

# BANNER-LEADER.

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## The Great Money Saving

Opportunity that our Removal Sale affords is still open to the trading public. We must dispose of our present stock before moving into our new quarters (in the building now occupied by Lee Maddox) Mar. 1st. Here are a few of the many bargains we have to offer.

All our 15 and 12 1-2c quality Worsteds and Plaids reduced to 9 1-2.

Our 25 and 20c quality Dress Goods in all styles and colors, removal sale price 16 2-3 yd

33 1-3 per cent discount on all our black and fancy Dress Goods ranging in price from 25c to \$1.00 a yd, 1-3 off.

Our regular 12 1-2c quality Zephyr Gingham now 9c yd.

Apron Check Gingham, value 6c, now 4 1-2c yd.

Ladies Ribbed Vests worth 25c, now 15c each.

All our 35 and 40c grade Ladies Ribbed Vests removal sale price to close, 25c each

Ladies ready made Dress Skirts, well made, applique trimmed, value \$2.25, reduced to \$1.65.

Men's wool and cotton underwear, Men's and Boy's clothing, Wool Blankets, etc., to be closed out regardless of cost or value.

The reduced prices of all goods marked in plain red figures. Attend our Removal Sale if you want to save money on your Dry Goods purchases.

Yours to please,

**BRIN'S** The New Dry Goods People in J. H. Miller old Stand.

Li Hung Chang, China's great minister is ill with fever and his life is despaired of. His history would make interesting reading.

Mrs. Nations, the terror of the Kansas saloon keepers, is still causing trouble. Her latest venture was to invade the capitol and interview Gov. Stanley.

Miss Barton, of the Red Cross Association has been asked by the members of that society for a statement of her expenditures at Galveston. Some excitement and much talk has been raised by the request.

A negro marshall dashed into the camp of the Creek Indians and captured Crazy Snake the leader of the warring faction. The prisoner so far has refused to talk. It is thought this capture will end the revolution.

The dailies say that American insurance companies have loaned the Russian government \$50,000,000. That's a neat sum and should tide the Russian government over any sort of difficulty in financial matters.

### Santa Fe Extensions.

Ft Worth, Tex, Jan. 27.—There has been considerable speculation here in railroad circles the last week as to the intentions of the Santa Fe company in purchasing the Pecos Valley and Northeastern road from Amarillo to Pecos. It is thought by some that the company will, beyond any question of doubt, extend from Roswell, N. M. to Albuquerque, N. M. and from Pecos City, Tex., to San Angelo, a combined distance of probably 200 or 250 miles, giving the Santa Fe a trans-continental line from Galveston by way of San Angelo to San Francisco, saving, by filling in these gaps, a great deal of unnecessary mileage and heavy grades. The presence of President Ripley at Roswell last week and the expressions he made there are construed to mean that his company contemplates early action in getting a short line from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean.

—Just received—a full line of LOWNEY'S chocolates, the finest money can buy. Christmas candies, fruits and fireworks.

I. O. WOODEN.

### Another Saloon for Ballinger.

On Tuesday I. O. Wooden rented his store building, the one he now occupies, to Chas. Low and H. A. McGhee of Brownwood, who on February 15th will open a saloon in it. Mr. Harry Scott, of Brownwood, will be in charge. Mr. Wooden will pack up his goods and take a rest until a building can be built for him. He hopes to get in the Noyes building, next to W. A. Davis, by the first or fifteenth of May.

### Christian Endeavor Program.

The following is the program to be rendered by the C. E. at the C. P. church next Sunday afternoon.

Topic—C. E. Day.

Leader—S. P. Hathaway.

Song.

Responsive Scripture Reading.

Song.

Prayer.

Our Endeavor Hope—Miss Ethel Truly.

Song.

Worth of the C. E. in developing Christian Courage.—Prof. J. A. Starnes.

C. E. pledge in Christian life—J. B. Wilmeth.

Song.

Voluntary suggestions on Half the C. E. has been to me.

Song.

### Paint Rock Herald.

Mrs. G. H. Garland by mistake took a teaspoonful of German creosote this week. Dr. Craddock was summoned immediately and she was given an emetic before the poisonous drug had effect.

The following are some of the land sales made by Garland & Montgomery recently: Surveys 26 and 29 \$2,170. cash to Carl Schlinke; survey 108½ and 5-6 of 2110 for \$1,666.67, cash to Thos. McCall; 8 sections to Jim Henderson, \$10,240 cash; 8 sections in this and Menard counties to A. L. Stroud \$10,240; survey 117, S. P. Ry., in Tom Green county, \$1,440; Jemima survey, 320 acres, in Tom Green county, to W. Jennings, \$640 cash.

B. R. Brown bought of A. J. Seale his stock of drugs and interest in lots and drug store buildings here Thursday. Mr. Brown will enlarge the stock of drugs and run the business until June 1st, when after that time one of his sons, who at present is attending a medical college, will take charge. Dr. Brown, a son of B. R. Brown, came up from Goldthwaite and engineered the deal. Mr. Seale and wife will probably move to Ballinger.

### Temple People Jubilant.

Temple people are confident that the Santa Fe gap will be filled up at an early date, and that Temple, as the diverging point on a great system of railways, will become a "future great." The following special from Temple to the Dallas News explains the situation:

The reports that come from different quarters concerning the proposed closing of the San Angelo and Roswell, N. M., gaps of the Santa Fe are read with much interest here. It has always been an announced policy of the road to complete a Pacific route via Temple. Now that the consummation is almost in sight, there is

a decided picking up in real estate values. And in the collecting of evidence that the gaps will be closed, and that a through service is planned by way of Temple, there may be added the figures, "work recently done." A great yard has been platted, embracing a large tract that lies between the main line and the San Angelo branch. There is already a large yard here and some forty acres of unoccupied reservation, but this new survey includes not less than 100 acres additional. When the gaps are closed and the trains run through from Galveston to San Francisco, all over a single system, Temple will logically be the base of operations and of supplies for a stretch of nearly 1,000 miles westward to that point where a main line is again touched, somewhere in New Mexico, on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe.

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

CREWS & MCGREGOR,  
Furniture dealers  
and undertakers.

### Epworth League Program.

Sunday, February 3rd 1901.  
Subject: "A Christian Warrior"  
—Josh. 1:1-15.

Leader—Mr. A. W. Sledge.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Scripture Reading and Comment.

"The Christian Warrior's Armor"—Mr. Brewer.

Song.

Recitation—Bessie Miller.

Song.

Select Reading—Gaston Hardgrave.

"The qualities of a Christian Warrior."—Open discussion by Leaguers.

Song.

Benediction.

Corn, Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Corn Chops, Bran, Cotton Seed and Hay at Miller Mercantile Co.

Hear Joaquin Miller at the court house Tuesday night. The money above expenses will go toward the improvement of the school building.

## WINKLER'S SPECIAL SALE BEFORE TAKING STOCK

### DRESS GOODS.

15c and 12½ quality Reduced to close out at..... 10c yd

25c and 30c Dress Goods, several different styles, all Reduced for this sale to..... 19c yd

All the finer qualities of Dress Goods, black and in colors at a discount of 25 per cent from regular price..... 1-4 off

Regular 10c grade of Outing Flannels and Flannelettes, Dark Colors Reduced for this sale to..... 8c yd

Outing flannels in Dark Plaids 6½ grades to close out at only..... 5c yd

REMNANTS of all kind in woolen and cotton goods at Great Bargain Prices.

Men's woolen and cotton fleeced Underwear to be closed out at a Great Reduction in prices.

### NEW GINGHAMS.

Just received 50 pieces of New Gingham, dark and medium colors, it is a regular 12½ quality, but for this sale marked only..... 10c yd

Embroideries and Lace very much below the Regular Price. Come and see them.

25c quality Ladies Ribbed Vests for this sale at only..... 19c each

50c quality Ladies Ribbed Vests closing out price only..... 35c each

White Bed Spreads the regular \$4.50 kind reduced to..... \$1.20 ea

The \$2.25 quality reduced to only..... \$1.85 ea

Wool Blankets, just a few pairs left, at Bargain Prices.

