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Great Slaughter Cost Sale of Merchandise Of Merit

A combination of circumstances compels us to unload our large stock of new, up-to-date, seasonable **Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Millinery, etc.** Absolutely no article in the stock is reserved everything goes in this sale at

Wholesale Cost--or Less.

Staples at Cost	Shoes at Cost	Dry Goods at Cost
Clothing at Cost	Hats at Cost	Underwear at Cost
Blankets at Cost	Ladies Suits at Cost	Ladies Skirts at Cost
Ladies Hats at Cost	Dress Goods at Cost	Everything at Cost

We offer a complete new stock of Merchandise bought directly from manufactures at prices that defy competition.

Positively no Goods Charged or Sold on Approbation During this Sale

Come and examine our stock. You will find goods cheaper than you ever thought you could buy them.

R. A. Risser & Co.

Ballinger,

Texas.

CHARTER FOR NEW ROAD.

Has Been Prepared and Forwarded to Secretary of State at Austin.

C. O. Harris, General Attorney for the Ballinger & Abilene Railway Company, prepared the charter for the Company last Monday, and same has been signed by the resident incorporators, and has been forwarded for the signatures of R. K. Wylie and Cicero Smith. Just as soon as it is returned it will be sent to the Secretary of State of Austin.

This company is capitalized for \$200,000 and its promoters and stock holders are of the most influential citizens of the country; they are men who do things and are not dreamers, hence we are sure the road will be a certainty.

Of course this Company will expect a bonus from the Citizens of Ballinger, Abilene and intermediate points, and they are entitled to it. No property owner can afford not to contribute to fund, for the benefits he will derive from its construction will be incalculable.

We have read the articles of incorporation and they provide that the home of the Company, which, in addition to the General offices, includes the machine shops, roundhouses and the hospital, will be maintained at this place, and any one can see at a glance what that means for Ballinger when the road is built.

The Banner-Leader is willing to remark that it requires some nerve to build a road in this State with the tendency toward unfavorable legislation on the part

of the law makers, and we venture the assertion, that its promoters are prompted by the most patriotic considerations in the undertaking.

The incorporators are C. A. Doose, C. H. Willingham, Jno. I. Guion, J. McGregor, J. W. Powell, W. J. Miller, W. E. Allen, Tom Ward, Jo Wilmeth, C. O. Harris, Cicero Smith and R. K. Wylie.

Its Directors for first year are Cicero Smith, C. A. Doose, Jno. I. Gulon, C. H. Willingham, C. O. Harris, J. McGregor, Jo Wilmeth, W. J. Miller, and W. J. McDaniel.

At the Play House.

The Wizard of Wall Street put on "A Run for His Money" Wednesday night and played to a pretty well filled house. Some features of the play were pretty good.

The Snoad-Burton Co., is billed for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night, and have a very strong cast. The company is composed of members from the Spooner Co., and the Albert Taylor Co., two of the strongest company that ever visited Ballinger. "A special Edition" will be the opening bill for this company, and to get a good seat you will have to buy early. The company is playing at San Angelo this week, and reports are that they are making good.

Manager Jeanes says he is going to keep order if it takes a special police force.

Judge E. S. McCarver had business at Miles Wednesday.

\$5.35 Flat top trunks for actual cost \$4.10 at The Globe.

Card of Thanks

During the darkest hours that ever fell over home, our friends have been so kind to us. We have lost our little girl, but we have many friends in Ballinger to whom we wish to extend our sincere thanks for being so kind to us. May your home never be made so lonely is our prayers.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Talley.

Mrs. Ralph Risser Hurt

While out driving Tuesday evening Mrs. Ralph Risser was thrown from the buggy and slightly hurt. The horse stumbled and fell causing the buggy to stop suddenly throwing Mrs. Risser forward. The most serious hurt was the shock caused by the accident, and it was very fortunate the injury was not more serious.

Land Sales.

C. A. Doose & Co., report the following land sales, this week:

To W. F. McDonald 86 acres unimproved land at \$18.00 per acre.

To Ben Williams 126.2 acres of unimproved land at \$18.50 per acre.

To P. H. Williams 436 acres of land at \$15.00 per acre.

To W. A. Carlton late of Angelina county 210 acres of land at \$14.50 per acre.

To J. E. Humble of Williamson county 960 acres of land in Midland county at \$8.00 per acre.

To W. T. Smith 640 acres land in Glasscock county at \$7. per acre.

Santa Claus is at the new 5c and 10c store, 8th St. Ballinger

Davis' Genuine Closing Out SALE

Has called forth favorable
comments from all stations
and won the Appreciation
Of Thousands

W. H. DAVIS,
EIGHTH STREET
BALLINGER, TEXAS



THE multitudes of people who attended this sale during the opening days received sensational values and they profited greatly. There was enthusiastic buying in every department. No wonder! Think of buying up-to-date Dress Goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Boots, Notions, Underwear, Mens' Work Clothing, Etc., at about half the usual prices. In value giving, the coming week will fully equal that of the opening week. It is money in your pocket. Come quick! This Genuine Closing Out Sale is bringing your friends, how about you? We extend and invitation to all to attend, this by far, the most sensational closing out sale ever held in this part of the country; uncomparably the greatest value giving achievement of the year, presenting marvelous values in high-class goods. Now whether you are a farmer, a workingman, a mechanic, a professional man or what not, you can't afford to overlook this genuine closing out sale. Don't miss it or you will be the loser.

EXTRA
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LOW PRICES MADE ON

Ladies Hats - Ladies Cloaks - Skirts - Childrens Cloaks and Hats - Mens Suits
Boys Suits and Overcoats.

COME
AND
SEE

BRING THIS CIRCULAR

Ladies Tailored and Trimmed Hats at one half Price.

COME
AND
SEE

BOYS SUITS AND OVERCOATS	MENS SUITS	MISSSES & CHILDREN LONG CLOAKS	LADIES CLOAKS
3.25 Boys Suits.....\$2.38	10.00 Suits now.....\$6.48	2.00 kind now.....\$1.28	5.00 kind now.....\$3.63
4.00 " ".....3.15	12.00 " ".....8.63	4.50 " ".....3.28	8.00 rain coats.....5.85
5.00 " ".....3.88	16.00 " ".....10.85	5.00 " ".....3.63	7.50 cloak.....5.15
3.00 over coats.....2.28	20.00 " ".....15.40	6.50 " ".....4.93	8.50 " ".....5.35
5.00 " ".....3.88	25.00 " ".....18.60		12.50 " ".....8.95
6.00 " ".....4.85			

One Lot Men's Suits Worth from \$7.50 to \$12.50, Choice for \$4.98

Blanktes Cheap	75c Men's Shirts 39c	Hamilton-Brown Shoes Cheap	10c and 12 1-2c Outing Flannel 8c
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At HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE COMPANY

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Robbed Bee Hive.

