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RISSER'S RISSER'S RISSER'S RISSER'S RISSER'S RISSER'S

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.

STRUCK RICH GOAL VEIN

Ballinger Man President of Rich Coal Mine in Coleman County.

The West Texas Coal Mining and Development Co., have been at work putting down a shaft on their property North of Santa Anna, and news come from there this week that a three foot vein of good coal had been struck at a depth of 165 feet.

The Company is composed of J. W. Powell, of Ballinger, president; L. M. Huffman, Del Rio, first vice-president; J. Curtys Simmons, San Angelo, second vice-president; G. H. Garland, San Angelo, secretary; A. J. Baker, San Angelo, Treasurer; J. I. Hoffman, San Angelo, general superintendent; and Carl Huffman, San Angelo, assistant superintendent. The company owns 500 acres in the immediate vicinity of the coal mine, and has 15,000 acres leased in Coleman and adjoining counties. It is incorporated with a capital of \$150,000.

It is the intention of the Company to sink another shaft, obtain good machinery and begin operating the mine at once. The manager states that he believes with the proper machinery, eight or ten tons daily will be taken from the mine, and that coal in this section will be reduced to \$6 per ton, or a great deal cheaper than present prices.

President Powell is very jubilant over prospects, and feels that his company has a fine field of coal, and as times roll around and the mine is developed something else may be found under

the ground that will make the stock holders rich.

Sixteen years ago this same company operated what is known as the old Silver Moon Coal Mine three quarters of a mile east of the place where coal was struck this week. Two hundred tons were obtained from the mine, after which it was abandoned on account of lack of money to buy the necessary machinery for developing it.

The vein of coal discovered Saturday is believed to be thicker and of better quality than that in the old Silver Moon mine.

Burglary Tuesday Night.

Some body went through the pockets of two boarders at the Thompson hotel Tuesday night and made way with several dollars in small change. The boarders did not know anything about the burglary until they got up the next morning and found things scattered around in the room generally, and the money missing. The matter was reported to Sheriff Kirk, but Mr. Kirk had no clue to work from and it is very probable the guilty party or parties will escape.

Received big Shipment of Trees.

T. A. Knight, a truck grower, who owns some of the fine sandy land South of town, received a big shipment of trees this week. The shipment consisted of about 2000 trees of different varieties.

Mr. Knight is planting out a fine lot of berries and grapes also, and expects to put one acre in pecans. Fruit does fine in this particular soil and locality, and no doubt make Mr. Knight a rich man.

BIG FIRE AT PAINT ROCK

Dry Goods Store, Grocery Store and Post Office Burn, Loss \$15,000.

News was received here early Wednesday morning of a destructive fire at Paint Rock.

The fire originated in the post office about ten o'clock. The post office is located in the same building occupied by W. B. Woodruff's dry goods store, and as the mail gets in late, and the people crowd in to get their mail after the arrival of the hack, the supposition is that some one dropped a cigar or cigarett and the fire started from it. The sufferers are:

W. B. Woodruff, dry goods, loss \$9000, insurance \$5500.

V. D. Fuller, groceries, loss \$2000, insurance \$1000, Mrs. Swafford, two houses, loss \$2000, no insurance.

The insurance was carried by the Lee Maddox agency, and divided up among about six companies.

Rev. I. N. Lewis left yesterday for Tahoka, on a visit to some of his children.

Surveyor Kelley and assistants are busy running the line for the pipe laying on the drainage and sewer system, and establishing a grade preparatory to street paving.

The young people danced to a late hour last night at the skating rink. A prohibition lecture at the Baptist church and a show at the opera house, certainly a place for everybody to go, just as they choose.

Government's Estimate of Cotton.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture reports of the correspondent and agents today issued a report estimating that the total production of cotton in the United States for the year 1907-08 will amount to 5,581,068,000 pounds (not including linters,) equivalent to 11,678,000 bales of 500 pounds gros, weight.

The estimated production in 500-pound bales by states is as follows:

Virginia	14,000
North Carolina	604,000
South Carolina	1,091,000
Georgia	1,898,000
Florida	54,000
Alabama	216,000
Mississippi	1,536,000
Louisiana	712,000
Texas	2,490,000
Arkansas	795,000
Tennessee	293,000
Missouri	40,000
Oklahoma	919,000

School To-morrow.

The Runnels County Teachers Institute will convene at the school building Monday, and the entire week will be devoted to the work of the convention. The week following will be Christmas, and for the two weeks there will be no school; but in order to make things come out even and have school open on Jan. 1st the board has decided to keep school open on Saturday, to-morrow, hence the school will go on to-morrow as it does any other day.

Visit the Bazaar held by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church. Hamiltons Ice Cream stand.

Runnels County Medical Society.

The Runnels County Medical Society met in Ballinger yesterday, and elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. T. A. Rape was elected president and Dr. E. R. Walker, secretary. Dr. Alexander, of Coleman, was present and presented the Society with an excellent paper on the treatment of typhoid fever.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Dec. 15, 1907.
Subject: Great Chapters of the Bible, -Isaiah 53.
Fred Mixon, Leader.
Song.
Prayer.
Scripture reading—Luke 23: 32-38, -Kizzie Jones.
Song.
Paper on "Conversion of Isaiah,"—Miss Julia Curry.
Scripture reading—Luke 23: 50-56—Will Stuart.
Song.
Scripture reading—Isaiah 53: 1-12—Mr. Whitmore.
Quote Isaiah 53: 5,—Miss Allie Curry.
Paper on the "Various Atone-ment,"—Miss Belle McGinnis.
Ruestions found in Quarterly. Prayer and Dismissal.

First Quartely Conference.

The First Quarterly Conference will be held at the parsonage Saturday evening at 7:30.
E. P. Williams Pastor.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church will hold a Bazaar next Tuesday, in the ice cream parlor of Mr. Hamilton. They will have many things for sale, and it will pay you to see them.

Do You Want To Save Money?

Then Visit

The Real Sale

We are going out of the dry goods business and are making prices never heard of before in Ballinger. Everyone knows dry goods are going to be higher next year but we are postively going out of the Dry Goods business and in order to mové every yard of cut goods in our store as soon as possible we are making these unheard of prices on all Outing, Calico, Ginghams, Percals, Domestics, Suitings, Woolen Dress Goods; in fact all our cut goods at

20 Per Cent Below Actual Cost

Every one knows we do what we advertise. Everything in our entire stock cheaper than can be obtained elsewhere and all cut goods 20 per cent below actual cost.

THE REAL SALE

At The Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Little Ills of Children

Mothers and all others who have children about the house cannot do their families a better service than to learn of simple and reliable remedies that correct children's ailments. Many grown people are suffering today for the ignorance or negligence of those who had charge of their bringing up.

Children are prone to constipation, and if it isn't corrected early, the bowels get in the habit of not working normally and soon chronic constipation results that may last off and on all through life. Then children eat almost continually and as a consequence indigestion sets in soon followed by worms, or stomach pains, or diarrhea, or any one of a dozen other troubles. To say that it is right itself is putting altogether too much faith in chance. It is trying with the child's present and future health.

A better way is to give the child a dose of something intended to cure that very trouble, and nothing better for the purpose is known than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It never grips but acts gently and as it has a pleasant taste the child will not refuse to take it. Buy a 30-cent or \$1 bottle of your druggist and save the child from sickness. You should remember that a child whose stomach is in good working order is not likely to catch colds and fever diseases.

Mrs. Carry, of Trowbridge, Ill., attributes the remarkable health of her child to Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which she gives regularly in these disorders. Mrs. Eversole, of Hinsboro, Ill., is frank to say that the present good condition of her five-year-old boy is entirely due to this wonderful remedy. Try it in your own family and see if you cannot share these opinions. Every bottle is guaranteed to do exactly as we claim, and the purity of ingredients is also vouched for.

FREE TEST Those wishing to try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin before buying can have a free sample bottle sent to their home by addressing the company. This offer is to prove that the remedy will do as we claim, and is only open to those who have never taken it. Send for it if you have any symptoms of stomach, liver or bowel disease. Gentlest yet most effective laxative for children, women and old folks. A guaranteed, permanent home cure. THE PUBLIC VERDICT: "No Laxative So Good and Sure as DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN." This product bears purity guarantee No. 17, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. M. C. Braden was painfully hurt and badly frightened while out driving last Friday. The buggy collided with another horse throwing Mrs. Braden out. Patronize home Bakery and you will get a better fruit cake than factory made. Phone Schawe your order.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

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



MONEY IN LUMBER 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

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.

GLAD IT DID SO MUCH GOOD

Druggists Hear Much Praise for This Simple Home-Made Mixture of Vegetable Ingredients.

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture writes one authority in a leading Philadelphia newspaper has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys: cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short while.

