

# BANNER - LEADER.

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NO 10.

## The White Store. R. A. Risser & Co.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

For the month of December we are offering exceptional values in Seasonable Merchandise, most of it at less than manufacturers' cost. Call and examine these bargains.

The Jane Hopkins Boys Clothing, the finest and best made in the United States. A fortunate purchase for us, good thing for the customers. The styles are Russian Blouse, Norfolk and Double Breasted. All absolutely wool, sizes from 3 to 16 years old. Prices \$2.90, \$2.75 and.....**\$2.25**  
Gentlemen and Young Mens' Suits in the square cuts, box back in the finest textures, made by the best artists in the tailor parlors. Our prices are a special inducement, value \$18 and \$15, only \$11.50 and.....**\$9.50**

Arrived this week, Ladies latest designs in the French Kersey New Empire Model Coats in the finest qualities. Colors tan, black and castor. Prices are very much less than early in the season. \$12.50, \$9.50 and.....**\$8.50**  
Closing out all of our Misses Cloaks and coats. We have some nice ones in Broadcloth, Kersseys and Fancy Mixtures.  
Closing all our Ladies Coat Suits at less than cost of material.

54 inch French Broadcloth; black, navy blue grey only 75c. 54 inch American Broadcloth black, wine, green, grey 59c. 54 inch all wool Suiting in the popular shades of grey 59c. All of our Kid Gloves. 1.25 and 1.50 qualities at only 1.00. A real bargain, Ladies fine gauge black hose, embroidered only 15c.  
Have you seen those fine Fur Collars 72 inches long for only 1.50.  
No where in the United States can you buy such merchandise as we offer you for less.

Respectfully,

**R. A. RISSER & CO.**

### Harris-Young.

Mr. Wm. Harris and Miss Maud Young were married last Sunday morning in the Norton country at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weaver, Rev. Ben Sullivan officiating. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Weaver and was out on a visit from Hamilton county when Mr. Harris, also of Hamilton, came up and they were quietly married and left from this point on the train Wednesday for Hamilton. The Banner-Leader joins in congratulations.

R. A. Terry came home first of the week from a trip to southern and eastern Texas.

Pickens Butler is at home this week on a visit to home folks and Ballinger friends.

W. E. Rich, of Bangs, Texas, was prospecting in our section this week.

Mrs. Will Francis and little babe came in on the 11:45 train Tuesday from Glasscock county where they had been visiting relatives and friends the past three weeks.

C. S. MILLER,  
President.

R. A. SMITH,  
Vice-President.

E. D. WALKER,  
Cashier.

## The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

**Paid up Capital \$60,000.00.**

Transact a general banking business,  
Buy Vendor Lien Notes,  
Loan money on Real Estate,  
Performs all business pertaining to a Trust Company.  
We bid you to open an account with us.  
Authorized to do business under the new banking law of the State of Texas.

J. A. Lambert and daughters of Bronte were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

The prices are made to fit every one, on Eastman Kodaks. Sold at Walker Drug Co.

J. W. Wilson and wife of Winters, passed through our city Monday enroute home from San Angelo.

Alvis Bros. received this week a car of genuine Ribbon Cane Syrup. Call and try some of it.

P. H. Williams, one of the prosperous stock farmers of the Winters-Wingate Country, was doing business in our city first of the week.

Mrs. R. S. Griggs left Monday for a visit of several weeks to her parents and friends at Gatesville. We predict the County Attorney will follow soon.

NOTICE—We have just received the nicest line of Eastman Kodak ever in Ballinger.  
Walker Drug Co.

We are sorry to note our neighbor John Dunn, of West End, on the sick list this week. Friend Dunn you will have to be careful about working (?) too hard in your old days.

Now is the time to get you a Eastman Kodak at Walker Drug Co.

No. 77, the afternoon passenger train Tuesday, was seven hours late in reaching the city. The delay was caused by main line misconnections.

### A Center Shot.

An exchange gives an account of a man going into an implement house to inspect some buggies with a view of buying one. After looking at some good buggies and pricing them the man said that he could send to Chicago and beat that price. The implement dealer said he had a better buggy upstairs, a better grade than the Chicago buggy for less money. The prospective buyer asked to see the buggy. "No, you can't see it," said the dealer. "You don't see the Chicago buggy before buying and you send the money in advance. You can't see my buggy until you pay me the cash." The man saw the point, purchased a good buggy and went away with the resolve to patronize his own merchants thereafter.

Mrs. Parden and daughter of the Baldwin country were trading here Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Owens left Saturday for Ballinger and Temple after visiting in the city for a few days with friends.—San Angelo Standard.

## The Most for Your Money

Is what you can depend on at the old reliable, STUBBS & HARTMAN. We do not make a leader of a few things and then rob you on everything else, but our prices are uniform and the same to everyone—bed rock all the time. Representations are easily made, but we ask to have the opportunity of proving our statements. Our Grocery department is always complete and nothing but the best. Our line of Racket Goods are just what you want. Give us a trial.

**Stubbs & Hartman**

Go to THE CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., Ballinger, Tex as for certified Abstracts of Title. We guarantee all our work to be accurate, neat and up-to-date. We also have many improved places for sale at bargains and unimproved lands in any size tract on small cash payment and long time. Call and see us.

CHAS. S. MILLER ABSTRACT CO., BALLINGER, TEXAS

## Are you going to visit The Old Homestead During The Holidays?

Special Low Rates, Fast Trains, Elegant Equipment  
Via



To

Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Nashville, Chattanooga, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Atchison, St. Joseph. In addition we will sell to many other points in the Old States, East of the Mississippi River.

One trip will convince you of our  
**SUPERIOR SERVICE**

JOHN F. LEHANE,  
Gen. F. and P. Ag't  
Tyler, Texas.

D. M. MORGAN,  
Traveling Pass. Ag't  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Write the under-  
signed if you expect  
to return home for  
the Holidays; a postal  
card will do. We  
will be glad to answer  
all inquiries.

R. C. FYFE,  
Asst. G. F. & P. Ag't  
Tyler, Texas.

GUS HOOVER,  
Traveling Pass. Ag't  
Waco, Texas.

### McGinnis Transfer.

Does a general transfer and baggage business. Carriage to answer all calls day or night. If the train is late he will call for you just in time to catch it. Leave your orders or Phone 110 and take a nap before the 12:05. M. W. McGinnis, Prop.

At a recent meeting of the West Texas Press association a resolution was passed requesting every newspaper man in the territory to petition his congressman to support a measure to stop the government from printing envelopes in competition with local printers. A similar resolution will be presented to the State Press association next spring when it meets in Corpus Christi. We think this competition should be stopped as the printing does not pay the government a cent, as they do the work at cost, thereby diverting it from its legitimate channels.

### Notice to Patrons.

All parties owing the firm of Grant and Allred are kindly requested to meet them at Winters Friday Dec. 15th prepared to settle, as all unpaid amounts unless satisfactory arrangement is made by that time, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

Respectfully,  
Grant and Allred.

Our friend Aug. Stephan tells us it is a fact that he will soon put in an electric light plant at Miles. We are sorry to see Mr. Stephan leave our city but wish him all kinds of success in his new venture.

L. Daugherty, the Hylton merchant, was doing business in our city Monday and was sporting a fine team of match black horses which were beauties.

### Report of Water Works Department.

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 1 1905.  
Hon. Mayor and City Council:  
Ballinger, Texas.

Sirs:—For the month of November, 1905, I have the honor to report the condition of the Water Works Department as follows:

COLLECTIONS.	
Household use	\$280.30
Irrigation	51.50
Business, Mfg. & etc	232.25
Total	564.45
Less pipes rebate	6.80

Net cash paid treasurer \$557.25 for which receipt is herewith presented.

The only item of expense for fuel is one car of fuel oil that cost \$106.25.

The supply of water is again getting low and to be prepared for an emergency in case the water should give out I would respectfully urge upon the Council the immediate necessity of determining when the additional supply of water is to be obtained, and of placing an order for new boiler and pump. The city can purchase the boiler and pump direct from the manufacturers as cheap as any one else can buy them also the water mains can be bought by the factory at as low a price as they can be bought by a contractor and I am strongly of the opinion that the city, through her officers can purchase and install all new machinery and lay all water mains in a thorough and up-to-date manner much cheaper and in a more satisfactory manner with home labor than can be done by contract.

Respectfully,  
John Hoffer,  
Superintendent water works.

### 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 Oct. 2, 1905, in calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

Mr. W. W. Arnett  
Miss Alley Bailey.  
J. E. Chitty  
Lon Dean Esq.  
Mr. Lon Dean  
Mr. Charlie Harris  
Mrs. R. L. Long  
Joe A. Owen  
Jim T. Robinson  
H. C. Roy  
Miss Niener Stroumb.  
Mrs. Jennie Wood

### This is No Joke.

Hunt's cure has saved more people from the "Old Scratch" than any other known agent simply because it makes scratching entirely unnecessary. One application relieves any form of itching skin disease that ever afflicted mankind. One box guaranteed to cure any one case.

If you want the best Ribbon Cane Syrup every brought to Ballinger see Alvis Bros.

Try those nice, large fresh oysters at the City Meat Market Always on hand and always fresh.

J. H. Miller, a former citizen of our city but now of Lampasas who had been here to visit his daughters Mesdames Sam Baker, Jack Guy and Hugh Parramore and to look after business matters left for home Monday. He says he likes his new home but says Ballinger and Runnels county can not be beat for push, energy and progress.

## Holley Ranch.

We have just finished subdividing the Holley ranch on the head waters of Elm creek near Truitt into tracts of 90 acres and upwards, which we are selling on terms of one-half cash, the remainder of the purchase money due on or before 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 years.

Do not miss this opportunity of getting a home.  
For particulars call on us at our office.

## C. A. Doose & Co.

### Free Advertising.

Contractors, carpenters and skilled craftsmen do very little advertising in the country press, yet many newspaper men are continually handing them free bouquets. A contractor who will not pay a year for his card in his home newspaper is certainly not entitled to free notices of the work he is doing, yet how often do we read that "Thomas Thompson, the well known farmer of Blank township is having an elegant residence built. James Simpson, who has erected so many fine buildings in this vicinity, has the contract." Did it ever occur to you that such little puffs are worth hundreds of dollars to a man who doesn't spend a dollar with you in a year outside of his subscription money? Mr. Thompson's house deserved mention, not only because it made an item of real news, but because every man who builds a fine house improves the appearance of the country and enhances the value of property in his neighborhood. Mr. Simpson, however, should pay for an advertise of his merit.—Chronicle.

