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WE WILL MOVE

About March 1st

To the Building on 8th St. now occupied by Lee Maddox.

Our buyer is now in the New York market purchasing one of the largest and most up-to-date Stocks of Spring and Summer Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Etc., ever before brought to Ballinger.

OUR

Grand Removal Sale

Which begun some time ago is still in progress and has proven to be the greatest money saving opportunity ever offered to the trading public. If you have not taken advantage of same it will pay you to do so as we still have lots of winter goods on hand that we are desirous of closing out regardless of cost or value. Everything in the house at reduced prices. Look for the red figure mark, it means the lowest. You can save money by trading with

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

Sure Cure for Diphtheria.

I will give a recipe that I know has been tried and cured without fail by my mother. She learned it when she was a little girl. I have known her to use it on an infant two months old. The doctor had given it up to die and it was easy and asleep in a few minutes after my mother applied the poultice. I have often wished every family in the world knew this remedy and its value. It is a certain cure, no doubt about it, until death has them in its clasp.

A Poultice for Diphtheria—One tablespoonful each of common salt, sulphur, turpentine, and coal oil, the yolk of one egg, well beaten together. Put in a flannel cloth, put it to the throat, and tie the cloth on the top of the head. The wash to use after is sage tea, vinegar, honey and alum. I know it would be a good rule if all doctors would make a habit of using this remedy.—M. E. Belyen, in Dallas News.

Heavy snows are reported throughout all West Texas. Ballinger is in the list but the fall here was rather light.

C. E. Program.

The following program will be rendered by the C. E. Society at the C. P. church next Sunday at 4 p. m.

Topic. Confessing Christ. Leader—Miss Mary Miller. Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading. Importance of Confessing Christ.—O. M. Fitzhugh. Song. Boldness in Confessing Christ.—Prof. J. A. Starnes. Sin of not Confessing Christ—Miss Ethel Truly. Song. Help in Confessing Christ—Miss Augusta Hardgrave. Ways of Confessing Christ—Open Discussion. Song.

A. D. Snaw, once commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is dead of apoplexy in Washington.

A handsome lot of fancy chains and cuff buttons just received. JAS. E. BREWER.

Is it Worth While?

Is it worth while this struggle ever onward, With weary feet, oft bleeding as we go?

This earthly road is, oh, so long and dreary, And heaven's so far away from us below

That oft the question comes in accents trembling,

Is it worth while?

Is it worth while when troubles sore oppress us

And life seems all a fitful sea of woe, To raise our head and brush away the teardrops

That quickly down our burning cheeks do flow?

We ask in tones that tremble with emotion,

Is it worth while?

Is it worth while when earthly cares surround us,

And no one knows and no one seems to care,

That we should walk as Christ has said we should

The narrow path with awe and holy fear

And shun the pleasures that the worldly share?

Is it worth while?

Is it worth while when traveling on life's journey

To step aside to help a comrade dear, To speak a word or breathe a simple prayer

To friend; or alone where none but God might hear,

Or bid some one God speed them on their way,

Is it worth while?

Is it worth while when prayers that oft were spoken

Have seemed to fail to reach a father's ear,

To keep on asking for His love and guidance

To help and succor friends and loved ones dear?

Pray on, faith cannot be unanswered.

Is it worth while?

Oh friends, what though the road through earth be rough

Our Saviour trod the weary way before.

What tho' the thorns may pierce our bleeding feet,

Full many a one has pierced our Master's brow.

And so we'll say what ever trials we meet,

Is it worth while.

Is it worth while when words like these we read,

That we should help the needy and the low,

When Christ has bid us succor those in need

And lead their trembling feet to heaven's road,

To speak a word for His dear sake dear friends,

Is it worth while.

Is it worth while? We do not tarry here,

The glories of a world beyond this sphere

Is worth it all.

And so, though tired our feet may be, Though faint and bleeding by the road we fall,

We'll up and onward, as we gladly say,

Is it worth while.

When Did He Return?

The Banner Leader editor, from certain signs, writings and indications, was led to believe that the "associate" on the Brownwood Bulletin was in the country. We still think it true, but he has left a worthy successor to edit the paper as the following "beautiful" paragraph from the Bulletin will readily show:

Beautiful snow is falling in beautiful style on the beautiful streets of beautiful Brownwood this beautiful morning.

—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.

GLOBER & SHAW

Solicit your trade when you want the best meat—

Pork, Veal, Roasts, Steaks, Sausage, Etc.

They are killing Wilson's Fed Steers, the fattest money can get.

Phone 126.

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

Sir Charles Dilke, a prominent Englishman, recently interviewed, said England had much to fear from America as a commercial rival and that she should exert herself to meet this competition. He advises that England increase her fleet, claiming it a vital necessity.

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

CREWS & MCGREGOR, Furniture dealers and undertakers.

San Antonio Express: Does anybody know whether the ground hog saw his shadow the other day? That venerable weather prophet seems to have been overlooked in the hurly burly of these busy times in the metropolis.

He saw his shadow if he was out in this part of the State on Feb. 2. The day was as clear and pleasant as were those of the preceding two months. The change in temperature necessary to retard the swelling of fruit buds came just in time to allay the fear that spring poets were about to sprout. If reliance can be placed on the old axiom that the days intervening between Christmas and the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans control weather phases, then there ought to be a fine fruit yield next season and a drouth period that will embrace June, July and August.—Dallas News.

