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**NEW QUARTERS** 

POST-OFFICE SEEKS

## **MORGAN JONES** PROMINENT MAN TO VISIT BALLINGER

### Will Speak at the Court House on the Sixty Miles of Ralls Secured tor Road Night of January 12th.

Geo. Stuart. a man of National All steel for sixty miles railfame, will deliver an address at road to connect Ballinger and the court house in Ballinger, Abilene has been purchased. Tuesday night, Jan 12th. Mr. The last seven milse has just Stuart is one of the strongest been contracted for with J. R. speakers on the platform in the Cohen, representing the Block-United States. Those who oppose Pollock company of St, Louis, the cause he represents-prohi- who arrived at the Menger hotel bition-can't afford to miss hear- yesterday. Grading is progressing him. He is a whole show by ing favorably and construction himself and will entertain the is being pushed. people from start to finish.

Watch for further announce- promoter of this road and it is ments and plan to hear Mr. generally accepted as an exten-Stuart on the question that promises to be a live issue for the next few months.



### , McGregor Has Close call in Runaway Miraculus Escape.

P. McGregor while going

from Abilene to Ballinger port the following:

BUYS RAILS

number of young ladies at a present: dinner in honor of her daughter, Morgan Jones is the principal

the opera house.

Mrs. F. C. Miller entertained sion of the Whichita Valley road now extending from Whichita the children of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at her home Falls to Abilene. The road is gradually being pushed toward Monday evening of this week from three to five o'clock. The the Gulf of Mexico and ultimate little tots spent the two hours in construction through San Antonio is thought to be pending, playing different games and were served delicious refresh--San Antonio Express.

Mr. Jones contracted for the ments.

ties and other material for this Mrs. Scott H. Mack entertainroad some time ago, and same is ed her Sunday School class now being shipped. It is expect- Christmas eve at her home.

Society circles have presented honor of her sister Mrs. Joe A. a live scene in Ballinger during Jones, of Somerville and cousin the holidays. It is impossible Miss Adele Barbish of Austin. for us to give a complete write The home decorations were up of each occasion, but we re- suggestive of Yuletide, and pretty score cards and a delicious

refreshment course added pleas-On Christmas day Mrs. D. ure to the many interesting Reeder entertained quite a games. The following were Mesdames Tom Robinson, Miss Lucile, who is at home from Oscar Pearson, R. L. Bennet,

school. In the afternoon the John Hopkinson, Geo. Holman, party attended the matinee at C. P. Shepherd, Joe A. Jones, Ralph Risser, Dan Moser, D. Reeder and Misses Hermia Smith, Maggie Underwood and

### The Beau Not Club Grand Ball.

The grand ball given by the bench. Beau Not Club Monday evening, December the 28th, passed off in of as follows: a blaze of brilliancy, it being the affair of its kind ever given in plaintiff. our city.

2. R. M. Chapman Mfg. Co. building on Eighth Street, In point of decoration it could not vs Davis & Co. suit on act. Judg- adjourning the one he is now ed that grading will begin on the Music recitations, etc. made the have been more complete The club ment for plaintiff. building, and W. S. Boswell will evening pleasant for those pres- colors, pink and and green and 3 Westfield Whip Co. vs Davis make a proposition to enlarge the club flower, mistletoe were & Co. suit on acc't. Judgment the building now occupied by the used in profusion, transforming for plaintiff. Express Co. and fit it up for the the ball room into a bower of 4 Star Clothing Mfg. Co. vs the post office. Other bids may beauty and giving a picturesque Davis & Co. suit on acct. Judg- be put in by Jan. 31th, and it is charm, producidg the most artis- ment for plaintiff. 5 J. F. Weiser & Co. vs Davis Uncle Sam is very porticular. tic effect. From a cozy, flowery nook, & Co. suit on note. Judgment champagne punch was served for plaihtiff. MULE KICKS freeely to the dancers. 6 Sanitary Sewage Co. vs Wil-The most charming picture lians Penn & Co. suit for damage

Man Sentenced From Camanche County Will Receive Bids up to January 31st. Escaped From Pen Where Will it go.

An escaped convict by the Mr. Hawkworth, assistance name of Byrd was arrested in Supt. of sallary and allowance Ballinger and placed in jail by division of Uncle Sam's Mail de-Sheriff Flynt this week. The partment, was here yesterday prisoner escaped from the peni- to look over the field, and tentiary at Huntsville several if possible secure new months ago, and had dodged the quarters for the Ballinger officers. He was traveling thru post office. It will be rememberthe country with his family when ed that post Master Cady made he was captured in Ballinger. application for more room sever-Byrd was sentenced for four al weeks ago. The business has years for horse theit and had grown in such proportion that a served about half his time out. larger office is absolutely neces-

### **Justice** Court

The Justice court met Monday the same being regular court day, with Judge Weeks on the

There were six cases disposed

1 Sanger Bros. vs. Dvais & Co. most successful and elaborate suit on note. Judgment for

ESCAPED CONVICT

**ARRESTED HERE** 

sary. Mr. Hawkworth inspected several places, but left without closing contract for any, and said the department would receive bids for a building up to the 31st.

Three places that we know of will be considered. The C. O. Harris building on Eight Street just vacated by Long Bros, will be considered. H. Giesecke has offered to build a new

Adele Barbisch.

by a frightened team hitched to by the middle of January. a heavy freight wagon, and escaped being hurt in a miraculous

way.

Mr. McGregor was driving up Tenth Street and was near the railroad crossing when the team coming down the right of way ran upon him bfore he saw them and he did not have time to get out of the way. The end of the wagon tongue struck the back of the buggy; tearing the top off and turning both the buggy and horse over, throwing Mr. Mc-Gregor out. The fact that Mr. McGregor came out of the mix up without a scratch is a miracle. The runaway team was stopped by the collison with the buggy.

### Special Notice.

December 31st 1908.

The undersigned will receive propositions up to and including Feburary 1st 1909, for the furnishing of suitable premises for post office purposes at Ballinger, Texas, under a lease of five years or ten years from occupancy in accordance with the attached blank form which, as will be noted, calls the furnishing of rent, heat, water, closets, urinals, safe, or vault, and all neccessary furniture equipment required for the proper conduct of said office, at a stated price per annum. There will be needed in this instance, about 2400 square feet of floor space. About 760 lock boxes of modern type, good daylight rear and side entrances, location not to far from center and within 80 rods of railroad depots are the points for general consideration. Blank propositions may be obtained from the postmaster. The form of lease may be examined at the post office. Diagrams of the room offered should be submitted showing dimensions, doors, win- water. Drinking the pure kind is Johnson, of San Angelo. Misses dows, etc. All propositions to be the only sure way to avoid being Armour McGregor, Gladys Oliver sealed and handed to the post- sick. The Arctic Ice and Fuel Bertha Van Pelt, Bettie Miller,

dinner yesterday was run down Ballinger end of the of the line

### Ballinger Boy Robs Ballinger Boy.

that some one in the dark coach

had his hand in his pocket. Before he he was thoroughly awakened the hand and its owner disappeared in the dark and with their disappearance went a small sum of money. Officer Dave Hanley was notified immediately started after the party who was supposed to have gotten the money. Both young men are prominent at Ballinger and the case promises some interesting developments before long.-San

Angelo Press.

### **Fire Show Contributors**

Following is a list of contributors towards securing the fire display on Dec. 22, and whose names were handed in to late for publication last week: Bennett Abstract Co. State Bank & Trust Co. The Globe The Day Gin S. W. Cobb C. A. Parker The Cudahy Packing Co. C. J. Lynn & Bro M. C. Braden I. O. Wooden Colorado Hotel Cline & Son Paul Trimmier A. F. Voss W, W. Fowler. Louie Boyd W. B. Stubbs

### Drink Pure Water

The majority of the sickness Williams, Lewis Hersey, Charlie distilled water in five gallon bot- Winnie Trail. Kathleen Francis,

ent. At the proper time refreshments were served.

Miss Ione Cockrell entertained A young man from Ballinger her Sunday School class at the arrived in the city this morning home of her father, Monday on the early train. He slept for from five to seven o'clock. more than an hour after the train Many different games were reached here in one of the coach- played. Refreshments consistes. Then he woke to discover ing of chocolate and cake were served.

> Mrs. H. Winkler entertained the party of young people from San Angelo and their Ballinger friends with a twelve o'clock uncheon Sunday. The same parties that attended the Mrs. Miller six o'clock dinner the evening before were present and the occasion was of the most plreasant of the Christmas holidays.

their honor. Those constituting Miller, Edith Winkler Kathleen Francis, Lucile Reeder, Gladys Oliver, Winnie Trail, Leona linger, s elite. Miller, and Hugo Miller, Clarence Routh, Ivan Hamilton, Frank Pearce, David Guion. Mrs. F. C. Miller and little daughter, Juliet chaperoned the merry party.

Last Saturday Mrs. F. C Miller entertained at six o'clock dinner in honor of a party of San Angelo young people who were visiting in the city, and after dinner the merry party went to the home of Mrs. C. S. Miller where they spent the evening in a happy way, being entertained with games, dancing, etc. Those in the party were, Misses Helen Aken, Agnes Hudson, Vivian Wright, Pauline Murrah, Vivian Humphrey and Robert Kirkpatrick, Mark Findlater, Wilbur

is attributed to drinking impure Daily, Alex Wright and Roy moster not later than February Company are sending out pure Leona Miller, Lucile Reeder, trimmings.

The First Sunday.

Kings 19:12. This evening sub-

ject is suggested by the great

disaster whick has befallen Italy

and Sicaly. The Sunday School

meets at 9:45 a. m. To all of

these services, all are cordially

Year's resolutions one that you

will attend the church services

better and then begin next Sun-

day.

gowns of the season graced the Judgment for plaintiff. event, the dressing being decid- 7 Reed & Eoff vs G C & S F edly a-la-Empire, all of the young Ry Co. suit for damages. Judgladies of the club being gowned ment for Plaintiff.

in this fashionable mode.

In the center of the ball room the orchestra was stationed, hidden by palms, aud played the arranged program.

As the guests arrived they were recieved by the young lad-

A merry party went to San ies of the club, Miss Amelia Angelo yesterday where they Johnson, the President of the will attend a reception given in club, heading the receiving line. Promptly at ten o'clock, Miss the party were Misses Bettie Johnson favoring Mr. Malcolm McGregor, led the grand march, followed by sixty couples of Bal-

> Miss Amelia Johnson wore very artistic gown of point de Venisl hung over ivory satin, wearing diamonds and pearls, carrying an arm boquet of carnations.

invited. Include in your New Miss Kate, Guion the Secretary of this fashionable club, graced the occasion in a Bebe Empire gown of old rose, hand embroidered mousseliene over taffeta, made entrain.

Miss Lois Crews, a handsome Empire gown of dark red Duchess satin, entrain jeweled trimmings.

Miss Nelle Miller, an exquisite Empire dress of seafoam green, caught by a knot of wild roses. Miss Helen Crosson, white limit any one for hunting, or in messaline Empire with Directoire any way tresspassing. Please sash and pearls.

Miss Willie Allen, a beautiful 3-3mos. blue crape de chine a la Empire over taffeta with satin trimmings Miss Mamie Gregory, old rose liberty Empire over taffeta, satin

possible that all will be rejected.

LITTLE BOY

### Littie Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jost Sustains Fractured Skull.

Chas. the little son of Mr. and New Year's day is recognized Mrs. Jas. Jost, living between sweetest strains of an especially by all as a good time to make town and the the cemetery, was new beginings and as next Sun- kicked on the head by a mule, day is the First Sunday of a new Tuesday and seriously hurt. The year it will be a good time all to child was brought to town to the make a special effort to attend doctors, and an operation perchurch. At the Eighth Street formed. The skull was pretty Presbyterian church the pastor badly fractured, and trephining will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 was necessary. Two small pieces p. m. The morning subject will of the bone removed, the others be "New Year's Resolutions," put back in their proper place, the evening subject "After the and the little boy is getting along Earthquake a Fire," text 1 as well as could be expected.

