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The White Store. R. A. Risser & Co. Xmas Presents---Useful As well As Ornamental.

How many ladies are worrying as to what presents they shall give Xmas. They all know what to give their lady friends but are at a loss when it comes to the presents for the Gentleman. We offer the following, partly as timely hints partly as examples of what you can get at our store.

The collar of an overcoat soils the collar. Our fine silk MUFFLERS will prevent that. Black and white \$1.50.

The little things of dress make a man's appearance neat. Come and look at our ties and see if they won't improve any man's looks. Just received four-in-hands 3 1-2 inches wide in the richest and most favorable designs. The latest Ascots in Blacks, Whites and Dresden novelty effects.

Puffs for those who cannot tie an ascot. These are in Whites, Blacks and novelty effects.

We have a swell line of suspenders in Xmas Boxes. They are nice enough to satisfy any man.

When a man goes home after a wet disagreeable day what is more comfortable than to put on a nice pair of slippers. We have tans and blacks, kid lined, finished with patent leather, soft and wide, durable and comfortable.

THE GIFTS FOR THE LADIES ARE ALSO HERE.

Everyone will be appreciated, and will make the heart grow fonder. If you don't believe it take one home to your wife or to some one else who might be your wife if you use judgement. Judge these ideas maybe they will help you.

Ladies furs in browns and blacks \$3.00 value for \$1.50. A new shipment received.

Ladies fur collarets \$4.50 and \$4.00 values for \$2.25 and \$2.00. Ladies Elizabeth laee collars long and short tabs. The latest and swellest. They make the plainest dress look elaborate.

Ladies turn over collars, many new designs. The very thing to wear with our swell line of Velvet ribbons.

Ladies fur-top slippers soft and warm, pretty and comfortable, cheap and durable.

Our fine white wool blankets are made of the best wool, finished with silk binding and are wide and long. They will last a life time and are sold at a bargain.

Ladies fine Linen handkerchiefs embroidered in the most beautiful designs. The quality is of the best and the work the finest and the price lower than you can buy the linen.

= = R. A. RISSER & CO. = =

Jr. League Officers.

Elected at the 1st business meeting in Dec.

Sam Rather, President.
Robbie Truly, 1st Vice Pres.
Otto Whittaker 2nd Vice Pres.
May Butler, 3rd Vice Pres.
Edna Green, 4th Vice Pres.
Lelia Collins, Secretary.
Ruby Camel, Asst. Secretary.
Fern Hoffer, Treasurer.

We are glad to report the Junior League in a growing condition having up to date 42 on roll. Will be glad to have other boys and girls join in with us.
Ethel Moore, Supt.

Now is the turkey season and we are going to handle more turkeys than any body else in town so bring in your turkeys and get the highest market price.
J. B. Avis & Bro.

Shakespeare Has Said:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood leads on to fortune." As a general statement this is true and every man has opportunity knock at his door once in life. Accept the opportunity and open an account with us at once.
The Citizens National Bank.

C. S. MILLER,
President.

R. A. SMITH,
Vice-President.

E. D. WALKER,
Cashier.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Paid up Capital \$60,000.00.

Transact a general banking business,
Buy Vendor Lien Notes,

Loan money on Real Estate,

Performs all business pertaining to a Trust Company.

We bid you to open an account with us.

Authorized to do business under the new banking law of the State of Texas.

A Correction.

The report has become current that I would be a candidate for sheriff next year, and while I have been solicited by quite a number of the citizens of the county to do so, I am not now nor will I be a candidate for said office. I appreciate the many past favors of my fellowcitizens and solicit a continuance of their friendship and good will and if it is the wish of the people, I will at the proper time, ask for the office of Public Cotton Weigher again.

Very Truly,
Frank Stuart.

Jr. League Program.

Leader—Leila Collins.
Subject—Mission work during the holidays.
Prayer.
Song.
Rec.—Agnes Talley.
Rec.—Verda Farris.
Song.
Reading—Melva Walker.
Why we are leaguers?—May Butler.
Song.
Roll Call.
Benediction.

For Sale or Trade.

Will trade for leghorn chickens a pair of Belgian Hares that I desire to sell or will trade for leghorn chickens.

J. A. Thomas.

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

Found.

On the Ballinger and San Angelo road two pieces of furniture. Owner can get same by applying to Rev. W. J. Moore and paying for this notice.

The clever, sociable and reliable M. C. Cobb, representing the Wapples-Platter Grocery Co. of Fort Worth, was interviewing our merchants first of the week. Mose is a sterling business man and his firm is fortunate in securing his services.

An alarm of fire was turned in about 9 o'clock Monday night. The fire was in the servants house on J. F. Currie's premises. The room was nearly destroyed before the fire was put out. Fortunately no other building near was damaged.

Died.

Mr. Speigle, the man who was sick in a tent on the river died Sunday the 10th at at 3:30 o'clock p. m. The remains were prepared for burial by C. R. Crews, the undertaker of Crews, Furniture Co., and the body taken overland to Abilene Sunday night for interment. He leaves a wife and one child, who desire to extend sincere thanks to the kind people of Ballinger for the many favors shown them during the illness of their husband and father.

Your Christmas Gift

You should visit Stubbs & Hartman's Store before you buy your presents for the children.

TOYS Our line of Toys are the most extensive and most varied in the city.

FIRE WORKS We have Fire Works of all descriptions for the small boy.

Stubbs & Hartmen.

Call Central Children



And phone me at Walker Drug Co., and tell me what you want for Christmas. My stock of Dolls and Toys is more complete than it has ever been before. I want you to meet me too in person Christmas as I will spend a few hours during the Holidays with the Walker Drug Co. The older ones too ought to be interested as we have the very nicest line of Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Bibles and Testaments, and our prices are right. We will give 5 per cent of our Holiday sales to the Cemetery fund of Ballinger.

Yours to please,

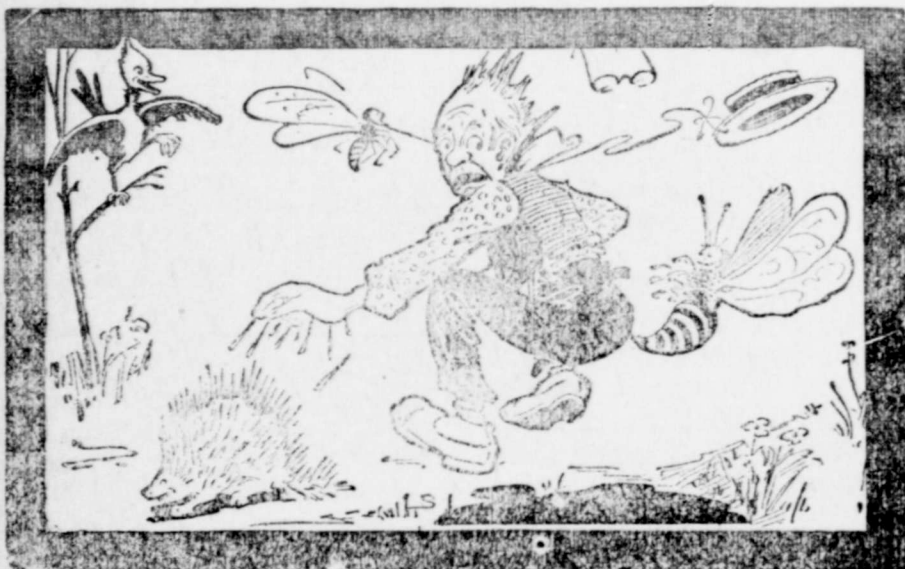
WALKER DRUG CO.

A Piece Of Furniture

Would make a good Xmas present gift for mother, wife, sister, sweetheart or friend. It is something staple and will last. Go to Ostertag's Furniture store and let them show you through their big line of Furniture and make your selection.

Ostertag Furniture Co.

SEE
CLEM LUMBER CO.
FOR
Immediate Relief.



Ballinger, - - - - Texas.

Miss Estes, sister of J. A. Estes of our City, passed through here Tuesday en route from Paint Rock to Belton, her old home where she will visit friends for a few weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Howe, nee Miss Doyne Bell Odom, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Odom, of Maverick the past two weeks and relatives in Ballinger, left for her home at Toyah, Texas, Thursday.

John Norman, of Paint Rock, has been at Talpa this week invoicing the stock of Goods of C. A. Ritchie, which stock will be moved to Paint Rock. Mr. Ritchie has purchased a farm in Concho County and will try tickling the soil for a livelihood.

Rev. W. J. Moore will not go to Bronte next Sunday as announced but will fill his appointments at First Baptist church at usual hours morning and evening. Subject Sunday morning, "The church and the Business Man." Hope to have many of our business men present.

For Sale.

25 Choice Lots in Fairview Addition until Jan., 1st I will sell same for \$40. and \$50. Also several Blocks containing one to five acres 100, lots south of R.R. at reasonable prices. Improved residence property any part of town. Call on me, will show you. D. Reeder.

Commercial Club Meeting.

A mass meeting was called and held Tuesday in the Citizens National Bank to discuss the water question for the City of Ballinger. The Mayor, one councilman and quite a number of the business men of the city were present. Three points were discussed to-wit: some seem to think that the river was the most available source, others suggested to raise the dam on Elm Creek would empound sufficient water, while others suggested that private Capital would put a dam on Los Royers, which would give a sufficient supply of water and that the City could put in the machinery, mains, etc to put the water into the City. After a short talk by Councilman Maddox as to the probable cost of putting in a system, etc it was agreed by all present to vote the \$14,000.00 city bond issue and hold the money subject to a thorough examination and investigation as to the best and most possible way to give the city plenty water.

It was decided to engage an experienced and expert engineer to come and thoroughly investigate the possibilities of a good system of pure water in abundance, and then some definite action will be taken.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger and surrounding country the past three weeks, left Tuesday for their home at Goldtry, Okla.

Mrs. Frank Miles passed through Ballinger on the 11:45 train Thursday en route from Garden City to Santa Anna to be with her daughter, Mrs. Vernor Grady, who is reported quite sick. She was met at the train here by her daughter Mrs. J. D. Norwood.

FRA DIAVALO.

Beggar Prince Company Makes a Hit.

Friday's Daily.

Manager Kleine was all smiles last night at the conclusion of the performance of Fra Diavolo. The large audience was more than pleased and showed their appreciation with rounds of applause and frequent encores. Many patrons shook hands with Manger Kleine and complimented him on securing such an excellent company. The guarantee made the company, although the largest ever attempted here, was more than raised and both the company and house managers were well pleased with the result. Several remarks heard about expresses the general opinion of the entire audience. "Wasn't it fine? Good as they make 'em." "They deliver the goods, all right," and similar remarks were frequent. A pretty acknowledgment was shown at the close of the opera by a party of young folks, who literally showered the stage with fresh cut roses.

Every member of the company is an artist far above the usual opera singer. The comedians were great, the soloist fine, and ensembles grand. Manager Kleine at the conclusion of the opera, renewed the contract with Mr. Wade for a return date, December 4, when the company will present "The Beggar Prince," one of the best. Mr. Wade personally will appear in his pet comedy role, the "Prince." ("Gonzales Texas Globe Nov. 25, 1905)

The above excellent organization will present Fra Diavolo on Tuesday night and "The Beggar Prince" on Wednesday night Dec. 26-27 in Ballinger, Brownwood on Dec. 25, and San Angelo on Dec. 28-29-30, will be the only West Texas towns that secure this treat.

Annual Meeting of the Official Board of the C. P. Church.

Cailin W. Yates, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, entertained his official board at the Royalty Hotel Tuesday evening. The board consists of T. S. Lankford, S. P. Hathaway, John W. Clampitt, R. L. Shaffer and A. W. Sledge, Elders; and J. B. Wilmeth, D. M. Baker, C. A. Doose, Deacons. After being served to an elegant supper the board met in annual session at the regular monthly time of meeting. The work of the past year was carefully gone over, and the present status of the church carefully considered.