Mrs. J. R. Dickie brought to this office last Wednesday one of the finest Chrysanthemums we have seen this year. It with a number of others were sent to her from the Ballinger Flower Show by her daughter Mrs. Robt. Griggs. The flower show at Ballinger is said to have been very fine and if we are to take the flowers sent here by Mrs. Griggs as a sample we know that it was.—Gatesville Messenger.

### Notice.

Any cattle you may see or hear of with the ring trail brand please leave word at Banner Leader office and oblige  
Josie McKenzie.

The cheerful man is the hardest to down. When you get a man discouraged, you have him beaten. Hold your head up and face the difficulties and obstacles of the present if you would conquer. Remember that all the great reforms of history, all the great inventions and discoveries, all the great masterpieces of literature, art or music were wrought with opposition and in the face of what seemed insuperable difficulties. It takes opposition to make the man. Brace up and look the world in the face. Be an optimist, if you would succeed, if you would be happy, if you would have friends, if you would live long and make life pleasant for yourself and others.. —Ex.

W. G. Churchill, the Brownwood Compress man was looking after the compress here first of the week.

W. S. Davis, of Miles, brother of our Walter Davis, was in our city first of the week.

Miss Kate Spencer came home last Saturday from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Temple, Yoakum and other eastern points.

**GOLD OR SILVER WATCH**  
Suits of Clothes, Ladies Skirt or Shirt Waists, Shoes, Silverware & other useful articles ABSOLUTELY FREE  
Simply send us a Postal with your name and address plainly written and we will send you full particulars how to obtain any of the above FREE.  
THE ONTARIO SEED CO., RICHMOND, VA.  
Mention this paper when writing.

**HOLLISTER'S  
Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets**  
A Bony Medicine for Busy People.  
Brings Golden Health and Renowned Vigor.  
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form. 25 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis.  
GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

**ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE**  
Must copy in the Southwest. All the latest songs, marches, ballads, etc. HALF PRICE. All publications. Kansas, Oregon, Idaho, Oklahoma, etc. We handle Everything Musical. Write for catalogue and prices. Book of "Old Time Songs" FREE. GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

# YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

Should be placed where it will be safe, where you can get accommodations when you need them, where you will receive courteous treatment at all times. Our reputation for the above is established. Give us a trial.

The Citizens  
National  
Bank.

**Citation by Publication.**

STATE OF TEXAS.  
To the Sheriff or and Constable  
of Rnnels County—greet-  
ing:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-  
ED to summon the Unknown  
Heirs of Lawrence Martin,  
Deceased, whose name and place  
of residence are unknown to  
Plaintiff, by making publication  
of this Citation once in each week  
for eight successive weeks previ-  
ous to the return day hereof,  
in some newspaper published in  
your County, if there be a news-  
paper published therein, but if  
not, then in any newspaper pub-  
lished in the 35th Judicial Dis-  
trict; but if there be no news-  
paper published in said Judicial  
District, then in a newspaper  
published in the nearest District  
to said 35th Judicial District,  
to appear at the next regular term  
of the District Court of Rnnels  
County, to be holden at the  
Court House thereof, in Ballinger  
on the First Monday in March  
A. D. 1906, the same being the  
5th day of March A. D. 1906,  
then and there to answer a  
petition filed in said Court on  
the 3rd day of Nov. A. D. 1905,  
in a suit, numbered on the docket  
of said Court No. 760, wherein  
H. C. Wylie is Plaintiff, and the  
Unknown Heirs of Lawrence  
Martin, deceased are Defendants,  
and said petition alleging:—  
The State of Texas,  
County of Rnnels. ) In District  
Court, March Term, 1906.

To the Honorable District Court  
of Rnnels County, Texas:

H. C. Wylie, who resides in  
the County and State aforesaid,  
hereinafter styled Plaintiff, com-  
plaining of the UNKNOWN HEIRS  
of Lawrence Martin, deceased,  
whose names and place of resi-  
dence are unknown to Plaintiff,  
represents: That heretofore, to-  
wit, on or about the 1st day of  
January 1905, Plaintiff was then  
and is now lawfully seized and  
possessed, holding the same by  
fee simple title, as hereinafter

shown, the following described  
tract of land, to-wit: 960 acres  
originally granted to Lawrence  
Martin, by virtue of Certitiate  
No. 3286, and patented to the  
HEIRS of LAWRENCE MARTIN,  
deceased, on the 11th day of  
February 1882, by Patent No.  
347 Volume No. 16, Abstract No.  
381, Survey No. 441, situated in  
Rnnels County, Texas. That  
Plaintiff has been so seized and  
possessed of said land under  
General Warranty Deeds duly  
recorded in the Deed Records of  
Rnnels County, Texas, and pay-  
ing all taxes due upon said land  
up to the date of the filing of  
this suit and in actual, peaceable  
and adverse possession of said  
tract of land, having the same  
enclosed by good and lawful  
fence, cultivating, using and en-  
joying the same for the period  
of more than five years next  
preceding the filing of this suit  
and that Plaintiff's said title to  
said land has long since been  
perfected by the five years  
statute of limitations herein  
pleaded and asserted:

Plaintiff further alleges that  
he has been in the actual, peace-  
able, and adverse possession of  
said tract of land, having the  
same enclosed by good and law-  
ful fence, cultivating, using and  
enjoying the same for the period  
of more than ten years next  
preceding the filing of this suit,  
and that Plaintiff's said title to  
said land has long since been  
perfected by the ten years  
statute of limitations herein  
pleaded and asserted. That on  
or about the said 1st day of  
January 1905, while Plaintiff  
was so lawfully seized and  
possessed of said land, holding  
the same under the title herein-  
before pleaded, the UNKNOWN  
HEIRS of the said Lawrence  
Martin, deceased, Defendants  
herein, asserted and are now  
asserting some pretended claim  
of title in and to said land, the  
exact nature of which is un-  
known to Plaintiff, which has  
cast a cloud upon Plaintiff's title  
to said land and disturbed his  
peaceable possession thereto, to  
his great damage;

Wherefore, premises consid-  
ered, Plaintiff prays that Defend-  
ants be cited by publication, in  
manner and form as required by  
law in such case made and pro-  
vided, to answer herein, and that  
on final hearing hereof he have  
judgment against said Defend-  
ants for the recovery of title  
to said land, and that said cloud

**Ed T. Rucker,**

Civil Engineer

Off. over Glover & Cobb's,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Has had 35 years' experience  
in surveying, conveyancing and  
abstracting land titles in central  
Texas. Special attention will be  
given laying out irrigation, water  
works and similar plants and  
quadrating and leveling for con-  
tractors and builders.

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**Your Laundry Work**

Is Important.

The Home Steam Laundry does  
first class work, is a home in-  
stitution and gives you  
satisfaction.

Call up 167 and let us come and  
get your laundry and deliver it.

W. A. TALLY, Prop.

so cast thereon be removed, and  
that he be quieted in his possess-  
ion thereto, and for all costs in  
this behalf expended and for  
general relief.

M. C. Smith,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have  
before said Court, at its afore-  
said next regular term, this writ  
with your return hereon, show-  
ing how you have executed the  
same.

Witness R. A. Terry, Clerk of

**Lammers & Howard**

CONTRACTORS.

Will be glad to figure with you  
on complete stone, rick or  
wood work. Estimates  
given on short notice.

At New State Bank,  
Ballinger, Texas

District Court of Rnnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and  
the Seal of said Court, at office in  
Ballinger this the 20 day of Nov.  
A. D. 1905.

R. A. Terry, clerk,  
SEAL District Court Rnnels  
County.

**COMFORTING WORDS.**

Many a Ballinger Household  
Will Find Them So.

To have the pains and aches  
of a bad back removed; to be  
entirely free from annoying,  
dangerous urinary disorder is  
enough to make any kidney  
sufferer grateful. To tell you  
this great change can be brought  
about will prove comforting  
words to hundreds of Ballinger  
readers.

Alfred Morton, bricklayer and  
mason, living on Sharp Street  
Brownwood, Texas says: "My  
wife has been a constant sufferer  
from rheumatism and kidney  
trouble for four years and dur-  
ing that time she used in numer-  
able medicines and tried about  
everything known. Finally I  
got Doan's Kidney Pills and  
they did her more good than any-  
thing else she had used. They  
helped the rheumatic pains and  
relieved her of the excruciating  
aching across the small of the  
back, besides correcting the se-  
cretions which had been very  
irregular, and banished the dizzy  
spells and headaches. Doan's  
Kidney Pills are in my opinion  
the most valuable medicine for  
the kidneys."

For sale by all dealers. Price  
50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co.,  
Buffalo, New York, sole agents  
for the United States.

Remember the name, Doan's,  
and take no other.

Beware of Ointments for  
Catarrh that Contain  
Mercy.

As mercury will surely destroy the  
sense of smell and completely de-  
range the whole system when enter-  
ing it through the mucous surfaces. Such  
articles should never be used except on  
prescriptions from reputable physicians  
as the damage they will do is ten fold  
to the good you can possibly derive  
from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure  
manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co.,  
Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and  
is taken internally, acting directly up-  
on the blood and mucous surfaces of  
the system. It buying Hall's Catarrh  
Cure be sure you get the genuine. It  
is taken internally and made in  
Toledo Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co.  
Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bot-  
tle.

Take Hall's Family Pills for consti-  
pation.

Say Boys when you want  
your face to have a real  
treat call at the

**City Barber Shop**

And let us fix you up.  
You will feel better.

Keep your eye on M. D. Cha-  
stain the grocery and grain man.

**"COMPLETELY DISCOURAGED"**

Is the feeling and plaint of women who  
"get down" so low that work drags  
back upon them, hands tremble,  
voice quivers, little  
things annoy and  
"everything goes  
wrong."

Look the other  
way just a minute  
and see what Dr.  
Pierce's Favorite  
Prescription has  
done for more than  
a half-million  
women in the last  
thirty years.

What it has done  
for others it can  
do for you.

Believing that  
alcoholic, stimu-  
lating medicines  
were doing much  
harm, Doctor R. V.  
Pierce turned his  
investigating mind  
upon the problem  
of producing a remedy for the use  
of weak and suffering women that should be  
free from alcohol and at the same time  
EFFECTIVE AND SAFE.

