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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Newsey Write-Ups from Our Little Neighbors

Talpa.

Talpa, Tex., April 15, '02
EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:

I don't know you much but I thought our burg. should be represented in your valuable paper.

The rain has come to the depth of about 2½ inches. It most scared some of my children who had never seen a rain. Prof. T. F. Harris closed his term of school last Friday. Several speeches were made by the pupils. Prof. Harris' school has been one of marked success,—not a word of complaint. We understand he will have an assistant next year—a new boy at his house.

Prof. J. D. Clay and wife, of Blanket High School, are visiting Dr. Clay and family, Prof. Clay's father.

The new lumber yard will soon be in shape to handle trade, 15 car loads of lumber on the way with one already here.

Rain prevented Bro. Hardin from having an audience last Sunday morning, but the thankful hearts of the people enjoyed the rain at home instead of church worship.

AMICUS.

Norton Items.

The people of Norton are rejoicing over a nice rain which fell night before last (12th) and are hopeful of a fine crop. All who have wheat say they are sure of a good harvest.

The many friends at Norton are sad to know of the death of Mr. Gentry, who died last week and extend their sympathy to the bereaved friends and relatives. Mr. Gentry leaves a beloved wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Norton is still growing. Mr. Turner is to start his dwelling right soon and says he intends to have a ten foot wall around his yard to prevent his children getting out in the streets and being run over by delivery wagons and other vehicles dashing around.

M. J. Rayburn and Wilkerson have erected a windmill for the purpose of watering their cattle in the pasture near town.

Baseball is becoming a very popular (and dangerous) game among our young men. I learn that last Saturday one of the boys while en route for the ball stooped over to pick it up and happened to a sad accident.

The old people as well as the young are expecting to enjoy the cool shades and nice dinner on the ground at Maverick, May 3rd. Everyone should go with filled baskets. The more the merrier.

School will be out April 18th. Dinner on the ground, exercises in the evening, and treat by

teacher to pupils. We are glad to say that Miss Blanche Perryman has made a perfect success of her work and we hope to have her again next session. She will leave us Monday for the Dallas reunion, where she will join her father and return home with him to join her old associates.

Mr. Willis, who has been on the sick list for some time, is growing weaker. Men folks, why not go see him? Spend a pleasant evening with him. Just place yourself in his place, would you not appreciate a pleasant caller!

Mrs. Oscar Likes, who has been very ill for the last week, is improving.

Don't forget the party Saturday night.

Winters News.

Last Saturday night a fine rain visited this community. It seems that it was somewhat spotted, however. Mr. R. A. Yates, of the Antelope community, reports very little up his way.

"Mark Hopkins" was paying his respects to one of Winters' many fair daughters last Sunday. We have always thought "Mark" above an average for good judgement and taste.

On the evening of the 26th inst. at 7 p. m. there will be a free open air concert at the band stand given by the Winters Silver Cornet Band. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, lemonade, oysters, cake, etc., etc. will be in abundance. The candidates for the different district, county and precinct offices will be on hand and present their claims to the people. Everybody in this and adjoining counties are cordially invited.

School will open again Monday and continue one month longer, which will finish this term. "A good school we have had" is the opinion of everyone.

Mr. W. H. Brown and daughter paid Ballinger a visit the 15th.

Mr. Walter Morgan, of Frost, Texas is visiting and prospecting in our midst at present. We hope that he will locate with us.

G. A. Thomson and son were trading in Winters one day this week.

Colonel Wash Jones has decided to sell his ranch near Winters to actual settlers. This will be a valuable move for this section as he has authorized Mr. D. P. Small to cut it up into small tracts and to give long time and easy payments. We will be glad when others do likewise.

Mrs. Oliver is having her land adjoining Winters fenced.

Messrs. Guion Gregg and B. W. Picher, one of Ballinger's legal lights and her high constable were in Winters the 12th. Mr. Parker Woodward, was interviewing the voters here one day this week. NEMO.

The List Grows Rapidly.

The following is a list of new subscribers to the Banner-Leader. All these names have been added to the list since last issue of this paper.

Mrs. Nina Mustian, Fairmount, Texas.
W. H. Furlong, Ballinger.
R. A. David, Winters.
E. A. Lavine, "
R. A. Reagan, Pumphrey.
L. W. Leeper, "
J. J. Burk, "
S. R. Wilson, "
J. B. Pace, "
J. M. Wilson, "
W. T. Middleton, "
M. H. Benson, "
J. M. Scroggins, "
C. F. Awalt, "
Felix Tunnell, "
G. W. Greenfield, "
Mrs. Georgia Smith, Content.
D. G. Gathing, "
Mrs. A. J. Daniel, "
P. M. Presler, "
W. A. Hacker, "
J. N. Patters, "
O. V. Guthrie, "
W. T. Guthrie, "
J. C. Preston, "
P. Warnica, "
Dr. J. R. Myrick, "
J. A. Crunk, "
J. T. Hardigree, Crews.
T. V. Trout & Co, "
J. W. Tippitt, "

Program of Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare club will meet at the residence of Mrs. John I. Guion April 25th.

Current Events—by Miss Kate Thomson.

Lesson Hamlet—Act 4, Scenes 2nd and 3rd.

Was the Queen an accessory to her husband's murder? A paper—Miss Beatrice Thompson.

What was the cause of Ophelia's insanity? A paper—by Miss Edna Odom.

The theater in the time of Shakespeare.—by Miss Augusta Hardgrave.

Roll call by Secretary, Mrs. Will Odom, to be answered by quotations from the lesson.

REPORTER.

Transfers of Real Estate.

J. T. Spain to John J. Love and T. E. Frierson, east half of Survey No. 31, 320 acres, \$700.

C. E. Abernathy and wife, to August Voglesang, 15 acres out of Survey No. 418 and 185 acres of Survey No. 419, \$1,800.

J. B. Baker and wife to H. W. Ribinson, Lot in Miles, unnumbered, \$750.

C. C. Cullwell and wife to S. H. Riley, 53½ acres of Survey No. 86, T. & N. O. R. R. Co., \$875.

W. J. Keel and wife to J. B. Tunnell, 130 acres of L. or L. Forsythe L. & L. Survey, No. 450, \$975.

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—YOURS TO PLEASE,—

Chilton Dry Goods Co.,

Eighth Street.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

W. A. HUMPHREY DEAD.

Succumbed to Heartfailure Yesterday at 11:30 a. m. Without a Moment's Warning.

W. A. Humphrey, an old and highly esteemed citizen and business man of this place, died very suddenly yesterday. He had been troubled with heart disease for some time and for several days of this week had been unwell and remained at home. Yesterday morning he was feeling better and came to town on horseback. He rode about town and attended to business matters until about 11 o'clock then went to his place of business, the Humphrey & Ward wagon yard, where he took a seat in the camp house and engaged in a conversation with his partner, Mr. Ward. He seemed well and was talkative and jovial, and little did he think the end of his useful life so near at hand. He sat facing Ward and suddenly leaned forward and by the time he was caught and straightened in the chair by Mr. Ward, he had breathed his last. Mr. Humphrey was for a number

of years a citizen of Coleman, but moved to Runnels county and bought a ranch, on which he lived till about three years ago when he sold his ranch and moved to town. He was a good business man and financier and up to the time of his death had accumulated considerable wealth.

A wife and several sons and daughters survive him. He was the father of our popular townsman W. P. Humphrey.

The Banner-Leader regrets the demise of this good citizen, and we offer condolence to the sorrowing relatives.

Mrs. Watkins, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. B. Stone, left yesterday for her home in Bryan, Texas.

Mr. Rogers, father of Mrs. J. W. Powell, left yesterday for Lampasas, where he will visit relatives.

—The BANNER-LEADER has blank chattel mortgages, blank crop mortgages and blank notes for sale. 23-1f

HENRY A. L. GREENWOOD,

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ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.

The Banner-Leader desires it understood that cash in hand must accompany all orders for insertion of names in these columns.

For Justice of the Peace and Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

CAPT. J. E. SMITH,
(Re-election)
W. H. WEEKS.
IKE O. WOODEN.

For Constable Precinct No. 1.