The Mrs. Nation lecture in Chicago did not materialize. A two days advance sale only netted \$12 and the promoters thinking the scheme a financial failure cancelled the date.

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 \$1.50 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.

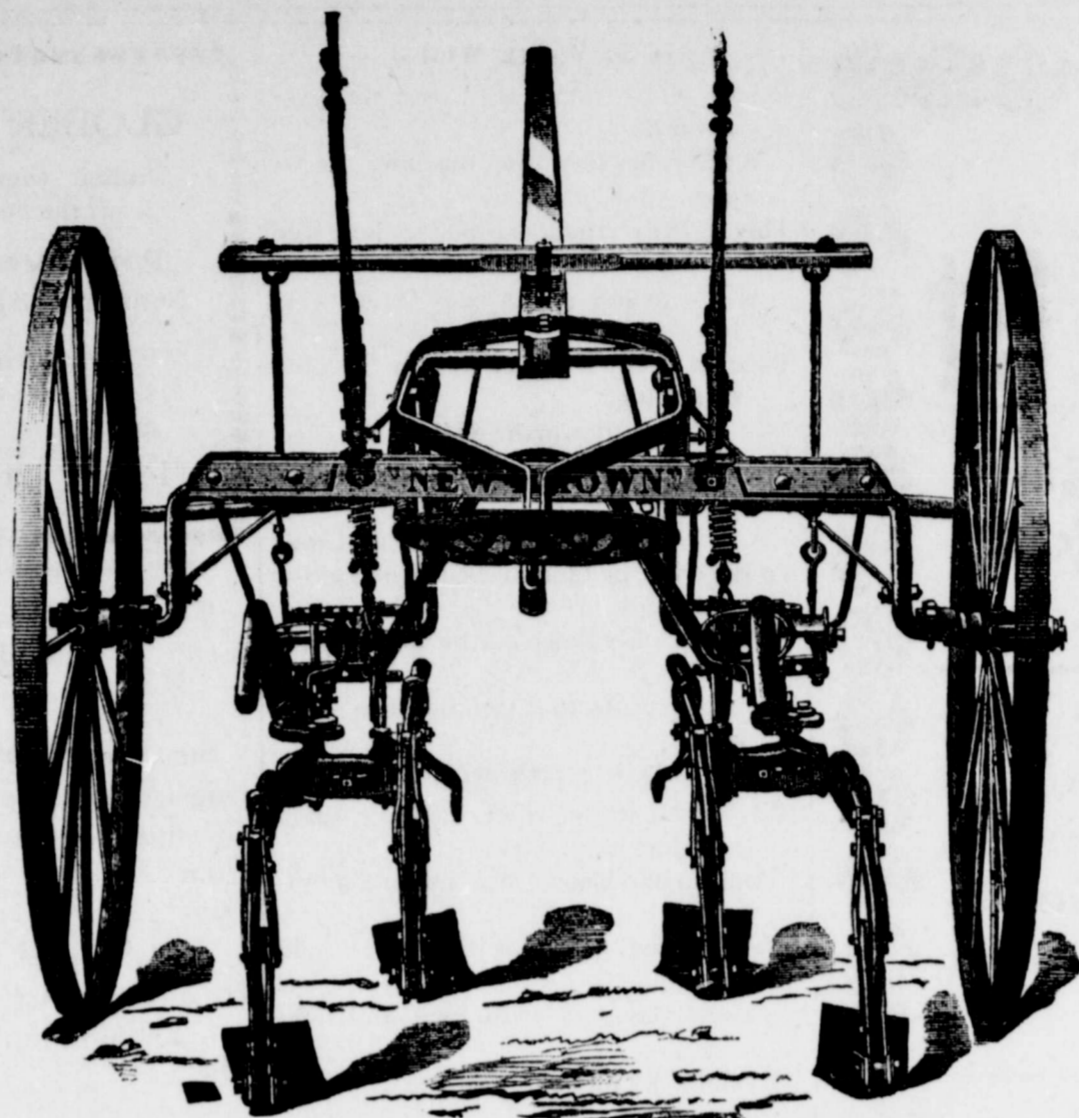
Ladies and Misses Union Suits, the 50c grades to close out at only..... 35c suit

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.

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

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West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.
East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

"If an empty barrel weighs ten
pounds what can one fill it with
to make it weigh seven pounds?"
That was the question asked by
Senator Depew in his speech
against the ship subsidy bill. The
Senate gave it up. "Fill it full
of holes," said the witty Senator.

It is related that a man awoke
one morning with a terrible bust
head, after a night of carousal.
Having a curiosity to see how
tough he looked, he reached out
for a hand mirror, but secured the
hair brush instead. Thinking he
had the hand mirror in his hand
he gazed at the bristle side, and
said: "Gosh, but I need a shave!"
—Ex.

Old papers—20cts per 100.

This is the month to put out
trees. Nothing adds more to the
comfort or beauty of a home or
city than ornamental trees, and
every yard should have a suffi-
cient number to withstand the
heat of the summer's sun, and
every street leading out on the
residence portion of the city
should be lined with trees.—Pecan
Valley News.

The distribution of 28,000,000
packages of free seeds by sena-
tors and members of congress
through the agricultural depart-
ment has just begun. The ap-
propriation for seeds was increas-
ed to \$170,000 last year, and the
quota of each congressman will
be over 8,000 packages. Senators
and members are generally glad
to furnish seeds to their constitu-
ents on request.—Ex.