A New York druggist who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspaper last October stated that the people who once try it "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

The druggists in this neighborhood say they can supply the ingredients which are easily mixed at home. There is said to be no better blood-cleansing agent or system tonic known and certainly none more harmless or simple to use.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition

Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company at Ballinger State of Texas, at the close of business on the 3rd day of December 1907, published in the Banner Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger State of Texas on the 13th day of December 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$50,739.29
Loans, real estate	73,588.18
Overdrafts	8,256.67
Bonds and stocks	600.00
Real estate (banking house)	17,150.53
Other real estate	600.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,640.95
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	18,976.91
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	6,663.64
Cash Items	4,977.28
Currency	9,080.00
Specie	2,244.40
Other resources as follows:	200.00
Total	\$237,095.16

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus	2,500.00
Undivided profits, net	2,115.26
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	293.53
Individual Deposits, subject to check	103,389.98
Time certificates of deposit	17,293.80
Demand Certificates deposits	500.00
Cashier's Checks	1,844.95
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	49,000.00
Other liabilities as follows:	177.64
Total	\$237,095.16

State of Texas
County of Runnels } ss.
We Chas. S. Miller, President and E. D. Walker, Cashier of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President
E. D. Walker, Cashier
We G. M. Vaughn, C. O. Harris and C. S. Bowdon directors (stockholders) of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. do solemnly swear that we have made thorough personal examination of the books, papers, property and affairs of said corporation and that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. M. Vaughn) Directors
C. O. Harris) (Stockholders)
C. S. Bowdon)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December nineteen hundred and seven. Witness my hand and notarial seal, the date last aforesaid.
(seal) A. C. Homan, Notary Public, Runnels Co. Texas.

Notice--Keep Out.

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

Will Bust the Trust

George Cowan, editor of the Coke County Observer, spent Wednesday in the city, soliciting for his paper, making new friends and renewing old ties of friendship. George has discovered that the price of meats have reached such proportions that the poor can no longer enjoy the luxury of meat on the table three times a day, and now to relieve the stringency he comes forward with a new, novel and quite feasible plan. He has discovered that small animals are always attracted to a brilliant light at night, and following this suggestion he has rigged up an old ox-wagon one of the old time prairie schooner variety. To this he has fixed a large lantern of several hundred candle power. This intense light, he says, will attract jack rabbits, cotton-tail rabbits, badgers, coyotes and prairie dogs for miles around, all of which will "come a-runnin'" and beg to be taken aboard the excursion car. On each side of the wagon folding and reversible nets, the game will be easily cooped in. George says a rabbit market will be opened in Ballinger, Brownwood and San Angelo, so that everybody can feast on rabbit hash during the holidays. He says Jim Mace will operate the market in Angelo and will supply customers with an endless variety of small game. George says he is sure to bust the meat trust.—San Angelo Standard.

Orient May be Affected.

It is feared that the failure on Thursday of the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City may retard work on the line, owing to the fact that Cashier Rule of the suspended institution is treasurer of the Orient Railroad company. However, any unsettling of the finances of the road on that account will be of short duration and it is believed that President Stilwell will be able to continue present operations without a break.—San Angelo Press.

A CRAZY MAN^o Found Eating an Egg, Shell and All--People are Amazed.

A crazy man was recently eating an egg-shell and all it was declared additional proof of his insanity, as every one realizes that the shell of an egg has no food value, and is both indigestible and injurious. It is just as crazy for a sane person to swallow a lot of cod liver oil to get the benefit of the medicinal element therein, as for the crazy man to eat the egg, shell and all.

Scientists agree that the oil or greasy part of cod liver oil has no medicinal value whatever, and only upsets the stomach and retards recovery, but it is the medicinal elements enveloped in the cod's livers and their oil which represent all the tonic and curative power of that famous old remedy.

Vinol contains all the medicinal, curative elements of cod liver oil, but is entirely free from oil, and is therefore, the best strength creator and tonic reconstructor possible to obtain.

The reason Vinol is so far superior to the old fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions is because it is made by scientific, extractive and concentrating process from fresh cod's livers, combining with peptonate of iron all the medicinal, healing body-building elements of cod liver oil, but no oil.

Vinol is unexcelled to restore health and create strength for rundown, debilitated, tired overworked people, weak women, nursing mothers, puny, ailing children, convalescents, or for people suffering with hard colds, hacking coughs, incipient consumption and bronchitis. Try it. If it fails we will return your money. The Walker drug Co. tf

Train Was Late.

The East bound Santa Fe Passenger train due here at 6:10 last night was three hours late due to bad engines. The passenger engine "went dead" between Talpa and Benoit and the freight engine which was sent to bring the train in also went to the bad, and the "Ballinger turn" engine was called into service on the passenger. This engine found it necessary to make a run for water and leave the train near Coleman Junction. With these several mishaps the passenger train did not arrive at Brownwood until 9 o'clock.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Quick Work.

The breakdown at the light plant last week was a serious one from the fact that the parts broken could not be repaired and it was necessary to get a new pump. The Company fortunately had a pump at Miles and sent a man through the country to get the pump. The man left Ballinger about twelve o'clock and returned by seven, and the pump was placed and power turned on promptly. The Company deserve some words of commendation for their quick work in relieving the trouble caused on every hand.

Of Interest To Women.

To such women as are not seriously out of health, but who have exacting duties to perform, either in the way of household cares or in social duties and functions which seriously tax their strength, as well as nursing mothers, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has proved a most valuable supporting tonic and invigorating nerve. By its timely use, much serious sickness and suffering may be avoided. The operating table and the surgeon's knife, would it is believed, seldom have to be employed if this most valuable woman's remedy were resorted to in good time. The "Favorite Prescription" has proven a great boon to expectant mothers by preparing the system for the coming of baby, thereby rendering childbirth safe, easy, and almost painless.

Bear in mind, please that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is not a secret or patent medicine, against which the most intelligent people are quite naturally averse, because of the uncertainty as to their composition and harmless character, but is a medicine of known composition, a full list of all its ingredients being printed, in plain English, on every bottle wrapper. An examination of this list of ingredients will disclose the fact that it is non-alcoholic in its composition, chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine taking the place of the commonly used alcohol, in its make-up. In this connection it may not be out of place to state that the "Favorite Prescription" of Dr. Pierce is the only medicine put up for the cure of women's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, and sold through druggists, all the ingredients of which have the unanimous endorsement of all the leading medical writers and teachers of all the several schools of practice, and that too as remedies for the ailments for which "Favorite Prescription" is recommended. A little book of these endorsements will be sent to any address, postpaid, and absolutely free if you request same by postal card, or letter, of Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. Easy to take as candy.

Abilene Cotton Figures.

At the Ross yard 1029 bales have been weighed this week, including Thursday morning, being divided into days as follows: on Monday, 250 bales; on Tuesday, 302 bales; on Wednesday, 240 bales and on Thursday, 237, making the total for the season, 9889 bales. Nearly all the cotton weighed by the Ross yard was sold.

At the Farmer's Union warehouse 150 bales were weighed during the week, Tuesday being the heaviest day. The season's total so far for the Farmer's Union warehouse is 1797 bales. A majority of the bales weighed there this week were sold.—Abilene Reporter.

T. J. Parish was in from his place South of town Monday, and rounded us up about his paper failing to reach him on time. We explained the cause and all was well.

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. tf

Your Hauling Who Does It?

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

Stubbs & Dorsey,

Phone 339 (Successors to Jesse McAdams)

The Seal of Approval
Is stamped on every fire insurance policy we issue. When you insure with us and the policy is "signed sealed and delivered," you can rest assured you have done a good deed and that you're safe.

A Fire Insurance Policy that bears our seal is evidence of its solidity. In case of fire we adjust your loss promptly and without vexatious delay as often happens with some companies.

Lee Maddox

Let Us Show You

That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

Years Of Experience

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's trial will convince you.

Miller Mercantile Company

Progressive Procession.

If you want goods down close to cost come to the

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situated opposite the Opera House on the corner.

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits and Vegetables. Also Feed Supplies.

J. O. MIXON
Owner and Proprietor Phone No. 16.

Jones, Walton & Co.

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Stoughton Wagons
K. C. Buggies
Sanders Disc Plows
Lone Star Cultivators
Rock Island Planters
I.H.C. Gasoline Engines

You Lose If Don't See Us Before buying Hardware.

Jones, Walton & Co.

Higginbotham BED SPREADS WHILE THEY LAST 98C Gurrie Co.	HELTER SKELTER	Higginbotham LACE CURTAINS WHILE THEY LAST 50C PAIR Gurrie Co.
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Clear The Track Here We Come Again!

Cutting and slashing prices right and left. All former price records knocked higher than a kite. Again and again we have applied the pruning knife until what is now left of former prices look very insignificant compared to the original figures. But let her go---what is our loss is your gain. We need and must have money, so come in to the feast. But take warning! prices made during this Sale are so very much lower than others (in their desperation) are offering that we fear our stock, though many times larger than any of our competitors, will not stand unbroken very long before the eager buying public that will throng our big department store. Therefore we cannot promise to supply all that come. Each price for this special sale is made subject to sale, and is good only as long as the stock lasts. Hence you should not delay one moment, but drive direct to our store and be the first to supply all your wants at about one-half what others would ask you, if you come you must come quick for if you delay you might be disappointed. Don't blame us if you get left.

