

# BANNER-LEADER.

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## Now Cheap Baking Powder is Made.

The Health Department of New York has seized a quantity of so-called cheap baking powder, which it found in that city. Attention was attracted to it by the low price at which it was sold in the department stores. Samples were taken and the chemist of the Health Department reported the stuff to be an alum powder, which analysis showed to be composed chiefly of alum and pulverized rock.

The powder was declared to be dangerous to health, and several thousand pounds were carted to the offal dock and destroyed.

"It is unsafe to experiment with these so-called 'cheap' articles of food. They are sure to be made from alum, rock, or other injurious matter. In baking powders, the high class, cream of tartar brands are the most economical, because they go farther in use and are healthful beyond question."

A. J. Turner reports the appearance of grasshoppers in great numbers on his premises. Mr. Turner has observed that the hoppers, and suggests that it would be for the benefit of all classes of people if the killing of birds was stopped for time. In this community people are already putting out poison for hoppers and it might be taking risk to eat birds that are killed where poison has been put out for the purpose of killing grasshoppers.—Coleman Democrat.

The oil mill proposition is assuming business like shape. Between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars in stock has been subscribed for, and only the men of moderate means have been called on. The money will be called on later. The people are subscribing liberally, not as a donation, but as an investment.—Coleman Democrat.

Must have some "heap big" nabobs over there, old man, and the PEOPLE well fixed, too.

The ice chamber, the waste pipe, the shelves, the trap and the grate are easily removed, cleaned, scalded and aired in the White Mountain Refrigerator. J. A. Ostertag & Co.

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

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

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## Pumphrey.

It has rained. Last Sunday evening about half past five o'clock it began raining and rained continuously for about seven hours. The rain was slow and not hard, no hail. It wet the ground for several inches. On Tuesday morning it rained another good rain. Thus we have had the best season of the year. It is thought some wheat will do very well now.

Preaching Saturday and Sunday by Bro. Carter.

W. M. Pumphrey is attending court this week.

L. W. Leeper is visiting in Fisher county this week.

The school at this place will close Friday week, May 16th. There will be a concert at night. Everybody invited.

Mr. Editor we have more news, but we are so late this week we will make our exit and do better next time. We just wanted to let you know it has rained up here.

MARK HOPKINS.

## Election Notice.

It is ordered by the city council of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas that C. S. Bowdon as presiding officer shall hold an election at the court house in said Ballinger on May 22nd, 1902 for the election of one alderman to fill the unexpired term of P. E. Truly (resigned) May 6th, 1902.

J. W. POWELL,

P. MCGREGOR, Mayor.  
Secretary.

## \$5.00 Reward.

For the return of one bay horse, 5 years old, 16 hands high, unbranded, mane parts in the middle and hangs on both sides of his neck, fresh shod, has long fetlocks, has an old scar on right hind leg below hock.

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## Winters News.

After a "Vanwinkle nap" of short duration, we again find ourselves in the "pencil pushing business."

A smile on every face and thankfulness in every heart together with a green dress on "Mother Earth" are the direct result of a fine rain which came our way the 4th and 5th inst's.

The picnic at Crews last Saturday was a grand success. Wiley Hinds and Miss Claudie Hunter, Dick Oliver and Miss Bessie Eoff, Roy Nesbitt and Miss Olbie Speer, Price Maddox and Miss Claudie Patterson, Messrs. Jno. W. Dale, George Lollar, Chas. Hood, Jack Pierce et al from Winters were there.

Mr. Long of West Tennessee left our city this morning for Abilene. He is an Ex-Confederate, attended the reunion and came on to see more of the "Lone Star State." He expressed himself as being well pleased with Winters, her people and surrounding country. While here Mr. Long was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Roberts were visiting in Lawn and Abilene a few days this week.

Messrs. Joe Vancil, Ed Stone, C. C. Cooper and J. M. Cain are attending county court this week.

Prof. and Mrs. Rotramel left the 6th for Dallas to attend the Methodist conference. Mrs. Rotramel will go from there to Delta county and visit relatives. The Prof. will return to Winters.

Grandpa and Grandma Bennett, who live in Williamson county, are visiting their children, W. J. Bennett and Mrs. Oliver, at Winters, at present.

The date has been fixed and all are hereby invited to attend with well filled baskets, the picnic at Winters, June 7th, 1902. A cool shady place on the banks of Bluff creek will be selected for the occasion. Many and varied will be the sources of amusement. There will be a match game between the Winters and Ballinger base ball teams. A Hobble race by gentlemen, and an egg race by ladies, also a match foot race

between two noted runners of the west. A speech from every candidate in the county and other noted speakers, if they can be secured. Music will be rendered by the cornet band of Winters, the best band in the west. You should be on hand.

The Methodist are preparing to have a grand good service on childrens day which is the 3rd Sunday in this month. Everybody come.

Tomorrow is Decoration day at Winters. Are you coming? Don't fail to.

Mrs. W. P. Springfield is able to be up again after several days sickness, we are glad to note.

Mr. Will Mullin is on the sick list at present. We hope to see him at his place of business again shortly.

Mr. Morgan who has been visiting in our midst for quite a while the guest of Mr. W. H. Mullin and family and Mr. L. A. Harper and family, returned to his home in Ellis county the 8th. "The Winters country and people are equal to any other in Texas," so stated Mr. Morgan.

Jno. W. Dale, Esq. has bought the interest of his former partner, Mr. John Eoff, and is now sole owner and proprietor of the Eoff & Dale grocery business of Winters.

Mr. J. Whit Patterson drove old "Nigg" to the chief city last Thursday.

Esq. F. L. Pierce and lady returned recently from a visit in the east.

Mr. W. T. Burk, one of our best mechanics will build himself a residence shortly in the Smiley addition to Winters.

Mr. J. Hood moved the photographer and family to Hilton, the 7th.

A very destructive hail storm visited the farms of Messrs. J. M. Young and W. H. Rodgers last Sunday evening. Garden truck and fruit trees were damaged considerably. NEMO.

—Dr. S. B. Raby, dentist, will be in Winters Tuesday, May 13, to practice his profession. Office with Dr. Grant.

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

## At the Court House this Week.

Proceedings of county court, Hon T. T. Crosson, county judge, presiding.

### CIVIL DOCKET.

W. R. Browne vs. L. A. Bedford et al. damages, continued.

T. E. Butler vs. W. J. Turner et al., debt, county judge disqualified and Hon. C. O. Harris elected special judge to try case. Verdict for defendant.

State vs. Ben Smith, Sci. Fa. dismissed.

State vs. W. H. Graham, Sci. Fa. No order.

L. J. Good vs. G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., damages, no order.

John Hoffer vs. G. W. Wilson, debt, continued by agreement.

John Hoffer vs. G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., damages, continued by defendant.

Woodward & Collier vs. M. K. Walker, dismissed at cost of defendant Walker.

Paul Hoverak vs. G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., damages, continued for service.

Mrs. S. A. Hazlewood vs. T. C. Hunt, debt, continued for service.

### CRIMINAL DOCKET.

State vs. W. E. Porter, unlawfully carrying arms, alias cap. and continuance.

State vs. Alex Marsh, giving liquor to a minor, dismissed on motion of county attorney for purpose of using defendant as a witness.

State vs. A. Bacon, same charge, alias cap. and continuance.

State vs. Coley Preston, same charge, dismissed.

State vs. J. T. Payne, swindling, alias cap. and continuance.

State vs. J. Sherrill and Kilgore, theft, alias cap. and continuance.

State vs. Tol Jacobs, driving stock from accustomed range, dismissed.

State vs. Alex Marsh, giving liquor to a minor, plea of guilty and fine of \$25.

State vs. Coley Preston, same charge, plea of guilty and fined \$25.

State vs. W. H. Trout, gaming, plea of guilty and fined \$10.