One of the incidents connected
with the stormy life which Mrs.
Nation of Kansas is now lead-
ing is worth publication. She went
into a sheriff's office and abused
the official unmercifully because
he did not enforce the laws
against barrooms. He became
indignant, but could not strike a
woman. He therefore did some-
thing to relieve his feelings by
attacking a newspaper man who
stood by smiling. The rule is,
when in doubt, to hit a newspaper
man. He has no friends.—Dallas
News.

He Speaks the Truth.

Ballinger is simply spreading
her wings and getting over
ground swiftly. A few more
seasonable years will make a city
of Ballinger.—Menard Co Enter-
prise.

Educate Your Children.

It is amazing how many par-
ents have little or no ambition
about the education of the chil-
dren. If the child has an irre-
pressible desire to get an educa-
tion, some parents will make it
possible for that desire to be
gratified; but if the child wants
to quit school, and whines and
whimpers about it for several
days, he is allowed to do so. Or
if he comes home with some fan-
cied wrong done him by his
teacher, as he has administered
discipline upon him, then the
parents take a hot-headed view of
the child's side of the matter
and stop him from school. As a
rule, this is not the way to do,
but on the other hand the child
ought to be kept in school.

We have known men to succeed
in making money who could hard-
ly write their own names, but
they did not succeed because
they were uneducated, but in
spite of the fact. Those same
men would have succeeded far
better if they had been educated,
and could have succeeded on
several lines on which they were
as silent as oysters. Mere money-
making is not the best nor the
biggest thing in life.—West Tex-
as Baptist.

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we will send 8 pieces of New,
Full Size, Copyrighted Music, the
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of bright, interesting, illustrated
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above road is the symbol of all
things good, the dream come
true, the very thing to be desired.
That paper is optimistic in the
extreme and among other things
says:

The Kansas City, Mexico and
Orient railroad is no dream, no
mirage, no dope fiend's fancy,
but a fact, a great big fact, preg-
nant with good things for San
Angelo and the surrounding
country, and this assurance that
work will so soon begin here, at
Angelo, has silenced the doubts
of those few pessimistic souls
who find it so hard to look on the
bright side of things.

With the assurance of this
road, even the most conservative
minds admit that there are bright
days in store for the Queen City
of the West. Opportunities will
multiply a hundred fold, and the
"dollars of our daddies" will be-
come more plentiful as time
brings the coveted line nearer
and nearer to our doors, and with
the completion of the road, we
confidently look forward to the
dawning of an era of prosperity
that will soon put San Angelo in
the front rank among the cities of
the Lone Star state.

An exchange says that a demo-
crat in Kentucky bet his wife
against a farm that Bryan would
be elected. The republican won
and after living with the result of
his bet for a week, is offering to
wager the woman against a bar-
low knife that the sun rises in the
north.

—Fire or life insurance—'phone
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Cure and Remick's Pepsin Blood
Tonic to refund the money when
they fail to cure any case of Ec-
zema or skin eruptions.

E. D. WALKER.

Col. W. P. Carey, of Chicago,
chief stock holder in the Ballin-
ger Lumber Co., visited our town
Saturday, J. H. Grant, of Brown-
wood, accompanying him. Mr.
Carey's company has thirteen
yards in Texas, all doing a suc-
cessful business. The yard here
is managed by J. R. McVay.

Nervous children are almost al-
ways 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

A new minister walking down
the street in Huntingburg the
other day encountered a little
chap vainly trying to ring a door
bell which was too high above
his head. "Wait, my little son,"
said the good man, "let me ring
for you," and he gave a vigorous
pull. "And what now my boy?"
he asked. "Now," said the boy,
"run like h—; that's what I'm
going to do."—Duncan Banner.

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.

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.

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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.

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do if you don't advertise
in the Banner-Leader**

Wall Paper
J. Y. PEARCE.

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—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.

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JAS. E. BREWER.

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

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PICTURE OF MRS. NATION The Kansas Saloon Smasher.

Once more the State of Kansas is in the throes of a violent temperance feud. Again it is the women who have assumed the aggressive and lead in violent measures that has divided the sentiment of the entire state to a point of menace to public safety. Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Medicine Lodge, is the determined upholder of the law which became a statute in 1881, but which has fallen into disrepute owing to general apathy and the interest of liquor men. At the head of a small but fearless band of anti-liquor champions, Mrs. Nation has started on a career of general saloon wrecking which threatens to make all precedents of former years pale into insignificance.

The personality of the leader of the anti-drink crusaders is interesting. Mrs. Nation is a woman with a history. Born in a fighting district of Kentucky about half a century ago, she inherited the stubborn and aggressive qualities of her frontier forefathers, and from early womanhood has been identified with reform movements in various parts of the Southwest.

Twenty-five years ago Mrs. Nation was the wife of Dr. Loyds, of Holden, Mo. After a year of married life the doctor died of delirium tremens. Over the grave of her husband the young woman took a solemn oath the remainder of her life would be spent in combating the demon rum and saving young men from the fate which befell her husband. How far she has succeeded is a question in dispute, but one thing is certain—she is quite the most celebrated character in the whole West at the present time, and the outcome of her warfare is

a matter of grave speculation.

