BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JANVARY 5, 1901

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(Successors to B. C. Kirk & Co.) Office over the Ostertag Bld'g.

New Year's Eve at Winters.

obably your regular corresondent has sent in the news Winters, but there is one nt 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 telt no interest in the occasion. But the few, who acting from a sense of duty, fully realizing that the opporty would never again appear, nined to arrange a program, how their appreciation of

. the suggestion of Dr. Grant, 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 becanning. According to agreement, the exercises began at 10 sclock and the following pro gram was rendered: Music by Winters Band.

Then the exercises were openby Rev. C. H. Smith, first with Hervent prayer, after which he poke briefly of the varied scenes brough which our country had essed during the last century. He then spoke of the marvelous progress of our people within the latter part of that progressive period. Has address was highly propriete and it is to be regrethis time was limited.

then fend "The Closat universal tavorite D. Prentice It was affect, and was

Solly then read Century," that the mor

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

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 ing. highly prized by the literary world.

Miss Sheeley then recited "After the Barrle," 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 de scription at Asa Cordills.'

-Try P. J. Baron's fine old Brookwood whiskey, opposite came a cowboy. His life was one

The ledies Aid Society of the cess. He owned 400,000 acres of C. P. church have nice fresh light land. brend Ballavis & Co's.

School House Improvement.

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

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

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

Something must be done to neet the demand of our rapidly 100 ncreasing scholastic populaion. That more room must be secured and more teachers be employed for the next term is apparent to all.

The unfinished front, which as long been an eye-sore to our citizens, and an object of remark the stranger, should be replaced NO y a beautiful tower.

Certainly if Ballinger, in its haotic infancy, could erect the plendid building we have, now n 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 secur ing 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 Ber muda grass. By attending to this early this spring, we could have the grounds well sodded by the fall term, and thereby save hun dreds of dollars to patrons in wear and tear of shoes and cloth

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 tour 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 lead ing 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 beof hardships, but he reached suc-

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The good people of Wingate nection 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. town from which Ballinger gets considerable trade. Wingate is in this county and the mail ser vice is only slightly better. Let's help these people and by helping them we will be helping our-

For the year ending June 30, 1900, nearly haif 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 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 are both from Coleman and are Roswell, and their surveyors lett young men of experience in busi-San Angelo Wednesday to survey ness. They promise polite treata 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 point. This would give a direct

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

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City Property For Sale.

Yours for Business.

I. A two-room house, good and Hylton want a mail line con | well, 15 acre block of ground, price \$350.

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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 ment 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 libwith Pecos City as the objective eral patronage my friends gave me the past year and I intend route to the Pacific slopes and 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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The date opposite your name on the address label indicates the time up to fused to pay. He was willing to which your subscription is paid; if not pay \$1 50, and during the negotiacorrect please notify us at once.

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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 coaling station an island in the Pacific ocean near Guam. It contains 130 acres and the price paid was \$900 in gold.

ot witnesses, killed a cat in St. Joseph, Mo., by electricity and tender of any sum had been then after physicians had pronounced it dead, restored it to felt pretty sure of the costs, no life by reversing the current.

had been killed in a duel proved amount claimed. The costs in to be a fake and he is yet "very the case exceeded \$100. The much alive." He promises him self 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 diffi cult of solution. The latest ru mor is that the Empress Dowager has secretly appointed a 15-year old boy as China's ruler giving him the title Tung Hsu.

W. C. T. U. of Barber county, Kansas, is in jail charged with of the morning. There is someall the Kansas saloons and backed by the W. C. T. U. Law yers say she will be acquitted.

At Paris, Texas, while a colored wedding was in progress the floor of the church tell 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 triend 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 "windup" of me, I expect, and wish it, too:"

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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 detendant, considering the charge exorbitant, retions, 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 An electrician, in the presence to \$70 or \$80. On the trial we made it appear that no actual made to the plaintiff, and so I matter what amount the jury gave us. However, the jury re-The report that Paderewski turned a verdict for the full 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 tamily? Most of us are tragments of families here and there struggling as best we may. We Mrs. Nations, president of the think of father, mother, and relatives, now scattered like the mists smashing mirrors in a barroom. thing in this life that makes us She has threatened to break up 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 torgiven 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 lite so thoroughly absorb our time that we forget things that should be remembered .- Ex.