### Ballinger Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9 45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Character of Caleb. Evening subject, "The Courage and Cowardice of Sin. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3 o'clock. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 4 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

Z. J. Amerson.

### The Greatest Offer Ever Made

The Leader has made arrangements whereby we can give the Leader readers a large map 28x36 inches in three sheets, six pages showing the United States Texas, the world, and a lot of other valuable information. The map retails for \$1.50. It is printed on good heavy gloss map paper, is well clamped or bound

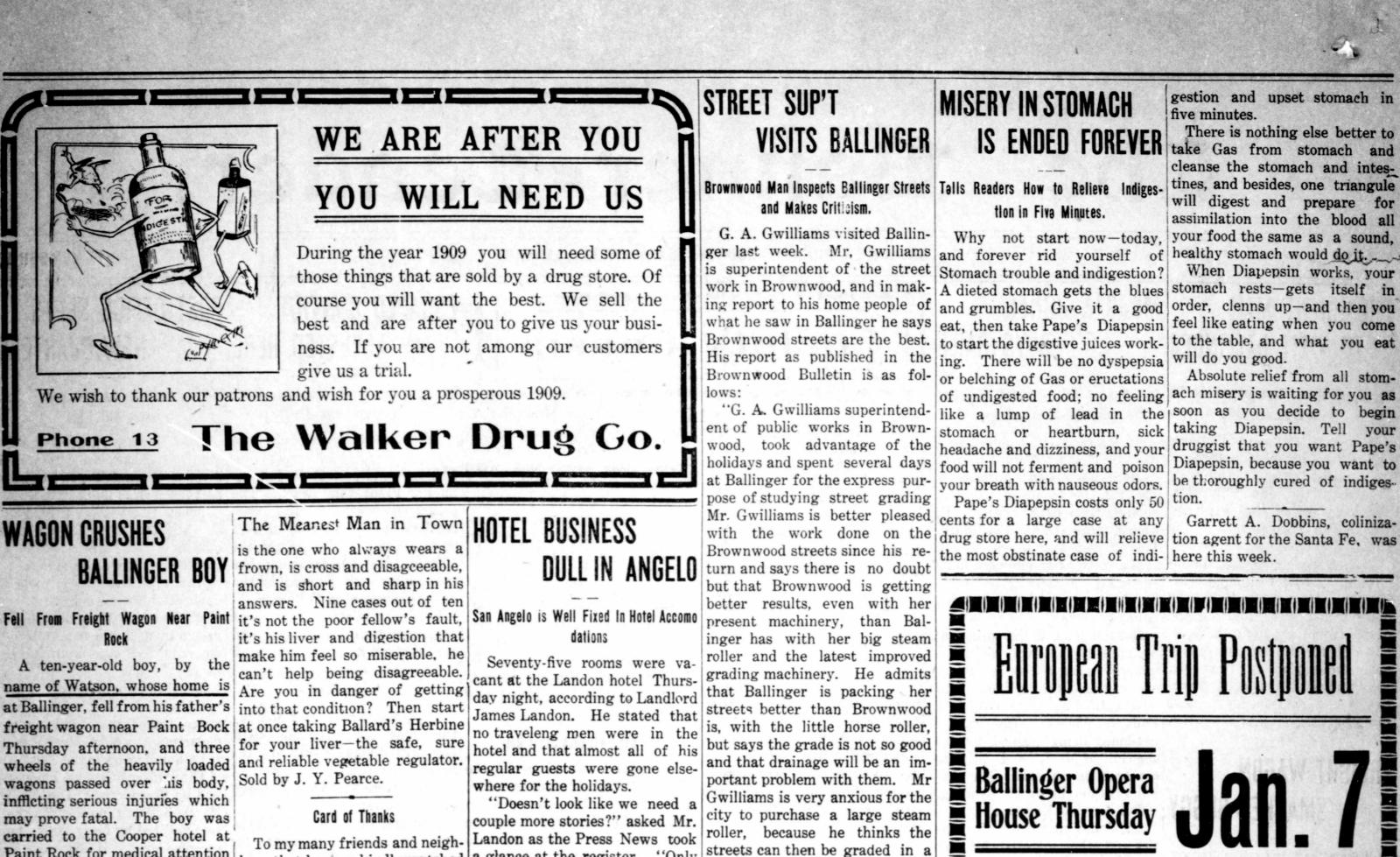
My place near town is posted. and I positively will not allow any hunting or tresspassing on same. I warn all parties, friend or foe, that I will strictly enforce the law and prosecute to the stay out and avoid trouble. Joe B. Johnson.

then a cold and a cough-let it run on-get pneumonia or con- at the top by a patent metal Miss Mae Johnston, grey crepe sumption that's all. No matter binding. We give the

Fair Warning to Hunters

Caught in the Rain

A.	T. Hawksworth,	they They sell you a water book		, Rathleen Francis,	de chine tunic En	npire, pink satin	how you get	your cough don't	obsolutely free to	ave the map
	Assistant Supt.	and you can order the water just	Ealth Winkle	Victor and Hugo	trimmings.	1	neglect it-tak	e Ballard's Hore-	absolutely free to	every subscrib-
-		as you need it. Flipple the he	1('11 T	The second secon	I MISS AIMOUL I	acGregor, Dink	hound Syrup a	nd vou'll be over	Worth Somi Way	ably Record at
	and Headaehe	Plant and ask about it.	Pouth and I	Roymond Davig of	laneta a-la-Empi	re embroidered	it in no time,	The sure cure for	the price of	\$1.90 for the
G	oforth, 2119 Holly Street		Ballinger.	traymonu Davis, or	in gold fringe c	arrving carna-	course colde	pronchitic and all	two papers we	will be glad
	writes: "After using a				tions.		pulmonary dise	has a number and	to snow you the	map and give
oottle	and two 25c bottles of	There is more actual misery and less		Hundred Party.	Miss Lee Plun	nmer, turquoise	old. Sold by J	TT D	you this opportu have a limited	incy, no oney
		real danger in a case of itching, skin		Hobdy entertained	blue messaline	Empire, rose		/	maps and the	
	stops my heudaches.	disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for	the 500 clnb a	and a few friends on	point trimmings.	States and States		eyes tested and	them free.	
	"t it."	these cases. It relieves instantly and	last Saturday	r afternoon, at the	Miss Helen Mil	ler, of Houston,	glasses fitted b	y B. F. Wiley at		
		cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed	Erwin home	e on 7th street, in	Continued on	fourth page	the White Fro	nt Confectionery.	See Morehead	d, the Tailor.



may prove fatal. The boy was carried to the Cooper hotel at Paint Rock for medical attention and it was thought Friday that he was dying, but a phone message Saturday afternoon stated

bors that have so kindly watched over me in my affliction and have rendered assistence in many ways during this time, I beg to offer my most sincere thanks, and to bid you God's speeu. We shall all ways remember your kind deeds in our time of sorrow, and suffering, and will always feel ourselves indebted to

a glance at the register. "Only way that there will be no comseventy-five rooms vacant in the plaint. hotel at this time, and not a The opinion is general that chance to fill them all for two or three weeks, until the traveling Brownwood streets would be all men begin to get out on the right if the dirt and filth were road again," said the hotel man. swept off occasionally, and Mr. Landon then went on to the superintendent believes it discuss whether or not it would will be necessary for the city to be good business judgment to do this to get satisfaction add several more stories to the out of street grading. He thinks hotel, as the Press-News pub- that with a very little work the lished a short time ago he was streets in the business district contemplating. He added that can be put in first class shape there are sometimes several and when the fund and bond issue is expended the citizens will months when the hotel is not anywhere near filled, and said have no complaining to make at ter our undertaking and ambalm- for that reason he was going the progress of street grading." Ballinger is well satisfied with The Landon hotel is not a small her paved streets, and we don't hotel by a great deal. There believe there is a town in Texas are few hotels in towns twice of a similiar size that can boast the size of San Angelo as large of such splendid streets. Brownwood is a larger town than Balas the Landon. The Landon gets a greats run of business linger is much older, and should but like all businesses, there are have had paved streets long before Ballinger, but did not, and times when it is slack, and this is certainly one of the particular if it now has better streets than Ballinger the town is certainly times.-San Angelo Press-News. to be congratulated, and we are

that there was good chance for the lad's recovery. However one side is paralyzed and its use may never be regained.

The unfortunat victim of the accident was with his father, who was hauling freight from Ballinger to Paint Rock' The latter heard his son scream when he fell from the wagon, it was impossible to stop the several teams before three wheels had run over the boy. -San Angelo Standard,

Full line of Chase & Sanbourn coffees and teas fresh. hand. Will appreciate all busi-Can grind coffee if wanted. - ness given us. Miller Mercantile Company.

Sincerily D. C. Cadwell

### Undertaking and Embalming.

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tf Ostertag Furniture Co.

# Send to One and All a New Years Greeting

Jones, Walton & Co.

And desire to thank you for your liberal patronage during the past year, sincerely hoping that we may have merited your friendship, and may enjoy your many favors through another year, which, we hope may be the most prosperous of any year that has past.

Mr. FARMER FRIEND, we are ready to serve you with the Sanders Disc, which stands without a peer in the mind of the progressive tiller of the soil.

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husband. 

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia. Don't you? Save the face you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever ueed." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

On last Sunday afternoon Mrs. L. A. Graham left on the east bound train for Sabine county Texas to look after her interest in her father's estate which is said to be quite large. It is currently reported by her friends that in addition to getting her interest in said estate she will bring home with her a bran new

# To Much Face.

List of letters advertised for week ending Dec. 19, 1908. A. C. Bone Mr. Geo E. Brown Mr. Geo Comming. J. A. Denson Mrs. Maud Horner Elissie Hough Robert Honston. Mrs. Littie Hough Mr. Mannel Cloud Mrs. Nora Kirkbride Mrs. M. A. Lowrey Mrs. Ella Lee Johnnie Pinkney Wm. McBee Mr. John Young Philiz Jak (?) Ivy Vanderner Mr. William Wright Preston Tanner Martha Thomas Mr. A. G. Thomas Lawrence Sheffield Cooper Smith Mrs. Sarah Walker Miss Gertrude Williams Mr. M. L. Kelley. Mr. A. L. Birch.

CLANSMAN FOURTH SEASON glad to know the old town is waking up at last after a Rip Van Winkle sleep of many years.

Advertised Letter List.