After 10 years of widowhood Mrs. Loyds married David Nation, her present husband and co-worker in the prohibition field, and for a time the pair resided at Richmond, Texas. There Mrs. Nation made herself felt widely in the community, being identified with several reform projects, among others the negro suffrage question. Mr. Jefferson McLe more, secretary of the Texas Democratic Executive Committee, is authority for the fact that the "storm and stress" period of the Nations in Richmond kept that part of the Lone Star State in a ferment. Mr. Nations was the editor of a Richmond local paper and also kept a hotel. He, as well as his wife, was a strong negro sympathizer. As it was just after the reconstruction times, when the feeling between the white and colored races was particularly bitter, the feud threatened bloodshed.

In the national campaign of 1884 David Nation placed in the hands of the Republican campaign managers some printed matter, which, it is alleged, reflected strongly upon that district of Texas in which he resided. The result was that when these strictures were disseminated and the author became known a lynching bee was narrowly averted. As the antagonism to the Nations grew more violent, the latter thought it best to retreat, and shaking the dust of Texas from their feet, took refuge in Kansas. The latter expedition was decided upon only after Mr. Nation had been set upon by a party of men of Richmond and given a severe beating. Mrs. Nation pronounced a curse upon every man implicated in the assault, and, curious as it may seem, every member of that party is

now dead, some dying by violence.

Mrs. Nation's strong anti rum sentiments found in Kansas a fertile field for aggressive operations. The law of 1881 providing a penalty for selling, giving away or harboring any intoxicating liquor was practically a dead letter. Many amendments to the original statute were passed by the Legislature, but the local option element found ways to evade the law, and has been practically inoperative for years.

Mrs. Nation resolved to see that the law was enforced, and failing to move the State or municipal powers to the accomplishment of this big task, took retribution into her own hands and began the career of saloon wrecking that has made her the terror of the State.

It was fully ten years ago that Mrs. Nation made her first raid on a saloon. She made havoc of the finest barroom of Medicine Lodge, where she was living at the time. For this offense she was arrested and locked up for days. She was released when the fury of the anti-saloon element became a public menace, and though disseminating her violent theories in various parts of the State, she refrained from actual assault till about two years ago, when she broke forth again and wrecked two saloons in the town of Kiowa. Even then she escaped punishment, growing bolder with each raid and gathering about her votaries of her prohibition gospel. Thence into the larger towns Mrs. Nation carried her conquest, and late in December last swooped down upon Wichita.

Few who saw the kindly featured woman of mature years who came into the town on that eventful day, attired in black silk and a bonnet of forgotten vogue, realized her mission. Wandering up Douglass Avenue, she picked out the handsomest wine room in town, which happened to be the Carey Annex. Gathering an armful of stones in a rear alley, the reformer made her descent upon the cafe, smashing glassware, mirrors and other fixtures, and ended by throwing a rock through a painting of the nude valued at \$1000. For the assault Mrs. Nation was arrested and held in jail, where, it is alleged, she was not altogether kindly treated.

A smallpox quarantine was placed on the jail, and Mrs. Nation could not get out, even on bail. After some legal difficulties, however, the prisoner, assisted by her husband, who is a wealthy farmer of Medicine Lodge, was released by order of the Supreme Court of Kansas. Her trial was set down on the calendar, but some days previous to the event the charges against the crusader were dismissed by County Attorney Conley, who expressed in his petition the belief that Mrs. Nation was insane. The sudden

termination to the proceedings seemed to be a grave disappointment to Mrs. Nation, who chose to become a martyr to the cause, affirming repeatedly that she would gladly give up her life if need be to the accomplishment of the enforcing of the State prohibition law.

The saloon men, tearing another onslaught, hired guards to watch their doors. Their precautions, however, were vain. Having pledged twenty or more members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who met at their headquarters in the Sedgwick block, Mrs. Nation delivered her ultimatum.

"I am here for the purpose of getting revenge on the town for keeping me in smallpox quarantine for 20 days when there was no smallpox in that jail," said the intrepid crusader. "I must have revenge. It will do the cause good. Women, you have signed the pledge, I want you to follow me and we will wreck every saloon in Wichita!"

Only three sympathizers were fearless enough to follow their leader to a point of violence. Arming themselves with stones, bricks and cudgels, Mrs. Nation carrying a hatchet, the quartet went forth on their mission of vengeance. The saloon of James Buras sustained the first onslaught. Plate glass windows, expensive fixtures and bottles of liquor were rendered to chaos. No effort was made to restrain the women, mirrors pictures and glassware being pounded into hopeless wreckage. Leaving the place with the air of conquerors, the women proceeded to the saloon of John Herrigigg, which was treated in somewhat the same manner, the keeper drawing a revolver and standing guard over the stock room where thousands of dollar's worth of liquor was kept. A detachment of police arrived, taking the crusaders to the station, but Chief of Police, G. T. Cubbon did not hold them, taking their promise not to raid any more wine rooms. In the neighborhood of the wrecked saloon the women mingled with thousands of people gathered there, and mounting a box, Mrs. Nation addressed the people.

"Men of Wichita," said the speaker, "I tell you it is the right hand of God that has struck you. I will never leave this town till every saloon in the place is closed."

The crowd did not receive the remarks with temperate spirit, and the crusader was obliged to take flight. The timely arrival of the police saved the temperance advocate from rough handling. That night Mrs. Nation was arrested on a warrant charging her with malicious destruction of property, the sheriff having something of a battle with his prisoner, afterward retaliating for violence by placing her on a diet of bread and water.