> Bran The Miller Mecantile Co. can furnish you in any quantity.

-Dr. Mullins, of Fort Worth -Eight Day Mantle clocks with specialist in diseases of the eye, alarms at Asa Cordill's \$3.00. ear, nose and throat, will be in Same without alarms \$2.50. See Ballinger, Jan. 28 and 29 at Royalty Hotel.

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I am now ready to supply your wants in the buggy line. 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.

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

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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 shvoel, a rake or any of the hundreds of the trings I sell.

LEE MADDOX,

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. se se se

Yours, ior groceries.

MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

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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 vesterday atternoon 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 surround. ings. The engineer said that For Oats and Cotton Seed and they ran into a bunch of them last night and that this one flew against the headlight, bursting the glass .- Abilene News.

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

et the constantly growing de-Tra Graphaphone of the Grand at a figure that will suit the proper se, the Columbia Phonograph Comy announces that the price of the lumbia Grand Graphophone is reducfrom \$75 to \$50, of Grand records om \$1.50 to \$1.00 each, and of Grand lanks 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 comparitively 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 carned 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 tself, was the discovery of the princiflas governing the construction of Graphophones of the Grand type. These machines give forth reproductions of sound with the same volume and quality is the original rendition. They speak and sing with the volume of a giant's poice; yet with the intensified vibrant shows that 50,553 letters were repower there is no sacrifice of quality, ceived at the dead letter office but on the contrary, a richer, fuller and containing money to the aggremore 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, 38 could not be restored to the and the original price of large records senders. It also shows that 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 lite.

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

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

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Herbine should be used to enrich and purify the blood; it cures | During his captivity he was kept all torms of blood disorders, is eruptions, boils, pimples, blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum and dread. every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effectual cure. Price 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Wm. J. Bryan begins this month the publication of his new paper The Commoner at Lincoln Nebraska. The Banner-Leader 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.

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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. JAMES F. BALLARD, Sole Proprietor. - - 310 North Main Street, ST. LOUIS, MO.

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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 with out any address. The report gate amount of \$44,150.15. Of this amount the sum of \$11,437. 5.392.800 letters were unclaimed by the parties to whom they were addressed.-El Paso Times.

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A few days ago the little son of Edward Cudahay, the Omaha packing house man, was kid napped by unknown parties. The kidnappers wrote the father that for \$25,000 they would return the boy sale and sound. Their letter -Bracelets, Bangles, Buttons, 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 de prive him of sight. After consulting with the police and thinking the matter over, the wealthy tather went and deposited the money all gold, as directed in the letter. In a few hours the boy was at home. He was unhurt. blind folded, consequently he saw especially useful in fevers, skin nothing. The rich are heirs to troubles the poor never have to

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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 ril receive subscriptions for this \$15.00. Apply to editor of the Banner-Leader.

> -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 betore 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, betriend 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 council of Omaha offers \$25,000; human heart, and at the expense ot 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

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. Consulta-TION FREE. Largest stock of high grade lenses brought to Ballinger.

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> 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 kidnappers are valuable personages and the man who finds and holds them will be rich the rest of his days. Mr. Cudahy offers \$25,000; the city 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 wo men, dealing in questions o 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 moving along nicely and has 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,

"Winter colds have always been serious things to me. They are hard and stay for months. But the last was stopsuddenly by Mendel's Dynamic Tabules. Both cough and cold disappeared in a couple of days. Othing else does this for me." Mrs. Emma L. Hollin, 14, Moss St., Can 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, Cappitalist, 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 tailure 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 triends 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 equalled 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 church under his pastorship is can be stored is in use and still they come. Where it will end a bright prospects. The members 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.

What Would Jesus Bo?"