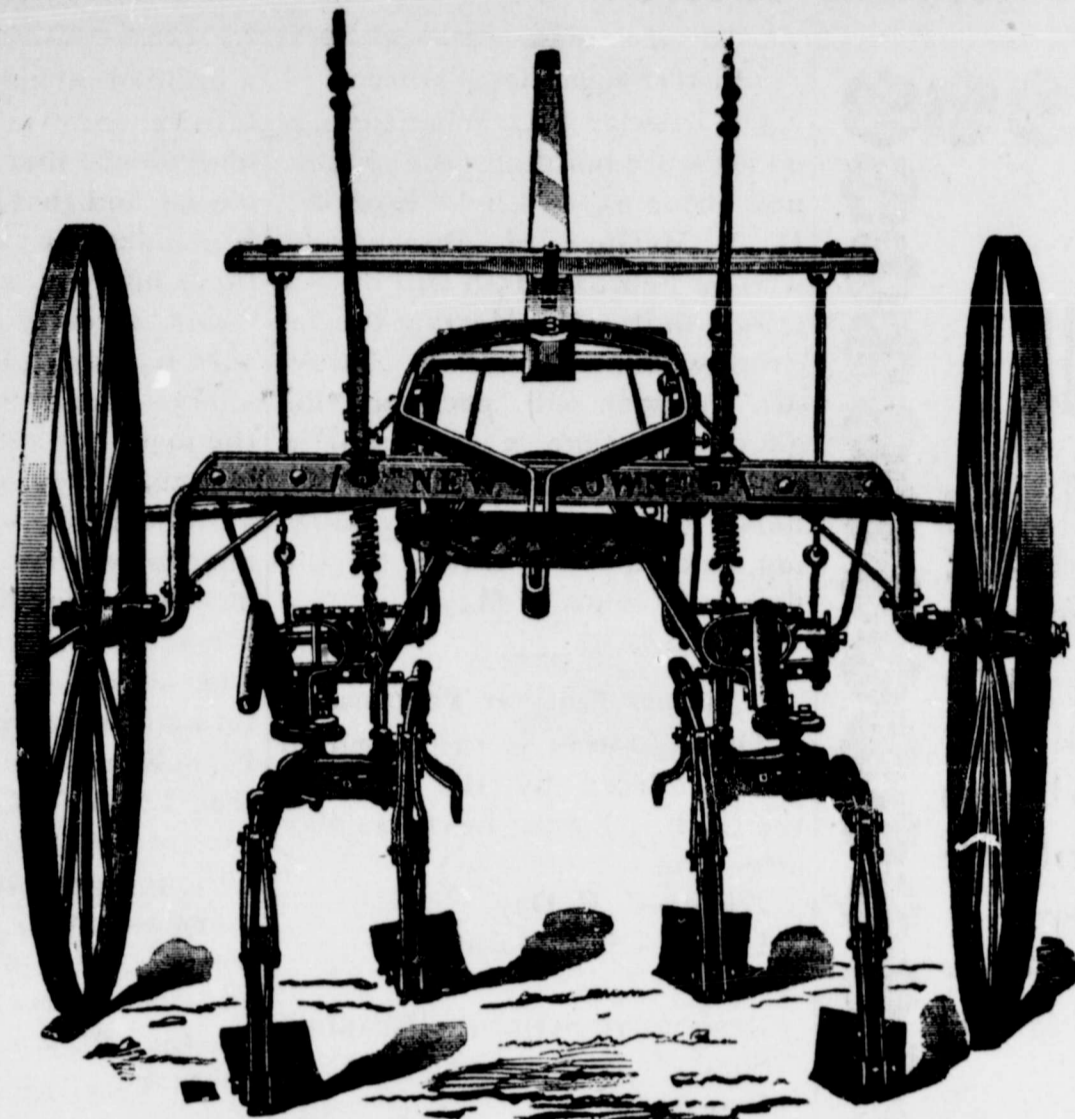
Ladies and Misses Union Suits, the 50c grades to close out at only..... 35c suit

Many other bargains to offer, but space will not permit to enumerate them all, come and look through the stock, all winter goods will be sold at REDUCED PRICES.

**H. WINKLER,**  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

# Brown Cultivators Are The Best.

We Invite  
The  
Most  
Critical  
Inspection.



We Defy  
Competition  
In  
Point  
Of Merit.

**Come One, Come All** And Inspect Our Line  
Of Implements.

Oliver Sulky Plows, Oliver Steel Plows, Oliver Chilled Plows, Avery  
Disc Plows, Avery Sulky Plows, Commodore Sulky Plows, Brown  
Cultivator, Avery Cultivator, Victor Cultivator, Garden Cul-  
tivator, Champion Planter, Avery Planter.

## LEE MADDIX,

THE IMPLEMENT AND VEHICLE DEALER.

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correct please notify us at once.

#### 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.

So lately dead, so soon forgotten. The way of the world. We flourish for awhile. Men take us by the hand and are anxious about the health of our bodies, and laugh at our jokes, and we really think, like the fly on the wheel, that we have something to do with the turning of it. Some day we die and are buried. The sun does not stop for our funeral; everything goes on as usual; we are not missed from the streets; men laugh at new jokes; one or two memories hold our names and forms, but the crowd moves in the daily circle and in a few days the great wave sweeps over our steps and washes out the last trace of our footprints.—Ex.

#### Editor Bryan's Salutory.

Lincoln, Neb.—The first number of The Commoner, the weekly paper published by William J. Bryan, was issued Wednesday. It is a neat appearing sheet typographically. The following is the salutory:

"Webster defines a commoner as 'one of the common people.' The name has been selected for this paper because The Commoner will endeavor to aid the common people in the protection of their interests and the realization of their aspirations.

"It is not necessary to apologize for the use of a term which distinguishes the great body of the population from the comparatively few, who, for one reason or another, withdraw themselves from sympathetic connection with their fellows. Among the ancient Greeks 'Hoi polloi' was used to describe the many, while among the Romans the word 'plebs' was employed for the same purpose. These appellations, like the common people, have been assumed with pride by those to whom they were applied, while they have been used as terms of reproach by those who counted themselves among the aristocratic classes. Within recent years there has been a growing tendency in some quarters to denounce as demagogic any reference to, or praise of the common people.

"One editor, in a late issue of his paper, takes exception to the phrase and says: 'This expression is an ill-chosen one and should have no lodgment in the vocabulary of an American patriot and statesman. If we sought its origin, we would look for it in that specious demagogy which

has evolved the professional politician, arrayed country against town—the farmer and his sons and daughters against the business and professional men and their sons and daughters, capital against labor and built up against neighbors the impregnable barriers of prejudice and hate.'

"This quotation is reproduced because it fairly represents the views of those who criticize the expression. It has, however, an eminently respectable origin. In the same chapter in which Christ condensed man's duty to his fellows into the commandment: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' in the same chapter in which he denounced those who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers—in this same chapter it is said of Him: 'The common people heard Him gladly.'

"No higher compliment was ever paid to any class.

"The term, the common people, is properly used to describe the large majority of the people—those who earn their living and give to others, those who in their daily lives recognize the ties which bind together the mass of people who have a common lot and a common hope. Sometimes they are called the "middle classes," because paupers and criminals are excluded on the one hand, while on the other hand some exclude themselves because of wealth or position or pride of birth. The common people form the industrious, intelligent and patriotic element of our population; they produce the Nation's wealth in the time of peace and fight the Nation's battles in time of war. They are self-reliant and independent; they

ask of government nothing but justice and will not be satisfied with less. They are not seeking to get their hands into other people's pockets but are content if they can keep other people's hands out of their pockets.

"The common people do not constitute an exclusive society—they are not of the four hundred; any one can become a member if he is willing to contribute by brain or muscle to the Nation's strength and greatness. Only those are barred—and they are barred by their own choice—who imagine themselves made of a superior kind of clay and who deny the equality of all before the law.

"A rich man, who has honestly acquired his wealth and who is not afraid to entrust its care to laws made by his fellows, can count himself among the common people, while a poor man is not really one of them, if he fawns before a plutocrat and has no higher ambition than to be a courtier or a demagogue.

"The Commoner will be satisfied if, by fidelity to the common people, it proves its right to the name which it has chosen."

#### Notice.

I am authorized by the manufacturers of Remick's Eczema Cure and Remick's Pepsin Blood Tonic to refund the money when they fail to cure any case of Eczema or skin eruptions.

E. D. WALKER.

—New stock boots, shoes, hats, shirts, collars, ties, etc at W. A. Davis & Co.

—Best line of jewelry at Asa Cordill's.

#### San Angelo Press.

T. S. Sharpe returned from Ballinger Monday after a brief but pleasant visit.

Mr. John Findlater went to Ballinger last Friday to attend the meeting of Knight Templars.

Representative C. H. Willingham of this district is deserving of the compliments of the people for his sensible course in the Bailey investigation farce. It is not known that Mr. Willingham opposed Bailey in any way, but anyhow his votes show that he maintained his self respect by refusing to support every resolution and amendment that Bailey's Lilliputian henchmen brought forward.

On Monday afternoon at the pretty home of the bride's parents in this city, Mr. Murph March and Miss Fannie Pulliam were united in matrimony. The wedding was a quiet one, there being present only the relatives of the bride and groom and Miss May Montgomery and Mr. T. S. Sharpe. Rev. Francis R. Starr, rector of the Episcopal church, performed the ceremony. Shortly after the ceremony was concluded the wedded couple took the train for New York City, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Nervous children are almost always thin children. The "out-door-boy" is seldom nervous. White's Cream Vermituge is the best preventive of nervousness. It strengthens the system and assists to that sort of flesh which creates strength and power of endurance. Price 25 cents. At E. D. Walker's drug store. 2

—Lime for sale in any quantity—J. F. Drew, Ballinger. 2t

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

Wall Paper  
J. Y. PEARCE.

—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.

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

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

Advertise in the Banner-Leader, it pays.

Don't let the hand of time paint wrinkles on your face. Keep young, by keeping the blood pure and the digestive organs in a healthful condition. Herbine will do this. Health is youth, disease and sickness bring old age. Price 50 cents.—At E. D. Walker's drug store.

—The best jewelry made, sold and engraved free.  
JAS. E. BREWER.

—Best watch repairing done by Asa Cordill.

## 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.

**WORMS! VERMIFUGE!**  
WHITE'S CREAM  
Most in Quantity. Best in Quality.  
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.  
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.  
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.  
For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

**A BOON TO MANKIND!**  
**DR. TABLER'S BUCKEYE**  
**PILE TUBE CURE**  
ASK DRUGGISTS FOR TABLET'S PILE OINTMENT IN TUBES PRICE 75¢.  
CURES PILES WITHOUT THE KNIFE  
BLEEDING & ITCHING  
CURES PILES ONLY  
BLEND HIDDEN  
CURES PILES ONLY  
TABLET'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT  
PILE TUBE CURE

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.  
For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

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

### 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.

### 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.

—Has your insurance policy expired? Let C. P. Shepherd & Co. renew it. Phone 125.

—Buy watches and jewelry from Asa Cordill.