Nature has provided abundantly for  
such needs and Dr. Pierce found in  
native medicinal plants such as the roots  
of GOLDEN SEAL, LADY'S SLIPPER, BLACK  
COHOSH, TRILLIUM and BLUE COHOSH,  
the needed medicinal properties which  
by peculiar processes strictly his own,  
without the use of alcohol, he has ex-  
tracted, preserved and combined in exact  
proportions to secure from each its best  
effect. Thus compounded his "FAVORITE  
PRESCRIPTION" is a remedy for the  
pains and drains, weaknesses and inflammation  
of the uterine system that has won world-  
wide fame by curing more than ninety-  
nine out of every hundred who have used  
it properly.

In taking this you will know what you  
take and take what you know to be good.

If in any doubt as to what is best for  
you, write and ask advice of Dr. R. V.  
Pierce, 693 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.,  
and reliable medical advice will be sent  
you by return mail in securely sealed  
envelope. All correspondence free and  
strictly confidential.

Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets the  
favorite family laxative. One "Pellet" a  
laxative, two "Pellets" a cathartic dose.

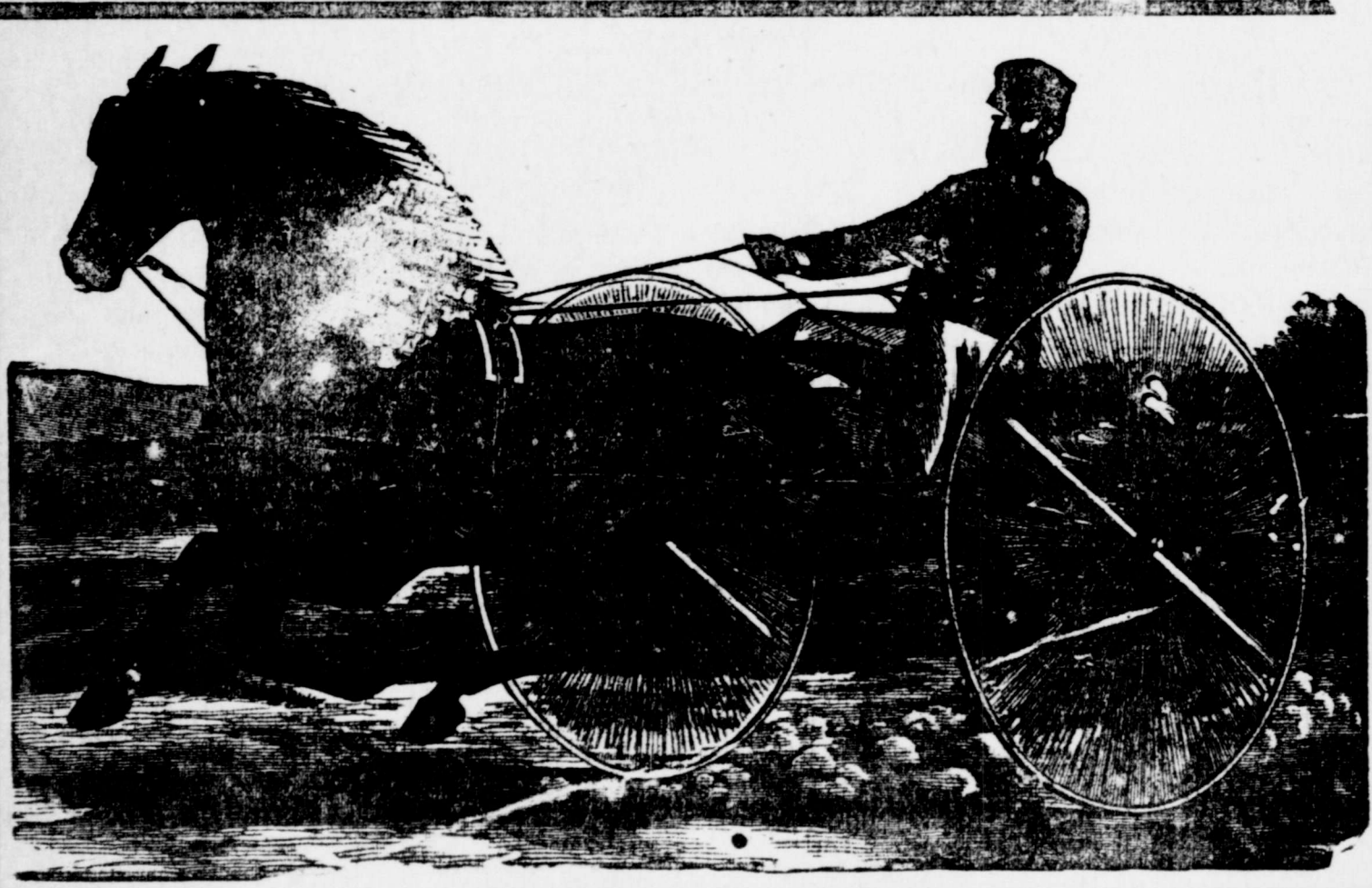
## For Coughs and Colds

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

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

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.  
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**Ayer's** SARSAPARILLA,  
PILLS, HAIR VIGOR.

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



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Ballinger, Texas.

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C. C. COCKRELL, SR.,  
EDITOR.

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### To Good Roads Advocates.

The Fifty-Ninth Congress having met last Monday, we deem it opportune to say to those who favor national aid to highway construction and improvement that now is the time to get in effective work with Senators and Representatives. The Brownlow-Latimer bill is a well-understood proposition. It has been published broadcast, and the press of the country in all sections has been urging the people persistently to marshal their strength and insist upon its enactment into law. There is no question that can possibly be paramount to that of good roads. We have tried every suggested local system and found them all either impractical or inadequate. The State, county and district plans

to have good roads have all failed except in three or four of the wealthier States, and the roads are no better to-day (some of them are much worse) than they were fifty years ago, or when first opened to travel. Argument seems now to be superfluous as to why the roads should be systematically improved; the question is, how can we get them so improved? The experience of all the years proves abundantly that it can only be done by the general government leading the way. Senators and Representatives will take notice that this is a question affecting very materially the whole body of the American people, in town, country and city; in every trade, calling and profession; the producer, the consumer and the dealer, the schools, the churches and every institution pertaining to the public well-being. It is a question of no particular locality, section or class, but touches vitally the affairs of every condition and situation of life. The wealth of the country is, every dollar of it, based upon agriculture. We are improving rivers and harbors, are building canals at the cost of unlimited millions and are spending millions more in far-away countries foreign to our blood

and antipodal to our institutions and forms of civilization. We are spending millions annually in various ways that give no relief to the long suffering people of the States. It is time to turn our attention to affairs close at home a little bit, and build up our own waste places. The first and most important thing that should receive the attention of Senators and Representatives is highway conditions in America, to the end that the remedy may be applied. We urge all who shall read this article to take the matter up with neighbor and friend and bring some concerted pressure to bear on the law-makers in Washington. The country needs to have the relief. The way to get it is to demand it. Congress alone can give it. It is the people's right to ask it in determined tones. Write to your U. S. Senators and Representative and urge their support of the Brownlow-Latimer bill. A postal card request to Hon. W. P. Brownlow will bring you a copy of the bill.

You won't make a mistake if you get a keg or jug of that fine Ribbon Cane Syrup at Alvis Bros.

## Thanksgiving is Over

But M. D. Chastain is still selling  
Grain and Groceries at the  
same old live and let  
live prices.

### Groceries.

We have had years of experience in  
the grocery business and can  
furnish the best at  
the lowest prices.

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All kinds of feed stuff always on  
hand and at reasonable  
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be convinced.

# M. D. CHASTAIN

# BIG SHOE SALE

We will for a few days give some special prices on shoes, the very best shoes made.  
We quote a few prices below Note them.

### SHOES.

Ladies Dongola Kid patent tip lace, solid leader, heavy flexible sole, value 1.75.....1.48  
Ladies Dongola kid patent tip lace, heavy or flexible single sole, value 2.25.....1.85  
Ladies Dongola kid Drew Selby make, very best, value 2.50 .....1.98  
Ladies Dongola kid, patent tip, lace and blucher, heavy or flexible sole, solid leather, value 1.75 .....1.48  
Ladies Dongola kid patent tip, lace or blucher, welt or flexible sole, value 2.00 .....1.85  
Ladies Drew Selby & Co. shoes, very best kid, solid leather, lace or blucher, value 2.50 .....1.98

### SHOES.

Ladies Drew Selby & Co. Shoes, very best made, lace or blucher, kid or patent kid, value 3.00 .....2.58  
Ladies Drew Selby & Co. shoes, none better, patent kid Dongola kid, welt or turn soles, medium or Cuban heel, lace or blucher, value 3.50 .....2.98  
Misses and Childrens shoes, Dongola, light or heavy sole, values 75c to 1.25.  
Misses and Childrens Shoes, Dongola kid, light and heavy sole, all solid, value 1.25 to 1.50.

### SHOES.

Mens Work shoes, buckle or Congress, value 1.50 .....1.23  
Mens Satin Calf, Congress or lace, single sole tip, value 1.75 .....1.48  
Mens very best gun mettel calf and vici kid, all solid, good style, price 2.50 .....1.98  
The Eclip 3.50 are the best on earth. They excell all others for wear fit and style.  
Infants shoes, sizes from 2 to 8 in patent kid white top, patent kid tan top, and all kid from 65c to 1.35.

### BOOTS.

Our full calf, double leg, extra long round box toe riding heel, value 7.00 .....5.98  
Our Morocco leg, square box toe, French calf, solid leather, value 6.50 .....5.48  
Water proof Kangaroo calf. round box riding heel, long leg solid, value 5.00 .....3.98  
All our Kangaroo calf, wax calf boots, flat heel and wide, value 4.00 .....3.48  
Kip mud Boots, peg sole, price 3.50 .....2.48

If not satisfied with your purchase return and get your money.

# THE HUB.

When we say a thing we mean it. Call and try some of the New Ribbon Cane Syrup, the best you ever used.  
Alvis Bros.

## 15 cent Cotton

\$100 Will Spell \$1,000

If you work it right. We want an agent and correspondent in every town, village and school district in the Cotton Belt. Good pay. Write quick.

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St. Louis Mo.