The financial year closed with December 31st. It was ascertained that when the subscriptions due this month are paid in, the finances of the church will be practically squared up. It is the aim that everything shall be squared up with the close of the year, so that the new year can be begun unencumbered with matters belonging to the old year. The congregation contributed this year for the benevolences of the church \$150, and \$135 towards building a dormitory for boys at Trinity University, total \$335. Plans were discussed and projected for the coming year, with a general conviction that we can and ought to do better work this coming year than we have done this closing year, and to this end the members and friends of the church are appealed to for increased loyalty and faithfulness

in the services and enterprises of the church, and especially in making the local church more effective for good in this community. The present officers and teachers in the Sunday school were reappointed for 1906. The board appreciated the fact that the Sunday school has done well in many respects, but that we can and must increase its attendance and effectiveness, and the same with reference to the mid-week and preaching services. All told the outlook is encouraging and with united effort much more can be accomplished. Each one at his place and doing his work will bring about the desired results.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

The Christmas chimes are pealing, softly pealing; the joyous sounds are ringing, ever louder and clearer, ever nearer and nearer, like a sweet-toned benediction falling on the ear. Glad ringers are pulling the ropes, and in one grand swell of melody Christmas, with its old yet ever new and marvellous mysteries, bursts triumphantly upon the world once more.

The cattle have turned their heads to the east and knelt down to worship the king cradled in the manger; the houses are decked with holly; the yule-log burns brightly; the gray shadows sweep away; the sun is up and the bright-eyed children, who have lain awake all night listening for the patter of old Saint Nick's tiny steeds on the roof, only to fall asleep at the eventful moment, wake hurriedly to find the stockings running over with sweets and sweetmeats.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snow-flakes at Christmas-tide. And beautiful is the year in its coming and its going—most beautiful and blessed because it is always the year of OUR LORD.—Washington Irving.

Lost.

A patent ketch pocketbook containing \$30.00 and a tool chest key. Finder leave same at Banner-Leader office.

Mrs. Azilee Stubbs Dead.

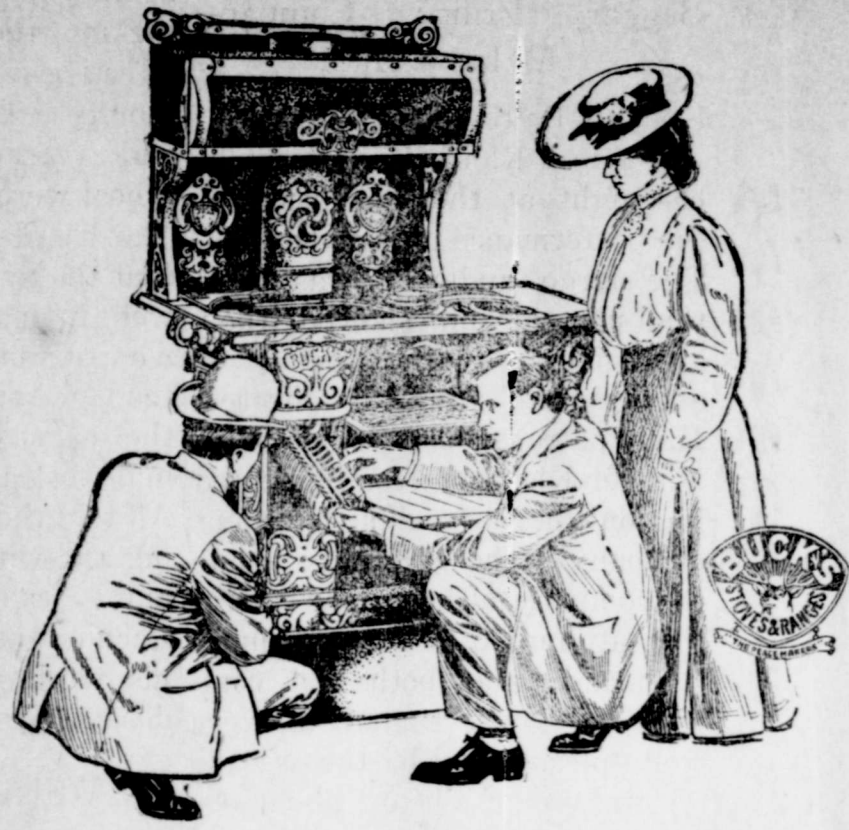
Mrs. Stubbs, wife of W. B. Stubbs died at their residence Tuesday about 3:00 o'clock p. m. from a case of typhoid fever, at the age of 25 years, 4 months and 25 days. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. W. J. Moore, of the First Baptist Church, and the remains laid tenderly to rest in the Ballinger cemetery at 4 o'clock Wednesday evening.

She was a kind, devoted wife and mother and a true type of the Christian woman-hood, and is no doubt now at rest in the arms of her dear savior, where there is no sickness, sorrow nor death.

A host of friends join the Banner-Leader in sincere sympathy and condolence to the bereaved husband and other relatives left to mourn her death.

N. S. Edens, the phrenologist, went up to Talpa Thursday and will give a series of lectures in that town this week. He is instructive and entertaining.

A wreck occurred eight miles from Lometa on the Santa Fe Wednesday morning throwing 14 freight cars into the ditch. Fortunately no one was injured and the damage to cars was in the neighborhood of \$1000.00 The obstruction delayed the passenger train several hours.



Buck's Ranges Have Duplex Grates.

Why Not Give Your Mother a Buck's Range for Christmas.

Its a gift the whole family can enjoy and one that will please mother because it saves at least an hour's work a day in the kitchen.

Buy your Gift Gobds here now.

Standard and Jno. Implements, Disc Plows, Disc Harrows, Plows, Cultivators, Planters, Racine Buggies and Baskets, Schutler and Studebaker, Wagons, Shelf Hardware, Cisterns, Tanks, Troughs, Pipe work our Specialty.

Hall Hardware Co.

Horse Meat Not Bad.

Speaking of the possibility of using horsemeat because of the high price of beef, the editor of the Milwaukee Wisconsin says: "The horse is the cleanest of all animals, and therefore his meat is not unhealthful. We have had some experience in horse beef and know what it is. In 1870 we were shut up for two months in the siege of Paris, and horse beef was served up by not a few of the restaurants under the title of 'fillet de mouton.' It is a palatable diet, but, inasmuch as there is no fat in the beef, it is not very nourishing."

Why Vienna Retires Early.

In Vienna every man's home is his dungeon from 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. the common entrance door of each block is closed and bolted. Thereafter persons passing in or out must pay a fine of 2d to the concierge until midnight, and 4d from that hour to 6 a. m. To go out to post a letter costs 2d, and the same amount to return. To prolong a visit to a friend after 10 p. m. means 2d to get out of his house and 2d more to tender your own. A natural result of this irritating tax is that of all capital cities Vienna is earliest to bed.

New-Found Relics of Early Man.

Some remarkably fine flint and stone implements belonging to the so-called Paleolithic age have been discovered on the estates of the Marquis of Allesbury, near Savernake Forest, in England. They were buried in a deposit of gravel, and some of them are as highly polished as if they had been submitted to the action of blown sand. In form they are similar to the famous paleolithic implements from the valley of the Somme in France.—Youth's Companion.

Farm Implement Trade of Dallas.

The city of Dallas, Texas, is said to be the largest depot of farm implement supplies in the world. Every big wholesale house in the United States which engages in the business of manufacturing tools for the farmer has its branch at Dallas. There are twenty-five nine-story buildings devoted to this trade. Dallas lies in the very heart of the choicest farming region of Texas. It is the trading point of the great black land belt of the northern and central counties, which contain two-thirds of the people and three-fourths of the wealth of the state.

Franchising by 'Phone.

Successful experiments were made with the electrophone at Tunbridge Wells recently. Ten transmitters were placed in St. James' church and connected with the corporation telephone system. People at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Cheimsford, Weybridge and London being enabled to hear the sermon preached. More than 100 local subscribers heard the church service distinctly. The authorities hope to connect all the places of worship in the town with the central telephone exchange.

"Have you observed said the merchant to the customer, "the handsome advertisement I have just painted on the fence?" "No", replied the customer, "but if you will send the fence to my house I will try and read the announcement and maybe my family will at it. We read the papers but don't have time to run about reading fence signs." And the merchant scratched his head.—Killeen Herald.

The right kind of house paint saves money. Forty years practical paint experience proves that

Kinloch
READY TO MIX, NOT READY MIXED
HOUSE PAINT

is the "right kind."

Write Kinloch Paint Company, St. Louis, for free booklet on "What the Householder Ought to Know."

NOTICE—We have just received the nicest line of Eastman Kodak ever in Ballinger.

Walker Drug Co.

STRAYED or STOLEN.

One sorrel mare. 4 years old, about 15 hands high, two white hind feet, star in forehead, snip on nose, branded "S" on thigh and "S" on jaw. She had a short rope on her neck when she left. Strayed between Nov. 1st and 10th. \$5.00 reward for her recovery.

STUBBS & HARTMAN.

Pickles, Pickles, Pickles.

Pickles of all kinds and size packages. Call and get prices. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Notice.

This to notify the public that E. F. Jackson is in no way connected with our firm in the Real Estate business.

Justic & Cameron.

Try those nice, large fresh oysters at the City Meat Market Always on hand and always fresh.

Turner Moore, of the Walker Drug Co., with his characteristic push and get-up has the front of their building beautifully arranged all around the front with attractive Christmas signs, unique and pretty.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family and through it I lost my Mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a cough or cold I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mothers death was a sad loss for Mr. Ried, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at J. Y. Pearce drug store. Trial bottle free.

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Dr. W. A. Gustavus

Dentist.

Office up stairs over Walker's Drug Store.

All Work Guaranteed.

Live Oak Flour the best. Miller Mercantile Co.

Groceries allve grades at Mill Mercantile Co.

New Hardware Store

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New Rock Building.

See Us For

Wagons
Plows
buggies
Harness
Shelf Hardware

JONES & WALTON.

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

Attention People.

I have bought the lease on the Star Wagon Yard, and solicitate a portion of your business. I understand the business and promise you faithful and prompt service at all hours. South of the Ballinger Lumber Co. Prompt attention and careful keeping to boarding horses.

Hugh Donaghe.

Notice to City Tax Payers.

Your city tax for the year of 1905 is now due. If you want to help the City Council in its effort to improve the present water works system you will please call at once and settle your tax.

J. R. Lusk,
City Tax Col.

Clear thinking decisive action vim and mind the sparkle of life comes to all who uses Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

Our California caned goods have arrived, just come in and see our stock and you will be convinced how we sell so cheap.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also



convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What to Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail.

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

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

Hobby horses, tricycles, guns, pool boxes, drums for the boys at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

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Spain's Grand Old Man.

Senior Sagasta, so long Spain's prime minister and well entitled to be called her "grand old man," is now nearly 80 years old. He began his career as a newspaper reporter. At intervals since he went into politics he has resumed his original occupation as a newspaper correspondent, but his country has had too urgent need of his services to allow him to follow his favorite occupation for any great length of time. To him, quite as much as to the queen regent, belongs the credit of having preserved the Spanish throne from overthrow in troublous times.

Youthful Visitor of Distinction.

Philadelphia just now has a distinguished visitor in the person of a 13-year-old boy named Gilbert Holdsworth, who arrived from England on the Campania a few days ago. By reason of the fact that he is the treble soloist in the vested choir at Westminster Abbey, where the best music of its kind in the world is to be heard, he has been chosen to sing a solo at the coronation of King Edward VII., which honor carries with it the title of King's Chorister. Master Holdsworth is paying a brief visit to relatives in this city. During the trip across on the Campania he sang at the usual ship's concert in aid of disabled seamen and scored a great success.

Only the Legs of a Fowl Eatable.

When at a "smothered chicken" dinner in New York the other day a guest expressed a preference for legs, an epicure present told this story: "We were touring Europe and had stopped at Lepino, a short distance from Athens. The landlord of the small hotel served with every meal a large dish containing a sort of stew, the principal ingredient of which was turkey drumsticks. For days we thrived on drumsticks. They were good, but we began to wonder why he never gave us any other portion of the turkey. It was finally left to me to make inquiries, so I approached with some trepidation, not caring to seem officious, the head of the house. When I intimated that he might have saved the breasts, wings, etc., for some special occasion he looked at me and laughed. 'You like them?' he asked. 'It is all yours. In Greece we eat only the drumsticks.' He then showed me three or four of the fattest young turkeys, weighing from seven to nine pounds, from which only the legs had been removed. I captured them all and during the rest of our stay we lived high."

A Candidate's First Speech.