Company of 40 People, A Carload of Effects, 4,000,000 Theatergoers Witnessed and **Echoed Its Timely Sentiment Original New York Cast** and Production

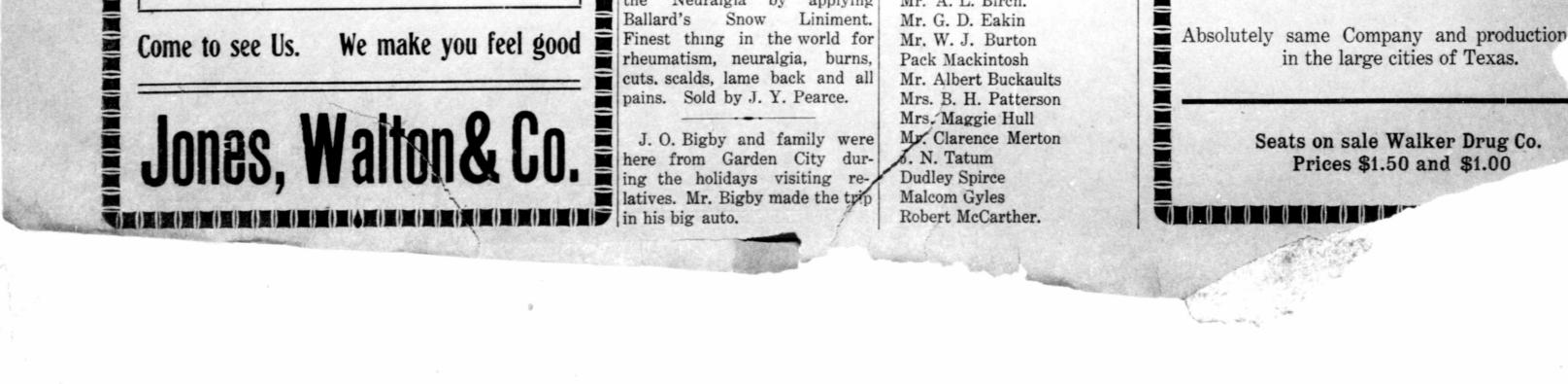
> Dramatized by Thomas Dixon, Jr. From his two famous novels "The Clansman" and "The Leopard's Spots" **Direction of George H. Brennan**

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# JUDGE GOODWIN SUGGEST REFORM

### Our District Judge Points out Laws that Should be Passed.

The following interview be- said they claim to be in favor of between us and our destination. tween a newspaper man and the Baskin-McGregor law and

The Ingenious He Found Snake and Bicycle Good Combination.

"Speaking of snake stories," began the champion story teller, "I have one in my budget that I will wouch for myself. I was traveling in South America one summer, and as there was an international war going on at the time I found myself following in the wake of a moving army. Every now and then I came upon a deserted camp, and, of course, I very soon discovered that I was not the only creature that took an active interest in the debris left behind by the soldiers. Quite a variety of animals had scented the carnage of viands from afar, and although most of them were harmless, I now and then caught a glimpse of a reptile of such enormous dimensions that it gave me cold shivers up my spine to look at it even at a distance. "I had my bicycle with me, and my destination was Bogota. I had crossed the mountains on mule back, taking pictures with my camera as I went, and planning my line of march so as to reach a habitation at every nightfall. One day I missed my calculations and night found me at one of the deserted spots where some detachment had halted not long before, for there was still one dilapidated tent standing and a few battered cooking utensils scattered about. I decided to build a fire for protection and spend a night beneath the heavens after feeding myself and my animal in the usual manner.

"I had been asleep for some time when a sudden noise awakened me. I must have been dreaming of an encounter with the enemy, for I fancied when I awoke that I had heard the The judge also called attention report of firearms. Then as I grew wider awake it popped into my head to the fact that the saloon elethat my bicycle tire had exploded. The ment in Texas was not disposed heat of the sun had been too much for it, and it was with a feeling of alarm to obey the laws, and that the that I saw myself deprived of this enactment of such a law would form of locomotion. Of course I had cause them to send up a howl the mule, but we had come a long that would be heart rending. He way, and I hated to think of his carrying me over the miles that still lay

### There is Satisfaction

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### Fever Sores

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, bnt should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also

dist church next Sunday so let most excellent for chapped every member and friend be on hands, sore nipples, burns and disease of the skin. For sale by hand Sunday school at o'clock. Let every teacher be Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weeks spent Christmas day in Paint Rock.

### Every Mother

Pearce.

League at 4 o'clock let all the young people come and start "While I was bewailing my stupid- is or should be worried when the

have in 1909."

Sunday meeting time of meeting Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January 1909.

The pastor and deacons of New Hope church were made a committee to arrange a program for the meeting.

The board adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. on Friday before the 5th Sunday in January 1909 in the meeting house of New Hope church.

The chairman earnestly requested that each member of the Board pray God to direct them in the selection of a missionary to occupy the field. Let the members hold the admonition.

> L. S. Smith, Md. Z. J. Amerson, Sec.



this week.

"A Bulletin man in an inter- of the prohibition laws the judge view with Judge Jno. W. Good- said the legislature would do moment later, by the aid of the moon, win this morning obtained that a wise thing to re-enact the able jurist's opinion on a number law putting a heavy occupation of Texas laws, and found him tax on "soft drinks," which suggesting a law in which all was declared unconstitutional be-Texas would be interested be- cause it applied only to prohibicause its enactment would give tion districts. Make the law apthe governor power to enforce ply to the whole state and it some laws that are being openly would be constitutional. A heaviolated. The judge would have vy tax would prohibit the sale of the legislature enact a law au- soft drinks to a large extent and thorizing the governor to bring when you prohibit the sale of suit in Travis county to forfeit these you take away the last prethe license of any saloon man text on which the club man is who is violating the Sunday clos- doing business today. But for ing and other Texas laws and the sale of "tin top," "uno," he would have it stipulated that and "ino" the "bootlegger" forfeiture of license for this rea- would have no chance to evade son would bar the man from en- the law.

gaging in similar business for a Jndge Goodwin, while in huperiod of time thought to be suffi- mor, suggested that more strincient to work a reform and cause gent divorce laws should be enthe man thus offending to ob- acted, and last but not least, serve the laws when again per- that the judge who serves from mitted to engage in the business. four to eight counties should be

"The governor can't secure the allowed traveling expenses. As relief he is looking for," said it is today the district judges re-Judge Goodwin, "by refusal to ceive the same salary. One man issue commissions to the officers stays at home, another travels in districts where the laws are over two counties others over not enforced, because it is nec- three, four six and Judge Timcessary to have officers to enforce mins, out at San Angelo, travels a law, and when he has signed the over eight counties, or an area commission the officers can say almost as large as the state of they are able to care for their New York. Such men as he districts. Then how is the gover- should have an expense allownornor to proceed. The way ance. For instance, Judge Good-I would suggest is to get the leg- win spends a fifth of his salary islature to enact the law suggest- traveling over the country, while ed above, then let the governor another judge stays at home and get information through secret draws the same salary." agencies, file suits in Travis county and have the license of the offending parties forfeited. to her home at San Angelo, Mon-By this means a governor may day, after a visit to her parents enforce the laws without going Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain.

they are only trying to divert at-

into disturbed territory."

to have a visitor. I raised myself on one knee and reached for my rifle. A I saw a fair-sized snake stick its head complication. Sold by J. Y. out of the foliage of a bush at my right, directly behind which my mule was tethered.

"Without once thinking of the mule aimed the weapon and fired. The next minute I knew by the sounds behind the bush that there was a dead mule to my credit, but the antics of the snake were sufficient to keep my mind occupied for the present.

"I had wounded him mortally, but not killed him outright. After a tremendous lashing of the ground in which the dust flew visibly, he suddenly caught his tail in his mouth and swallowed at least a half a yard of it in his death agony, then he suddenly became quiet and this silence was followed with immediate rigor mortis.

"When I was sure he was dead I went behind the bush and inspected the mule. I had killed him instantly, the bullet having first passed through the snake's body

"It was then that the full horror of my predicament burst upon me. I was footsore and weary, and I still had 20 and you will make no mistake miles or more to go before reaching Bogota. I inspected the bicycle next by buying your Xmas eatables -an old-style wheel, I forgot to say, at Dornberger & Hopkinson. the big sphere measuring 52 inches in diameter. The tire was in fragments and utterly useless. As I kicked it one side with my foot I was suddenly seized with an inspiration. Going to my outfit I got out my bicycle pump. With this I blew the ring of snake up as hard as I could-clapped a piece of rubber over the puncture in the skin and glued it tightly. Then I fitted it around the wheel. It was exactly 52 inches.

"Did it last all the way to Bogota? "No, it exploded, going off like a cannon, just about two miles out of the city, but as I was fairly well rested by that time I did not mind walking the rest of the distance."

#### Help Wanted.

A big Irish policeman, with more than usually large feet, even for so large a man, had one day passed a house in West Philadelphia that boasts quite a lawn, when a boy of nine years ran after the officer, calling at the top of his voice.

The big copper stopped and looked down upon the youngster. "Well, me lad," he asked, with the utmost good nature, "what is it?"

"Mother sent me out to ask if you would mind walking up and down our main path for a minute or two," breathlessly explained the boy. "It's just been graveled an' we ain't got no roller."-Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Competition for Engaged Couples. Nearly a hundred engaged couples

Judge of this district appeared want it perfected, but in truth ity in not bringing more extra tires little ones have a cough or cold. with the new year. Preaching It may lead to croup or pleurisy at 7:30, subject' "The Work of in the Brownwood Bulletin of the are only trying to unvert at-tention from the proposed state my fire had burned itself out some or pneumonia-then to some. The Holy Gost in the Salvation of prohibition agitation. Speaking time before I knew that I was about thing more serious. Ballard's Men. Come and lets take a new Horehound Syrup will cure the start for a better life this is our opportunity. trouble at once and prevent any

J. A. Biggs.

### Board Meeting.

**Church Announcements** 

The Leader will be glad to have an announcement o

the Services from each Church each week if copy is furnished by Thursday efternoon.

Methodist Church.

Special service at the metho-

present and every pupil come and

bring someone with you. Preach-

ing at 11 a m. Subject, "What

we Need, and What we must

Junior League at 3 o'clock.

come children one and all. Senier

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunlap and The executive Board of Run- street Presbyterian church. little Sam returned from a visit nels county Baptist Association to Milam county, Tuesday. Mr. met in the meeting house Dunlap says they had a splendid of the Baptist church at time and enjoyed the visit fine. Winters at two o'clock on Dec. He brought home with him a fine 28th 1908, The efficers being large lemon which weighed one absent, Rev. L. S. Smith was and a half pounds and measured elected chairman protem and over 14 inches in circumference. Rev. Z. J. Amerson was elected

secretary protem.

After due consideration, the We would like to make every matter of electing a missionary house wife happy by using our for the ensuing year was defer-Queen of the Pantry Flour for red until the 5th Sunday meettheir Xmas baking. The highing in January 1909, at which est quality ever brought to this time and place each and every market. We like to see smiles member of the Board is earneston every body's face Xmas day ly requested to be present.

> New Hope church was selected as the place for the next 5th

Union Prayer Service.

A week of Prayer for Ballinger to begin at the first Presbyterian church, Monday night January 4th.

Tuesday night at the First Baptist church,

Wednesday night at the 3th

Thursday night at the Methodist church.

Friday night at the Christian church.

This is a union meeting and all the Pastors will take part and the public has a special invitation to attend and take part also.

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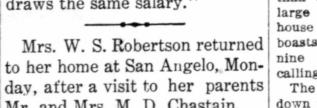
A man in another town owes you money-you want to draw on him, but you don't know just how to go about it.

Perhaps you have notes, interest coupons, or maturing securities you wish collected and are at a loss just how to do it-

Or perhaps, some other monetary transaction is bothering you-

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took part in a novel shooting competition which has just concluded at Argovie. The competition was limited to lovers who were engaged and willing to be married as soon as possible. The distances were 300, 500 and 1,000 meters, and the scores of each pair were added together.

The prizes were a complete marriage trousseau for the woman and £40 for the man. The winners were a young man named Glauser, and Ms fiancee, Louise Mathys, aged 19. They will be married on Sunday.-London Express.

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### **BUSY BALLINGER-BOOZY BALLINGER**

33 Drunks. 28 People Disturb Peaceful Balllinger. Some Wonderful Facts made by Figures that don't Lie.

First Monday. Big Boozy Day. Only 14 arrests.-Banner-Leader Dec. 11th

'I see." said Mayor Hoffer to a Ledger reporter, "that the Banner-Leader says in its editorial column that there were 14 arrests for drunkenness in Ballinger on First Monday. I know of but four or five and was under the impression that the town was remarkably orderly on that day considering the number of people to the Ledger's attention that the Banner-Leader was misinformed. There were some thousands of people in town for a good time on First Monday and it is remarkable that there were so few cases of disorder. It speaks well for the orderly temper of the people of Runnels county and the hundreds here from other counties .-Ledger Dec. 14th.