### Sensitive People.

Real sensitive people are always in a stew. They magnify frivolous things into a huge mountain and indulge in an unnecessary amount of worrying over nothing. Life from the cradle to the grave is made up sighs, tears and laughter. It is the duty of all to cultivate a cheerful spirit—never be cast down on defeat or overjoyed with success, and see a silvery lining behind every cloud. Our actions partake of our thought and the way our mind is bent, into that channel we will unconsciously drift. Everyone has a talent for some kind of endeavor, but it must be cultivated to yield the best results. Absorption is all right as far as it goes but its process is too slow and opportunities to far apart to accomplish much. Study and practice are the winning cards in the battle for existence. They should be intelligently blended together, backed by a determination to

win. Failure is often a blessing in disguise. It teaches to avoid a repetition of errors and shun the treacherous shoals that wrecked our most sanguine hopes in the past. Be cheerful and hold a tight head if you die hard. Man is an atom—small potatoes, few in hill, here today, gone tomorrow. We repeat, be cheerful and extract as much innocent pleasure out of life as possible.—Daily Herald.

### Lots For Sale.

We have purchased from the Railroad Company all choice building lots on north side of track and we offer them for sale at reasonable prices. If you want a home close in see us at once.

C. C. F. Blanchard & Co.

See that fine Johnson grass at  
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

### Ranchman Loses Life From

#### Bite of a Vinegarone.

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 4.—Raff Turner, a ranchman, aged 49, died Saturday night at Eldorado, Schleicher county, as the result of a vinegarone bite on the back of his neck. The death-dealing insect inflicted the injury Tuesday of last week and between that time and his death Turner suffered extreme agony. Deceased leaves a wife and two children. The remains were sent to Paint Rock for interment.

C. A. Daily closed a deal Monday afternoon with John and Hall McKown of Runnels county whereby they purchase his farm of 364 acres and 160 head of stock cattle for a consideration of \$5300. The sale as previously announced in a local paper is denied by Mr. Dailey. The farm is in Runnels county.—San Angelo Daily Standard.

### DO IT THIS YEAR!

That long promised trip to the old home. Had you thought of it again? We have—and to enable you to make it

### The I. & G. N.

will have in Effect Excursion Rates to the Old States, and to Mexico for the

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tickets on Sale Dec. 21, 22 and 23. Good 30 days for return

Special Through Car Service and to all points in Texas Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1. Good until January 4 for return.

For Rates and Particulars, see I. & G. N. Ticket Agents or Write  
D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A.  
Palestine, Texas.

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Figure with Smith & Bateman before you buy your Lumber bill.

Brick, Lime, Cement in fact all kinds of Building Material at bed rock prices

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Located in most desirable part of town. For particulars call at this office.

Buy your meats from the City Meat Market one time and you will be sure to go back again

We buy all kinds of county Products. J. B. Alvis & Bro

PAUL TRIMMIER ALLEN GRIMES

### Trimmier & Grimes

Real Estate and Collections.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
PHONE NO. 242.  
Ballinger, Texas.

D. Jones, the lumber man, returned Tuesday from his old hom at Crocket, Texas, and will soon stock up his lumber business here and perhaps add other lines to the business. Mr. Jones is a hustling business man and will be of considerable benefit to our city.

Leslie Baker came in from Austin Thursday night to be with his mother a few days during her illness.

We are sorry to note Mrs. J. T. Payne in quite delicate health this week.

If you want the best Ribbon Cane Syrup every brought to Ballinger see Alvis Bros.

### W. T. Swink

Has just received a \$700.00 shipment of fresh Christmas candies, confections, nuts, etc. Fire works of all kinds always on hand. See him at old stand opposite postoffice. He will appreciate your trade.

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# CHRISTMAS

WILL SOON BE HERE

But we are here already with the best assorted and highest grade stock of Jewelry and Holiday Goods that we have ever had. Our watch stock is very large and contains the best well known makes in the most beautiful patterns. Diamonds--lots of them, pure white and sparkling. Cut Glass exquisite patterns, finely cut and beautiful to look upon. Rings, lots of them, both plain and set, high grade solid gold. Fine Silk Umbrellas, Ladies Hand Bags, Silverware, Brooches and the smaller pieces of Jewelry in almost endless variety, also a niceline of beautiful Hand Painted China. In fact we have something suitable for everybody and the price will please you. Come let us show you.

## JAS. E. BREWER,

First National Bank Building. = = Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. Bertie Bacon, nee Miss Bertie Mansker, of Missouri, was in our city this week visiting relatives and friends. She was joined here Friday by her husband.

While he does not say so in that many words, Secretary Wilson leaves the inference that the Republican party deserves the credit for the world's record-breaking crops.

The right kind of house paint saves money. Forty years practical paint experience proves that

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READY TO MIX, NOT READY MIXED  
**HOUSE PAINT**

is the "right kind."

Write Kinloch Paint Company, St. Louis, for free booklet on "What the Householder Ought to Know."

The Washington Post says if Miss Roosevelt had been offered an elephant, she would have been compelled to take it. She could have disposed of it to the G. O. P. It apparently needs a new elephant since the last election.

We are sorry to learn that G. G. Odom is quite sick this week at his Coke County ranch.

Bob Johnson, brother of our Joe B. Johnson, came in from the East Friday to visit his brother and friends in our section a few days.

This is going to be a great winter for those gay old sea dogs in Congress. Sec. Bonaparte does not want any new battle-ships, the president wants several, and the general board of the navy is committed to three. It will take a long time to get the previous question put on that proposition.

## New Lumber Yard

Hill Lumber Co.

Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash Ec.  
Yard in rear of Rock Stable.

CLAY ROBERTS, Manager.

Ballinger, Texas

### Your Christmas Suit,

Have you ordered your Holiday suit? If not we have just received some swell samples which we would like to show you. We are agents for the famous Royal tailors.

**Ballinger Tailoring Co.**

## CHECKING ACCOUNTS

--For Farmers--

Did it ever occur to you how important it was, when you had something to pay, that you did not have the exact change, nor did the party to whom you were making the payment? Place your money with us and we will make the change and keep your accounts straight.

First National Bank.

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS.



The Greatest Eye Glass in the World.  
For sale by Walker Drug Co.

### Tresspass Notice--Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.  
C. A. DOOSE.

### Lot For Sale.

Lot 100 by 130 feet near public School Buildings, price \$200. One half cash, balance one year at 10 per cent. For further particulars call at the Banner-Leader office.

Regular preaching at the different churches Sunday morning and night at the usual hours. Rev. W. J. Moore of the first Baptist church requests us to announce a special Sunday morning service at their church on the subject, "Exposition of the Church Covenant." The members of his church especially requested to be present and others cordially welcomed.

## CATARRH



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This Remedy is a Specific,  
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It is a pleasure to enter a home in which an air of comfort, cheerfulness and refinement prevails. Nothing does more to bring these conditions about than tasty and harmonious furnishings. At the price we are selling house furnishings you can't afford to be without the best—the very best. - : - :

## Noah was the First Man to Advertise.

He advertised the flood constantly until it came. We are doing the same. And this week our flood of bargains will be in:

All Kinds Saddlery and Harness, Stoves, Buggies, Bed Room Suits, Chairs, Lap Robes, Whips, Etc.

Special attention given to leasing goods.

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Phone 67 for all kinds of feed for your self or stock.

Bring your new crop of pecans to M. D. Chastain, the grocery man, he pays top prices at all times.

It is reported that Pet King contemplates going into the Drug business at Wingate. If he makes as good a Druggist as he has been a farmer he will be a big success.

C. A. Doose, the all round land man and prince of good fellows, was in Dallas first of the week looking after business matters and incidentally doing "missionary" work for Ballinger and Runnels county.

### Cotton.

The following composition on cotton is from a little German boy, Monroe Voglesang, going to school to Miss Maggie Cockrell at Bowman School near Hatchel, and for a boy of his age is good and to encourage others in writing for the paper occasionally we publish same:

"Cotton is one of our plants that requires more labor than anything else that we raise.

It is generally planted when frost is over in the spring.

After it comes up it is ploughed and chopped sometimes four or five times.

It has to be kept clean of weeds and grass to make. It generally takes from five to six months to make.

Then we pick it. After we pick it we haul it to the gin and have it separated from the seed. The cotton is then wrapped in bagging and ties.

Then we put it on the market. It goes to the spinning, where they make all kinds of useful things, such as clothes, hats, saddle girts, linings, quilts, mattresses, collar-pads, ropes, stockings and all kinds of laces, belting, packing and all kinds of ornaments, also thread.

The cotton seed is very useful. They use it for feeding stock and also use it for making oil.

Monroe Voglesang.

County Commissioner J. E. McAdams, of the Content county had business in our city Thursday.

### Howard Payne Quartette.

The above quartette came in Thursday at 11:45 from Brownwood and entertained a full house at the C. P. church that night with some fine singing and a short address by one of the Club. They are pleasant, agreeable gentlemen and are touring the state in the interests of prohibition. They are working under the direction and control of the Dallas State Board. Admission was free but at the close a collection was taken amounting to about \$60.00 to carry on the work, and the manager complimented Ballinger on its liberal offering, as it was the largest of any so far taken, even in cities much larger than Ballinger.

### Strayed or Stolen.

Brown Mare, 9yrs. old, 14 1-2 hands high, no brand, long body, ewe neck, fair condition. Undersigned will give \$5.00 for information leading to recovery or \$25.00 for thief in any jail.

C. C. Foster or R. P. Kirk, Sheriff, Ballinger, Texas.

### Mothers Club.

Program for Friday, Dec. 15, 3:30 p. m.

Subject—The School Building.

I. The Influence of Environment.—Mrs. McVay.

II. The culture value of cleanliness, beauty, order, arrangement.—Mrs. Williams.

III. Hygienic considerations.—Mrs. Wm. Miller.

IV. Where to begin, what to do, how to preserve and perpetuate improvements. General discussion.

All mothers invited, no fees, no fines, no formalities.

Charlie Allen, of Brownwood had business in our city a day or two this week.

Mrs. Price Maddox, nee Miss Inez Moser, was visiting parents and friends in Ballinger Thursday.

E. R. Haymes came in Wednesday night from San Marcos and accompanied his father's remains back Thursday for burial at his old home.

J. M. Johnson, one of the progressive citizens of the Winters county, was circulating among his many Ballinger friends Thursday.

Regular preaching services at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at the usual hour at night, by the pastor, Rev. E. P. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Hughes returned Thursday from San Antonio where they had been on their bridal tour and are now at home to their friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mater for the present.