By Charles M. Sheldon.



'I think I do—yes; I am sure." The shop spoke very slowly and thoughtfully. He sat with his hands clasped together. Over his face, marked with ines of consecration and service and the love of men, a shadow crept, a shadow not caused by the firelight. Again he lifted his eyes toward his old

"Calvin, we have always understood each other. Ever since our paths led us in different ways in church life we have walked together in Christian fellow

"It is true," replied Dr. Bruce, with an emotion he made no attempt to conceal or subdue. "Thank God for it. I prize your fellowship more than any man's I have always known what it meant, though it has always been more than I deserve.

The bishop looked affectionately at his friend, but the shadow still rested on his face. After a pause he spoke again

"The new discipleship means a crisis for you in your work. If you keep this pledge to do all things as Jesus would do. as I know you will, it requires no prophet to predict some remarkable changes in your parish." The bishop looked wistfully at Bruce and then continued: "In fact, I do not see how a perfect upheaval of Christianity as we now know it can be prevented if the ministry and churches generally take the Raymond pledge and live it out." He paused as if he were waiting for his friend to say something, to ask some question, but Bruce did not know of the fire that was burning in the bishop's heart over the very question that Maxwell and himself had fought out.

"Now, in my church, for instance," continued the bishop, "it would be

rather a difficult matter, I fear, to find very many people who would take a rledge like that and live up to it Martyrdom is a lost art with us. Our Christianity loves its ease and comfort too well to take up anything so rough and heavy as a cross, and yet what does following Jesus mean? What is it to walk in his steps?"

The bishop was soliloquizing now, and it is doubtful if he thought for the moment of his friend's presence. For the first time there flashed into Bruce's mind a suspicion of the truth. What if the bishop should throw the weight of his great influence on the side of the Raymond movement! He had the following of the most aristocratic, wealthy. fashionable people not only in Chicago, but in several large cities. What if the bishop should join this new discipleshin!

out his hand and, with the familiarity of lifelong friendship, had placed it on the bishop's shoulder and was about to ask him a very important question when they were both startled by the violent ringing of the bell. Mrs. Bruce had gone to the door and was talking with some one in the hall. There was a loud exclamation, and then, as the bishop rose and Dr. Bruce was stepping toward the curtain that hung before the entrance to the parlor, Mrs. Bruce pushed it aside. Her face was white, and she was trembling.

"Oh, Calvin! Such terrible news! Mr. Sterling-oh, I cannot tell it! What a fearful blow to those two girls!"

"What is it?" Dr. Bruce advanced with the bishop into the hall and confronted the messenger, a servant from the Sterlings The man was without his hat and had evidently rup over with the news, as the doctor lived nearest of any friends of the family.

"Mr. Sterling shot himself, sir, a few minutes ago! He killed himself in his bedroom! Mrs. Sterling"-"I will go right over. Edward"-Dr.

Bruce turned to the bishop-"will you go with me? The Sterlings are old friends of yours."

The bishop was very pale, but calm, as always He looked his friend in the face and answered: "Aye, Calvin. I will go with you, not only to this house of death, but also the whole way of human sin and sorrow, please God.'

And even in that moment of horror at the unexpected news Calvin Bruce understood what the bishop had pronsed to do.

CHAPTER X

These are they which follow the Lamb whither-

When Dr Bruce and the bishop enred the Sterling mansion, everything the usually well appointed household vas in the greatest confusion and teror. The great rooms down stairs were apty, but overhead were hurried footad confused noises. One of the ran down the grand staircase the look of horror on her face just the bishop and Dr. Bruc, were start-

room and out of doors.

"Miss Felicia is with Mrs. Sterling," the servant stammered in answer to a question and then burst into a hysterical cry and ran through the drawing

At the top of the staircase the two men were met by Felicia.