Beriah Wilkins, owner of the Washington Post, was formerly a representative in Congress from Ohio. He tells with great glee a story about his first campaign. When he was nominated he had never made a public speech. Soon after the convention a delegation came to him from a small town in his district and asked him to come out to a ratification meeting. Wilkins said he would, but cautioned the delegation against asking him to speak. They said that would be all right, as they had provided two professional spellbinders. All Wilkins would have to do, they said, would be to shake hands and kiss the babies. Wilkins went, was met by a brass band and escorted to the hall. Then, to his utter dismay, he found that the spellbinders had not arrived. The chairman insisted that Wilkins must say something. He stood up, was introduced and said everything he could think of. After he had been talking what seemed to him two hours, but in reality was not more than fifteen minutes, he gave out entirely and sat down. There was a dense silence; not a person in the hall applauded. Then the chairman arose and said: "If there is anybody in the hall that can make a speech, we will be glad to hear him."

A Fine Dinner Set.

Charlemagne Tower, the American minister to Russia, has had made for him at the celebrated porcelain manufactory of Whalis, Germany, one of the finest dinner sets ever turned out at that establishment. In the blue border is a small oval which shows the "crest" of the ambassador a tower, and underneath are his initials.

Didn't Look In Right Places.

A Japanese girl says in one of the eastern magazines: "I have no doubt that Chicago has no poet." If this young woman will stand at the entrance to some Chicago newspaper office she may count three and sixty several Chicago poets going in and passing out every hour.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Too Late.

The neatness of the New England housekeeper is a matter of common remark, and husbands in that part of the country are supposed to appreciate their advantages. A bit of dialogue reported by a New York paper shows, however, that there may be another side to the matter. "Marta, have you wiped the sink dry yet?" asked the farmer, as he made the final preparations for the night. "Yes, Josiah," she replied. "Why do you ask?" "Well, I did want a drink, but I guess I can get along till morning."—Youth's Companion.

Russell's Charming Personality.

"Several years ago, while passing the summer months at Northboro, on Lake Winnipiseogee, I became very well acquainted with Sol Smith Russell and found him one of the most companionable men I ever met. The world would be better if it had more such men. He was always in a happy mood and never seemed to enjoy himself unless he was doing something to make other people happy," said a Boston man to an Eastern interviewer recently. "Subsequently I met him in different parts of the country and always found him the same congenial spirit. He was one of those jolly souls who see the bright side of life and afford other people much amusement without any apparent effort. One afternoon, up at Lake Winnipiseogee, Mr. Russell and another man were caught in the bathhouse during a terrible thunderstorm. get up to the hotel but Mr. Russell and his friend. It was a fierce storm. The lightning was sharp, and rain fell in torrents. Mrs. Russell was much alarmed about her husband, and many of the people in the hotel were terrified by the storm. The bathhouse was a ramshackle affair and anything but a desirable place to be during such a downpour. As soon as the rain ceased Mr. Russell rushed to the hotel, thoroughly drenched. His clothes were soaked through, and he and his friend were shaking with the cold. But, instead of telling about the discomforts he had suffered, the distinguished actor gave us an imitation of how he had crawled up between two shingles to keep from getting wet. In five minutes all the frightened women were convulsed with laughter and had forgotten their fear."

Got an Unbiased Opinion.

Out in Idaho they have a story that when Roosevelt was traveling in that state years ago he saw in a store window a copy of his book, "The Winning of the West." He entered and after looking at the book said to the storekeeper: "Who is this Roosevelt?" "He's a rancher, somewhere, and I want to say, stranger, that in my opinion he better stick to his ranch and give up writing if he can't do better than that."

His Early Start as an Editor.

Shortly after the present James Gordon Bennett was born (in 1842) his father started the Sunday edition of the New York Herald, at the same time announcing "James Gordon Bennett, Jr.," as editor.

Japanese Women Hermits.

Japan has its communities of silent recluses. There is a convent at a place called Yunakawa, about seven miles from Hakodate. A matron of 50 presides, and her instructions are implicitly obeyed. The women are all young, ranging from 16 to 25, and some of them are described as beautiful. The building stands in a farm of some 250 acres, but the women do not engage in any agricultural work. They spend most of their time indoors, and they observe a strict rule of silence.

American in European Race.

Albert C. Bostwick has decided to compete in the Paris-Vienna motor vehicle race in July next. He will make the third American millionaire to enter this contest, which is to be held under the auspices of the national automobile associations of France, Germany and Austria. As his present machine, one of American construction, is above the weight limit fixed by the international rules and cannot, therefore, be used in this contest, Mr. Bostwick has placed an order with a foreign manufacturer for a new machine.

Xmas Suggestions.

There are a great many things in our store that will make useful Xmas presents, which we are offering at reduced prices.

Ladies Coats and Tailor made Suits at Reduced Prices.

Fine line of Ladies Embroidered Handkerchiefs 35c and 40c values. Special while they last only, each 25c

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We are pained to chronicle the serious sickness of Dr. J. A. Younger this week.

Tom McBride left first of the week for a visit of several months to his old home at San Marcos.

J. H. Hall, one of the prominent merchants of Winters, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Mrs. W. A. Humphrey came in first of the week from a visit of two months to her brother John Williams, of Iuka, Miss.

Ed Stone, of Glasscock county, father of our efficient and popular county Judge B. B. Stone was here several days this week.

Mrs. C. D. Creath, of Ballinger is visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Conerly. — San Angelo Press.

Miss Myrtle Moore, of Santa Anna, is in our city this week the guest of her uncle, Rev. W. J. Moore, of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. McBeth, of Miles were here Thursday. The doctor was attending the Medical Association and Mrs. McBeth visiting friends in our city.

A Boyish Looking Mayor.

Otis U. Walker, who though only 28 years old, was recently re-elected mayor of Alliance, O., is smooth shaven and looks not much unlike a school boy. Before entering politics he was city editor of the Alliance Leader, and served in the Eighth Ohio in Cuba during the late war.

Tuskegee Idea Not a New One.

Rev. Thomas Dixon has been looking over some piles of Southern newspapers dating back to 1865 and was astonished to find that Booker T. Washington's platform of negro education was advocated in speeches delivered by Confederate generals after their return from the civil war.

Killed Two Churches.

George McKinzie, a sewing machine manufacturer built two Presbyterian churches in Jersey City, giving them to congregations on the agreement that no musical instrument ever be heard within their walls. The prohibition was fatal to both churches. The congregation dwindled down and down, and the last of them has just been closed because of non-support. Both buildings will be sold and the money used in aid of other Presbyterian churches.

Not the Pope's Biographer.

Marion Crawford has not been appointed to write the official biography of the pope, as was announced, as the Vatican holds that his florid and melodramatic style would be unsuitable for the formal record of the life of the pontiff.

Pious Park Entertainments.

In the dramatic papers there is an advertisement signed by the Rev. S. Edward Young, chaplain of the Pastors' Church Alliance of Pittsburg, asking for singers and musicians for the summer for some of the Pittsburg parks. The intention is to give a series of sacred concerts under the management of the Rev. Mr. Young. This is another step of the church toward joining hands with the theatrical world in an effort to give the great public opportunity to attend worthy entertainments.

Unique Mount Vernon Memento.

Mrs. Manderson, of Omaha, is the possessor of an old plate, perhaps the only one of the kind in existence, which confirms the statement that there was an effort made to locate the national capital on George Washington's estate. In her letter to Mrs. Justine V. R. Townsend, regent of the Mount Vernon Association of the Union, Mrs. Manderson says: "I ask the acceptance of a small plate that came to me from an ancestor on the paternal side. Experts believe that it is unique and that all others like it were destroyed. It is of common blue ware, known at the time of its manufacture as semi-china. The face of the plate has a representation of a capitol building very similar to the first capitol erected at Washington, which was destroyed by the British during the war of 1812. On the back of the plate is the inscription: "Mount Vernon, the seat of government of the United States."

Paul Ford's Last Work.

The last writing by Paul Leicester Ford of which he saw the proofs is an article on the April number of the Biographer, of which he was the editor, on which he put the final touches just before his death. Mr. Ford's contribution is an article on "The Crisis," a rare pamphlet of the Revolutionary period, which as he shows has been improperly neglected by historians.

France Carrying a Heavy Load.

With a national debt of \$6,000,000,000 and a population practically at a standstill, with a costly standing army and an expensive navy, France is staggering under a heavy load. Perhaps her shoulders are strong enough and broad enough to bear it, but the crash may come some day despite French confidence in the stability and financial resources of the republic.—Baltimore Sun.

Chile Seeks Steamship Line.

Senor Salvador Cañero has presented to the Chilean government a project for a new fast line of steamers between the Pacific and Mediterranean ports, with headquarters at Valparaiso and a capital of a quarter of a million sterling in 20,000 shares, a subvention to be granted on condition that the steamers should be armed as cruisers in war time.

Soap in Brumminous Rock.

A mineral soap with medicinal properties is reported as having been found in brumminous rock in the Caucasus. It is of a dark color, of the consistency of an ointment, and soluble in ether. It has been found serviceable in some skin diseases.

Strengthening the Old Parthenon.

The work of strengthening the foundations and structure of the Parthenon has been making rapid progress. The King of the Hellenes frequently visits the temple and shows the keenest interest in what is being done.

First Cotton-Spinning Machine.

The first machine for the manufacture of cotton was invented in 1736. It was designed to card, rove and spin the raw cotton into thread.

Shardships Endured by Gorki.

Although Maxim Gorki has been known as a writer only eight years, more criticisms have been devoted to him than to any Russian author except Tolstoy. He is only thirty-three years of age, was born in Nijni Novgorod, lost his father and mother before he was nine years old, and set out to make his way in the world at a very early age. He wandered all over Russia, undergoing such privations and sufferings that on one occasion he tried to commit suicide. At last, after herding with rogues and vagabonds and tramps, both in Europe and in Asia, he discovered his vocation.

Professor and the Jew.

At one time the streets of Edinburgh used to be the favorite hunting ground of men who came up to passers-by and asked whether they had any "old clothes" to sell. "Christopher North," as John Wilson, professor of moral philosophy in the university, was called, took a very special dislike to these fellows. One day as he was going home from college a man came up to him and inquired of him in a low, confidential voice, "Any old clo', sir?" "No, my dear fellow," replied the professor in a similar whisper, "have you?"

An Improvised Abbreviation.

The telegraph operators in Washington who each day and night were compelled to send the name of Mrs. Bonine, accused of the mysterious hotel murder, an almost endless number of times, devised a way to shorten their work. The numeral 9 was used for the last syllable of Mrs. Bonine's name. The word as sent telegraphically appeared "Bo-9."

The People of Prussia.

Prussia, on December 1, 1900, according to the official census figures, had 34,472,509 inhabitants, of whom 16,971,425 were males and 17,501,084 females. The kingdom contained 21,817,577 Protestants, 12,113,670 Catholics (including Greek Orthodox), 139,127 members of other Christian sects and 392,322 Jews.

Dickens Had Pecuniary Worries.

Dropouts of popular authors who leave small estates, the London Truth says: "Dickens did not begin to save money until he was nearly forty, and throughout life he suffered acutely and incessantly from pecuniary worries and anxieties. He was never short of ready money after his great crisis of 1844, but he was never easy about the future until after his enormously profitable second American trip in the winter of 1867-68."

Crude Fancies in Asia Minor.

Perhaps Asia Minor is richer in crude and interesting fancies than any other country. When children hear a crow hooting from the cypress trees they cry: "Good news for us and messages for you." If they hear an owl they hold it up by the feet and chant, "Palm Sunday owl, your mother dance?" The life of the rite is lost, but the fancies remain.



TAKE THE HINT.

And take out that fire insurance policy now. Now that winter fires are started up there is more danger of loss than ever. You can't afford the risk yourself. Have your

Policies written up before Thanksgiving

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For best instructions in music,
See Miss Messenger, at Mrs.
Cunningham's residence at West
End.

John Ballou, of the Mazeland,
passed through from Mitchell
county Saturday en route home.
He had been moving a family
from his neighborhood to the
above county.

Wm. Ledford, the Talpa land
man, had business in our city
between trains last Saturday.

Miss Genevieve Truly, who
teaches at Rowena, spent Satur-
day and Sunday with home folks
this week.

A fine girl put in her appear-
ance at the home of Conda H.
Wylie and wife Sunday morning
Dec 10th.

