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Office over the Ostertag Bld'g.

New Year's Eve at Winters.

Probably your regular correspondent has sent in the news from Winters, but there is one bit of the holidays that we wish to send to your valuable paper which is read by so many citizens of Runnels county.

On Saturday last a few of our people, after talking the matter over, decided to celebrate the Dawn of the New Century. Strange as it may seem a considerable number of the Winters people evidently felt no interest in the occasion. But the few, who acting from a sense of duty, fully realizing that the opportunity would never again appear, determined to arrange a program, to show their appreciation of the occasion.

At the suggestion of Dr. Grant, it was agreed that supper should be prepared for the midnight hour, and to be served after the rendering of the program. It was then suggested by Messrs. Brown and Dale, that a pyrotechnic display, surpassing anything of the holidays, be given just as the New Year and Century was beginning. According to agreement, the exercises began at 10 o'clock and the following program was rendered:

Music by Winters Band.

Then the exercises were opened by Rev. C. H. Smith, first with fervent prayer, after which he spoke briefly of the varied scenes through which our country had passed during the last century. He then spoke of the marvelous progress of our people within the latter part of that progressive period. His address was highly appropriate and it is to be regretted that his time was limited.

Dr. Grant then read "The Closing of the Century," a universal favorite of Dr. Prentice. It was read with a fine effect, and was highly appreciated on the occasion.

Prof. R. B. Kelly then read "The Dawn of the Century," a program prepared for the occasion, which was a most interesting and valuable thing it contained, and was probably the most valuable of the human

heart is the wish to live life over again; but God in his infinite wisdom has deemed it proper that no one should live to repeat the acts, or correct the errors of a lifetime."

Miss Sheeley then recited "Uncle Daniel's Appropriation of the Steam Boat." It was the most amusing feature of the program.

We then had an appropriate reading by Rev. Smith, "A Hundred Years from Now."

Prof. Kelly then read the "Ideal Life," that fine address from Prof. Patrick which is so highly prized by the literary world.

Miss Sheeley then recited "After the Battle," and the elocutionary skill displayed brought forth rounds of applause from the eager listeners.

As only ten minutes of the Old Year now remained all prepared for the crowning event of the occasion. At three minutes to twelve the bells began to ring, the band struck up a lively tune, and the air became alive with fireworks, while the joyous shouts of the crowd rang out upon the midnight air. After this a supper fit for an epicure was prepared by the good women and beautiful girls of Winters. Supper being over the crowd retired to their respective homes with fond memories of an occasion which they will never again be permitted to see.

The writer of this article will ever hold in remembrance the incidents of that night together with a fasting regard for those who were present. We were together when the century closed.

ZENO.

—Handsome rings of every description at Asa Cordill's.

—Try P. J. Baron's fine old Brookwood whiskey, opposite postoffice.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the C. P. church have nice fresh light bread at Davis & Co's.

—Banner Leader, \$1.00 per year

School House Improvement.

In the early days of Ballinger, public spirited, enterprising men took hold of its school affairs, and by strenuous efforts, self-sacrifice and cash contributions erected the present, well planned, substantial, tho' unfinished, school building.

Through lack of necessary funds it has remained in that incomplete state until now.

For three years some of the rooms have been too much crowded and the teachers have filled very trying positions.

Something must be done to meet the demand of our rapidly increasing scholastic population. That more room must be secured and more teachers be employed for the next term is apparent to all.

The unfinished front, which has long been an eye-sore to our citizens, and an object of remark to the stranger, should be replaced by a beautiful tower.

Certainly if Ballinger, in its chaotic infancy, could erect the splendid building we have, now in its remarkable prosperity it could finish it.

We believe it is the wish of all that it be finished somewhat in the same style as proposed in the original plans and specifications, i. e., a cut stone tower, three stories high, and an additional wing, similar to the one now in use, running back from the North side of the building, thus securing two additional rooms, which have long been needed.

Also a good iron fence should enclose the campus, and have the same plowed up and set in Bermuda grass. By attending to this early this spring, we could have the grounds well sodded by the fall term, and thereby save hundreds of dollars to patrons in wear and tear of shoes and clothing.

To do this will require in round numbers something like a subscription of \$3,300.00.

Let all citizens, new and old, consider the matter well and give the enterprise their moral and financial support.

Upon the part of the Board of Trustees I can say they would be glad to hear from the citizens upon the subject.

W. W. Fowler,
Sec. School Board.

Coming—January 19th.

The United States has an electorate four times as numerous as that of the United Kingdom, and two or three times as large as that of the entire self-governing British empire throughout the world. It is also about as large as the electorates of France and Germany put together.

Shanghai Pearce, the famous millionaire stockman, is dead of Bright's disease. He was a leading man in the stock circles of Texas. He was a native of Rhode Island, came to Texas before the war, stood six feet and four inches, and weighed 275 pounds. His life shows what a boy of honest nature and energy can do. He was a natural horseman and became a cowboy. His life was one of hardships, but he reached success. He owned 400,000 acres of land.

Coming—January 19th.

Be Not Deceived!

The Cheapest is not the Best, but the Best is the Cheapest. We use Pure Oak-Tanned Leather in our Saddles and Harness, And use Skilled Workmen in Manufacturing.

Our force consists of J. E. Cole, Charles E. Collins, G. E. Hubble, Preston McKinley, E. J. Cathey and A. L. Greenwood. We carry a complete line of Harness, Collars, Chams, Bridles, Lines, Whips, Lashes, Tops, Poles, Cushions, Curtains, Storm Aprons and Buggy Trimmings.

Yours for Business,

T. S. LANKFORD,

THE : SADDLE : AND : HARNESS : MAKER.

Coming—January 19th.

The good people of Wingate and Hylton want a mail line connection with Ballinger and the Banner Leader heartily agrees with them that they need such a line. At present it takes three or four days to get a letter to Hylton, a town from which Ballinger gets considerable trade. Wingate is in this county and the mail service is only slightly better. Let's help these people and by helping them we will be helping ourselves.