J. A. DEMOVILLE.
B. W. PILCHER.

For Public Weigher:

FRANK STUART.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

R. P. KIRK (Re-election.)
PARKER G. WOODWARD.
J. W. CLAMPITT.

For Treasurer

W. F. SHARP (Re-election.)

For County and District Clerk

E. M. BLACKBURN.
W. L. TOWNER (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.

For Representative 102nd Representative District:

DR. A. L. TAYLOR,
of Sonora.
CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH,
of Ozona.

For County Judge.

C. H. WILLINGHAM.
T. T. CROSSON (re-election)

For Congress 16th Congressional District:

O. T. MAXWELL, of Cisco.

Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

J. E. GREENFIELD.
C. J. HORTON. (Re-election)

Commissioner and Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2.

A. D. TALLY, (Re-election.)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:

W. S. MOORHEAD
J. W. DALE

The Banner-Leader is in receipt of the report on the natural resources and economic conditions of the State of Texas, made by the New York capitalists—members of the Merchant's Association—who toured Texas during the spring of 1901. It is in book form, of 146 pages, and is indeed a great advertisement for Texas. Some of the advertising it contains is criticism of some of the Texas laws, same is rebuke for not having other laws, and much is in praise of the Lone Star State and her people. Altogether, it is a valuable, interesting book.

Judge Jno. I. Guion circulated a petition Tuesday, which was readily signed by members of the Ballinger bar, endorsing Judge J. J. Eidson, of Hamilton, and asking that he be appointed associate justice of the court of civil appeals to succeed Judge W. E. Collard deceased.

A horse belonging to Evans, the Robert Lee mail man, fell dead on Hutchings Avenue Monday evening. He became sick and was bled that he might be relieved, and he was.

Whit Patterson, manager of Markowitz's store at Winters, was in the city Tuesday after a supply of goods.

L. Markowitz spent Sunday in Winters.

C. A. Doose spent Wednesday at Miles on land business.

Wat Harvey returned to his home at Miles, Tuesday night.

Harry Thomson and Condie Wylie spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Attorney M. C. Smith went to Brownwood Tuesday on legal business.

Philip Gressett who lives in South Ballinger has planted 100 acres in cotton.

A wee lady arrived at the home of C. C. Cockrell and wife Sunday morning.

J. B. Alvis and wife went to Goldthwaite Monday on a visit to relatives and friends.

Jack Christian, a Brownwood jeweler was in the city Sunday, admiring a Ballinger jewel.

Judge W. R. Spencer went to San Angelo Saturday night, returning Sunday evening.

Mrs. T. M. Shaw returned Saturday from San Angelo, where she visited friends.

Mrs. R. H. Thomson and daughter, Miss Beatrice, returned Sunday from a visit in San Angelo.

J. W. Hartman, a wholesale grocer of San Angelo, was here the latter part of last week on business.

Hollingsworth, the manager of the telephone, went to Santa Anna Sunday evening to visit home folks.

W. H. Furlong, of Jo Johnson's ranch, subscribed for the Banner-Leader this week paying cash in advance for one year.

Will Howell, of the Miles Messenger, came down Saturday evening to meet his wife who was returning from a visit to relatives at Comanche.

W. N. Collier who recently moved to Borden county, was here several days this week on business. Mr. Collier is ranching in Borden and is well pleased.

Jim Wilson, once a prominent ranchman of Runnels county, but who for the past two years has been in his native land, Scotland, arrived in the city Friday of last week.

Rev. J. W. Raby was in from Valley creek Wednesday. He reports last Saturday's rain the heaviest that has fallen on Valley creek in two years, Valley creek was "out of banks."

The union services under the auspices of the ladies of the W. C. T. U., at the Methodist church Sunday night were interesting and enjoyable. The house was full in spite of the inclement weather.

Mr. C. S. Rohde, Photographer, has located at Winters for a few weeks and is now ready for work in his line and all in need of good pictures are respectfully invited to call at his gallery on Main street and inspect his samples and have orders filled. Mr. Rohde is a good artist and guarantees Satisfaction.

We hear men every few days remark that they never knew feedstuff to be as high as it is now. They have either forgotten or never knew how feed sold here in 1891-'92. J. J. Erwin tells us that he was looking over some old bills of the years mentioned and found that corn sold at \$1.50 per bushel and other feed in proportion.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday March 22nd, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Sentell, N. W.
Wright, Fletcher.
Thornton, Ben.
Wyatt, J. W.

Epworth League Program.

Subject—How can I know that I am saved.—John 8:32.

Leader—Miss Lena Abney.

Prayer.

Song.

John 3:14—Mrs. Shuffler.

Rom. 8. 1-16—Maud Rape.

1st John 4:7 Katie Dameron.

Duette—Misses Rape and Mathews.

All members of the League are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting.

Rev. Mrs. M. E. Rutherford, a regular ordained minister will commence a protracted meeting, which will continue ten days, at the arbor on Rev. J. W. Raby's place on Valley creek, Friday night, May 16th. Mrs. Rutherford is a Protestant, a strong preacher, and is from Ennis, Texas.

R. L. Maddox returned the latter part of last week from a trip through Coke and Nolan counties. He says "times are scarce" out there. Dry weather and last year's bad conditions have put an unfavorable appearance on the people and the country.

A slow rain, which amounted to .52 of an inch fell here last Saturday and was followed by a light shower Sunday and damp cloudy weather until Wednesday. In every other section of the county the rain was heavier and in the southern and western portions there was a downpour.

Jas. E. Howze, sheriff of Concho county, and who has been holding office for thirteen years, refuses to become a candidate for re-election, though he has been strongly solicited by numerous friends in all parts of the county.

Miss May Harris went to Brownwood Sunday evening. She is making weekly visits to that city and taking music lessons under the instruction of Prof. Haberkorn.

Quite a number of old soldiers will leave here Monday evening for the re-union at Dallas. We wish them a happy time.

Mrs. A. L. Burk and Miss Annie Globber were on a "delightful" shopping tour at Ballinger yesterday.—Concho Herald.

Miss Nellie Butler has returned to Ballinger after a visit to friends here.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Frank Glass bought from Wm. Lehr last week 40 head of stock cattle at \$10 per head.

Mr. Whitten, the Santa Fe road master, spent Saturday in Ballinger.

Stolen.

From my pasture five miles north-west of Crews and turned into the lane ten miles north of Ballinger last November, one dark colored horse mule, now two-years-old, branded J on left shoulder. Liberal reward for information leading to his recovery. J. T. BILLUPS, 26-4t Crews, Texas.

For stationery that you will be proud of, try the Banner-Leader.

Postmaster Cady has been quite ill this week, but is reported recovering.

W. E. Allen bought 75 steers, 1's. of Mrs. Wm. Sprain last week at \$10 per head.

John Watson, one of the telephone men, went to Santa Anna Monday evening.

Pat Murphy is up and about again after a tussle of several weeks with rheumatism.

Dr. Halley's horse ran away Sunday, completely demolishing the buggy and bruising the doctor slightly.

P. J. Baron was in from Rowena Tuesday. He reports that section of the country flooded by the rain last Tuesday.

The little 21-months old son of Tom Gray, who lives near Talpa, drank concentrated lye Monday and since that time has been in a very critical condition.

The Banner-Leader job department has just turned out a neat lot of printing for the merchants, doctors and shopmen of Winters. Our work is the best. Our job printing is up-to-date, our type is new, and our prices reasonable. Send in your orders for stationery.

The Banner Leader's circulation is guaranteed to be the largest of any paper in Runnels county, and all but a few of its readers are Runnels county people, too. It contains more local news and more county news than any other paper, and, of course, is the best advertising medium. Your ad. when placed in the Banner-Leader is read by the people.

For saddle and harness repairing try Currie & Shaffer.

Try Davis Noyes Co. for anything in the Dry Goods or Grocery line.

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For Sale.

One Casady Sulkey.
One 9 inch steel beam plow.
One 10 inch steel beam plow.
All good as new. For sale at a bargain by

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- BALLINGER. -

Notice.
I have all my old notes and accounts for collection and they must be closed up. Please call and attend to them at once.
LEE MADDOX.

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—DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, DENTIST,
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—Hot baths, easy shaves, stylish haircuts, quick work at Dancer's

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon, over Walker's Store.

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The Banner-Leader

Ballinger, Texas.



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T. S. LANKFORD, The Saddle and Harness Man

En Route

EDITOR BANNER LEADER:

I have in two and a half days obtained you 40 subscribers and all good pay and citizens that Runnels county can be proud of.