State vs. W. A. Clark, assault and battery, continued to secure witness.

## Brownwood Summer School

Beginning the First Monday, in June and Continuing Eight Weeks.

Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Latin, Greek, German, French, History, and any other branches desired. Already a good patronage has been promised. School will be conducted by J. H. Grove, President of Howard Payne College and J. S. Humphreys, Professor of Latin and Greek in Howard Payne College. Address all inquiries to either,

J. H. GROVE, or  
J. S. HUMPHREYS.

## 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, Re election

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:

CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH,  
of Ozona.

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

Mr. Brooks, a ranchman of Miles, was here Monday on business.

A bouncing baby boy arrived at the home of H. Winkler and wife Sunday night.

John B. Johnson was in to see us Saturday. He subscribed for the Banner-Leader.

W. D. Currier was down from Miles on Monday, soliciting business for the Messenger.

Mrs. J. A. Forbes attended the Epworth League conference at Blanket last Saturday.

Mrs. Gerard Houston, of Paint Rock, was here Monday and left that evening for Austin, where she will visit relatives.

This is a good time to advertise your business. Let the people outside of Ballinger know that you survived the drouth.

Park Smith, of San Angelo, spent Monday in the city, shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Smith was once a citizen of Ballinger. He was accompanied by Mrs. Smith and the children.

—Currie & Shaffer still sell the famous "Noxall" collar—the best ever sold in the west.

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

## Junior Endeavor Program.

Meets Sunday afternoon at the C. P. church at 4 o'clock.

Song 127.  
Prayer.—By Society.  
Subject—Pilgrims' Progress  
—Great Heart and How to be One.

Leader—George Reaves.  
Reading.—Merle Starnes.  
Song 52.  
Prayer.

Reading.—Bessie Wilkie.  
Solo.—Anna Lee Doose.  
Bible Story.—Earl Starnes.  
Song 95.

Reading minutes and roll called.  
Song.

Benediction by Society.  
All members are earnestly requested to be present promptly on time and especially those on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Vancil gave a house party to the following Thursday and Friday of this week: Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Rather and Master Sam Rather, Judge and Mrs. W. R. Spencer, Miss Mary Rather, of Ballinger; Miss Modena Whitehead, of Brownwood; Miss Gertrude Gilliam, of Runnels; Mrs. Ed A. Wilson and little Miss Evelyn Wilson, of Brownwood; Mr. James Pickens, of Brownwood; Mr. Seth Swift and Mr. Elmer Simpson, of Runnels. Mr. and Mrs. Vancil, as host and hostess, have no superiors, and assisted by Masters Delbert and Ralph, their two boys, fully sustained their enviable reputation for hospitality.

## 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 29nd, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

### LADIES:

Geaslin, Mrs. Mary,  
Rudd, Mrs. J. E.

### GENTLEMEN:

Kudlorcek, Jos.  
Thornton, Tump.

The wind that accompanied the rain last Sunday evening damaged several sheds, topped several shade trees, removed a few small houses from their foundations and, worst of all, struck Frenchy's (Levi Nevar) shanty and turned it over, leaving Frenchy sitting in the rain with his "gud leedle monkee" squatting on his shoulder and sharing the unpleasantness of the situation.

A select crowd of Ballinger society young folk enjoyed a dance on last Friday evening the music for the occasion being furnished by the talented pianist, Mr. James Pickens. The young people are to be congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Pickens, for we feel safe in saying that he has no superior as a pianist in the state.

Miss Modena Whitehead, who has so successfully conducted the Bowman school this year left Friday afternoon for her home in Brownwood, followed by the best wishes of her host of Runnels county friends and admirers.

A. Schawe returned Sunday night from an extended sojourn in the South and East.

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

Joe Vancil, of Winters, was trading in the city Tuesday.

H. Vanderventer reports a splendid rain on his ranch on Mustang creek.

How about that oil mill? Going to let Coleman or San Angelo have it?

Mrs. Ed A. Wilson and little daughter returned home to Brownwood Friday.

M. C. Cobb is off to Brownwood, where he will spend several days on business.

Mrs. Joe Wilmeth left Tuesday for Santa Anna, where she will visit friends for a few days.

One way to keep Ballinger alive and the trade from going to other points is to advertise.

F. P. Abney is spending a few days in Eden. He is a regular visitor to the little city in Concho.

Rev. W. G. Caperton will hereafter preach every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at the Baptist church.

Lee Good and Geo. Adams were down from Bronte Tuesday on business. Lee is candidate for sheriff of Coke county.

Lige Barbee and wife arrived from Schleicher county Monday. Lige reports prosperity in Schleicher—an abundance of rain, fine grass, fat cattle, etc.

Horace Thomson, Sr., Rec. Thomson of Austin and Horace Thomson, Jr., left Monday evening for their ranch in Schleicher county.

Three box cars were blown off the track near the stock pens by the wind Sunday evening and the smoke-stack at the flour mill was blown over.

Sterling Hathaway received a message Sunday afternoon announcing that his father, who lives at Stephenville, was seriously injured by a fall. He left on the 5:12 train for Stephenville.

Mrs. C. H. Willingham and daughter left Saturday for Blanket to visit Mrs. W's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr. Judge Willingham accompanied them to Brownwood and returned Sunday night.

Dr. Taylor, of Sonora has withdrawn from the race for representative of this district and Claude B. Hudspeth, of Ozona, will be elected as he is now the only candidate. Claude's friends in this county are numerous and they will be pleased to know that he is to be the representative.

Judge C. H. Willingham, wife and daughter, have been in the city from Ballinger. The judge is one of the most prominent citizens and lawyers of this part of the state.

W. P. Humphrey, of Ballinger, has arrived to take a position with the Snider Brokerage Co. He is a good business man and was manager of the Smith Lumber Co. at Ballinger. His family will come later.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

Joe P. Pittman, a railroad builder who has been at work near El Paso, passed through Ballinger with his outfit—several teams, wagons, tents, etc.—Monday en route to Brady where he has already contracted to begin work on the extension of the Frisco from Brownwood to that place. He has the contract for grading the sixth and seventh miles north of Brady. He reported rain and mud from Sweetwater to Ballinger.

## From "See Saw."

Dallas, Tex., May 2, 1902.

Well, I will try to tell you something about this country again. We have had good rains every week for some time and crops look fine. Work is plentiful everywhere and most of the old boosters are taking advantage of it and working.

The largest crowd that ever was in Dallas was here during the re-union. Everything went off nicely. No accidents that amounted to anything.

I enjoy reading the Banner-Leader so well that I read it twice.

Our county attorney election between Summers and Lemmons is being contested and I hope will result satisfactorily.

SEE SAW

Mrs. Victoria Pickens, who has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. W. R. Spencer and Mrs. T. E. Butler, left Tuesday for her home in Brownwood.

The Baptist people met last Sunday evening and organized a B. Y. P. U. with twenty-nine charter members. A splendid start, indeed.

Miss Franc Baker, who taught a very successful term of Kindergarten school here, left Tuesday for her home in San Saba.

Rev. W. G. Caperton will remain over this week and preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night.

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## Notice.

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"It's better than a letter."

Mrs. W. A. Norman and children left Tuesday for Arkansas to spend a few weeks visiting relatives. W. A. bought some fish hooks and departed for the Concho, hoping, of course to be swallowed by the biggest fish in the river. This makes us wonder if Jonah had a family, and if so, what Mrs. Jonah thought of the whale story.

### Brilliant Closing Exercises of the Bowman School.

Thursday evening May 1st, 1902, will always be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present, as a most pleasant episode. On this aforementioned evening occurred the closing of the Bowman school, eight miles from Ballinger.

That this school has been a much better success the past term than in any preceeding one, there is no doubt, for one had but to be present at the closing exercises and hear the many words of praise for the accomplished teacher, Miss Modena Whitehead, of Brownwood. It is the universal wish of the entire community that Miss Whitehead will consent to take the school next term.