She walked up to Dr. Bruce at once and put both hands in his. The bishop laid his hand on her head, and the three

stood there a moment in perfect silence. The bishop had known Felicia since she was a child. He was the first to break silence

"The God of all mercy be with you. Felicia, in this dark hour. Your moth-

The bishop hesitated. Out of the buried past he had during his hurried passage from his friend's house to this house of death irresistibly drawn the one tender romance of his young manhood. Not even Bruce knew that. But there had been a time when the bishop had offered the incense of a singularly undivided affection upon the altar of his youth to the beautiful Camilla Rolfe, and she had chosen between him and the millionaire. The bishop carried no bitterness with his memory, but it was still a memory

For answer to the bishop's anfinished query Felicia turned and went back into her mother's room. She had not said a word yet, but both men were struck with her wonderful calm. She returned to the hall door and beckoned to them, and the two ministers, with a feeling that they were about to behold something very unusual, entered

Rose lay with her arms outstretched on the bed; Clara, the nurse, sat with her head covered, sobbing in spasms of terror, and Mrs Sterling, with "the light that never was on sea or land' luminous on her face, lay there so still that even the bishop was deceived at first Then as the great truth broke upon him and Dr Bruce he staggered, and the sharp agony of the old wound shot through him It passed and left him standing there in that chamber of death with the eternal calmness and strength that the children of God have a right to possess, and right well he used that calmness and strength in the days that followed

The next moment the house below was in a tumult. Almost at the same time the doctor, who had been sent for at once, but lived some distance away, came in, together with police officers who had been summoned by the frightened servants. With them were four or five newspaper correspondents and several neighbors Dr. Bruce and the The thought was about to be followed bishop met this miscellaneous crowd at by the word. Dr. Bruce had reached the head of the stairs and succeeded in excluding all except those whose presence was necessary. With these the two friends learned all the facts ever known about "the Sterling tragedy," as the papers in their sensational accounts next day called it.

Mr. Sterling had gone into his room that evening about 9 o'clock, and that was the last seen of him until in half

an hour a shot was heard and a servant who was in the hall ran into the room and found the owner of the house dead on the floor, killed by his own hand. Felicia at the time was sitting by her mother. Rose was reading in the library. She ran up stairs, saw her father as he was being lifted upon the couch by the servants and then ran screaming into her mother's room, where she flung herself down on the foot of the bed in a swoon. Mrs. Sterling had at first fainted at the shock, then rallied with wonderful swiftness and sent a messenger to call Dr. Bruce She had then insisted on seeing her husband. In spite of Felicia, she had compelled Clara and the housemaid, terrified and trembling, to support her while she crossed the hall and entered the room where her husband lay. She had looked upon him with a tearless face, had gone back into her own room, was laid on the bed, and as Dr Bruce and the bishop entered the house she, with a prayer of forgiveness for herself and her husband on her quivering lips, had died, with Felicia bending over her and Rose still lying senseless at her feet.

So great and swift had been the entrance of grim death into that palace of luxury that Sunday night, but the full cause of his coming was not known until the facts in regard to Mr. Sterling's business affairs were finally dis-

Then it was learned that for some time he had been facing financial ruin owing to certain speculations that had in a month's time swept his supposed wealth into complete destruction. With the cuming and desperation of a man who battles for his very life, when he saw his money, which was all the life be ever valued, slipping from him he

had received news that proved to him beyond a doubt the fact of his utter ruin. The very house that he called his, the chairs in which he sat, his carriage, the dishes from which he ate, had all been bought by money for which he himself had never really done an honest stroke of pure labor

It had all rested on a tissue of deceit and speculation that had no foundation in real values He knew the fact better than any one eise, but he had hoped, with the hope that such men always have, that the same methods that brought him the money would also prevent its loss. He had been deceived in this, as many others have been. As soon as the truth that he was practically a beggar had dawned upon him he saw no escape from suicide. It was the irresistible result of such a life as he had lived He had made money his god. As soon as that god had gone out of his little world there was nothing more to worship, and when a man's object of pans and kettles and doing the ordinary worship is gone he has no more to live for Thus died the great millionaire, kitchen and at the rooms of the Rec-Charles R. Sterling, and, verily, he died as the fool dieth, for what is the gain or the loss of money compared with the unsearchable riches of eternal life, which are far beyond the reach of worldly speculation, loss or change?