Harry Scott, Will Dunlap, Leon Ward, and H. S. Fowler were out after the feathered tribe on Thanksgiving, and returned a good while before night with ninety-eight birds. Mr. Dunlap found something in a prairie dog hole that looked a little peculiar and upon investigating he found it to be a bee hive, and from all surroundings the hive seemed to be an old one and was well stored with good honey. Messers. Scott and Fowler returned to the hive Sunday and proceeded to rob it, and after the job was completed they took stock and found that they had about forty pounds of fine honey, and didn't get it all either, so they say.

The Badge of Honesty

Is on every wrapper of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery because a full list of the ingredients composing it is printed there in plain English. Forty years of experience has proven its superior worth as a blood purifier and invigorating tonic for the cure of stomach disorders and all liver ills. It builds up the run-down system as no other tonic can in which alcohol is used. The active medicinal principles of native roots such as Golden Seal and Queen's root, Stone and Mandrake root, Bloodroot and Black Cherry bark are extracted and preserved by the use of chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce at Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet which quotes extracts from well-recognized medical authorities such as Drs. Bartholow, King, Scudder, Coe, Ellingwood and a host of others, showing that these roots can be depended upon for their curative action in all weak states of the stomach, accompanied by indigestion or dyspepsia as well as in all bilious or liver complaints and in all "wasting diseases" where there is loss of flesh and gradual running down of the strength and system.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" makes rich, pure blood and so invigorates and regulates the stomach, liver and bowels, and through them, the whole system. Thus all skin affections, blotches, pimples and eruptions as well as scrofulous swellings and old open running sores or ulcers are cured and healed. In treating old running sores, or ulcers, it is well to insure their healing to apply to them Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve. If your druggist don't happen to have this Salve in stock, send fifty-four cents in postage stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., and a large box of the "All-Healing Salve" will reach you by return post.

You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic, medicine of known composition, not even though the urgent dealer may thereby make a little bigger profit. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

Little Netha Talley.

Monday morning at four-thirty o'clock, a path visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Talley and removed from that home the little two year old daughter.

Early on Thanksgiving morning the little girl was playing around the grate when her clothing caught on fire burning her so that death was the only relief. At the time of the accident Mr. Talley was in Brewster county and was seventy miles from Alpine, the nearest railroad point. A message was sent to him at once, but he did not receive it until Friday night, it requiring a day to drive from the telegraph office to where Mr. Talley was camping with a party of hunters. He immediately left for home reaching hear Monday at noon, and was horribly shocked when he reached home to find his baby dead.

Everything that skilled physicians and loving hands could do to relieve the child failed and death came after the four days of suffering, and the little soul was removed from this world of grief and suffering to rest where fire can not burn. But a father and mother are sad, and a home lonely by the absence of the only little girl in this home. We have all got to deal with death sooner or later, but it seems so hard that death would visit a home under such circumstances and when the father is hundreds of miles away. We can only look to Him who rules all things and for the best, and extend to the heartbroken parents our sympathy.

The funeral services were held Tuesday evening from the residence, and the little body laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery, Rev. E. P. Williams conducting the services.

A rich man is the man who always has money. Put some of your money in the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger and you will begin to be rich right away.

Start an account at the Citizens National Bank. Add to it regularly and it will surely grow into a handsome balance.

\$4.50 Flat top trunks for actual cost \$3.20 at The Globe.

The Big Auctual Cost Sale Continues at The Globe.

The small depositor is just as welcome as the large and the same courteous treatment will be extended him at the Citizens National Bank.

Notice--Keep Out.

All my lands on Valley creek are posted, and here-by warn parties to keep out. No hunting pecan gathering or trespassing in any manner will be allowed.

J. W. Raby.

Patronize home Bakery and you will get a better fruit cake than factory made. Phone Schawe your order.

All Holiday goods will be sold at actual cost at the Globe.

WHY NOT DEPOSIT YOUR MONEY AND PAY BY CHECK

You can pay any debt you may have by check on the Bank just the same as with cash.

In giving a check for an account or note you have a receipt that is indisputable.

Lose a check on the bank and a duplicate can be procured lose the cash and it is gone, in most every instance.

In doing business with a Bank you form business relations that will be of great benefit to you when you need assistance and the Bank's customer is the first to be recognized.

A good credit is the best asset a man can have.

We solicit your account.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION. STATE DEPOSITORY.

BIG JEWELRY STORE

Remember that we are now located in our new building just across the alley from the express office on Hutchins Ave. We are better prepared than ever before to care for our Holiday Trade, and we invite our friends to call and see our handsome display of Jewelry, Cut Glass, Chinaware, Etc. We can save you money on Christmas Presents, and believe we have the best that money will buy.

Excellence above all things should characterize gift jewelry, as it serves all through life as a token of remembrance. A sorry piece of jewelry is cheap at any price. We guarantee the kind we sell. Our new store is full of articles that will make nice presents, and we have something for everybody. We want to show you and quote prices.



Our Handsome New Home---The best place for Christmas Presents

We desire to call your attention especially to our fine line of hand-painted China. This excels anything of the kind ever shown in Ballinger before. There is nothing that will make a more appropriate present for a lady than a nice piece of China or a set of Chinaware. We have a fine line to select from and the price is in keeping with financial conditions. Get our prices before you buy.

Fine silk gold handle umbrellas, toilet cases, manicure and dressing sets, emblem pens and buttons, rings plain, set and diamonds, belt buckles, hat pins, purses and novelties in every line might suggest to you just what would be appreciated in the way of a present. Remember we engrave name, date, etc. free when you buy from us, and are prepared to do this work on short notice. Our stock in every department is complete, but in case you want a special order we can handle it promptly.

JAS. E. BREWER, The Jeweler.

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us and if necessary we will send our reporter out get data.

The streets have been crowded with cotton this week, and the gin could be heard late at night, way after all honest people were in bed. The crop is going to be a surprise to many.

The Ballinger and Abilene railroad is assuming a definite shape and those people who were inclined to give the proposition a black eye are no doubt feeling a little small for opposing an enterprise that will be worth thousands of dollars to every line and every body. If you can't help the boys push, for goodness sakes stay out of the way and let the band wagon pass.

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin and the Houston Chronicle never issues a paper without lambasting Senator Bailey a few jolts. Senator Bailey is in Washington attending strictly to the duties of his office while his enemies down here in Texas are doing everything possible to kill his influence and kill him politically. They perhaps realize that they have a big job on their hands, and in order to defeat him, in case he should be a candidate again, they will have to work on full time for the next four years. The majority of the people of Texas are satisfied with Bailey and these political sore-backs should drop the question, until next campaign at least.