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

The preacher at one of the local churches last Sunday stated that the town was drying up socially especially among the young people. With this statement we have to agree. There are too few social functions. In a small town like this there ought to be a constant flow of sociability. This is largely the fault of the married people, however, for they do not throw open their doors to the young like they should. Boys will find places somewhere to work off their superabundance of vitality, to satisfy their natural desire for excitement and pleasure, and if the parlors are not open and the society of sweet, refined young women is not available, they will seek the billiard hall, the sparkling decanter and evil associations.—Comanche Chief.

You can help anyone whom you find suffering from inflamed throat; laryngeal trouble, bronchitis, coughs, colds, etc., by advising the use of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, the great remedy for coughs and colds. Price 25 and 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The two most absent-minded men on record are the fellow who thought he had left his watch at home, and then took it out to see if he had time to go back and get it, and the man who put on his office door a card saying: "Out; will be back soon," and on his return sat down on the stair step to wait for himself.

Friends of Mr. Silas Hodges will be surprised to learn that he has quit traveling for the Hulbert Hardware firm of Brownwood and is now employed as salesman with the Rogers Dry Goods Co. of the same city.

### Content News.

Mr. Will Mathes and family have moved to their new home three miles east of Content.

New houses are being built in every direction and people still flow from eastern counties. Runnels county is filling up pretty fast. Farmers with an eye to progress are acting wise in coming here now. Some have come here and rented land for another year that has 7 and 8 acres of cotton on it that has not been picked over.

The school is progressing nicely. Patrons and pupils are well pleased—so is the teacher.

Mr. Joe Hood and Mr. Charley Woodrow are in Ballinger today. Why can't we hear from our neighboring communities through the Banner-Leader.

B. W.'s. ASSOCIATE.

### Austin McKinley.

In loving remembrance of little Austin McKinley, age 5, who died Dec. 10, 1900, in Ballinger.

We had a little treasure once,  
He was our joy and pride;  
We loved him all too well, perhaps,  
For soon he slept and died.  
All is dark within our dwelling,  
Lonely are our hearts today,  
For the one we loved so dearly,  
Has forever passed away.  
'Tis hard to break the tender cord,  
When love has bound the heart,  
'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words,  
"We must forever part."  
Dearest loved one, we must lay thee,  
In the peaceful grave's embrace,  
But thy memory will be cherished,  
Till we see thy heavenly face.  
Written by a Friend.

A wife recently gave her husband a sealed letter begging him not to read it till he got to his place of business. When he did so he read:—I am forced to tell you something that I know will trouble you, but it is my duty to do so. I am determined that you shall know it let the result be what it may. I have known for a week that it was coming, but have kept it to myself until today, when it has reached a crisis and I cannot keep it any longer; you must not censure me too harshly, for you must reap the results as well as myself. I do hope it won't crush you. Here he turned the page, his hair slowly rising: "The coal is all used! Please call and ask for some to be sent this afternoon. I thought by this method you would not forget it." He didn't.

We frequently hear someone remark "O, that's only a newspaper yarn," as though newspapers were given to misstatements. Well we are ready to admit that newspapers make frequent mistakes, but they are, after all, far more reliable than the average gossip heard about town, and the reporter takes far more pains to verify what he prints, than the average man or woman does when reporting some item of news heard about town.—Ex.

### Advertising Pays.

Advertising pays, and any shrewd business man will tell you so. Advertising "per se" is intended to attract the attention of the public and make them remember your business, and your name. Two kinds of ads people will read; one is a price list, the other something witty. Short paragraphs are good. A short story to wind up with your name is fine because you catch the reader and it is remembered. No objections to a display ad, but it should be changed occasionally. You will get better results from your local paper than from any other source; personally I would not give a hundred dollars worth of printers ink for the same amount of any other kind of advertising. The local paper is the best advertising medium on earth, or the paper that reaches the trade you are after. Those traveling new scheme advertisers are good people to let alone, as most of them are humbugs. They create jealousies among advertisers and catch fish. I reckon. Money spent with the printer stays at home, and builds up the paper, and the better the paper the better the town, and besides you get value received. The way to advertise is to begin January first and keep it up all the year. In the dull season people read more as they have more time; and this will give you a running start when business opens. When you wish to cut expenses don't begin on the printer, for you virtually "kill the goose that lays the golden egg." The reason some people do not get results from advertising, is that they do not keep it up. They put in an ad and in a short time they take it out and feel like that much money was thrown away. As long as you have goods to sell, or are engaged in any business, profession or trade keep it before the people in the community where you live; and by all means court the good will of the printer, for he can and will do you good service. That is my experience.

M. S. Hewitt,

Georgetown, Texas.

### Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas, Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of Business on Saturday Jan. 5th, 1901. In calling for these letters please say advertised, giving date of this list  
H. A. CADY, P. M.  
Bostic, Mrs. V. A.  
Dugan, Miss Mattie.  
Laging, Miss Hattie.  
McCanlass, Mrs. M. A.  
Berry, G. R.  
Boswell, J. R.  
Caps, J. R.  
Dugan Eddie.  
Welch, L. B.  
Wilson, Carl.  
Wilson, E.

An exchange draws the following true picture of a detestable evil: "It is always easy when a rumor is being circulated that tends to injure the character and social standing of an individual in a community to make bad matters worse by helping spread the scandalous report. It is not necessary to know a single fact in connection with the matter in order to keep the ball rolling; in truth, the less that is known, the more that is heard. And in a great many cases it is found on investigation that the evil reports have no foundation or truth whatever."

— See Bowden for Bargains in Iron Beds.

Winters.  
 J. Hood and C. E. were perambulating in midst one day last week. They may buy the remains of the at this place and erect a new. Nothing short of six up-to-date gin stands will gin the cotton that will be raised in these parts this year if we have anything like as favorable a season as we had last. We are confident that these gentlemen will put in such accommodations if they conclude to purchase.

Judge T. T. Crosson, Attorney Dickinson, Sheriff Kirk and Esq. Smith, of the principal city, were in Winters the 23rd. Come again gentlemen.

There is to be brought to light on or about next Lord's Day, evidence of Cupid's good marksmanship when a certain young son of Adam leads to the hymenial altar one of the fair daughters of Winters. We are not at liberty to give the names of the happy ones but extend congratulations in advance.

The concert given at the school house a short time ago by home talent was a success in every particular.

Mitchell Overby returned to the east recently after a short visit to home folks.

Murray & Brown got their insurance money on their gin with out any trouble. The adjuster came out one day last week and soon thereafter two of our most worthy citizens were wearing broad smiles on their faces.

What came very near being a serious, if not fatal, accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius last Wednesday. Their baby's clothing caught fire from the stove and in a second almost the flames had burned off most of its outer garments, but by prompt action on the part of the mother the little fellow escaped without being burned in the least. Mrs. Cornelius' hands were severely burned while extinguishing the flames.

Dr. C. A. Sheeley is having an addition built to his residence which will add much to the comfort of himself and family.

Mr. Bennet has the lumber on the ground to build himself a residence. He is going to build in the "west end."

Mr. J. G. Adams, of Ft. Worth, delivered a temperance lecture to a large audience at the school house last Monday night. His lecture, entitled "The 450 Mile Street of Hell with its Social Evils," was ably delivered and received with great applause.

Prof. W. S. Syler and lady have both been suffering with an attack of la grippe for several days, but are much better at present, we gladly note.

Tom Avery and family returned recently from Louisiana. They went away but couldn't stay.

B. Mangum and mother are moving into the A. Flacher residence this week.

Mr. Browne is preparing to open a wagon yard here before long.

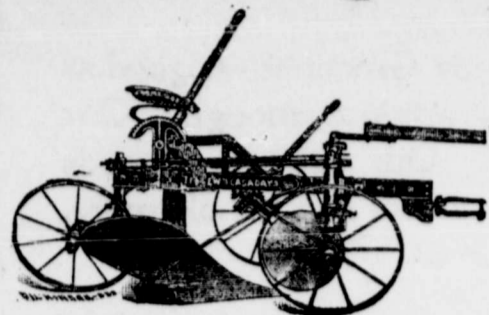
Prof. Kelly will move his house to Winters shortly. Prof. we are glad you are coming.

Our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Jno. W. Dale, received a telegram last Monday morning bearing the sad news of the death of his father at Branford, Fla., Sunday, the 27th. The entire community condoles with him in his bereavement. The store of Eoff & Dale was closed all day Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gannaway, of Wingate, were shopping in Winters the 31st. Mr. G is not in very good health, we are sorry to say.

W. W. Scott was seen on our

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Surreys, Phaetons and Hacks now on hand. Will be pleased to show you this line and quote prices. Better Goods were never brought to this market.

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A H Van Pelt

WE WANT YOUR TRADE.

B C Kirk

## VAN PELT & KIRK.

streets the 31st. He reports everything all right in his neck o' the woods.

C. P. Crews is so busy these days that he can not come to town during the day but comes at night, when he is compelled to come for necessities.

F. L. Pierce sold 320 acres of land to W. R. Davis the first of this week, at \$4.75.

More anon. NEMO.

### Content News.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bright of Askota and the former's sister, Mrs. Bush of Allen, Tex., who have been visiting relatives here left for home Monday, accompanied as far as Abilene by Mr. M. C. Bright and Miss Carrie Bright. Mr. and Mrs. Bright will visit in Abilene a few days before returning to Askota. Mrs. Bush was called home by a telegram, stating that her husband was dangerously ill.

Frank Johnson, an orphan boy who has been living with E. J. Killen for seven years, has decided to hunt another home, but we are satisfied he will never find as good a one as he left. Mrs. Killen gave him a cow and Mr. Killen bought her back, and paid market price for the yearling calves, and Frank left in good clothes and enough money to hunt a new home.

Mr. Tom Rosson returned Wednesday from Abilene with a load of lumber.