Mrs. Sterling's death was the result of shock. She had not been taken into her husband's confidence for years, but she knew that the source of his wealth was precarious Her life for several years had been a death in life. The Rolfes always gave the impression that they could endure more disaster unmoved than any one else. Mrs. Sterling illustrated the old family tradition when she was carried into the room where her husband lay, but the feeble tenement could not hold the spirit, and it gave up the ghost, torn and weakened by long years of suffering and disappointment.

The effect of this triple blow, the death of father and mother and the loss of property, was instantly apparent in the sisters. The horror of events stupefied Rose for weeks. She lay unmoved by sympathy or any effort to rally. She did not seem yet to realize that the money which had been so large a part of her very existence was gone. Even when she was told that she and Felicia must leave the house and be dependent upon relatives and friends she did not seem to understand what it meant.

Felicia, however, was fully conscious of the facts. She knew just what had happened and why. She was talking over her future plans with her cousin Rachel a few days after the funerals. Mrs. Winslow and Rachel had left Raythem, and with other friends of the family they were planning for the future of Rose and Felicia.

"Felicia, you and Rose must come to Raymond with us. That is settled. Mother will not hear of any other plan at present," Rachel had said, while her beautiful face glowed with love for her cousin, a love that had deepened day by day and was intensified by the knowledge that they both belonged to the new discipleship.

"Unless I could find something to do here," answered Felicia. She looked wistfully at Rachel, and Rachel said

"What could you do, dear?"

"Nothing. I was never taught to do anything except a little music, and I do not know enough about it to teach it or earn my living at it. I have learned to cook a little." Felicia answered, with a slight smile.

"Then you can cook for us. Mother is always having trouble with her kitchen," said Rachel, understanding well enough that Felicia was thinking of the fact that she was now dependent for her very food and shelter upon the kindness of family friends.

It is true, the girls received a little something out of the wreck of their father's fortune, but with a speculator's mad folly he had managed to involve both his wife's and his children's portions in the common ruin.

"Can I? Can I?" Felicia replied to Rachel's proposition, as if it were to be considered seriously "I am ready to do anything honorable to make my living and that of Rose. Poor Rose! She will never be able to get over the shock of our trouble."

"We will arrange the details when we get to Raymond," Rachel said, smiling through her tears at Felicia's eager willingness to care for herself.

So in a few weeks Rose and Felicia found themselves a part of the Winslow family in Raymond. It was a bitter experience for Rose, but there was nothing else for her to do, and she accepted the inevitable, brooding over the great change in her life and in many ways adding to the burden of Felicia and her cousin Rachel.

Felicia at once found herself in an atmosphere of discipleship that was like heaven to her in its revelation of companionship. It is true that Mrs. Winslow was not in sympathy with the course that Rachel was taking, but the remarkable events since the pledge had been taken were too powerful in their results not to impress even such a woman as Mrs. Winslow. With Rachel Felicia found a perfect fellowship. She at once found a part to take in the new work at the Rectangle. In the spirit of her new life she insisted upon belping in the housework at her aunt's and in had put off the evil day to the last mo- a short time demonstrated her ability ment. Sunday afternoon, however, he as a cook so clearly that Virginia ang-

geried that she take charge of the cook-

ing class at the Rectangle. Felicia entered upon this work with the keenest pleasure. For the first time in her life she had the delight of doing something of value for the happiness of others. Her resolve to do everything after asking, "What would Jesus do?" touched her deepest nature. She began

to develop and strengthen wonderfully. Even Mrs. Winslow was obliged to acknowledge the great usefulness and looked with astonishment upon her niece, this city bred girl, reared in the greatest luxury, the daughter of a millionaire, now walking around in her kitchen, her arms covered with flour and occasionally a streak of it on her nose-for Felicia at first had a habit of rubbing her nose forgetfully when she was trying to remember some recipemixing various dishes, with the greatest interest in their results, washing up work of a servant in the Winslow tangle settlement. At first Mrs. Winslow remonstrated.