A thought for our anti-friends. A member of the Concert company, that played here last Monday night, remarked that Ballinger was the first town the company had played in this season, the season covering three months up-to-date, where there was a drunk man in the opera house. Those who were present Monday night, both pros and antis, know what the company and the audience had to contend with throughout the play. Some of the antis accounted for the disturbance by the fact that the preceding day was First Monday. If the town was a dry one perhaps they could give some other excuse. The pros can see the true cause for so much drunkenness. If First Monday was the cause, why everyday this week has been First Monday in Ballinger. It is no trouble to go out on the street most any time and count as many as a half dozen, and often more drunk men. Now, listen our contemporary will call us to time and say we are knocking the town. Well, if it takes drunk men, and things that manufacture them to make a town we can't keep from knocking and will plead guilty.

Special for all next week, \$1.25 bowl and pitcher for 93c at Morehead's big racket store. 8th St., Ballinger, Tex.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Alice Norman, of Paint Rock, and Judge J. B. Wade, of Miles. The event is billed to take place Wednesday, Dec 18th.

Fresh Live Oak and mill flour on hand all the time, each kind guaranteed and made good if you should find a bad sack at Miller mer. Co

Rasbury & Bruce are shipping a car load of turkeys, to-day.



Runnels County Poultry Scene

There is a good demand for turkeys and chickens and eggs are selling for 35c per dozen. Poultry is a paying crop in this country.

Cotton Selling.

Cotton has advanced about dollar and half a bale within the last ten days, and as a result many thousands of bales have been turned loose. Press reports show that the good price and good weather all over the state has been favorable for the seller, and the farmers are turning the crop into money in a hurry. The union members in many places have been forced to sell on account of being unable to get money advanced on their cotton. The effort to put cotton certificates in circulation in lieu of money did not work as satisfactory as was at first hoped for. The banks could not handle the certificates as cash, and the public could not use them unless the bank would accept them. To handle the cotton certificates as cash, would be nothing more than an advance on cotton, and the banks declare that they are not in a position to loan money on cotton at present. As soon as they get in shape to advance the money they can do so without certificates. The tickets and notes will answer just as well; but as to how soon this will be the most exact financial expert can't tell. The best thing to do, if you need the money, is to sell at the prevailing price. If you don't need the money now, just hang on to your cotton, because you are able to speculate by holding, and if it goes down to the lowest price you hurt no one but yourself. Cotton is selling right around twelve cents, and that sounds mighty high.

Ladies—cut out this little "ad" and bring to the 5c and 10c store Monday Dec. 16 and get a bar of soap free.

S. B. Howell, of Tyler, has accepted the position of solicitor and local reporter on the Ledger.

Mrs. McKandless left, yesterday, for DeLeon after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Cathey.

Miss May Lankford returned, first of the week from Fort Worth, where she has been attending a business College.

Cost sale in fine Millinery. New styles and handsome patterns. Misses Lola and Jennie Lewis, at 5 and 10 cent store.

Miss Maggie Cockrell is teaching the Benoit school this year. She left last Sunday evening to open her school Monday.

City Council Meeting

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday night, but very little business came before the meeting.

The bond of the City Scavenger with O. B. Corbett and A. B. Burrell as securities, was approved.

The reports of the water superintendent, and Secretary were approved.

Ordered that purchase of lot for City Hall be deferred.

Matter of macadamising the streets passed until after the holidays.

Ordered that water rate for the Santa Fe be fixed at \$75 per month

Council adjourned to meet in call session Friday morning at nine o'clock,

The Council met at nine o'clock this morning (Friday.) The accounts were passed on and ordered paid.

Considerable time was consumed in discussing who had authority of the fire fighting apparatus, and team. It seems that the Mayor had instructed the keeper not to let the horses be driven any on account of being lame. The fire chief had ordered them driven and the man in charge of the team didn't know which to follow. The Council decided that the matter be referred to the fire committee, and the committee invested full power to control the team with the fire chief. The Sanitary question was brought up and city health officer, Dr. Blasdel offered some good suggestion which the Council will no doubt act on.

Jack McGregor, representing the Sewerage Co., came before the Council to further discuss the drainage of the different sections of town with reference to macadamising etc.

Council adjourned to meet again Monday evening at four o'clock to pass on contract between the Sewerage Co. and the city.

Stylish millinery at cost at Miss Lewis.

L. E. Bair left first of the week for a prospecting trip in the Panhandle country.

Uncle Joe Routh, G. B. Nixon and M. R. Plummer returned, Monday, from a trip down in Brewster county. D. C. Howard accompanied them from Garden City. They report a fine trip and plenty small game, but nothing in the bear and deer line.

A. Schawe left yesterday evening for Temple, on land business.

W. W. Chastain went to San Angelo, Tuesday, to ship out a car load of pecans.

Ed. S. McCarver visited Talpa last Sunday evening, returning on the night train.

Miss Edith Davis, closed her school until after the holidays, and returned home Thursday.

Mrs. S. P. Hathaway and sister Miss Patterson, returned yesterday from a months visit to Paris Texas.

Mr. Dawson, the cash grocery man, returned yesterday from Waco, where he had been to attend the grand lodge of the Masonic order.

A. D. Talley and wife were here first of the week, with their son, W. A. and to attend the funeral of their little grand daughter. They returned to their home at Crews, Wednesday.

For Sale

1978 dolls, toys, etc. at 5c each.

1127 dolls, toys etc. at 10c each, at Morehead's 5c and 10c store, Ballinger, Texas.

H. H. Rogers dropped \$40,000-000 in Wall Street last week and is sick abed. Cheer up, Henry, you have our sympathy. We dropped forty cents through a crack in the side walk and know how you feel about it.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder

is the most efficient and perfect of leavening agents.

MADE FROM PURE CREAM OF TARTAR

No alum, lime or ammonia.

A woman on a train entering the station asked the conductor how long the cars stopped at the station. He replied: "Madam, we stop just four minutes, from two to two, to two two." The woman turned to her companion and said, "I wonder if he thinks he's the whistle on the engine."

T. S. Lankford and W. A. Talley returned from their hunt in the Davis Mountains. They were having a splendid time and had killed three deer up to the time they received the sad news of the burning of Mr. Talley's baby.

A Sunday school teacher in a neighboring town asked the pupils what became of the swine that had evil spirits in them? and a little boy ventured the opinion that they were made into deviled ham.

Two women were discussing motor cars, and one thought it strange that horses should be frightened by them. The other said: "What would you think if you were to see a pair of trousers come running down the street with no man in them?"

A race down Hutchings Ave., Wednesday, by three cotton wagons headed for the gin reminded us of last fall when this could be seen nearly every day. The cotton crop is not so large as that of 1906, but is better than was at first thought to be.

Hello, Santa Claus!