For the year ending June 30, 1900, nearly half a million foreigners took up their residence in this country. Of these one in every five could neither read nor write. Of those from Southern Europe more than one-half were totally illiterate. The average amount of money possessed by these immigrants after landing was \$15. Evidently a large per cent. of these people immediately became reduced to beggary, for \$15 will not last a stranger in a strange country long. Chinese are totally excluded though they are almost universally self-sustaining.—Farm and Ranch.

The Santa Fe railway has recently purchased the short line of railway connecting Amarilla and Roswell. They already own the line connecting Pecos City and Roswell, and their surveyors left San Angelo Wednesday to survey a route from that city to Pecos City. Those who are in a position to know say this means something, and will likely result in the Santa Fe pushing out of San Angelo early in the year with Pecos City as the objective point. This would give a direct route to the Pacific slopes and the west.

—For Building paper and Carpet paper get our prices. A big stock just received.

CREWS & MCGREGOR,
Furniture dealers
and undertakers.

City Property For Sale.

1. A two-room house, good well, 15 acre block of ground, price \$350.

2. A good three-room house, 2 hydrants in yard, three lots, near business part of town, possession any time, \$400.

3. A three-room house, 4 acres of ground, good well, good stable, price \$800.—\$500 cash, \$300 on long time.

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Coming—January 19th.

H. A. Thomson's fine house on the hill came near burning Monday night about 12 o'clock. It caught between floor and ceiling as the result of a faulty fireplace and was not discovered until almost ready to burst into flames. Prompt action on the part of neighbors and some young people who were attending a reception at Miss Luckett's put out the fire with a damage of not over \$150 to the building. It was a narrow escape.

This week I. N. Abernathy sold his interest in the New Racket Store to Messrs. J. D. Ratliff and J. N. Darnell who are now sole proprietors and managers. Mr. Ratliff, it will be remembered, was associated in business with Mr. Abernathy before. Messrs. Ratliff and Darnell are both from Coleman and are young men of experience in business. They promise polite treatment to all customers and visitors and will be glad to see old and new friends in their place of business, next door to Ostertag's.

—I certainly appreciate the liberal patronage my friends gave me the past year and I intend showing my gratitude during 1901 by furnishing the best goods in my line at prices that will enable all to buy. Soliciting your further favors during the present year I remain, your friend,

Asa Cordill, the Jeweler.

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

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Santa Fe Train Service.

Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:26 a. m.

South-bound due at Ballinger 6:30 p. m.

Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

Coming—January 19th.

This last cold spell will lessen the number of smallpox cases in the state.

Uncle Sam has purchased as a coaling station an island in the Pacific ocean near Guam. It contains 130 acres and the price paid was \$900 in gold.

An electrician, in the presence of witnesses, killed a cat in St. Joseph, Mo., by electricity and then after physicians had pronounced it dead, restored it to life by reversing the current.

The report that Paderewski had been killed in a duel proved to be a fake and he is yet "very much alive." He promises himself not a little American coin before the grim reaper visits him.

China is still an all-absorbing topic with the dailies. That country has proven a puzzle difficult of solution. The latest rumor is that the Empress Dowager has secretly appointed a 15-year old boy as China's ruler giving him the title Tung Hsu.

Mrs. Nations, president of the W. C. T. U. of Barber county, Kansas, is in jail charged with smashing mirrors in a barroom. She has threatened to break up all the Kansas saloons and is backed by the W. C. T. U. Lawyers say she will be acquitted.

At Paris, Texas, while a colored wedding was in progress the floor of the church fell through, a stove was upset, a lamp exploded and several of the women fainted, but nobody was seriously hurt. Naturally all this interrupted the wedding ceremony, but it was completed successfully out in the open air.

There is an ex-Confederate soldier named Mac Stewart, in jail at Chihuahua, Mexico, and he has been making unsuccessful efforts to get the confederates in Texas to do something towards his release. His latest letter to a friend reads: "The time is coming soon, if I am kept here, when I will not have money to buy my grub, and as I can not eat the stuff that is issued in prison here, it will soon make a 'wind-up' of me, I expect, and wish it, too."

—Eight Day Mantle clocks with alarms at Asa Cordill's \$3.00. Same without alarms \$2.50. See them.

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Lawyers are great hands to indulge in reminiscences. Nearly all of them like to tell about their first lawsuit, for usually even the greatest of them began in a very small way. Gov. William J. Stone gives the following account of his first lawsuit:

"As I recall it now, my first lawsuit involved the munificent sum of 50c. The plaintiff had done certain work for the defendant for which he rendered a bill of \$2.50. The defendant, considering the charge exorbitant, refused to pay. He was willing to pay \$1.50, and during the negotiations, by way of compromise, he proposed to pay the plaintiff \$2. When this proposition was carried to the plaintiff he rejected it with scorn and instituted a suit before the Justice of the Peace. At first neither party had an attorney. Each attended to his own case. They had forty or fifty witnesses subpoenaed between them. The greater number of the witnesses were used to prove the value of the service. The plaintiff won on the jury trial and the defendant appealed. After the trial I was employed by the plaintiff. By this time the accumulated costs made the case of much greater importance to the parties. The original difference of 50c was lost sight of in view of the large bill of costs accrued, now amounting to \$70 or \$80. On the trial we made it appear that no actual tender of any sum had been made to the plaintiff, and so I felt pretty sure of the costs, no matter what amount the jury gave us. However, the jury returned a verdict for the full amount claimed. The costs in the case exceeded \$100. The controversy of course was absurd to the point of idiocy, but it gave me a case, \$15 in money and a world of glory. Thenceforth, like Alexander, I was looking for other worlds to conquer."

A Short Sermon.