"Felicia, it is not your place to be out here doing this common work. I cannot allow it.

"Why, aunt? Don't you like the muffins I made this morning?" Felicia would ask meekly, but with a hidden smile, knowing her aunt's weakness for that kind of maffin.

"They were beautiful, Felicia, but it does not seem right for you to be doing such work for us.'

"Why not? What else can I do?" Her aunt looked at her thoughtfully, noting her remarkable beauty of face and expression.

"You do not always intend to do this kind of work. Felicia?"

"Maybe I shall. I have had a dream of opening an ideal cookshop in Chicago or some large city and going around to the poor families in some slum district like the Rectangle, teaching the mothers how to prepare food properly. I remember hearing Dr. Bruce say once that he believed one of the great miseries of comparative poverty consisted in poor food. He even went so far as to say that he thought some kinds of crime could be traced to soggy biscuits and tough beefsteak. I'm confident I would be able to make a living ciety, fashion and wealth that ignores for Rose and myself and at the same time to help others.

it became a reality. Meanwhile she grew into the affections of the Raymond people and the Rectangle folks. among whom she was known as "the angel cook." Underneath the structure vast tumult of this vast torrent of humond and come to Chicago at once as of the beautiful character she was growsoon as the terrible news had reached ing always rested her promise made in its exaggeration of evils in the church Nazareth Avenue church.

"What would Jesus do?" She prayed and hoped and worked and planned her life by the answer to that question.

It was the inspiration of her conduct and the answer to all her ambition

Three months had gone by since the Sunday morning when Dr. Bruce came into his palpit with the message of the new discipleship. Never before had the Rev Calvin Bruce realized how deep the feelings of his members flowed. He humbly confessed that the appeal he had made met with an unexpected response from men and women who, like Kelicia, were hungry for something in their lives that the conventional type of refined, aristocratic members of my conchurch membership and fellowship had failed to give them

But Dr. Bruce was not yet satisfied for himself. We cannot tell what his feeling was or what led to the movement he finally made, to the great astonishment of all who knew him, better than by relating a conversation between him and the bishop at this time in the history of the pledge in Na.:areth Avenue church. The two friends were, as before, in Dr Bruce's house, seated in his study

"You know what I have come in this evening for?" the bishop was saying after the friends had been talking some time about the results of the pledge with Nazareth Avenue people.

Dr. Bruce looked over at the bishop and shook his head.

"I have come to confess," went on the bishop. "that I have not yet kept my promise to walk in his steps in the way that I believe I shall be obliged to if I satisfy my thought of what it means to walk in his steps.

Dr. Bruce had risen and was pacing his study The bishop remained in the deep easy chair, with his hands clasped, but his eye burned with the glow that always longed to him before he made some great resolve

"Edward" -Dr Brace spoke abruptly-"I have not yet been able to satisfy myself, either, in obeying my promise. but I have at last decided on my course. In order to follow it, I shall be obliged to resign from Nazareth Avenue

"I knew you would," replied the bishop quietly, "and I came in this evening to say that I shall be obliged to do the same with my charge."

Dr. Bruce turned and walked up to his friend. They were both laboring under repressed excitement.

"Is it necessary in your case?" asked Bruce. "Yes. Let me state my reasons.

Probably they are the same as yours. In fact, I am sure they are." The bishop paused a moment, then went on with increasing feeling:

"Calvin, you know how many years I have been doing the work of my position, and you know something of the

responsibility and the care of ft. not mean to say that my life has free from burden bearing or sorrow but I have certainly led what the poor and desperate of this sinful city would call a very comfortable—yes, a very luxurious life. I have a beautiful house to live in, the most expensive food, clothing and physical pleasures. have been able to go abroad at least a dozen times and have enjoyed for years the beautiful companionship of art and beauty of Felicia's character. The aunt | letters and music and all the rest of the very best. I have never known what it meant to be without money or its equivalent, and I have been unable to silence the question of late, 'What have I suffered for the sake of Christ?' Paul was told what great things he must suffer for the sake of his Lord. Maxwell's position at Raymond is well taken when he insists that to walk in the steps of Christ means to suffer. Where has my suffering come in? The petty trials and annoyances of my clerical life are not worth mentioning as sorrows or suffering. Compared with Paul or any of the Christian martyrs or early disciples, I have lived a luxurious, sinful life, full of ease and pleasure. I cannot endure this any longer. I have that within me which of late rises in overwhelming condemnation of such a following of Jesus. I have not been walking in his steps. Under the present system of church and social life I see no escape from this condemnation except to give the rest of my life personally to the actual physical and soul needs of the wretched people in the worst part of this city.

> The bishop had risen now and walked over to the window. The street in front of the house was as light as day, and he looked out at the crowds passing, then turned, and, with a passionate utterance that showed how deep the volcanic fire in him burned, he exclaimed:

"Calvin, this is a terrible city in which we live. Its misery, its sin, its selfishness, appall my heart, and I have struggled for years with the sickening dread of the time when I should be forced to leave the pleasant luxury of my official position to put my life into contact with the modern paganism of this century. The awful condition of the girls in the great department stores, the brutal selfishness of the insolent so all the sorrows of the city, the fearful curse of the drink and gambling hell, Felicia brooded over this dream until | the wail of the unemployed, the hatred of the church by countless men who see in the church only great piles of costly stone and upholstered furniture and the minister as a luxurious idler, all the manity with its false and its true ideas, and its bitterness and shame that are the result of many complex causes-all this as a total fact, in its contrast with the easy, comfortable life I have lived, fills me more and more with a sense of mingled terror and self accusation. I have heard the words of Jesus many times lately, 'Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, my brethren, ye did it not to me.' And when have I personally visited the prisoner or the desperate or the sinful in any way that has actually caused me suffering? Rather I have followed the conventional, soft habits of my position and have lived in the society of the rich, gregations. Where has the suffering come in? What have I suffered for Jesus' sake? Do you know, Calvin'the bishop turned abruptly toward his friend-"I have been tempted of late to lash myself with a scourge. If I had lived in Martin Luther's time, I would have bared my back to a self inflicted torture.'

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Same in Ballinger.

There is a great cry for dwellings and business houses in San Angelo, but every available build ing seems to be rented, and there are a great many people wanting carry the enterprise forward. to locate in town who cannot

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

Coming-January 19th.

rollicky bull of the Mystic Knights of Bovina, was over to see the boys Thursday .- Standard.

Coming-January 19th.

T. J. Webb, the Maverick cattleman, 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 took place, not only in this city, breadth of the land. Many of those possessed of lofty and asnames high on the niches of honorable distinction before another thriftless 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 lowest and most despairing depths of poverty, while those who are now in the rear ranks may possibly forge their way to the front with Caesar's famous message invidi, vici," which in plain West Texas dialect, means they got there on all four teet and captured the entire shooting match .-Brownwood Bulletin.

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Brownwood.

Mrs. Etta Hodnette, nee Etta Hutchison, has visited Brown wood triends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mallow are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Bowden, at Ballinger.

George B. and Wallace Hendricks 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 canvass for a new Methodist church at Bangs. The church is a needed want in the church world of the Bangs country. The religlous zeal of Rev. Bowden will

Rev. E. B. Watson reports to the Bulletin a "pounding" that he received last night. His home was invaded by a group of triends, 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 Jim Hubbard, of Ballinger, the 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 associations of the occasion were dissolved with many a good prayer for the future of the Rev. E. B Watson and his noble wife.

One of the most unique and dework and polite treatment. Hot new century, many changes in lightful entertainments ever given positions and avocations in life in Ballinger was tendered the young people Saturday night by but throughout the length and Misses Clara and Neil Guion. It was a "Bellamy" party and to those not posted as to what a piring ambition will carve their Bellamy party was, it was ex plained that the guests were ex pected to attend dressed back new year is ushered in, while the 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 arranged 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 scribed on their banner: "Veni, 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, Lousue 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.