Early thursday afternoon vehicles began arriving at the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Vancil, where the entertainment was given. Comfortable seats were provided for the large crowd in attendance. The seats were arranged in the front lawn and the front gallery was used for the stage; a curtain running the entire length of the gallery. The lighting facilities were good.

It is estimated there were upward of four hundred people present from Winters, Ballinger and the immediate neighborhood. The Winters Military Brass Band was in attendance and rendered high grade selections in truly splendid style. The citizens of Winters should be proud of their famous band.

The program which follows was presented in its entirety, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on each and every participant:

#### PROGRAM.

##### Part I.

Welcome Song.  
Recitation—"Baby in Chruch"—Miss Maggie Mae Holliday  
Piano Duet—Selected—Miss M. Whitehead, Mrs. W. R. Spencer.

Song—"Bob up Serenely"—By the little folks.

Recitation—"The Little Black-eyed Rebel"—Miss Nina Hall.

Chorus—"Freedoms Sons come join in our chorus."

Piano Solo—"Overture" Original—Mr. Jas. W. Pickens.

May Day Tragedy—A Sketch in Four Acts.

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Mr. Archibald Manhattan (a citizen of New York lately stricken with Suburban fever) Mr. George Holliday.

Mrs. Manhattan—"Geraldine" (a woman nervous but nery) Mr. John Hall.

Mr. Algernon De Bronx—Mr. Sam Williams.

Mrs. De Bronx—Miss Gertie Gilliam.

(Mr. and Mrs. De Bronx friends of the family and suburban-its of experience.

Mrs. Smithers (a suburban scrub-lady who is also philosopher)—Mr. Hardie Cabe.

##### Part II.

Piano Duet—Selected—Miss M. Whitehead, Mrs. W. R. Spencer.

Chorus—"Homeward Bound." Prophecy of School—Miss Maggie Mae Holliday.

Doll Drill—By eight little girls  
Piano Solo—Waltz, Original—Mr. Jas. W. Pickens.

Hoop Drill.  
Recitation—Mr. Travis' Hunt—Miss Myrtle Miles.

Pina Solo—"Just a Little Rag-Time."—Mr. Jas. W. Pickens.

"A case of Mistaken Identity"—A Comedietta in Three

#### Scenes.

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Lieut. Lawrence Jerome (a hot-tempered young army officer)—Mr. Elmer Simpson.

Major Sanford (retired army officer).

Phyllis Sanford (his only child) Miss Modena Whitehead.

Daisy Dean (Wealthy Orphan) Miss Mary Rather.

Miss Rebecca Dean (her severe and deaf aunt) Mrs. I. Vancil.

Mr. Donald Douglas (Daisy's devoted admirer) Mr. Seth Swift.

Clarence (a page) Master Delbert Vancil.

#### BALL ROOM GUESTS.

Brief Synopsis—Scene I—Bachelor girls apartments at school in New York. Scene II.—Two years later in Miss Sanford's home. Scene III.—Ball room of army barracks.

Those who assisted Miss Whitehead not connected with the school were: Miss Mary Rather, Mrs. W. R. Spencer, Miss Myrtle Miles, of Ballinger; Mr. James Pickens the well known pianist, of Brownwood; Messrs. Seth Swift and Elmer Simpson, of Runnels; Miss Gertrude Gilliam, of Runnels and Mrs. Isaac Vancil, of Bowman.

#### Exchange Items.

#### SAN ANGELO STANDARD

Mr. G. G. Odom, a Runnel's county stockman, was in the city Sunday.

R. A. Dickinson, of Ballinger, was in the city Tuesday.

J. E. Gentry, a Runnels county stock farmer, was in San Angelo Wednesday, having brought his mother, Mrs. W. M. Gentry, who will make her home here with the family of Mr. E. L. Cheek.

Poley Smith arrived in the city Tuesday morning. Mr. Smith's friends at Ballinger thought so much of him that they presented him with a trip to the Dallas re-union, everything paid.

Charley Gallagher, of Ballinger, arrived in the city Tuesday morning and left on Wednesday with a train of the Spaulding cattle for the territory. Charley is just back from that country, where he went with 1000 head of cows, and he says he lost 120 out of the number. They were in poor condition to start with and were forty-eight hours behind scheduled time arriving in the territory.

Young man, have a purpose in life! God did not create you just to look pretty; he gave that job to the rose, the lily, the starry heaven, the blushing west, and the rippling stream. Map out a route to travel, leaving the saloons to the right or to the left, the cigarette smoker in the rear, and the lazy lad astride a beer keg whistling and whittling. It don't matter whether you punch port holes in the earth, or punch tickets on a passenger train; whether with your eloquence you lead the multitude to the throne of Grace, from a high salaried pulpit, or by main strength and awkwardness push a wheelbarrow along the dusty road. Just so you are honest and industrious, you are a man—and the brow of the true man rests beneath a more glorious diadem than ever encircled the royal head of prince or potentate.

#### CONCHO HERALD

F. P. Abney, the grain man of Ballinger, was in the city shaking hands with friends and at-

#### tending to business.

Ballinger is on a substantial boom. Several fine rock buildings are in course of construction and that town is beginning to put on city airs.

Our old friend Frank Mater, formerly of this county but now of Ballinger, and who has been dangerously sick for quite awhile with pneumonia, we are glad to state is improving slowly, but is a very sick man yet.

#### ABILENE REPORTER

"It is hard to say who will carry this country but the chances seem to be in favor of Smith at this writing, but if the Dean-Gibbs arrangements go through all right, Dean will get this county" says the Palo Pinto Star. So Dean is playing his old game of depending upon trades for votes instead of a straight fight for votes. If Dean goes to congress he will have to trade faster than a "horse swapper" at old militia drills.

#### COLEMAN DEMOCRAT

General Superintendent Nixon, of the Santa Fe, was here Tuesday in his special car for the purpose of looking over the plat of ground recently donated by Coleman citizens for the erection of a new down-town depot. Mr. O. Johnson, the agent at Coleman, informs us that the ground was accepted by Mr. Nixon and that a new, first class and up-to-date depot would be erected and finished before September 1st.

The general public will rejoice at this glad news. When completed, Coleman will be the only town west of Belton that enjoys the conveniences of a new down-town depot. Now, if the Santa Fe will do away with the Coleman "spur" we will take back all the meanthings we have said about the road.

Col. C. L. Morgan and wife have returned from a month's visit to their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Weeks, at Llano, the latter accompanying them home.

Walter Woodward went to Temple Monday evening where he will remain for several days in the King's Daughters' Hospital to undergo another operation upon his wounded leg.

#### Lost.

A pole red cow, slightly brendle, branded JS on left hip, brand blotched; mark—crop and underbit in the right ear and swallowfork in the right. Will pay \$2.50 for her delivered to me in Ballinger. J. O. LEE.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy.

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The White Mountain Refrigerator is convenience itself, everything about it is convenient.

J. A. Ostertag.

A. M. Miller left Tuesday for the Indian Territory where he will look after his large cattle interests.

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

For saddle and harness repairing try Currie & Shaffer.

—For matting at bargains, see Bowden.

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THE MAYES PRINTING CO.

—Delicious "Betsy" at B. M. Dorsey's.

The Texas Military Institute, an Episcopal school located at Laporte, was burned out of its home Saturday night.

R. M. Johnson, Democratic National Committeeman from Texas, recently returned from Washington, predicts that the democrats will carry the next House.

The prospects for a good fruit crop could hardly be more promising at this season of the year, and unless some disaster should come, people will be hauling fruit in the market in a few weeks, and it will be of the finest quality.

Santos Dumont sailed Friday for France. He announced that if some one would give him a million dollars he would build an airship which would cross the Atlantic ocean in two days with one hundred passengers on board.—Ex.