Winters did a handsome thing by the Banner-Leader in the way of job work. The hill city can be relied on, when it comes to good deeds and humane actions.

I was in Crews and found that burg wide awake and full of business. They have a post-office, smith shop, three stores, one good young M. D. and a whole lot of worthy "get there" people in and around the town for miles. It will do the handsome by the Banner-Leader this week in job work.

I visited Pumphrey and the prettiest section of Runnels county, Texas, between Moro mountains and Wingate and Winters and Audra, Messrs. Davis & Hill are Pumphrey's merchants and the right men; then, Mr. Hale runs the Smithie and a good man and workman too, I dined with Mr. Awalt an up-to-date good farmer and not Mr. J. B. Greenfield candidate for Justice of the Peace and feel assured he will be elected as he is highly esteemed over there by all as a model citizen and farmer. Such men we need in office.

I frequently ask subscribers, "Well how do you like the Banner-Leader," "Well pleased, the Banner-Leader is a splendid county paper," while many new subscribers say they are glad I came along and gladly subscribe. I found some opposition to Ballinger because the Commissioner's court of Runnels county failed to grant a road from Winters to Audra, but feel that when the proper papers go before that august body, in legal style, a road will be granted, as it is the best mail route from Ballinger to Guion.

I met with the merchant at Jim Mitchell's gin, near Crews and solicited favors but he cold watered me with the remark, "Oh the Banner-Leader nor the Ledger ain't worth noticing, I don't read 'em," I found him such a——of humanity, I left him to his idols—and a few dry goods and much self.

Well I'm glad to serve you and find kind worthy people where e'er I go.

I like to have forgotten to say that I met Prof. Brown, the teacher at Pumphrey and was well impressed with him, also Prof. Hill who teaches two miles south of there.

I met Mr. Davis the former wood and iron artisan of Winters, who has the best ranch and home in Runnels county. He will do well out there.

S. O. LICITOR.

Content, April 15, '02 ED BANNER-LEADER:

Had a pleasant lay-over time last Sunday at the pretty and pleasant home of Mr. Billups, a former owner and editor of the Banner-Leader. Mr. Billups has a fine ranch of stock and good home of smart children and a "better half" hard to beat in Texas.

I "did" Crews Monday and found Clark & Hardigree ready to give you work. They are nice young men and are destined to succeed as merchants at Crews. Mr. Grant of Trout & Co., is very enthusiastic over the prospects of Crews being a big town as several new stores

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We can supply your wants with dispatch. Our stock is complete and up-to-date

The DAVIS-NOYES CO.,

'Phone No. 167 for Wood.

"Cash"

F. M. HONEA

and dwellings and a church will be built there this year. Dr. Myrick is at Crews and will prove a valuable quantity and quality to the town's make-up, as he is a worthy son of Aesculapius.

I hit the mountain vales of Content and was greatly surprised at their scenic beauty, agricultural worth and elegant homes. I could not believe 'till seen, what a grand place this contented Content section of old Runnels is.

Mr. R. W. Coulson has one of the best homes and farms over here. I remained the night with him and found him and lady clever and contented with a worthy circle of little chaps to bless their abode. Mr. Coulson says year before last he had 64 rows of cotton 300 yards long that made four bales of cotton and his neighbor Jim Sistrunk made 25 bales off 24 acres, and Mr. Verdell made 600 pounds lint per acre.

S. O. LICITOR.

Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE.

Take your old shoes to Currie & Shaffer and have them made new.

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Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.
East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

Publisher's Notice.

Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and similar notices published in the BANNER-LEADER will be charged for at regular advertising rates. Advertising for church, school and charity benefits will be charged at half rates.

THE MAYES PRINTING CO.

—Most anything you want at a bargain, at "The Fair."

Plans are on foot for the formation of a gigantic trust of all the cotton yarn mills of the Southern States.

The great national re-union of Ex-Confederate soldiers convenes in Dallas on the 23rd and ends the 26th. It will be the greatest gathering of people Texas ever had.

Gov. Sayers has issued an appeal to the people of Texas to contribute for the relief of the citizens of Zapata and Starr counties, who are suffering from hunger.

A negro was shot in the forehead with a rifle ball at Beaumont last Sunday and the result was, of course, a bullet flattened, and a white man put in jail. The negro wasn't hurt.

Copious rains have fallen over all Texas this week. Telephone reports indicate general rains throughout the entire livestock section, which restores confidence and gives impetus in trading.

President Roosevelt has directed the Federal authorities to at once prepare to dissolve the beef trust and indict the members of it. A Federal grand jury has been summoned to meet next week. The trouble is over the rise in the price of meats.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the noted Presbyterian divine, died at his home in Washington, D. C., last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. He had been sick for several weeks and was unconscious several hours before his death. His life passed away so quietly that even the members of the family who were watching at the bedside hardly knew when he had gone.

—New line of matting.

J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

Judge Grubbs announces that he has withdrawn from the race for governor.

Congressman Wooten was defeated in the primary of Hill county by a majority of 180 votes, which insures the nomination and election of his opponent, Jack Beall.

Gen. Wade Hampton, ex-governor of South Carolina and United States Senator died on the morning of the 11th, at his home in Columbia, S. C. He was born in 1818 and died in the city of his birth.

The two packeries of Swift & Armour at Fort Worth will each occupy twenty-one acres of ground. The capacity of each plant will be 2500 hogs per day and 500 cattle. They will begin operation November 1st.

Major Littlejohn W. Waller, of the marine corps, who was tried by a court-martial at Manila last week for killing natives of the Island of Samar without a trial, plead guilty, but claimed that he was justified. He was acquitted.

President Roosevelt says that the brutality of the American troops toward Filipinos must instantly cease, and that "those guilty of it, Generals or privates, will be at once arrested and court martialed." And turned loose again?

Senator Hanna has arranged with a Philadelphia surety company to furnish bond for Major Rathbone, under sentence for embezzling government funds in Cuba, pending the review of his case by the administration at Washington. The bond is for the sum of \$100,000.

Big Springs is a little city no larger than Ballinger and yet she has a public library and is erecting a \$10,000 school building. Should we not finish our school building and make an effort for a library? If not that, why not take steps to have an oil mill and some small factories located here? Anything to keep Ballinger in the front rank.

The West Texas Stockman, official organ of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, is the most interesting—yes, the foremost stock journal of Texas. It furnishes all of the stock news. It enjoys the best advertising patronage of any weekly paper in Texas. That's saying a whole lot, but it is a fact. It is published at Colorado City.

The police of Mexico City, Mexico, have broken up a gang of infamous kidnapers, who had been enticing young boys to a house in that city, where the boys were kept prior to shipping them to Yucatan to work on the Hennegin plantations. Many boys have been stolen and shipped and are now being used as slaves. The authorities will thoroughly investigate the matter and deal out to these traffickers in human flesh just such punishment as they deserve.

On May 5th Mr. Hodnette and Miss Pitman will open a private school in the Public School building. Special attention will be given those desiring to take examination for certificates or those who have failed to be promoted. Tuition from \$2 to \$4 per month.

A Mysterious Life.

The report comes from Sonora that John Q. Adams, an aged resident of that town died at his home in that city night before last. The last ten years of Mr. Adams' life has been wrapped in mystery so far as the people at large, or even of his immediate surroundings was concerned. It will be remembered that about ten years ago Mr. Adams was indicted by the grand jury of Sutton county on a very grave charge of murder and the old man was placed under a heavy bond. He mysteriously disappeared and it was supposed he had jumped his bond and fled to Mexico. All hopes of recapturing him were finally given up by the officers and he has never been seen since. Now comes the revelation that all this time he has been closeted up in his home in Sonora, living a life of absolute obscurity for ten years. But he has beat his case. The grim reaper has called him to the great beyond to be passed upon by higher courts. Whether he was innocent or guilty of the crime of murder we know not, but if guilty the life he has lived has certainly been sufficient punishment. The old man was getting very old and is the father of Charlie Adams, well known over this section.—Ozona Kicker.

Boom for Bailey.