Sam Sloan and family, of Milam county, who recently purchased property in our city, came in Monday night and will make Ballinger their future home. These are substantial citizens and we gladly welcome them.

# An Opportunity

We want to impress upon  
the farmers of Runnels County,

The true value of the Products of Cotton Seed.

And will exchange one ton of Cotton Seed Hulls and five Sacks of Cotton Seed Meal for one ton of Cotton seed. This gives you 2500 pounds of feed for 2000 pounds, besides you get a better and cleaner feed, and will increase the Quality and Quantity of your milk and butter. Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls are the best and cheapest feed in the world. To the first 100 farmers that make this exchange with us, we will make them a present of One-Half gallon of high grade Cooking Oil for cooking. Give Cotton Seed Product a fair trial. Bring a jug for the oil.

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## Missouri Milling Co.

### "Mother's Bread"

Was good, nothing could be said against it unless it was that her pies and cakes were better but how she did slave and work, if she had only used

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she would have had so much easier time, she could have mixed and kneaded it in three minutes.

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### Mother's Club.

The Mothers Club will meet at the school house Friday Dec. 15, at 8:00 p. m. The subject for discussion will be "The School Budgeting." All mothers who are interested in the progress of the school are cordially invited to be present. The following program will be rendered at that time.

Topic I. The influence of Environment.—Mrs. McVay.

Topic II. The value of cleanliness, beauty, order, arrangement.—Mrs. Williams.

Topic III. Hygienic Considerations.—Mrs. Wm. Miller.

Topic IV. General discussion, Where to begin. What to do. How to begin. How to continue.

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Prof. N. S. Edens, a graduate of the American Institute of Phrenology of N. Y., is arranging a thorough course in Phrenology to be taught by mail.

The course will consist of fifty-two lessons or one a week for an entire year. When you have completed this course you can read the character of men as readily as you read a book.

Your character and talents read from your photograph. Your money refunded if not entirely satisfied. Send ten cents for sample lesson and further particulars.

Address N. S. Edens, Box 502, Ballinger, Texas.

The Arrow, a monthly Journal published at Santa Anna by Austin Callan, came to our desk this week. It let's the arrow fly and no doubt will wound some but in many instances do good, and accomplish it's work. Mr. Callan is a strong, forceful writer and you have no trouble in locating him on all question of vital importance to the state and country at large. Here's success to you Bro. Callan.

### Don't Do It.

Should you have cough cold or sore chest, do not rely on time and nature to cure. They may not. Use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It is balm for Sore lungs and will cure you at once.

You should see the fine line of Eastman Kodaks at Walker Drug Co.

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We have the finest furniture on the market, and at prices that stagger competition

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### Brevard-Miller.

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the brides parents, Mr. I. P. Brevard and Miss Lula Miller were united in the sacred bonds of wedlock, Rev. Carter performing the ceremony.

The wedding was a quiet affair only a few relatives and intimate friends being present. After the ceremony and congratulations all were invited out to a sumptuous repast of everything good to eat.

The groom is a prosperous and prominent Runnels county farmer and an exceedingly clever and well liked gentleman. The beautiful and charming bride grew to womanhood here in our midst where she is greatly loved and admired for her noble attributes of mind and heart, numbering all who know her as her friends. A number of elegant presents were bestowed by kind and considerate friends.

We wish them happiness unalloyed, peace and prosperity in the life which lies before them.

Mr. and Mrs. Brevard at home near Crews after Dec. 5th.

### To the City Council.

To The Honorable Mayor's Court, of Ballinger City Council: Gentlemen,

We beg leave to call your attention to some facts in our city as we see them. In the first place, our town is not kept clean as it should be to keep it in a sanitary condition. The streets and allies are neglected; many closets need cleaning oftener and lime used more frequently; old rags, paper and all trash in streets, allies, yards and lots should be kept burned as fast as such accumulates in these places; all of which we most earnestly recommend. We have ordinances, sufficient if executed. We have an ordinance against maintaining, using or building cess-pools in our city and we have

more than once declared them to be a nuisance in the city limits and recommended that they be discontinued. This ordinance is being violated daily, and not only are persons permitted to keep in use old cess-pools, but new ones are being built and put into use, all of which we condemn, as they are hurtful to the public health by their gases entering into and poisoning the air we breath. They should not exist.

On the 22nd of Nov., we drove in a hurry to the G. C. & S. F. R. crossing and found a train of cars on the main line across 8th Street. I waited a while. The engine was switching and after I had been there some time and taken out my watch and timed them, they kept me standing there 25 min. longer before the train was moved from the main line. I don't know how long the street was blocked, it must have been at least half an hour. Is not this a violation of our City laws? Now in all candor if we have City laws let us see that they are obeyed or at least in some way respected, or otherwise turn our City business over to the Commissioner's Court and dissolve the corporation.

T. A. Rape,  
Health Physician.

Will Gregg had business in Brownwood between trains Thursday.

### Methodist Reunion.

At the Methodist Church Friday the 15th inst. from 7:30 to 10:00.

It is hoped that every member will be present. An interesting program will be rendered. Two or three short addresses will be delivered, officers will be installed and special music given.

Let the fathers and mothers come, and bring the children too. The young people are expected to be present. Come and bring your friends and have a good social time.

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

### Runnels County Teachers' Institute.

Met at Court House Saturday morning and went into permanent organization and elected Miss Annie McCollam Secretary, Judge B. B. Stone Ex-officio President. Short discussions were had but regular business, program and general line of work postponed until regular meeting in Jan. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. The following teachers of the county were present: C. C. Foster, H. P. Bailey, S. E. Bailey, Anna McCollum, G. W. Morgan, G. Crossland, Mrytle Maybern, Jessie Secrest, Minnie L. Lewis, Eddie Edmundson, A. L. Brantley, S. S. Latemoore, Maggie Cockrell.

The teachers are requested to bear in mind the date of the next meeting and it is not only your duty to attend this meeting but the school law requires that you attend at least four days during the year or your certificate will be revoked. These meetings are profitable and it is to your interest to be on hand promptly. These are mild suggestions but for your good. Be on hand Jan. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

W. P. Hmmperey, the lumber magnate, had business at Valera between trains Thursday.

A splendid line of goods to select from suitable for Christmas or New Year's presents at Crews Furniture Co.

Mrs. Ward, mother of Tom Ward, of our city, left on the afternoon train Thursday for an extended visit to relatives and friends at Kerrville and other southern points.

The many friends of Mrs. D. M. Baker will be glad to learn that the operation performed Wednesday for appendicitis by Drs. Fowler and Grant, of our city, and Dr. Allison, of Brownwood, proved very successful and that Mrs. Baker is doing very nicely at the present, and hopes for her early recovery is anticipated by all.

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**Card of Thanks.**

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hale wish to return thanks for assistance and sympathy to the Ballinger people in kindly remembering them in their recent affliction and bereavement. May God love and bless you all.

W. S. Syler, a prominent and influential citizen of the Winters country, was among the first Monday visitors to our city.

W. A. Perry, the hustling editor of the Miles Messenger, was in our city Monday.

**Put in Electric Lights**

Your children can study better. No dirt, no fretting to fill lamps. The cost is moderate. Phone our man.

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**Sudden Death.**

At the Katy Hotel Tuesday night C. H. Haymes, a stock man of San Marcos, died of heart failure. He was a large, stout man and in apparent fine health up to the night of his death. He was in this section buying mules and horses for the government. His remains were embalmed by C. R. Crews, of the Crews Furniture Co., and his son came in on Wednesday night and the body taken on Thursday's train to his old home at San Marcos for burial.

**Notice.**

After the 1st of January 1906 I will be in Ballinger and be prepared to treat all chronic cases. Cancers a specialty. I guarantee all cases.

R. H. Womack,  
Wingate, Texas.

**Resignation.**

To the Honorable Mayors Court.  
Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen,—

Owing to the fact that the city health physician has no effective voice in this council with regard to sanitary methods of cleaning our city and removing nuisances for the good of the public health and many are condemning the health officer because said nuisances are not removed, when he has no power in this court or remuneration for any sanitary work performed. I do here by offer my resignation as city health Physician to take effect on and after this meeting of said council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thos. A. Rape,  
City Health Physician,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Window glass all sizes at Crews Furniture Co.

T. T. Crosson and Co. sold this week three lots in Elm Heights to Max Rucker for \$450 for the three.

Bob Castleberry bought this week the residence on 8th Street beyond the school building, occupied by L. H. Thomas, at p. t.

A nice line of new rockers, and many other substantial articles suitable for Christmas presents at Crews Furniture Co's.

LOST—One Jersey Heifer yearling branded cross on jaw and white in flanks and on legs. Reward for return to  
D. P. Moser,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. Charlie Madden came in from Madisonville Wednesday to join her husband at this place to make their future home. Mr. Madden is with the Jones Lumber Co., and is a fine business man and himself and wife will be quite an acquisition to social and business circles.

The following officers were elected Tuesday night by the Odd Fellows for the ensuing year: H. Zdaril, Noble Grand; J. H. Kelly, Vice Grand; C. O. Harris, Secretary; J. W. Whitt, Treasurer. L. F. Gressett was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge.

Dr. R. H. Womack, of Wingate in company with our clever, sociable friend Jim Miller, was in our city Wednesday and soon found his way to the Banner-Leader office and placed his card which you will see in another place. The doctor is a practitioner of long standing, is highly recommended and in all cases guarantees a cure or no pay. We are glad to have him in our county.

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I give my personal and best attention to all business entrusted to me and guarantee satisfaction. \* \* \* \* \*

Some of "those states" that are so intent on regulating the liquor traffic in Ind. Ter. and Okla., when they are admitted to statehood, are making bad messes of "their own liquor" business.

The most noticeable feature of the meeting of Congress was the absence of flowers from the members' desks, the result of Uncle Joe's orders. All other stunts were as usual.

An oil mill man may be as honest as any one, yet some sharpers trixsters and sharps have done the business men much injustice. Some men think an oil mill is all profit; but that is the idea of ignorance.

We hope the oil mills will find this a more profitable season than the last. It is nothing but fair that they should make a reasonable profit on their investment and we hope they will get it this season.