Docket of the Justice Court in Ballinger and the City Court, and for drunkenness.

heard a prominent citizen say recently that a man could hardly and county attorney is responsible for their statments. take his wife out now with him for a drive after supper without some drunken scoundrel offering ap insult, saying at the time that he and his wife were out driving one night a short time ago and some drunken man yelled at them, and that he was continually running across some one drunk.

Now we are not intending to cast any reflection on any peace

645, Dec. 28,	disturbing peace
646, Dec. 28,	affray
647, Dec. 28.	drunk
648, Dec. 28,	disturbing peace
649, Dec. 28,	disturbing peace
650, Dec. 28,	drunk
651, Dec. 29,	disturbing peace
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Comment is unnecessary, but we wish to call the Ledger's attention to the cases filed on Dec. 7th-First Monday-and to also call the attention of our readers to the number of "disturbing the peace' cases. Don't you think that the peace and dignity of Ballinger has been pretty heavily tramppled upon?

The Ledger reporter says that "with the aid of the Judge and county attorney" he went over the docket and that the records of

Judge Weeks' court show one case of drunkenness for First Monday-"All transient people." The records of Judge Weeks' court are published in full above, and we defy the Ledger to say they are not true, and that there were not five cases filed on Dec. 7th. The Ledger tries to make its readers believe that these cases were in town. The reporter has heard other remarks to the same effect for offences committed previous to First Monday, but that paper and it is the impression among those who have brought the matter fails to make mention of those cases that were filed on Tuesday for offences committed on First Monday.

> The Ledger's request that we get the Judge and county at torney to endorse what we have said will not be complied with. This is our fight. We are responsible for every line that appears in this paper. We do not care to shoulder the responsibility of

Now the writer made an examination of the Criminal Court on the judge, county attorney, Mayor or any one else. We have published the facts just as they appear on the dockets, and if the we find on the Justice Docket there were 11 arrests made on that dockets are not correct it is up to the authorities to explain why day, and on the docket of the City Court 5 arrests were made on they are not. We say they are correct, and we ask the Ledger to that day making in all 16 arrests instead of 14 arrests most all get the judge and county attorney to say they are not. Will the Ledger please give us the name of someone who endorse what

Not only is the above true, but a Banner-Leader Reporter they have said, and not try to leave the impression that the judge

We have produced the proof and respectfully call on the Ledger to publish its recantation and admit that it has labored in vain to cover up the boozy conditions that exists in Ballinger and defend the cause that made such conditions.

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can you do better for him than give him a term in college? Classes in our Business, Art. Music and Expression Departments will be organized on and after January 4th. The Spring term of the Literary Department bigins January 18th. Young ladies are given every attention in our new Dormitory by capable matron and lady principal.

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### JOHN S. HUMPHREYS, Acting President Brownwood, Texas

### SOCIETY GOSSIP

Continued from first page

a dainty frock of pink mousseliene, Empire fashion with a wreath of pink rose buds on her

head. Miss Louise Orgain, French organdy princess over pink taffe-

Miss Ellie Ward, a beautiful creation in pale blue messaline, Empire fashion.

Miss Katie Ray Ward, embridered net hung Empire fashion over white taffeta, diamands.

Miss Blanche Baker, white silk mull, with lace and satin trimmings.

Miss Neil Guion, cream crepe de chine, Empire entrain, elaborate pearl trimmings, diamonds.

Miss Irene Guion, Copenhagen crepe de Paris Empire, handsome trimmings, wearing emeralds.

Miss Estelle Underwood, white mouseliene over taffeta, green satin trimmings, Directoire sash. Miss Delia Day, white organdy inlet with lace over pink taffeta diamonds.

Miss Mae Penn, an elegant

of blue satin de chine, diamonds, Mrs. Jno. Weeks, a plum colored cloth suit, satin trimmings. Mrs. U. P. Melton, brown and

white novelty silk princess, yeltrimmings.

Mrs. Ralph Risser. a sheath gown of white messaline, directoire sash. white picture hat. diamonds.

Mrs. J. Y. Pearce an elegant suit of dark blue chiffon broadcloth. diamonds.

Mrs. John Maddox, grey taffeta princess Irish point tr'mmings,

Mrs. Oscar Fearson, champagne princess lace trimming. diamonds.

Mrs. Clara Ransome, white French organdy over taffeta directoire sash.

Mrs. J. L. Nagle, blue novelty silk princess, lace trimming. Mrs. H. Winkler, white and pink messaline hand embroidered

in pink rose buds, diamonds. Mrs. Harry Thomson, champagne crepe de china princess, with hand painted lace trimming Miss Katie Bell Gregory, black spangled net over lavender silk.

Miss Clara Malone white or-

Ward, Tom Grace, Bruce Creasy,

Jim Grant, Thad Thomson, Eu-

gene Risser, M. W. Leader,

Claud Stone, Bob Norman, Ar-

chie Crews, Jim Morgan, Roy

Reeder, Alex Saunders, Buck

Shields, F. L. Crook, Noel Penn,

J. T. Lawrence, Paul, Bogel.

Dick Thorp, Travers, Malcolm

McGregor, Hugo Miller, Ernest

Plummer, McWhirter, Weicon-

danger, Stanton, Howel Knight,

Percy Davis, Frank Pearce,

Felix Schuhardt, D. Reeder.

John Weeks, U. P. Melton, Ira

Hobdy, Geo Holman, Jno. Mad-

dox, Oscar Pearson, H. Winkler,

Ralph Risser, M. A. Traylor,

R. L. Scott, J. Y. Pearce, J. L.

Reception.

Directly following a very

tastefully decorated with mistle-

toe, Ivy and Holly, which added

materially to the attractiveness

The young hostesses were

officer in Ballinger for we believe that the peace officers in Ballinger do their duty and suppress crime all that they can, but when ever a man rises up and says that our First Mondays are peaceable and quiet and no violations of the law, he is either oking or does no observe very closely.

The Banner-Leader is as loyal to Ballinger as any of her stitutions, but we are ready to tell the truth at all times, even Fit does pinch-"some legitimate? ? lines of trade."-Banner-Lender Dec. 18.

In its issue following First Monday the Banner-Leader of this city asserted that there were fourteen cases of arrest for drunken- break them on the first provocation. It is better to try and fail ness on that day shown by the dockets of the courts of the city. Mayor Hoffer gave an interview to the Ledger reporter mildly protesting that he knew of but three or four. The Banner-Leader came back in its next issue with the assertion that it had understated the facts and that there were sixteen, cases in the courts, States. He is a whole show by himselr, and draws a crowd every "mostly for drunkenness" on First Monday.

A Ledger reporter called at Judge Weeks' office from which twelve of these alleged cases are quoted and with the aid of the judge and county attorney went over the docket. We find that four of the cases quoted were for gambling by negroes and that it will be a warm session from start to finish. Some of the memthe offences were committed two days previous to First Monday. Also some mexicans were arraigned following First Monday but their offences all save one were committed previous thereto. The records of Judge Weeks court show one case of drunkenness for First Monday-all transient people-and not a Runnels county man.

The records are there for anyone to examine who so desires and this statement is made on the grounds of investigation made with the aids of the judge of the court and the county attorney.

We request that the editor of the Banner-Leader call on these officials and if he can get their endorsement as to the alleged facts of his article on First Monday we will publish an apology and recantation in these columns. If he fails to get the endorsement as to the statement made by him he may acknowledge, if he feels so moved, that he has done the towns good name an injustice.

By an examination of the Mayor's docket we find three cases of drunkenness on account of First Monday and the clerk of the court assisted us in going over the docket and this statement is on his authority,

Thousands of strangers in Ballinger on First Monday and only four arrests for drunkenness! Ballinger will be proud to compare her First Monday record to that of any town in Texas wet or dry. Ledger Dec. 23rd.

Since Dec 7th-First Monday-the following cases have been filed on the criminal docket of the Corporation Court and the Justice of Peace Court in Ballinger. We omit the names, giving the number of the case, date filed and for what charge.

the number of the case, date med a	
CITY DOCKET.	595, Dec. 8, affray
No. 271, Dec. 7, drunk	596, Dec. 8, affray
272. Dec. 7. drunk	597, Dec. 9, abusive language
273, Dec. 7, fast driving.	598, Dec. 9, disturbing peace
274, Dec. 7. disturbing the peace.	599, Dec. 9, abusive language
275, Dec. 7, drunk.	600, Dec. 9. disturbing peace
276, Dec. 12, drunk.	601, Dec. 9, gaming
277, Dec. 15, drunk.	602, Dec. 9, gaming
278, Dec. 16, drunk.	603, Dec. 9, disturbing peace
279, Dec. 17, drunk.	604, Dec. 9, giving whiskey
280, Dec. 17, drunk. mi	inor.
281, Dec. 17, drunk.	605, Dec. 9, drunk
282, Dec. 17, drunk.	606, Dec. 11, affray
283, Dec. 17, drunk.	607, Dec, 12, drunk
284, Dec. 17, vagrancy.	608, Dec. 14, drunk
285, Dec. 21, affray	609, Dec. 14. disturbing peace
286, Dec. 21, vagrancy	610, Dec. 14, disturbing peace
287, Dec. 23, drunk.	611, Dec. 14, affray
288, Dec. 24, drunk.	612, Dec. 14, affray
289, Dec. 26, drunk.	613, Dec. 15, affray
JUSTICE OF PEACE DOCKET	614, Dec. 15, drunkenness
No. 582, Dec. 7, gaming	615, Dec. 17, disturbing peace
583, Dec. 7, gaming	616, Dec. 17, disturbing peace
584. Dec. 7, drunk.	617, Dec. 18, disturbing peace
585, Dec. 7, drunk.	618, Dec. 19, disturbing peace
586, Dec. 7, drunk.	619, Dec. 19, drunkenness
587, Dec. 7, drunk.	620, Dec. 19, no arrest made
588, Dec. 7, drunk.	621, Dec. 21, disturbing peace
589, Dec. 7, gaming	622, Dec. 21, no arrest
590, Dec. 7, assault to rape	623, Dec. 21, drunkenness
591, Dec. 7, gaming	624, Dec. 21, disturbing peace 625, Dec. 21, drunkenness
592, Dec. 8, drunk	625, Dec. 21, drunkenness 626, Dec. 22, gaming
594, Dec. 8, drank	627, Dec. 22, gaming

How about the new leaf turned over, have you blotted it before the first day passed?

What's the difference, does everybody look drunk to a drunk mings. man, or is it impossible for a drunk man to see a drunk man-Which?

It's good to make New Years resolutions, even though you trimmings. than not to try at all.

Geo. Stuart is the greatest prohibition speaker in the United where he appears. He will be in Ballinger January 12.

The Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 12th. and no doubt bers are going with their pockets filled with bills, resolutions, etc. and will fight to push them through.

The holidays have passed and of course it was expected that Ballinger would be dull for a few days, but not so. Work is plentiful and everybody is on the move. Business in almost every feta. line is good. The gins are still buzzing away and considerable cotton is in the field yet.

Ballinger is the best town in Texas because it has the trade territory and the country surrounding it to make it good. We receive more cotton than any other place in Texas, but we have people who come to Ballinger and get drunk, and it makes the court records look ugly and gives our town a hard name in that respect. There is no use in trying to cover up this fact.

Editor Ousley, of the Fort Worth Record, is in Georgia investi- rose point, diamonds. gating the status of prohibition in that state, He is furnishing his paper with a write up of the condition, and it is just what the messaline princes, hand embroidpeople expected and just what he went to find out. That is. that | ered, diamonds. prohibition does not prohibit in Georgia. The pros have men in Georgia who will produce proof to refute Mr. Ousley's letters when the proper time comes.