Have you ever thought how difficult it is to find an unbroken family? Most of us are fragments of families here and there struggling as best we may. We think of father, mother, and relatives, now scattered like the mists of the morning. There is something in this life that makes us forgetful of each other's welfare when we become separated. How often do you write to brother or sister? We dare say if you sit down to count the days you will be surprised to find that it has been months and perhaps years. Once in a while a letter passes telling of the old love, and asking to be forgiven for not writing sooner, and then a long silence. A telegram is handed to you; your fingers tremble as you tear the envelope; you read, mother and sister died, on such a day. You go away by yourself and shed a few scalding tears and regret a thousand times the negligence to the dear one. It is now too late to do better by that mother and sister in the days to come. This great broad world gets two far apart. The duties of life so thoroughly absorb our time that we forget things that should be remembered.—Ex.

For Oats and Cotton Seed and Bran The Miller Mercantile Co. can furnish you in any quantity.

—Dr. Mullins, of Fort Worth specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, will be in Ballinger, Jan. 28 and 29 at Royalty Hotel.

BUGGIES.

I am now ready to supply your wants in the buggy line. I have just received a car of buggies of many styles, all the latest, and offer them at prices competition can't equal. The quality of the goods is the best.

—Call Early and Look at My Buggies. I Can Save You Money.—

Make Your Wife

A HANDSOME PRESENT

Of one of my buggies. Nothing will please her more and a more appropriate gift could not be named. I will make you right price.

Still In The Implement Business.

This is an invitation for you to visit me store when you are thinking of buying a wagon, a buggy, a plow, a cultivator, a drill, a hoe, a shovel, a rake or any of the hundreds of the things I sell.

LEE MADDUX,

Ballinger, Texas.

A Good Thing, Push It Along.

We have a good stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries—as good as can be found in Ballinger. Our prices are low enough. Our salesmen are polite and accommodating. Our delivery of goods prompt. We are enjoying a splendid trade but can handle more. Can't we serve you during 1901. * * *

Yours, for groceries.

MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Coming—January 19th.

The fragile babe and the growing child are strengthened by White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms, gets digestion at work and so rebuilds the system. Price 25 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Quail Went to Roost.

The passenger train due here yesterday afternoon at 4:14 was several hours late and when it arrived a quail was discovered perched up in the headlight of the engine and when the train pulled out this morning the quail was still in his place and seemed quite satisfied with his surroundings. The engineer said that they ran into a bunch of them last night and that this one flew against the headlight, bursting the glass.—Abilene News.

Eczema and Skin Eruptions

Absolutely cured by Remick's Eczema Cure. 50c.—Guaranteed. At E. D. Walker's.

LANGE & DOOSE,

Real Estate and Loan Agents,
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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

When in need of anything in our line it will pay you to call around and consult us before buying elsewhere.

We can fit you up with anything from a town lot to a fifty thousand acre ranch.

WORMS! WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE
Best in Quantity. — Best in Quality.
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.
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For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

To meet the constantly growing demand for a Graphophone of the Grand type at a figure that will suit the proper purse, the Columbia Phonograph Company announces that the price of the Columbia Grand Graphophone is reduced from \$75 to \$50, of Grand records from \$1.50 to \$1.00 each, and of Grand blanks from \$1 to 75 cts. each.

It is confidently believed that this substantial price reduction will have the effect of placing Graphophones of the genuine Grand type in the hands of thousands of persons who have hitherto been restrained from purchasing by reason of the comparatively high prices heretofore prevailing. As a further and even greater means of stimulating the sales of Grand machines and records and of overcoming what undoubtedly has been the principal deterrent to their almost universal use, the price of Grand records has been reduced to \$1 each, instead of \$1.50 as heretofore.

Columbia Grand records have justly earned the reputation of being the finest product of the record-making art, and the manufacturers pledge themselves that the goods will continue to deserve this reputation. The reduction in price has been made possible by new manufacturing processes which result in improved records as well as more economical manufacture.

Grand blank cylinders, formerly \$1 each, are reduced to 75 cts. each.

It is estimated that the new prices will create a demand for these wonderful machines that will greatly tax the superb facilities of the manufacturers. Their plant at Bridgeport, Conn., is the largest and most modern and complete talking machine factory in the world and their facilities for the quick and economical production and distribution of their goods are unapproached.

The Columbia Phonograph Co. has brought about every substantial improvement in the talking machine art. The most recent achievement and one as startling as the original invention itself, was the discovery of the principles governing the construction of Graphophones of the Grand type. These machines give forth reproductions of sound with the same volume and quality as the original rendition. They speak and sing with the volume of a giant's voice; yet with the intensified vibrant power there is no sacrifice of quality, but on the contrary, a richer, fuller and more faithful reproduction of the timbre of the original sound is obtained.

Five hundred dollars was the price of the machine when first offered for sale, and the original price of large records was five dollars each. Facilities for the manufacture of the goods on a large scale and the bringing out of new models have made possible great reductions in price. There is now no obstacle to the universal adoption of the Grand Graphophone as the most fascinating home entertainer of modern life.

You lose more than we do if you don't advertise in the Banner-Leader

—Bracelets, Bangles, Buttons, Brooches, the prettiest display of fine jewelry ever shown in Ballinger at Asa Cordill's.

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J. Y. PEARCE.

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Sold by J. A. OSTERTAG & CO

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Wm. J. Bryan begins this month the publication of his new paper The Commoner at Lincoln Nebraska. The Banner-Leader will receive subscriptions for this paper at reduced rates. The Commoner is a weekly, democratic in principle and will be edited by Wm. J. Bryan. The Banner Leader and the Commoner one year for \$1.50.

Advertise in the Banner-Leader, it pays.

A BOON TO MANKIND!
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A New Discovery for the Certain Cure of INTERNAL and EXTERNAL PILES, WITHOUT PAIN.
CURES WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED.
TUBES, BY MAIL, 75 CENTS; BOTTLES, 50 CENTS.
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For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

Central Wagon Yard
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Good well of water, plenty of wood, comfortable clean camp houses and stalls for your teams. Try the Central and you will stay with it.