GIVE ME THE NEW 5 AND 10C STORE



Our store is headquarters for Santa Claus this year. We have made big preparations for him. We have thousands of new novelties in toys, novelty dolls, Teddy bears, burnt wood novelties, hand painted china-ware, handsome pictures. Call in now and select your presents, DON'T WAIT TILL THE BIG RUSH IS ON

The New 5 and 10c Store

8th Street, Ballinger, Texas

Ask about the beautiful \$8 doll we are going to give away



Scene on Hutchings Ave. this Week

Where the Anti-Pass Law Strikes the Newspaper.

C. J. Birchfield, advertising man for the Santa Fe, with headquarters at Galveston, was here yesterday, interviewing the newspaper men. Mr. Birchfield stated that the railroad company would reduce their advertising considerable when the present contracts expired, which is with the closing of the year. He said instructions from the head office at Chicago was to cut out all advertising except at competitive points. This means that the majority of the country papers over the state will get no advertising, provided all roads take the same action that the Santa Fe does, which is very probable. The press of the state aids in building up and developing the country, the railroad gets the benefit of the free newspaper advertising; the newspaper man gets a three cent rate when he has occasion to travel on the cars.

The Difference in Two Markets.

The Brownwood Bulletin says the market for eggs and butter in Brownwood is assuming Christmas proportions, eggs selling for 30 cts and butter for 25c. Eggs are selling for 35 cents in Ballinger and butter sells for 25 cents the year round. We recently compared the local cotton market with that quoted in the Bulletin of the same day and the difference was 25 points in Ballinger's favor and this too in the face of the fact that Brownwood has a real live compress.

Certainly Fair

Of all troubles humanity is subject to none perhaps causes more acute distress and more frantic efforts for relief than many forms of itching skin troubles. We will tell you a remedy that rarely ever fails—Hunt's Cure. One box is absolutely guaranteed to cure any one case of itching trouble—no matter what the name. If it fails, your money is cheerfully refunded.

BIG BLAZE AT MILES.

City Hotel Burns at a Loss of \$6000.

Miles, Texas, Dec. 3.—The Miles City hotel, a three-story wooden structure, owned and operated by J. E. Perkins, caught fire at 7 o'clock this evening from a defective flue and was burned to the ground.

Most of the household effects in the lower story and a portion of those in the second story were saved, but nothing could be gotten out of the third story.

During the fire a lady guest and child became so frightened that they started to ascend the stairway to the third story and were caught and taken to safety by Deputy Sheriff Ed. Shinn, of Ballinger. A dresser fell from the upper story and struck the officer on an arm, inflicting a painful wound, as they were escaping from the building.

A warehouse some seventy feet east of the hotel was so much endangered that the stock was removed. This belongs to Newton and is used by the Concho Hardware company.

Loss on the hotel building is estimated at between five and six thousand dollars and it was insured for \$3,500.

The loss of this new and splendid hotel building is a heavy blow to the owner and is sincerely regretted by every citizen of the town.

About Digestion

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions. The result is a relish for your food, increased strength and weight, greater endurance and a clear head. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Why are you Money Crazy.

Notwithstanding the government's action in closing allotments of interest-bearing certificates because the financial crisis has passed, notwithstanding the resumption of the crop movement on cash payments, a few grouchy people are waiting for something else to happen, and are moping around with direful forebodings that some sort of a judgement day is scheduled to descend upon America, early in the new year.

They can give no reason for it because there is no reason.

The world isn't coming to an end in any conceivable time.

The sun will keep on shining the earth will continue to revolve daily on its axis, the rain will fall upon the just and the unjust, the seeds will fall upon good soil, the crops will spring up and mature the birds will sing, the animals will mate and all nature next year will do precisely as it has done for the last million or so years within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant.

People will continue to eat and wear clothes, the railroads will still run the stores will be open, the banks will receive and disburse money, and the chump who hoards his cash will lose interest on it and tempt thieves to steal it—precisely as it has come to pass ever since the year 1.

We've been living too fast, and it is well for us to slow up, but we will not quit living. We've had a fright, but we will not keep on running from a ghost. We've been cutting the fool, but we've got some sense left.

The holiday season is approaching. If we are not "dumb, driven cattle" let us begin to act like rational beings and rejoice and be glad that we don't believe in spooks and that we refused to break our necks in a stampede.

There are bargains everywhere at all the stores, in all the towns

—bargains in lands and houses and stocks and bonds—for there's been a crazy notion that the day of doom was about to crack. But smart people are snapping them up, and soon they'll all be gone. Prices can't stay at present levels with so much real wealth of production moving to the markets of the world.

Little good it will do you to have a stocking full of money and prices for everything you want again skyhigh. All you can do then will be to sneak it back to the bank and kick yourself.—Fort Worth Record.

Beware of Frequent Colds

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

San Angelo Citizen Lost.

Percy Baker, who with a party of hunters from San Angelo, got lost in the Devils river country last week, and was out three days and nights without food. He was found by some cow boys on the morning of the fourth day.

The San Angelo Press in speaking of the man's return to San Angelo says:

Dr. Percy Baker arrived at home Tuesday evening from Ozona, where he has been recuperating since his lonely and enervating experience while lost in the wilds of Crockett county, last week. He is looking a little thin from exposure and lack of food during the three days and nights he was lost, but declines to talk of sleepless nights and restless days spent in trying to find his way back to camp. The reporter managed to learn from him that he slept very well the first night out, but after that became so hungry and nervous that it was impossible.

It is stated by Sohn Cox, who was one of the hunting party and who reached home Monday evening, that after the second day Dr. Baker hid aside his gun and game bag. He was so nearly exhausted that these hindered his movements, and when found could only remember that he hid the gun under a rock. His condition was somewhat dazed and another day and night out might have resulted seriously to the young man.

He chanced to leave camp without a match on that fateful blue Monday and was without fire the entire time of his absence. The weather was cloudy, rainy and cool, a portion of the time, and this added to the knowledge that he was lost must have produced an awful feeling. The exposure was terrible to say nothing of the lack of nourishment, and no one can imagine the awfulness of the situation without actual experience.

It's A Crime

to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbina and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

Order your Xmas Fruit cake from Schawe Bakery. Because then you get the best. They are better than factory made.