It would be dead easy. We can beat it. Give us one fourth of a million and we'll cross the Jordan river in two hours. The pressure would be too great for us to remain here under such circumstances. And we would prepare a way for two hundred or more to follow close enough to hear the flutter of our wings.

Judge Jno. M. Furman of Bell county is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals, 3rd supreme district. He is a lawyer of long and large experience, having been in the practice for 30 years. He was county judge of Bell county for eight years and is now serving his 6th year as district judge of the 27th judicial district. His friends are enthusiastic in his behalf and they ask a favorable consideration of his candidacy in Saturday's primary.—Hamilton Herald.

—Wiley's fine candies at Dorsey's.

Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson died at his home in Washington, D. C. Tuesday from a severe hemorrhage. He had been ill for several months and seriously ill for several days.

King and Fisher counties held their primaries last Saturday and instructed for Judge Smith for Congress. It begins to look like Judge Smith will get the nomination and be our next congressman.

President Roosevelt has asked Dr. John Grant, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, to resign on account of charges made against him to the effect that he used his influence to have a Beaumont bank made a United States depository.

## Difference in Fathers.

After Alex E Sweet, the Texas humorist, started the Texas Sifting, he moved to Austin, where he continued to reside till he removed to New York. He went over to San Antonio on one occasion; accompanied by his eldest son, then a lad of 8 or 10 years. Arriving late in the Alamo City, Alex did not wish to disturb his father's family, and went to a hotel.

Next morning the humorist and his son were taking an early morning stroll about the Market Plaza, when they met Colonel James R. Sweet, ex-Mayor of San Antonio, and the father of the humorist.

After greeting his son, the Colonel turned to his grandson, patted him on the head, and said: "This is a bright boy. Aleck; much brighter than you were at his age."

"Yes! I expect that is so, Pa," quickly replied Aleck; "but just think of the difference in the fathers of the two boys."

## A New Tune for "America."

The Rhode Island State Society of the Cincinnati, through Asa Bird Gardiner, its president, offers a gold medal to the composer who shall successfully adjust an acceptable new tune to "America." The society speaks of "America" as our national anthem, though its claim to be that is not undisputed. It is satisfied with the words which Dr. Smith wrote in 1832, but objects to the tune because it is the same the British use for "God Save the King" and the Germans for "Heil dir im Siegerkrans." The late Cecil Rhodes would not have objected to it on that account, but would doubtless have held it to be providential that Americans, British and Germans used so good a tune in common. But the Rhode Island Cincinnati don't seem to care to be amalgamated Anglo-Saxons. They have the America-for-the-Americans feeling, and distrust a British tune even in American company. So they have appointed a committee to receive and examine such tunes as may be offered for alliance with "America," and if they get a good one they propose a Rhode Island divorce which shall separate Dr. Smith's words from their present mate, and then a remarriage to the new one. The divorce proceedings may not be repeated outside of the court that grants them, but at least there is a chance for some one to write a good tune and get a good gold medal.

—Try "Betsy" 5c at Dorsey's.

Here is one of Bob Taylor's stories: Two old darkies were out bathing in the sunshine on the old plantation discussing scripture, when one asked the other if he believed there were any niggers among the apostles. "Course dare was no niggahs 'mong the 'postles. Think dat rooster'd ever got to crow three times if there'd been a niggah 'mong dem 'postles!"

Zapata county has a citizen who holds the office of county judge, ex-official superintendent of schools, postmaster, justice of the peace, and at each District court acts as foreman of the grand jury.—Coleman Democrat.

Ain't he the fellow who has issued so many touching appeals in behalf of the sufferers from the drouth in that county?

## Maxwell Gets Eastland.

Cisco, Tex., May 5.—The contest between Hon. O. T. Maxwell and Hon. W. R. Smith for the instructions for congress from Eastland county was decided by the committee today at Eastland. Mr. Maxwell on his return from Eastland said: "The recounting of the vote has resulted in my getting the instructions from this county for congress by a safe majority."

## Original "Uncle Sam."

Mason, N. H., May 1.—The homestead, said to be the birthplace of the original "Uncle Sam," was sold at auction yesterday afternoon for \$1500. The purchaser was Capt. Oren A. Hamblett, of Washington.

"Uncle Sam" was Samuel Wilson, the eldest of 12 children born on this farm. During the second war with England, as the story goes, he and his brother Edward were contractors for government supplies at Troy, N. Y. It was the Wilson's idea to label their beef and pork referred to the supplies as "Uncle Sam's." This title was quickly applied to the government, and after the war was used everywhere in that sense. Samuel Wilson died in Troy in 1854, aged 88. The farm was sold yesterday because of the death of the last member of the family. It was owned by a Wilson for 122 years.

## Validity of Tickets.

Austin, Tex. May 7.—All railroad tickets must in the future, be stamped non-transferrable or possession can legally pass as often as the holders care to sell and still be recognized on the passenger trains.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals affirmed the case of International and Great Northern Railway Company vs. John H. Ing, from Travis, giving verdict for \$502.90 for humiliation, etc., for being ejected from a passenger train, because he was riding on an excursion ticket from Austin to San Antonio, purchased by another party.

The court lays this doctrine: "As to the point in reference to the assignability of the ticket, we hold that in the absence of constitutional or statutory prohibition, or a stipulation to the contrary on the face thereof, a railroad passenger ticket is transferrable and entitles the holder thereof to the rights of the original purchaser."

—Dorsey's cigar cabinet keeps them fresh.

"It's better than a letter."

# 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.

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## Conundrums.

When does a chair dislike you? When it can't bear you.

What do we often catch but never see? A passing remark.

Why is a kiss like rumor? Because it passed from mouth to mouth.

Why is a gun like a dismissed servant? When it is discharged it goes off.

Why is an egg like a cold? Because it is not fit for use until it is broken.

What is the oldest piece of furniture in the world? The multiplication table.

Why is a sculptor's death the most terrible? Because he makes faces and busts.

What kind of leather would a naked Moor remind you of? Undressed morrocco.

Why is a postage stamp like a bad scholar? Because it gets licked and put in a corner.

Why is a man who beats his wife like a thoroughbred horse? Because he is a perfect brute.

Why are the arrows of cupid like a man in an ague fit? Because they are all in a quiver.

Why is a French franc of no value compared to the American dollar? Because it is worth-less.

What is the difference between the desert of Sahara and an ancient shoe? One is all sand and the other sand-al.

What is the difference between an engineer and a schoolmaster? One minds the train and the other trains the mind?

What is the difference between stabbing a man and killing a hog? One is assaulting with intent to kill and the other is killing with intent to salt.

Prof. Starnes made a flying tris to San Marcos this week.

F. C. Ludwig left yesterday to spend a week visiting his parents at Sealey.

J. F. Lusk left yesterday for Dallas to attend the Methodist conference and to meet his mother and a brother whom he has not met for 23 years.

Judge Jno. M. Furman of Bell county, present district judge of the 27th Judicial district and candidate for Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals of the 3rd supreme judicial district, is in the city. He is a man of unquestionable ability and of a clean, good record.

—For Ladies and Misses Ox-fords at close prices—visit "The Fair."

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

## Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS } To the sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, That by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Runnels, if there be a newspaper published in said County, (but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you Summon T. C. Hunt whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. Justice Court at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Runnels at the Court House thereof, in Town of Ballinger on the 26th day of May 1902. File Number being 322, then and there to answer the Petition of J. F. Currie filed in said Court, on the 8th day of May A. D. 1902 against the said T. C. Hunt and alleging in substance as follows to wit: That the said dett. T. C. Hunt is justly indebted to plaintiff upon an open account in the sum of seventy eight 60-100 dollars for merchandise. That same is justly due and unpaid

Herein Fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in Ballinger this 8th day of May A. D. 1902.