Mr. Joe Hood went to Abilene Wednesday with cotton.

Mr. E. J. Killen was in Ballinger Wednesday.

Melford Ewell, little son of Prof. Webb, has been real sick with a rising in his head.

Mrs. Baker sold her home place here this week. We failed to learn the buyer's name.

Mr. Will Mathes went to Abilene Thursday.

The Fraternal Union of America, the Masons and the Coming Men of America, have regular meetings at the school building and masonic hall.

The teacher has enrolled 56 pupils to date, and the school at this place is flourishing.

Mrs. E. J. Rosson was here last week calling on friends.

"Philo" says, "who could keep from running."

P. W's. ASSOCIATE.

### Wingate News.

As I have not seen any thing from this part of the world for some time I will write a few lines if you will give me space in your valuable paper.

We went last Sunday eve to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roaten, and a few hours were spent pleasantly singing. All reported being treated royally.

Dr. Grant, of Winters, had two calls to Wingate last week. The patients were Mr. F. Flint and

Miss Lillie Durham.

Every one seems to be on the sick list at this writing.

Wingate is still improving. Several new houses are going up and it keeps our carpenter, Mr. Rawls, busy. When he is not busy talking to the girls he is hammering away on houses.

The bridge on the new road between Mr. Horton and Mr. Roaten, at Valley Creek, is completed. The road will soon be finished and in good condition for traveling.

Mr. K. P. Kirk made a flying trip here last week.

Mr. Jones from the plains was here on business last week. We were all glad to see his smiling face again.

Mr. Ab Gannaway said Mr. Jones did not call to see him while he was here. I guess he had rather his daughter had called than Mr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland were visiting friends in our burg last week.

A. X. Y.

### An Expensive Oversight.

Monday night the Fort Worth & Rio Grande loaded a car of cattle for W. A. Butler for shipment from the Willis Creek stock pens. In some way the car door was left open and while the train was running into the station all the cattle jumped out of the car. About fourteen were badly crippled and those that were not completely done up had to be taken to a pasture to recuperate. —Brownwood Bulletin.

### Plant Trees.

A prominent citizen of Ballinger stopped the Banner-Leader man one day this week and mentioned the fact that "now" is a good time to plant trees. He showed his interest in the matter by saying that he would be one of any number of citizens to plant from one to ten trees along the sidewalk fronting his residence. The suggestion is a good one. Native trees are hardy, make beautiful shades, and can be put out at a very small cost. And as he said, "Now" is the time to plant. Our town in two years would be the prettiest in the west if every property owner would at once adopt the suggestion. Why couldn't the Mystic Weavers or the Ladies Aid society or some other woman's society take up the matter and make our town a place of which we will always be proud? The Banner-Leader is sure the good women will take the matter in hand and should they do so the trees will be planted. Let's hear from others on the subject. Remember, the trees must be planted soon or it will be too late for this season.

—I can shoe a horse but prefer repairing a watch. Yours for business. ASA CORDILL.

## A Paying Investment.

Everybody knows that it pays big to kill the prairie dogs and the question is, "what kills them best?" There is no doubt but that

### BASS PRAIRIE DOG POISON

is the most successful. They eat it and it kills them. If interested call on J. Y. Pearce, at Ballinger, and talk the matter over with him. It is easier to kill with Bass Poison than with any other.

The San Angelo Standard took our contemporary to task for stating that the Santa Fe engineers were in San Angelo to survey a line from that place to Pecos City, and declared the entire story a fable. Ordinarily the Standard man gets things pretty correct but circumstances and facts are against him this time. The Santa Fe extension is a certainty and the surveyors are now at work locating the best route between the two places named above. Talk to a San Angelo man in private and get his honest opinion and you will learn that all things in our neighborhood are of not so roseate a hue as they would have them Straws show which way the wind is blowing, and where there is so much smoke there is sure to be a little fire.

Ballinger has one of the best contractors in the state in the person of Jno. F. Drew. His work speaks for itself in the Miller building, the Lankford building, the Davis building, and there are no finer specimens of rock work in Ballinger. He now has under contract the two Noyes buildings 90x120 feet and is hard at work on them. The Banner-Leader understands that his bids are close and we can testify that his work is thorough. Parties desiring to build should consult him. The work will be satisfactory or this paper has missed its guess. Further, you will find him not only a skilled contractor, but also a pleasant gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to deal.

A four-mule team ran away with two wagons on the street the first of the week. Fortunately one of the mules fell and this stopped the team before any damage was done. Again the Banner-Leader finds a good place to speak for the ordinance compelling people to drop the traces before leaving their teams unhitched.

Geo. F. Kornegay, the talented editor of the Blanket Mystery and a former citizen of Ballinger, passed through Ballinger Thursday enroute to Robert Lee where he had been called by a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his sister. The Banner-Leader trusts that it may not be so serious as Mr. Kornegay feared.



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WOODMEN of the WORLD, GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS.

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Tickets On Sale

February 11th and 12th limited to February 15th 1901, for return.

Superb Equipment, Speed and Comfort, If You Travel Santa Fe.

State Senate Biennial Meeting Modern Order of Praetorians, Marlin, Texas. One and one third fares. Dates of sale Feb. 18th and 19th, 1901.

Annual reunion Green's Brigade, Hillsboro, Texas. One and one third fares for round trip. Sell Feb. 20 and 21st.

Grand Lodge I O O F Dallas Texas. Round trip \$7.75. Dates of sale Feb 3rd and 4th.

Woodmen Circle Auxiliary Woodmen of the World, San Antonio, Texas. One and one third fare for round trip. Dates of sale Feb 11th and 12th.

Mardi Gras Celebration, New Orleans. One fare for round trip. Dates of sale Feb. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

### ATTENTION CATTLEMEN.

The Chicago Live Stock Commission Co. offers unexcelled service and unsurpassed facilities at Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. An unlimited fund of money to loan on Cattle.

Apply to C. A. BROOME, Agent, San Angelo. 39-4t

Hear Joaquin Miller Tuesday night. This will be your last opportunity to hear this distinguished poet of the west. Unloose the strings of your pocket book and attend. You will not regret the money spent.

At the Sunday morning service at the Methodist church Mrs. Will Odom will sing a solo "The Plains of Peace" by Barnard. Mrs. Odom is an accomplished vocalist and the congregation may expect a treat.

—Buy a diamond from Asa Cordill.

# OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN.

We have just received an immense shipment of Dry Goods of all kinds delayed in transit by the STRIKE, they are late in arriving but still

## Seasonable

Rather than return them, we have been instructed to sell them, without regard to COST or VALUE. Our instructions are to sell.....

## "Sell Them!"

You now have the golden opportunity to supply your wants, at your own price. It is a waste of time and space to particularize the items.

Everything in Stock will be offered  
Everything in Stock will be sold  
Everything in Stock will be a bargain

—OUR MISFORTUNE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.—

You can't afford to miss it. If you are from Missouri call and we will "show you." We have a large assortment of Jackets, and Capes, Overcoats, etc, which must go at any price. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

RESPECTFULLY,

# L. Markowitz & Bro

—The best engraving done in a few minutes at Jas. E. Brewer's.

—Roger's and Tuft's silverware are the best. Sold by JAS. E. BREWER.

—Give your watch work to Asa Cordill.

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

Miss Olive McClatchy, of Ardenmore, I. T. is expected to arrive Tuesday night and is to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Odom. Ballinger young people look forward with pleasure to her coming.

### Twin Brides are Mixed.

Which sister did Henry Wilkinson, of Alton, Ill., marry? That is the question puzzling not only Mr. Wilkinson, but another groom and the guests assembled at the wedding.

The brides were twin sisters, Florence and Rosa Eska. When Wilkerson appeared on the scene both fell in love with him. He was blissfully unconscious of this at the time, but he wooed and won Rose. Florence was chagrined, but accepted the attention of another suitor and arrangements were made for a double wedding. The brides were attired exactly alike in white, and their own parents could not tell them apart. As they stepped in front of the minister a guest jokingly remarked: "Be careful girls, you do not change places." In a spirit of fun the girls exchanged.

After the ceremony Florence exclaimed that she had wedded Wilkinson, as Rose did not change back. Rose declared the change was only momentary and that she stepped back before the ceremony. The guests were divided on the question, and the minister said that in the confusion he had not noticed. The result is that two husbands do not know which their wives are. They can not legally be married a second time for fear of committing bigamy, nor can a separation be obtained, as they do not know which girl to name in the court papers.—Binghamton, N. Y., telegram to the Chicago Chronicle.

### Life a Century Ago.

He could not go from Washington to New York in a few hours.

He had never seen an electric light nor dreamed of an electric car.

He could not send a telegram.

He could not talk through the telephone, and he had never heard of the hello girl.

He could not ride a bicycle.

He could not call in a stenographer and dictate a letter.

He had never received a typewritten communication.

He had never heard of the germ theory or worried over bacilli and bacteria.

He never looked pleasant before a photographer or had his picture taken.

He never heard a phonograph talk or saw a kinoscope turn out a prize fight.

He never saw through a Webster's unabridged dictionary with the aid of a Roentgen ray.

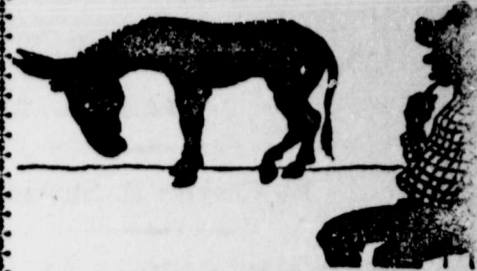
He had never taken a ride in an elevator.

He had never imagined such a thing as a typesetting machine or a typewriter.