Washington, April 15.—Quite a number of Congressmen of both parties have been going on record as to their presidential preferences, notwithstanding the fact that the national conventions are two years away. Senator Bailey is the first southern man to be mentioned for 1904. Representative Cochran of Missouri today handed the following statement to the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic:

"My candidate for the Democratic nomination of the presidency is Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas. He is one of the great lawyers of the United States and is familiar with every syllable of the American history. He is a Democrat of the old school. He believes in the Constitution and the observance of all its limitations. In public and private life his course has been distinguished by rare purity of character and unwavering devotion to duty and convictions. If elected he will devote his great ability to the execution of the laws. He would not barter public patronage for legislative favors. His chief advisors would not be the trust magnates, syndicate bankers and stock jobbers. Unlike Mr. Hill, he does not think that an income tax is undemocratic and unconstitutional. Unlike Mr. Gorman, he does not believe that the tariff should be so imposed as to protect a little here and a little somewhere else so as to be undistinguished from the laws drawn by Dingley or McKinley. If defeated Bailey would emerge from the contest uninjured in fame."

Representative Cochran is heartily seconded in this view by Representative Champ Clark of his State. There are Congressmen from Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois who have expressed themselves as favorable to Bailey for the nomination. There are at least five members of the Texas delegation who are known to regard Bailey as the logical man for the Democrats to nominate.

HOFEER & ABNEY

DEALERS IN GROCERIES and GRAIN

John Hoffer and F. P. Abney have combined their stores and are now handling a full line of choice staple and fancy family groceries, fresh vegetables, farm and ranch supplies, and the largest stock of grain, hay and other feed stuffs in Ballinger. They make prices to suit the times and will appreciate your trade

HOFFER & ABNEY

John Hoffer Old Stand.

BALLINGER, TEAAS

—Visit "The Fair" for bargains.

Little Warbles.

UP AND DOWN.

Oh, cruel fate, your balance sheet
Contains such sad surprises;
For, as the price of eggs goes down
The price of butter rises.

—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

ONLY FOR AWHILE.

'Tis wrong for any maid to be
Abroad at night alone
A chaperon she needs till she
Can call some chap her own.

—Philadelphia Press.

MARY UP TO DATE

Mary had a little foot
And a somewhat smaller shoe, sir,
And the way she walked gave hints
Of an aching corn or two, sir.

—Buffalo Express.

Look Out for the Wagon.

Ballinger Steam Laundry will be in operation by the 22nd of April. We cordially invite a liberal patronage from our home people and adjoining towns. We guarantee first class work as we have experienced help, said to be as good as there is in the state. All work at customary price, family washing and ironing 50 cents per dozen. Agents wanted in all adjoining towns. Address

HONEA & RUTHERFORD,
Ballinger, Texas.

—Carpets and mattings.

J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth MacGregor to Mr. James Hood Wilson at the Presbyterian church Tuesday night, April 22.

Wide Jurisdiction of One Officer.

The federal judicial officer who probably has the largest territorial jurisdiction is Andrew J. Balliett, United States court commissioner at Rampart precinct, Alaska. He covers over 150,000 square miles in his district. His functions are like those of Pooh Bah. He not only has the regular duties of a court commissioner, which are in themselves multifarious, but he acts as justice of the peace, judge of probate and recorder of all the mining claims in his district.—Chicago Chronicle.

Monument to a Joan of Arc.

In the Russian town of Jelabuga there was recently unveiled a monument to a local Joan of Arc. Her name was Nadyeshada Andreyevna Durova, and she died in 1866, age 83 years. Impelled by patriotism she had, as a young woman, enlisted in the army and distinguished herself by bravery, especially in the war of 1812. Subsequently she became a novelist, and her books, filled with descriptions of war scenes, became very popular.

Of Interest to Investors.

British consols draw more interest than United States 2 per cents, but are at a discount of 7 per cent, while our 2 per cent bonds command a premium of 8 per cent.

Kaiser's Wish Gratified.

The wish of the kaiser has forced the electric road for Unter den Linden, Berlin's beautiful boulevard and main thoroughfare, underground.

Some time ago Mr. O'Bannon one of our oldest citizens, was arrested by the sheriff upon a charge of injuring the wire fence between town and West End and required to enter into bond of five hundred dollars to answer before the justice of the peace. On last Wednesday the case was called up and the court, evidently entertaining the opinion that if the defendant was guilty of any offense it was only a misdemeanor, fixed the bond to answer to the proper court at the small amount of \$250. Mr. O'Bannon has always been regarded as a law abiding citizen and his friends do not believe that he wantonly and willfully injured the property.

The above was handed in by defendant's counsel on the eve of going to press last week and was published by us without investigation. We have since been informed that the article is misleading, but as we do not wish to disqualify jurors we will not go into details.

Davis-Noyes Co. are leaders.

—Our mattings are direct imports. J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

—See our Japanese matting. J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

Rings, just lots of them, new both plain and set, diamonds too. Jas. E. Brewer, the Jeweler.

—Chatelaine purses, a few left on hand, will be to your interest to get one now—Jas. E. Brewer.

—If your wagon, buggy, or plows are out of fix, call and see W. W. McKinley. He will do the work right.

Haven't time to name all the new goods just received at Jas. E. Brewer's, come and see for yourself.

Baptist State Foreign Mission Convention (Colored) Greenville, Texas, April 23rd to 28th, Limit April 29th, Rate fare and one third. Tariff No. 1.

General Baptist Foreign Mission Convention (Colored) Smithville Texas, April 16 to 21st. Limit April 25nd. Rate fare and one third tariff No. 1.

Annual Meeting National Educational Association and sale of tickets to St. Paul Minn. for the same occasion Minneapolis, Minn. July 7th to 11th Limit July 14th. Rate one regular standard first class fare plus \$2.

Twenty-Fourth Biennial State Sangerfest and Local Underwriters Association of Texas, Houston Texas May 6th to 7th. Limit May 9th. Rate on the convention plan.

Quite an assortment of new Brooches just received. They are beautiful. Jas. E. Brewer.

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Ballinger, Texas, April 7th 1902.

To J. W. Powell, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen:
Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:

We, your committee appointed by the City Council to audit the books and accounts of the city officers, respectfully submit the following report:

DELINQUENT.	
Amount delinquent Feb. 1st 1901	\$ 803.95
Balance not collected on rolls 1900	987.47
	1791.42
Amount collected on above.....	722.43
Amount delinquent Feb. 1st 1902	1068.99
Amount of tax rolls for 1901.....	\$2753.94
Amount collected on rolls for 1901	1178.16

Total del. on rolls Feb. 1, 1902	\$2643.77
Amt water rents due Feb. 1, 1902	829.54
Amt occupation tax due Feb. 1, 1902	118.45
Total all delinquents.....	\$3591.76

AMTS COLLECTED AS SHOWN BY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.	
On ad valorem and polls.....	\$ 984.59
On water.....	916.00
On occupation tax.....	642.40
On city water rents.....	2118.05
	\$4661.04

AMTS PAID INTO TREASURY AS SHOWN BY RECEIPTS.	
On water works fund.....	\$ 3034.41
On general fund.....	1627.09
Balance due collector last report	.75
Balance due collector.....	1.21
	4662.25

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.	
General Fund:	
Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 1309.29
Recd of collector since last report	1627.09
Paid out as per vouchers.....	1416.99
Balance on hand.....	1519.39
	\$2936.38

Water Works Fund:	
Received since last report.....	3034.41
Balance over paid.....	842.31
Bal. over paid as per last report	551.92
Paid out as per vouchers.....	3324.80
	\$ 3876.72
Bal in city treasury Feb 1, 1902.....	677.08

INTEREST ACCOUNT.	
Int on water works bonds due last report	1.45.9c
" " " " " " July 1, 1901	495.00
" " " " " " Jan. 1, 1902	495.00
Interest paid during 1901.....	225.30
Balance due Feb. 1, 1902.....	2310.60
	\$2535.90

CITY WARRANTS.	
General Fund:	
Balance outstanding last report.....	\$ 33.87
Amount issued since last report.....	1414.67
Amount scrip paid since last report	1416.99
Amount scrip outstanding.....	31.55
	\$1448.54

Water Works Fund:	
Balance outstanding last report.....	\$ 3.00
Amount issued since last report.....	2849.50
Amount scrip paid since last report	2852.50
	\$2852.50

