Grocery Co.

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

Jas. E. Brewer.

Palmer M. Cady, son of Postmaster H. A. Cady come in on Monday's train. He will help his father with the work in the postoffice.

Don't let your wife split the stove wood but phone no. 2 and have a nice dry split load brought up from Hayden Routh's wood yard.

The Ballinger W. O. W. are to have a big banquet the second Friday night in Feb. Considering the membership of the lodge 140, it will be swell affair.

Hendrickson & Rosani, Magicians, Jugglers and Shadowgraphists, exhibited some very clever tricks which pleased the large audience—Trenton N. J. Gazette.

The Floral Club meet's with Mrs. Tom Ward next Wednesday February 1st at 4:30 p.m. Every lady who is interested is earnestly and urgently requested to be present.

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.

Hendrickson & Rosani are delightful entertainers, and completely mystified their audience with magic and Jugglery, and kept them in the best of spirits by their clever work.—Shelbyville Ky. Dispatch and News.

Frank D. Nall and bride, of St Louis, were the guests for a few days this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce. Mr. Nall is connected with the Missouri Trust Co. of St. Louis, and is spending his honeymoon in Texas.

### The Lyceum Course.

Ex-Governor Bob Taylor and Hendrickson & Rosani are the remaining attractions of the course secured by the manager of the Ballinger opera house, and they are billed to appear at an early date. These are high class attractions and needs no lengthy write up, especially Bob Taylor. To hear him it will be very necessary for you to get your tickets early. Orders are coming from the country now for tickets and every seat will be sold before the time for his appearance arrives. The price for Bob Taylor will be \$1 for admittance and the first come the first served. The price for Hendrickson & Rosani will be 50 cents for general admission and 75 cents for reserve seat. Season tickets will be placed on sale next week for the two attractions for \$1.50. Hendrickson & Rosani will appear at the Ballinger opera house Saturday night Feb. 11th.

### Letter to W. A. Norman.

Dear Sir: If you paint two houses alike with two different paints, and one takes twice as much paint as the other, you know which paint to buy after that—so far as go far goes—don't you?

One of these paints is Devoe; the other is any average paint. The worst are worse than that; the better are not much better; no other paint than Devoe is anywhere near Devoe in go far. Devoe is go further; the res. are go short, go middling and go three-quarters.

Your truly.

FW Devoe & Co.

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

A large crowd greeted Hendrickson & Rosani in their entertaining Feats of Magic, Shadowgraphy and Juggling last Thursday night at the Auditorium. In their especial line of Entertainments there are none better than these two Artists their methods of amusements were clean and appealed to both old and young.—High Point. N. C. Enterprise.

C. C. F. Blanchard reports the sale of the lot on Hutchings Avenue, belonging to A. Matthews next to the Perce hotel property for \$600, also two lots on 8th street opposite Smith & Bateman Lumber Co. office to Joe Hardin for \$700, and one lot opposite the court house next to the old wool warehouse for \$300

J. D. Norwood left Thursday afternoon for Waco in response to a telegram stating that his brother, Hal, had died there at 5:20 Thursday morning. It will be remembered that Hal visited his brother J. D. last summer and is well known here. We extend condolence to the bereaved family in their sad hours of grief.

Miss Ethel and Genevieve Truly came in from their respective schools and visited home folks and friends Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Miss Earl Gressett, of West End who was quite sick the first of the week we are glad to report much better at this writing.

Come in and see us at Gustavus old stand.

Hixson Bros.

If you want something good try those new Mexican Apples at miller mercantile co.

**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 bargains

640 acres—1/2 mile front on Concho river, 200 bearing pecan trees. All under fence. Will sell all or 1/2 of same on good terms, Plenty of wood.

15 acres—At Winters, 5 room house, 2 wells, barn and smoke house. 10 acres in cultivation.

250 acres—Two miles from Winters, 120 acres in cultivation Two residences, one of three rooms and one with two rooms, barns, sheds, smoke house and two good wells.

500 acres—Frons on Colorado river; 200 acres in cultivation, all under good wire fence. Five room house well finished. Three room box house, good lots and barns. Three wells good water. Windmill and tank. Abundance of wood.

46 acres—5 room house, well, good barn, sheas, cow pens and horse lots.

219 1/2 acres—85 acres in cultivation. Will sell for \$1,500 if sold at once.

51 acres—In South Ballinger in cultivation. Will sell cheap.

4 acres—In Routh's Addition 4-room house well finished, barn chicken house, etc. Cistern and well. Good terms.

187 2/4—Six miles west of Wingate; deep black hog wallow land. About 100 acres in cultivation. New residence, fine well of water and orchard.

413 acres—Fine river valley 2 mile front on Colorado. 85 to 90 acres in cultivation. All under fence. Three room house, small barn. A bargain at \$15 per acre. Terms reasonable.

Newly finished and furnished hotel in best town in West Texas.

For further information concerning any of above property call on or write us.

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