Subscribe for the Banner-Leader. \$1.00 per year.

—See Davis & Co before you buy boots, shoes, hats, shirts, etc.

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Dead Letters.

The dead letter office of the postoffice department is kept busy the whole year round by the increasing carelessness of people in addressing mail matter. The report of the superintendent shows that during this year 7,556,158 pieces of improperly addressed or unaddressed mail matter were received at the office. No less than 88,638 pieces were without any address. The report shows that 50,553 letters were received at the dead letter office containing money to the aggregate amount of \$44,150.15. Of this amount the sum of \$11,437.38 could not be restored to the senders. It also shows that 5,392,800 letters were unclaimed by the parties to whom they were addressed.—El Paso Times.

Coming—January 19th.

A few days ago the little son of Edward Cudahay, the Omaha packing house man, was kidnapped by unknown parties. The kidnapers wrote the father that for \$25,000 they would return the boy safe and sound. Their letter contained specific directions where the money should be left, and also stated that if he refused them the money or tried to have them captured, they would put acid in the lad's eyes so as to deprive him of sight. After consulting with the police and thinking the matter over, the wealthy father went and deposited the money all gold, as directed in the letter. In a few hours the boy was at home. He was unhurt. During his captivity he was kept blind folded, consequently he saw nothing. The rich are heirs to troubles the poor never have to dread.

Coming—January 19th.

For Sale.

A pet jenny 10 months old. Very gentle, raised by children. 3 little boys have ridden her at the same time without bridle, saddle or tie rope. Large of her size. No common stock. Price \$15.00. Apply to editor of the Banner-Leader. 4-t.

—Why not try the new saloon opposite P. O. They will treat you right and give you the right kind of goods at prices never before in Ballinger.

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Not a Bee Hive.

The following is told at the expense of an American gentleman who was recently stopping at the Hotel Cecil in London. On their first evening there he happened to retire somewhat later than his spouse. Arriving at the door of what he imagined to be his bed room, and finding it locked, he tapped and called "Honey!" No answer came, and he called again and more loudly. "Honey!" Still he got no reply, and becoming somewhat uneasy, he shouted the endearing term with his full lung power. This time a reply came, and in a male voice: "Go away you blathering idiot! This is a bathroom, not a blooming beehive!"

How to Get Rich

The way to get rich is to trust nobody, befriend none, get all you can, take all you can get, stint yourself and everything that belongs to you, be a friend to no man and let no man be a friend of yours, help your interest, be mean, miserly and despised for twenty or thirty years, and riches will come to you as sure as disease, disappointment and death, and when pretty near enough wealth has been accumulated by a disregard of the charities of the human heart, and at the expense of every enjoyment, death will finish the work, and the body is buried, the heirs dance and fight over what you have left, and the spirit goes, where? By all means get rich. It will pay.—Garland News.

The extent and importance of the northwest Texas conference which recently completed its annual session at Georgetown, can be more fully realized when its large membership is considered and the amount of property which the organization controls. There are 348 preachers in the conference and 66,724 members. The church property owned, including houses of worship and parsonages, is valued at \$968,665, school property at \$60,000, making a total of \$1,228,665. This estimate includes the Southwestern University, recently erected at Georgetown, and valued, together with some other school property there at \$200,000.

A rush has been made to Otera county, New Mexico, on the discovery of a bed of large genuine diamonds. The discovery was made through the agency of red ants which had brought out the stones.

DR. T. H. P. DUNCAN

Will be in Ballinger every three months, I make a specialty of Eye and all its diseases and defects. CONSULTATION FREE. Largest stock of high grade lenses ever brought to Ballinger. Beware of peddlers and fakes going through the country. consult some one you know. Every three months in Ballinger, office in the front of Banner-Leader office.

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Galveston, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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"California Limited" "To California And Back" for the asking. W. S. KEENAN, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, Galveston.

Lost—An Overcoat.

Lost, in West End Monday night, December 24th, a boy's overcoat with hat in pocket. Finder will kindly leave at the Banner-Leader office.

Found—A Glove.

The Banner Leader has a good glove, found this week. Owner can have same by describing property.

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The banks in all parts of the state are reporting an immense increase in business.

The Omaha kidnapers are valuable personages and the man who finds and holds them will be rich the rest of his days. Mr. Cudahay offers \$25,000; the city council of Omaha offers \$25,000; and the state will likely give a similar amount for their capture.

Mrs. Wm. J. Bryan will assist in the editing of her husband's paper, The Commoner, and will conduct the department for women, dealing in questions of higher culture and the interest of women generally.

Rev. D. M. West, pastor of the Baptist church here was made to feel good Christmas by the gift of a suit of fine clothes, a token of good will and appreciation from the ladies of the church. Rev. West is gratefully appreciative and desires the Banner-Leader to say so for him. The Baptist church under his pastorate is moving along nicely and has bright prospects. The members are planning to erect a parsonage and have the pastor make his home in Ballinger. The Banner-Leader thinks this a step in the right direction and trusts the plan may be pushed to success.

—The holidays are over but I have some jewelry left to sell. The prices will interest you—so will the jewelry. Asa Cordill.

—Low prices and good goods will prevail at Davis' new store.

Town Lots for Sale.

All lots in Ballinger belonging to the G. C. & S. F. are now for sale. For prices and terms apply to C. H. WILLINGHAM, agent. 12

BAD COLDS.

Quinine is 10 years behind. Colds do not now have to be endured. Mendel's Dynamic Tabules (called dynamic from their energy) crowd a week's ordinary treatment into 12 hours and abort the worst of colds over night.