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Those who have visited our store can vouch for the low prices and the high class of goods. Our sale is no bogus fake sale, nor our goods of a cheap John class. Every item new and fresh. Every price is

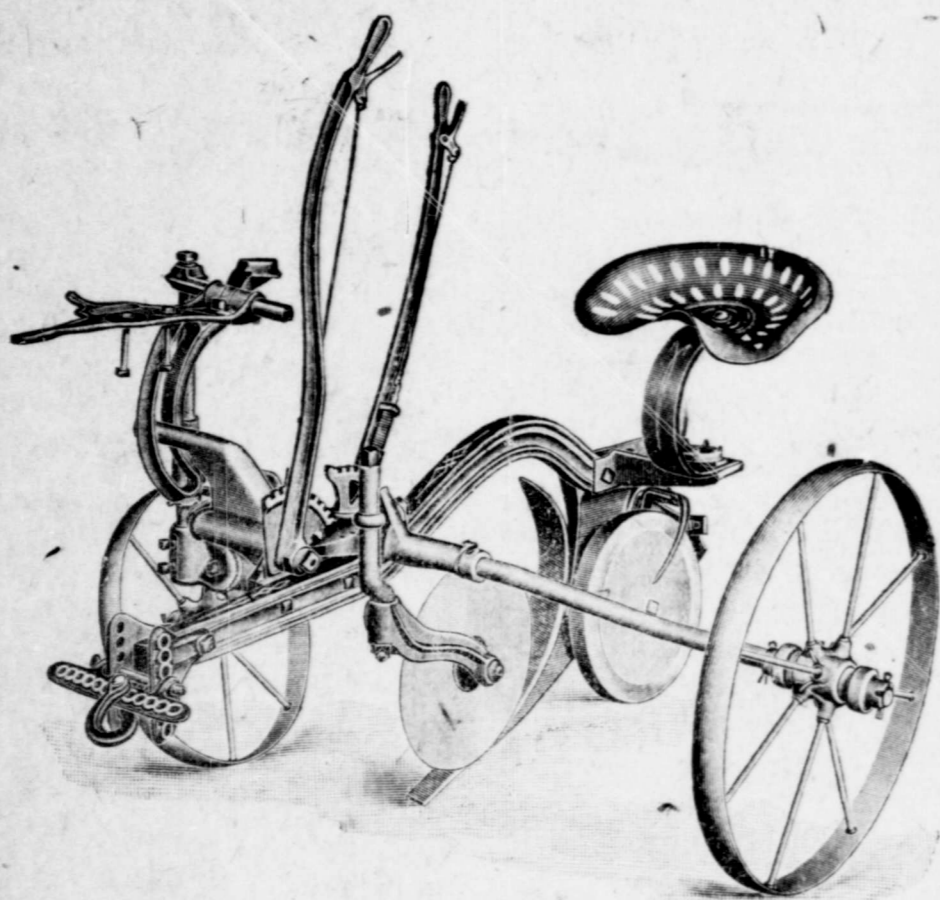
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It is your duty as well as your privilege to buy where you can do the best for yourself. Investigate our prices and inspect our goods.

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All time tried and field tested. Don't overlook the best when selecting Implements.

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SEE our line of Cut Glass—Nothing Better, Nothing more Appropriate. We have other things in Chinaware and Novelty Lines that will make nice presents. Prices cut no figure, we are going to sell the goods and will let you help make the prices.

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Don't Be Hopeless

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

A Quiet Home Wedding.

At the home of the bried's mother, Tuesday evening at three o'clock, Miss Nettie Bacon and Tom Vandervanter were united in marriage, Rev. J. D. Leslie, of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

Only the relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony and the usual oongratulations the newly married couple left for their home at the Vandervanter ranch on Mustang eight miles East of town, where a reception and dining was given in their honor Wednesday. Quite a number went out from Ballinger to help make merry and enjoy the hospitality of that home.

Miss Nettie Bacon and Tom Vandervanter have grown from childhood in Ballinger and have many friends in the town and county, who will join the Leader in extending wishes for the best that married life contains. Miss Nettie has been in the post office for over three years, and for the past year or two has had charge of the stamp and money order department, and she will be missed from the place she has so long filled. Tom is the son of H. Vandervanter, who has been a resident of this place from the beginning. He expects to build a home on the ranch, and after a short time this young couple will be at home to their friends.

Might Have Been

When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

Did you ever count the words in a column of newspaper? There are over a thousand words in a column. Suppose you all sit down and write one thousand words on a subject, and another thousand, and another, until you have written about fifteen thousand words. Try it, and see if it is right easy. Keep that gait up for a month. Then chase a local item all over town, and, after you have secured the facts right, condense them in a few lines—an hour's work that can be read in a few seconds. Do this for a dozen items that seem insignificant after they are printed but which you know are important; then have the items criticised and inaccuracies pointed out to you when it is too late to correct them. Oh, yes, it's very easy to conduct a newspaper—Bullock County Breeze.

All kinds of Toys, Dolls, Fire works etc will be sold in this sale at actual cost The Globe.

Dray and Transfer Line Changes Hands.

A deal was consummated this week, whereby Sid Allison and Mose Cobb became the owners of the W. B. Stubbs' transfer and Dray line, this Dray line is a consolidation of the old Joe Hardin and Jesse McAdam's transfer and Dray business, and consists of a fine equipment for handling this line of business. Mr. Allison will be the active Manager of the business. These gentlemen are too well and favorably known to the Ballinger public to need any introduction at our hands; sufficient to say that we bespeak for them a liberal patronage and feel safe in saying that all business entrusted to them, will receive prompt and careful attention.

We are not apprised as to what Mr. Stubbs will do, but trust he will see fit to remain in Ballinger, the best town on the branch line.

Mrs. L. P. Dale and two children, of Denton, are here on a visit to Mrs. W. W. Chastain's. Mrs. Chastain and Mrs. Dale were school-mates, and hadn't seen each other in about ten years.

Resolution by Home Mission Society.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has removed from among us one of our most dearly beloved members, Mrs. T. A. Rape, and while we realize our own great loss, we are comforted with the assurance that she is sweetly resting now in the home prepared by her Savior.

And Whereas the relation held with her in this society makes it befitting that we record our appreciation of her, therefore Resolved:

1st That the zeal she manifested in this society by service and by contribution, will always be held in grateful remembrance.

2nd. That we extend to the husband and relatives our sincere sympathy in their great bereavement.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society, a copy sent to each of the local papers, and a copy presented to the bereaved husband.

Com. { Mrs. C. P. Shepherd
" E. L. Rasbury
" J. M. Skinner.

Blamed the Saloons.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 3.—Rev. Nolan B. Harmon, pastor of the Prospect Hill Methodist church, conducted the services at the funeral of Ira Brown, who shot and killed Special Policeman Miguel Cantu and then shot himself. In his remarks the minister took occasion to score the saloons, directly attributing the double tragedy to liquor.

Brown is alleged to have been drinking at the time of the killing. He was ordered away from a merry-go-round by Officer Cantu, when he shot him.

Rev. Harmon is a brother of W. S. Harmon, of our City. He is pastor of a church at San Antonio, and is one of the prominent minister of Texas. He is strong anti-saloon man, and never misses an opportunity to land that prince of evils a telling blow.

\$12.40 Flat top trunk for actual cost \$8.90 at The Globe.