Mrs. R. L. Bennett returned
home last Saturday from a visit
of two or three weeks to her
parents at Dallas.

Lon Mapes, our friend from
down the river, helped our cash
account with a couple of dollars
first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bowdon
left on the afternoon train Sat-
urday to spend a few days with
their daughter, Mrs. Haywood
Miller at Talpa.

Jim Selman tells us that his
father and mother and brother,
Virgil, arrived all right first of
the week at Rock Springs, where
they will spend the winter. The
men are having a nice time deer
hunting etc.

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A Sad Death.

On last Monday morning at
3:30 o'clock Mrs. Solon Hughes
was instantly killed at the Elect-
ric Light Plant by touching the
switch board thoroughly charged
with electricity. Death was al-
most instantaneous. She was at
the plant with her husband who
is night engineer and it is sup-
posed out of mere curiosity took
hold of the charged switch board.

It is sad at any time for the
young to die in their young,
bouyant life, but in this instance
it is doubly sad as she was a
bride of only about two weeks.
Viola Mater, as was her maiden
name up to Nov. 30th, was a
kind, loving, dutiful daughter,
the idyl of her parents, and a
favorite with all her acquaint-
ances, and her untimely demise
has cast a gloom over our entire
city.

She was married to Mr. Solon
Hughes on Nov. 30th 1905, and
only Friday night of last week
returned from their bridal tour
with bright prospects and happy
hopes for a long and pleasnat
life over life's eventful sea.

Words of condolence and
sympathy seem superflous and
a waste of words, as it is hard
for any one except the heart
broken parents, brother, and
sisters and the bereaved husband
to feel the full force of the loss.
We can but point them to God
"who doeth all things well" and
for our good whether we realize
it or not.

The remains were tenderly
laid to rest in the Ballinger
cemetery Tuesday afternoon,
amid a throng of sorrowing
relatives and friends.

Our entire people join in
sympathy and condolence to the
sad and bereaved ones left to
mourn her early demise.

F. Fricks, of Caldwell county,
who recently bought land in the
Wylie pasture came in last week
to make our county his future
home. He is a prosperous Ger-
man farmer and will, we predict
make us a valuable citizen.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written
Postal Cards remaining in the
Ballinger, Texas Post Office, un-
claimed for two weeks, at close
of business on Saturday Oct.
9, 1905, in calling for letters
please say advertised, giving
date of this list.

Avent Armost
Braddy Miss Nona
Dunnam Mr. Charley
Exeles Mr. Edward
McGrim W. C.
Harrison Mr. Med
Harrison Mr. Jes
Harrison Mr. Meddie
Hall Mr. S. E.
Harnandes Julian 3
Johnson R. S.
Moore Mr W. L.
Smith Herman
Thompson Mrs. Ruby.

There is a lot of fun in the
world if we keep our heart atten-
ed to joy. Did you ever note
how your very soul lighted and
buoyed by the mere mental turn-
ing of self to the gladsome side?
Teach your thoughts to run in a
channel bathed in the sunlight
of good cheer. Dwell upon the
flowers that grow besides the
road rather than the dust upon
the turnpike. Laughter and
good cheer lighten many a bur-
den and make the tedious way
a ramble in a woodland path.
Wake up to the delightfulness of
the bird's sweet melodies.
Sing as you travel on your way
and God's eternal morning will
dawn upon you when life's tem-
pestuous voyage will for you
have ended.--Merkel Mail.

John Tabor Sundayed with
home folks at Hortense last
Sunday.

Rich Gordon and family, of
the Territory, are on a visit this
week to relatives and friends in
this county. Mr. Gordon was at
one time with the City Barber
Shop here and we hope he may
see it to his interests to locate
with us again.

Tom Crosson & Co.

Land Agents.

We have listed with
us some of the finest
pieces of Farm and
Ranch lands in this
section.
We invite your in-
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and the Laves, and to the
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Tickets on sale December
21st, 22nd and 23rd, limited
to return thirty days from
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Tell "Old Santa" that you want a kodak for Christmas and he can find it at Walker Drug Co.

Aug Stephan had business at Miles between trains Tuesday.

The prices are made to fit every one, on Eastman Kodaks. Sold at Walker Drug Co.

You won't make a mistake if you get a keg or jug of that fine Ribbon Cane Syrup at Alvis Bros.

J. A. Street, one of the progressive and representative citizens of Wingate, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Daily San Angelo Standard.

A. S. Charleton, former agent of the Santa Fe at Ballinger, has assumed his duties as chief clerk to succeed C. E. Hydes here. His family will follow him sometime this week.

Additions were made Sunday to every Protestant church in the city, the result of the revival meeting at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. Geo. Stuart.

The grand jury of Midland county last week returned an indictment against Clay McGonigle on a charge of horse theft. The celebrated roper is now said to be on the high seas headed for some South American port.

Local option election held in three precincts of Tom Green county Saturday carried with little effort. In precinct No. 19 known as Mereta, or the Loomis gin district, the vote was 22 for and 5 against. Precinct No. 6, Mullin school house, was 16 for and 2 against, and in precinct No. 11, 17 for and 1 against.

Mrs. Hughes, wife of S. Hughes, night engineer at the electric light plant at Ballinger was killed at an early hour Monday morning while at the plant with her husband. The lady

caught hold of two switches, one in each hand, completing a circuit, and was instantly electrocuted. Over 1100 volts passed through her body.

The lady was a bride of ten days, having married on Thanksgiving Day. She was a daughter of F. E. Mater, well known in San Angelo. The death of Mrs. Hughes has cast a gloom over Ballinger.

John Eskridge is at home this week from Wingate where he has just finished a nice residence for Mr. Turner.

You could not give a nicer present Christmas than an Eastman Kodak. We have them. Walker Drug Co.

Capt. S. M. Wood, the Brownwood veteran fruit tree man, was making his fall deliveries in our city this week.

When we say a thing we mean it. Call and try some of the New Ribbon Cane Syrup, the best you ever used. Alvis Bros.

Rev. W. J. Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Santa Anna to visit his brother and look after business matters.

Thanksgiving is Over

But M. D. Chastain is still selling Grain and Groceries at the same old live and let live prices.

Groceries.

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and can furnish the best at the lowest prices.

Grain.

All kinds of feed stuff always on hand and at reasonable prices. Try us and be convinced.

M. D. CHASTAIN

BIG SHOE SALE

We will for a few days give some special prices on shoes, the very best shoes made. We quote a few prices below Note them.

SHOES.	SHOES.	SHOES.	BOOTS.
Ladies Dongola Kid patent tip lace, solid leader, heavy flexible sole, value 1.75.....1.48	Ladies Drew Selby & Co. Shoes, very best made, lace or blucher, kid or patent kid, value 3.00.....2.58	Mens Work shoes, buckle or Congress, value 1.50.....1.23	Our full calf, double leg, extra long round box toe riding heel, value 7.00.....5.98
Ladies Dongola kid patent tip lace, heavy or flexible single sole, value 2.25.....1.85	Ladies Drew Selby & Co. shoes, none better, patent kid Dongola kid, welt or turn soles; medium or Cuban heel, lace or blucher, value 3.50.....2.98	Mens Satin Calf, Congress or lace, single sole tip, value 1.75.....1.48	Our Morocco leg, square box toe, French calf, solid leather, value 6.50.....5.48
Ladies Dongola kid Drew Selby make, very best, value 2.50.....1.98	Misses and Childrens shoes, Dongola, light or heavy sole, values 75c to 1.25.	Mens very best gun mettel calf and vici kid, all solid, good style, price 2.50.....1.98	Water proof Kangaroo calf. round box riding heel, long leg solid, value 5.00.....3.98
Ladies Dongola kid, patent tip, lace and blucher, heavy or flexible sole, solid leather, value 1.75.....1.48	Misses and Childrens Shoes, Dongola kid, light and heavy sole, all solid, value 1.25 to 1.50.	The Eclip 3.50 are the best on earth. They excell all others for wear fit and style.	All our Kangaroo calf, wax calf boots, flat heel and wide, value 4.00.....3.48
Ladies Dongola kid patent tip, lace or blucher, welt or flexible sole, value 2.00.....1.85		Infants shoes, sizes from 2 to 8 in patent kid white top, patent kid tan top, and all kid from 65c to 1.35.	Kip mud Boots, peg sole, price 3.50.....2.48
Ladies Drew Selby & Co. shoes, very best kid, solid leather, lace or blucher, value 2.50.....1.98			

If not satisfied with your purchase return and get your money.

THE HUB.

See that fine Johnson grass at J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Geo. Vaughn, the roller mill man, had business at Miles Wednesday.

Miss Emma Stephan made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

Attorney C. P. Shepherd had business at Rowena between trains Wednesday.

I. N. Green had business at Coleman Wednesday and returned home Thursday.

R. W. Bruce, the wholesale grocery man, was interviewing Rowena merchants between trains Wednesday.

Mrs. Cordill, Miss Moody and little Callie, went up to Miles Wednesday to spend a few days with Mrs. W. A. Perry.

No use to send off for your Christmas or New Year's gifts as you can get just as nice and fine articles right here at home and in time the money will circulate back to you.

Jas. Kornegay, one of Miles' leading dry goods merchants had business in our city between trains Wednesday.

B. M. Pelton, former chief freight clerk of the Santa Fe at Temple, came in this week to succeed A. S. Charleton at this point.

L. G. Doby, who has been looking after business matters here the past two weeks left Thursday for his new home at Roscoe.

Tom T. Crosson, ex-district attorney of this district, is here today from Ballinger shaking hands with friends.--Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

A. S. Charleton, our former depot agent at this place was up from San Angelo first of the week preparing to move his family to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Zappe and Mr. and Mrs. F. Rodhen, of Hallettsville, were here this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zappe of our city.

Make your cash purchases during the Christmas and holidays with your home merchants and if in the spring you are a little short you can get help.

Mrs. W. E. Allen left on the afternoon train Wednesday for a visit to her parents at Granbury and to meet a sister who will visit her parents this week.

J. H. Brooks, of Whitewright, a relative of J. E. Ritch, of Pumphrey, came in Wednesday on a prospecting trip and went out to Pumphrey Thursday.

The Stocks of Christmas goods carried by our Ballinger merchants are large and complete and no need to go to any other place to get your Christmas presents.

Rev. W. H. Parks, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. J. Payne, a few days left Wednesday for his home at Morgan. We are glad to state that Mrs. Payne's health is much improved.

Bob Castlebery, who is now snugly domiciled in his new home on 8th Street, joins the throng of Banner-Leader readers this week. One by one they fall in line.

The meeting of the Texas State Teachers' Association at the Association of Superintendent and Principals is to be held at San Antonio on Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Programs for the meetings have been received here.--San Angelo Daily Standard.

If you expect others to respect you, then you must conduct your self in a way worthy of their respect. Everybody likes good behavior. You needn't be loud to make yourself conspicuous in company, that only makes you contemptible in the eyes of respectable people. Be modest, neat and polite, especially to those older than yourself, and you need not fear that you will be respected by all people who are worthy.--Cresson Courier

DO IT THIS YEAR!

That long promised trip to the old home. Had you thought of it again?

We have--and to enable you to make it

The I. & G. N.

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Tickets on Sale Dec. 21, 22 and 23. Good 30 days for return

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For Rates and Particulars, see I. & G. N. Ticket Agents or Write D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A. Palestine, Texas.

CRISTMAS IS NEAR

And Our Change Sale Continues

Many nice Presents, both for Christmas and New Year still
in Stock

Many Bargains Yet in Big Change Sale.

This Sale Will Run From Nov. 3rd, 1905 to Jan. 1st, 1906.

Now is the time to secure your fall supplies at a Great Sacrifice. At prices heretofore unknown
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==== Come and Bring This Paper With You. ====

SHOES.

Hamilton Brown Line.

We have on hand \$8,500.00 in Shoes
alone. All must go.

Gents' "America"

Former Price \$1.75, now \$1.25.

Success School Shoes,

Former Price \$2.00, now \$1.55

Security School Shoes.

Former Price \$2.50, now \$1.95 until lot is exhausted.

Gents, "Good as Gold" Shoes

Former Price 2.50, now 1.95.

The "American Gentleman" Shoes.