It requires a united effort to accomplish much in working for the up building of a town. By a united effort Ballinger secures the Morgan Jones railroad. By a united effort Ballinger has macadamized streets. By a united effort Ballinger will have a pretty park right in the heart of the town. Don't knock, join the throng of loyal patriotic citizens, put you shoulder to the wheel and push your part of the load of progress.

The site for the Federal building at Brownwood cost Uncle Sam \$10. This shows what sort of bargains an old man with hard cash and chin whiskers can pick up in Texas.-Dallas News.

The site for the Carnegie library in Ballinger did not cost one cent. It was donated by that liberal hearted citizen Jo Wilmeth. A \$15,000 building is now going up on the site. We need a postoffice building mighty had and if Uncle Sam will furnish the money for the building he will not be out anything for the site.

princess of bebe blue voile over gandy over pink silk, lace trimmings. taffeta, lace trimmings.

The gentlemen honored the Miss Mira Penn, dark red crepe occasion in full evening dress. de chine, over taffeta, lace trim-Those present were:-Messrs Hamil Ward, Leon

Miss Hermia Smith, an Empire of pink liberty silk with embroidered chiffon and pink satin

Miss Verna Moser, blue messaline Empire with lace trimmings and pearls.

Miss Alva Van Pelt, dark red organdy with lace trimmings.

Miss Etta Hutton, white china silk Empire, chiffon trimmings. Miss Florence Westbrook. pale blue crepe de chine, satin trimmings.

Miss Dosia Sukre of St. Louis, a dainty Empire of pink liberty Directoire sash.

Miss Adel Barbish of Austin, lace princess over lavender taf-

Miss Baucknight, a sheath Nagle, Harry Thomson. gown of champagne crepe de Paris, satin trimmings.

Miss Louise Schawe, pale blue silk mull lace trimmings.

Mrs. D. Reeder, a handsome successful card party of Tuesday princees of blue messaline, dia- afternoon, Mrs. Harry Thomson and Misses Underwood further monds.

Mrs. Ira Hobdy, her wedding extended their hospitality and tendered a number of their gown of pearl satin de Luxe, draped princess with bertha of friends an elaborate reception on Wednesday afternoon. The entire reception suite was

Mrs. R. L. Scott, dark green

Mrs. M. A. Traylor, a beautiful blue messaline princess, carrying an arm boquet of white carnations, diamonds.

radiant and gracious, and cordially received each guest.

of the scene.

Mrs Geo Holman, a sheath gown | Mrs. Bonner Raby gave each



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A Texas farmer who practiced the most up-to-date diversification and who kept books on his farming operations claims to have produced \$2,700 on forty acres of land, of which amount after hiring all labor on the farm over half was profit. And still there are people who cannot make farming pay in Texas.-Brownwood Bulletin.

The farmer that farmes is the successful man of the day. The farmer that puts in the most of his time at something else is a failure. The successful farmer is the man that is not losing sleep about what the trust are doing and quarrelling about how the banks are robbing the people, etc. etc.

blood. It drives out the impurities that have accumulated in the system. Removes sallowness, bad breath, pimples, skin eruptions, and restores the ruddy hue of health to the complexion.

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a hand painted paper Christmas these words:

bell, in the form of a booklet, with the request to write therein your most appreciated Xmas gift and why? Miss Hermia Smith collected the bells and read of varied presents and varied reasons for appreciation, many reasons provoking much mirth by their wit and originality.

Mesdames J. Y. Pearce, J. D. tht hostess in entertaining.

en tete and featured those per- and delight. fected by the caterer's art. Ida Phillips, M. A. Traylor, Jack ious means into Holland, Holman, W. J. Miller, J. W. Geo. Holman, Ira Hobdy and C. Jack McGregor, Bonner Raby, where to be seen, however all A. W. Sledge, Orgain, Homer were at rest, resembling light-Smith.

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year Misses Underwood At Home

with Mrs. Harry Thomson December, twenty-ninth -Cards-

Everyone knowing the charming entertaining abilities of Mrs. Leslie and Will Penn assisted Thomson and her sisters, it is this glorious trip to Holland in Fortreating all manner of skin troubles

needless to state every invitation Refreshments were served was accepted with much pleasure

On entering the home we

throats except "schnapps." linger for several years and her Were Coleridge present he would friends are numbered by her have said: "Water, water every acquaintance.

where and not a drop to drink."

Dutch lunch, consisting of bean puree with tomato catsup, brick cheese with horse radish, rye bread, pickles, stuffed olives, coffee cake and cider.

so short a time were:

Madams Nagle, H. Winkler, J. Y. Pearce, Paul Trimmier, Walter Buck, R. L. Scott, D.

After the ceremony the happy The card games came to an couple left on the three thirty interesting close over a typical train for their home at Roswell,

It Will Stay There.

"In my family medicine chest no

for many years. I have failed to find

a surer remedy. It cures itching

R. M. Swann Franklin La

remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be

Those fortunate enough to take obtained for its particular purpose.

FIND WOMAN'S WIT UNCERTAIN.

As When This Wife Failed to Appreciate Her Husband's Pleasantry.

"Don't always rely upon the ready wit of a woman," said the man who is sometimes pleased to consider himself an oracle. "That ready wit business

is sometimes prone to get 'way off. "For example, my wife and children had been staying in the country for several weeks and I was regular with my letters, as every loving husband

should be. Finally on the day before my wife was to start for home I concluded my letter to her with these such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, words: etc., Hunts Cure has held its place

"'This will be the last letter I will write to you for a long, long time.' this week. "When I got down to my office the

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

We are in the market for all your wheat, oats and milo maize. Missouri Milling Co.

Postmaster Cady returned yesterday from a visit to his daughter Mrs. Cross Baker at Plantersville.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Judge C. H. Willingham was attanding court in San Angelo.

A Dutch Party.

Thomson, Tuesday Dec. 29th.

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A week in advance of this painted wooden shoes. During Mexico. Harry is a Ballinger to learn the gypsy fandangoes and the delightful function, invitations the progress of the most excit- boy, is industrious and competent Spanish dances. They find that they were issued, daintily wrapped in ing games, salted amonds were to fill most any kind of a position tissue paper, tied with crimson served. Nothing would be in the business world. ribbon and mistletoe, bearing given to quench the parched Miss Maud has resided in Bal-

Those present were as follows: gazed about with awe, and Mesdames Clara Miller, Dan wonder if in only a moments Moser, M. C. Smith Frank Miller time, it could be possible that we R. B. Creasy, S. S. Prince, Jones had been hurled by some myster-Nagle, J. I. Guion, Warren Lynn The hostess, assisted by the A. S. Love, Paul Trimmier, Geo. Azelia Club Madams Will Penn, Powell. R. L. Maddox, Oscar P. Shepherd, met the guests in Day, Irene and Kate Guion, Pearson, J. J. Erwin, Geo. Dutch costume. Though a feel-Vaughn, J. Y. Pearce, Sallie ing of being in a foreign land Plummer, C. K. Hutton, Betty and far from home crept over us, Boyle, Ed Walker, Herman we still could not help from Giesecke, G. G. Odom, J. F. possessing a delightful sensation Currie, Betty Holmes, Chas. with the oddity and beauty of filler, Walter Davis, W. F. Holland scenery. Windmills the sharp, Will Dunlap, J. W. most characteristic feature of Francis, J. D. Leslie, Will Penn, this foreign land, were every-Alexander, C. P. Shepherd, houses above the sea, save and Walter Norman and Miss Hermia except one which was constantly Ballinger popular girls, was mar- out of sorts she lives upon dandelion

Smith. in motion and at each revolution ried at the home of her parents doctors herself with the fruits of the the famous Dutch drink Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Starkey, last earth, and she recovers.

"schnapps" flowed freely, and Sunday evening at 2:30 oclock One of the most novel and was very gracefully dispensed to H. E. Sharp. unique entertainments that Bal- with by a pretty "Gretchen," Rev. J. A. Biggs, of the Meth- who does not want people to know linger's elite has had the pleasure Miss Neil Guion, the only re- odist church, performed the of attending, was the Dutch maining, beloved spinster of the ceremony. party given by Mrs. Harry Azelia Club. Hand painted This wedding was quite a sur- al clothing and be elastic in your gait; Thomson and her charming windmills were given as score prise to the many friends, as in that way you will look younger. sister the Misses Underwood, cards. Progressive "High Five" Mr. Sharp has been away from dancing class. By taking the steps at the pretty home of Mrs. was the feature of the entertain- Ballinger for about a year, mak- one can keep up one's elasticity winter ment, the counters being hand ing his home in Roswell, New and summer. I have a class of four

**To Our Friends** and Patrons:

> We take this method of extending to you, one and all, our thanks for your liberal patronage during the year just closing, and extend to you our best wishes for a Happy

instantly. Reeder, S. B. Raby, Jno. Weeks, U. P. Melton, W. T. Robertson, J. L. Carter was here from Joe A. Jones, Ralph Risser, Pain Rock. first of the week. Oscar Pearson, M. A. Traylor, Full line Loose-Wiles chocolates J. I. Guion Jr., J. F. Currie, R. just received at the White Front A. Terry, R. L. Bennett, Joe Confectionery.

Wilmeth, Clara Ransome, Misses Katie Ray and Ellie Ward, Delia to his home at Brownwood Tuesday, after a visit to his aunt, Louise Orgain, Nelle Miller, Mrs. O. Pearson. Armor McGregor, Mae and

Myra Penn, Alice Morgan, Olga Schawe, Scott, Blanche Baker, BEAUTY OF PHYSICAL HEALTH.

Verna Moser, Jennie and Emma Bennett, Clara Malone, Bauknight, Maggie Sharp, Adel Barbish, Hattie Hutton and Hermia

### Starkey-Sharp

greens, and we advise them to take Miss Maud Starkey, one of acid fruits. When a gypsy woman gets greens; she mixes sweet herbs; she "Outdoor life is everything for the

woman who wants to keep young. "Her walk gives away the woman

how old she is. Usually she loses her elasticity. And she takes to high heels and a stilted walk. Wear convention-

No Attractiveness for Women Without

Good Digestion.

"To look young and keep your beau-

ty you must have a good digestion,'

says a beauty culturist. "We feed our

patrons upon herbs; -we give them

"I advise women generally to join a women who come three times a week

breathe better, feel better and are more healthy generally from this exercise."

### Suspicious.

"I wish," said the hard-hearted landford, "that you would watch the tenants in No. 3310. Be sure that they pay promptly in advance." 'Very well," replied the clerk. Have you heard anything to make you suspicious of them?" "No: but they haven't asked for any repairs for nearly six weeks now. It doesn't look right.'

His Serious Interruptions. "I s'pose John is still takin' life easy," said the woman in the spring wagon

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying an armful of wood. "John has only two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up to eat, an' the other is that he has to quit eatin' to sleep.

Classified. "Who was that fool you bowed to?" "My husband." "Oh! I-er-I-humbly apologize

next morning I found a telegram from Judge C. O. Harris was atmy wife waiting for me. 'What on tending court in San Angelo, earth do you mean?' read the dispatch. first of the week. "Later a registered letter came from her. She had blotted almost every

line with tears. What it was all about Lewis Baker is at home from I could not imagine. Trinity University to spend the

"Then my telephone bell rang, and holidays with his father. D. M. when I answered I heard my wife's voice speaking over the long distance Baker. Dr. Dunlap Proctor returned 'phone.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Moser re-"'Oh, John,' said she. 'Is that really you? I thought you had committed suicide!'

turned to their home Monday after spending the holidays with

relatives in Ballinger.

Converted by Medicine. A woman missionary, who was also J. L. Chastain left for Dublin, a doctor, had a curious experience in **Fuesday**.