Young Lady Passenger on East Bound Santa Fe Train Turns Operator.

Passenger train No. 78, bound for Temple, passed through Brownwood last night on time, but when they reached Kempner the engine went dead and it was thought that a long wait was in store for the passengers. There was no operator at that place and it was a long way to a station where a message could be sent. The train crew was in a terrible plight, but a young lady passenger, who proved to be a telegraph operator on her way from San Angelo to Temple, came to their relief and offered to do the telegraphing necessary to pull them out of a tight. The crew had to break into the station to get the ticking machine, but when they did the young lady soon was in touch with the chief dispatcher and told the story of the break down. The result was an engine was sent at once to bring the train into Temple.

The young lady saved the passengers several hours wait and all felt very grateful to her. In fact she was the heroine of the occasion.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Never Disappoints

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

George E. Paddock,
Doniphan, Mo.

Stewards Meeting.

The Stewards' meeting will be held Monday evening at the parsonage at 7:30. It is important that all the Stewards should be present as this is the first meeting of the conference year.

Watch Our Holiday Goods Come In

It is interesting at our store these days to see the new holiday goods coming in. The display we'll have this year will certainly be a delight to those who appreciate the beautiful. Our stock will be so large and so varied that unless one keeps posted as the new things arrive it is apt to be confusing later.

The goods you'll see here now are the latest things out and prices are as low as they will be during the season. Early choosing is best, especially in novelties, because many of the choicest things we shall be unable to duplicate. Even this early our exhibit is extraordinary and includes rare values in Fancy China, Cut Glass, Games, Books, Toys, Pocket Books, Toilet Cases, Fancy Boxes and Bric-a-Brac of all kinds.

City Drug Store

To Whom It May Concern.

If you contemplate going west this year to look for good, cheap land, I want to meet you, either at Garden City, Glasscock Co., or at Midland, Midland Co. I have thousands of acres in Midland, Glasscock and adjoining counties of good agricultural land, some sandy, with red clay subsoil, and some black copper colored land, for sale at prices ranging from \$3.00 to 15.00 per acre, terms easy. I will gladly answer all questions with reference to these lands. Address the GUION GREGG LAND & ABSTRACT CO., at Garden City, Texas, or KISTLER & GREGG, Midland Texas. I give my entire time to advertising and selling these lands. When you come my time will be at your disposal.

Kindly let me hear from you
Guion Gregg,
Dealers in West Texas tf



Dear Friend:--

Last summer I wondered what they did with all the grapes. I know now they took them and dried them and made them into raisins.

Raisins are mighty nice to go in a cake, and raisins and nuts are mighty nice to hand round when you want to spend a long time at the table talking.

Your friend,
Jacob!

P. S. You don't know what nice raisins and nuts and things they have at

Dornberger & Hopkinson.

A Tacky Party.

On Friday November the 29th, Mrs Geo. Pearce and her accomplished sister, Miss Ruth Cady, of Chicago were the hostess of the most novel, unique, enjoyable and laughable entertainments that has ever been given in our city. Invitations were issued a week in advance to about seventy-five of Ballinger's elite. The invitations were type written and sent in paper sacks, pinned with safety pins and read as follows:

"Me and Her is going to entertain the J. A. O. club with a Tacky Party Friday Nov. 29th, at three o'clock. Please wear your old clothes as there is going to be such a crowd that you might spill your good ones. Please cum even if the wether is bad for we is going to cook up the eatings beforehand.

Francis Pearce
Ruth Cady.

F. S. Please let us no if you can cum so we will no how many cheirs to borror."

There is not a hostess in our city that can surpass Mrs. Pearce and Miss Cady as entertainers, and an invitation to this home, be it for a ceremonious or an informal affair, is always accepted, even if flood, fire or famine comes.

Some elaborate costumes with laces, embroideries and stitching of the minute and tedious kind of which Hood sings and which had been worn by some of our great grand mothers, were brought forth to adorn the figures of some of our society ladies. Others were attired in costumes so ridiculous that they would have made fit, subjects for Puck.

Three of the ladies went to the entertainment in a farm wagon, and after proper investigation by their "hobo" driver, (a prominent young man in our city) as to whether "this here" was the place of the party etc., and informing the hostess of the arrival of his "folks," he was requested to assist them from the wagon, and the ladies with ragged valises, red stick candy and chewing gum marched into the house amidst screams of hysterical laughter.

Miss Hermia Smith was requested to sing the latest popular song, and she kindly favored the guests with "Just as the sun went down" and responded to

an encore with "Sweet Bunch of Daises."

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd was then asked to give a late production in the vocal art and she sang a classical selection from "After the ball."

Votes, were then cast as to which was the tackyest person present, Mrs. W. A. Jackson winning first prize, which was presented to her by Mrs. Pearce with a few well chosen words, after unrolling yards and yards of sweet scented tissue paper of every hue of the solar spectrum the prize was found to be a beautiful (?) box of tacks. Water was passed to the guests in a tin bucket with a gourd out of which to drink.

The guests were then ushered into the dining room and seated upon planks around a long table which was set with cracked and broken dishes and loaded down with ham sandwiches, pickles potato salad, apple sauce, molasses, doughnuts, jelly and coconut cake, tea and coffee.

After ample justice had been given the "eatings," the guests returned to the reception rooms and all joined in dancing the "Old Virginia Reel."

We can safely assert that never in the history of Ballinger has there been any affair in which there was as much laughter and merriment in so short a time as at this entertainment.

Those fortunate enough to be present are still singing the praises of Mrs. Pearce and Miss Cady for affording them the most delightful entertainment they have ever attended.

C. L. Dresse' M. D.

Specialist in Throat and Lung Troubles Endorses Vinol.

He writes: "In cases where the curative influence of cod liver oil is needed, I prescribe Vinol, which I find to be far more palatable and efficacious than other cod liver preparations. I am convinced from my own experience and from a knowledge of the nature of Vinol, that it is a worthy cod liver preparation in which a physician may have every confidence." C. L. Dreese, M. D. Goshen, Ind.

Such testimony furnishes further evidence to the people of Ballinger that our delicious cod liver preparation, Vinol, does all we claim for it.

As a body builder and strength-creator for old people, delicate children, weak, run-down persons, after sickness, and for chronic coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles, Vinol is unexcelled. This is because Vinol is made by a scientific, extractive and concentrating process from fresh cods livers combining with peptonate of iron all the medicinal, healing, body-building elements of cod liver oil, but no oil.

We ask the people of Ballinger to try Vinol on our offer to return their money if it fails to give satisfaction. The Walker Drug Co.

If you think of attending a business college, it would be well to write the METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE, Dallas, Texas for full information. The METROPOLITAN is known everywhere as one of the foremost business colleges of the South—its leadership in Texas is unquestioned.