Attest: J. E. SMITH  
Justice of the Peace Runnels county Texas.

## There Is Health in the Pines.

Kinney's Rheumatic and Kidney Remedy, "K. R. K. R." distilled from the buds and berries of our forest trees, pine, etc., not the balsam, but the essence. This famous little remedy has gained its good reputation on its genuine merits. If this should meet the eye of a sufferer do not hesitate to mail 75 cents in stamps to Kinney Medicine Co., Los Angeles, Cal., and a bottle of this remedy will be sent by mail. Rheumatism sciatica, lumbago, dropsy, grave kidney and urinary troubles are cured to stay cured.

## For Sale.

A full-blooded Durham bull in fine condition; 1 year old December 29th, 1901, also a few full blood Berkshire pigs. Call on or address. W. S. WESTCOTT 26-1f Brownwood, Texas.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy. 29-4t.

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

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# WINKLER'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We have about 36 pairs of Men's Tan Colored Shoes. The sizes are broken, and the color too is against them, but a great many are still being worn, and to close out the lot in a hurry, we offer them at ONE HALF THE REGULAR PRICE

\$3.50	quality Men's Tan Shoes	\$1.75
3.00	" " " "	1.50
2.50	" " " "	1.25

## Ladies' Shirt Waist Special

We have about 6 dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists. Some are slightly soiled from handling and only 2 and 3 of a kind. The values were from 75 cents to \$2.50 each. Come and see if you can use any of them. We offer the line at

**Your Choice 50c each**

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Interesting Program Daily, Athletic contests, boat racing swimming contest, etc. KING NEPTUNE'S CARNIVAL PARADE, Thursday, May 22nd. Excursion tickets on Sale May the 17th to the 24th good to return May the 26th

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See Santa Fe agent for further information.

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A.  
Galveston.

### San Angelo Items.

Miss Allie Roberts went down to Ballinger on a visit to her sister, yesterday afternoon.

Horace Thomson, Jr. brought in a bunch of feed bulls from the Schleicher county ranch Friday.

J. C. Swift of Runnels passed through Wednesday after a bunch of cattle he has in the Thomson Bros. Schleicher county pasture.

C. A. Doose, one of the brightest young land men in West Texas, was up from Ballinger yesterday doing some land record work. He reports that Runnels county was getting in hard shape until the rain Sunday, but thinks business will begin to look up immediately. He says the rain was the finest that has fallen there in eighteen months. —Press.

I want your cigar trade. B. M. Dorsey.

### Maverick.

Quite a number of Ballinger people attended the picnic at Maverick last Saturday, given by the Maverick Public School.

At about 1 o'clock dinner was spread and my, what a fine dinner they did have!

In the evening a base ball game between Norton and Maverick was commenced about 4 o'clock and for awhile was very interesting, but was called in the 7th inning by the umpire on account of Maverick disputing a decision. Bob Lusk, of Ballinger, pitched the game for Norton and in the 7th innings struck out 15 men. Black, the famous pitcher from East Texas, who pitched for Maverick, was batted out of the box in the fifth inning.

The score was 9 to 3 in favor of Norton. Umpire Homer Alexander.

At 8 o'clock a concert was given by the Maverick school children and lasted until 12 o'clock. It was enjoyed by all who attended. SQUIB.

Guion Gregg, in company with Mr. Mochechnie, of San Antonio made a trip to Valley creek and Oak creek one day this week. Guion reports crops and grass growing nicely since the rain.

Master George Clark and Misses Canelia Clark and Grace Hudson of San Saba, arrived Thursday night and are visiting Mrs. R. E. Gregg.

It is said that a local preacher in an adjoining state announced from his pulpit a few Sabbaths ago that on the following Sabbath he would preach on the subject of "Hell and Who will be there." It is said that on the following day he received letters from two saloon men, two editors, two butchers, one groceryman, two coal dealers and one baseball umpire, notifying him that if he dared mention their names in his sermon they would withdraw their support from his church and sue him for slander. —EX.

—Most anything at "The Fair" at a bargain.

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

### A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A Parent's Strong Exception to a Lesson in Physiology.

The disadvantages the social worker has to overcome in diffusing scientific knowledge among the less enlightened are well illustrated by an incident which recently happened in one of the east side settlements. After much difficulty and considerable explanation a class in physiology had been started. The parents of the children who attended the settlement classes regarded the new class with considerable suspicion and doubt. But for some time, by skillful avoidance of dangerous ground, the class work was carried on successfully. At last the functions of the stomach were considered.

The day after the first lesson on the stomach one of the little girls brought a letter to the teacher. This letter, which bore the marks of labored and strenuous composition, was as follows:

Dear Teacher—Pleas don't teach Lizer eny more about the stuffins of her stumck, it ain't necessary, besides its rude.

—New York Tribune.

### Metals That Cost.

One of the most curious of the rare metals is vanadium, which melts at 2,000 degrees F. and is not attacked by either muriatic acid or nitric acid. It increases the ductility of copper and iron and would be very valuable to electro metallurgists on account of the properties named if the price of it were not so high, \$592 a pound. Its chief use at present is for coloring glass.

Uranium is likewise employed in the making of glass and porcelain, though it is expensive, being worth \$86 a pound.

Iridium is valued today at \$780 a pound and is the hardest metal known. It is used for tips of gold pens. Palladium costs \$482 a pound and is employed for astronomical instruments.

Lithium, which is quoted at \$1,100 a pound, is prescribed by doctors for rheumatism—its salts, that is to say—but no use has been found for it outside of medicine.

### Too Brave to Be Killed.

The first white person who made a permanent settlement in the county of Onondaga, N. Y., was Ephraim Webster. He traded with the Indians, became familiar with their language and customs and was for many years Indian agent and interpreter for the Onondagans. It sometimes happened that the Indians, on account of fancied or real wrongs, became offended with him. More than once they threatened his life.

At one time the Indians tied him to a tree and amused themselves by throwing tomahawks to see how near they could come to his head and not hit it. Sometimes the whistling missile grazed his hair. The sport was kept up for more than an hour, during which time Webster did not flinch. His coolness excited the admiration of his tormentors.

### Her Weight in Silver.

On the betrothal of his daughter Herr Duchatschek of Frankfurt, Germany, announced that he would give her as a marriage portion her weight in silver currency. Accordingly on the wedding day recently the bride was formally weighed in the drawing room in the presence of the assembled guests before proceeding to church. The lady turning the scales at sixty-two kilograms (about 137 pounds), a sack was at once filled with silver crowns to the same weight. The exact number of crowns was 13,500, about \$2,715.

### Pawnbroking in Austria.

Pawnbroking in Austria is in the hands of private persons except in the capital, where the emperor since the time of Joseph II. has been the pawnbroker general. The imperial pawning office has lately experienced a complete transformation. Originally formed out of an ancient convent and adjoining church, it long ago became far too small for the volume of business and has been razed and replaced by very fine offices, with spacious auction rooms. Henceforth the interest on loans will never exceed 10 per cent.

### Unconscious Humor.

An Iowan has written to his representative for volumes of The Congressional Record containing obituaries, saying, "There is nothing I read with so much pleasure as obituaries of dead congressmen." The best humor is unconscious.

### FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Jane and Harry and the Dolls That Were Mixed.

Jane and Harry were cousins. Jane did not have any little girl cousin, but she said that Harry was almost as good as a girl cousin because he wore frocks and played with dollies.

And Harry did not have any little boy cousins, but he said that Jane was almost as good as a boy cousin because she could climb fences and shoot marbles.

And that is why they were so happy when Aunt Clara took them both to see the big Christmas tree at her house.

And what do you suppose was on that tree? Why, a top and a ball and a box of tools and a train of cars and a big doll for Harry and a music box and a thimble and a little kitchen and a dollies' bed and a big doll for Jane.