Take It To

AT

**MOREHEAD'S** 

Burmah, where, upon her arrival, she found a village community dying off like flies with cholera.

Orland Simms, a prominent young man from Paint Rock, had She made a house-to-house inspecbusiness in Ballinger Tuesday. tion, administered a specific, and, hav-

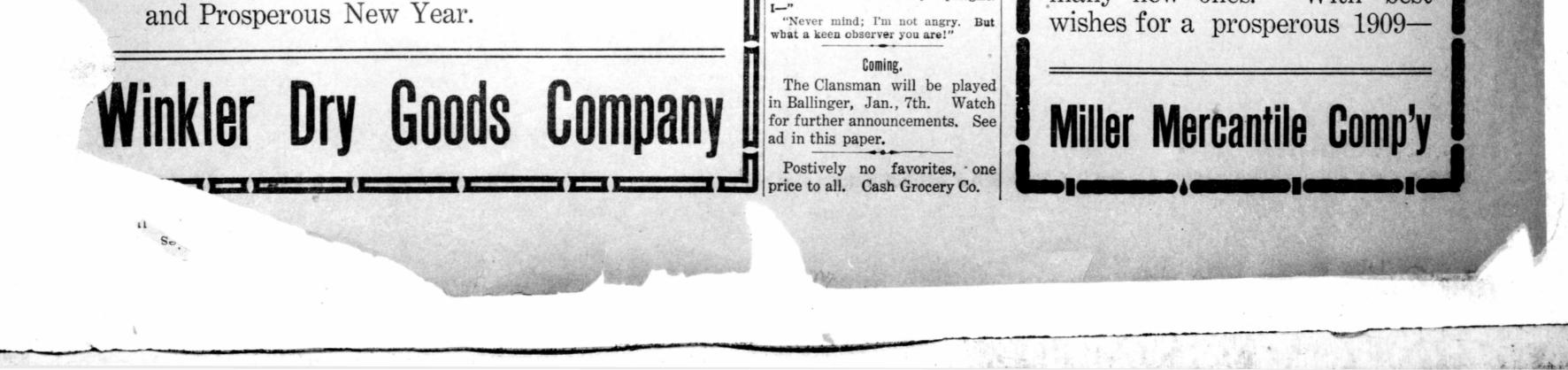
ing broken the back of the malady, Don't pass by our shop when left behind her several bottles of the you want harness and saddle remedicine to be used during her absence. Upon her return the head man pair work. R. L. Shaffer. cheered her heart by the greeting:

"Teacher, we have come over to your side; the medicine did us so much good that we have accepted your God.' He led her to his house and into the apartment sacred to his worship. See That Spot IP There, arrayed upon the shelf, were the medicine bottles, and he, with all his household, instantly bowed down and prayed to them with thankful and "THE CLEANER" contrite hearts.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.



And we are very thankful for it. We intend to render better service through the coming year, that we may not only merit the continued patronage of our present customers, but may gain With best many new ones.



# We wish you---

A Happy, Bright and Prosperous

# 1909-New Year-1909

# Hall Hardware Go.

### Citizens of Early Days.

The following corrospondence was published in last weeks Paint Rock paper and as a number of the "old timers" live in Ballinger and others as well will be interested in the mention of times long ago, we reproduce the letters:

W. C. Montgomery, Paint Rock, Dear Billie:-I received your pamphlet of Concho county yesterday, and it is well gotton up. I read it carefully last night, and it takes me back to the spring of '79, when as a nor do we so wish-such faithful young man with the world before me and with but a few dollars Howze, Ellis Ford, big hearted in my pocket, I struck the banks of the beautiful Concho at the Paint Rock bluff in the early Charley Chamberlain, days of May 1879. Naturally, 1 began thinking of the old friends I knew in the early days of Paint Rock, and they are gone and scattered, some have moved to other parts of the state and and a host of others. Some of some have crossed the river that separates this world from the greeting, some we meet ocgreat unknown. I can't keep from thinking of A. J. Hall, Looney, Goodrum, Judge Alexander, Jake Stark, joined the silent majority. The tensive use. Sold by Walker Perryman, John Viser, John Pendleton, Bates and Proctor here now, and it wont be long and a lot of others. These were until the men who helped and the good old days that will never dared and built the first school come to us again in this life. I will never forget my early days all be gone and forgotten. spent in Concho county, and there will always be a tender spot in my heart for the old

R. La

timers. Your friend C. C. F. Blanchard. Amarillo, Texas. Dec. 17, 1908.

Part of Mr. Montgomery's reply: We old timers reading letters like the above find our eyes growing a bit moist.

Yes Charlie there is a tender feeling between all of us old time friends that cannot be understood by those who have come to Concho county in later years. We cannot forget the ones you have mentioned, neither

can we efface from memory,friends, as Mai. Ratchford. Jim Judge Guion, Christ Haglestein, G. S. Plants, Henry Bacon, Geo. Conant, Fred, Ede, Geo. Vaughn Jno. Bustin, Jno. Norman, D. E. Sims, W. G. Ryan, Gerard Huston, Tom Trail, Tom McCall, H. G. Maclean, W. T. Melton these we meet daily in friendly casionally, some have moved and gone out of sight, but not out of recollection, and some have old seventy-niners are scarce Drug Co. house and faced the untried dangers of a new country will

### Sad Death Near Bronte.

Å man by the name of Smith who was traveling through the country, died near Bronte last Sunday. The man with his wife and five children were traveling in a wagon, On Christmas day

he was hurt by the wagon running over his foot. Blood poison was caused from the wound. and the man died. The wife and five children are in destitute circumsrances.

### Don't Take the Risk When you have a bad cough or

cold do not let it drag along

until it becomes chronic bronchi-

tis, or develops into an attack of

pneumonia, but give it the at-

tention it deserves and get rid

Cough Remedy and you are sure

of prompt relief. From a small

beginning the sale and use of

this preparation has extended to

all parts of the United States

and to many foreign countries.

Its many remarkable cures of

coughs and colds have won for

it this wide reputation and ex-

J. D. Scott and two daughters

Misses Verda and Irene of Lan-

caster, are here on a visit to Mr.

it. Take Chamberlain's

### **GRAFT AND GRAFTER**

ONE LITTLE HOMELY WORD THAT CONVEYS MUCH.

MANY HUMBUGS IN DISGUISE

Human Nature Much the Same in All Ages-People Easily Deluded Into Making Poor Investments.

Cant phrases have been invented, and words more noted for their force than elegance, have become popular as expressive of common things. In all that is slang, it is doubtful if there is any better word than "graft." Long before Chaucer indited what would now be called "pigeon English," witty Greeks and Romans indulged in their aesthestic forms of vulgar expression, and there can be little doubt that good old Socrates impressed Plato and some of his other pupils with pungent idioms, and in turn was called by Aristophanes an impious old grafter.

It is quite evident that "graft" has a place among euphonius words, and conveys an idea plainly and tersely. The famous Barnum, who said something about the people anxious to be humbugged had a pretty good idea of human nature, and made the most out of his knowledge. The business man of to-day does not ignore the gullibility of the masses, and yearly millions of dollars are spent in printers' ink to convey to the people various kinds of information that will stimulate the letting go of dollars for the benefit of the grafter.

Pick up a copy of any current Sunday newspaper, farm journal, religious publication, magazine or other periodical and look over its pages! Graft is evident in each and every one. It is covered under the guise of artistic advertising. Thousands of cure-alls, wonderful discoveries, great bargains from bankrupt sales, exceptional chances for investment and Lord knows whatnot, beams from the pages to catch the eyes of the person who has not received sufficient lessons in the "school of graft." The people like to be fooled. There seems to be more or less avkidneys. arice in the makeup of most men, and women, too. The getting of something

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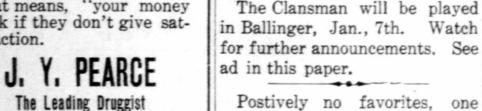
Dornberger & Hopkinson Telephone No. 107 **Prompt Delivery.** 

#### IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW Miss Vivian Humphrey returned to her home at San Angelo. Wednesday. What a Heap of Happiness It PRICKLY ASH BITTERTS cures the kid-Would Bring to Ballinger neys, regulates the liver and purifies Homes. the bowels. A valuable system tonic. Hard to do housework with an -City Drug Store, Special Agents. aching back. Elmar Sheppead came down Brings you hours of misery at from Miles to spend the holiday easure or at work. . with Ballinger friends. If women only knew the We will have some nice offices cause-that backache pains come from sick kidneys, 'twould save for rent in few days, over the White Front Confectionery. much needluss woe.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick Apply to Conn & Wiley. Rev. C. M. Shuffler came in from Plainview, Wednesday to

### WINTER WEATHER NECESSITIES

Cold Creams for the hands .15c, 25c, 50c etc. Vaseline Camphor Ice in handy tubes \_\_\_\_10c 3 for 25c Hot Water Bottles for cold ...75c to \$2.50 feet..... Chamois Vests and Chest Protectors for those with For the inner man White Pine and Spruce the best cough Syrup on earth 25c 50c Bromo Quinine Antigripine and Pearce's Cold Cure The latter is guaranteed. That means, "your money back if they don't give satisfaction.



Yours fraternally, W. C. Montgomery.

### Lame Shoulder

Irregular bowel movements lead to This is a common form of chronic constipation. PRICKLY ASH muscular rheumatism. No in-BITTERS is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently .- City Drug Store, ternal treatment is needed. Special Agents. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment

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freely twice a day and a quick Dr. E. C. Baskin, dentist office cure is certain. This liniment over Brewers jewelry store. tf has proven especially valuable Dick Oliver is here from Big for muscular and chronic rheu-Spring on a visit to relatives. matism, and is sure to give quick Live Oak Flour the best relief Chamberlain's Liniment Try a sack from Miller is also most excellent for sprains

and bruises. Price, 25 cents; Mercantile Co. large size 50 cents. For sale by

W. J. Miller went to Abilene Wednesday to confer with par-

ties in reference to the right of way for the new rail road.

W. N. McGinnis is here from Sweetwater.

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Postively no favorites, one us. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, price to all. Cash Grocery Co. Texas.

# The Gateway to Success

Coming.

Walker Drug Co.

is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.

Some carry keys, others who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from

of value for little or nothing is a common offer to gather in the dollars for the benefit of the grafter. For a few years a young man with

ambition and a liking for work struggled along in the mercantile line in a large central western city. He decided to enlarge. He needed money. A splendid scheme presented itself. Why not get dollars needed to carry on a big business from the people? They needed a chance for investment. He was just the fellow to help 'em out. He organized a big cooperative concern. He advertised broadcast. Told of the wonderful possiblities of his business, and lo! the dollars rolled his way by the hundreds of thousands. Soon the government ended his game. He was charged with using the mails to defraud. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost by those who invested in his "cooperative society." Many similar schemes are up for consideration day after day. The people never tire of them. Just like buying a lottery ticket. There is a chance to win, and as long as the proposition looks good, the grafter flourishes.

Scott's daughter, Mrs. W. F. The wise man, be he farmer or doc-Buck. Miss Irene will make Baltor, stockman or storekeeper, will linger her home and attend the avoid jumping at such chances for investment. Look out for the cooperative organizer. Beware of the grafters who want to interest you in their business affairs, and at the same time hold the combination to the safe.

D. M. CARR.

AGAINST PREMIUM GRAFT.

Laws Passed by Some States Prohibiting Prizes in Packages of Foodstuffs.