He had never crossed an iron bridge.

He had never used anything but a wooden plough.

In short there were several things that he could not do and several things he did not know.



"One Is Quick to Suspect Where One Has Suffered Harm Before."

Perhaps there are some business men in this town who have tried advertising and found the results unsatisfactory.

If so, something was the trouble. Contracting for space in a newspaper is not enough. When secured the space must be used to advantage. A convincing story should be told. A plant will not grow unless it is tended. An impression cannot be made upon the purchasing public except by careful, persistent work.

Many merchants err grievously in believing that time spent upon their ads is time wasted. No time can be made more profitable.

We believe the advertising columns of this paper can be used profitably by any one who seeks to reach the buyers of this community. We will gladly aid any one who desires to try it or who is trying it and is not satisfied.

### English Red Tape.

At the present time, when the system of red tape is being attacked and ridiculed, the following somewhat amusing methods of dealing with matters are still adopted in one of the great government departments.

For instance, a hairbrush and comb must be purchased under the head of service "clothing," whereas a toothbrush is under "fuel" and spectacles under "medicines." A clothesbasket is "clothing," but clothes pegs are "incidentals." The funniest of all, however, are guano and straw, they being purchased under "victualing."

A good instance of red tape is told in connection with the excise. An officer had entered in the inquiry column of his return: "March 13. Dog dead." This did not satisfy his superior, who told him to inquire again, which the obedient officer did, recording: "April 10. Dog still dead."—London Standard.

### Encouraged to Hope.

When the Empress Frederick, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, was a little girl, her disposition, to the great grief of the queen, was haughty and arrogant. Once, when about to embark on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, she was lifted across to the deck of the boat by one of the sailors, who, as he was putting her down gently, said, "There you are, my little lady."

"I am not a 'little lady'; I am a princess!" was the prompt and indignant reply. The queen, who had overheard the conversation, detained the man with gesture, and, turning to her spoiled little daughter, said:

"Tell the kind sailor that you are much indebted to him for his civility and that, although you are not a 'little lady' yet, you confidently hope to merit the title before long."

### Playing Poker by Wire.

Few outside the brotherhood of the key are aware that operators often play poker over the wire. It is, nevertheless, a fact, and the diversion is fairly common.

"When I was working on the Blankety-blank line at a little railroad station in Illinois," said an ex-operator the other day, "business was very slack toward early morning, and we used to get up a four handed game regularly. The players were myself and three other operators at different points along the line. We would call each other up, and then every man would deal himself a hand, making his discards and 'helping' as desired. Of course, we had to trust to mutual honor as to cheating, but I think everybody was on the square. All played freeze out, and the loser had to treat when we got together at headquarters, which was about once a month. I must confess that the action was a little slow, but the game was more exciting than one might imagine. Almost all the old operators have played cards by telegraph at some time or another."—Chicago Chronicle.

Surveyor Williams is confined to his room this week with la grippe.

L. Markowitz went to Coteman Thursday night to look after his business interests there.

—Lots of Coal—5 cars now on hand and for sale. Potu Lump Coal at \$7.50 per ton. McAlister Lump Coal at \$9.50 per ton. Call on or phone W. E. Eskridge at the cotton yard.

### HOW VERY EASY

It is to spend small sums of money, when you have a large amount about you. How much safer and better it would be to keep your spare money in the bank. This bank is at your service. Will allow interest on time deposits. ❀ ❀

### THE W. C. PARKS BANKING COMPANY.

—The best alarm clocks—guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER.

E. D. Walker resumes his place this week in the ranks of the Banner-Leader advertisers.

—I am prepared to do all scavenger work. Leave orders at Lee Maddox. T. W. MORRIS.

The editor remembers with pleasure the serenade of Thursday night. The music was excellent and the Banner-Leader for those who were favored thanks the young gentleman who provided the music. Call again.

This space is reserved for E. D. Walker, the Druggist, who will advertise his

### STRYCHNINE

in it. He has \$1,100.00 worth on hand and his prices are low, very low.

# IN HIS STEPS.

## "What Would Jesus Do?"

By Charles M. Sheldon.

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### CHAPTER XII.

Yet lackest thou one thing. Sell all that thou hast and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. And, come; follow me.

When Henry Maxwell began to speak to the souls crowded into the settlement hall that night, it is doubtful if he had ever before faced such an audience in his life. It is quite certain that the city of Raymond did not contain such a variety of humanity. Not even the Rectangle at its worst could furnish so many men and women who had fallen entirely out of the reach of the church and all religious and even Christian influences.

What did he talk about? He had already decided that point. He told in the simplest language he could command some of the results of obedience to the pledge as it had been taken in Raymond. Every man and woman in that audience knew something about Jesus Christ. They all had some idea of his character, and, however much they had grown bitter toward the forms of Christian ecclesiasticism or the social system, they preserved some standard of right and truth, and what little some of them still retained was taken from the person of the peasant of Galilee.

So they were interested in what Maxwell said. "What would Jesus do?" He began to apply the question to the social problem in general after finishing the story of Raymond. The audience was respectfully attentive. It was more than that. It was genuinely interested. As Mr. Maxwell went on faces all over the hall leaned forward in a way very seldom seen in church audiences or anywhere else, except among workmen or the people of the street when once they are thoroughly aroused. "What would Jesus do?" Suppose that were the motto not only of the churches, but of the business men, the politicians, the newspapers, the workmen, the society people. How long would it take, under such a standard of conduct, to revolutionize the world? What was the trouble with the world? It was suffering from selfishness. No one ever lived who had succeeded in overcoming selfishness like Jesus. If men followed him, regardless of results, the world would at once begin to enjoy a new life.

Henry Maxwell never knew how much it meant to hold the respectful attention of that hall full of diseased and sinful humanity. The bishop and Dr. Bruce, sitting there, looking on, seeing many faces that represented scorn, desperate narrowness and selfishness, marveled that even so soon, under the influence of the settlement life, the softening process had begun to lessen the bitterness of hearts, many of which had grown bitter from neglect and indifference.

And still, in spite of the outward show of respect of the speaker, no one, not even the bishop, had any true conception of the pent up feeling in that room that night. Among the men who had heard of the meeting and had responded to the invitation were 20 or 30 out of work, who had strolled past the settlement that afternoon, read the notice of the meeting and had come in out of curiosity and to escape the chill east wind. It was a bitter night, and the saloons were full, but in that whole district of over 30,000 souls, with the exception of the saloons, there was not a door open to the people except the clean, pure, Christian door of the settlement. Where would a man without a home or without work or without friends naturally go unless to a saloon?

It had been the custom at the settlement for a free and open discussion to follow an open meeting of this kind, and when Henry Maxwell finished and sat down the bishop, who presided tonight, rose and made the announcement that any man in the hall was at liberty to ask questions, to speak out his feelings or declare his convictions, always with the understanding that whoever took part was to observe the simple rules that governed parliamentary bodies and obey the three minute rule, which, by common consent, would be enforced on account of the numbers present.

Instantly a number of voices from men who had been at previous meetings of this kind exclaimed, "Consent, consent!"

The bishop sat down, and immediately a man near the middle of the hall rose and began to speak.

"I want to say that what Mr. Maxwell has said tonight comes pretty close to me. I know Jack Manning, the fellow he told about, who died at his house. I worked on next case to his in a printer's shop in Philadelphia for two years. Jack was a good fellow. He lent me \$5 once when I was in a hole, and I never got a chance to pay it back. He moved to New York, owing to a change in the management of the office that

threw him out, and I never saw him again. When the linotype machine came in, I was one of the men to go out, just as he did. I have been out most of the time since. They say inventions are a good thing. I won't always see it myself, but I suppose I'm prejudiced. A man naturally is when he loses a steady job because a machine takes his place. About this Christianity he tells about, it's all right, but I never expect to see any such sacrifice on the part of church people. So far as my observation goes, they're just as selfish and as greedy for money or worldly success as anybody. I except the bishop and Dr. Bruce and a few others, but I never found much difference between men of the world, as they're called, and church members when it came to business and money making. One class is just as bad as another there."

"Cries of 'That's so!' 'You're right!' 'Of course!' interrupted the speaker, and the minute he sat down two men who were on their feet for several seconds before the first speaker was through began to talk at once.

The bishop called them to order and indicated which was entitled to the floor. The man who remained standing began eagerly:

"This is the first time I was ever in here, and maybe it'll be the last. Fact is, I'm about at the end of my string. I've tramped this city for work until I'm sick. I'm in plenty of company. Say, I'd like to ask a question of the minister if it's fair. May I?"

"That's for Mr. Maxwell to say," said the bishop.

"By all means," replied Mr. Maxwell quickly. "Of course I will not promise to answer it to the gentleman's satisfaction."

"This is my question." The man leaned forward and stretched out a long arm, with a certain dramatic force that grew naturally enough out of his condition as a human being. "I want to know what Jesus would do in my case? I haven't had a stroke of work for two months. I've got a wife and three children, and I love them as much as if I was worth a million dollars. I've been living off a little earnings I saved up during the World's fair job I got. I'm a carpenter by trade, and I've tried every way I know to get a job. You say we ought to take for our motto, 'What would Jesus do?' What would he do if he was out of work like me? I can't be somebody else and ask the question. I want to work. I'd give anything to grow tired of working ten hours a day the way I used to. Am I to blame because I can't manufacture a job for myself? I've got to live and my wife and my children. But how? What would Jesus do? You say that's the question we all ought to ask."