In lieu of meal and hull feeding West Texas will this year use her large supply of milo maize, sorghum and cotton seed fed on fine natural grass. If the feeds are properly combined in this case gains will be made just as rapidly as if steers were fed corn and hay. Use the home supplies of feed stuffs and combine necessary bought stuff to "balance up" or to build up the weak places in this home ration. —Farm and Ranch.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas has championed the movement to introduce the study of scientific agriculture in the public schools. Professor E. J. Kyle of that institution has a lecture advocating this measure which he has delivered in many places in the state. It will be possible for him to accept a limited number of similar engagements. The results of such teaching will redound to the benefit of the farmer—a class of our citizenship for whom too little has been done in the past by the leaders in educational thought.

Get you a nice dining table at the Crews Furniture Co.

The first work was begun this week on the C. S. Miller building next to Ostertag Furniture Co., in front of the Court House.

Mrs. John McMinn was called to Ballinger last night to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. D. M. Baker, who is sick with appendicitis. Dr. Allison went up this morning to perform an operation. —Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

W. L. Dalton, who has been in our section for some months will leave about Jan. 1st for his old home at San Marcos, but says he will likely come back and make this place his future home. He orders the Banner-Leader to follow him which is an almost guarantee that he will return.



**TAKE THE HINT.**

And take out that fire insurance policy now. Now that winter fires are started up there is more danger of loss than ever. You can't afford the risk yourself. Have your

**Policies written up before Thanksgiving**

You will then enjoy the day and rest in security if it's in our companies. Don't delay—fires occur and the unexpected often happens.

**R. L. MADDOX,**  
Ballinger, Texas.

**CITY MEAT MARKET**

New and up-to-date in every respect. We want your trade, need it and will use every effort to please

**J. T. BULLOCK, Prop.**  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

**R. S. GRIGGS, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Office at Court House

Will do a civil practice in all the courts.

Special attention given to probate matters, deed writing, examination of titles, etc.

**THE City Barber Shop**

Has the Best Bath Equipment in town and if you doubt it call around and see for yourself.

**BALLINGER, - TEXAS**

**Trespass Notice.**

My place on the Colorado river 4 miles from Ballinger, known as the John Woods place, is posted and you are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, gather pecans or otherwise trespass on the same.

J. Ford Ivy.

We are prepared to furnish you any kind of feed for your cows, horses and hogs.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.



## Are you going to Build

The BALLINGER LUMBER CO., handle first class stuff for building purposes. They figure close and accurately on all bills and furnish just what they represent. When in need of anything in our line let me figure with you. Lime, Cement, Sash, Doors and blinds always on hand. . . . .

**J. R. McVAY, Manager**  
**BALLINGER TEXAS**

Our popular deputy Sheriff, J. A. DeMerville, had official business in San Angelo Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

C. L. Harter, of Wingate, one of the prominent and prosperous citizens of that section, was in the city Thursday and divided his prosperity with us.

Mrs. Mattie Reed will have charge of the Katy Hotel and after the 14th an entire change will be made and the house run strictly as a \$2.00 hotel. Mrs. Reed understands her business and we predict success under the new management.

For gentlemen—smoker's sets, cuff and collar boxes, traveling cases, necktie boxes.

J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

W. W. Witherspoon, of Ellis county, who owns valuable property in our county, came in Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Stewart left on the 11:45 train Thursday to join her husband at Brownwood to make their future home.

All kinds of pictures from 15c to \$25.00 such as medallions sketches in crayon and oils. Call and look at them.

Story books, Poets and all kinds of beautiful gift books at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

The assertion that the Italians that are locating in Texas are going to vote the Republican ticket is another proof that Cecil Lyon has not lived in vain.

Dr. Daley, the specialist passed through Ballinger Monday for San Angelo and returned here Thursday to fill his regular professional visit.

That fine PICARD'S HAND PAINTED CHINA at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store direct from the studio of the finest artist in the U. S. It comes high but there are people who want the best that can be produced.

J. Y. Pearce's Mammoth Drug Store.

A. J. Zappe bought this week three lots on the hill next to Joe Ostertag's residence from Blanchard and Harris for a consideration of \$1000.00. These are very beautiful and desirable lots and Mr. Zappe intends in the near future to build a fine residence on same for a home.

Hobby horses, tricycles, guns tool boxes, drums for the boys at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

# Lumber

We can supply you with all kinds of lumber. Let us figure on your next bill. White pine, yellow pine, sash doors, blinds, mouldings, shingles, lime, brick and cement. . . . .

**Humphrey Lumber Company.**

Opposite Court House. . . . . Ballinger, Texas.

### New Crusher Installed.

The Ballinger Light and Power Co. have installed a new milo maize crusher at the Ice Factory and will either buy the milo maize or crush for the farmer. We will pay the highest market price.

Ballinger Light & Ice Co.

Our California caned goods have arrived, just come in and see our stock and you will be convinced how we sell so cheap.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

### Cotton Receipts.

Up to Friday noon the following amount of cotton has been weighed in Ballinger: Frank Stuart's yard 16,547 bales; Union yard 1,462 bales. On account of the muddy condition of the roads and damp disagreeable weather not so much cotton has been brought in this week. Prices on the streets ranged from 10:50 to 11:50, a few bales sold as high as 12:25 and a few as 8:25.

Miss Annie Jeans visited home folks last Sunday.

# Largest Holiday Goods Display.

We have one of the largest, nicest and most complete line of Holiday Goods, Bric-a-Bac, Toys, etc. displayed at our store.

# CITY DRUG STORE

Headquarters for Santa Claus.

TOYLAND at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

### Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

#### How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also

convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

#### What to Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

### Notice to City Tax Payers.

Your city tax for the year of 1905 is now due. If you want to help the City Council in its effort to improve the present water works system you will please call at once and settle your tax.

J. R. Lusk,  
City Tax Col.

## Xmas Suggestions.

There are a great many things in our store that will make useful Xmas presents, which we are offering at reduced prices. . . . .

Ladies Coats and Tailor made Suits at Reduced Prices.

Fine line of Ladies Embroidered Handkerchiefs 35c and 40c values. Special while they last only, each **25c**

Fine line Xmas Novelties, such as work boxes, toilet cases, albums and pictures at Bargain Prices.

Fine line Art Squares and Rugs at Reduced Prices.

Special Reduction on all Mens' Suits.

Come and see our line before you buy your Xmas presents, we can save you money in every instance. Respectfully,

**A. H. VAN PELT.**  
**H. WINKLER, Mgr.**

## PATENTS

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TRADE MARKS  
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Branch Office, 625 F St., Washington D. C.

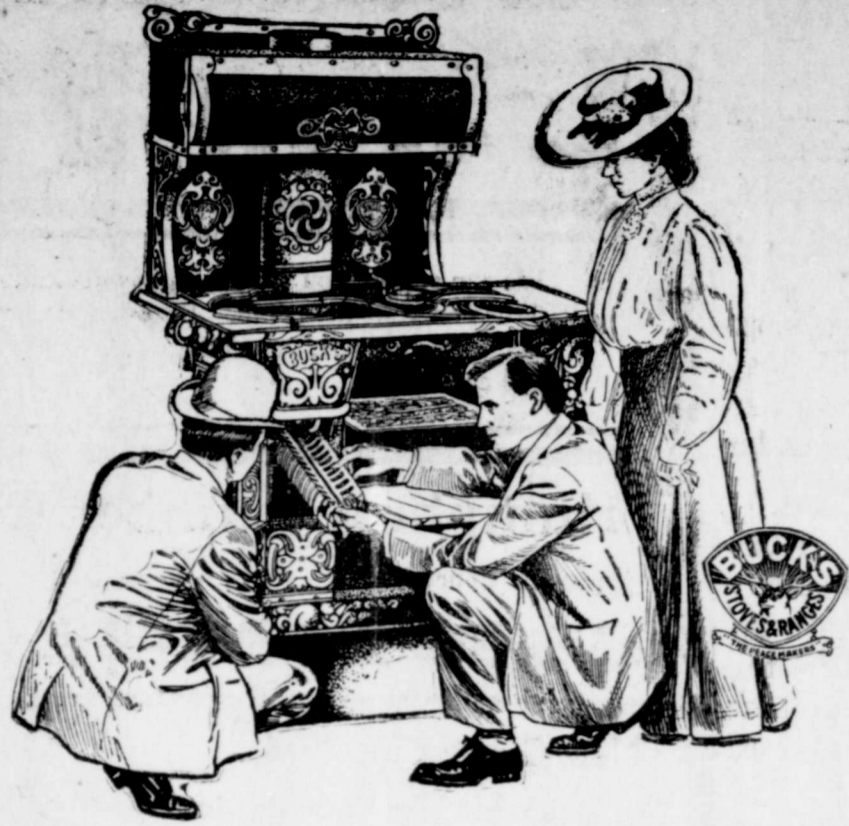
### Attention People.

I have bought the lease on the Star Wagon Yard, and solicitate a portion of your business. I understand the business and promise you faithful and prompt service at all hours. South of the Ballinger Lumber Co. Prompt attention and careful keeping to boarding horses.

Hugh Donaghe.

Not at cost but for grain and groceries at a living margin at—  
M. D. Chastain.

Welton Winn, of Santa Anna, an old, tried and true friend of this editor was in our city a short while Friday talking in the interests of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, and at some future time will make a date to speak in our county. He will be with the Farmers County Union at Maverick on Dec. 28th and 29th. He is an enthusiastic talker and you will enjoy hearing him.



## Buck's Ranges Have Duplex Grates.

### Why Not Give Your Mother a Buck's Range for Christmas.

Its a gift the whole family can enjoy and one that will please mother because it saves at least an hour's work a day in the kitchen.

Buy your Gift Goods here now.

Standard and Jno. Deere Implements, Disc Plows, Disc Harrows, Plows, Cultivators, Planters. Racine Buggies and Hacks, Schutler and Studebaker, Wagons, Shelf Hardware, Cisterns, Tanks, Troughs, Pipe work our Specialty.

# Hall Hardware Co.

Mrs. Hub. Halley, nee Miss Del-la Younger, of Moody, Texas, was visiting Ballinger relatives and friends this week. Try those nice, large fresh oysters at the City Meat Market Always on hand and always fresh.

Messrs Reed and Deens, of Bryan Texas, who recently came to Ballinger, bought this week from I. N. Green the horses, buggies and equipments generally of the Ballinger Livery Stable back of Lankford & Hathaway's furniture store. These gentlemen are experienced livery men and will no doubt make a success of the business. They are well pleased with the business out look of our city and country. They will receive a cordial welcome at the hands of our people.