Muscular Pains Cured

"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. C Pedlar, Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

**HORSE-TRADERS MAKE MERRY
BIG CROWD AND MANY BOOZERS**

First Monday Celebrated in Great Shape. The Day When Booze Flows Fast and Horses Sell for \$1.30.

First Monday was Red Letter Day for this particular coming together in Ballinger. The boys were here from the forks of the creek and every other place. Bad roads did not cut any figure in travel, and they begin to arrive Sunday evening, and some of the boys took an early start Monday morning and made business for the officers before the traders began to swap horses. As usual a large herd of worthless horses were strung up around the court house square, some of which have never missed a First Mon-

day since the First Monday sales day was inaugurated, and have changed hands at every sale. The auctioneer found business pretty good, as everybody wanted to sell, and there is always a bidder, be the bid ever so small, and a considerable lot of worthless stock, as well as other worn out plunder changed hands at some price. Occasionally a pretty good old plug would drop in to be sold to the highest bidder, or a pretty good old rattle-trap buggy

turned to sell a clock. These First Monday's are great things for a town, and the towns that havn't put them on should get busy. They bring together a crowd that gives the officers something to do, and keeps the booze joints running with extra forces, and the eating houses come in for their share of the business. Other lines of business stand off and enjoy the thought of what's to come after the first Monday crowd is gone.



Public Square. A First Monday Crowd.

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MAY WIPE IT OFF THE EARTH

Simple Home Made Treatment Said To Overcome Rheumatism Without Injury.

When an eminent authority announced in the Scranton (Pa.) Times that he had found a new way to treat that dread American disease, Rheumatism, with just common, every-day drugs found in any drug store, the physicians were slow indeed to attach much importance to his claims. This was only a few months ago. Today nearly every newspaper in the country even the metropolitan dailies, is announcing it and the splendid results achieved. It is so simple that any one can prepare it at home at small cost it is made up as follows: Get from any good prescription pharmacy Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces, Mix by shaking in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost.

Rheumatism, as every one knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

This prescription is said to be

a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and backache. He also warns people in a leading New York paper against the discriminate use of many patent medicines.

Disturbance at Opera House.

Editor Banner-Leader:— The "Castle on the Rhine" Company gave a creditable entertainment at the Opera House Monday night, to a reasonably large audience, most of whom appreciated the efforts of the entertainers, and enjoyed the programme, very much. There were some, however, whom it appears, could not appreciate such a high class programme, and made it a point to disturb all others, by their loud talk, flip-pant remarks etc. This should not be tolerated.

The Opera House is reasonably well patronized and at least 95 per cent who go there, do so to be entertained and ought to be protected in their rights. I would suggest to the management that they make it a point to have an officer present at all entertainments and when any one or more who are old enough to know how to behave themselves, undertakes to create a disturbance by loud talk or otherwise, turn him over to the officer, have him prosecuted, and when it becomes known that they will be thus dealt with that class of citizenship will behave themselves.

Respectfully
One who was disturbed.

No use in ordering a factory Fruit Cake when you can get the other at Schawe's Bakery for it is better.

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Stubbs & Dorsey would be pleased to do your work. Prompt service and courteous treatment.

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Dr. C. S. Jackson,

the Brownwood Veterinary Surgeon, visits Ballinger once a month and will treat your sick or diseased stock.



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Is the pleasant experience that will come for you if you buy your lumber supplies at this yard.

LUMBER VALUE

Is in every board, piece of siding, upright, or beam that you load on your wagon and that we charge you for. Before buying, get our prices!

Ballinger Lumber Company

DR. GAMBRELL TO SPEAK

Prominent Man Will Address the People at the First Baptist Church Thursday Night.

Dr. J. H. Gambrell, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, will be here next week, and will speak at the First Baptist church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr Gambrell is one of the most prominent men in public work in Texas. He is an able speaker and the topic he deals with is a very live one in Texas at present, and you can't afford to miss the speaking. Everybody invited to come. No charges.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman will be in to-day at noon. They have been living at Sweetwater.

Col. Morgan, bookkeeper for the Walker Drug Co., will run down to Coleman on business this evening.

The barber shops of Ballinger have agreed to close up on Sunday and not give baths. Take notice and clean up your carcass on Saturday night.

The prohibition wave which recently struck Illinois closed 320 saloons in that State, and is now seeking to close all the saloons in Chicago on at least one day of the week.

G. A. Dobbins, colnizati o n agent for the Santa Fe, was here yesterday in company with Mr. Campbell, the man who spoke at the court house on dry land farming.

The city council of Comanche finds the new \$25,000 high school building has not been built according to specifications and the contractor will have to make good or there will be trouble.

The board of examiners are in session to-day, and there is several applicants for certificates to teach school, including Prof. Tolleriver the colored teacher for the Ballinger negro school.

The Comanche Exponent takes the position that no farmer has the right to hold cotton that is mortgaged. He should first pay his debts and then no one can object if he holds till the new crop comes in.

A negro cut off the head of his mother-in-law and stabbed his wife's sister to death at Iavernia Texas, going to a school and dragging the latter out of the terrified crowd of negro pupils. The negro was captured and shot to death by his own race.

H. W. Campbell, the man who came here yesterday to address the farmers on methods of dry land farming, received a message, shortly after arriving here, announcing the death of his father in Vermont. The speaker was not in shape after receiving this sad news to handle his subject, but he did not want to disappoint the people who came in to hear him, and did the best he could under the circumstances.

Christmas Business Very Light.

Express Agent Prince says the business in his line is far short of what it was last year. It taxed the Company to handle the business last year at this season. This year there is very little being done in the way of sending and receiving packages of Santa Claus. Mr. Prince says he can't deliver the goods he receives, in many instances. He has on hand something like \$2500 worth of tailor made clothes which have been shipped to different parties C. O. D. that he is unable to deliver.

A REAL BARGAIN

For any one desiring to go in business. Good stock, good stand and good cash business. Will sell for cash or trade for good Real Estate. Ballinger Texas Bair & Conn.

GOOD SPECIALTIES

ZEKE--The Country Boy, the funny show, will be here Thursday, Dec. 12. Don't Miss It

MONDAY, "The Chore Boy" TUESDAY, "The House on the Cliff" WEDNESDAY, "Little Partner"

25, 35 and 50 cents

THE SNOAD - BURTON COMPANY PLAYS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

LIGHT PLANT GOES DEAD

Town Without Lights and Power--Banner- Leader Delayed.

On account of the feed pump that furnished water for the boiler at the light plant breaking, the town was without electric power from Friday about four o'clock until Saturday evening.

It was necessary for the Company to get a pump from Miles, that had been used in the gin. The Leader was ready to be put on the press just as the breakdown occurred and had to wait to get power to run the motor before we could print the paper, hence the delay.