Henry Maxwell sat there staring at the great sea of faces all intent on his, and no answer to this man's question seemed, for the time being, to be possible. "O God!" his heart prayed. "This is a question that brings up the entire social problem in all its perplexing entanglement of human wrongs and its present condition, contrary to every desire of God for a human being's welfare. Is there any condition more awful than for a man in good health, able and eager to work, with no means of honest livelihood unless he does work, actually unable to get anything to do and driven to one of three things—begging for charity at the hands of friends or strangers or suicide or starvation? What would Jesus do? It was a fair question for the man to ask. It was the only question he could ask, supposing him to be a disciple of Christ, but what a question for any man to be obliged to ask under such conditions!"

All this and more did Henry Maxwell ponder. All the others were thinking in the same way. The bishop sat there with a look so stern and sad that it was not hard to tell how the question moved him. Dr. Bruce had his head bowed. The human problem had never seemed to him so tragic as since he had taken the pledge and left his church to enter the settlement. What would Jesus do? It was a terrible question, and still the man stood there, tall and gaunt and almost terrible, with his arm stretched out in an appeal which grew every second in meaning.

At length Mr. Maxwell spoke: "Is there any man in the room who is a Christian disciple who has been in this condition and has tried to do as Jesus would do? If so, such a man can answer his question better than I can."

There was a moment's hush over the room, and then a man near the front of the hall slowly rose. He was an old man, and the hand he laid on the back of the bench in front of him trembled as he spoke:

"I think I can safely say that I have many times been in just such a condition and have always tried to be a

Christian under all conditions. I don't know that I have always asked this question, 'What would Jesus do?' when I have been out of work, but I do know I have tried to be his disciple at all times. Yes," the man went on, with a sad smile that was more pathetic to the bishop and Mr. Maxwell than the young man's grim despair—"yes, I have begged, and I have been to the charity organizations, and I have done every thing when out of a job, except steal and lie, in order to get food and fuel. I don't know that Jesus would have done some of the things I have been obliged to do for a living, but I know I have never knowingly done wrong when out of work. Sometimes I think maybe he would have stayed sooner than beg. I don't know."

The old man's voice trembled, and he looked around the room timidly. A silence followed, broken by a fierce voice from a large, black haired, heavily bearded man who sat three seats from the bishop. The minute he spoke nearly every man in the hall leaned forward eagerly. The man who had asked the question, "What would Jesus do in my case?" slowly sat down and asked the man next to him, "Who's that?"

"That's Carlsen, the socialistic leader. Now you'll hear something."

"This is all bosh, to my mind," began Carlsen, while his great, bristling beard shook with the deep, inward anger of the man. "The whole of our system is at fault. What we call civilization is rotten to the core. There is no use trying to hide it or cover it up. We live in an age of trusts and combines and capitalistic greed that means simply death to thousands of innocent men, women and children. I thank God, if there is a God, which I very much doubt, that I, for one, have never dared to marry and try to have a home home! Talk of hell! Is there any bigger than the one this man with his three children has on his hands right this minute? And he's only one out of thousands, and yet this city and every other big city in this country has its thousands of professed Christians who have all the luxuries and comforts and who go to church Sundays and sing their hymns about giving all to Jesus and bearing the cross and following him all the way and being saved! I don't say that there aren't some good men and women among them, but let the minister who has spoken to us here tonight go into any one of a dozen aristocratic churches I could name and propose to the members to take any such pledge as the one he's proposed here and see how quick the people would laugh at him for a fool or a crank or a fanatic. Oh, no! That's not the remedy. That can't ever amount to anything. We've got to have a new start in the way of government. The whole thing needs reconstructing. I don't look for any reform worth anything to come out of the churches. They are not with the people. They are with the aristocrats, with the men of money. The trusts and monopolies have their greatest men in the churches. The ministers as a class are their slaves. What we need is a system that shall start from the common basis of socialism founded on the rights of the common people!"

Carlsen had evidently forgotten all about the three minute rule and was launching himself into a regular oration that meant, in his usual surroundings, before his usual audience, an hour at least, when the man just behind him pulled him down unceremoniously and rose. Carlsen was angry at first and threatened a little disturbance, but the bishop reminded him of the rule, and he subsided, with several mutterings in his beard, while the next speaker began with a very strong enjoin on the value of the single tax as a genuine remedy for all the social ills. He was followed by a man who made a bitter attack on the churches and ministers and declared that the two great obstacles in the way of all true reform were the courts and the ecclesiastical machines.

When he sat down, a man who bore every mark of being a street laborer sprang to his feet and poured out a perfect torrent of abuse against the corporations, especially the railroads. The minute his time was up a big, brawny fellow who said he was a metal worker by trade claimed the floor and declared that the remedy for the social wrongs was trades unionism. This, he said, would bring on the millennium for labor more than anything else. The next man endeavored to give some reasons why so many persons were out of employment and condemned inventions as the works of the devil. He was loudly applauded by the rest of the company.

Finally the bishop called time on the "free for all" and asked Rachel to sing. Rachel Winslow had grown into a very strong, healthful, humble Christian during that wonderful year in Raymond dating from the Sunday when she first took the pledge to do as Jesus would do, and her great talent of song had been fully consecrated to the service of her Master. When she began to sing tonight at this settlement meeting, she had never prayed more deeply for results to come from her voice—the voice which she now regarded as the Master's, to be used for him.

Certainly her prayer was being answered as she sang. She had chosen the words:

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,  
Follow me, follow me!

Again Henry Maxwell, sitting there, was reminded of his first night at the

Rectangle in the tent when Rachel sang the people into quiet. The effect was the same here. What wonderful power a good voice consecrated to the Master's service always is! Rachel's great natural ability would have made her one of the foremost opera singers of the age. Surely this audience had never before heard such melody. How could it? The men who had drifted in from the street sat entranced by a voice which "back in the world" never could be heard by the common people because the owner of it would charge \$2 or \$3 for the privilege. The song poured out through the hall as free and glad as if it were a foretaste of salvation itself.

Carlsen, with his great black bearded face, absorbed the music with the deep love of it peculiar to his nationality, and a tear ran over his cheek and glistened in his beard as his face softened and became almost noble in its aspect. The man out of work who had wanted to know what Jesus would do in his place sat with grimy hand on the back of the bench in front of him, with his mouth partly open, his great tragedy for the moment forgotten. The song while it lasted was food and work and warmth and union with his wife and babies once more. The man who had spoken so fiercely against the churches and the ministers sat with his head erect at first, with a look of stolid resistance, as if he stubbornly resented the introduction into the exercises of anything that was even remotely connected with the church or its form of worship, but gradually he yielded to the power that was swaying the hearts of all the persons in that room, and a look of sad thoughtfulness crept over his face.

The bishop said to himself that night while Rachel was singing that if the world of sinful, diseased, depraved, lost humanity could only have the gospel preached to it by consecrated prima donnas and professional tenors and altos and basses he believed it would hasten the coming of the kingdom quicker than any other one force. "Why, oh, why," he cried in his heart as he listened, "has the world's great treasure in song been so often held far from the poor because the personal possessor of voice or fingers capable of stirring divinest melody has so often regarded the gift as something with which to make money? Shall there be no martyrs among the gifted ones of the earth? Shall there be no giving of this great gift as well as of others?"

And Henry Maxwell again, as before, called up that other audience at the Rectangle, with increasing longing for a larger spread of the new discipleship. What he had seen and heard at the settlement burned into him deeper the belief that the problem of the city would be solved if the Christians in it should once follow Jesus as he gave commandment. But what of this great mass of humanity, neglected and sinful, the very kind of humanity the Saviour came to save, with all its mistakes and narrowness, its wretchedness and loss of hope—above all, its unqualified bitterness toward the church? That was what smote Henry Maxwell deepest.

Was the church, then, so far from the Master that the people no longer found him in the church? Was it true that the church had lost its power over the very kind of humanity which in the early ages of Christianity it reached in the greatest numbers? How much was true in what the socialist leader said about the uselessness of looking to the church for reform or redemption because of the selfishness and seclusion and aristocracy of its members?

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"What is a skeptic, pa?"  
"Well, the most hopeless kind of skeptic is a woman who has lost her faith in doctors."—Indianapolis Journal



"All Are Not Hunters That Blow the Horn."

All are not successful business men who advertise, but few men are successful who do not advertise. No business properly conducted and well advertised will fail. A poor advertisement in a poor medium will accomplish nothing.

A good advertisement in a proper medium will accomplish wonders.

This paper is the right medium.

Any business man can prepare the right advertisement if he will simply state facts.



### THE NEW TRAIN

Leaves Ballinger at 6:30 p. m. making direct connection with main-line trains at Temple, passengers arriving at all principal Texas points the following morning.

Ft. Worth, 7:40 a. m.

Dallas, 8:30 a. m.

Austin, 7:20 a. m.

San Antonio, 10:20 a. m.

Galveston, 10:52 a. m.

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Through tickets at lowest rates. No lay overs. First class service.

W. S. KEENAN,  
Gen. Pass. Agent  
Galveston



A REAL  
**GRAPHOPHONE**  
FOR...  
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All the Wonders and Pleasures of a High-Priced Talking Machine.  
When accompanied by a Recorder this Graphophone can be used to make Records. Price with Recorder, \$7.50. Reproduces all the standard Records. Send order and money to our nearest office.  
**COLUMBIA PHONOGRAPH CO. Dept. 30.**  
NEW YORK, 145-147 Broadway.  
CHICAGO, 88 Wauvash Ave.  
ST. LOUIS, 720-722 Olive St.  
WASHINGTON, 919 Pennsylvania Ave.  
PHILADELPHIA, 1032 Chestnut St.  
BALTIMORE, 110 E. Baltimore St.  
BUFFALO, 515 Main St.  
SAN FRANCISCO, 125 Geary St.  
LONDON PARIS BERLIN.