In black vici and box calf. Former price \$4, now \$3.

Big stock of Work Shoes. All go at cost.

Ladies Pine Knot Shoes

Former Price 1.50, now 1.25.

"Hamilton"

Former Price 1.75, now 1.30.

"Picknick"

Former Price 2.50, now 1.90.

We carry a large line of Staple Shoes. These prices
are only given as an example.

HATS.

Black and White.

Lots of them but all must sell

Big Bear

Former Price 2.50, now 1.90.

Our Lion Special

Former Price 3.50, now 2.50.

Liberty Bell

In Gents' and Boys', Former Price 1.50, now 1.20.

Don't Fail to Avail Yourself of this Opportunity

For they will go

At Actual Cost!

As the Stock

Must go by January 1st.

So as to arrange for such changes as will
take place January 1st, 1906.

We will meet any prices in the Grocery Line.

This is no fake. The goods must go, and will
go. No goods charged to anyone. Come in
and look through. The stock is full and com-
plete in every particular.

CHANGE

Sale Prices are the Cheapest.

FOR INSTANCE

WE SELL: Domestics, brown, worth 7 1-2c. for 5c
U. S. Standard Sheeting, small lot for 7c
Sagamore LL Sheeting for - - - 6 3-4c
Cotton Checks - - - 3 1-2 to 5c
Brown and bleached - - - 9 1-2c

Bed Sheeting for less than
wholesale cost today.

Bleached Domestic, a large stock to go at actual
sacrifice

Warm Clad Cotton Flannel, former price 10c now 8 1-3c
Our stock of Wool and Cotton blankets is complete.
All going at a sacrifice.

CLOTHING.

Just to give you a few pointers on the Reduction in
Clothing, here are a few sample prices:

\$19.00 Suits for - - - \$13.50

15.00 Suits for - - - 10.00

10.00 Suits for - - - 7.50

Space is too limited to go over all the prices in our
\$12,000.00 stock. Suffice it to say the prices are cut
all the way through in proportion to these.

Currie Noyes Co.

Go to THE CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., Ballinger, Tex as for certified Abstracts of Title. We guarantee all our work to be accurate, neat and up-to-date. We also have many improved places for sale at bargains and unimproved lands in any size tract on small cash payment and long time. Call and see us.

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Are you going to visit The Old Homestead During The Holidays?

Special Low Rates, Fast Trains, Elegant Equipment

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To

Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Nashville, Chattanooga, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Atchison, St. Joseph. In addition we will sell to many other points in the Old States, East of the Mississippi River.

One trip will convince you of our

SUPERIOR SERVICE

JOHN F. LEHANE,
Gen. F. and P. Ag't
Tyler, Texas.

Write the undersigned if you expect to return home for the Holidays; a postal card will do. We will be glad to answer all inquiries.

R. C. FYFE,
Asst. G. F. & P. Ag't
Tyler, Texas.

D. M. MORGAN,
Traveling Pass. Ag't
Fort Worth, Texas.

GUS HOOVER,
Traveling Pass. Ag't
Waco, Texas.

Notice to Patrons.

All parties owing the firm of Grant and Allred are kindly requested to meet them at Winters Friday Dec. 15th prepared to settle, as all unpaid amounts unless satisfactory arrangement is made by that time, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

Respectfully,
Grant and Allred.

Notice.

Any cattle you may see or hear of with the ring trail brand please leave word at Banner-Leader office and oblige
Josie McKenzie.

Deeds, releases, contracts, abstracts and etc., prepared by W. L. Towner with promptness and dispatch. Try him. His office is with Justice and Cameron on 8th Street.

McGinnis Transfer.

Does a general transfer and baggage business. Carriage to answer all calls day or night. If the train is late he will call for you just in time to catch it. Leave your orders or Phone 110 and take a nap before the 12:05. M. W. McGinnis, Prop.

This is No Joke.

Hunt's cure has saved more people from the "Old Scratch" than any other known agent simply because it makes scratching entirely unnecessary. One application relieves any form of itching skin disease that ever afflicted mankind. One box guaranteed to cure any one case.

Beautifying methods that injure the skin and health are dangerous. Be beautiful with out discomfort by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Sunshiny faces follow its use. 35cents.

L u m b e r

We can supply you with all kinds of lumber. Let us figure on your next bill. White pine, yellow pine, sash doors, blinds, mouldings, shingles, lime, brick and cement.

Humphrey Lumber Company.

Opposite Court House. Ballinger, Texas.

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JOE HARDIN

Phone 33. TRANSFER LINE.

For the Moving of Mercantile Freights, Household Goods, Pianos, Organs, etc.

HANDLE and DELIVERS COAL TO ALL PARTS CITY.

I give my personal and best attention to all business entrusted to me and guarantee satisfaction.

District Attorney.

We understand that our present District Attorney Jim Baker will not be a candidate for reelection and the people of the 35th Judicial District will have to choose another man. Mr. Baker has made a good District Attorney, though a young man when he assumed the duties of the office, yet he applied himself with such vigor, earnestness and hard study, that his term was a decided success.

Judge C. O. Harris has just returned from Brady and Brownwood and he says he heard a number of men mention T. T. Crosson as being the man they would like to see fill this important office. Judge Crosson's experience as a criminal lawyer eminently fits him for this office and the Banner-Leader unsolicited nominates Mr. Crosson for this office, believing that he will be the choice of the people of the district and that his peculiar fitness for the duties of this office makes him the logical candidate.

W. O. W. Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Woodmen lodge of Ballinger Friday night of last week, the following officers were elected: J. T. Bullock, Council Commander; Ed Day, Advisory Lieutenant; Walter Knight, Banker; G. W. Newman, Clerk; S. A. Whitesides, Escort; Geo. Hull, Sentry; R. S. Griggs, Business Manager.

A Busy Day.

Last Sunday Rev. J. A. Hicks of this place married two couples in the forenoon, preached at 11 a. m., ate wedding dinner, delivered two lectures in the afternoon, married another couple, then traveled 24 miles and preached again at night. To say the least of it, the above must have been a pretty good day's work.--Miles Messenger.

Best in Existence.

"I sincerely believe all things considered, Hunt's Lightning Oil is the most useful and valuable household remedy in existence. For Cuts Burns, Sprains and Insect Bites, it has no equal, so far as my experience goes." G. E. Huntington. Eufala, Ala.

F. M. CRANFORD,
Contractor and Builder,
Ballinger, Texas.

E. S. McCarver, teacher in the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger last Saturday.

Get a bucket of that pure hog lard at the City Meat Market and you will never buy any other kind.

The City Meat Market has this week some of the nicest, juiciest meat ever handled in Ballinger.

If you don't believe New Century flour is the best in town just try a sack and be convinced. sold by J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Judge Jno. I. Guion went to Fort Worth and Dallas on the afternoon train Saturday to look after business matters.

The school girls of San Francisco have taken kindly to the barehead habit, so it is said. The school and health authorities encourage it. Dr. Ragen, health officer says: "By going without hats the girls are less liable to catarrhal troubles, sore throat, coryza and the other numerous ailments the child is exposed to. I am strongly in favor of sending the girls to school without hats. Let the hair be strengthened by the air and sunlight."

Holley Ranch.

We have just finished subdividing the Holley ranch on the head waters of Elm creek near Truitt into tracts of 90 acres and upwards, which we are selling on terms of one-half cash, the remainder of the purchase money due on or before 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 years.

Do not miss this opportunity of getting a home.

For particulars call on us at our office.

C. A. Doose & Co.

John Martinec, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

H. R. Clem is in our city this week visiting his brother H. A. Clem, of the Clem Lumber Co.

Attorney S. C. Autry, of Hallettsville, was in our city this week prospecting for a location and was well pleased with our section.

Bob Corum, of Brownwood, visited home folks here first of the week. We are glad to know Bob is doing well in the laundry business in Brownwood.

Miss Willie Westbrook is at home this week from an extended visit to Cherokee, San Saba county, where she visited friends and took a course in vocal music.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea is simply liquid electricity. It goes to every part of your body, bringing new blood, strength and vigor. It makes you well and keeps you well. 35cents.

Rev. W. H. Parks and Mrs. H. L. Whisennant, of Morgan, Texas, father and sister of Mrs. T. J. Payne, of our city, came in on the train last Saturday night to spend a while with Mrs. Payne who is quite ill.

Gus Patison, who had been a valuable typo in the Banner-Leader office the past few months left Saturday to join his father and family at Santa Anna where they will make their future home. Gus is a nice, quiet efficient boy and we wish and predict success for him in the future.

L. H. Thomas bought this week the residence and 5 acres of land in Reeder Addition from E. W. Long for a consideration of \$900.00. Mr. Thomas will soon add more room to the house and occupy same after Jany. 1st 1906. Mr. Long and family will likely move to Nolan county.

From C. M. Shuffler.

Plainview 12-4-1905 Banner-Leader.

Ballinger, Texas.

Bro. Shepherd,--

You see from my post mark that I am in the "Great West." Truly this is the greatest country I ever saw.

We have had a most cordial reception. We were well pleased the night we got here, and it is still going on. It is somewhat like Ballinger's hospitality.

This is a fine western town with the finest prospects for development I know of. Tents are now stretched on the line of the contemplated new R. R. from here to Canyon. It will be in here by June. Then you may look out for the city of the plains.

We have very good property here in the way of church and parsonage. Our congregations are fine and very appreciative.

I am very sorry to miss my annual hunting trip to your country this year but it is too far for me.

Well I have appreciated the paper you sent me the last two years. It has been like a letter from home.

Give my old friends my regards.

Hope brother Williams will have another prosperous year.

Yours,
C. M. Shuffler.

Press Shider went with cattle to Fort Worth Monday.

Bob Dees came down Sunday and will make Ballinger his home for awhile.

Rev. J. S. Moore occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday night and delivered an able sermon.

The new Fancher residence on 8th Street is nearing completion, and will be one of the prettiest houses in Ballinger, when completed.

Missouri Milling Co.

Building on a solid foundation is the reason why our flour sales have grown so rapidly. You must have the right kind of flour if you wish to gain the good graces of the consumer. With much pride and pleasure we watch our sale grow rapidly as the days come and go. The newest process known in the manufacture of flour to make it pure and wholesome and to give to it the required baking qualities used in the manufacture of our products. If your grocer can't supply you phone the mill.

G. M. VAUGHN, Prest.

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Original and Only Genuine. SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist 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 "Relief for Ladies" in letter, by return mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, PHILA., PA. Mention this paper.

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Prof. N. S. Edens, a graduate of the American Institute of Phrenology of N. Y., is arranging a thorough course in Phrenology to be taught by mail.

The course will consist of fifty-two lessons or one a week for an entire year. When you have completed this course you can read the character of men as readily as you read a book.

Your character and talents read from your photograph. Your money refunded if not entirely satisfied. Send ten cents for sample lesson and further particulars.

Address N. S. Edens, Box 502, Ballinger, Texas.

See your Druggist about 3363.

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Office with Justice & Cameron. Solicits your business. Examines Land Titles, Furnishes Abstracts, Solicits your Probate Business.

GOOD BARBER WORK

Is what you want and what we propose to give you. Experienced Workmen, Clean Towels, Keen Razors and Courteous Treatment.

BEN ALLEN.

In Crown Saloon Building.

W. H. DAVIS' December Specials.

Our buyer has just returned from the Eastern Markets where he attended the Big five clearing sale and purchased a great many bargains in up-to-date merchandise. Below we mention a few of the many Bargains

Ladies Coat Suits for less than they cost. \$12.00 Suits for \$8.98. \$10.00 Suits for \$7.98. Come quick if you want one.

Ladies and Children's coats and cloaks must go, price 98c to \$10.98. Ladies all wool Sweaters at one half value, price \$1.25 to \$3.50. Just received 5 dozen Petticoats at a special price 50c to \$2.00.

DRESS GOODS.