J. J. Sayers, the able representative of the real estate firm of Schawe & Eubanks, came home Wednesday night from San Antonio where he attended the fair and looked after land matters a few days. While gone he visited friends and relatives at Granger, Taylor and other eastern points. Mr. Sayers is a rustler and we may expect to hear of results favorable to our section from his visit.

Sheriff Kirk was in Miles Thursday of this week on business speaking of the growth of Miles, he says they are erecting a school building there that would do credit to a town of 10000 people. He says there is nothing short about Miles.

## STRAYED or STOLEN.

One sorrel mare. 4 years old, about 15 hands high, two white hind feet, star in forehead, snip on nose, branded "S" on thigh and "S" on jaw. She had a short rope on her neck when she left. Strayed between Nov. 1st and 10th. \$5.00 reward for her recovery.

## STUBBS & HARTMAN.

## The Secret of Good Coffee

Even the best housekeepers cannot make a good cup of coffee without good material. Dirty, adulterated and queerly blended coffee such as unscrupulous dealers shovel over their counters won't do. But take the pure, clean, natural flavored **LION COFFEE**, the leader of all package coffees—the coffee that for over a quarter of a century has been daily welcomed in millions of homes—and you will make a drink fit for a king in this way:

### HOW TO MAKE GOOD COFFEE.

Use LION COFFEE, because to get best results you must use the best coffee. Grind your LION COFFEE rather fine. Use 1/4 tablespoonful to each cup, and one extra for the pot. First mix it with a little cold water, enough to make a thick paste, and add white of an egg (if egg is to be used as a settler), then follow one of the following rules:

1st. **WITH BOILING WATER.** Add boiling water, and let it boil **THREE MINUTES ONLY.** Add a little cold water and set aside five minutes to settle. Serve promptly.

2d. **WITH COLD WATER.** Add your cold water to the paste and bring it to a boil. Then set aside, add a little cold water, and in five minutes it's ready to serve.

3 (Don't boil it too long. Don't let it stand more than ten minutes before serving. DONT'S (Don't use water that has been boiled before.

### TWO WAYS TO SETTLE COFFEE.

1st. With Eggs. Use part of the white of an egg, mixing it with the ground LION COFFEE before boiling.

2d. With Cold Water. Instead of eggs. After boiling add a dash of cold water, and set aside for eight or ten minutes, then serve through a strainer.

Insist on getting a package of genuine LION COFFEE, prepare it according to this recipe and you will only use LION COFFEE in future. (Sold only in 1 lb. sealed packages.) (Lion-head on every package.) (Save these Lion-heads for valuable premiums.)

**SOLD BY GROCERS EVERYWHERE**

WOOLSON SPICE CO., Toledo, Ohio.

San Angelo Daily Standard.

J. A. DeMotive of Ballinger was in the city Thursday visiting with his friend, W. M. Johnson. Mr. DeMotive is a deputy sheriff of Runnels county.

A. S. Charleton, former agent of the Santa Fe at Ballinger, has arrived in the city to take the position of chief clerk at the Santa Fe here. He succeeds Sidnet Crowl, the present chief clerk, who goes to Temple to take a similar position there.

Thompson Bros. are on their way from Eldorado to San Angelo with a bunch of a thousand head of cattle. The cattle will be shipped Monday to Fort Worth and St. Louis Markets.

At a meeting last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth, the final organization of a young ladies club was accomplished. The Altrurian Club will be the name of the Society and the following are its officers: Miss Ethel Truly, President; Miss Maude Shaffer, Vice President; Miss Ione Cockrell, 2nd Vice President; Miss Maud Starkey, Secretary; Miss Clara Malone, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Willie Allen, Treasurer.

Pickles, Pickles, Pickles.

Pickles of all kinds and size packages. Call and get prices. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

W. W. Fowler,

Physician and Surgeon,

BALLINGER, -- TEXAS.

Office over Walker's Drug Store. Will do a general practice.—All calls day or night, answered promptly.

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CIVIL ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.

Plans. Specifications and Estimates made on any kind of work and work superintended. Land Surveying a Specialty.

BALLINGER, -- TEXAS.

DR. S. L. HICKS,

--- DENTIST. ---

Office over the J. H. Miller Building. All work guaranteed and prices right.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus

Dentist.

Office up stairs over Walker's Drug Store. All Work Guaranteed.

Live Oak Flour the best. Miller Mercantile Co.

Groceries all grades at Miller Mercantile Co.

## New Hardware Store

Hutchings Avenue. - - - Tribune Lot. New Rock Building.

See Us For

Wagons  
Plows  
buggies  
Harness  
Shelf Hardware

## ONES & WALTON

# CHANGE SALE

## STILL CONTINUES.

### \$30,000 Stock to Select From.

Many Bargains Yet in Big Change Sale.

This Sale Will Run From Nov. 3rd, 1905 to Jan. 1st, 1906.

Now is the time to secure your fall supplies at a Great Sacrifice. At prices heretofore unknown to the Consumer.

=====**Come and Bring This Paper With You.**=====

#### SHOES.

Hamilton Brown Line.

We have on hand \$8,500.00 in Shoes alone. All must go.

Gents' "America"

Former Price \$1.75, now \$1.25.

Success School Shoes,

Former Price \$2.00, now \$1.55

Security School Shoes.

Former Price \$2.50, now \$1.95 until lot is exhausted.

Gents, "Good as Gold" Shoes

Former Price 2.50, now 1.95.

The "American Gentleman" Shoes.

In black vici and box calf. Former price \$4, now \$3.

Big stock of Work Shoes. All go at cost.

Ladies Pine Knot Shoes

Former Price 1.50, now 1.25.

"Hamilton"

Former Price 1.75, now 1.30.

"Picknick"

Former Price 2.50, now 1.90.

We carry a large line of Staple Shoes. These prices are only given as an example.

#### HATS.

Black and White.

Lots of them but all must sell

Big Bear

Former Price 2.50, now 1.90.

Our Lion Special

Former Price 3.50, now 2.50.

Liberty Bell

In Gents' and boys', Former Price 1.50, now 1.20.

Don't Fail to Avail Yourself of this Opportunity

For they will go

**At Actual Cost!**

As the Stock

**Must go by January 1st.**

So as to arrange for such changes as will take place January 1st, 1906.

**We will meet any prices in the Grocery Line.**

This is no fake. The goods must go, and will go. No goods charged to anyone. Come in and look through. The stock is full and complete in every particular.

#### CHANGE

Sale Prices are the Cheapest.

#### FOR INSTANCE

WE SELL: Domestics, brown, worth 7 1-2c, for 5c  
U. S. Standard Sheeting, small lot for 7c  
Sagamore LL Sheeting for - - - 6 3-4c  
Cotton Checks - - - 3 1-2 to 5c  
Brown and bleached - - - 9 1-2c

Bed Sheeting for less than wholesale cost today.

Bleached Domestic, a large stock to go at actual sacrifice

Warm Clad Cotton Flannel, former price 10c now 8 1-3c  
Our stock of Wool and Cotton Blankets is complete.  
All going at a sacrifice.

#### CLOTHING.

Just to give you a few pointers on the Reduction in Clothing, here are a few sample prices:

\$19.00 Suits for - - - \$13.50

15.00 Suits for - - - 10.00

10.00 Suits for - - - 7.50

Space is too limited to go over all the prices in our \$12,000.00 stock. Suffice it to say the prices are cut all the way through in proportion to these.

# Currie Noyes Co.

# Call Central Children



And phone me at Walker Drug Co., and tell me what you want for Christmas. My stock of Dolls and Toys is more complete than it has ever been before. I want you to meet me too in person Christmas as I will spend a few hours during the Holidays with the Walker Drug Co. The older ones too ought to be interested as we have the very nicest line of Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Bibles and Testaments, and our prices are right. We will give 5 per cent of our holiday sales to the Cemetery fund of Ballinger.

Your respect,

# WALKER DRUG CO.

# XMAS HOLIDAYS.

Low Round Trip Rates on Sale  
Dec. 21, 22 and 23, good  
for return 30 days.



C. W. Strain, G. P. A. Fort Worth, Texas.

## Harris & Shepherd, Attorneys-At-Law

Ballinger, Texas.

Will practice in all courts  
Special attention given collections

Miss Laura Duke, of Loop, Texas, was in our city the past week the guest of Rev. I. N. Lewis and family.

Mr. Hatchel and family, of Hatchel, Tex. left from this point Monday for Rodgers Ark., to make their future home.

Editor Stone, of the Winters Enterprise, was interviewing our merchants Monday and circulating among the big Monday crowd.

J. M. Stewart, formerly with the City Barber Shop here, left for his home at Brownwood Monday after having spent Sunday with his wife and children still in our city.

Editor Ernest McNutt and John Hammell, of Talpa, were among the illustrious visitors to our city Monday. These are agreeable, pleasant gentlemen who we cordially welcome at any time.

Geo. Allen, of Cameron, brother of Ben F. Allen, of our city, left last Saturday for his home. The little children of Ben F. accompanied their uncle home and will remain with him during the winter.

J. S. Patterson is having erected this week a nice residence on College Heights next to Ed Fancher's on 8th Street. L. H. Thomas has the contract and it will be a model home when completed.

John Dale, of Winters, put the lumber on the ground on 8th Street beyond the school building first of the week to erect a nice residence and as soon as completed will move to our city to make his future home.

R. G. Vaughn, of Maysfield, will read the Banner-Leader the next year with the compliments of his friend J. F. Riggs, of the Crews country. Mr. Riggs is prospering and wants his eastern Texas friends to come out and do likewise.

Tom Layne, of West End, is having a nice addition put to his West End residence which adds much to the appearance of his place. Mr. Layne and family had spent the past few months in Nolan county, but are now at home for good and as a stay prop orders the Banner-Leader to their address.

## It Makes a Difference

### Where You Buy Groceries.

Some people sell any kind of stuff for first-class groceries at prices we charge for the VERY BEST.

### We Can Demonstrate

To You

That we sell the best for less than our competitor. Give us a trial for a month.

## Miller Mercantile Company

## We Deliver the Goods

Not just "any old kind of goods" but

Pure Fresh Groceries and Feed Stuff of all kinds

COTTON BUYERS

## DAVIS-FANCHER & CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

### Music.

For best instructions in music, See Miss Messenger, at Mrs. Cunningham's residence at West End.