It was while in her cell that Mrs. Nation gave a statement to a correspondent for the Herald. "I am only started on this saloon work," said the champion of prohibition. "I may be stoned, mobbed, even tarred and feathered, but that will have no effect, so long as there is breath in my body. I have secured the aid of rich and influential people, and I will do the rest. I intend to raid every saloon in the State. The law is on my side. I have been repeatedly arrested, but always released. The laws of Kansas do not recognize saloons, and that is why we wreck them. Wichita is the Sodom of Kansas, and I am willing to die martyr to this cause. If need be; but if I am killed by the saloon ruffians it will cause the greatest revolution for temperance ever known in this country.—New York Herald.

Miles Items.

EDITOR:

While moving "up and down the earth" my steps brought me to the wide-awake and progressive little town of Miles.

This village bids fair to rival the county site, why not? It is the center of a large area of productive land, much being put in cultivation, as indicated by at least thirty new farms within a radius of four miles.

The town proper has many new buildings finished and in course of construction. Listen, while I tell you! Three stores, three lumber yards, two hotels, meat market, barber shop, blacksmith shop, and a fine school with an attendance of seventy pupils, Miss Callie Stocks teacher, who conducts this institute with credit to herself and with satisfaction to both the trustees and patrons. A music school, under the management of Miss Thresa Thiele, an accomplished musician, is in a flourishing condition.

Town lots are selling right along at good figures. Mr. Sam Farmer had Surveyor Williams to lay off an addition to this town on south side of the railroad. I noticed many desirable locations in this new addition, which are now offered at reasonable prices.

The lumber business is in the push, and cars coming in daily are consigned to this little burg. I observed many Coke county people carrying off lumber.

Around Groves & Robinson's store are piles of improved farming implements which are rapidly sold to farmers around. Mr. Earnest Farmer manipulates this branch of the business and he can so adjust the parts that the farmer will say, "I'll take two of 'em."

The wants of the inner man are well cared for should any wayfarer man, or woman either as to that matter, want a good square meal and it nicely prepared, call at the Miles Hotel and the verdict will be, "this is certainly good grub."

I have already mentioned the physical, financial and educational benefits, but the spiritual welfare of this community has not been overlooked. The Baptist and Methodist each have services twice a month. So you see the "evil one" don't have it all his way. Rev. D. M. West, of Ballinger, held services last week. He is an earnest man and a good preacher; he warned his hearers to so live that they might miss that place—where chunks of ice are in demand. A large and interesting Sunday School in a flourishing condition, Bro. S. M. Wright Superintendent.

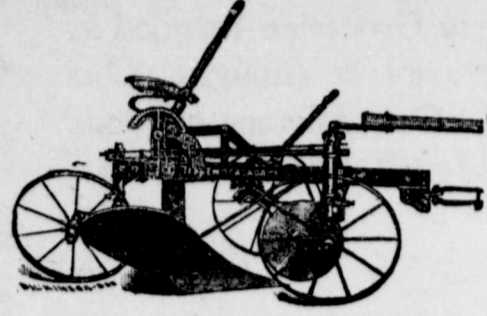
Now, after the enumeration of all these good things, should some crank want anything else, say to him, "yes, we keep it on tap just over the river."

In walking down Robinson street I noticed five new buildings going up, no sheds, but nice, cozy residences.

Miles possesses in the person of Jim Hancock an expert painter and paper hanger, who has more work than he can do. He has led an adventurous life; a soldier in Cuba under Garcia before the Spanish-American war; afterwards a Rough Rider, wounded on the heights of El Caney; last but not least, an unreconstructed confederate, clinging closely to the principles of Calhoun and Jeff Davis, and not trying very hard to "bridge the chasm."

Sam Farmer, one of the originals, has unbounded faith in Miles' future. He has built a fine residence on Farmers Addition, and intends to establish a first

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VAN PELT & KIRK.

class wagon yard.

Gin men, galore, have been figuring on putting in an extensive plant on the new addition. Sam Farmer says, "we'll have a first class gin outfit and don't you forget it."

Groves & Robinson are doing business at the old stand with an increased patronage. Can sell you anything from a steam engine to a knitting needle. Nice fellows, and strictly business.

I met Joe Thiele here, who invited me most cordially to spend the night at his home. I was easily persuaded as I had been there before. He had just sold a section of land to Mr. Townsend of Fort Worth for \$6.00 cash per acre. I am glad, for nothing is too good for this wholesomely German-American citizen.

There is one unique feature about Miles. The R R agent is a lady, Miss Blanche Davis. The patrons of that company find Miss Davis a most efficient and accommodating official, besides a pleasant and nice lady, whom it is a pleasure to know. "W."

Wingate.

So short the time has been since New Year's greeting fell upon our ears that it is well nigh impossible to realize that winter is almost o'er and that we are actually standing on the very threshold of spring.

Yet, even while the angry wind sweeps through the city streets, and while the country lanes are still knee-deep in drifted snow, the promise of spring is everywhere perceptible about us.

We can detect it in the golden clusters of jonquils and daffodils, the bunches of fragrant violets, and the snow sheaves of Easter lilies that adorn the florist's windows; and, above all, in the occasional days of soft, warm sunshine when earth and sky are alike bathed in divine glory, and when even this sordid humanity of ours is involuntarily impelled to respond to the universal harmony.

The weather is very disagreeable now. A small snow storm visited this region last Saturday. Not hardly enough fell to mention, but it was enough to keep us in doors all day.

Last Sunday and Sunday night the Primitive Baptists did not preach here on account of the bad weather.

The farmers used to sit around and growl about the bad weather, but I think they were truly glad to see the rain that fell the first of the week, for we were needing rain. I think they can afford to stay indoors a few days to be blessed with good showers of rain.