"It was the worst case of grip I ever had. A half dozen friends had sure cures. Still it hung on. Heard of the Dynamic Tabules. To my amazement they stopped both cold and cough the first night. I endorse and recommend them to the people." Barclay Henley, Ex member Congress and Attorney, 101 Sansome Street, San Francisco. July 7, 1900.

"Winter colds have always been serious things to me. They are hard and stay for months. But the last was stopped suddenly by Mendel's Dynamic Tabules. Both cough and cold disappeared in a couple of days. Nothing else does this for me." Mrs. Emma L. Hollin, 14 Moss St., San Francisco. Aug. 6, 1900.

"I live across the street from where Mendel's Dynamic Tabules are made. That is how I first took them. They stop colds without notice. I took a dozen boxes with me for myself and friends when I went to Nome." H. L. Van Winkle, Capitalist, 3017 Washington Street, San Francisco. Aug. 10, 1900.

For sale by E. D. WALKER, Druggist.

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Many of the blotches, pimples and other affections of the skin are caused by the failure of the liver and kidneys to cast off impurities, which remain in the system. Herbine will stimulate the liver and kidneys, and cleanse the system of all impurities. Price 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Miss Hettie Probandt, after a week's pleasant stay with Ballinger friends, returned to San Angelo the latter part of last week.

Harry E. Sharp spent Sunday with young lady friends in the city of Coleman. Harry is now a valued employee of the Santa Fe depot force.

B. B. Stone is at home from a trip to Marlin. Just whether he went on business or pleasure the Banner-Leader can't say but gossip says "both."

Misses Ora and Norma Harris, who have been spending the holidays as the guests of the family of Judge J. W. Powell, returned Tuesday to Lampasas.

Ballinger lumber men have enjoyed a business this fall which has never been equaled here before. The demand is immense and the supply has been limited, but several cars have been received lately and all orders can be filled promptly now.

Miss Ida Miles, after a week spent with home folks, left Sunday afternoon for Weatherford where she is teaching music in the Cumberland Presbyterian seminary there. She stopped at Santa Anna to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. V. L. Grady.

That Ballinger is attracting some attention is evidenced by the statement of Station Master Wright who says ten immigrant cars arrived and were unloaded at this point last week. Every place where household goods can be stored is in use and still they come. Where it will end a better prophet than the Banner-Leader will have to say.

Mr. Cicero Smith spent Saturday in Ballinger. He had intended going to San Angelo, but finding such a shortage of lumber here and such an unprecedented demand for it, he boarded the train Sunday for the mills to rush cars this way. Before leaving he gave substantial tokens to all his employees of his appreciation of their services the past six months.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
 (Business Established in 1879.)
BALLINGER, TEXAS.
 Real Estate Agent, Abstractor
 and Conveyancer.
 Owner of Complete Abstracts of
 Title to Lands in Runnels and
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Wilson & Wilson,
Blacksmiths & Woodworkers
 Every Job Guaranteed.
 Experts in Horseshoeing;
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 Practice in all Courts in Runnels and neighboring counties; in Federal Court at San Angelo, the Courts of Civil and Criminal appeals and the Supreme Court of the State.

BALLINGER - - MILLING - - CO.
 Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted
 Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

No use Sending Off
 for
SEWING MACHINES.
 I can sell you high grade Ma-
 chines for from \$20 to \$40, guar-
 anteed for five years. Come and
 see me. **LEE MADDOX,**
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"OUR FRIEND'S"
 SHAVING PARLOR
 Good work and polite treatment. Hot
 and cold baths always ready.

PINK HUBBARD, Prop.
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 (Office up Stairs Walker Building)
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You lose more than we do
 if you don't
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Drs. Halley & Love,
 General Medicine and Surgery.
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 - BALLINGER. -

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 OFFICE AT
 J. Y. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.
 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

DR. W. W. FOWLER,
 OFFICE AT
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 BALLINGER.

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

You lose more than we
 do if you don't advertise
 in the Banner-Leader.

Sterling silver novelties, the
 latest patterns.
JAS. E. BREWER.

Coming—January 19th.
**Delegates to National Live Stock As-
 sociation.**
 This association meets in Salt
 Lake City, Utah, January 15 to
 18, and among the appointed
 delegates announced are the fol-
 lowing from this section: Geo. J.
 Bird, San Angelo; Jos. Funk,
 Sherwood; Geo. B. Hendricks,
 Miles Station; E. R. Jackson,
 Sherwood; J. W. Montague, M.
 B. Pullaim, San Angelo; R. K.
 Wylie, Ballinger.

Same in Ballinger.
 There is a great cry for dwell-
 ings and business houses in San
 Angelo, but every available build-
 ing seems to be rented, and there
 are a great many people wanting
 to locate in town who cannot
 possibly secure houses.—Press.

A wood dealer says that there
 is not wood enough in San An-
 gelo to fill one half the orders.
 The dealers can't get the wood,
 as the supply at headquarters is
 short. If a cold snap were to
 come, there would be something
 of a fuel famine in our midst.—
 Press.

Coming—January 19th.
 Jim Hubbard, of Ballinger, the
 rollicky bull of the Mystic
 Knights of Bovina, was over to
 see the boys Thursday.—Stan-
 dard.

Coming—January 19th.
 T. J. Webb, the Maverick cattle-
 man, was in town Wednesday.
 He says cattle are too high for
 him to invest in at present.—
 Standard.

Coming—January 19th.
 Tuesday, the first day of the
 new century, many changes in
 positions and avocations in life
 took place, not only in this city,
 but throughout the length and
 breadth of the land. Many of
 those possessed of lofty and as-
 piring ambition will carve their
 names high on the niches of hon-
 orable distinction before another
 new year is ushered in, while the
 thrifless and don't care element
 will continue in their old beaten
 paths, sink on the roadside from
 apathy and make room for their
 more enterprising rivals. Dame
 Fortune is a fickle goddess, and
 people who are today riding on
 the crest waves of prosperity
 may at the dawn of January, 1902,
 find themselves divested of their
 wealth and wallowing in the low-
 est and most despairing depths
 of poverty, while those who are
 now in the rear ranks may possi-
 bly forge their way to the front
 with Caesar's famous message in-
 scribed on their banner: "Veni,
 vidi, vici," which in plain West
 Texas dialect, means they got
 there on all four feet and captur-
 ed the entire shooting match.—
 Brownwood Bulletin.