### A False Doctrine.

The plea that a man has a right to do with his money as he chooses is as dangerous a doctrine as was ever advanced. A man has as much right to do as he pleases with his gun or his dog or his cattle as he has to do with his money. According to this argument, a man who has honestly acquired a gun and ammunition may shoot where he pleases; the man with cattle may turn them on your grass or the man with dogs may hiss them on your children, and so on ad infinitum. The same argument opens the door to all kinds of licentiousness and every evil of the human heart. Because men have money, it is argued, they have a right to stop production, thus throwing laborers out of work and doubling the price of necessities to consumers. No doctrine of the devil contains more downright evil than that of a man's having a right to use his money as he pleases.—Ablene Reporter.

—The best watch work at Jas. E. Brewer's.

**M. C. SMITH,**  
Attorney-At-Law,  
Office up stairs in the Ostertag  
Building.  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

**C. P. SHEPHERD,**  
Attorney-At-Law  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.  
OFFICE WITH C. H. WILLINGHAM,  
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**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  
Concho Counties

**Wilson & Wilson,**  
Blacksmiths & Woodworkers  
Every Job Guaranteed  
Experts in Horseshoeing;  
Prices Very Reasonable;  
Your Patronage Solicited.

**BALLINGER -:- MILLING -:- CO.**  
Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted  
Corn Meal.  
COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION  
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**"OUR FRIENDS"**  
SHAVING PARLOR  
Good work and polite treatment. Hot  
and cold baths always ready.  
**PINK HUBBARD, Prop.**

**W. R. SPENCER**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.  
(Office up Stairs Walker Building)  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.  
You lose more than we do  
if you don't  
advertise in the Banner-Leader.

**Drs. Halley & Love,**  
General Medicine and Surgery.  
(Office up Stairs Walker Building)  
**- BALLINGER. -**

**THOS. A. RAPE, M. D.,**  
OFFICE AT  
J. Y. PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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

Best Machine  
ON EARTH FOR  
**\$20.00.**  
LEE MADDON.  
To Cure Eczema  
and skin eruptions try one box of  
Remick's Eczema Cure. 50c—  
Guaranteed. At E. D. Walker's.

**A Letter from New Mexico.**  
Pinos Altos, N. M., Jan 25, 1901.  
EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:  
As it has been some time since  
we have been represented in your  
columns I will try to write you a  
few dots.

We are having fine weather. It  
has been trying to rain for a few  
days but has not rained enough  
to do any good.

I saw a very pretty sight here  
yesterday in the way of a cloud  
going down the creek between  
two ranges of mountains and you  
could see the mountains above  
the cloud, it was so low down.

We have had several snows here  
this winter. The last one fell  
on the 8th and the mountain tops  
are still covered with snow. That  
would make it appear like this  
was a very cold country but I  
don't think it is as cold as Texas.  
We don't have the northers here  
like you do there. It is a right  
pretty sight to see the Mexicans  
bringing wood off the mountains  
on burros especially when the  
mountains are covered with snow.

We had a very lively time in  
Pinos Altos last week. A white  
man and a Cousin Jack (if you  
don't know what a Cousin Jack  
is ask Billy Dunlap) had a fight.  
The Cousin Jack got his nose  
broken and the white man got  
arrested. That night they went  
to the back end of a saloon to  
have a trial. They got to quar-  
relling over who should pick the  
jury and a regular knock down  
and drag out fight occurred.  
There were about a half dozen  
guns in sight but no shots fired.  
They went the next night to the  
Opera Hall and finished the trial  
and it beat anything I ever saw in  
court before.

An old man was going to look  
after a mining claim a few days  
ago when some one took a couple  
of shots at him, one ball cut-  
ting off a twig about six inches in  
front of him. He is very sore  
yet (from running).

One can see people from every  
part of the world here. There  
are Mexicans, Dagos, Italians,  
Irishmen, Swede, Chinamen,  
Scotchmen and a few white peo-  
ple who of course are from Texas.

For fear of the waste basket I  
will close. With best wishes for  
the Banner-Leader  
Respectfully,  
A. J. MANSKER.

**The Terrors of Eczema**  
almost instantly removed by  
Remick's Eczema Cure. 50c. No  
cure, no pay. At E. D. Walker's.

The date for the appearance of  
Joaquin Miller, the "poet of the  
Sierras," in Ballinger is Tuesday,  
night, February 5th, instead of as  
stated in last week's Banner-  
Leader. The committee who  
have the matter in charge are  
meeting with great encourage-  
ment. The surplus, above the  
amount these attractions cost,  
will be devoted to the Ballinger  
School fund.

W. G. Gatlin, of Norton, was a  
visitor at the Banner-Leader  
sanctum early in the week. He  
was so unfortunate as to fall from  
a wagon in December, breaking  
two ribs and has since been con-  
fined to the house most of the  
time. He reports that from 26  
acres he and his boys succeeded  
in getting 26 bales of cotton none  
weighing less than 525 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, of  
Brownwood, have recently visited  
their father, who is manager of  
the Coggin ranch near Talpa.  
They returned home Saturday  
evening.

—Fire or life insurance—'phone  
No. 125.

**Runnels County Takes the Cake.**

Mr. Greer who recently came  
out from Mississippi, has been  
taking a round this last week  
through Coke county, the upper  
edge of Nolan and back down  
through Runnels. Mr. G says  
Texas lays over anything he has  
seen for a country, that a man  
can travel farther, endure more  
and feel less worried from it  
than any country he has ever  
been in. He says that in the  
counties he has been over pros-  
perity is shown in every turn of  
the road, and says more people  
are moving into Runnels county  
than can get accommodations con-  
veniently; that he stopped in Bal-  
linger one night and was com-  
pelled, with several others, to  
sit by a stove all night, for lack of  
a bed, the crowd was so great,  
and that a gentleman told him  
such had been the case for a  
number of weeks. He speaks  
very flattering of Ballinger,  
and says the whole country  
around is a most desirable sec-  
tion. He came in to San Angelo  
last Monday, but he was noticed  
a few days ago heading in that di-  
rection again, and we presume he  
so fell in love with that country  
that he is thinking of hunting a  
location somewhere over there —  
Press.

There is probably no disease or  
condition of the human system  
that causes more suffering and  
distress than piles. Tabler's  
Buckeye Pile Ointment cures  
them quickly without pain or de-  
tention from business. Price 50  
cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents.  
At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 2.

C. B. Black, of Madisonville,  
has about decided to locate in  
Ballinger but before making his  
final arrangements will return  
home to wind up some business  
matters there. Mr. Black thinks  
the outlook for Ballinger very  
favorable.

Are you nervous, run down,  
weak and dispirited? Take a  
few doses of Herbine. It will in-  
fuse new energy, new life into the  
exhausted nerves, the overworked  
brain or muscular system, and  
put a new face on life and busi-  
ness. Price 50 cents. At E. D.  
Walker's Drug Store. 2

**Gay's Fish.**

Four years ago W. K. Gay and  
Wm. Bevans of Menardville,  
were fishing in the San Saba river.  
They caught two fish of the same  
size and put two rubber bands  
about them to see if they could  
swim Siamese twin fashion.  
They swam off all right and noth-  
ing more was thought of the ex-  
periment until a year later while  
fishing at the same place, Judge  
Scruggs and Dr. Joe McKnight  
caught a large number of fish  
each of which had two heads, two  
tails and one body. Drs. Patton,  
Fenley and McKnight, assisted  
by O. Russell, Doc Roberson and  
Ferd Wilson dissected the fish  
and found two back-bones which  
were closely bound by a ligament.  
The flesh had a beautiful rose  
tint color but when cooked it was  
found unpalatable on account of  
a noisome rubber flavor. It was  
also discovered that old boots  
and shoes, however worn, were  
rendered waterproof when smear-  
ed with the blood of these fish.  
The San Saba is now well stocked  
with this new species and it is  
said that those who relish them as  
food soon become highly elastic  
about the neck when they occu-  
py front seats at church or other  
public gatherings.—Mason Her-  
ald.

Old papers—20cts per 100.

**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 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.**

Your orders for  
all kinds of  
building material  
solicited.

**BALLINGER LUMBER CO.,**

Ballinger Tex.

J. R. McVAY, Manager.

**Central Wagon Yard**

**D. A. CAMERON, Proprietor.**

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.

**A Pleasant Affair.**

On Friday evening January  
twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred  
and one, Mr. and Mrs. H. A.  
Thomson, assisted by their daugh-  
ter, Miss Beatrice Thomson and  
by Miss Maggie Underwood, ex-  
tended to their friends a graceful  
hospitality.

Their lovely home was artistic-  
ally decorated with ferns and cut  
flowers. The guests were enter-  
tained with dominoes until twelve  
when an elegant course luncheon  
was served.

The guests included: Mes-  
dames Dave Baker, Wilmeth,  
Jack McGregor, Crews, George  
Vaughn, Winkler, Francis, Guion,  
Blanchard, Erwin, Will Vaughn,  
Van Pelt, Love, Pearce, Misses  
Underwood, Pittman; Messrs D.  
M. Baker, Crews, Wilmeth, Geo.  
Vaughn, Winkler, Fowler, Fran-  
cis, Robert McGregor, Peter Mc-  
Gregor, Guion, Erwin, Will  
Vaughn, Van Pelt, Love, Pearce.

When pain or irritation exists  
on any part of the body the ap-  
plication of Ballard's Snow Lin-  
iment will give prompt relief.  
Price, 25 and 50 cents. At E. D.  
Walker's. 2

C. O. Harris had legal business  
in the city of McGregor Wednes-  
day.

The people have been paying  
their respects to the tax collector  
this week.