Some classes of people when they wish to purchase goods, look more after so-called bargains than quality, and quite often the bargains prove expensive. It seems that the getting of something for nothing is attractive to the average person. Of late years there has grown up a practice among manufacturers of staple articles, particularly in the food line, of giving a prize with each package of their goods. It is apparent that there is an inclination towards gambling in the makeup of most people, and this spirit is appealed to largely by the giver of prizes. The purchaser seems to overlook the fact that he receives nothing other than he pays for. Whatever article is given as a premium represents so much money value and certainly the manufacturer does not lose by the operation. The value of what is given must be made up by either the retailer or the consumer, and it is generally the consumer who pays the cost grocers, as well as the peo-Retail

ple in general, have cause to be thankful to the lawmakers of some states for making it illegal to place premiums in packages of foodstuffs. Such a law is now in force in the state of Nebraska. Premium and prize giving has been a cause of trouble and disturb-

Mrs. O. M. Black, living on Bradford St., Brownwood, Tex., visit Ballinger friends. says: "Over a year ago I was

cured of kidney trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills, and have never been bothered since. Before using this remedy I was aching across my kidney regions to-day.

and upon more than one occasion was confined to my bed for several days. The least movecaused excruciating ment twinges to shoot through my effecting a complete cure. It is tors for a loan. needless to state that I always

recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to any of my friends whom I hear complaining of kidney trouble."

Plenty more proof like this from Ballinger people. Call at Walker Drug store and ask what customers report.

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-

See our line of wagon harness R. L. Shaffer.

and take no other.

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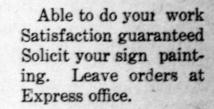
Fireworks of all kinds at the White Front Confectionery.

Miss Edna Routh returned from a visit to South La Grange rarely free from a dull heavy Goldthwaite and other places.

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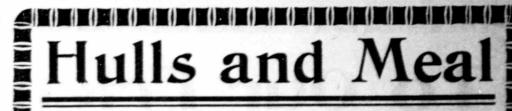
J. O. Cline, the Katy Cafe man back and at times into the back left several dozen fine oysters of my head. The secretions at the Leader office this week from my kidneys were also Mr. Cline received three barrels badly disordered. The use of of oysters in the shell for the two boxes of Doan's Kidney holiday trade, and sold out every-Pills did all that was required by thing and called on his competi-

> Will Dunlap orders the Leader to go to P. S. Graves at Buckholtz for one year.



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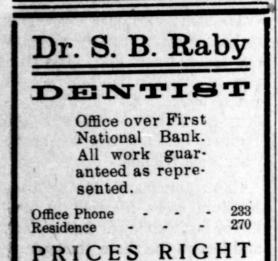
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To-day she is a leader in society by right of her late husband's name and wealth, her youth, her beauty, and her sorrow. Perhaps she may marry again, and the man of her choice will be happy. Perhaps rightly so-who shall say?

Where she came from nobody knew. It was said Dorrick met her at a summer resort, and that was all anyone seemed to know about her. He married her for her beauty; she married him for his money and social position. I suppose both thoroughly understood the terms of the contract. He admired her much as he might have admired a fine horse, and he was proud to claim her as his own. She didn't actually hate him-he was an unfortunate encumbrance of wealth and social position. But she bore him no love.

Perhaps the last straw that broke down her endurance was when Dorrick came home drunk from some club meeting. Dorrick was not a drinking man, and this was an exceptional case. Perhaps he had been drinking too many toasts to his young wife. But it was an offense against good form-the only thing she cared about now. When Dorrick ceased to be a gentleman the last link broke.

"My dear-" he began, and then he stopped short, for he had caught her glance. She had peculiar eyes sometimes-hard, cold, penetrating eyesgimlet eyes, an irreverent youth had once called them. Dorrick seemed to

shrink up within himself beneath her gaze. Half drunk as he was, he seemed in some way fascinated-"like as if he'd been mesmerized," said Mrs. Dorrick's maid under her breath; she had been to see a professional hypnotist who had been performing at one of the music halls a few weeks before. Mrs. Dorrick overheard the remark, and it set her thinking.

The suggestion of mesmerism broke in upon her like a revelation; perhaps gations to the paper for things it she had found the key to freedom. She refrains from publishing. There had heard of this marvelous force that science but dimly comprehends, and she was prepared to believe wonders nity current events happening keeping money in circulation at home, of it. Forthwith she set about studying it. Little by little, as she mastered the subject, she came to understand how complete is the control exercised by the mesmerist over his subjects man passes them by rather than and found that she herself possessed marked powers of fascination. Then she began to try experiments with her husband. She had no definite end in view. She wanted to gain such mastery over him as to make him entirely subservient to her will. Then she would no longer be galled by the other hand, they think the newssense that she was part of his property. In a month she succeeded. The outward world saw no change in Dorrick roe Courier. or his household; but in the privacy of his home he was a different man. A single glance from his wife bereft im of will power, almost of consciousess. He was no longer a living, thinkg man, but an automaton, performg her will blindly, and without the power of retaining even a shadow of remembrance if she willed he should forget. She was far too clever to let outsiders see this-even the servants never suspected it. She herself hardly knew how far-reaching was her strange power. But she had gained her point. She began tentatively. Dorrick developed a habit of dressing a little bottle. The manufacturers of too lightly for the season of the year, and caught cold several times. His wife scolded him for his carelessness, but to no purpose. Little by little he remedy did not contain any of the old town couldn't learn a lesson. became more careless. He neglected to see a doctor, after catching a very severe cold, though he had been in the habit of taking the utmost care as no mention of them is made of his health. Again his wife scolded him, and sent for the doctor herself. Dorrick recovered slowly, but the effects of a severe chill had left him one of the best in use for coughs weaker. Then he committed the crowning imprudence of taking a cold bath in the middle of January and neglecting to dry himself thoroughly. Mrs. Dorrick scolded again, and again summoned the doctor. The doctor was angry, and took Dorrick to task sharply for his carelessness. "It's simple suicide," he said, "simple suicide!" And he left directions for Mrs. Dorrick and drove away. He was right; he could do no good. Dorrick had thrown away his life. In about a week he fell a victim to pneumonia, and Mrs. Dorrick was free. Mrs. Dorrick, the bride of scarce six months, mourned deeply for her husband, and inherited his wealth. Perhaps there was just a little genuineness in her sorrow; a tinge of remorse -no more. As I said, to-day she is a leader in society by right of her late husband's name and wealth, her youth her beauty, and her sorrow. Perhaps she may marry again; this time she will not sell herself-she will not need to. And the man of her choice will be accounted happy, for no one knows of her terrible gift. Perhaps, too. rightly so accounted. Who shall say?

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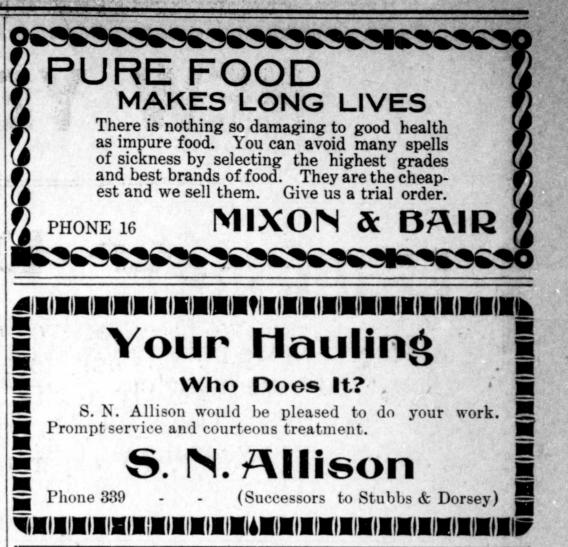
People are very quick to criticise the local paper for something it publishes, but very slow to thank the editor for certain thing he does not publish. Frequently the biggest critic is the man who is under the most obliare continually in every commu- industry and do your part toward that would make legitimate news that would make racy reading but frequently the newspaper place certain citizen's in an unfavorhble light and embarrass their family and friends. But most people have little appreciation of favors like this. On the paper owes a fresh coat of whitewash every month or two.-Con-

Masses. An evil that at present is receiving more than ordinary attention in the press is the concentration of vast amounts of money in the hands of corporations. The accumulation of wealth by individuals when controlled by natural law, will inevitably become divided. The millionaire who has a family, at his death will apportion to each member a share of his wealth. Even though these divisions may be increased by work and by speculation and investment by the children, they in return will divide the accumulations among their offspring and eventually, it matters not how great the fortunes of any one of the family may become, it is only a matter of time until there is a scattering of the money, and a great portion of it will pass from the members of the family. On the other hand, corporation methods mean the building of a system that prevents the operation of the natural law. In other words corporations are machines that work continuously, and when one part is broken it is replaced by a new one. Thus the accumulation goes on. The death of Rockefeller will not result in a discontinuance of the Standard Oil company; the death of the present stockholders of any of the large trust companies, banks or insurance companies will make little difference in their existence. All will go ahead. The safeguards of corporations in many cases are excellent. But the inclination to control trade by the crushing out of smaller concerns and the destruction of legitimate competition and the controlling of prices, seems against public policy. All classes are compelled to pay prices dictated by these trusts for the goods produced. Each year finds new combinations to control trade. It is the centralization of capital that makes such operations possible. The person who assists in concentrating money in toward helping along such combines. Rock Hearld. It is only by individual action on the part of every small producer and laborer in the country that conditions. can be changed. Stand by every home

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Operation of Injurious Trusts Can Be

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B. B. Stone, of Ballinger, was There are few, if any, attorneys Press.

in this part of the state who stand higher at the bar or in the estimation of the public than they are worth. Judge Stone. He is young, ambitious and of brilliant legal attainments and his moral and social qualities have made him large financial centers does his part friends by the score.-Paint

> If its leather goods you want visit our store, R. L. Shaffer.

V. M. Harrison, of Verdi,

Ex-Sheriff Robert Kirk of Runattending the Justice Court Mon- nels county has been made secday. Judge Stone has retired retary of the business club orfrom the office of county judge ganization. If "Bob" makes as after a long and satisfactory good a commercial secretary as term of office, and is now active- he did a sheriff the job will be ly engaged in his law practice. well taken care of. - San Angelo

> Sell your cotton seed to Rasbury & Bruce and get what

Oscar Millar is at home from Waco spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Clara Millar.

Buy old papers at the Leader office to put under your carpet and matting. You can have them at your own price.

Sam Davis, a Comanche print-Texas, and Mrs. Myrtle Tomlin- er, was visiting the Ballinger

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

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Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines" The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Miss Minnie Lewis has gone to her home in in Bertram after stopping off here a few days with Miss Ratcher Northington. -Lampasas Leader.

Don't sell your cotton seed until you see Rasbury & Bruce.

Harold Tucker is spending the holidays at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker. Harold is spending the second year in the Trinity University at its advertising pages should reflect Waxahachie.

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and thus bring about conditions that will make the operations of trusts and combinations impossible.

SCIENCE OF TOWN KILLING.

Unwise Booming and Maintaining Exorbitant Prices an Effective Way.

There is a county seat town in one of the central western states that has a population of about 3,000. It is surrounded by one of the richest farming countries. For years this town has been at a standstill. If anything it is retrograding, and even farm values near it are lowering, while poorer land some 20 miles away is advancing.

Why should such a condition exist? The answer is plain. A dozen years ago there was a boom. With the boom real estate went to the top notch. Keeping pace with the boom the prices of products in that town went up. There was a collapse in real estate values, but the merchants remained, and kept up the high-price habit. That is they wanted more than an equitable share of profit. Another town was started 20 miles away. Some of the farmers went there. It was found that the merchants were selling goods at a lower price. The stockbuyer and the grainbuyer paid a few cents a hundred more for their purchases. The habit of trading at the new town grew. The business men of Before they knew it their customers were leaving them. So it has been since then. The merchants have been plodding along. The money that should be retained in the town went elsewhere. Much of it went to build up the competing town. D. Norwood. Mistakes like this one are made frequently. Towns become dead

places instead of live ones. In fact, some towns are so dead that the farmers who withdrew their trade from them are suffering in decreased farm values. They take no interest in these places, other than to visit them now and then. Unhealthy booms, unhealthy prices made by the merchants, and which are foolishly maintained. are quite certain to kill a town even though it may be a county seat and have some advantages nearby towns may not have.