Coming—January 19th.
 Many a bright and happy
 household has been thrown into
 sadness and sorrow because of
 the death of a loved one from a
 neglected cold. Ballard's Hore-
 hound syrup is the great cure for
 coughs, colds and all pulmonary
 ailments. Price 25 and 50 cents.
 At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 1

Card of Thanks.
 I wish to express my sincere
 appreciation to those who re-
 membered us so kindly. May
 God's richest blessings rest on
 you. Again thanking you for
 your thoughtful and liberal kind-
 ness I remain
 Very Respectfully,
MRS. NANNIE MATTHEWS.

Coming—January 19th.
Brownwood.
 Mrs. Etta Hodnette, nee Etta
 Hutchison, has visited Brown-
 wood friends.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mallow are
 visiting their daughter, Mrs. W.
 J. Bowden, at Ballinger.
 George B. and Wallace Hen-
 dricks were in town last night en
 route for San Angelo. The form-
 er is a prominent ranchman at
 Miles and the latter a prominent
 Fort Worth lawyer.

Rev. Bowden is making a canv-
 ass for a new Methodist church
 at Bangs. The church is a need-
 ed want in the church world of
 the Bangs country. The relig-
 ious zeal of Rev. Bowden will
 carry the enterprise forward.

Rev. E. B. Watson reports to
 the Bulletin a "pounding" that
 he received last night. His home
 was invaded by a group of friends,
 who placed on his hearthstone a
 "shower of sunshine" in the way
 of bountiful Christmas offerings.
 The worthy and genial pastor of
 the first Christian church and his
 good wife are very happy with
 this good will offering from the
 members of his congregation.
 Such little things make up the
 sunshine of life, and it is difficult
 to estimate their value. They
 give warmth to the best affections
 of the heart, and nerve the soul
 for action on high and noble
 planes of duty. After the "pound-
 ing" the evening was most
 pleasantly whiled away in bright
 social converse, and the associa-
 tions of the occasion were dis-
 solved with many a good prayer
 for the future of the Rev. E. B.
 Watson and his noble wife.

One of the most unique and de-
 lightful entertainments ever given
 in Ballinger was tendered the
 young people Saturday night by
 Misses Clara and Neil Guion. It
 was a "Bellamy" party and to
 those not posted as to what a
 Bellamy party was, it was ex-
 plained that the guests were ex-
 pected to attend dressed back-
 wards. Many entered into the
 spirit of the occasion and such
 costumes as were seen that night
 were never seen before. With
 masks on face and masks on back
 of head, with the whole attire ar-
 ranged backwards, it was hard to
 tell whether one was coming or
 going. Many of the costumes
 were fine and afforded much
 amusement. In addition to this
 feature of the entertainment,
 dancing was indulged in, games
 were provided, refreshments were
 served and in all the occasion
 was one which Ballinger society
 is rarely permitted to enjoy. The
 thanks of all attending are due
 the fair young ladies, Misses
 Clara and Neil, for a pleasant
 evening. Those present were
 Misses Beatrice Thomson, Kate
 Thomson, Maud Erwin, Ernie
 Underwood, Louise Luckett,
 Minnie Guion Francis, Edna
 Myers, Ora and Norma Harris of
 Lampasas, Olga Schawe, Belle
 Mathes, Edna Odom, Minnie Mc-
 Gregor, Pinkie Drake, Clara and
 Neil Guion, Messrs. Phil Lee,
 Russel Hamilton and Percy
 Baker, of San Angelo, Walter
 Schawe of Brenham, Horace
 Thomson, Portis Gay, Guion
 Gregg, S. M. Parks, Conda Wylie,
 Harry Thomson, S. B. Raby,
 W. N. Collier, Prentice Gregg,
 John Ryan, H. F. Mayes.

Whosoever has suffered from
 piles knows how painful and
 troublesome they are. Tabler's
 Buckeye Pile Ointment is guaran-
 teed to cure piles. Price 50 cents
 in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. At
 E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 1

A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN.

I have purchased Oscar Pearson's Livery business and will devote my entire time to serving the people in that line. I promise good horses, handsome rigs, prompt and polite attention and in return solicit the patronage and good will of all. My prices are moderate.

B. S. REED, The Ballinger Liveryman.

We Have Moved

To our new building and are now comfortably and conven-
 iently fixed, ready for your trade. We have a complete line
 of Staple and Fancy Groceries and solicit your patronage.

Our Grocery Store

Contains all the essentials for your Christmas dinner and we
 will be pleased to fill your order and deliver the same
 at satisfactory prices.

Davis & Co.

Are also in the Gents Furnishing business and a visit to our
 New Store will show you a handsome line of Shoes, Boots,
 Hats, Shirts, Collars, Ties, ready-to-wear Pants, and all the
 essentials to a gentleman's complete wardrobe. We are in
 the business to stay and we have the goods, so call on us at

BALLINGER TEXAS.

—All Kinds Of Building Material.—

Call on us and we will suggest something suitable,
 Something that will please.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.,
 J R McVAY, Manager.

Coming—January 19th.
 Mrs. Grace Winkler, after a
 brief visit with her parents, Mr.
 and Mrs. T. J. Webb, of Maverick,
 returned Saturday to her home in
 Big Springs.
 Coming—January 19th
 Mr. Walter Schawe, of Bren-
 ham, spent the holidays visiting
 the family of his uncle, A. Shawe,
 of Ballinger. He returned home
 Sunday evening.