Mens' Dress Shirts, worth 75c while they last 39c	250 Mens' Dress Suits worth \$7.50 to \$13.50 while they last \$4.98	10c dozen heavy Pearl Buttons while they last dozen 3 1/2c
Mens' Duck Coats worth \$2.00 while they last \$1.33	200 pair Ladies' Dress Shoes new stock worth \$1.50 to \$2.50 pair while they last \$1.15	50 white Table Linen while they last 25c
Boys' Suspenders worth 15c while they last	10 yards sort lengths Calicoes, Percals	Blue Seal Vaseline worth 10c while they last

Ballinger Viewed from a Distance.

The Castle Rine Concert Co. which was in Brownwood one night last week and gave a very creditable concert at the Library, was disturbed during the performance at the opera house in Ballinger by some drunken men who made audible comments during the entertainment. The members of the company said that in their tour of three months this was the first time this had occurred. The incident has occasioned some criticism in Ballinger, but it was merely one of those unfortunate incidents that may occur anywhere, even in a church service. Men who drink misbehave wherever they may happen to be, and it is often less disturbing to submit to the annoyance of slight misbehavior of this kind than to create a disturbance by ejecting such people from an audience. But there is a limit to endurance of this kind and that should be met by throwing the disturbers into the streets. —Brownwood Bulletin.

Good Cough Medicine for Children

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Forty-Two.

An event of interest and pleasure was the Forty Two party given at the pretty Winkler home on 10th St., last Friday evening—Mesdames H. Winkler, J. Y. Pearce, and C. R. Stevens were hostesses; The party being given in honor of those who participated in the Eastern Star Concert some time ago.

A series of nine tables were arranged for the players, and seven closely contested games were played. At the conclusion of which delicious vanilla and chocolate cake were served.

The occasion was one replete with pleasure and the following were the guests.

- Misses Clark; Perriman; Cofer; Butt; Smith; Malone; Truly; Gregory; Underwood; King; Lewis; Baker. Mesdames. Clara Ransom, J. Y. Pearce, C. R. Stevens, C. P. Shepherd and Findlater of San Angelo. Messrs. Leon Ward, Earnest Plummer, Jim Morgan, Eugene Risser, Maurice Winkler, J. G. Douglas, Whit Patterson, Walton Leader, W. W. Fowler, Ralph Erwin, C. P. Shepherd, J. Y. Pearce, C. R. Stevens, W. I. Bogle and Bob McGregor.

Last Sunday was a whizzer and reminded us of early days in Ballinger. The strong west wind moved trash, gravel, etc and scattered signs.

The society department of last Sunday's Houston Chronicle contained the pictures of Miss Nelle Butler and J. W. Bone, and a complimentary mention of the wedding.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, the hero, celebrated Thanksgiving by entertaining a son that arrived at his home on that day. He has no time now to talk Navy building, and is off the stage. And, he will be at his post of duty in Washington as soon as his young son will permit of it.

the farmer must sell sooner or later at some price, and it is an easy matter for the buyer to stand with hands off until the farmer is forced to sell, and then get the crop at the price justified by the size of it. The best and about the only way to regulate the price of cotton is to reduce the acreage thereby cutting the yield to equal the demand.

IN A BAD WAY

Many a Reader Will Grateful for This Information.

When your back gives out; Becomes lame, weak or aching; When urinary troubles set in; Your kidneys are "in a bad way" Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you.

Mrs. H. N. Paul, in Northwest part of San Angelo, Tex., says: "I have been greatly benefited by the use of one box of Doan's Kidney Pills. They have done me more good and gave me better health than all the doctors' treatment and other medicines I ever tried. For several years I had suffered almost constantly from kidney trouble. Pains in my back and sides, dull miserable headaches and an irregularity of the kidney secretions with a burning pain in passage were some of the symptoms which were constantly present. After the first few doses of Doan's Kidney pills I felt they were doing me good and before I had finished the contents of one box, I was like a new woman. If the use of my name will be the means of helping some other victim of kidney trouble to find relief, I will indeed be very glad."

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.

We want your accounts large or small. Citizens National Bank.

great and is growing greater every day. Soon there will be a cotton dearth in some parts of the world. The American Spinner with France, Germany and Austria have bought but little cotton, England alone, has bought cotton evincing a foresight that places them a head of the balance of the world. These people must have American cotton. The crop is very short in all the cotton growing countries. Fellow farmers, now is the time to hold the remnant of cotton remaining in your hands, and soon you are to meet your minimum price of 15 cents. Cotton is steadily advancing every day and certainly the farmer can hold out awhile longer.

"The financial situation is clearing up. The banks and merchants are more easily pacified. The sentiment of every one now is that we must win, and take courage and stand to your guns, stand by your cotton until 15 cents is obtained.

"Every report is favorable to us. Time has justified your wisdom in fixing the price. Time has proven that you were right in your estimate of the crop. You have carried the fight through one of the worst panics the world ever saw, and now victory is yours.

D. J. Neill, Pres., We wish to call attention to President Neill's estimate on the crop. He estimates a ten million bale crop when the government report estimates over eleven and a half million bales. Which do you think is the most reliable? Mr. Neill also says the price is steadily advancing, when, as a fact, the ginner's report referred to caused a slump of about \$3.00 per bale.

It is hard proposition to control the cotton market by holding cotton. The spinners, speculators and cotton men in general know when the crop is made that it is made to sell, and that

ing to such an agreement have been under headway, it is declared, for the past four months. By its terms the farmers are to receive \$30 on every bale stored with the Galveston bankers. On every bale shipped by the firm to European manufacturers an advance of \$35 is to be made, and no bale is to be shipped without the consent of the owner and of President Neill having been obtained.

For the purpose of directing the big general movement of cotton which it is stated will follow Monday's action. Mr. Graham will open an office in Ft. Worth and a representative of the Farmers' union will be stationed in Galveston. President Neill said yesterday that it has not been definitely decided just who will represent the union at Galveston. It was the original intention of the union officials that General Organizer B. F. Chapman should manage the Galveston end of the deal. Mr. Chapman, however, has decided that it will be impracticable for him to leave the headquarters for any great length of time and some other member will have to be appointed.

Moody & Company own a warehouse at Galveston in which they claim they will be able to store some 40,000 bales of cotton.

President Neill is very much elated over the estimate made in the last ginner's report, received Monday. In his following statement issued to the membership of the union, Mr. Neill declares that this year's cotton crop will not exceed 10,000,000 bales.

"To the Membership of Texas—The ginner's report up to Dec. 1, shows 8,338,000 bales ginned against 10,037,868 ginned last year. This report shows a very short cotton crop as compared with preceding crops. This crop will hardly pass the 10,000,000 mark and shows at least a shortage of 3,000,000 bales. The demand for spot cotton is

FARMERS GOING TO EUROPE.

President Neill Says Shot Crop, and Advises Union to Hold, in Force of the Fact of Continued Decline.

As another step toward the handling of the South's cotton crop, the decision has been reached on the part of the Farmers' union to establish offices and maintain agents in a number of the big European cotton centers. The first experiment of this kind will be made at Liverpool, England, where a union office will be opened in the course of the next few weeks. F. W. Davis, former chairman of the Farmers' union executive committee, has been tendered this position. Mr. Davis will decide whether he will accept the office or not.

In the event of his refusal some other member of the union will be delegated to the post. If the experiment measurers up to the expectations of its promoters suboffices may be established in other large European cotton centers.

The movement, it is stated will be the means of bringing the great bulk of cotton raisers of the South more closely in touch with the European spinners. It will work for more dispatch, more system and in the end, for higher prices, it is declared.

As the result of an all-day conference between President D. J. Neill of the Texas Farmers' union and Malcolm Graham, representing W. L. Moody & Co., bankers of Galveston, at the headquarters in Fort Worth, Monday, all details of the agreement by which the Galveston financiers are to store and lend money on the union cotton were drawn up and a copy of the document was forwarded to the Seawall city for final signing. Negotiations look-

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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 to get data.

Read Leader advertisements; they are money savers for you.

One more term will perhaps be the last term in which the sheriff and tax collectors office will be one and the same. The census will be taken in 1910, and the population of the county will be sufficient for the offices to be separated.

President Roosevelt is out again with a public statement to the effect that he will not under no circumstances accept the nomination of his party for the office again. Mr. Roosevelt has made the nation a good president and it seems that his party should let him retire with honor, and bring out some other fast man—if they have any.

It is very probable that after the present term of county treasurer expires the office will be abolished. Quite a number of counties in the state have abolished this office, and the business is cared for by the depository.

Of course cotton receipts at Ballinger will not come up to last years crop, but the crop is turning out much better than was anticipated, and the receipts will crowd up close to the 20 thousand mark. The outlook for a grain crop was never better.

Mr. Farmer, did you get one of those books on soil culture, on dry land farming. The books are being distributed to a limited number by the banks and some of the merchants. To follow Mr. Campbell's directions in cultivating your ground means success for the farmers.