Jane named her doll Maud and Harry named his doll Bessie.

Maud and Bessie were just alike, except that Maud had a pink dress and Bessie's dress was blue.

"Let's put our babies to sleep in my new bed," said Jane.

Then they took off the dollies' dresses and put the dollies to bed.

But, oh, dear, and, oh, dear me, when they wanted to wake them up again they couldn't tell with the dresses off which was Bessie and which was Maud.

And how sad those dollies would have felt with the wrong parents!

Jane was just going to cry about it and Harry was already crying when Aunt Clara came.

She turned the dollies over, and on each dolly's back was a little string with a bead on the end of it. Aunt Clara pulled the string on one dolly, and the dolly said, "Mamma!"

"That must be Maud," said Aunt Clara. "She is calling Jane."

Then she pulled the string on the other dolly, and the dolly said, "Papa!"

"That must be Bess," said Aunt Clara. "She is calling Harry."

Wasn't that the kind of an unty to have?—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### The Nasty Fly.

You see this funny little girl in the picture. Well, what do you think is the matter with her? Shall I tell you? She is frightened at a wasp which came buzzing round. And her screams—you should just have heard them! And her mother and nurse and the cook all came running out to see what was the matter with her.

They found her jammed tightly into a corner of the porch with her



BADLY FRIGHTENED.

eyes very big and her arm raised to protect her little nose.

"Why, Violet, what is the matter?" said her mother.

"Oh, oh, oh!" sobbed Violet. "The nasty fly! He will sting me! Look, there he is!"

And when they looked, sure enough there was the wasp flying about the flowers and quite four yards away from her. Now, wasn't she a silly little girl?

### Ancient Works of Bronze.

The use and application of metal work and decoration, both as fixtures for appliances and useful domestic articles, are very ancient. We find records of bronze being extensively used by the Greeks and Romans, Greece especially bringing the arts of working bronze to perfection. Not only are works of colossal form produced by them in this metal, but the ornaments of their temples, doors, weapons, armor and the prows of their galleys were made of it. They had also a process of hardening and tempering bronze which enabled them to make this metal into many implements requiring a keen edge, such as axes, saws, and so on.

### CONDENSED STORIES.

There Was Plenty of Room Ashore For the "Gentlemen."

J. S. V. Oddie, secretary of the New York Yacht club, who died the other day, was one of the first to make it understood to some of the members of the club that the international yacht races for the America's cup were sailed for the benefit of the general public and not for the exclusive amusement of a few of the club members. When the races were first revived about twelve years ago, all the newspapers did not go to the expense of sending special tugs. One representative from each paper was welcomed on the committee's tug, which was in charge of Mr. Oddie. One morning J. Frederick Tams, a yacht designer, boarded the committee boat with two friends, who had not been invited, and, looking around on the group of newspaper men, he said to Mr. Oddie:

"Why, there seem to be more reporters aboard than gentlemen."

"Well," responded Mr. Oddie quietly, "there is plenty of room ashore."—Philadelphia Press.

### Uncle Russ' New Hat.

"We may freely accord Russell Sage the distinction of being one of the most unpretentious of our great men," said Mr. J. Edward Simmons. "Nevertheless I once saw



MR. SAGE STRAIGHTENED UP.

him in Nassau street with just the suspicion of a swagger. As he came out of his office building an irrepressible street urchin ran along the curb, howling to a comrade:

"Hi, Dinny, your Uncle Russ is wearin' a new hat!"

"Mr. Sage straightened up perceptibly, no doubt with secret pride."—New York Times.

### Didn't Lose Much.

Colonel William Greene Sterett of Texas, Washington and the world in general used to sit in a poker game in his native state, where it is related the passions of the players were frequently expressed by violent means. Casualties in Texas poker games were not uncommon in those days. The enemies of Colonel Sterett relate with glee that on one occasion just as the morning sun was reddening the horizon the warrior emerged from the game and into the street with a haggard and harried look. A friend, or perhaps an enemy, meeting him at the crisis, clapped him on the back and said:

"Well, Colonel Bill, how much did you lose?"

"Not very much," replied Colonel Bill wearily; "\$8 and an uncle."

### Don't Be a Knocker.

The following is going the rounds in the Kansas newspapers. It is good advice anywhere. Read it and see:

If there is any chance to boom business, boom it. Don't be a knocker. Don't pull a long face and get sour in your stomach. Get a smile on you. Hold up your head. Get a hold with both hands. Then pull. Bury your hatchet. Drop your tomahawk. Hide your little hammer. When a stranger drops in, jolly him. Tell him this is the greatest town on earth. It is. Don't get mulish. Don't roast. Just jolly. No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down. No man ever got rich trying to make people believe that he was the only good man on earth. You can't climb the ladder of fame by stepping on other people's corns. They are their corns, not yours, and they're tender. Keep off the corns.

**THE DROUTH BROKEN.**

**Heaviest Rain Since September 1900.**

The drouth in Western Texas was broken last Sunday evening by the heaviest rain that has fallen since September 1900. At Ballinger, rain began falling at 4:45 and within fifteen minutes the earth was covered. A brisk wind and light hail accompanied the beginning of the rain but ended with the first shower, after which a slow rain began and continued until 3 o'clock next morning. Everything has been thoroughly soaked, and everybody has been made happy. The rain extended over several counties.

At Paint Rock and Eden we learn that the rainfall amounted to 4.02 inches.

This country is assured of a fine crop of grass and hay and the chances are good for a splendid all-round crop—excepting wheat and oats, the yield of which will be light on account of the rain being too late.

Western Texas will now blossom and flourish like an irrigated flower garden and a new era of prosperity will dawn.

**Extracts From Report on Texas by the New York Chamber of Commerce.**

"Texas is the only state temperature, humidity and soil are equally suited to the distinctive southern crops in conjunction with all the grains, fruits and forage plants of the more northern states, and likewise to the prolific breeding of all kinds of farm animals."

"Texas is a state of such magnificent distances—an empire within itself—that a proper investigation of its mineral resources would require not a few days, but a few years. It would require considerable hardihood to definitely state that any mineral is lacking. \* \* \* In every section we found a vast amount of matter indicating the existence of various economic minerals, and in almost every section it seems to me that further exploration is warranted."

"The natural resources of Texas as a lumber state are very hard to equal in this country, and the natural conditions seem to be very attractive for the investment of capital. But the great capital necessary to operate a large lumbering plant to the best advantage cannot easily be brought together except in the corporate form and legislation hostile to foreign corporations must necessarily tend to discourage them from subjecting themselves to it."

"When these stable conditions as to the supply of labor shall have been reached by the evolution of a sufficiently large and properly skilled artisan class, Texas will have a very important advantage over other sections in the relatively low cost of living, which inevitably results in correspondingly low prices of labor. It is an unshakable fact that because of climate and physical reason the actual necessities of life cost less and will always cost less in the Southern than in the Northern States. When Southern manufacturing industries have at command an artisan class of persistent industry and highly developed skill, they will have a decided advantage in labor costs."

**Hail Storm at Sonora.**

Last Monday afternoon C. L. Beckett and ye editor went out to the ranch of O. T. Word. When we left town there was not a sign of a storm visible. While out at the ranch about 6 o'clock, we noticed a heavy black cloud between that place and Sonora; at 6:30 o'clock we started for home; a mile this side of the ranch we saw that it had rained slightly; all through the Barksdale pasture there had been a heavy rain. But when we reached the five mile post from Sonora we found a remarkable state of affairs, it was fully an hour after the storm had passed, but the hail, in the road was at least half an inch deep, and out on the hill-side it looked like a heavy fall of snow, and in some places the hail was two and three inches deep; the severest part of the storm appeared to have extended toward town for about two miles, and Bob Wyatt's house must have been in the very center of it.—Sonora Sun.