Advertise liberally and persis-
 tently in the home newspapers
 during 1901 and other things be-
 ing equal you will have a heavy
 increase of business. Study your
 advertising. Change it often.
 Take a large space and do not
 crowd that space. Get your copy
 in the printing office early so that
 the printer will have time to dis-
 play your ad properly. Observe
 these directions and you will find
 it pays to advertise.

The properties of Ballard's
 Snow Liniment possess a range
 of usefulness greater than any
 other remedy. A day seldom
 passes in every household, es-
 pecially where there are children,
 that it is not needed. Price 25
 and 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's
 Drug Store. 1

Are You Troubled With Eczema
 Or skin eruptions? One box
 of Remick's Eczema Cure will
 cure you. 50c.—Guaranteed by
 E. D. Walker's. 2

Coming—January 19th.

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 Good Runnels county roads
 means good trade for Ballinger.
 Some of us are reminded of the
 holidays by the Christmas bills
 which are coming in.
 Reach out for more business
 this year. The newspaper is the
 best medium to aid you.
 Be a credit to your town in
 1901. Push your business. Be
 enterprising. Be generous.

Ballinger merchants should or-
 ganize with a view to bettering
 the condition of roads leading
 into the city.
 Washington City will contri-
 bute \$50,000 towards the expenses
 of the inauguration of Wm. Mc-
 Kinley as president of the United
 States.

Our merchants should assist
 the commissioners in securing
 and maintaining goods roads
 over this county. The success of
 Ballinger as a trading point de-
 pends largely on her roads.

Runnels county is still visited
 by prospectors. They are taking
 the town and county. Every
 train brings more and few return
 home dissatisfied except that they
 can't find enough land to buy.

The New Year has begun.
 Every citizen of Ballinger should
 work for the interests of the town
 during 1901. Try it for one year
 and if the result isn't satisfactory
 to your business, you have the
 Banner-Leader's permission to
 pursue different tactics next year.

THE NEW RACKET STORE

Is in Ballinger to stay, With a bright, new, fresh stock of goods on hand bought for Cash at bargain prices, they are offering the best goods at prices below all competition. Now is your time to buy and this the place. We want your trade. We will treat you right. Give us a trial.

THE NEW RACKET
STORE,
RATLIFF & DARNELL,
Proprietors.

Coming—January 19th.

Portis Gay left Wednesday to spend a few days in Waco.

G. W. Woullard, of Bronte, transacted business in Ballinger Saturday.

A fine boy arrived Thursday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nath Allen.

Hugh Parramore, of Winters, transacted legal business with C. P. Shepherd Thursday.

Harris & Smith dissolved partnership on Jan. 1, 1901. Henceforth they will practice apart.

C. H. Willingham sold to W. F. Rodgers and J. A. Bedford this week 1370 acres of land for \$3.50 per acre.

W. N. Collier will be found during 1901 in Walker's drug store ready to serve his friends and customers.

Lots of moving took place January 1st, so much that the Banner-Leader man has failed to keep track of it.

Miss Beatrice Thomson and her brother Horace attended the Shamrock Club reception at Dublin the first of the week.

P. H. Williams, of Killeen, who recently purchased a tract of land near Wingate was out this week making arrangements to move shortly.

Edgar Cunningham, formerly with E. D. Walker, left Ballinger Thursday evening for Terrell where he has secured a position as druggist with a prominent firm.

Miss Edna Sharp, after spending a week with home folks, returned to her school duties on Oak Creek. We hear favorable reports from Miss Edna's school.

T. J. Rawls returned Thursday night from Itasca where he has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends. He reports a very pleasant time.

The Schubert Symphony club and Lady Quartette Company, of Chicago, gives a program of the greatest variety, consisting of Lady Quartettes, Mandolin and Guitar club, string, Violin and Vocal Solos, amusing readings. This entertainment is not a long, dull, classical affair, but a bright interesting program of music's choicest gems.

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John A. Weeks, the Llano druggist, spent a week with his parents in this city.

D. C. Underwood is at home from his trip to Chicago, where he placed his daughter, Miss Adele, in a school of art.

Prof. J. N. S. Webb, of Content, was in town last week and the Banner Leader remembers a pleasant visit accompanied by an order for job printing.

C. S. Woodward was compelled to move Tuesday and as he had, and could get, no house, he sent his wife and daughter, Miss Jessie, to San Angelo to visit his brother.

Rev. B. B. Sanders, the evangelist of the Christian church, has been conducting services in this city this week. He is an able preacher and will benefit those who hear him.

Coming—January 19th.

A. H. Van Pelt purchased this week lot 16 in block 4 at the rear of Winkler's store and will at once begin the erection of a warehouse 60x60 feet in which to store his heavy goods such as wagons, plows, cultivators, etc.

W. P. King, of the Wingate country, is in Hill county, where he was called by telegram to the bedside of his little girl who is dangerously ill with scarlet fever. We hope nothing serious will result.

Messrs. Charlie Andrews, C. H. B. Spradling, C. L. Thomson and W. W. Luper, of Caddo Mills, are in Ballinger prospecting for lands and if the Banner-Leader mistakes not Caddo Mills will soon lose four good citizens and what that town loses Ballinger will gain. They are pleased with us and to be frank we are pleased with them, so that their coming will be welcome.

The Banner-Leader urges its readers to read carefully the article in this issue from Dr. W. W. Fowler, secretary of the school board. His theme, the improvement of the school house, is a good one. The unimproved condition of Ballinger's school building has long been an eyesore and a little concerted action on the part of her citizenship would soon remedy the trouble and give us a building of which all would be proud.