#### Support Home Newspapers.

The country newspaper is a power in the land. Its place can never be filled by the big daily papers or the bulky magazines or agricultural journals. It fills a field entirely its own. It is the barometer of the place in which it is published. Its news pages represent the life of the people, and the business activity of the town. It is the duty of every good citizen to give his support to the local press. Particularly the business men should patronize it with a view of bettering his trade. It is not money wasted to use advertising space in it. One good

son. of Valley Creek, were mar- printer boys this week. ried last Sunday at the home of Rev. J. W. Raby, on Valley Creek, Rev. Raby performing

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a superior system regulator. It drives out all nnhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits .- City Drug Store, Special Agents.

the ceremony.

Misses Beulah and Prima Baker, who are teaching at Ballinger and Coleman, respectively are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.-Lampasas Leader.

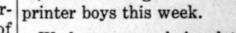
Now is the time to invest in Winters real estate. The rail road has been secured and property will double. Write us for particulars. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, Tex.

S. V. Brandon, of Runnels county, is here to spend a time with relatives.-Lampasas Leader.

Candies, fruits and cigars at the White Front Confectionery. Mrs. Ida Phillips, of Santa Anna. is here on a visit to Mrs. J

Treat your team right. Buy them a set of that wagon harness Shaffer is selling.

J. A. Ostertag had business in Miles Tuesday.



We have some choice lots for sale in Winters, Rodgers & Hall.

Lee Good, an old time Runnels county citizens, is here from Ward county, this week.

Jim Osburne came in from Austin first of the week.

Do You

Do you have a Bank Account? Do you pay your bills by check? Have you stopped to consider the advantages of transacting your business by this method? Every check you issue in payment of bills is eventually returned to you to be retained as a receipt for the money paid.

If you have no bank account come to this bank and make your first deposit, and let us help you to systematize your business.

We Furnish you with a bank book and checks.

**First National Bank** Ballinger, - Texas,



Business. over First Nat Bank. - Texas.	Doctors' recommendations have con- tributed to the popularity of certain scents. The use of the scent is be- coming really widespread, asserts a dealer in perfumes. "The doctors have pronounced in its favor," this man says, "and have recommended those of their patients who are par- ticularly prone to catching such com- plaints as influenza to use scent copi- ously, principally by means of the spray. The odor that is most in de- mand is appropriately that of wood violets, springlike and refreshing."	Joe Hardin The Wood and Coal Dealer handles the best grade of Coal and Wood. Will give all orders prompt attention. Phone No. 212.	merchant in the town who under- stands how to advertise rightly, can bring trade to the town that will help every other business man in it. But all should do their part, and the store- keeper who does not give his home paper the support it merits is not the wisest kind of a business man. Make Good Packing Paper. Old newspapers make excellent packing paper, in which to put things in storage, as printng ink is disliked by insects.
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don't.

AN INSURANCE POLICY issued from our office makes you as secure as a government bond. A risky policy may cost a shade less, but it wont give as peaceful sleep. Before iusuring, see us.

MADDOX

# NEW YEARS GREETINGS FROM

# Ballinger Dry Goods Company

We feel that we have received our share of the 1908 business, and we wish to thank those who have made our store their trading place for dependable Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc. We respectfully invite others to give us a portion of their 1909 business, and guarantee you your money's worth on everything you buy from us. Wishing you, one and all, a Happy and Prosperous 1909.



Chas. W. Northington pur- A. C. Homann, Cashier of the USE LEAF AS A STIMULANT chased J. A. Weeks stock in the Rowena State Bank. was here See That Spot B. F. Allen Winters Building and Loan As- yesterday to see a Ballinger den-How Coca is Cultivated-Preventive of Sleep and Fatigue. House Moving Take It To tist. The sociation and became president Coca is the South American invig-Man. See Morehead, the Tailor. orant. The shrub from which the coca "THE CLEANER" of that company. leaves are obtained grows under fa-Wagon harness the kind that Mrs. Trousdale, mother of R. I am prepared with a new and vorable conditions to a height of about up-to-date outfit to move your AT stands hard pulling and long P. Kirk, went to Abilene yesterfour meters. It is cultivated in Peru old house without damage. Work and Bolivia. **MOREHEAD'S** day on a visit. yromptly done. Let me figure wear, at Shaffer's. At the time the crop is gathered on the job. J. F. Stuart went to Cornus. The best wagon harness at the seeds are sown in beds, when they

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and happy.

will help you to be prosperous

Prof. J. S. Hunphreys, acting president of the Howard Payne College of Brownwood, was here yesterday in the interest of his school. He placed an ad of his school in the Leader. See Morehead, the Tailor The Leader is under obligations to Miss Hermia Smith for special favors this week. Miss Hermia is one of Ballinger's best young ladies is prominent in society. She is a good friend to the Banner Leader, and we appre

A WHAT FRENCH

EVER KNOWN TO FAIL.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Dr

DR. U. E. G. DYF

surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.

Supt. E. L. Hagan moved into his new home last Saturday

and is now comfortably domici-

led in one of the prettiest homes

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Ballinger

Practice limited to dise

Brewer Building (Up Stairs),

in Ballinger.

C. M. Davis and Miss Parlee Nabours were married in Ballinger last Sunday at 2:45 o'clock and left on the three thirty train for their home at Galveston. where Mr. Davis is in business. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Nabours, one of the propritors

ciate such friends.

Christi last Saturday to spend	Shaffer's.	germinate and grow, and in two months the growing plants reach a		of the City Meat Market.
W. G. Churchill came up from the holidays with an uncle who	R. L. Boggs Scott and family	height of about a foot. The leaves,		
Brownwood, yesterday. is in bad health.	went to Abilene on the auto yes-	grown in the proper sunlight and shade, are yellowish, small and thick.		
	terday evening.	This is the kind of leaf that is pre-	Don't It In Van	Want Column
063636363636363636363636363	Every dollar worth one hun-	cho lour as a scilliulant, fortunot and		free warmen
$\mathfrak{O}$	dred cents-no more, no less.	preventive of sleep and fatigue in the performance of arduous work, inas-	off-oven when you go to had? But it	RATES: One cent a word for first insertion. One-half cent a word for
<b>9</b>	Cash Grocery Co.	much as they prevent rheumatism,	away for good by using Simmon's	each additional insertion.
	W. A. Osburn, an old and res-			Gray hairs won't come ten years
	pected citizen of Brownwood, was found dead in his bed at his	Indians who masticate the leaves of	and peaceful sleep.	ahead, regular schedule time if you
<b>1909</b>	room in that city yesterday. The	fullo plant can work at hours without		ahead, regular schedule time if you solve our allittle worries in the Wan <sup>+</sup> Ad way advertising column the little was ts.
	man had not been seen since	Coca leaves are used by the natives		The (38) u neglected to read
	Christmas and the body was bad-	Journeys and by soluters when busyees	wood, one of the Howard Pay in	Want + Ward wu "dropped a stitch"
2 DDACDEDAUC %	ly decomposed and the rats had	to hardships and privations. They may be used with all kinds of food and	faculty man miniting fuind-	'saved in stitch that would h
<b>PROSPEROUS</b>	been eating it when found.	are said to cure dyspepsia, either	the city this week.	HOMEFOR SALE-Good four re
V PRUNPI RUINV	The Missouri Milling Co. is	too on her montionting the looped. The	Take your wheat, oats and m	hous on corner lot on Tenth streer for sale at a bargain: For further partic-
ALLOUS LAUDE	paying the highest market price for wheat, oats and milo maize,	life of the plant when perfect is 80		ulars see me at Higginbotham Currie
	kaffir corn, etc.	years.	Farm, Ranch and city prope	CoJ. A. Baldwin. 2t
	Mr. and Mrs, Wm. Doose re-	ASCRIBED VISIT TO PRAYER	A good list to select from. Rou-	SAVE YOUR CARPETS. By placing
1909		Father Evidently Had Faith in Daugh-	gers & Hall, Winters, Texas.	old papers under them. 5000 old papers for sale at Leader office. You fix the
	sent a handsome rubber tire			price.
Ŏ	pheaton, a gift from their sons	Among my esteemed neighbors there		FOR SALE. A 10 room residence well
	C. A., Arthur and W. M. Jr.	is a family known for the piety of its members and their implicit confidence	Soo That Snot the fill	located in a convenient part of Ballin- ger, 2 lots, one corner, one inside, each
2	Everything sold on close mar-	in the efficacy of prayer. One of the		60x150 feet. House new, and modern
× ×	gins, and one price to all. Cash	daughters, Miss Kate B, has al- most reached the age when she could		in appearance. Price \$1800, \$600 cash, balance in three equal notes \$400 each
	Grocery Co.	be referred to gallantly as an old maid.	"THE CI FANED"	due in 1, 2 and 3 years at 10 per cent.
		She is the target for many a good- natured quip pertaining to her alleged		A bargain if taken at once. C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas.
	Edmonson, of Waco. Mr. Her- bard, of Memphis, Tenn., spent	hopes and endeavors in the direction	the second state and shall be had	OFFICES FOR RENTEverytning
2 . F THANK OUD MANY 2	several days on the Concho this		MOREHEAD'S	new over the White Frunt Confection-
E THANK OUR MANY	week.	young men which had interested itself in the campaign for higher saloon li-	and the second states and	ery. Apply to Conn & Wyley.
<b>W</b> FRIENDS and Patrons for <b>W</b>	When you see Ernest Plummer	cense sent a committee to visit the	2.2.2.2.2.2.2.5	
		homes of the district and obtain signa- tures to a high-license petition. When	12555554	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 F.F.F.
the liberal patronage given 4	think of insurance see Earnest	this committee, numbering a half dozen members, ascended the steps at the	14	×.
2 us through 1000 We have on 2	Plummer.	B home my friend's wife was the		
us through 1908. We have en-	I. L. Dietz, one of the Leaders			
joyed a good business, and feel	good friends from the Crews country, made us a New Years	"Laws John!" she exclaimed to her		
	Call and moved his subscription	coming to visit us!"		
grateful to those who have pat-	figures up to 1910.	Mr. B—— glanced out of the win- dow, noted the number of the invading	10	L W
2 nonized our store. May the year	See Morehead, the Tailor.	force and remarked, with an air of	10/	m m
g ronized our store. May the year	Maurice Crews came up from	numph. Rate's been playing again.	Maka 1000 a H	annu and Duag M
6 1909 bring you prosperity and 6	Brownwood and spent the holi-	-San Francisco Call.	Make 1909 a H	appy and Pros-
	days with home folks.		perous year. W	le wish all our
happiness is the sincere wish of	Miss Vivian Humphrey re-	and a second and a second quite	IV TT	
72	gelo, Wednesday.	so quaint, so weird and witchlike as the pandanus prairies of Fiji. The	Customers a Ha	ppy New Year,
		pandanus, or screw plant, as it is	i and thank woi	for your pat-
(4	we want your cotton seed and will pay you the highest market	called, is a most grotesque specimen of the vegetable kingdom even at the		
	price. – Rasbury & Bruce.	best and in the early stages of its	ronage unrough	1908. Buy your
		growth. In its very young days it is of an extraordinary screwlike shape	1909 Groceries	from us and we
(7)	Ballinger Gins Busy	and looks as though some unkind hand	1000 GIUCCIICS	and we are a

1908 is a thing of the past, and leaves and twisted them round and round. Later on it straightens out a farmers are planing for another bit and from it grow a number of tall crop, the Ballinger gins are run- wooden stilts. Its foliage is simple,

Notwithstanding that the year had taken hold of its long, swordlike