10 pieces fancy all wool Dress Goods worth 35c and 50c now 25c. 10 pieces Silk 75c yd now 60c. 11 pieces fine waisting value 35c to 50c they go at 19c to 39c. 3 pieces Silk Eolienne value 75 for only 50c. 7 pieces Broadcloth, colors Black, Red, Green and Tan the \$1.25

kind one price \$1.00. 5 pieces all wool Broadcloth colors Black, Red, Gray, Green and Blue at 75c. Special 10 dozen Ladies fast black Hose good value at 10c now 7 1-2. Ladies wool Hose 35c to 50c now 25 to 40c. Good Calico and Cotton Plads at 4c. 30 dozen Ladies 35c Vests now 25c. 20 pieces 7 1-2c Outing now 5c. Just received by Express for the Xmas trade, Ladies Hand Bags, Purses, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Collars, Combs and Pillow Tops. Just received large stock of the Artloom Tapesties "Registered" call and see them just the thing for a Xmas gift. Just received new stock of Clothing. Boots, Shoes, Eagle Brand Shirts, John B. Stetson Hats and hundreds of other new things.

We sell only first-class goods, and for cash only, call and get our prices before you buy.

Respectfully,

W. H. DAVIS.

Next Door to Katy Hotel----One price to all.

Don't Do It.

Should you have a cough cold or sore chest, do not rely on time and nature to cure. They may not. Use Simons' Cough Syrup. It is balm for Sore lungs and will cure you at once.

Notice.

After the 1st of January 1901 I will be in Ballinger and be prepared to treat all chronic cases. Cancers a specialty. I guarantee all cases.

R. H. Womack,
Wingate, Texas.

Window glass all sizes at Crews Furniture Co.

Get you a nice dining table at the Crews Furniture Co.

You should see the fine line of Eastman Kodaks at Walker Drug Co.

A nice line of new rockers, and many other substantial articles suitable for Christmas presents at Crews Furniture Co'

LOST—One Jersey Heifer yearling branded cross on jaw and white in flanks and on legs. Reward for return to

D. P. Moser,
Ballinger, Texas.

Trespass Notice.

My place on the Colorado river 4 miles from Ballinger, known as the John Woods place, is posted and you are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, gather pecans or otherwise trespass on the same.

J. Ford Ivy.

Prescription 3363 cures colds, grippe, cools fever, and is a pain reliever.

Mrs. Wash Masterson, nee Miss Beatrice Thomson, of Galveston, is in our city this week visiting her father H. A. Thomson and family and other relatives and friends.

The fine rains first of the week were needed and will make the small grain crop hump itself and especially with the nice sunshiny weather that followed it.

The City Council and citizens generally are right after a larger and better water system and purer water and you can bet on getting all of these before another summer.

Grandma Nash, who has been here with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Nash for several months, left first of the week for Austin where she will visit her daughter at that place for a few months.

John Z. White, the great Single Tax advocate, will lecture in our city today. He is an exponent of the noted and gifted Henry George. He is a fluent talker and you will miss a treat if you fail to hear him.

H. A. Clem, the lumber man went East on the 11:45 train Thursday morning to rush up some lumber shipments. The demand for lumber is such in our city that the trains can scarcely haul it in as fast as it is sold.

An engine and box cars were over turned near Somerville on the main line of the Santa Fe Wednesday night in which the fireman, Craigon by name, lost his life. The rest of the crew escaped injury. This was the second wreck on the road this week.

"I Thank The Lord!"

cried Hannah Plant, of Little Rock, Ark., "for the relief I got from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured my fearful running sores, which nothing else would heal, and from which I had suffered for five years." It is a marvelous healer for cuts, burns and wounds. Guaranteed at J. Y. Pearce drug store; 25c.

For Sale.

Good 7 room house in West End for sale at a bargain. Good cistern, water works and all needed improvements. Apply at Banner-Leader or T. S. Lankford.

A Disastrous Calamity.

It is a disastrous calamity, when you lose your health, because indigestion and constipation have sapped it away. Prompt relief can be had in Dr. King's New Life Pills. They build up your digestive organs, and cure headache, dizziness, colic, constipation, etc. Guaranteed at J. Y. Pearce drug store; 25c.

Melon Growers to Meet.

J. B. Wilmeth received a telegram Friday from S. M. Fulton, asking him to call a meeting of the Melon Growers Monday Dec. 18th at 2 p. m.

The message further stated that Mr. Leeds would be here on this occasion to make an address. All parties interested in Melon Growing are requested to meet at the Opera House at 2, p. m. Dec. 18th.

Man's Unreasonableness

is often as great as woman's. But Thos. S. Austin, Mgr. of the "Republican," of Leavenworth Ind., was not unreasonable, when he refused to allow the doctor to operate on his wife, for female trouble. "Instead," he says, "we concluded to try Electric Bitters. My wife was then so sick, she could hardly leave her bed, and five physicians had failed to relieve her. After taking Electric Bitters, she was perfectly cured, and can now perform her household duties." Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce Druggist, price 50c.

The East bound train No 70 Due here at 11:45 a. m. now stays here 30 minutes and takes dinner, this will leave a good many stray half dollars in Ballinger by the train crew and traveling public.

STRAIN TOO GREAT.

Scores of Ballinger Readers Find Daily Toil a Burden.

The hustle and worry of business men, the hard work and stooping of workmen, the woman's household cares, are too great a strain on the kidneys, Backache, headache, sideache, kidney troubles, urinary troubles follow.

W. S. McDermitt, barber, San Angelo, Texas, says: "At several different times during the last four years my back has given me considerable trouble. It seemed that every time I caught a cold it settled in my back causing a dull pain or soreness, which bothered me when stooping or standing in a strained position as barbers have to do and this constantly aggravated the trouble.

I was advised by a friend to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I procured a box. After using it my trouble disappeared, and I have had no return of the same. Doan's Kidney Pills deserve to be recommended and everybody in need of such a remedy should use them.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name Doan's and take no other.

A. H. Glasscock and family, who came to our city about two weeks ago, are now snugly domiciled in their new home on 9th Street.

Sensitive Wall Street.

Just how sensitive Wall Street is was manifested on a recent morning when it became known that Russell Sage was unable to come down town. This is so unusual that an uneasy feeling at once manifested itself and could not be quieted until it was certainly known that the octogenarian millionaire was merely suffering from a slight cold. Mr. Sage has only absented himself thus on one or two occasions since Norcross tried to blow him to pieces with a dynamite bomb.

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

--For Farmers--

Did it ever occur to you how important it was, when you had something to pay, that you did not have the exact change, nor did the party to whom you were making the payment? Place your money with us and we will make the change and keep your accounts straight.

First National Bank.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.



The Greatest Eye Glass in the World.
For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Bring your new crop of pecans to M. D. Chastain, the grocery man, he pays top prices at all times.

CATARRH



ELY'S CREAM BALM

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

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

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.

Strayed or Stolen.

Brown Mare, 9yrs. old, 14 1-2 hands high, no brand, long body, ewe neck, fair condition. Undersigned will give \$5.00 for information leading to recovery or \$25.00 for thief in any jail.
C. C. Foster or R. P. Kirk, Sheriff, Ballinger, Texas.

New Crusher Installed.

The Ballinger Light and Power Co. have installed a new milo maize crusher at the Ice Factory and will either buy the milo maize or crush for the farmer. We will pay the highest market price.
Ballinger Light & Ice Co.

Say, Neighbor

When you decide to buy your wife a Xmas present, why not buy something she really needs—she has been cooking on that old broken stove for 10 years—make her happy by getting a new cook stove.

Our line of heaters is complete and prices are guaranteed to be reasonable.

FURNITURE—Your wife has told you often that she wanted a certain piece of furniture. Lankford & Hathaway have it and will sell it at a reasonable figure. Don't buy trash but something that will last and fill a need in the household.

Lankford & Hathaway

J. Y. Pearce's Mammoth Drug Store.

TOYLAND at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

Phone 67 for all kinds of feed for your self or stock.

All kinds of pictures from 15c to \$25.00 such as medallions sketches in crayon and oils. Call and look at them.

That fine PICARDS' HAND PAINTED CHINA at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store direct from the studio of the finest artist in the U. S. It comes high but there are people who want the best that can be produced.

Williams-Weaver.

On last Thursday night at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Cabe, Mr. Sam Williams and Miss Effie Weaver were quietly married in the presence of a few relatives and friends, Rev. Cabe officiating.

Sam Williams is a son of our worthy Ex-Surveyor and is a young man of exemplary habits, honest and upright in all his dealings and is admired by a host of friend for his many noble trait of character and Miss Weaver is one of Runnel's fair and lovely daughters a fit help-mate for the noble young groom.

The Banner-Leader offers congratulations and a sincere wish for a long, happy and prosperous life for the young couple.

Change in Scheldue.

The schedule on the Santa Fe was changed and went into effect Friday as follows: West bound passinger, No 77, 12:01 p. m., No. 75, 12:31 a. m. East bound passinger, No. 76 arrives at 11:55 a. m. departs 12:25 p. m. giving 30 minuter for dinner at this point. No. 78 east bound 3:57 p. m.

Lot For Sale.

Lot 100 by 130 feet near public School Buildings, price \$200. One half cash, balance one year at 10 per cent. For further particulars call at the Banner-Leader office.

Jim DeMoville came in from Fort Worth Thursday and will spend the holidays with home folks.

W. E. Hill and wife, of Pumphrey left Friday afternoon for Goldthwaite to spend Christmas with Mr. Hill's parents.

There has been weighed up to date in Ballinger at the two cotton yards 18,411 bales of cotton. Prices ranged during the week from 11 to 11 3-4 up to Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Wash Masterson came in from Galveston last Sunday to spend the Xmas holidays with her parents H. A. Thomson and wife. Mr. Masterson accompanied his wife up and returned Monday.

Smith & Shinn have their tin pin alley in full operation this week.

Not at cost but for grain and groceries at a living margin at—M D. Chastain.

Will Francis, representing his firm, Rasbury & Bruce, had business in Talpa first of the week.

J. J. Jones, the lumber man, formerly of Crockett, Texas, left Friday for his old home to bring back his family to make Ballinger their future home.

If all the people who think they understand how to run a newspaper were engaged in the business there wouldn't be enough outside subscribers to bring the editor a load of crooked wood on subscription.—Athens Banner.

Roy Reeder came in Thursday night from Austin to spend the holidays with his parents, D. Reeder and wife of this city. This is Roy's second year at the St. Edward's College and he has made fine progress there as a student.

Mrs. H. H. Halley, nee Miss Dela Younger, while in the city this week orders the Banner-Leader to her address at Moody. The Ballinger young ladies that marry and leave for other points invariably have the Banner-Leader to follow them, knowing they will always get the entire Runnels county news.

The plans for remodeling the Citizens National Bank were shown us this week. The cost of remodeling this building for Bank purposes will approximate \$5000.00, and when finished, it will be a model of convenience to the employes and customers. You will hardly recognize the building when the contractors get through with it.

The 12 year old son of M. Gus Johnson was quite seriously hurt Thursday evening on his way home from school. In going Judge Powell's office a horse hitched to the post become frightened and jerked the porch down on the little fellow. He was at once taken to Dr. Fowler's office and the wounds dress and at last accounts was resting very well.

An Opportunity

We want to impress upon
the farmers of Runnels County,

The true value of the Products of Cotton Seed.
And will exchange one ton of Cotton Seed Hulls and five Sacks of Cotton Seed Meal for one ton of Cotton seed. This gives you 2500 pounds of feed for 2000 pounds, besides you get a better and cleaner feed, and will increase the Quality and Quantity of your milk and butter. Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls are the best and cheapest feed in the world. To the first 100 farmers that make this exchange with us, we will make them a present of One-Half gallon of high grade Cooking Oil for cooking. Give Cotton Seed Product a fair trial. Bring a jug for the oil.

THE BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.

Ask at the Mill for the little book, telling how to feed Cotton Seed Meal to Hogs, and some of the home uses of Cotton Seed Oil.

DON'T LOSE MONEY

Figure with Smith & Bateman before you buy your Lumber bill.

Brick, Lime, Cement in fact all kinds of Building Material at bed rock prices

SHERWIN - WILLIAMS PAINTS are the Best. We have it in all colors

CICERO SMITH.

Nice Home For Sale.

Located in most desirable part of town. For particulars call at this office.

Buy your meats from the City Meat Market one time and you will be sure to go back again

We buy all kinds of county products. J. B. Alvis & Bro

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Trimmier & Grimes

Real Estate and Collections.

NOTARY PUBLIC
PHONE NO. 242.

Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown of Merkel, Texas, were in our city this week as guests of Dr. T. A. Rape and family.