S. M. Parks went to Brown-  
wood Sunday to look after some  
business matters connected with  
his father's estate.

Messrs. Charlie Low, Harry  
Scott and Henry McGee, saloon  
men of Brownwood, were in Bal-  
linger Tuesday intent on securing  
a house in which to set up a  
saloon. Ballinger already has  
four saloons.

L. C. Hickson, of Crews, was  
in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Hick-  
son has recently sold his business  
to Low Bros, from Glen Cove,  
and they are spreading out the  
store, putting in more goods and  
getting ready for a heavy trade.  
Mr. Hickson says it is his in-  
tention to rest a year.

Judge C. H. Willingham re-  
turned Sunday afternoon to Aus-  
tin after a brief visit with his  
family here. He has some in-  
teresting reminiscences of legis-  
lature happenings, and he never  
lacked for an appreciative audi-  
ence while in our city.

—A nice line of watches for your inspection at Jas. E. Brewer's.

—Remember Bowden swaps all kinds of new goods for old.

—My watch and jewelry work guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER.

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

I am with S. B. Hopson in the fruit tree business and will be pleased to have your order. Call on me at barber shop.

17 if J. A. DANCER.

Asa Cordill enjoyed a trip to Winters Sunday.

J. S. Cain, a good citizen of the Winters country, was trading in our city Monday.

Mrs. H. H. Luckett came in the first of the week from the Nolan county ranch.

Jess Bynum, the drug drummer, was asking for the patronage of the Ballinger druggists Thursday.

W. F. Exum, of Crews, brought cotton to Ballinger Wednesday and returned with a load of supplies for home use.

The Banner-Leader regrets the illness of Mr. Wm. Dooze, one of its good friends. We trust he may soon be restored.

Mr. Lee Maddox bought this week through C. H. Willingham the railroad lot adjoining his home place. Terms were p t.

The Pearce Hotel is resplendent with a newly painted sign this week. Mine host Pearce is enjoying a good patronage these days.

The Banner-Leader has had a full supply of stationery on hand all the time. We are ready to fill your order any day, and would appreciate your trade.

R. M. Turner, representing the Standard Loan Co. of Dallas, was paying his respects to Ballinger Thursday. He was endeavoring to place an agency here.

Esquire W. H. Weeks is slowly recovering from his recent illness and is occasionally paying the city a visit. The Banner-Leader is pleased to see him out again.

L. E. Alexander began working at the First National bank in this city Monday. He is a son of L. C. Alexander who has lately moved to Ballinger from Brownwood.

The editor recently made a trip to Brownwood, but he looked in vain for signs of that much talked of new Santa Fe depot. There was no evidence to show even that such a change was in contemplation.

Lost on Jan 25th a small leather pocket book containing 85 cents. Had printed on the outside of it in gilt letters "Compliments of the Austin White Lime Co." Finder please leave at Davis & Co's and receive reward.

Hartung's photographer was in town Thursday and made all the necessary arrangements towards opening a gallery here about the tenth of February. It will be in the second story of the Miller building, over Brin's store and will be fitted up in an up-to-date style.

E. D. Walker's new prescription clerk, Mr. Geo. Holman of San Saba, arrived Wednesday night and is now hard at work. He is a brother of Mr. Arch Holman of San Angelo, and is a pleasant young gentleman, to whom Ballinger is glad to extend a hearty greeting.

Fresh Garden Seed and Onion Sets at Miller Mercantile Co.

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

**Moving this week.**

The grocery firm of J. F. Lusk & Co. are busily engaged this week in moving into their new quarters, near the postoffice. They have roomy, comfortable quarters in their new location and will be glad to meet all their old customers. Call and see them when you need anything in the grocery line. They have the goods at low prices.

The Ks. of P. will meet in their new hall next Monday night.

J. T. Billups was in town Wednesday of this week. He reports his stock in fine shape.

We still sell Live Oak Flour, the best. Also other good brands at Miller Mercantile Co.

What are you doing about the school building improvement? How much will you contribute?

S. B. Hopson, the fruit tree man, has been patronizing the Banner-Leader job printery this week.

Miles is soon to have an up-to-date newspaper, if reports be true. It will be owned and edited by one, Mr. Smith.

It won't be necessary to call your attention to Lee Maddox' ad this week. You will be sure to see it anyway.

Ballinger received 144 bales of cotton Tuesday. So far the town has received 12,250 bales. That is three times the receipts of last year.

Mr. L. C. Alexander's second boy arrived this week from Brownwood and for the present is working for J. H. Kelley, the float man.

The Ks. of P. moved into their new lodge room over Davis' grocery store this week. They have now one of the handsomest Castle Halls in West Texas and will soon have it elegantly furnished.

Lee Maddox received a letter from a Talpa man this week addressed as follows: Mr. Lee Maddox, dealer in plows, wagons, buggies, corn stalk cutters, binders, rakes, sorghum headers, etc, etc, and many other things too numerous to mention, Ballinger, Texas.

T. F. Nickens, of Brown county, is a new settler with us and was a pleasant caller at the Banner-Leader office Wednesday. For the present he is located at Crews, which part of the county he reports in an exceedingly prosperous condition, with new houses going up on all sides.

The Banner-Leader knew better last week but failed to so state it. The Cameron wagon yard is still in charge of Mr. Cameron, but one of the store houses in the corner of the yard has been rented by Kirkpatrick and Slaughter and it is here they have opened a grocery store. This in justice to Mr. Cameron.

**Regrets.**

I am very sorry that I could not accommodate you better during the last month in the way of watch and jewelry repairing, but can promise you your work on short notice now.

ASA COREILL,  
The Jeweler.

—Jas. E. Brewer pays cash for goods, consequently can sell them cheaper.

—Your watch promptly put in first-class order. JAS. E. BREWER.

J. T. Snellgrove was a Ballinger visitor the first of the week.

Rev. W. A. Manly was in Brownwood Friday on business connected with the tooth doctor.

C. S. Woodward, the land agent, spent Sunday in Coleman, the guest of his brother, Judge J. O. Woodward.

W. C. Carpenter, a newcomer from Nolan county, was in Ballinger Monday. He has recently purchased the Gurley place near Wingate.

Dr. W. C. Mullins, the Fort Worth specialist, spent Monday and Tuesday in Ballinger. He is a pleasant gentleman and skilled in his profession.

The Banner-Leader has heard of a peach orchard in South Ballinger which is in full bloom. The mild winter will cause many trees to get nipped by the cold which is sure to come later.

J. C. Hill has recently purchased a lot adjoining his wagon yard and is now busily engaged in enlarging his yard, putting in more stalls and otherwise preparing to better accommodate his trade.

A. A. Glover, one of the brightest boys in the employ of the Temple Grocer Co. at San Angelo, was down Sunday and it is the opinion of the Banner-Leader that a fair maiden of our town was the chief attraction for him.

M. Barbee brought the Banner-Leader man Tuesday a fully developed ripe strawberry grown in his yard. The winter has been so mild that the plants were not killed and have been bearing all through the winter.

P. S. Stark, a merchant of Bronte, and an old friend of the Banner-Leader man, was in town Tuesday enroute to Brownwood, his former home. This was his first visit to that city since he left there several years ago.

The Banner-Leader suggests to its readers that it is a safe plan to be vaccinated as early as possible. Small pox is raging throughout the state and you may come in contact with it. Get yourself vaccinated and be on the safe side.

W. G. Cathey, of Wingate, and C. W. Warner, of Bronte, were pleasant callers at the Banner-Leader office Tuesday. Both gentlemen are substantial farmers. One is aged 62, the other 65 but we leave you to say which is which.

The lecture Sunday afternoon at the court house by Rev. J. G. Adams of Fort Worth was largely attended. The subject was "temperance." He has lost little of his old time fire and vivid word painting. His voluntary collection amounted to \$20.

Mr. Ed Baker has resigned his position with Wilson Bros., blacksmiths, and will shortly leave for Cleburne to accept a better position in that city. The Banner-Leader regrets to see Mr. Baker leave Ballinger, but wishes him the success he deserves in his new home. His place here will be filled by Wm. W. McKinley.

Dr. Flavin, a specialist, has located in Ballinger. He came to the west from Galveston, which place had been his home for years, locating first in San Angelo. That town failed to please him and a visit to Ballinger convinced him of the superior advantages of this town as a place in which to locate, and he is here. The Banner-Leader is pleased to welcome Dr. Flavin.

Dr. Riggs will be in Winters, February 11th.

## Convincing Argument.

Buying in Large Quantities Generally in

# CAR LOTS

And paying spot cash on all purchases I am able to offer the trade advantages over those who buy in smaller quantities

Cold Cash Cuts

We offer special inducements to merit your cash trade. You cannot find a more complete stock, nor better grade in groceries than I carry.

### G. F. SCHROETER,

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The "Mystic Weavers" held a session at the elegant home of Mrs. R. P. Kirk Thursday afternoon. The entertainment provided was beyond the language of ye reporter to describe, but between pleasant gossip, fancy sewing and delightful refreshments, all were made to feel that this was one of the most successful meetings this social organization has ever held. The thanks and praise of those present were given the charming and congenial hostess, Mrs. R. P. Kirk.

Dr. Riggs will remain in Ballinger until February 10.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. McGregor and J. W. Francis under the firm name and style of "McGregor and Francis" is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. J. McGregor will pay all claims against the said firm and all notes, accounts and credit of all kinds should be paid to him on his order. Signed

McGREGOR & FRANCIS.

Jan. 12, 1901.

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Ad Moore, son of one of our most respected citizens, has recently escaped from the insane asylum at Austin. The unfortunate young man is mentally unbalanced on the subject of machinery of which he talks almost continuously. His father is very uneasy about him and is making every effort to locate him.

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