Mr. Horton, of this place, wears an unusually pleasant smile this week. To all questions he answers it is a ten pound girl.

Mr. Bob Lynn, who is teaching

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KIRKPATRICK & SLAUGHTER, Ballinger Texas.

a school some few miles from here, was here a few days ago visiting friends and relatives. The prospects are good that he will return again soon. But remember that he will not come to see home folks. I think there is some other attraction down this way for the young gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Pet King, of this place, who were visiting friends and relatives in Hill county, returned a few days ago. We are glad to note that their daughter is much better than she was when they returned.

Mrs. J. S. Koaten, of this place, was called to the bed-side of her daughter at Bronte, by a message saying that she was very ill. We hope that she will return soon and say that her daughter is much better. A. X. Y.

Duty of Business Men.

The effort of any newspaper to build up a town is practically nullified unless it is backed up by the business men. If a stranger turns from the news columns of a paper to its advertising pages, and if he fails to find there the advertisement or business card, he naturally comes to the conclusion that there is nothing to the town or the publisher is not appreciated.

No town ever grew without the assistance of its newspaper. Nor can a paper grow and build up its locality without the assistance of the town. Business men should realize this and remember that in giving support to a newspaper they are not only building up their own business, but are helping support that which is steadily working for the benefit of the whole community.

Many a town is judged by its newspaper. You often hear a man say, "They have a fine up-to-date newspaper at—"; it must be a good lively town."

If a newspaper does a good business it is at once inferred that the town is a good one. Other successful business firms speak as well for the town but they do not make the fact known as does the newspaper; the latter going abroad as it does and bringing itself and its town to the notice of strangers, while the other business might not be known outside of its own vicinity. A good newspaper under progressive management will advance just as far as

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

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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—

Best Is The Cheapest.

If this be true in other lines of business it is certainly true with Insurance. We write Fire Insurance in the Aetna, Hartford and London Liverpool and Globe, can you beat this trio? We answer no. These companies have no competitors in the Insurance business. They are good to live by and when it come to die they do not forsake you. Don't forget that if you desire a loan on your farm or ranch we are prepared to make the same on satisfactory terms.....

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'Phone 125.

its town will let it. The progressive newspaper does not want "donations," it wants encouragement and support—then watch it advance and grow and give every bit of it back in full measure of value to its town.—Albia Union.

For Sale.

About 1800 acres of rich black land with mesquite timber. The J. S. Moore and part of the Webb Survey, near Crews, in Kunnels county, are now offered for sale in parcels of 150 acres and upward at \$6.00 per acre, \$1.00 per acre cash, balance in 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years at 7 per cent interest per annum. This land can only be brought through me, hence apply direct to

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Notice.

Those who have not yet paid state and county taxes should do so at once. Sheriff Kirk says he will shortly send out deputies with the tax rolls and this means heavy additional expense to all who are behind.

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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. 15 4-t.

The small pox scare has already about subsided.

Ed Mackecknle, of San Antonio, State inspector for H. P. Drought & Co., spent Tuesday in Ballinger on business with C. P. Shepherd & Co.

Crews & McGregor this week placed in the Baptist church a fine Mason & Hamlin organ. They have furnished an organ for every church in Ballinger.

Crews & McGregor received this week a handsome new hearse. It is the very latest style and of standard make, and is an elaborate carriage for the dead. Crews and McGregor are practical undertakers and embalmers of 15 years experience and know every detail of the work from embalming by arterial and cavity methods down to making a pine coffin.

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Will allow interest on time deposits. ***

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—Drop in and see those new and up-to-date jobs at Jas. E. Brewer's.

—Asa Cordill gives you better prices on watches than you can get elsewhere.

Paint Rock.

Paint Rock, Tex., Jan. 15, '01. EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:

I haven't seen any items from this part of the country and I thought I would give you a few dots.

Everything in the Paint Rock section is getting along nicely except there was a little shooting scrape on John Loomis' ranch, about twelve miles from here, last week, between Tony Gaethel and a colored man, both working on Loomis' ranch. I did not learn the particulars.

C. M. Murray made a business trip to the Flat this week and says his sister, Miss Katie Murray, returned last week from Van Zandt county, where she had been visiting relatives. She also visited at Dallas and Rockwall. She says there was a lot of sickness in that part of Texas.

Sam Farrington returned from Llano county last week,

Paint Rock is getting to be quite a town. It has several stores but has room for improvement yet

Garland & Montgomery sold seventeen sections of Paint Rock land to Sam Henderson at \$2 per acre. It was in Mr. Henderson's pasture.

Dr. Fowler is recovering from a serious spell of la grippe.

Emmet Bureson is in Paint Rock this week.

R. J. West Brooks bought a span of mules last week for \$115.

Chas. Ford is buying steer yearlings. He is paying \$11 to \$12.50 per head

Everybody is preparing for another crop. I hope we will be blessed with a good crop this year. Concho Times.

Content News.

We have had two snows here the past week.

There is plenty of la grippe here yet.

Perry Miller happened to quite a painful accident last Sunday while skating on ice. One ankle was fractured considerably.

The school at this place has a larger enrollment this year than it has had for several years. Prof Webb has enrolled 70 pupils up-to-date. The school board and patrons are looking forward to a complete graded school system in another year.

Mr. Editor why can't we have a directory of the district and county officials published in the Banner-Leader? We know it would be quite a benefit to the county at large and especially to "new settlers" that need such information soon after landing. We believe that it would be very highly appreciated, and share hopes of seeing it published.