Other Water Works Scrip:	
Carter scrip outstanding L. R.....	\$ 262.20
" " interest paid.....	86.65
Scrip for redemption of pipe.....	123.45
Paid on Carter scrip.....	348.85
Paid redemption scrip.....	123.45
	\$ 472.30

CITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	
General Fund:	
Scavenger work.....	\$ 23.70
Supplies, printing, etc.....	66.55
Auditing and election expenses	36.00
Street improvements.....	720.92
Mayors salary.....	105.00
Secretaries salary.....	300.00
Treasurers salary.....	60.00
Street lights.....	45.00
Night watchman.....	7.50
Attorneys fees.....	50.00
	\$1414.67

Water Works Fund:	
Supplies, 240.53; Extension of main, 680.54	921.07
Interest on bonds paid, 225.30; Fuel, 1141.18	1365.48
Additional labor, 81.95; Engineers sal. 480.00	561.95
	\$2849.50

RECAPITULATION.	
To total collections	\$4661.04
" balance on hand last report	1309.29
" balance overpaid by collector	.46
By disbursements from general fund	1416.99

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Napping this year. Don't let your neighbors get ahead of you. See us now for Up-To-Date Garden Tools. New stock of everything that is latest and most labor saving. A "DANDY" Windmill is a paying investment. Never gets a lame back nor a sore arm from pumping too long. You will make no mistake if you supply your spring needs here

JOHN DEERE

That name stands for all that is best in farm Implements, Walking Plows, Cultivators, Disc Plows, Planters.

HALL HARDWARE CO

BALLINGER'S BEST STORE.

" disbursements from water works fund	3324.80
" overdrafts last report	151.92
" cash in treasury	677.08
	\$5970.79
To int. on bonds due Feb 1st 1902	2310.60
By amount on rolls not collected	3591.76
To balance	1281.16
	\$3591.76

Respectfully submitted,
C C F Banchard, } Auditors.
D C Underwood, }
R L Bennett. }

A Strenuous Student.

There was a wild scene at Buda-Pesth University a few days ago. Twenty students had undergone oral examinations and eighteen had been badly "plucked," owing, as they thought, to the unreasonable severity of the test. One of the twenty, whipping a revolver from his pocket, rushed up to the examiners' table, and brandishing his weapon, yelled at the terrified professors: "You may thank your stars I've no cartridges. If I had I would have put lead into you all." Amid the hubbub the professors fled the room.—Buda Pesth Correspondence London Chronicle.

Condition Food for Horses.

As a result of bad roads and heavy transportation, army horses in Argentina have been overworked during the rainy season, and many of them have been exhausted or have fallen ready victims to disease. To give greater endurance, sugar has been added to the food of the animals. The effects have been quite surprising, and it is reported that not only has fatigue been overcome by two ounces of sugar in the daily food, but the animals that had become quite useless regained strength and capacity for work.

A Fine Dinner Set.

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

Didn't Look in Right Places.

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

Rival of Olive Oil.

Of the many substitutes for olive oil the favorite is cottonseed oil, but German experiments are reported to have shown a formidable rival in sunflower seed oil. This cheap material promises to become quite important. It is adapted for many uses and seems to be especially desirable as a lamp oil, for dyeing purposes, and for soap-making.

Red Bible for Coronation.

The King has already ordered the coronation Bible from the British and Foreign Bible Society, to be used in Westminster Abbey next June. It will be a large quarter volume, bound in red morocco, with gold clasps and stamped with the royal arms. It will become the property of the bishop who administers the oaths.



MOTHERHOOD

The greatest ambition of American men and women is to have homes blessed with children. The woman afflicted with female disease is constantly menaced with becoming a childless wife. No medicine can restore dead organs, but Wine of Cardui does regulate derangements that prevent conception; does prevent miscarriage; does restore weak functions and shattered nerves and does bring babies to homes barren and desolate for years. Wine of Cardui gives women the health and strength to bear healthy children. You can get a dollar bottle of Wine of Cardui from your dealer.

WINE OF CARDUI

143 Market Street, Memphis, Tenn., April 14, 1901.
In February, 1901, I took one bottle of Wine of Cardui and one package of Theford's Black-Draught. I had been married fifteen years and had never given birth to a child until I took Wine of Cardui. Now I am mother of a fine baby girl which was born March 31, 1901. The baby weighs fourteen pounds and I feel as well as any person could feel. Now my home is happy and I never will be without Wine of Cardui in my house again.
Mrs. J. W. C. SMITH.

For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department", The Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Establishment of Divorce.

Divorce was established in Germany in 1875. From 1881 to 1885 the yearly number of divorces was about 8,000, while of late years it exceeds 10,000. In England divorce was established in 185. During the years 1858-1862 the annual number was about 200; in 1894 about 550; in 1898 about 650. In Austria, where only non-Catholics can apply for a divorce, the number of demands for divorce increased 25 per cent in four years, and in Belgium about 20 per cent in four years.

New-Found Relics of Early Man.

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

CAUSES OF STOMACH TROUBLES. Four Professors Claim That Quick Lunches Bring on Diseases.

The "business lunch" threatens to accomplish the destruction of the human race—or so much of it as dwells in large American cities—if the statistics adduced by eminent physicians and surgeons, at a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society are bound to be the unflinching mirrors of destiny that the doctors promise.

In the alarming increase of intestinal or "gastric" ulcers such eminent medical practitioners as Dr. N. S. Davis, Jr. W. A. Evans, J. B. Herrick and E. W. Andrews announced in a symposium that they feared the American stomach would give out in the course of time unless the public becomes wise enough to curb and regulate the lunch counter method of hasty eating.

It would seem that danger from gastric ulceration is not confined alone to the men who are the consumers of the business lunches, but that women are also threatened. To the women's habit of eating a few bites at many hours of the day their imminent peril is ascribed.

Everyone should counteract the danger brought about by too hasty or overeating by taking at meal times Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and Herb Laxative Compound. This wonderful medicine will keep the stomach in a perfectly healthy condition, preventing and permanently curing indigestion, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and all complications arising from stomach trouble. Try it today. It's pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles. For sale by E. D. Walker.

Annual meeting Young people's Christian Union Society of the United Presbyterian Church Tacoma, Washington, July 23rd, to 27th. See Santa Fe agents for limit and Rates.

Annual State Sunday School Convention, Austin, Texas, May 6th to 8th, Limit May 6th. Rate on the convention plan.

Texas Medical Association, Dallas, Texas, May 6th to 9th. Limit May 10th. Rate convention plan.

Tourist rates, Sulphur Spring, I. T. See Santa Fe agent for particulars.

"It's better than a letter."

RAILROAD WRECK.

ENGINEER ED ELLMS DIED FROM INJURIES, FOUR OTHERS HURT.

Two Engines and Twenty-One Cars Piled in a Heap.

At an early hour Sunday morning in the blackness of a cloudy stormy night a double-header drawing forty-five empty stock cars, was wrecked near Ricker on the Santa Fe. Engineer Ed Ellms received injuries from which he died about twelve o'clock Sunday. J. E. Dean, a brakeman, was perhaps fatally scalded and bruised; Fireman Robert Barrow received severe internal injuries, and Engineer J. K. Pebbly and Fireman Robert Lessner were slightly injured. The train was drawn by Santa Fe engines Nos. 161 in front and No. 209 behind. Engineer Pebbly and Fireman Lessner had the front engine and Engineer Ellms and Fireman Barrow were in charge of No. 209. Head Brakeman Dean was riding beside the fireman on engine 209. Some distance below the wreck the rains must have washed a cross tie by the track into such a position that the front engine caught it up, cattle guards on one side being knocked down. At the place of the wreck this cross tie got under the engine and wrecked it, with the result that the engines and twenty-one empty stock cars were piled in a confused mass. Engineer Pebbly attempted to jump but was caught with his fireman in the engine. Ellms, Dean and Barrow had no time for thought. They were caught in the cab and scalded and bruised. A relief train was hurriedly sent out from Brownwood and the wounded were brought here for treatment, arriving here at 9:30. About noon Engineer Ellms died after having spent several hours of intense suffering. His body was taken to his home at Temple Sunday night in charge of M. E. Dooley, representing the Masons, to which he belonged, and J. K. Holloway representing the Engineers, as an escort. Ellms was about 38 years of age and left a wife and two children.