The Ballinger Banner-Leader boasts that eggs are worth 35c a dozen in Ballinger while they are only worth 30c in Brownwood and that butter sells there for 25c a pound the year round. This may be an inducement that will impel Brownwood people to move to Ballinger, but it looks more like an argument to show that Ballinger cows are less productive and Ballinger hens lazier than those in Brownwood.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Ballinger ships butter to San Angelo every week, and there are certain seasons when eggs

are shipped by the car load. No, No, not lazier, but Ballinger is just a better market for such things. We shipped a car load of turkeys this week; not to Brownwood though, and there is a good demand for turkeys on the local market and the price is very satisfactory to the seller.

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts, then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Notice--Keep Out.

All my lands which border Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. No hunting, pecan gathering or trespassing allowed. W. E. Allen

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. tf

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbons. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Toys, Toys, Toys will be sold at actual cost at the Globe. tf

What's the matter with a fine gold head silk umbrella for a Christmas present. See those at Cordill's.

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

John F. Drew orders the Leader sent to Mrs. N. S. Edens, in California and Mrs. J. L. Machen, Sandia, Texas. The two ladies are sisters of Mrs. Drew.

Dolls, Toys, Fireworks and all kinds of Holiday Goods at actual cost at The Globe store. tf

Judge and Mrs. B. B. Stone received a telegram calling them back to the bedside of Mrs. Stone's father, Judge Henderson, at Dalias, Monday. The message came just a minutes before train time.

"Go you one better" 15 bars soap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains. 52 tf.

Wm. Smiley, Winters leading merchant, was here first of the week, and left an order at the Leader office for four thousand and big double page circulars. Mr. Smiley is putting on a big sale to run one week, beginning Wednesday, Dec., 18 and closing Dec., 25th.

If Toys is what you want we have them at The Globe at actual cost. tf.

The price is right, the gods are right and the right place, to buy wedding and Christmas presents is at Cordill's, First Nat'l Bank building.

Miss Mary Rather came in from Belton, Tuesday, to attend the Bone-Butler wedding. She will return to her home in Central America in a few days.

Fresh line of good groceries on hand all the time at Miller Mer. Co. Call and see us.

Lewis Alexander returned to his home at Hamilton, first of the week, after spending several days here with home folks. Lewis speaks in the highest terms of his new town, and thinks the prospects for a greater Hamilton very bright.

Charley Gooch, of Temple, was here this week, and participated in the Bone-Butler wedding.

Look through our stock, you will find just what you want for a Christmas present. Asa Cordill.

Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Humphrey delightfully entertained the members of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at their pretty home on West Harris avenue. The parlors were brilliantly decorated and fortytwo was the amusement of the evening. At 10:30 o'clock dainty refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, were served. About sixty guests were present, and all spent a very enjoyable evening.—San Angelo Standard.

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

In our new quarters; more room, more goods and better prepared to care for our customers. Call and see us in the First Nat'l Bank building.

J. W. W. Spence, of Big Springs, a former citizen of Ballinger, was here this week on business. Mr. Spence was not in good health when he left Ballinger, but we are glad to say he is enjoying fine health now.

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

Jas. B. Harris, a prominent newspaper man, has accepted a position as circulation manager of the Ledger.

Howard Pickens and family, of Brownwood are spending several days here this week.

Professional Cards Etc.

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Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone No. 92
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Genito, Urinary, Rectal and Chronic Diseases.
All calls promptly attended.
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The House Moving Man
I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.
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South of Court House
Is The Place To Have Your Work Done.
A Specialty made of Door and Window Framing from the cheapest to the best. Odd sized Sash and Doors made. Ripping, Turning, Forming and sand finishing work done on short notice.

The Smoothest Thing
In town is a fresh shave from the
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Everything first-class and your patronage appreciated. Next door to express office.

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In complete in the South-west. All the late songs, marches, waltzes, etc. HALF PRICE. All instruments, Piano, Organ, Violin, Viola, etc. Write for catalog and price. Book of 500 Three Songs FREE. 600, ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

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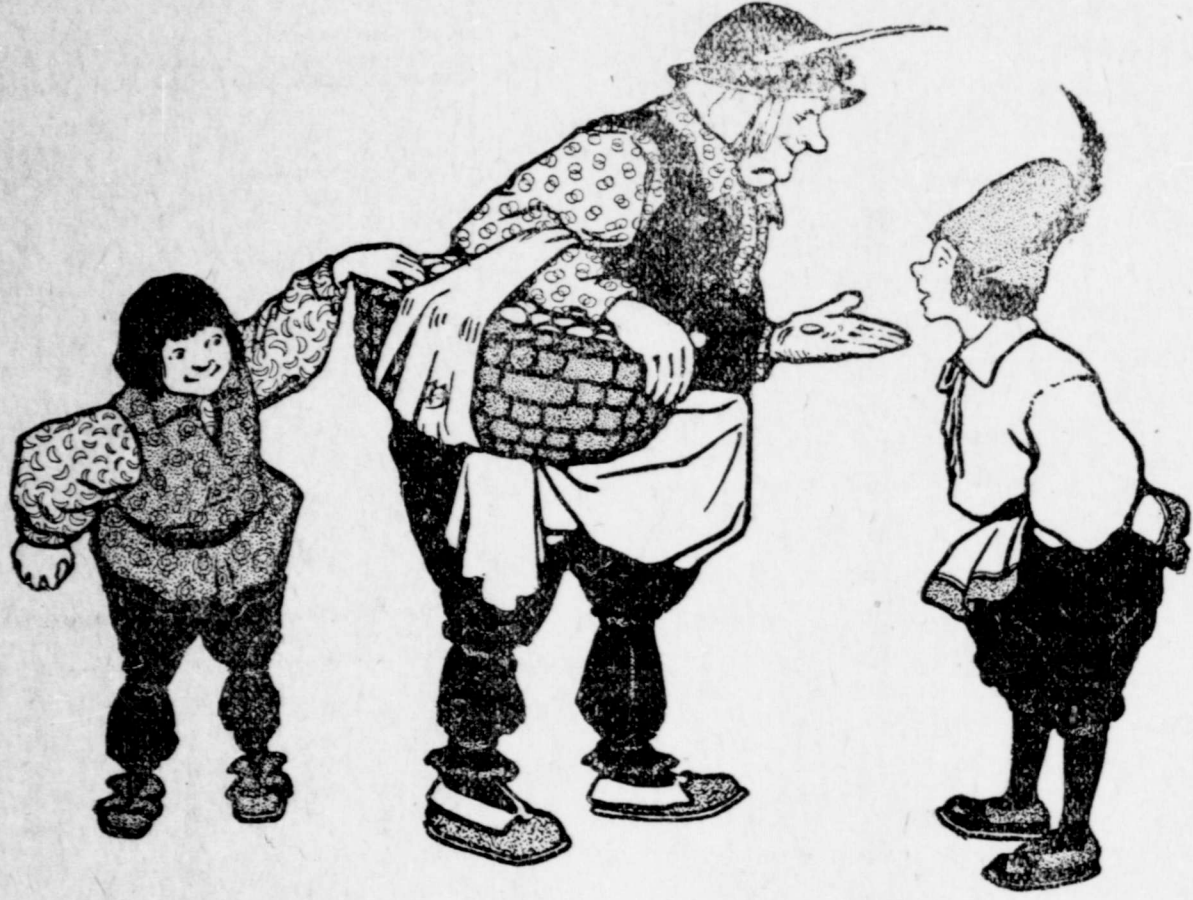
Our store is headquarters for Santa Claus this year. We have made big preparations for him. We have thousands of new novelties in toys, novelty dolls, Teddy bears, burnt wood novelties, hand painted china-ware, handsome pictures. Call in now and select your presents.
DON'T WAIT TILL THE BIG RUSH IS ON

The New 5 and 10c Store
8th Street, Ballinger, Texas
Ask about the beautiful \$8 doll we are going to give away

**Wedding
Presents
Christmas
Presents**

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.

The Walker Drug Co.



You Are Gaining Nothing

By cheap abstract work. Its something that wont stand for cheapness You have too much at stake to consider the price. Service is what you want and by people that are prepared for it.
Don't you know that a firm that has \$15,000.00 invested in Abstract Books, can and will give you better service than those that have nothing invested. Common sense tells you so and experience will show you some day. Call on us.

GIESEGKE - BENNETT COMPANY.
Abstracts - Real Estate

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.

Miss Sammie Padgett is recovering from a siege of fever. We are glad to report that she has been clear of fever this week.

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.

Mrs. J. F. Currie returned from a visit to San Angelo, Wednesday.

We can't mention all the nice things in our store that will be appropriate for Christmas gifts, but invite you to come and see for yourself, get our prices and then buy where you please. Asa Cordill.