A small Payment down and a small payment each week will get a fine suit of furniture from Lankford & Hathaway.

Leslie Baker came in from Austin Thursday night to be with his mother a few days during her illness.

We are sorry to note Mrs. J. T. Payne in quite delicate health this week.

If you want the best Ribbon Cane Syrup every brought to Ballinger see Alvis Bros.

W. T. Swink

Has just received a \$700.00 shipment of fresh Christmas candies, confections, nuts, etc. Fire works of all kinds always on hand. See him at old stand opposite postoffice. He will appreciate your trade.

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Do your Blacksmithing and Woodwork- We paint vehicles of all kinds at reasonable prices.

T. J. Middlebrook & Son.

CHRISTMAS

WILL SOON BE HERE

But we are here already with the best assorted and highest grade stock of Jewelry and Holiday Goods that we have ever had. Our watch stock is very large and contains the best well known makes in the most beautiful patterns. Diamonds--lots of them, pure white and sparkling. Cut Glass exquisite patterns, finely cut and beautiful to look upon. Rings, lots of them, both plain and set, high grade solid gold. Fine Silk Umbrellas, Ladies Hand Bags, Silverware, Brooches and the smaller pieces of Jewelry in almost endless variety, also a nice line of beautiful Hand Painted China. In fact we have something suitable for everybody and the price will please you. Come let us show you.

JAS. E. BREWER,

First National Bank Building. - - Ballinger, Texas.

Runnels County Medical Association.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Runnels County Medical Association met at the Opera House in Ballinger Thursday, Dec. 14th and after the reading of papers and discussion on various subjects, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Dr. C. A. McBeth, of Miles, President and Dr. E. R. Walker, of Ballinger, Secretary.

The time of meeting was changed from quarterly to bi-monthly, and Ballinger was selected as the place of the next meeting.

After the usual routine work was over the body adjourned to meet at the Katy Hotel at 9 o'clock p. m., at which time the physicians and wives, and lady friends of the single gentlemen,

and the druggist of the city were served an elegant repast, with the compliments of the popular and progressive drug firm, The Walker Drug Company. A merry, jovial crowd they were, and after an hour of social converse and banqueting the meeting adjourned with hearty hand shakes and words of praise for Mrs. Reed and the clever manager, Turner Moore, of the Walker Drug Co., whose guests they were for the evening. The following was the menu:

Oyster Stew,
Turkey and Oyster Dressing,
Cranbury Sauce,
Celery and Tomatoes,
Salad
Chesse and wafers,
Fruit
Rum Omlett,
Coffee and Cake.

The following visitors, local

physicians, and druggists were present:

Miles--Dr. Chas. H. Hamblin, Miss Anna Davis, Dr. Nibling and wife, Dr. C. A. McBeth and wife, Dr. Jules H. Herndon and wife. Ballinger--Dr. W. B. Halley, Miss Mildred Erwin, Dr. T. A. Rape and wife, Dr. T. E. Butler and wife, Miss Nell Butler, Dr. A. S. Love and wife, J. Y. Pierce and wife, Dr. E. R. Walker, C. C. Cockrell, of Banner-Leader, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Moore, A. R. Wrba, A. S. Brice, R. E. Saddler, J. A. Wray, of the Ledger, Will Gregg, Miss Minnie Guion Francis, and Dr. H. D. Ratliff, Coleman.

The awakening of the people is an excellent thing provided of course they do not roll over and go to sleep again.

Twenty years hence, says an exchange the boys of to day will be men. They will be the doctors and drunkards, lawyers and liars, editors and idiots ministers and murderers, liberals and conservatives, and so on down the line. It is impossible to tell in what class each boy will be. But it is not impossible for a boy to be subject to subject to such influence that will keep him in the right direction. Follow the boys as time rolls on and in twenty years some of them will be in parliament while some may be in jail. Every boy is training for a certain class and it is the duty of parents to know which. --Hamilton Rustler.

Nice line of toys and christmas goods suitable for presents Chairs at Lankford & Hathaway.

Coal! Coal!

I have 10 cars of Coal on the road that I look for every day. Will keep a full supply all winter. See me. J. W. Shepherd.

Call and see our Christmas goods--Lankford & Hathaway. Nothing better than the White Cook Stove. Lankford & Hathaway.

See Lankford and Hathaway for fine robes and whips.

A railroad is no stronger than the human brain, which is at once of its source of power and its weakest point.

R. L. Woodward, one of the prosperous farmers of the Concho country was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Holiday Sale

Our Annual Sale of Xmas Presents has begun, come and see some of the best bargains you ever saw. We also have a big line of up-to-date Ladies Cloaks, Jackets, Skirts, Underwear and Fascinators

- - AT REDUCED BARGAIN PRICES - -

We can also save you money on Men and Boys' Suits, Pants, Gloves, etc. Everything at a bargain until after, Holidays.

W. J. HARVEY

Racket Department Store.

C. P. Shepherd had business at Talpa between trains Thursday.

W. S. Davis, the Miles banker, had business in our city Thursday of this week.

Dr. Hamblin, of Miles, attended the Runnels County Medical meeting here Thursday.

C. H. Whittaker, one of the Miles merchants, was here between trains Thursday.

J. E. Simpson bought this week the interest of Bob Smith in the Smith & Simpson Wood Yard.

W. O. Potts and A. T. Deere, two of the representative citizens of the Pumphrey country was in our city a short while Friday.

W. B. Stubbs, of the firm of Stubbs & Hartman, visited relatives and friends at Comanche this week.

S. C. Cobb, now with Shepherd & Cobb went up to Coleman Thursday to wind up some unfinished business at that place.

Walter Kent moved his family to Glen Cove this week where Mr. Kent will engage in business as soon as he can arrange his affairs.

G. M. Vaughn, the enterprising business manager of the Missouri Milling Co., was in Talpa Thursday talking up the merits of the products of their mill.

D. Reeder sold this week Mrs. Reed's place on 6th Street to A. S. Charleton for \$1500.00 and sold to Mrs. Reed for R. B. Creasy 3 lots on Hutchings Ave. for \$500.

Miss Alma Crews returned home last Sunday night from a visit of seven months to relatives at Berkley, Fresno and Los Angeles, Cal. She reports a very pleasant stay.

Cotton Seed Hulls have more nutritive value than common hay which costs 50 per cent more, is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and is healthful and appetizing.

Dr. Harpham, the Brownwood specialist, passed through enroute home Thursday from Winters and other sections of our county where he had been the past three weeks.

Lee Normon left on the afternoon train Wednesday for Ennis, Texas, where on the 19th of this month he will wed Miss Lizzie Adams. Lee is one of Ballinger's promising and highly esteemed young business men, up right and honorable in every particular and Miss Adams having visited here has many warm friends in our section who join the Banner-Leader in congratulations in advance of the happy event.

J. R. Gafford, of Proctor, who has been doing some building for Dr. Johnston, left for his home Thursday. He was so well pleased with our city and her hospitable people will likely move here in the near future to make his home.

Cotton Seed Meal is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of Corn, and more than four times that of Wheat Bran, while its costs is less than one and a half times that of either, and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

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has, for we continue to grow. Our complete equipment and abundant resources enables us to render our patrons the very best service possible. We welcome all accounts, both large and small and the small depositor receives the same careful attention as the large.

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B. B. BStone

Jo Wilmeth, *Cashier*

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Ballinger, Texas.

Dainty Foods Demand It

IN EVERY Receipt that calls for cream of tartar, soda, or baking powder, use the Royal Baking Powder. Better results will be obtained because of the absolute purity and great leavening strength of the Royal. It will make the food lighter, sweeter, of finer flavor, more digestible and wholesome. It is always reliable and uniform in its work.

Alum and phosphate baking powders—some of them sold at the same price and some of them cheaper—will make neither dainty nor wholesome food.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

A child can make pictures with an Eastman Kodak. See them at Walker Drug Co.

John Tabor, one of the Santa Fe's valuable attaches, who is here this week with a gang of men doing some work on the road bed dropped in on us early Tuesday morning and encouraged us with a part of his substance.



"We can't all have money," said Brother Bill, "but we can at least look as though we had."

Ask
S. E. Perlberg & Co.
Merchant Tailors
Chicago

for their booklet, "Brother Bill, Duds-osopher," or call on us.

The latest **European and Domestic Novelties** in suitings are here, for we are the exclusive agents of S. E. Perlberg & Co.'s made-to-measure clothes.

Perlberg coats are made under a patented process which makes the coat fit smooth over the chest and prevents it from ever losing its shape. Come in and let us explain this.

Not high priced, even if they are tailor-made.

Bair & Brown.

Don't Lose Your Money

but deposit it with us and take a check book and give checks for what you purchase. They are indisputable receipts.

The Citizens National Bank.

Letters to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,-

Will you please bring me a nice ring and bracelet. I would like a doll but mother says I am too large to play with dolls. I live at the Pump house.

Willie Thomas.

Dear Santa Claus,-

Will you please bring me a story book as I like to read and some roman candles and fire crackers. I live at the pump house.

Johnie Thomas.

Dear Santa Claus,-

I live away out in the country and was scared you would forget me. I would like to have a lot of fire crackers, roman candles and a toy train, if you will come away out here with these things I will not ask for any thing else.

Herbert Fulcher.

Dear Santa Claus,-

As I have been a good girl, I would like for you to bring me a doll, set of dishes and a little stove and bring my sister Susie a rubber doll. I forgot I want a pot and skillet to go with my stove and bring Daddy a horse, I am tired of 1st Monday horses.

Robbie Thomas.

Ballinger is making quite a success of her public sales and trades day, conducted on each first Monday. Last Monday several hundred persons carried horses, mules, vehicles and in fact almost any imaginable article there to be sold or exchanged. Many sales and exchanges were made, and the business men appeared to be enjoying a splendid trade. The writer was convinced that the day was a decided success in every respect. What proves to be a success for one progressive town ought to be made equally as successful in another wide awake and enterprising town.--Miles Messenger.

Alvis Bros. received this week a car of genuine Ribbon Cane Syrup.

NOTICE--We have just received the nicest line of Eastman Kodak ever in Ballinger.

Walker Drug Co.

Peace And Plenty.

Let well-filled corn cribs and smokehouses be the great bulwarks of safety between the farmers and the world of trade with whom they have to deal. Rotate your crops, intensify your acreage, fertilize liberally, cultivate well, produce plentifully on the acreage planted and enjoy those rewards which should be the fulsome portion of those who till our southern soils. Study the possibilities of our soil and climate and learn to appreciate and develop the wonderful resources at our command in the field, garden and orchard of Southern agriculture. Become depositors in your bank rather than borrowers. Get on a cash basis as rapidly as possible and break up the ruinous credit system which in the past has been so fatal to cotton growers. As Southern farms become each year more self-sustaining under the adoption of a diversified and intensive system of culture and proper rotation of crops the growers of the South's great staple can quickly regulate its marketing to meet the legitimate demands of consumption and maintain its price at such figures as will always give to the producer a profit on its production. Build warehouses with your surplus money, and secure adequate storage facilities for the proper handling of your cotton in the markets of the country. Let us reach out and broaden the markets and uses for American cotton. Let us bring about direct trade between the producers and the spinners of the world and in safeguarding our magnificent and valuable staple from the greed of speculative interests enjoy the blessings of its monopoly and though co-operation rapidly develop our beloved Southland into the richest and most prosperous section of the entire Union. Pause, reflect and make no fatal mistake in entering upon the new crop year for 1906. The sun of peace and plenty is shining on the loyal and patriotic heads of Southern planters today. Providence has blessed our country. The clouds may thicken and darken our horizon in the spring if we grow heedless of our duty. The Southern Cotton Association sounds its note of warning and issues its appeal to the people.

Yours truly,

Harvie Jordan,

President Southern Cotton Assn.

At Your Command.

The efficient service of this Bank is always open to our customers. Have you an account with us? If not, open one at once.

The Citizens National Bank.

We still have fresh California fruit.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Jewell Wylie, now of San Angelo, visited home folks first of the week.

Nothing nicer than a Eastman Kodak for a Christmas gift. Walker Drug Co. have them.

We want eggs and chickens. Be sure and see us before you sell.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. F. T. Rather, who with her daughter Miss Mary and son Sammie came in from Central American last week, bought first of this week the Haydon Routh residence on 8th Street and will again be permanent citizens of our city.