There are some cases of pneumonia in the country and our genial Dr. is very busy.

The Primitive Baptists held a meeting here Tuesday night.

Success to the Banner-Leader. Associate.

The Small Pox Situation.

Last Saturday the town was startled to learn that a case of small pox had been discovered on the streets. The news spread like wildfire and before night everybody was fully acquainted with the particulars. The man, Henry Gurley, came from Abilene and had spent two nights here before he reported his condition to the proper authorities. He then went to Dr. Butler and was soon placed in quarantine, with Henry Connor in charge. No new developments have resulted, except that one young man named Weikel, who slept in a bed the night after it was occu-

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NEXT DOOR TO WINKLER.

Col. W. T. Melton, the cattle and land dealer of Brownwood, is in Ballinger to-day on business. Miss Daisy Pittman has been spending a portion of the week as the guest of Miss Francis Cady. Mr. John H. Webb, an influential and reliable citizen of Houston county, is in Ballinger this week. He is looking for pasture for about 200 head of cattle and hopes to locate them in Runnels county. The Banner-Leader trusts he may find what he wants for he would make a valuable acquisition to our citizenship.

St Valentine's Day.

The pretty custom of exchanging valentines has a sweet suggestion of the bud and the blossom—a subtle something in it which reminds us of the stirring of maple sap and the first green glimmer of the new leaves.

Your mothers will tell you, girls, that in their time valentines played a larger part in wooing and winning than they now do. The postmen used to trudge wearily along under the burden of their heavy bags, laden with Cupid's missives, sent by adoring swains to their blushing sweethearts. Girls would meet and compare the number of their spoils, lace-edged, hand-painted, sentimental letters, signed simply "Your Valentine." Occasionally the opportunity of the hour was taken to send a more costly gift—a fan, a box of flowers, bonbons, or possibly a gem, the latter token, however, being condemned by good taste, and not permitted in the code of best society.—Selected.

For Sale.

2 spans of mules, 6 and 9, 3 and 5; also red jersey shoats, the latter at \$2.50 a pair. Apply to C. S. Woodward or

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and you will reap the benefit. I will make you prices that will astonish you—make them so low that you can't afford to buy elsewhere. These are facts that you can't get around. Strychnine will kill more prairie dogs in shorter time than anything else on earth—and it's cheaper too. Have you prairie dogs on your ranch? Here is the remedy—Quick and sure.

Call and let's talk it over.

E. D. WALKER,

Druggist, BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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IN HIS STEPS.

"What Would Jesus Do?"

By Charles M. Sheldon.

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Men and women in great numbers crowded around the platform to see Henry Maxwell and to bring him the promise of their consecration to the pledge to do as Jesus would do. It was a voluntary, spontaneous movement that broke upon Maxwell's soul with a result he could not measure. But had he not been praying for this very thing? It was an answer that more than met his desires.

There followed this movement a prayer service that in its impressions repeated the Raymond experience. In the evening, to Maxwell's intense joy, the Endeavor society, almost to a member, came forward, as so many of the church members had done in the morning, and seriously, solemnly, tenderly, took the pledge to do as Jesus would do. A deep wave of spiritual baptism broke over the meeting near its close that was indescribable in its tender, joyful, sympathetic results.

That was a remarkable day in the history of that church, but even more so in the history of Henry Maxwell. He left the meeting very late. He went to his room at the settlement, where he was still stopping, and after an hour with the bishop and Dr. Bruce, spent in a joyful rehearsal of the wonderful events of the day, he sat down to think over again by himself all the experience he was having as a Christian disciple.

He knelt to pray, as he always did now, before going to sleep, and it was while he was on his knees this night that he had a waking vision of what might be in the world when once the new discipleship had made its way into the conscience and consciousness of Christendom. He was fully conscious of being awake, but no less certain did it seem to him that he saw certain results with great distinctness, partly as realities of the future, partly as great longings that they might be realities, and this is what Henry Maxwell saw in this waking vision.

He saw himself first going back to the first church in Raymond, living there in a simpler, more self-denying fashion than he had yet been willing to observe, because he saw ways in which he could help others who were really dependent on him for help. He also saw more dimly that the time would come when his position as pastor of the church would cause him to suffer more, on account of growing opposition to his interpretation of Jesus and his conduct, but this was vaguely outlined. Through it all he heard the words, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

He saw Rachel Winslow and Virginia Page going on with their work of service at the Rectangle and reaching out loving hands of helpfulness far beyond the limits of Raymond. Rachel he saw married to Rollin Page, both fully consecrated to the Master's use, both following in his steps with an eagerness intensified and purified by their love for each other, and Rachel's voice sang on in the slums and dark places of despair and sin and drew lost souls back to God and heaven once more.

He saw President Marsh of the college using his great learning and his great influence to purify the city, to ennoble its patriotism, to inspire the young men and women who loved as well as admired him to live lives of Christian service, always teaching them that education means great responsibility for the weak and the ignorant. He saw Alexander Powers meeting with sore trials in his family life, with a constant sorrow in the estrangement of wife and friends, but still going his way in all honor, seeing and living in all his strength the Master, whom he had obeyed even unto loss of social distinction and wealth.

He saw Milton Wright, the merchant, meeting with great reverses, thrown upon the future by a combination of circumstances, with vast business interests involved in ruin, through no fault of his own, but coming out of all his reverses with clean Christian honor, to begin and work up to a position where he could again be to hundreds of young men an example of what Jesus would be in business.