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

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels By virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 10th day of December A. D. 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Rasbury & Bruce versus Louis Pavlicek et al, the defendants being Louis Pavlicek and R. Michna No. 872 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in January A. D. 1908, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels county, in the City of Ballinger the following described land situated in Runnels county, Texas to-wit:

530 6-10 acres, a part of the Dillard Cooper Survey No. 166 1-4 described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in N. B. line of said Dillard Cooper survey, 1900 varas E. of its N. W. corner, at N. E. corner of Otto Klaus, 400 acres; Thence E. 321 varas to a fence corner, on S. B. line of River Survey No. 413, in name of Valentine Rice, Thence S. 60 E with said S. line 205 vrs. to S. E. corner of said 413, Thence N. 30, E. 118 vrs to corner of fence on E. B. line of said No. 413, and N. B. line of said Dillard Cooper Survey; thence E. with said N. line 130 vrs to fence corner on S. B. line of survey No 414, in name of Geo. Lochausen; Thence S. 60, E. 760 vrs. to corner of fence, the N. E. corner of said Dillard Cooper Survey, Thence S. with fence on E. B. of said Dillard Cooper Survey, 1941 1-2 vrs. to stake in said E. line for N. E. corner of the R. Michna 200 acre-tract, and S. E. corner of this tract, Thence W. 1350 vrs to stake in center of public road for S. W. corner of this tract and N. W. corner of the said Michna tract, thence N. with center of public road at 1536 1-2 vrs, center of bridge spanning Indian Creek, at 2321 1-2 vrs place of beginning levied on as the property of R. Michna to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$992.00 in favor of Rasbury & Bruce and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of December A. D. 1907.
R. P. Kirk, Sheriff,
13-3t T. J. Gardner, Deputy.

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.

Miss Sallie Hathaway came in from Stephenville, Wednesday, to visit her uncle, S. P. Hathaway.

Miss Minnie Ewing came down from Miles, Wednesday, and is the guest of Miss Neil Guion.

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"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.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Talley returned from a visit to Mr. Talley's parents at Crews, first of the week.

Holiday Gifts

That Please Everybody

Everyone wishes to give gifts that please the recipient and we make it easy to do so. We do this by affording the widest selection of desirable gift goods of high quality, and by selling them at a lower profit than ordinary dealers expect to make on this class of goods. In fact, it will be impossible for us to carry over much of it and have

Cut the Price

to the lowest limit in order to clear out the entire stock. We name some of our leading lines below, but it is, of course, impossible to give you any hint of the beauty, novelty and real worth of the goods, or of the compelling power of our low prices.

Fine toilet articles, perfumes, dolls, toys, games, books, mirrors, latest leather goods, pictures, smokers' goods, cut glass, China, art wares, box papers, silver and copper novelties, silver and plated wares, shaving sets, traveling sets, albums, Bibles, hymnals, Japanese novelties, fancy goods, playing cards, desk accessories, Christmas cards and booklets, confectionery, etc.

**City
Drug Store**

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

Rooms for Rent.

Three desirable furnished rooms for rent at Mrs. Bacon's residence. Phone 84. It

Presents for the young and old—Something for everybody at Asa Cordill.



Dear friend:
We were away from home in jelly-making time, but Mama says she is not going to worry over a hot stove any more to make jelly and jam. She says she can buy it cheaper than she can make it and just as good. Do you know you can get a real nice glass of jelly, any kind you want for 10c.
your friend,
Jacob.

P. S. It would surprise you to see how many different kinds of jams and jellies and things put up in glasses and bottles you can get at

**Dornberger
& Hopkinson.**

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

in banks has not been shaken as deeply during the present financial stringency as was feared by some.

This shows that people have a better understanding of banking and banking principals than ever before, and also shows the advantage of letting people know some about how your business is conducted and what it depends upon.

This has been and still is our policy, to explain to our customers and prospective customers the conveniences and advantages of doing business with a bank, and the whys and wherefores of the methods of sound banking.

We are extremely glad to know of this confidence that has been shown, not only to our own institution, but to others as well; and feel sure that when people fully understand banks and their methods, that it will take something more than a financial flurry originating in New York to shake the confidence of depositors in sound banks.

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UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION. STATE DEPOSITORY.

BURGLARY INSURANCE....

The best burglar insurance policy ever written is a checking account with a bank; saves carrying a lot of money around with you and yet you have it any minute you want it. If all persons carried checking accounts and wore a check book in their inside pockets, the hold-up guys would go out of business.

BETTER COME IN TODAY AND OPEN AN ACCOUNT

First National Bank
Ballinger, - Texas.

BUSY SESSION CITY COUNCIL

Mayor's Veto Overruled. Some Good Things in Store for Ballinger.

The City Council met Monday to pass on the contract between the Sanitary Sewerage Co., and the City. The contract is for the laying of drainage pipes through the principle part of the city. It was discussed at some length and several changes ordered made and the amount of bond fixed, and the council took recess until Wednesday evening.

Before adjourning the question of street workman Harmon was brought up, in which the Mayor had vetoed the Council's action in re-instating Harmon, and allowing his salary at a previous meeting. A motion was made and carried unanimously to reconsider the veto, after which the Mayor signed the Harmon

warrants, and Harmon continues his street work.

The Council met again Wednesday evening and accepted and signed the contract between the Sewerage Co., and the city for the laying of the drainage pipe. This work is being done preparatory to paving the streets.

The paving question was taken up and discussed at length, and there will be something doing in this line as soon as the pipe is put down, and a grade established for the various streets.

An order was passed giving the volunteer Fire Company permission to build a temporary fire station on the corner of the Hardin wood yard lots on Ninth street. The boys propose to build the temporary station out of the Volunteer Company's money, and the city is to refund the money when a permanent station is built. A man will be employed to care for and train the horses.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels. By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 9th day of December, 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of John Marbach et al, versus J. T. Burns et al. No. 884 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1908, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described Property situated in Runnels Co., Texas, to-wit:

Being 114.86 acres of land known as Block No. 12, a subdivision of the H. L. Bays League and Labor Survey No. 444, Abstract No. 17, Certificate 917-1916, patented Nov. 1, 1855 by Patent No. 297, Volume No. 12,—said 114.86 acre tract being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning in the bed of Valley Creek at the n. w. corner of Block No. 7, another subdivision of said Survey, said beginning point being N. 63 E. 20 varas from a stake from which a double elm, each trunk of which is 12 inches in diameter, bears S. 3 W. 4 1-5 varas; Thence down Valley Creek with its meanders as follows:

S. 15 1-2 E. 100 varas, S. 42 3-4 E. 180 varas, S. 4 1-2 W. 160 varas, S. 56 W. 50 varas, N. 12 W. 160 varas, S. 76 1-2 W. 17 varas, S. 9 1-2 W. 128 varas S. 47 10 E. 109.7 varas to a point in said Creek being the s. e. corner of Block No. 11, another subdivision of said Survey.

Thence N. 60 E. 155.88 varas to a pile of rock under fence on West line of Ballinger-Wingate Public Road;

Thence with said fence N. 28 49 E. 500.13 varas to pile of rock under fence, being the n. e. corner of Block No. 27;

Thence with the s. e. line of said Block No. 27 S. 60 W. 1128.44 varas to place of beginning,—levied on as the property of J. T. Burns, C. W. Sanders, Jesse Sanders, Carl Sanders and Etta Sanders, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1507.14 in favor of John Marbach, George Knoke and Henry D. Gruene, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of December 1907.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff
13-3t T. J. Gardner, Deputy

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Midgley were over from Paint Rock, first of the week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks, Mrs. Midgley's parents.

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.

W. A. Norman visited the Concho county capital, first of the week.



That isn't all you save either. You know people who have drank Arbutles' ARIOSA all their lives. Look at them. They like it and they haven't had to quit drinking it.

Don't let any man sell you something instead, which may ruin your stomach and nerves.

Complies with all requirements of the National Pure Food Law, Guarantee No. 2041, filed at Washington.

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.

A. L. Burk a Paint Rock merchant, was here Tuesday.

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 Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

Holiday shopping made easy at Cordill's jewelry store.

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

S. Roach was over from Paint Rock, first of the week.

Stop That Cough

If you have a cough, cold, sore throat or chest, don't delay a moment—cure it. Simmon's Cough Syrup is a sure remedy. It makes you well.

Fire works to burn at The Globe at actual cost. tf

Mew Dairy Phone

For fresh sweet milk phone, No. 159. Three rings. The New Silver Moon Dairy. tf.

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Very Low This Year

If you expect to make a trip just call on any Santa Fe agent. He will quote you rates and train service.

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W. S. KEENAN,
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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 take sale, nor our goods of a cheap John class. Every item new and fresh. Every price is

C O S T

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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SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels. By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 9th day of December, 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Jo Wilmeth versus G. T. Martin and wife, M. S. Martin, No. 883 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1908, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described Property, situated in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit:

First Tract.—Forty Five (45) acres of land out of Survey No. 589, originally granted to Wm. Bryan by virtue of Certificate No. 101, known as Abstract No. 60, patented to Joseph Kopman, assignee, on May 29, 1879, by virtue of Patent No. 456, Volume No. 23; Second Tract.—One Hundred and Thirty (130) acres of land out of Survey No. 588, originally granted to J. W. Bryan by virtue of Certificate No. 311, Abstract No. 486, and patented to the said J. W. Bryan on May 10th, 1876, by Patent No. 257, Volume No. 23.