"Today the House passed 149 private pension bills." Of course every bill presented was passed, of course also, no questions were asked, as every member is accorded the privilege of pensioning any friend he may select, and no member objects, because all are in the same boat, and all want to pension as many voters in their districts as possible. We send men to the penitentiary for robbery and re-elect men to Congress for the same offense. But, they tell us there is no harm in robbing the government, because they all do it. More is the pity.—Farm & Ranch.

**Pined Him \$100.**

Dr. W. K. Lewis returned from Fisher county Wednesday, where he was called to testify in the case of Riley Trent, charged with violating the state livestock sanitary laws. Mr. Trent is alleged to have driven 400 head of cattle from Fisher to Lubbock county last fall in defiance of the Livestock Sanitary Board's rules and regulations, and was under indictment therefor. The case was tried in Fisher county Tuesday, and Mr. Trent was assessed \$100 and costs. It is said the case will be appealed.—West Texas Stockman.

We have heard no one complain of the damage done by the hail as all realize that the rain accompanying it recompenses a thousand times for the harm. Some cotton in the wake of the storm may have to be planted again, but it is thought that corn and oats are not materially injured.—Sweetwater Reporter.

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

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**Editor Who Made a Mistake.**

A Southern Kansas editor innocently contradicted a report that a young woman in his county was about to throw up her job as school teacher in order to get married. "She is not that kind of a girl," said the editor, intending to convey the idea that she would not break a contract. But the girl saw it in a different light and wrote to him hotly. "I don't know," she said "as it is any of your business, but I give you to understand that I am not the kind of a girl you say. I can get married if I want to."—Kansas City Journal.

The following passage from an unknown exchange contains a vast deal of wisdom and sound sense. "What helps me, helps all. The thing to do is to stand together and help one another. Help the town and you help yourself. The prosperity of one is the prosperity of all. Pull down your neighbor and you hurt yourself. Put a wire across the path of progress and you break your own neck. Jump onto the rich man and you'll be poor indeed. Oppress the poor and you'll suffer from poverty. Be hopeful, big-hearted, broad-gauged. There is nothing hurts the town, the people and the business more than the presence of the narrow contracted cross between a glue pot and a vinegar barrel, who never spends a dollar for his or any other one's comfort."

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FLORENCE, S. C., Nov. 26, 1900.—I was first advised by our family physician in Charleston to use TEETHINA with our baby when he was but a very young infant, as a preventive of colic and to warm and sweeten the stomach. Later it was useful in teething troubles, and its effect has been found to be so very beneficial and so free from dangers that are consequent upon the use of drugs and soothing syrups, that we have come to regard it, after use with three children, as one of the necessities when there is a new baby in the house and until the teething troubles are over, and we take pleasure in recommending it to our friends instead of the horrid stuff that so many people use to keep their baby quiet. HARTWELL M. AYER, (Manager Daily Times and Weekly Times-Messenger.)

**Santa Fe Excursion Rates.**  
Homeseekers' Excursion to California, first and third Tuesdays of March, April and May 1902. See Santa Fe agent for rate and limit.  
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.  
State Volunteer Firemen's Association, Waco Texas, May 14th, to 16th. Limit May 17th, 1902. Rate convention plan.  
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.  
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.  
Tourist rates, Sulphur Spring, I. T. See Santa Fe agent for particulars.  
Centennial Celebration Salem Female Academy, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 22 to 29, limit June 3, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip.  
Annual Meeting Southern Educational Association, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 1st to 4th, limit July 8, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip plus \$2.  
State Epworth League Convention, Ft. Worth, Texas, May 16th to 18th limit May 19th rate on the convention plan.  
Mexican War Veterans Association, Ft. Worth Texas, May 20th and 21st limit May 22nd, rate on the convention plan. See Agent.  
Southern Students Conference Y. M. C. A., Ashville, N. C. June 14 to 23 and Annual Conference Y. M. C. A. June 13 to 23, limit June 29, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip.  
Reunion Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Bryan Texas, June 27th and 28th limit June 29th, rate on convention plan.  
Monteagle Sunday School Institute, Monteagle, Tenn., August 11th to 23rd, rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip. See Santa Fe agents for return limit.  
—Pure cider made from wine sap apples at Miller Mercantile Co. opposite postoffice. Phone 45.  
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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.

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#### 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.

### 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.

#### Was Probably Applauded.

An opera singer who is separated from her husband and who is asking the court for the custody of their child accuses the unhappy man of being mentally incapacitated—in evidence of which she relates how on one occasion, when she sang "The Holy City," he "howled like a dog or a maniac." But there are those who would not regard such conduct in such circumstances as proof of insanity.—Providence Journal.

#### 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.

The following card of thanks appeared in a reputable Illinois publication: "We desire to return our thanks to our neighbors who assisted in the death of our mother."  
(Signed, J.P. — and family.)

#### 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.

Beaumont had a \$60,000 fire Monday. The Southern Pacific freight depot burned.

#### Spring Ailments.

There is an aching and tired feeling; the liver, bowels and kidneys become sluggish and inactive, the digestion impaired, with little or no appetite, no ambition for anything, and a feeling that the whole body and mind needs toning up. The trouble is, that during winter, there has been an accumulation of waste matter in the system. Herbine will remove it, secure to the secretions a right exit, and by its tonic effect, fully restore the wasted tissues and give strength in place of weakness. 50c by E. D. Walker, Druggist.

### 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.

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#### 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

#### Had Read Them All.

They had just met, and conversation was somewhat fitful. Finally he decided to guide it into literary channels, where he was more at home, and, turning to his companion, asked:

"Are you fond of literature?"  
"Passionately," she replied.  
"I love books dearly."

"Then you must admire Sir Walter Scott," he exclaimed, with sudden animation. "Is not his 'Lady of the Lake' exquisite in its flowing grace and poetic imagery? Is it not?"

"It is perfectly lovely," she assented, clasping her hands in ecstasy. "I suppose I have read it a dozen times."

"And Scott's 'Marmion,'" he continued, "with its rugged simplicity and marvelous description—one can almost smell the heather on the heath while perusing its splendid pages."

"It is perfectly grand," she murmured.

"And Scott's 'Peveril of the Peak' and his noble 'Bride of Lammermoor'—where in the English language will you find anything more heroic than his grand auld Scottish characters and his graphic, forceful pictures of feudal times and customs? You like them, I am sure."

"I just dote upon them," she replied.

"And Scott's Emulsion"—he continued hastily, for a faint suspicion was beginning to dawn upon him.

"I think," she interrupted rashly, "that it's the best thing he ever wrote."—Profitable Advertising.

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### World Wide Reputation.

White's Cream Vermifuge has achieved a world wide reputation as being the best of all worm destroyers, and for its tonic influence on weak and unthrifty children, as it neutralizes the acidity or sourness of the stomach, improves their digestion, and assimilation of food, strengthens their nervous system and restores them to the health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. 25c by E. D. Walker Druggist.

The general opinion among leading republicans is that Postmaster General Henry C. Payne will succeed Senator Hanna as chairman of the republican National committee.

#### For those Who Live on Farms.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns." Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 by E. D. Walker Drug-

Potter Palmer, for nearly half a century one of Chicago's most prominent business men, died Sunday evening at his residence on Lake Shore drive. He left an estate valued at \$25,000,000.

#### 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. Its pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles. For sale by E. D. Walker.

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

### THE MASS OF HUMANITY comprises two Classes,—those whose Individual Characteristics enable them to command situations and those whom situations govern.

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

#### Cures When Doctors Fail.

Mrs. Frank Chiasson, Patterson La., writes June 8th, 1901: "I had malaria fever in very bad form, was under treatment by doctors, but as soon as I stopped taking their medicine the fever would return. I used a sample bottle of Herbine, found it helped me. Then bought two bottles which completely cured me. I feel grateful to you for furnishing such a splendid medicine, and can honestly recommend it to those suffering from malaria, as it will surely cure them." Herbine, 50c bottle at E. D. Walker's, Druggist.