AT The Globe

I have as usual placed my immense and beautiful line of Xmas Goods with Bair & Brown.

- 1st. Because they look after the children's wants.
- 2nd. Because they sell at the most reasonable prices.
- 3rd. Because they carry the most complete line.

For these three of many, many, good reasons why you should call on and make your purchase there.

And for DOLLS! They always have the finest and the largest assortment.

And FIREWORKS! Don't fail to buy your fireworks of them, that is also the most complete line.

Now comes the SWEETS! Which stock is composed of a beautiful and delicious line of Duerler's Candies.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and that you will call the Globe for bargains, I am

Yours as ever,

"Santa Clause."

The town is what the people living therein are disposed to make it. Condition of crops and other things have some effect, of course, but the main support and advancement of a town lies in the citizenship. They constitute the backbone and sinew of the community and unless they place their shoulder to the wheel in adversity, it's sure to turn backward. Any chucle-head can fall in line when traveling on smooth waters, but it requires courage to stand forward during adversity.--Ex.

Where Others Failed.

Each spring for five or six years broke out with a kind of E... which nothing seemed to relieve... manently. Finally I tried a bottle of Huut's Cure which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by but the trouble has not returned."

Tresspass Notice Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock gathering pecans or tresspassing in anyway on my place near Mazeland will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. T. Tuerpe

Prices That Get Business

Gaanulated Sugar 18 lbs for	\$1.00
Beans 20 lbs for	1.00
Bacon per lb	10c
Irish Potatoes 1 Bushel for	1.00
Good Laundry Soap 14 bars for	25c
Union Oat Meal	25c
Coffee 3 to 7 lbs for	1.00
Onions 25 lbs for	1.00
Lard (good) per lb	8c
Krout 5 gal	1.25
" 16 "	3.50
Salmons 12 1-2 to	25c
Tomatoes per can	10c
Rice 30 lbs for	1.00
Hominy per can	10c
Corn per can	10c
Blackberries 3 cans for	25c
Syrup per gallon from 25c to	1.50
Pruns per lb	6c
Arm & Hammer Soda 3 lbs for	25c
Euripon Oil 5 gal	90c

This is only a few of our bargains and we have many others too numerous to mention, a trial order will convince any person that they can get value received for their money from us. We have the largest stock of can goods than anyone in the city. Our goods are the best quality and the lowest possible price. The Farmer is our friend come in and let us show you what we have. Ask yourself the question, how does these prices compare with what you have been paying? :- :-

Ellis Grocery Co.

Citation by Publication.

STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or and Constable of Rnnels County—greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon the Unknown Heirs of Lawrence Martin, Deceased, whose name and place of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, by making publication of this Citation once in each week eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger on the First Monday in March A. D. 1906, the same being the 5th day of March A. D. 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of Nov. A. D. 1905, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 760, wherein H. C. Wylie is Plaintiff, and the Unknown Heirs of Lawrence Martin, deceased are Defendants, and said petition alleging:—

The State of Texas, }
County of Runnels. } In District

Court, March Term, 1906.

To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:

H. C. Wylie, who resides in the County and State aforesaid, hereinafter styled Plaintiff, complaining of the UNKNOWN HEIRS of Lawrence Martin, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, presents: That heretofore, on or about the 1st day of January 1905, Plaintiff was then and is now lawfully seized and possessed, holding the same by fee simple title, as hereinafter

shown, the following described tract of land, to-wit: 960 acres originally granted to Lawrence Martin, by virtue of Certificate No. 3286, and patented to the HEIRS of LAWRENCE MARTIN, deceased, on the 11th day of February 1882, by Patent No. 347 Volume No. 16, Abstract No. 381, Survey No. 441, situated in Runnels County, Texas. That Plaintiff has been so seized and possessed of said land under General Warranty Deeds duly recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and paying all taxes due upon said land up to the date of the filing of this suit and in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit and that Plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the five years statute of limitations herein pleaded and asserted:

Plaintiff further alleges that he has been in the actual, peaceable, and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that Plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the ten years statute of limitations herein pleaded and asserted. That on or about the said 1st day of January 1905, while Plaintiff was so lawfully seized and possessed of said land, holding the same under the title hereinbefore pleaded, the UNKNOWN HEIRS of the said Lawrence Martin, deceased, Defendants herein, asserted and are now asserting some pretended claim of title in and to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to Plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon Plaintiff's title to said land and disturbed his peaceable possession thereto, to his great damage;

Wherefore, premises considered, Plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited by publication, in manner and form as required by law in such case made and provided, to answer herein, and that on final hearing hereof he have judgment against said Defendants for the recovery of title to said land, and that said cloud

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W. A. TALLY, Prop.

so cast thereon be removed, and that he be quieted in his possession thereto, and for all costs in this behalf expended and for general relief.

M. C. Smith,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return hereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness R. A. Terry, Clerk of District Court of Runnels County.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 20 day of Nov. A. D. 1905.

R. A. Terry, clerk,
SEAL District Court Runnels County.

Dr. T. A. Rape was called out to see G. G. Odom at Fort Chrd-bourne last Saturday. Mr. Odom has been quite ill from pneumonia for two weeks.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It buys Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

What a difference in the suffering at time of childbirth

when Dr. R. V. Pierce's medicine are used," writes Mrs. Edmon Jacobs, of Bangersville, Johnson Co., Ind. "I had not heard of Dr. Pierce's medicine three years ago, when I was young, so had to suffer almost death. Before baby was born I could not be on my feet without two persons holding me. The baby was a boy, weighing 9 1/2 pounds, and for some weeks after his birth I suffered severe pain. Last fall, following the advice of a neighbor, my husband bought me Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which I took during the winter, and in March, I gave birth to a baby boy, weighing 10 1/2 lbs. I was only in labor two hours, and was on my feet without help until thirty minutes before baby was born. He is now three months old and weighs 19 lbs. I know it was Dr. Pierce's medicine that saved me from suffering. I advise all women to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, also his 'Pleasant Pellets,' if necessary."

"Following the advice of a neighbor," "What a weight of confirmatory evidence there is in those six words. The neighbor had tried the 'Favorite Prescription' and recommended it." Mrs. Jacobs has also tried it and proved its wonderful properties and now she recommends it. Beside such testimony as this its maker's words are unimportant. Mrs. Jacobs' experience is a fact. Her neighbor's experience is a fact. The written experiences of 500,000 other women are facts. There is no theory about it. In every neighborhood in this broad land there are women who have been cured by the 'Favorite Prescription.' It has cured more cases of female complaint than all other medicines for women combined. It is the only medicine of its kind invented by a skilled specialist in medicine—a regularly graduated physician of more than forty years' actual experience.

Winters Enterprise.

Dr. S. L. Hicks, the Dentist of Ballinger was here, several days this week.

C. C. Cooper sold a team of mules in Ballinger Monday for \$250.00.

Misses Marie and Eunice Philips, of Ballinger are visiting their cousins, Misses Stella and Mattie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rankin, of Macon Ga., arrived in our city this week. Mr. Rankin is with the Enterprise.

Say Boys when you want your face to have a real treat call at the
City Barber Shop
And let us fix you up.
You will feel better.

Keep your eye on M. D. Chas-tain the grocery and grain man.

Help! Help! I'm Falling

Thus cried the hair. And a kind neighbor came to the rescue with a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. The hair was saved! In gratitude, it grew long and heavy, and with all the deep, rich color of early life. Sold in all parts of the world for sixty years.

"About one year ago I lost nearly all of my hair following an attack of measles. I was advised by a friend to use Ayer's Hair Vigor. I did so, and as a result I now have a beautiful head of hair."—Mrs. W. J. BROWN, Menomonee Falls, Wis.



We are glad to see our young friend Henry Wilke, who is with the Cicero Smith lumber yard, filling the position with satisfaction to his employes. He is a nice, steady boy and will make his mark in the business world if he continues as he has started.

Lammers & Howard,

CONTRACTORS.
Will be glad to figure with you on complete stone, brick or wood work. Estimates given on short notice.

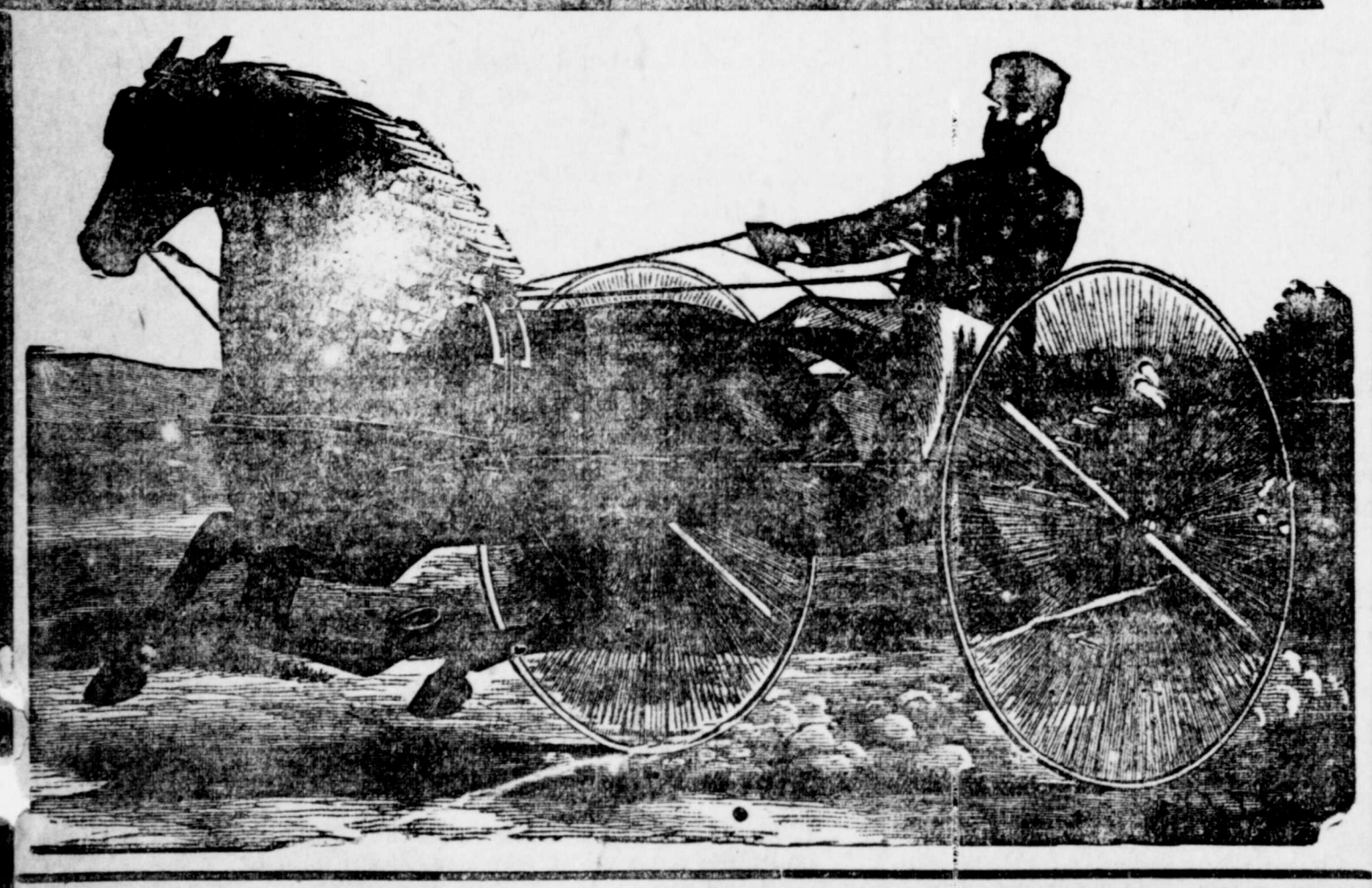
At New State Bank,
Ballinger, - - - Texa.

J. A. Allen, of Norton, went up to Dallas Friday of last week on business.

Lots For Sale.

We have purchased from the Railroad Company all choice building lots on north side of track and we offer them for sale at reasonable prices. If you want a home close in see us at once.

C. C. F. Blanchard & Co.



S. A. Whitesides,

Eighth Street.

Ballinger, Texas.

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