Third Tract.—Six Hundred and Five (605) acres of land out of Survey No. 233, originally granted to R. M. Williamson by virtue of Certificate No. 5, known as Abstract No. 494, and patented to Philip J. Weaver, assignee on May 16, 1849, Patent No. 347, Volume No. 6;—said three above described tracts of land aggregating 830 acres of land described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

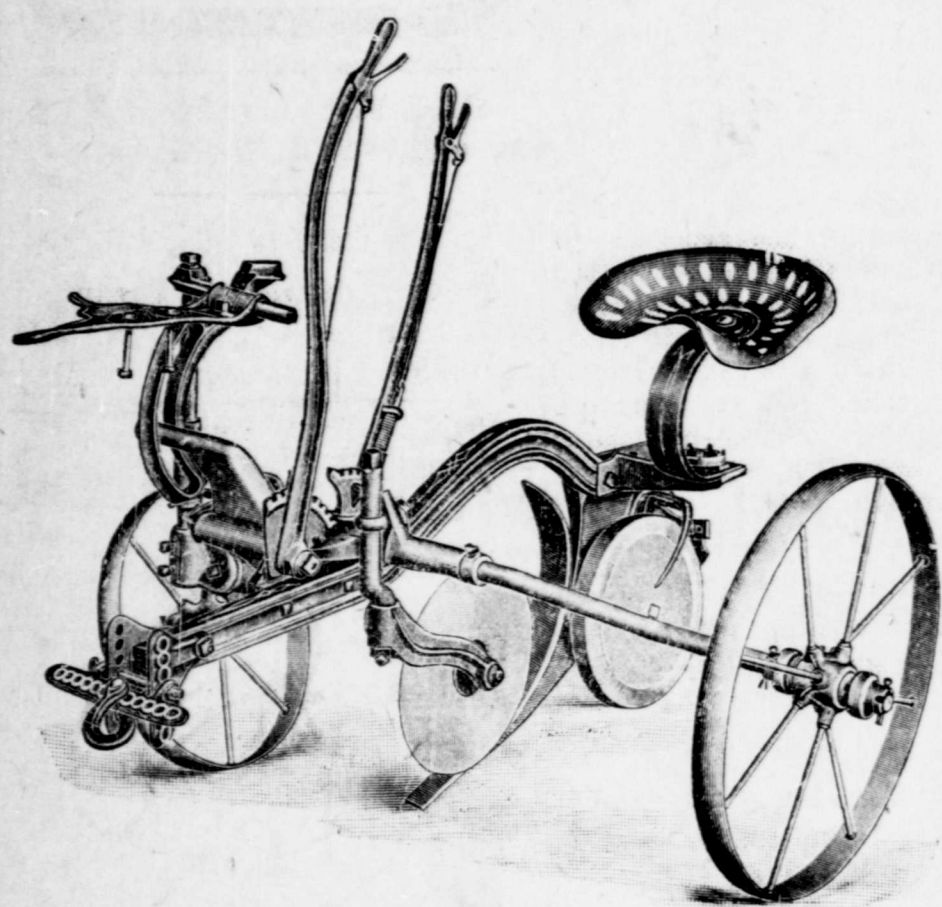
Beginning at a stone mound in the east line of said Williamson Survey 3701 varas south of its n. e. corner; Thence south 1560 varas to the s. e. corner of the N. 1-2 of said Williamson Survey;

Thence W. 2566 varas; Thence N. 888.8 varas; Thence W. 1121 varas; Thence N. 30 E. 1544 varas; Thence E. 350 varas; Thence South 365 varas; Thence E. 2565 varas to the place of beginning,—levied on as the property of G. T. Martin and wife, M. S. Martin, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$13,034.52 in favor of Jo. Wilmeth and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10 day of December 1907.
R. P. Kirk, Sheriff.
T. J. Gardner Deputy

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The Plow to Use is The

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We carry a complete up-to-date line of practical farming

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Oliver Steel Beam Walking Plows
" No. 11 Sulky "
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STANDARD Disc Plows
Single Double Triple

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

Plumbing and pipe work
our specialty.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

Hall Hardware Co.

Weigh The Advantages

Of a loose cash system against a bank account and you will find everything in favor of the latter. You can accomplish anything through the bank that you can with the cash and you have these advantages: Your money is in absolute safety all the time and you cannot lose it by thieves or fire. A little check book, which you carry in your pocket, makes all of your money available at any time. No one can make you pay a bill twice, because your cancelled check is the best receipt known in law. You gain the respect of your fellow citizens and have the influence of the bank behind you. Give up that dangerous cash system and start a bank account today.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,

A Brilliant Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Nelle Pickins Butler and Mr. Jim Walker Bone, which took place Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the 8th St. Presbyterian church was an occasion of notable brilliancy, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a large and fashionable assembly.

The prominence of the Butler family, distinguished in the social, professional and commercial circles of this city, make the marriage one of transcendent importance and it will rank pre-eminently among the nuptial events of the year.

The church decorations, the work of loving hands, were among the most artistic, sumptuous, and beautiful ever seen in Ballinger, and a perfect symphony in white, green and pink was accomplished.

Leading from the entrance to the altar, down either aisle, were arches of white interlaced with smilax and ivy. At the altar were three arches; the central one being tallest, between each arch was a huge bouquet of pink cut flowers. Behind this was banked masses of ferns and palms. White wedding bells were suspended from each arch.

Just before the entrance of the bridal party Miss Lonie Mil-

handsome, than on this their wedding day.

The brides gown was most appropriate to her youthful loveliness. It being made of brussels net over a foundation of white taffetta silk, being elaborately trimmed in hand wrought designs in point lace, and fairly beggars further description. The filmy tulle veil was outlined with a border of point lace, with let in madalleons, this with her slippers which were also covered with the same lace were gifts from her grand-mother Mrs. V. W. Pickens.

A reception was held at the Butler home, for the bridal party and a few intimate friends.

The home, like the church was beautifully treated in the way of decorations.

The dining room, perhaps the prettiest, showed a pleasing use of the wedding colors. The table bore a circular piece of cluny over pink satin, and upon this was heaped a great mound of grapes which formed the center piece. Cut glass candle-sticks with pink shades held lighted tapers.

Ice cream and angel cake was served.

Amidst much merriment the wedding cake was brought forth and those who found their fates

Dr. Gambrell's Lecture.

Dr. Gambrell, representative of the Anti-Saloon League of America, delivered a strong lecture at the First Baptist church Thursday evening.

After explaining the purpose plan of the Anti-Saloon League he gave an account of the wonderful progress of prohibition during the past year. He called attention to the fact that both Georgia and Alabama have recently voted prohibition by overwhelming majorities and that Oklahoma was recently admitted as a prohibition state.

Mississippi will be the next to follow. Dr. Gambrell said that he had recently received a letter from the governor of Mississippi informing him that a bill had already been prepared, that the bill would be passed by the next Legislature and that he would sign it. After Mississippi will come the Carolinas then Tennessee, and then Texas.

He ridiculed the idea that prohibition is unconstitutional. He called attention to the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled time after time that prohibition is constitutional.

Some of the whiskey journals are already predicting that the entire South will go dry within the next five years. The enemy

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

A pure, Grape
cream of tartar
baking powder—Makes
Food More Delicious and Whole-
some—No Alum—No Phosphates

Care Must be Taken to Keep Alum
From the Food

Dr. Alonzo Clark: "A substance (alum) which can derange the stomach should not be tolerated in baking powder."
Prof. S. W. Johnson, Yale College: "I regard their (alum and soluble alumina salts) introduction into baking powders as most dangerous to health."

W. G. Lykes, one of Runnels county's progressive farmers was here Tuesday transacting business.

Orland Syms, son of the prominent Concho county ranch man, was here Tuesday looking after business matters.

Our capable and efficient Deputy County Clerk, Buck Shields spent Sunday in Miles the guest of lady friends.

Holiday Goods bought before the advance in price will be sold in our sale at actual wholesale cost.

Have you visited Asa Cordill's jewelry store, First National Bank building? Finest line of jewelry, cut glass, novelties, etc., ever displayed in Ballinger.

Compare our cut Glass in quality and price with other stocks, and see the difference in our favor, Asa Cordill.

The kickers on the farm are by no means as hard to get along with as the kickers in a town. On the farm there is the kicking cow and our long eared friend, the mule, while in town there is the old mossback who wants all the municipal improvements without paying for them. The cow may be sold for beef, the mule traded for a shotgun, but nothing but a funeral will get rid of the town kicker, and then when the event comes the editor is in duty bound to tell how sorrow all were that he was called away, when just in the prime of life.—Exchange.

Mrs. Will Chastain accompanied her husband to San Angelo Wednesday where Mr. Chastain went to load out pecans.

John Drew was in Rowena this week looking after the Bank building which is nearing completion under his skillful direction.

Looking For Christmas Presents?

If you want something rich and elegant, for Father and Mother or any of the rest of the "Kin Folks," go to J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store. No cheap, trashy stuff but such things as PICARD CHINA, Cut Glass, Elegant Toilet and Manicure Sets for the Ladies. Military Sets, Cuffs and Collar Boxes and Shaving Sets for the Gentlemen. A line of beautiful Gift Books together with Good Books, well selected, for Boys and Girls. Also a full line of Dolls and USEFUL Toys.

J. Y. PEARCE, Druggist.



ler played Angels Serenade, by Braga, on the violin, accompanied by Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, piano.