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R. L. Bennett, the stenographer, visited Miles Monday on business.

Misses Edna and Katharoin Meyers spent Tuesday at Miles, visiting friends.

The rock work on T. S. Lankford's building is completed and the wood work begun.

Homer Alexander is winning quite a reputation throughout the county as an umpire.

Dr. W. F. Key, of Bronte, is a new cash subscriber. We are pleased to add his name to the list.

Mrs. Webb and children recently from Content, rented and moved into a residence on college hill this week.

Tom Osteen has quit the restaurant business temporarily, at least. He has stored his fixtures and is taking a rest.

The Ballinger boys who attended the Maverick picnic are anxious to go out there again. Maverick is blessed with pretty girls.

Pickens Butler came near losing an eye Wednesday. He was nailing a cross on a telephone pole when a nail flew up and struck him in the eye. He is taking a lay-off until the eye becomes less painful.

The State Epworth League Conference will be held at Fort Worth on May 16th-18th. A splendid program has been arranged and in all probability it will be the best League conference ever held. Bishops Candler, Galloway and Fitzgerald are on the program and will be there to participate in the services. All Leaguers who can should attend.

Mrs. J. A. Forbes reports the Epworth League conference at Blanket last week a brilliant success. Ballinger came within one vote of getting the conference next year, and as Mrs. Forbes was Ballinger's only delegate she doubtless was a good one, in that she came so near having the conference meet here. The next conference will be in Goldthwaite.

—If you can't see good take your eyes around to Jas. E. Brewer and have him to fit them with a pair of periscopic lenses. They are the best.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy.

## Epworth League Program.

SUNDAY, MAY 11.

The following is last Sunday's program, but on account of inclement weather there were no League services and it will be the program for next Sunday:

Subject—Prayer a necessity.  
Leader—Mr Brewer.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Scripture Lesson—Matt. 26, 36-46.

References.  
2 Chron. 7-14—Miss Sammie Padgett.

1 Thes. 5, 17-18—Mrs. Brewer.  
God's willingness to answer prayer, Matt. 21, 22—Mrs. Shuffler.

2 Chron. 7-15—Mr. Dickinson.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Benediction

## Real Estate Transfers.

S. B. Raby et ux. to J. B. Alvis, lots 4 and 5 in block 3. Miller addition to Ballinger, \$200.

J. T. Osteen et ux. to Glover & Shaw, lot 7, block 8, Ballinger, \$1,842.

F. M. Honea & J. Rutherford to G. G. Odom, lot 4, block 104, Ballinger, \$170.

Otto Vogelsang et ux. to Mrs. Eliza Smith, 9 acres out of E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co. \$54.

W. A. Davis to Will Vaughn, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 107, Ballinger, \$1 and other considerations.

Prof. J. M. Skinner, superintendent for the past nine years of the San Marcos public schools, was here this week and made application for the superintendency of the Ballinger public school. He is a half brother of C. P. Shepherd.

Miss Willie Proctor, from Alvord, arrived this week and made application for a position as teacher in the public schools. She was the guest of Rev. C. M. Shuffler and family.

Miss Hattie Love left for her home at Florence on Thursday's train, after having assisted in the successful term of school which closed last week.

Miss Mary McInnis, of Brownwood, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city. She is an applicant for a place in the public schools.

J. S. Baker and wife of La Grange, Arkansas, are in the city visiting Mr. Baker's brother, D. M. Baker, and family.

There is a big picnic at Wigate today. The candidates and a number of other Ballinger people will attend.

## F. Ramsel

Blacksmith and Wood Work,

Prices Reasonable and good work rendered. All custom appreciated.

HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY  
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Having made

## A Change in Business

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.

Mr. Cusenberry, a ranchman and citizen of Talpa, was in the city Thursday.

Dr. W. B. Halley is attending the State Medical Association at Dallas this week.

Joe Wilmeth spent Wednesday in San Angelo on business, returning that evening.

W. B. Hughes has been employed to teach the Runnels school for the coming year.

E. Markowitz, of the firm of L. Markowitz & Bro., is here from Galveston this week.

Joe Ostertag made a business trip to Brownwood Thursday evening, returning last night.

W. H. Avery, a hustling young business man of Winters was here Thursday and visited the Banner-Leader.

Miss Ola Echols closed her music class and returned Tuesday to her home, nine miles south of town.

Miss Annie Morgan, of Norton, left on Thursday's train for Brownwood where she will visit friends for a few days.

The W. C. T. U. meets next Monday evening at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock. All members requested to be present.

C. R. Crews received direct from the factory this week a handsome high-grade, made-to-order buggy. It was ordered by local dealers.

Dr. W. E. Chilton, house surgeon of St. Joseph's Infirmary at Worth, arrived this week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chilton. He will spend a month in this country before returning to Fort Worth.

Charlie Gallagher arrived Wednesday night from the Territory, where he had been with a train load of cattle. He made three trips and lost 400 head of cattle on account of long runs. He made one run of seventy-two hours without stopping to feed

## City Council.

The city council was in session Tuesday night with the following officers present: J. W. Powell, Mayor; J. F. Lusk, J. R. McVay, W. J. Miller and J. A. Ostertag, Aldermen.

The council awarded Van Peit & Kirk the contract for making three oil storage tanks, their bids being lowest. The tanks are to be made of 20 lb. iron and have a capacity of 4000 gallons each.

The resignation of W. A. Glenn, city engineer, to take effect May 15th was accepted, and J. P. Huffaker was appointed city engineer at a salary of \$40 per month.

J. F. Lusk was added to the street committee until after the election, to succeed P. E. Truly, who moved away.

The council ordered that on election be held at the court house on May 22 for the election of one alderman to fill the unexpired term of P. E. Truly resigned.

—Visit "The Fair" for bargains.

—See Bowden for bargains in crockery.

*Fresh vegetables received three and four times a week at Miller Mercantile Co's.*

—How about your eyes? Do you need glasses? If so get a pair from Jas. E. Brewer. He has just received a new lot of all kinds.

A. M. Miller, of Ballinger, a prominent cattle man, is in the city.

M. C. Cobb, a prominent confectioner and newsdealer of Ballinger, is in the city today on business.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

As a result of the meeting held last Monday evening in the interest of the oil mill movement, committees are at work and stock is being subscribed to the enterprise. The energy of the committee and the success with which they are meeting is indicative of success and in next issue of the Voice we hope to be able to report that the mill will be built.—Coleman Voice.

## 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.

State Epworth League Convention (colored) Austin Texas. Date of sale May 19th. Convention rates.

Meeting Texas Millers Assn., New Braunfels, Texas. One and one third fares for round trip. Dates of sale May 12th.



## No Fooling

About our statement as to qualities. The

## Confectionery

We offer is just as pure and delicious as we say it is.

## Ten Cents

Will enable you to test any of these delightful productions. That small sum will purchase 1-4 pound of the best candies made. Our candies are always perfectly fresh, enough here to supply all demands but no surplus to remain on hand and lose flavor.

## A. HALL.

## HOT and COLD BATHS

Easy Shaves

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Jim Dancer's

## BARBER SHOP

# Headquarters for Everything

## Attention

We desire to announce to the people of Ballinger and Runnels county that no firm is better prepared to fill your wants in Dry Goods, Groceries and Feed Stuff than ourselves.

## Dry Goods

We have a Full Line of New Spring Goods, fresh from the Eastern Markets. We paid Cash and got them at a Bargain and so can sell cheaper than others.

## Groceries

In this line we have no superiors. We can furnish you with anything from a picnic lunch to a dinner fit for a king. Once our customer always our customer

## Feed Stuff

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

# The DAVIS-NOYES CO.,