Many changes took place last Tuesday, some employees losing their positions, some getting a raise of salary, some being advanced, but of the changes of which the Banner-Leader has heard none are more pleasing, nor more deserved, than the advance of R. L. Weaver—from street man to manager of the sales department of A. Schawe's dry goods and grocery store for the year 1901. Mr. Weaver has built himself up in a very short while to this position by energy, strict attention to business, and other traits which the careful business man is quick to see in an employee. Mr. Weaver is thoroughly acquainted over the county, is polite, agreeable and accommodating, and the man who trades with him will find the goods just as he represents them. He proposes to treat everybody right, sell the best groceries and dry goods it is possible to get and to sell at a small profit. He invites all his old friends to call on him at A. Schawe's when in the city and he is equally as anxious to make new friends. The Banner-Leader has known R. L. Weaver several years and we have nothing but words of praise for him.

Coming—January 19th.

John Harvey went to Lampasas Wednesday.

F. T. Rather was in town Thursday.

Hugh Parramore paid Ballinger a visit Thursday.

A. T. Tuerpe was trading in Ballinger Thursday.

A baby girl arrived on the 28th of December at the home of R. Medien.

Sam M. Parks went to Brownwood Wednesday evening on business.

I. N. Abernathy went to Coleman Wednesday to look for a missing horse.

Dougal Cameron spent last Sunday in the village of Zephyr with relatives.

J. E. Gentry and wife were in Ballinger Thursday from their home near Maverick.

On the day after Christmas a fine baby girl was born to the wife of Louis Jameson.

J. C. Olive was in town Thursday from Norton. He reported no news except that all the cotton was about picked.

The baby born during the last days of 1900 will be privileged to live in two centuries and, if unusual length of life is permitted may see three centuries.

Your attention is directed this week to the card of C. P. Shepherd & Co. who succeed B. C. Kirk & Co. in the insurance business. The new firm will be pleased to serve you when needing insurance.

E. W. Smith has purchased the McGinley place, 160 acres, 1½ miles west of Hylton and will move out at once. The price paid was \$11 per acre. This is a well improved place, has lasting water, and is considered a bargain at the price.

Coming—January 19th.

To look at the advertising columns of the Banner Leader one might judge that either a cyclone had just struck the paper or else Ballinger is a mighty sorry town. Neither is the case however. The merchants are merely taking a rest and will come again before many days.

B. C. Kirk has been advanced to the position of partner in A. H. Van Pelt's Hardware establishment. Mr. Kirk has many friends in and around Ballinger and every one of them will join the Banner-Leader in wishing him success in his new relations.

J. P. Watson was in town Wednesday from Miles. While here he favored the Banner-Leader substantially and more than this he gave words of cheer and encouragement to the printer which will be green in memory long after the money is spent and forgotten.

Mr. Harry Brin, a brother of the dry goods merchants here, was a Ballinger visitor several days this week. He is impressed with our town and its prospects, and he assured the Banner-Leader that Brin Bros. would put in at once as fine and complete a stock of goods as can be found in West Texas. They are hustlers after trade and when they say a town is all right you can depend on it, it is just that way. Mr. Ben Brin will leave for New York about the 15th to buy his spring stock.

Coming—January 19th.

—My jewelry repairing is the best and cheapest. All work guaranteed—Jas. E. Brewer.

COLD WEATHER

Necessities at greatly reduced prices at BRIN'S, the New Dry Goods store of Ballinger.

Our annual inventory now completed shows too much winter goods on hand which must be disposed of. We are now offering big bargains in underwear for Man, Woman and Child. Also big reduction in Blankets, Comforts, Clothing, Dress Goods, etc. Wow is the time to supply your wants, quality was never better, prices were never lower. It will pay you to take advantage of our great price reduction and share in the many bargains we have to offer.

BRIN'S

The new Dry Goods people,
In J. H. Miller's old stand.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

It was the privilege and pleasure of the writer to attend on New Year's eve night a vocal recital given by Miss Lonsue Luckett to a select circle of friends. Elaborate preparations had been made for the entertainment and pleasure of the guests and to say they were appreciated and enjoyed but expresses it mildly. The wits of those present were tested during the evening by the distribution of names to which a rhyme had to be made. In this contest Rev. Fitzhugh and Mr. Bob McGregor were the victors. The poetry, to say the least of it, was original. Then familiar airs were played on the piano, the guests writing the names as the airs changed. In this all were successful. The program as given below was rendered by Miss Luckett and Mrs. Will Odum and met with delighted applause:

PROGRAM.

I Live and Love Thee—Duet	Campana
Dreaming of Love—From the	
Princess Bonnie	Spencer
(a) Tomorrow	Neidlinger
(b) Serenade	Neidlinger
Kissing Gate	Cowen
Hebe—Duet from Don Quixote	Reddine
Farewell Sweet Flowers	Barney

The entire occasion was one of enjoyment and merriment, such as will be long remembered.

—Rings, pins, chains, charms, watches, clocks, bracelets,—lots of them at Asa Cordill's. Call and look at the goods.

—Remember to get your fresh light bread at Davis & Co's, and aid the Ladies Aid Society of the C. P. church.

—Headquarters for jewelry of all kinds—Jas. E. Brewer.

The Methodist Church.

Preaching at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service. We hope the membership will attend and engage in this delightful service. We invite all Christians to commune with us.

The young people will always receive a hearty welcome at our church. Come, young folks, we will try to help you.

Your friend,
W. A. MANLY.

Pay Your City Taxes.

We wish to pay all interest due on water works bonds for 1899 out of this year's taxes. I hope all will come up and pay at once as times are good and they must be paid. Come to the city secretary, get straight with the city and help to keep the city's credit up and oblige

Yours, etc.,
J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

Bargains! Bargains!!

If you want bargains, try me. Cash talks at my store. Anything you want in dry goods or groceries. A. SCHAW, Ballinger, Texas.

—Just arrived— a fine lot of mens and boys' working gloves. THE NEW RACKET STORE.

—Ready now for your watch and repair work. Everything guaranteed. Asa Cordill.

Old papers—20cts per 100.
—Goods arriving daily from New York at the New Racket Store.