Immediately afterward Lohengrin's Bridal chorus was sung by Misses Hermia Smith, Coral Clark, Clara Malone, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and Mess'rs J. P. Martindale and Walton Leader, accompanied by Misses Lilla Thomas, and Lonie Miller, violin and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, piano.

To this the bridal party entered. First came the minister, Dr. J. H. Gambrell, uncle of the bride, then followed the ushers, Mess'rs Chas. Gooch, and Earnest Plummer. Next the eight brides maids, Misses Bertha Rasbury, Mary Rather, Pearl Hall, Ruth Cady, Mae Penn, Della Day, Neil Guion, Minnie Lewis, and Mrs. Howard Pickens, matron of honor and Miss Carrie Gambrell, maid of honor, with arm bunches of ferns and tulle, and gowns of sheer white material, over pink, taking their places under the arches, formed pictures of sweetness in frames of white and green. The flower girls, little Kathaleen Fancher and Anna Winkler preceded the bride with baskets of flowers. The bride entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. Pickins Butler, who gave her in marriage. And the

with his best man, Mr. Risser. Rev. Gambrell gave grace of a most beautiful impressive ceremony, while the marriage vows were spoken, sweet strains of arts and Flowers were played. After the ceremony the bride threw the brides veil, and as the couple marched back to the aisle, as man and woman the glorious strains of the wedding march, the bride never looked more beautiful nor the groom more

concealed therein were: Miss May Penn who cut the ring, Dr. W. W. Fowler the dime and Mr. Eugene Risser the thimble.

Little pink dream boxes, with butterfly covers were given each, with a piece of the magic cake, and doubtless many dreamed of their own wedding that very night.

Miss Hermia Smith was successful in capturing the brides bouquet.

The groom is a representative of a prominent Mississippi family. Having resided in Texas about two years, his home now being at Bronte. He is a man of fine business qualifications and is indeed popular with every one.

As an evidence of the esteem in which the contracting parties are held, a handsome collection of wedding presents were on display. In this collection was silver, exquisite bric-a-brac, cut glass, brass, hand painted china and linen.

The bride was also the recipient of a beautiful heirloom jewel from the groom.

About 50 guests registered in the brides book and the following are the out of town guests who attended the wedding: Dr. J. H. Gambrell and daughter, Dallas; Miss Mary Rather, Central America; Miss Pearl Hall, Temple; Mr. Howard Pickens, wife and son, Miss Octavia Wade, Mrs. V. W. Pickens and Mrs. E. E. Perkins, Brownwood; and Mr. Chas. Gooch, Temple.

Mrs. J. O. Tillery and little boy went to Coleman on a visit, yesterday.

Visit the Bazaar held by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church. Hamilton's Ice Cream stand.

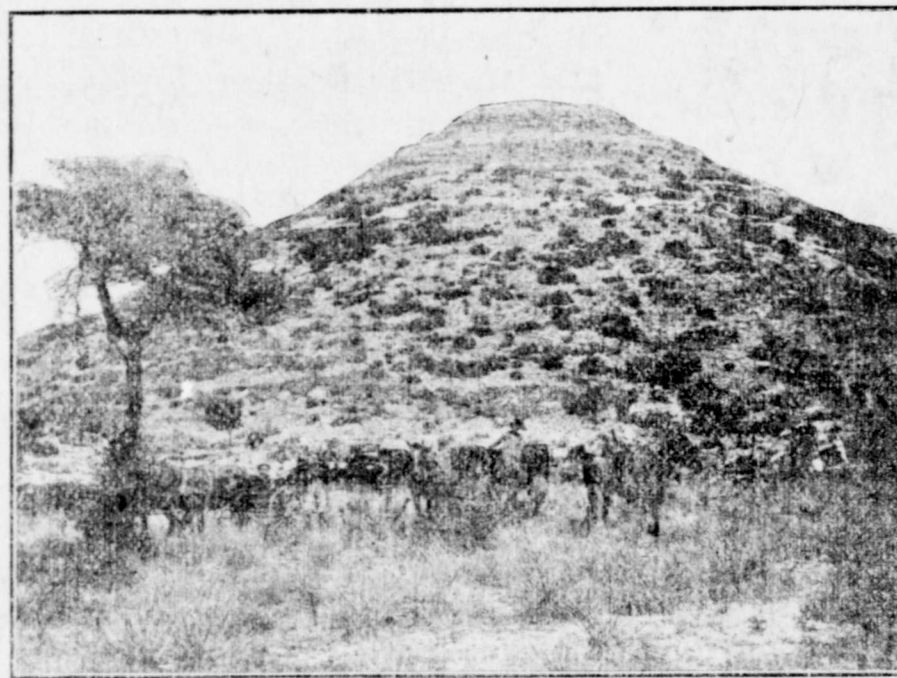
is evidently scared.

The Doctor declared that if Texans will do their duty that prohibition will win within the next three years.

The speaker emphasized the thought that the man who votes for the saloon is no better than the saloon-keeper, and that he is equally responsible with the saloon-keeper for the evil resulting from the traffic. This thought is especially commended to our anti freinds. The speaker told a very pathetic incident of a young man whom he saw when he visited the penitentiary a few years ago. The young man was noble young fellow who had gone into a saloon and while under the influence of liquor had killed his best friend. A jury of his neighbors who had known him from babyhood declared that the evidence showed that he had committed the deed. The young man said he had no recollection of committing the murder. The jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to hang but was commuted to life imprisonment.

The young man declared that he could endure the awful disgrace and punishment if it were not for the thought of his mother and sisters, that he prayed God that they might forget him and he them. The keeper of the prison said he had passed by the youngman's cell late at night and had seen the young man on his knees by his cot looking at the pictures of his sisters and mother crying to God to let them forget the son that had brought such disgrace and grief to them.

After the lecture a League was organized, and the people opposed to the saloon will lose no time in doing their duty in fighting the greatest curse to humanity in existence today. The time is coming when the saloons will be voted out of Texas.



Ranch Scene in Northern Part of Runnels County

Read This

Not only a Royal Christmas Gift but a good investment "An Oliver Typewriter." (The Standard Visible Writers) New No 5 machines in stock.

R. G. Erwin & Co. Agents., Ballinger, Texas.

Hand painted China, Cut Glass Silverware: just the thing for a wedding or Christmas present. See the line at Asa Cordill's.

Visit the Bazaar held by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church. Hamilton's Ice Cream stand.

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

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

E. L. Voelkel returned to his home in Fort Worth, yesterday, after a visit to his parents. He was accompanied by his little niece Valeen Volkel, of Brownwood.

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.

Where Will You Spend Sunday.

Dr. J. S. Chapman, Presiding Elder of the Brownwood District, will preach at the Court House Sunday at 11 a. m. and at the Christian church at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

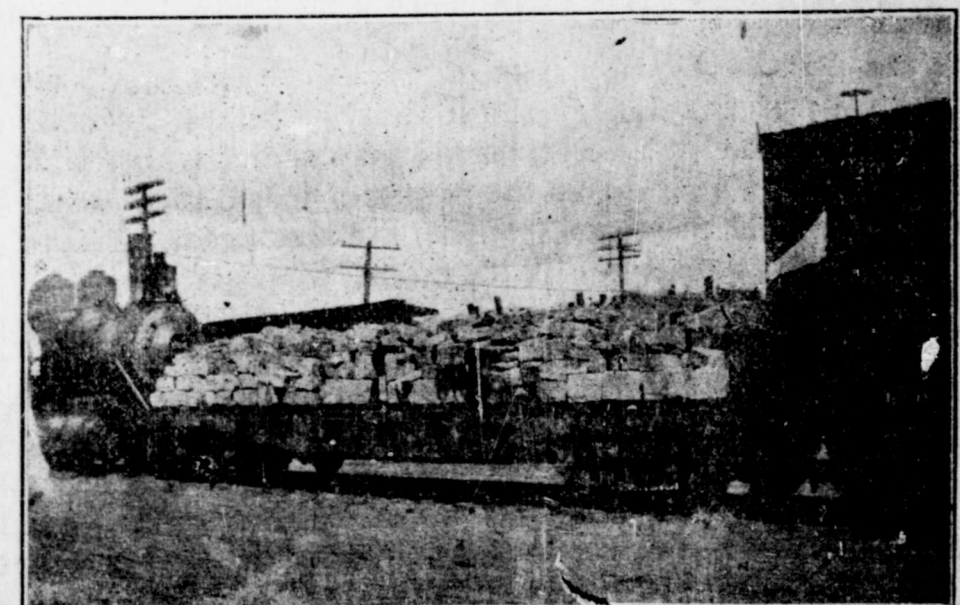
E. P. Williams Pastor.

See our line of cut glass; beautiful designs and hard time prices. Nothing better for a Christmas present. Asa Cordill.

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 Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

Asa Cordell's jewelry store is an attractive place to buy Christmas gifts.



Shipping Building Stone from Ballinger



Higginbotham-Currie Co.



Don't confuse us with the average advertiser who throws out a few baits on staple goods and attempts to make up the loss on other goods you may buy. The name Higginbotham-Currie Co. wherever it is known stands for honest, up-right dealing. We always have what we advertise and advertise what we have. We are sacrificing our entire \$100,000.00 stock on a basis of the above ridiculously low figures. No limit on amount as long as they last.