T. J. Richards Passes Away.

T. J. Richards died at his home five miles east of here Monday night after a lingering illness. Mr. Richards has been a resident of Coke county a long time and was well known all over the county. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn the loss of a husband and father. Mr. Richards' death was not unexpected, for he had been in bad health for a number of years, but all that medical skill could do was done to prolong his life but without avail. The funeral was held Tuesday evening at the Old Fort cemetery, his last resting place. The News extends sympathy to the bereaved ones.— Ft. Chadbourne News.

EAST TEXAS

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Stove pipe 9 cents a joint the Racket stove near Depot—Ballinger.

Civil service examinations are being held at Winters today for the purpose of making appointments for rural mail carriers, one line out of Winters and one out of Ballinger.

Chas Farker returned from Dallas yesterday, where he went to have an operation performed on his eyes. It will be remembered that he got one of his eyes hurt a few weeks ago. We are glad to report that he is improving and that he will not lose his eye, as was at first thought.

Senator Cunningham of Abilene will soon be on the stump in the Sumbo district trying to persuade the people to set Congressman Smith aside and elect him. He is an elegant gentleman and a fluent speaker, but Smith is a man demanded to represent the varied industries and interests of the big district.—San Angelo Standard.

For Killing Antelope.

R. W. Lorraine, chief deputy to State Game Warden Woods, is in the city and on Friday was notified by phone message from a point in Southwest Texas that five parties were known to have shot and killed antelope in violation of law.

The message was from an officer in the county in which the offense is admitted to have occurred, and Mr. Lorraine was advised that the parties were willing to plead guilty, if a compromise in the matter of fines and costs could be agreed on.

As the law stands, each party pleading guilty to the offence alleged, would be liable to a fine and costs amounting to \$37.50, and this sum the parties think is rather steep.—San Angelo Press.

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Profits Are Clipped Close

The Big Unloading Sale now going on has proved a wonderful success. It will continue until December 31st. Everything marked in plain figures. Watch your dollars as it travels through our different departments and note the values given.

The man who does the most talking doesn't necessarily have the most enthusiastic listeners. The business man who makes the strongest claims are not necessarily the leaders in their lines. WE MAKE STRONG CLAIMS, but we back them up with the right kind of merchandise. We have proved that to thousands in Runnels and adjoining counties. May we have the opportunity to prove it to you?

Dress Goods	Clothing Department	Skirts
Without question a saving of 25 per cent to you here.	No old stock carried for years back, but new goods bought this season. How do these prices sound to you?	They cannot last long at these prices
All 2.25 Dress Goods, unloading price, per yd 1.89	All Mens' 25.00 suits and overcoats \$19.44	All 12.50 skirts unloading price 9.45
All 2.00 Dress Goods, unloading price, per yd 1.65	All Mens' 22.50 suits and overcoats \$18.79	All 10.00 skirts unloading price 7.48
All 1.75 Dress Goods, unloading price, per yd 1.39	All Mens' 20.00 suits and overcoats \$15.42	All 8.50 skirts unloading price 6.48
All 1.50 Dress Goods, unloading price per yd 1.29	All 18.00 Mens' suits and overcoats \$13.79	All 8.00 skirts unloading price 6.24
All 1.25 Dress Goods, unloading price, per yard 97c	All Mens' 17.50 suits and overcoats \$13.49	All 7.50 skirts unloading price 5.95
All 1.00 dress goods, unloading price per yard 82c	All Mens' 16.50 suits and overcoats \$12.70	All 6.50 skirts unloading price 4.95
All 85c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 69c	All Mens' 15.00 suits and overcoats \$11.49	All 5.00 skirts unloading price 3.98
All 75c dress Goods, unloading price, per yard 54c	All Mens' 13.00 suits and overcoats \$10.29	All 4.00 skirts unloading price 3.23
All 65c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 49c	All Mens' 12.50 suits and overcoats \$9.69	All 3.50 skirts unloading price 2.89
All 50c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 41c	All Mens' 10.00 suits and overcoats \$7.85	Misses skirts marked accordingly. What we advertise is so. See Yellow Ticket Prices.
All 40c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 31c	All Mens' 8.50 suits and overcoats \$6.95	
All 35c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 27c	All Mens' 7.50 suits and overcoats \$5.29	
All 30c dress goods, unloading price per yard 23c	What we advertise is so. See the yellow ticket price.	
All 25c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 19c		
All 20c dress goods, unloading price, per yard 16c		
All 15c dress goods unloading price, yard 12½c		
	Cotton Goods	Men's Trousers
	Standard Calico 7c, unloading price 5c	Unparalleled Savings Here.
	Apron Check Gingham 6½c, unloading price 4 1-2c	All mens 6.00 trousers unloading price 4.95
	Apron Checks Gingham 8½c, unloading price 6 1-2c	All mens 5.50 trousers unloading price 4.45
	Amoskeag Gingham 10c, unloading pr. 8 1-2c	All mens 5.00 trousers unloading price 3.80
	Dress Gingham, all colors 12½c, unloading price 9c	All mens 4.50 trousers unloading price 3.45
	Lonsdale, green ticket, yard wide 11c	All mens 4.00 trousers unloading price 3.16
	Hope, Lonsdale brand 9 3-4c	All mens 3.75 trousers unloading price 3.10
	Good as Gold bleached domestic 9 3-4c	All mens 3.50 trousers unloading price 2.98
	Red Seal Gingham 15c a yard, unloading price 12 1-2c	All mens 3.00 trousers unloading price 2.58
	Outing Flannel 12½c value, unloading 7 1-2c	All mens 2.75 trousers unloading price 2.29
	9-4 Peperell brown Sheeting 27c	All mens 2.50 trousers unloading price 1.89
	9-4 Peperell bleached Sheeting 28c	All mens 2.25 trousers unloading price 1.79
	10-4 Peperell bleached Sheeting 29c	All mens 2.00 trousers unloading price 1.58
	10-4 Peperell brown Sheeting 29c	All mens 1.75 trousers unloading price 1.49
	A C A Ticking 20c quality, unloading price 14 1-2c	All mens 1.50 trousers unloading price 1.29
	Misses cloaks marked accordingly. What we advertise is so	All mens 1.25 trousers unloading price 98c
		All mens 1.00 trousers unloading price 89c
		What we advertise is so. See yellow ticket price.

Why this Store has Gained a Reputation

Because we solicit your business. Because when you trade with us you buy goods of quality as cheap as your neighbor. Because it is our policy to treat all alike. Because we have one price to all and that's the lowest. Because we have the best selected stock in Ballinger. Because we know the Dry Goods business and buy for cash the merchandise you want. Because we treat you as we would like to be treated. BECAUSE WE ADVERTISE WHAT IS SO.