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ham, spent the holidays visiting best medium to aid you. the family of his uncle, A. Shawe, of Ballinger. He returned home Sunday evening.

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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.

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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 trsde. We will treat you right. Give us a trial.

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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.

Mrs. Nath Allen.

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

Harris & Smith dissolved partnership on Jan. I, 1901. Hencetorth 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 Bhnner-Leader man has failed to keep track of it.

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

recently purchased a tract of land raise of salary, some being adnear Wingate was out this week ing advanced, but of the changes making arrangements to move of which the Banner-Leader has 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, atter spending a week with home folks, returned to her school duties on Oak Creek. We hear tavorable reports from Miss Edna's school.

night trom Itasca where he has been spending the holidays with is polite, agreeable and accomrelatives and triends. 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 Wednesday. parents in this city.

D. C. Underwood is at home Thursday. 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 pleasant visit accompanied by an order for job printing.

C S. Woodward was compelled to move Tuesday and a. 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 evaagelist 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.

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A. H. Van Pelt purchased this week lot 16 in block a 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 re-

Messrs, Charlie Andrews, C. H. A fine boy arrived Thursday B. Spraddling, C. L. Thomson morning at the home of Mr. and and W. W. Luper, of Caddo Mills, are in Ballinger prospecting for lands and if the Banner-Leader mistakes not Caddo Mills will 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 unturnished 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 P. H. Williams, of Killeen, who their positions, some getting a heard none are more pleasing, nor more deserved, than the ad vance 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 em-T. J. Rawls returned Thursday ployee. Mr. Weaver is thoroughly acquainted over the county, modating, 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 groods 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.

a visit Thursday.

John Harvey went to Lampasas

F T. Rather was in town

Hugh Parramore paid Ballinger

A. T. Tuerpe was trading in Ballinger Thursday.

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

Sam M. Parks went to Brownwood Wednesday evening on bus-

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. 1. 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 Thurs | day from Norton. He reported no news except that all the cot-

ton was about picked. The baby born during the last days of 1900 will be privileged to ive in two centuries and, it un usual 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 busi ness. The new firm will be pleas ed to serve you when needing in-

E. W. Smith has purchased the soon lose four good citizens and McGinley place, 160 acres, 11/2 what that town loses Ballinger miles west of Hylton and will will gain. They are pleased with move out at once. The price us and to be frank we are pleased paid was \$11 per acre. This is a with them, so that their coming well improved place, has lasting water, and is considered a bar gain at the price.

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To look at the advertising col umns 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.

to the position of partner in A. tested during the evening by the receive a hearty welcome at our H. Van Pelt's Hardware establishment. Mr. Kirk has many friends a rhyme had to be made. In this in and around Ballinger and every contest Rev. Fitzhugh and Mr. one of them will join the Banner-Leader in wishing him success in The poetry, to say the least of it, 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-Lead er 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

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-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 Lousue Luck etcto 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. B. C. Kirk has been advanced The wits of those present were distribution of names to which Bob McGregor were the victors. was original. Then tamiliar 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 Odom and met with delighted applause:

> PROGRAM. I Live and Love Thee-Duet Campana

Dreaming of Love-From the Princess Bonnie Spencer Neidllnger Tomorrow Neidlinger Serenade Kissing Gate Cowen Hebe-Duct from Don Quixote Redding Farewell Sweet Flowers

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 teed. C. P. church.

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 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 years taxes. I hope all will come up and pay at once as times are good and they must be paid. Come to the city secrefary, 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. SCHAWE,

Ballinger, Texas:

-Just arrived - a fine lo mens and boys' working gloves. THE NEW RACKET STORE.

-Ready now for your watch and repair work. Everything guaran-Asa Cordill.

Old papers-20cts per 100.

-Headquarters for jewelry of all |-Goods arriving daily from New York at the New Racket Store.