J. E. Dean, the brakeman who was on engine 209, is yet in the city, being too badly injured to be removed, as yet, to the hospital at Temple. He lives in Temple and has a wife and four children. His wife will come up tonight to attend him here or accompany him home if he can be moved. His injuries are regarded as very serious and may prove fatal.

Fireman Barrow was taken to the Temple hospital Sunday night suffering from severe internal injuries, and Fireman Robert Lessner, whose leg was bruised, was taken with him. Lessner's injuries are not severe. Engineer Pebbly, also slightly scalded and bruised, has a regular run on the west end and lives at San Angelo where he went Sunday night.

Division Superintendent T. B. Coppage, of Temple, came up on the wrecker and is out at the wreck superintending its removal. Engine 209 is badly damaged, 191 is only slightly injured and the 21 stock cars are a complete wreck. This is one of the worst accidents that ever occurred on this branch of the Santa Fe.—Bulletin

A prominent Ballinger woman who affords the luxury of a telephone in her boudoir, and who appreciates a joke on herself as much as she does one on her husband, was awakened from her pleasant dreams a few nights ago considerably after —, well ten o'clock by the jingling of her telephone bell. Going to the phone, she lifted what she presumed was the receiver to her ear and "helloed" several times. The bell kept on ringing, and, with rising ire, Mrs. — turned on her light which was located conveniently alongside the telephone box, and found that instead of the telephone receiver, she had a hand mirror to her ear. When she looked into the glass to use her own expression, she was "as red as a lobster."

As a tophoff to the fun, when she did manage to answer the phone an overzealous dealer in stylish straps informed her that a new supply of the latest goods had just been received. He was greeted with, "Oh fiddlesticks; take your traps and go way back and sit down." And she slammed the inoffensive telephone receiver back into posi-

tion, cooled off and resumed her nap.

MORAL.—Place your announcement in the Banner Leader, Mr. Dealer, and you will meet with better success and less embarrassment.

GLOBER & SHAW
Solicit your trade when you want the best meat—
Pork, Veal, Roasts, Steaks, Sausage, Etc.
Phone 126.
Free Delivery.

Try the Ballinger Steam Laundry. It is the nearest, best and healthiest...
A. H. Friemel & Co.

A Big Cattle Deal.
The Banner-Leader can report from an authoritative standpoint, the largest cattle deal that has been made in this section of the state this year. Messrs. Venable of Brownwood and Garland and Malloy of Concho county, sold 4,000 3-year old steers to H. B. Spaulding, of Muskogee, I. T., at \$23 per head, allowing a 5 per cent cut with the agreement that the cut be taken at \$20 per head. The delivery of these cattle begins at Talpa, April 38th.

Gotton Crop Estimate.
Washington, Aprils 12.—The Census Bureau has issued a preliminary bulletin on the cotton crop of 1901, in commercial bales, as returned by the ginners, indicating a crop of 9,952,982 bales. This is 533,166 less than the 1900 crop. The 1900 crop expressed in 500-pound bales was 10,123,027, or 363,121 less than the number of commercial bales, the gross average bale weight being 483 pounds.

The office has not completed the compilation of the number of pounds and the computation of the averageable weight for the crop of 1901, but using 483 pounds, the average given for the crop of 1900, the 1901 crop is 9,314,581 bales of 500 pounds standard.

Following are the figures of the crop of 1891, respectively, in commercial bales, by States and Territories:

Alabama 1,162,739 and 1,061,676, Arkansas 736,740 and 828,820, Florida 57,198 and 55,699, Georgia 401,485 and 1,270,597, Indian Territory 280,175 and 288,114, Kansas 170 and 191, Kentucky 140 and 333, Louisiana 853,681 and 717,074, Mississippi 1,279,286 and 1,955,668, Missouri 27,987 and 27,980, North Carolina 454,354 and 509,341, Oklahoma 143,415 and 116,875, South Carolina 730,605 and 680,782, Tennessee 209,189 and 227,901, Texas 2,560,704 and 3,536,506, Virginia 13,800 and 11,833.

—Books to rent at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger Texas.

—Any publication supplied at Rannels County News Co., Ballinger, Texas.

A whole lot of new watches at Jas. E. Brewer's. See them and get prices before buying.

—See Jas. E. Brewer before you buy a watch or jewelry of any kind, he will not be undersold.

The famous Live Oak Flour delights all housekeepers. A fresh lot at Miller Mercantile Co's, opposite postoffice.

—Buy yourself a new dress, make biscuit for supper with Housekeepers Delight flour and "all will be well"—Davis Noyes Co. 23-1f

A large assortment of latest styled fobs. Call and see them. A beautiful assortment.
Jas. E. Brewer.

Estray Notice.
Estrayed from my place at Winters, Rannels county, Texas, on April 6th, 1902; one dark bay horse mule, three years old, with scar on breast caused by wire cut. Will pay liberal reward for same if taken up and notified.
J. R. HESTER.

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A full supply on hand of all kinds
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Sante Fe Excursion Rates.

Homeseechers' Excursion to California, first and third Tuesdays of March, April and May 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.

Biennial meeting, Knights of Pythias, San Francisco, Cal. August 12th, to 15th, 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.

Texas Veteran Ass'n. and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Lampasas. One and one third fare, date of sale April 18.

Grand Lodge Knights, of Pythias of Texas, Waco. Convention rate, date of sale April 20 and 21.

United Confederate Veterans Reunion, Dallas. Sale April 21st at rate \$5.80 for round trip. Convention rates on April 22nd and 23rd.

National Baptist Anniversaries, St. Paul, Minn. May 20th to 28th, limit May 29th, rate, one standard first class limited fare plus \$2.00.

Southern Baptist Convention, Ashville, N. C. May 8th to 14th, limit May 24th, rate, one standard first class limited fare.

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian church, Springfield, Mo. May 15th to 23rd, limit May 27th, rate one standard first limited fare plus \$1.00.

Annual Conference and Sunday School Institute of Northwest M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas, one and one-third fare.

Southwestern Gas Electric Light and Street Railway Ass'n San Antonio, Texas, one and

one-third fares for round trip, date of sale April 17th.

State Volunteer Firemen's Association, Waco Texas, May 14th, to 16th. Limit May 17th 1902. Rate convention plan.

Southwestern Gas, Electric Light & Street Railway Association, Battle of Flowers, San Jacinto Day April 21st Horse Show, April 23rd, Spanish-American Veterans, San Antonio, Texas April 21st, to 23rd. For selling dates and limit see Santa Fe agents. Rate one and one third fares.

Annual G. A. R. Encampment Beaumont, Texas April 24th, to 25th, Limit April 28th 1902. Rate convention plan.

THE KEELEY WHISKEY, MORPHINE and TOBACCO CURE CO yield easily to the double chloride of gold treatment as administered at the

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Bellvue Place, Dallas, Texas. The only Keeley Institute in Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Established at Dallas 1894. Communications confidential. Write for particulars. J. H. KEITH, Manager. 23-3m

—Pure cider made from wine sap apples at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite postoffice. Phone 45.

Ladies Locketts and chains. Latest thing in jewelry, very stylish. Jas. E. Brewer.

—Visit the 5, 10 and 15c counters at "The Fair."

—My motto is to select the best quality and pay cash, thus enable me to give you the most for your money. Jas. E. Brewer. Jeweler.

Bright's Disease.

The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands in San Francisco, Aug. 30, 1901. The transfer involved in coin and stock \$112,500.00 and was paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes, hitherto incurable diseases.

They commenced the serious investigation of the Specific Nov. 15, 1900. They interviewed scores of the cured and tried it out on its own merits by putting over three dozen cases on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, only seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

There being but thirteen per cent of failures, the parties were satisfied and closed the transaction. The proceedings of the investigating committee and the clinical reports of the test cases were published and will be mailed free on application. Address JOHN J. FULTON COMPANY, 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.



Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It is unequalled for all stomach troubles.

It can't help but do you good
Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago
The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands formerly owned by W. J. Turner in Runnels county, near Wingate, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gathering pecans, working stock or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Lange & Dooze Agents,
Ballinger Texas.