### Pickles, Pickles, Pickles.

Pickles of all kinds and size packages. Call and get prices. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

F. M. CRANFORD,  
Contractor and Builder,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Get a bucket of that pure hog lard at the City Meat Market and you will never buy any other kind.

The City Meat Market has this week some of the nicest, juiciest meat ever handled in Ballinger.

If you don't believe New Century flour is the best in town just try a sack and be convinced. sold by J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Deeds, releases, contracts, abstracts and etc., prepared by W. L. Townner with promptness and dispatch. Try him. His office is with Justice and Cameron on 8th Street.

G. A. Phillips and family, of Evant, who bought land near Rowena, came in about a week ago and are now comfortably located in their new home. These are splendid citizens and are most cordially welcomed to our section.

J. L. Glover, of Union City, Tenn., an old friend of Rev. L. W. Russell, pastor of the 9th Street Baptist church of our city, who was on a visit to the latter, left for his home Monday. He was delighted with our country.

J. W. Morris, nephew of the renowned Turner Moore, of the Walker Drug Co., left on the afternoon train Monday for his old home in Walker county to visit homefolks. He is a splendid, honorable young business man and we hope to see him back with us by the end of another year.

Dr. W. B. Halley returned home Friday night of last week from Chicago where he had been taking a post graduate course. Dr. Halley is one of our finest physicians and is continually fitting himself for efficient work in his chosen profession.

Albert Bates and family left on the afternoon train Monday for Rodgers, Ark., to make their future home. We very much regret to see this estimable family leave our city but wish them success in their new home. They have many friends here who have an interest in their welfare.

Did you ever happen across Max O'Rell's definition of "luck." It may serve as an answer to some of those who refer to freaks of fortune. Luck means rising at 6 o'clock in the morning, living on a dollar a day if you can earn two, minding your own business and not meddling with other people's. Luck means appointments you have never failed to keep, trains you have never failed to catch. Luck means trusting in God and your own resources." Max O'Rell never said a wiser thing, and no better definition of luck can be given. It should be printed in capitals and hung up in every office, counting-room, workshop and family living room.—Exchange.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea is simply liquid electricity. It goes to every part of your body, bringing new blood, strength and vigor. It makes you well and keeps you well. 35cents.

### Best in Existence.

"I sincerely believe all things considered, Hunt's Lightning Oil is the most useful and valuable household remedy in existence. For Cuts Burns, Sprains and Insect Bites, it has no equal, so far as my experience goes." G. E. Huntington. Eufala, Ala.

Beautifying methods that injure the skin and health are dangerous. Be beautiful with out discomfort by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Sunshiny faces follow its use. 35cents.

## Tom Crosson & Co.

### Land Agents.

We have listed with us some of the finest pieces of Farm and Ranch lands in this section.

We invite your inspection of Prices, Terms, Ect.

## Correspondence Promptly Attended To.

Write us or call on us at our office in this city.

Opera House Building,  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

## Go Home For Christmas

The SANTA FE has very low rates to practically all points between the Mountains and the Laves, and to the Old States in the Southeast.



Tickets on sale December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, limited to return thirty days from date.

Ask the nearest Agent or this Office for particulars.

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

## There is No Substitute

### FOR ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

The "Royal" is shown by all tests, official, scientific, and practical, stronger, purer, and better in every way than all other baking powders.

If some grocers try to sell another baking powder in place of the "Royal," it is because the other, being made with cheaper and inferior materials, costs them less. Thus, though selling for the same, it gives less value to the consumer.

Look with suspicion upon every attempt to palm off upon you any baking powder in place of the "Royal." No other baking powder will do its work.

We still have fresh California fruit. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Nothing nicer than a Eastman Kodak for a Christmas gift. Walker Drug Co. have them.

Jewell Wylie, now of San Angelo, visited home folks first of the week.

We want eggs and chickens. Be sure and see us before you sell.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

G. T. Avery, of Wood county, came in first of the week and opened up his saloon business in the house next to Flower's barber shop.

C. Y. Roberts, of Mills county, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to his farm in Coke county, which he recently purchased, and will make this section his future home.

You could not give a nicer present Christmas than a Eastman Kodak. We have them. Walker Drug Co.

We understand that parties are numbering the houses in our city and we are requested to say that it is just optional with each individual as to whether they have it done or not.

Ed Dickinson, of this place, and M. C. Taylor, of Norton, left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Waco as delegates to the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., which convened in Waco Wednesday.

A car of Forney hay just arrived. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Of all the foods, there is no oil superior to cotton oil for weak and sickly people. It is far superior to hog's lard and not nearly so hard to assimilate.

Now is the turkey season and we are going to handle more turkeys than any body else in town so bring in your turkeys and get the highest market price. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

An alarm of fire was turned in Sunday from the electric light plant, but by the prompt and quick work of the fire boys no serious damage was done. Only a part of the frame work was damaged, and the plant is now running as usual.

Tell "Old Santa" that you want a kodak for Christmas and he can find it at Walker Drug Co.

W. H. Rodgers, of Winters, one of the most successful stock farmers of the county, was here Monday and Tuesday with a string of horses and stated to us that he did well with them. Mr. Rodgers takes great pride in his fine stock.

John W. Yerkes, internal revenue commissioner, has extended the time until April 1, 1906, when retail druggists must dispose of distilled spirit remedies. The ruling as formerly made was that the time would be up the first of this month, but it was shown there would be great losses to many so the order has been changed until the above date.

L. F. Graham, a prominent cattle buyer of Milam county, was in our section this week buying cattle and was so well pleased with our county that he decided to go home and make his arrangements to move to our county. He is a man of considerable means and will be quite an addition to our social and business circles should he see fit to locate here permanently.

We understand that the controlling interests of the Walker Drug Co. will be in other hands after Jany. 1st 1906, and that the deservedly popular Turner Moore will continue the general management of the Company. Mr. Moore has only been with us a few months but, besides his old friends who came first, he has made many warm and true friends by his honest, manly and pleasant way of doing business. We are certainly glad he will still continue with the business.

Wednesday was a cold, drizzly day.

Judge C. O. Harris had legal business at Brady several days this week.

A child can make pictures with a Eastman Kodak. See them at Walker Drug Co.

Aug. Globber Sr. came in from Brady first of the week to look after business matters and visit a few days with his children in our city.

The columns of the Banner-Leader are open to our little friends to make their wants known to Santa Clause. Send in your letters and let him know what you want.

Mrs. John McMinn of Brownwood and Mrs. W. S. Davis, of Miles, were here this week at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. D. M. Baker, during an operation.

Mrs. F. T. Rather and her two children Miss Mary and Sammie came in from South America first of the week and will visit old friends and relatives here. Mr. Rather is superintendent of a fruit farm in that country at present, but will likely join his family soon and again make Texas their future home.

On account of a quorum not being present, the regular meeting of the City Council did not transact any business of importance. Informal talks on the water question and other business matters were discussed by those present. The Council adjourned to meet Dec. 20th 1905.

D. L. Harrell, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Pecos City, was in our city this week and we learn bought considerable stock in the Walker Drug Co., and will make this his home after Jany. 1st 1906. He is a fine business man and we gladly welcome him to our business and social circles.

### Truitt Locals.

Mr. Editor having seen nothing from this part of the moral vineyard in some time I will give you a few dots.

Cotton picking is about over and we are informed that the gin will shut down after next week.

Born on Dec. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richardson twin girls. Mother and babies are doing well.

Mrs. John Baker and son Willie left Sunday for Bell Co. to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Medart. John burnes the lamp all night now just to keep off the boggers.

Tom Gray is laid up with a lame back caused from lifting an arch rock for his chimney.

J. J. Brown made a business trip to Ballinger Friday.

Mr. Seals has been moving his son-in-law, Mr. Parks out to the Paramore pasture. Mr. Parks shipped to Ballinger from Bell county.

J. W. Bishop will move next week to Dr. Ash's place on Elm.

Jim Burton and family attended preaching Sunday at Crews.

Our school is progressing nicely with Prof. Huggins as principal.

Floyd Rodgers is adding another room to his house also moving his house to higher ground.

Bill.

DR. THOS. A. RAPE, Physician and Surgeon, Office Phone 38, Residence Phone 44.

# AT The Globe

I have as usual placed my immense and beautiful line of Xmas Goods with Bair & Brown.

- 1st. Because they look after the children's wants.
- 2nd. Because they sell at the most reasonable prices.
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For these three of many, many, good reasons why you should call on and make your purchase there.

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And FIREWORKS! Don't fail to buy your fireworks of them, that is also the most complete line.

Now comes the SWEETS! Which stock is composed of a beautiful and delicious line of Duerler's Candies.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and that you will call the Globe for bargains, I am

Yours as ever,

## "Santa Clause."

Large crowds were in the city Monday from all over the county and some fine mules and horses were to be seen on the grounds. A good many sales of minor importance were made but no very large deals were pulled off. It is to the credit of our citizenship to say that in all the large crowd nothing was said or done to mar the pleasant feeling that prevades the entire people and in their prosperity nothing but the best of feelings exist at all times.

### Where Others Failed.

Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Huot's Cure which promptly cured it. Two years have passed by but the trouble has not returned."

### Tresspass Notice Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock gathering pecans or tresspassing in anyway on my place near Mazeland will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. T. Tuerpe

## Prices That Get Business

Gaunulated Sugar 18 lbs for	\$1.00
Beans 20 lbs for	1.00
Bacon per lb	10c
Irish Potatoes 1 Bushel for	1.00
Good Laundry Soap 14 bars for	25c
Union Oat Meal	25c
Coffee 3 to 7 lbs for	1.00
Onions 25 lbs for	1.00
Lard (good) per lb	8c
Krout 5 gal	1.25
" 16 "	3.50
Salmons 12 1-2 to	25c
Tomatoes per can	10c
Rice 30 lbs for	1.00
Hominy per can	10c
Corn per can	10c
Blackberries 3 cans for	25c
Syrup per gallon from 25c to	1.50
Pruns per lb	6c
Arm & Hammer Soda 3 1/2 lbs for	25c
Euripon Oil 5 gal	90c

This is only a few of our bargains and we have many others too numerous to mention, a trial order will convince any person that they can get value received for their money from us. We have the largest stock of can goods than anyone in the city. Our goods are the best quality and the lowest possible price. The Farmer is our friend come in and let us show you what we have. Ask yourself the question, how does these prices compare with what you have been paying? :- :- :-

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