Mens' Beaver Overcoats worth \$7.50 while they last \$4.98	Ladies' Tailored and trimmed Hats while they last at One-half Price	60 inch Waterproof all colors worth 75c while it lasts 49c
Mens', Women and Childrens' Hose worth 10, 12 1-2 and 15c while they last 7 1/2c	Childrens' and Misses' Long Jackets worth 2.00 to \$2.50 all sizes while they last \$1.23	Ladies' heavy Undershirts and Drawers worth 35c while they last 28c
Best Table Oil Cloth worth 20 and 25c while it lasts 10c	11-4 full size heavy Cotton Blankets \$1.25 pair while they last pair 75c	Childrens' Undershirts and Drawers worth 25c while they last 15c
Best grade Bleached Domestic worth 15c while it lasts 10c	90 coil black steel Bed Spring worth \$2.00 while they last \$1.00	Mens' and Boys' heavy Caps worth 50c while they last 23c
Good Cotton Checks full width good weight worth 8 1-2c while it lasts 5c	1 car load double cane Chairs best quality worth 60c while they last 50c	New wide Embroidery worth 15c yard while it lasts 9c
Choice of our entire line of Calicoes worth 7 and 8c while it lasts 4 3/4c	Remnants of all kinds and prices Cheap	Good heavy Cotton Flannel worth 10 and 12 1-2c while it lasts 8c
Best grade Outing all colors worth 10 and 12 1-2c while it lasts 7 1/2c	Full size Huck Towels while they last 10c	Check Gingham worth 8 1-3c while it lasts yard 5c

THIRTY DOLLAR COTTON IN LIVERPOOL

Square Dealings Between Merchant and Farmers is the Best for Both.

A great deal of the trouble and embarrassment of the business world could be avoided if those who have had business dealings with one another would be perfectly frank, and on the one hand for the business man to candidly state just to what extent he is able to extend leniency, and on the other for the man who has been accommodated to truthfully state just what he can do. Each should be careful and conservative in his promises, but when they are once made, there should be no squirming or reneging or crawling.

It is the duty of a merchant who has out all he is able to carry to cut off the credit business at the pocket, and no well balanced customer will take offense at being informed that such a rule has been inaugurated. It is also the duty of a customer to whom credit has been extended to come forward at the time agreed upon, and whether he has the money or not, close up his account in some satisfactory manner—have an understanding to say the least.

The merchant should cut out saying, "That will be all right, Bill, just come in any time," when the truth is he is sorely pressed at that minute for what Bill is owing him, and the customer should quit promising to come around "in just a few days," when he has no assurance that he will be any better fixed at the end of the few days than he is at that minute. Just such promises as these are what gave promises the pie-crust reputation. If the short crops have you out on a limb and unable to meet

your obligations come up like a man and say so. The merchant is your friend, and, while self-preservation is the first law of nature and it behooves the business man to give the matter of saving his own bacon the first consideration, he is no fool and realizes that you are not responsible for the unfavorable weather which has retarded you in making and gathering your crops, and is anxious to do the very best he can by you and help you carry your burdens, if you will come to him and show that you want to do your part towards relieving his.

The most depressing effect of the recent financial panic is the spirit of uneasiness and "chinchiness" which it cast over the people. Free born American citizens, who stand six feet in their stocken feet, are scared all the way from where their corns are hurting their feet to where their collar buttons are rubbing their necks.

Figure from a common sense standpoint, what is there to be scared of? Suppose the situation was as bad as your fears have it pictured, and that we were all going broke? Is it a crime to be broke? If so, wouldn't it be a pretty hard matter to find a judge and jury that would convict you while they were suffering from the same complaint?

As before remarked, the greatest inconvenience that we are all suffering now from the financial panic is the timidity with which the people approach the normal paths of business again. People with means who had improvements in contemplation, have stopped operations until they can see what the end will be. Laborers are thus thrown out of employment, forced to live on short rations and business in all lines is slow. The trouble is about over in the north and east. The bankers are again doing business

in the regulation way. We were quick enough to jump when they cried "frog" at the beginning of the money panic, let's be equally as prompt in following their lead now that they are getting over their scare.

Let's take up business where we left off a little over a month ago. We've got as much as we had then, and there is no excuse for any further delay in the onward march of our town and county to the front.

Cattle are bringing more on the market today than they were a year ago, hogs have been considerably lower, but another 50-cent jump, like the market indulged in the first of this week, will put them up towards the best prices they have ever brought, middling cotton is worth 5-8 of a cent a pound more than it was this day a year ago, and nearly everything else the producer has for sale is bringing a good price. What is it in present conditions that will justify this continued lack of confidence? What are you scared of?

All the country lacks this minute of being as prosperous as prosperous as ever known in its history is a resumption of the confidence of two short months ago.

Those with products to sell should keep at least a part of what they have on the market, and keep business on the move.

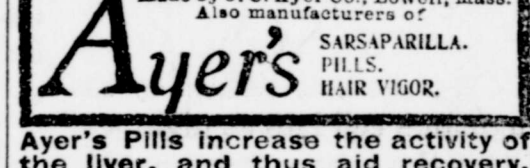
We do not wish to be understood as trying to do or say anything to discourage the members of the farmers' Union in their efforts to hold cotton for 15 cents or any other price, but it is an injustice to the business man who has accommodated him for a farmer to hold cotton, a cattleman to hold cattle, a goat raiser to hold goats, or a hog raiser to hold hogs when the money that they would bring today is due the business man for accommodations which he has extended. We do not pose as financiers,

but to a man with a little everyday, practical sense it looks like the latest scheme of Mr. Calvin to ship the surplus cotton to Liverpool and borrow \$30 a bale on it is a dangerous venture. What could prevent the dove-feathered ravens who have been turning \$50 bales of cotton into \$200 worth of calico and keeping the change from deciding that the cotton upon which they have advanced the \$30 isn't really worth but \$29 a bale? What could the farmer do, with his cotton in Liverpool, his bank account in the red and his prospects for a high price in hell?—Menardville Messenger.

For Coughs and Colds

There is a remedy over sixty years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and hard colds on the chest. Ask your doctor about it.

"I have had pneumonia three times, and Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has brought me safely through each time. I have just recovered from my last attack, aged sixty-seven. No wonder I praise it."—E. V. HIGGINS, Stevens Point, Wis.



Ayer's Pills increase the activity of the liver, and thus aid recovery.

Choked to Death is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup.

Experimental Farm.

C. A. Doose, a man who is ever interested in the welfare of his country, made an offer to Prof. Campbell the dry land farming expert, in which he offered to give Mr. Campbell absolute control of 320 acres of good land close to town, free for a period of three years, on which to demonstrate his method of farming.

Mr. Campbell was not in a position to talk business on account of the death of his father, but it may be that Mr. Campbell will take up the proposition and consider it favorably later. In case he does it is easy to see the benefit to be derived from Mr. Doose's liberal offer. If the farmers could grasp the idea of dry land farming, as taught by Mr. Campbell, the drought problem would be solved to a great extent and successful farming made easy in this country.

The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. is out this week with their statement, which we publish in this week's issue of the Banner-Leader, and it makes a creditable showing, which but confirms our contention that Ballinger Banks are all right and in safe condition, and are able to take care of the business and farming interests of the people of this community.

The early Christmas shopper generally gets the best, and saves money in buying. If you haven't bought your Christmas presents look over the ads in the Banner-Leader and then get busy. The merchants are offering some bargains this year and short money is made to go a long ways.

Collis, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Doose, was quite sick first of the week with something like scarlet fever.

YOUR MONEYS WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK

That is our motto. We give value received and are always ready to demonstrate the same to any and all customers.

Good Groceries, Clean Groceries and Groceries that please is the kind we sell.

Grain, Hay, Feed.

Our Store is headquarters for Grain, Hay and Feed.

M. D. Chastain

Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.

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.

ANOTHER CRY FOR MONEY

We Need It In Our Business

And in order to raise a few dollars right quick we have decided to cut the profit end off of prices and offer every piece of Furniture in our Large Store at a discount of

<h1>20%</h1>	<p>For CASH</p> <hr/> <p>Nothing Will Be Charged</p>
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This is a straight 20 per cent discount CASH sale. We have not gone through our stock and marked the prices up, but every piece of furniture is marked in plain figures just like it was originally marked and we are going to sell it at 20 per cent below this price. This sale will last from

Saturday, Dec. 14 To Wednesday, Jan. 1st.

“Christmas Gifts” There is nothing that will make a more acceptable present for Christmas than a nice piece of Furniture---A nice Rocking Chair, Dressing Table, Leather Couch, Picture, and many articles in our store too numerous to mention. Come and look through our store; if you contemplate buying anything in the furniture line now is the time to save money on the bill. Remember our stock is composed of nothing but new furniture; no second-hand, rebuilt goods, but first-class, highly finished furniture, the kind that you can get here as cheap in this sale as you pay for the other kind.

Ostertag Furniture Company

THE LEADING FURNITURE DEALERS