A worthy gentleman of our acquaintance says he does not believe in Solomon's plan for the raising up of obedient boys, but he believes any farmer can so work upon the son's feelings as to cause him to respect and obey parental rules. The gentleman is correct. We remember that on divers occasions during our callow youth, when the haw and dogwood bushes began to bloom, and the fish would bite at anything that could wiggle, we formed the wicked habit playing hooky and of spending the day up the creek. We also remember that when the old gentleman caught on to the play, that he joined us one balmy morning far up the stream and worked on our feelings to such an extent that we have never since been able to look at even a sardine without feeling an inclination to make a dash for a thicket.—Ex.

Judge W. E. Collard, associate justice of the court of civil appeals of the Austin district, died at his home in Austin, on Sunday night, of pneumonia.

Two Papers--One Price.

The Ballinger Banner-Leader and Texas State Democrat Farm and Home, \$1.00 each per year. Both for \$1.50. If ordered in 30 days. The Texas State Democrat Farm and Home is a 16-page Farm and Home Democratic newspaper well worth its price of \$1; but for the next few weeks we have arranged to offer it with ours for \$1.50 for one year. The Truck Growers page alone is worth the price of the paper. Then the Agricultural Miscellaneous Live Stock, Dairy and Poultry pages with its general news and correspondence, make it a valuable paper for the Texas home. The paper is eight years old, and has been under the present successful management for nearly five years. Cash must accompany orders for the papers.

Neglect Means Danger.

Don't neglect biliousness and constipation. Your health will suffer permanently if you do. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure such cases. M. B. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the most satisfactory pill I ever took. Never gripe or cause nausea." E. D. Walker.

In every paper we pick up, we're sure to find a lot of silly gush about the man who is behind—the man behind the counter and the man behind the gun. The man behind the buzz saw and the man behind his son; the man who is behind the times, the one behind his rents. The man behind the plow-shares and the man behind the fence. And the man behind his whistle and the man behind the bars the man behind the kodak and the man behind the bars. The man behind his whiskers and the man behind his fists and everything behind a thing is entered on the list: But they've skipped another fellow of whom nothing has been said—the fellow who is even or a little ways ahead; who always pays for what he gets, whose bill is always signed—he's a blamed sight more important than the man who is behind. All we editors and merchants and the whole commercial clan are indebted for existence to this honest noble man. He keeps us all in business and his town is never dead—And so I take my hat off to the man who is ahead.—Ex.

Shot in His Left Leg.

For all kinds of sores, burns, bruises, or other wounds DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a sure cure. Skin diseases yield to it at once. Never fails in cases of piles. Cooling and healing. None genuine but DeWitt's. Beware of counterfeits. "I suffered for many years from a sore caused by a gun shot wound in my left leg," says A. S. Fuller, English, Ind. "It would not heal and gave me much trouble. I used all kinds of remedies to no purpose until I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes completely cured me." E. D. Walker.

According to the latest and most reliable estimate, "Empire-Builders" Rhodes left an estate that will pan out less than a paltry \$25,000,000. To John Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie and a dozen other American plutocrats that sum looks like a compromise between a widow's mite and 30 cents.—Louisville Times.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The Dallas Semi-Weekly News gives the facts in the case.

SPECIALLY EDITED

If you'll read the News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not haphazard go into the makeup of the News.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED

You need the Banner-Leader because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need the News because it gives you all the State news. The Banner-Leader and the Semi-Weekly News one year for only \$1.80, cash in advance.

Saved Many a Time.

Don't neglect coughs and colds even if it is spring. Such cases often result seriously at this season just because people are careless. A dose of One Minute Cough Cure will remove all danger. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. Sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles. "I have used One Minute Cough Cure several years," says Postmaster C. O. Dawson, Barr, Ill. "It is the very best cough medicine on the market. It has saved me many a severe spell of sickness and I warmly recommend it." The children's favorite. E. D. Walker

There is some talk of the Texas oil men combining their interests. Some of the most responsible companies of Beaumont are inaugurating a movement working toward the establishing of a fair and equitable price on crude oil. Since the anti-trust law has been declared unconstitutional the oil men think they can protect the field and their interests. Thus it seems that the anti-trust law has been a stump in the path of home people, and that Texas people can better afford to be without it than with it.

Wants to Help Others.

"I had stomach trouble all my life," says Edw. Mehler, proprietor of the Union Bottling Works, Erie, Pa., "and tried all kinds of remedies, went to several doctors and spent considerable money trying to get a moment's peace. Finally I read of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have been taking it to my great satisfaction. I never found its equal for stomach trouble and gladly recommend it in hope that I may help other sufferers." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. You don't have to diet. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. E. D. Walker.

A man elected to a local school board in London has sent this letter to the press defining his policy: "The scientific men are gone. I hope we shall have no more dabbings with laboratories and that sort of thing. A good sound elementary education for our children is what we want; good reading, good writing and good arithmetic." It is satisfactory to know that the education of the younger generation is in such good hands.

"It's better than a letter."

WORLD'S ROPING CHAMPION SHIP.

Oklahoma Cowboy Challenges a San Angelo Cowboy to a Contest.

Mangum, Ok., April 12.—A challenge, backed by \$1,000, has been issued by the friends of J. E. Carroll of Mangum, to Fred Baker of San Angelo, Texas, for a roping contest to rope and tie five steers at the Mangum races May 16. Mr. Carroll was the winner of the \$500 prize in the roping contest at the recent cattlemen's convention at Fort Worth, and Mr. Baker was his principal competitor, and the five-steer contest at Mangum is being arranged to settle the world's championship between these two gentlemen.

Why not?

There are hundreds of farmers all over this country, who are enterprising and energetic, have comfortable houses, good barns, engines or windmills and farm machines; but very few of them have ever considered the expediency of enlarging the field of usefulness of their engines by causing them to pump water for thirsty crops during a season of drouth. Nearly everywhere in the southwest inexhaustible wells can be had at a reasonable depth. Then, as they already have the power, all that is needed is a pump, a reservoir and some ditches. In most soils serviceable reservoirs can be made without cement or other commercial aids. As the water is to be raised from the well, it might as well be stored at an elevation that will enable it to flow to the land where it is wanted by gravitation. In building embankments it is only necessary to observe a few precautions: The ground upon which the embankment is placed should be thoroughly plowed; it should be built up with teams and scrapers, which should be so handled as to secure as much tramping of the earth as possible. If the material is some fine and some coarse, the fine should be placed near the inner, or water face, and the coarser on the outside of the embankment. The finer the soil is the better. The embankment should be built if possible in rainy weather, or arrangements must be made to keep the embankment wet. The bottom of the reservoir should be puddled; that is, water should be pumped into it, and when it has nearly all disappeared, it should be thoroughly tramped and mixed by animals, or it may be done by hand. If the mud is thoroughly worked up, smoothed over and dried, it will thereafter absorb very little water. With a length of iron sewer pipe laid near the bottom of the reservoir with a valve for opening or shutting off, the thing is complete. Or a siphon may be used to take the water from the tank. For this purpose a sufficient length of rubber hose is the most convenient; but regard must be had to the capacity of the siphon, that it be large enough. If only a few acres of marketable truck can thus be brought under irrigation those few acres will be enhanced in value several hundred per cent. A few farmers have established such plants. Many more ought to do so.—Farm & Ranch.

—Feed of all kinds can be had at Miller Mercantile Co., opposite the post office. Phone No. 45.

THE MASS OF HUMANITY comprises two Classes,—those whose Individual Characteristics enable them to command situations and those whom situations govern. The weaker element covets constantly the attributes of Preference. Frequently the Insufficient appear to triumph. Title and Regalia, however, never yet made a king.

Half a dozen Conventions occur within a few months at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Salt Lake City.

By reason of Advantages, natural as well as acquired, "THE DENVER ROAD" is Master of the situation as to Pacific Coast points and the Northwest. It simply has the Best of it any way you care to figure.

One important consideration is distance. Distance means time, which is money. Just for example, would you deliberately choose to ride out 856 miles to a point but 588 miles distant from Fort Worth via "THE DENVER ROAD," which reaches the place where the interesting part of the Los Angeles trip begins, with 268 miles Less travel, taking Less time, therefore Less money, with neither changes nor waiting, too? Why, of course it makes a Difference! It's so with all other possible combinations of lines—twas so in old Euclid's time, 'tis so now, always will be.—two sides of a Triangle must exceed the third.

Study the Map.

Further than this, persons of Discrimination recognize and appreciate the fact that certain Modern Conveniences are of the Necessities of really good passenger service and that many of these "THE DENVER ROAD" alone provides. Such are:—

Daily thru trains, models of improved, box-vestibuled equipment; Sleepers with ladies dressing rooms, large enough for several,—With No Locks; Coaches furnished with the most Comfortable high-back seats made; Cafe Cars, meals a la carte, pay for what you order; No Junctions to wait at, nor any changes of cars; no matter how small your Party, Thru trains for each, for everybody, Each Day.

Another point, "THE DENVER ROAD" gives choice of Six Routes from Colorado west, with thru connections. You may view Colorado's Grandeur going, returning, or both ways, if you will

Study the Map and Thru Twice before buying. Tickets cost no more via "THE DENVER ROAD" than over routes where you'd get considerably more ride but less actual Satisfaction.

"THE DENVER ROAD" doesn't need to be called "Official." Correspond with us.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

To cook rice put it on in cold water and let the water boil out of it and don't stir it. This is important enough to make a subject for a newspaper paragraph. It is a sin the way rice is spoiled by stirring. Cook it as directed above, adding salt after it comes to a boil, and you have a dish too good for a king. It is good enough for an American.—Orange Tribune.

A Southern paper records the marriage of Amelia Thwete and Amos Thong. Without the least thought of undue levity over their names, we sincerely hope they may find life one grand Thwete Thong.—Denver Post.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Sheriff Kirk spent Thursday at Miles.

The sidewalks on Seventh street need attention.

Alf A. Hanscomb, of Content, was in the city Thursday.

Judge R. B. Truly is off to Sterling City on legal business.

Read the new ad of Chilton Dry Goods Co. It will interest you.

W. P. Buttery, Justice of the Peace at Miles, was in the city Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the Methodist church Monday evening at 4:30.

Do they bite? John Hoffer caught forty-seven in one afternoon last week.

Tobe Edwards and son were here from Content Wednesday and Thursday.

H. A. Thomson returned Thursday from his ranch in Schleicher county.

Great is the cattle rush from this section of the State to Indian Territory.

Hoffer & Abney, grocers and grain dealers, have a new ad in the Banner-Leader. Read it.

Louis Massey went to the river yesterday and made an assault with intent to catch fish.

There are more pretty homes in Ballinger than in any other town in the west of the same size.

Dr. Riggs, the dentist, is here and can be found at the Royalty hotel. He will stay over next week.

Rev. M. S. Smith and A. H. Van Pelt went to Brownwood Thursday to attend the Presbytery.

Brownwood again has an oil excitement. Several new wells are to be drilled there as soon as possible.

Harry Scott and J. O. Lee spent yesterday in search of the finny tribe. As to their luck, see them.

Miss Irby Towner returned Thursday night from Santa Anna, where she spent a week with friends.

Many good citizens wonder why Seventh street is not opened up. We hope this work will soon be done.

The candidates for county offices have put on their running clothes, and ere long will be making "speels" from the stump.

Mr. Fritz Ernst, one of Ballinger's carpenters, and Miss Lena Reisner were united in marriage at the C. P. church Wednesday night by the pastor, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh.

To open Seventh street would not offend anyone, would make many happy, and would be a great convenience for everybody. It would help the appearance of the city.

Jo Johnson was exhibiting two fine male calves on the streets Monday. One weighed 600 and the other 765 lbs. They were raised on Mr. Johnson's ranch, a mile northeast of town.

The Opera house management grants to all parties renting the hall full control for the time rented. No dance or other enjoyment will be allowed to take place in the hall during that night if objected to by the parties renting the hall. Upon request of those attending and no objections, the use of the hall has been given for such purposes gratuitously. J. W. POWELL, Manager.

F. T. Rather, of Ballinger, is another good man who will make his home in San Angelo, being attracted here by the growth and prosperity of the city. Mr. Rather has recently accepted the agency of the New York Life Insurance Company and will make his headquarters here. He will move his family here as soon as arrangements can be made.—Press.

F. A. Mater, who has been seriously ill for several weeks from pneumonia and an abscess of the lungs, underwent a surgical operation on Friday of last week. He stood the operation well and is now doing as well as could be expected. The operation was performed by Drs. Halley & Love.

J. C. Hill, who moved from Williamson county to Runnels county about a year ago and paid \$4 an acre for land near Winters, has sold his place for \$10.60 per acre and is now interviewing the land agents again. He will not leave Runnels county.

Albert E. Turney, accompanied by his brother, Marvin, arrived from Blanket on Wednesday to finish moving his effects to Blanket. They returned home Thursday.

If you have failed to notice the show window of J. E. Brewer, the jeweler, go now and look. Mr. Brewer is certainly an artist when it comes to decorating windows.

Verily, the music of the saw and hammer and trowel is heard throughout the entire town in answer to the question "Is Ballinger growing?"

The democratic executive committee will meet at the court house at 2 p. m. today and fix the date for the primary election.

J. W. Norman sold the Rutherford stock of groceries to L. Markowitz, who sent them to his store at Winters.

Prof. Finger, of San Angelo, attended the entertainment, by the Ballinger ladies at the opera house Tuesday night.

R. K. Wylie and wife left Thursday evening for a pleasure trip to Fort Worth and other cities.

Miss Edna Sharp closed a very successful term of school at Water Valley last Friday.

In the window of the Hub this week is the prettiest little "Hub" you ever saw.

Jesse Bynum, the popular drug drummer, was her Thursday.

R. L. Maddox spent Wednesday in Miles.

F. L. Triemer, a merchant of Norton, was in after goods for his store yesterday.

L. A. Reese, who came from the coast country and bought land in Lapan Flat about two weeks ago, was in yesterday buying furniture and other household goods. He is well pleased with this section of country.

The entertainment at the opera house Tuesday night, by the Ballinger Operatic Company for the benefit of the Ladies Cemetery Association, was about the most enjoyable affair that the people of this city have attended this season. It was well managed, well advertised, and was well attended. The total receipts of the entertainment amounted to \$40.40.

A Change in Business

Having made that necessitates a closing of my books I respectfully ask that all owing me come forward and settle up by paying the cash or their notes until fall. Very Respectfully,

T. A. FANNIN,
WINTERS, - - TEXAS.

A nice lot of fresh strawberries at Miller Mercantile Co's.

Miss Unity Ledbetter, of Coleman, is visiting Miss Lousue Lockett.

Messrs. Sadler and Lilly, two industrious citizens of Norton were trading in Ballinger yesterday.

Louis Alexander is at home from Sweetwater, on a visit. He is on the telephone force at Sweetwater.

Mr. York, a thrifty farmer living near Crews, was trading in the city yesterday. He sold twenty four bales of cotton here last week at 8 cents and has prospects for a good crop this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, who came here from east Texas sometime ago in search of health, have improved remarkably and left this week to spend a month on the Concho river, where they will fish and enjoy camp life.

F. Ramsel
Blacksmith and Wood Work,
Prices Reasonable and good work rendered. All custom appreciated.
HORSE SHOING A SPECIALTY
WINTERS, - - - TEXAS.

Cold Talk

A. HALL will soon open his cold drink and icecream parlor, and will make neatness purity of goods and fair treatment to all alike his winning card. Will give ladies our special attention. Wine served to suit your taste, don't forget to call

A. HALL
BALLINGER, TEXAS

Ollie Talley, manager of the telephone system at Coleman, was here yesterday.

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Fresh crisp and beautiful. Bought with the nicest and most discriminating taste and regard for established and correct styles for the season of 1902 :: :: :: :: ::

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Quality Considered, made by any house in the West. We give you as much as possible for your money, but never lower the standard of quality which makes it after the finest economy to consider wearing qualities before prices

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Is Complete from the Cheapest to the Best.

Special on Ladies Shirt Waists from \$1.00 to \$3.50, choice at **75c**

We sacrifice a beautiful line of Black Cheprons for skirts, goods worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per yard, must move at **75c yd**

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2000 yards of short length, extraordinary values Give us a look.

We have 250 pairs of Ladies Shoes and Oxfords. Small lots will sell at half price.

We have other Bargains which are to numerous to put down. Come to see us and if you are from Missouri we will show you. Now this is strictly a CASH price, no tickets or charges will be made so dont get offended but do your part and bring your pocket book.

—Yours for Bargains—

L. Markowitz & Bro