He saw Edward Norman, editor of The News, by means of the money given by Virginia, creating a force in journalism that in time came to be recognized as one of the real factors of the nation, to mold its principles and actually shape its policy, a daily illustration of the might of a Christian press and the first of a series of such papers begun and carried on by other disciples who had also taken the pledge.

He saw Jasper Chase, who had denied his Master, growing into a cold, cynical, formal life, writing novels that were social successes, but each one with a sting in it, the reminder of his denial, the bitter remorse that, do what he would, no social success could remove.

He saw Rose Sterling, dependent for some years upon her aunt and Felicia, finally married to a man far older than herself, accepting the burden of a relation that had no love in it on her part because of her desire to be the wife of a rich man and enjoy the physical luxuries that were all of life to her. Over this life also the vision cast certain dark and awful shadows, but they were not shown to him in detail.

He saw Felicia and Stephen Clyde happily married, living a beautiful life together, enthusiastic, joyful in suffering, pouring out their great, strong, fragrant service into the dull, dark, terrible places of the great city and redeeming souls through the personal touch of their home, dedicated to the human homesickness all about them.

He saw Dr. Bruce and the bishop going on with the settlement work. He seemed to see the great blazing motto over the door enlarged, "What Would Jesus Do?" and the daily answer to that question was redeeming the city in its greatest need.

He saw Burns and his companion and a great company of men like them redeemed and going in turn to others, conquering their passions by the Divine grace and proving by their daily lives the reality of the new birth, even in the lowest and most abandoned.

And now the vision was troubled. It seemed to him that as he knelt he began to pray, and the vision was more of a longing for a future than a reality in the future. The church of Jesus in the city and throughout the country—would it follow Jesus? Was the movement begun in Raymond to spend itself in a few churches like Nazareth Avenue and the one where he had preached today and then die away as a local movement, a stirring on the surface, but not to extend deep and far? He felt with agony after the vision again. He thought he saw the church of Jesus in America open its heart to the moving of the Spirit and rise to the sacrifice of its ease and self-satisfaction in the name of Jesus. He thought he saw the motto, "What Would Jesus Do?" inscribed over every church door and written on every church member's heart. The vision vanished. It came back clearer than before, and he saw the Endeavor societies all over the world carrying in their great processions at some mighty convention a banner on which was inscribed, "What Would Jesus Do?" and he thought in the faces of the young men and women he saw future joy of suffering, loss, self-denial, martyrdom, and when this part of the vision slowly faded he saw the figure of the Son of God beckoning to him and to all the other actors in his life history. An angel choir somewhere was singing. There was a sound as of many voices and a shout as of a great victory, and the figure of Jesus grew more and more splendid. He stood at the end of a long flight of steps. "Yes! Yes! O my Master, has not the time come for this dawn of the millennium of Christian history? Oh, break upon the Christendom of this age with the light and the truth! Help us to follow thee all the way!"

He rose at last with the awe of one who has looked at heavenly things. He felt the human forces and the human sins of the world as never before, and, with a hope that walks hand in hand with faith and love, Henry Maxwell, disciple of Jesus, laid him down to sleep and dreamed of the regeneration of Christendom and saw in his dream a church of Jesus "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing," following him all the way, walking obediently in his steps.

THE END.

Ants Invent a Wagon.

"There are a good many ants of different varieties on the lot at my country place, near Covington, and last year I began to make a systematic study of their habits," says a contributor to the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Near one of my flower beds is a colony of small red ants that are extremely industrious in collecting food, and they frequently perform the most astonishing engineering feats in transporting heavy burdens to their home."

"Not long ago I watched a party of about a dozen who had found the body of a small spider and were dragging it toward the nest. The spider had hairy legs, which stuck out in every direction and caught on obstacles, greatly retarding progress. For several minutes the ants toiled away with their awkward booty and then stopped and seemed to hold a council. A minute fragment of dry leaf was lying on the ground, and presently they all lay hold and pulled the spider on top of it. Then they seized the edges and slid it along without difficulty."

DR. T. H. P. DUNCAN

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A curious thing developed by the death in New York recently of Murray H. Hall, a good Tammany man and a member of the Iroquois Club. Hall had figured all his life as a man and was an all round sport. Upon his death the attending physician reported that Hall was not a man, but a woman, and said that he was at a loss how to make out the certificate—Pecan Valley News.

It is said that she swore like a cowboy, chewed and smoked tobacco, could throw a stone straight, danced like a man, sang music hall songs and was a great fighter. She never drank at a bar, always had her pocket full of cigars, was the noisiest of politicians, practiced all the habits and customs of men, including prevarication. She was passionately fond of love stories, had a horror of rats and mice, was fond of cats and loved little dogs better than anything on earth next to straight whisky. She went on prolonged sprees every now and then for forty years, but in her deepest intoxication she never revealed her sex. She was about four feet high and weighed between 105 and 110 pounds, walked on tiptoe and had a little squeaky voice. She never joined the Free Masons nor was she ever a member of the Iroquois Club, but Tammany was glad to have her because of her indefatigable, insistent, enthusiastic and successful work. She was a professional bondsman, and would give anywhere from \$50,000 to \$80,000 bail. She did not hesitate to go to court and testify to what a client wanted her to say. The most extraordinary feature of Murray Hall's life was that she was twice married, first in California, where it is supposed she left a child forty or fifty years ago. Her last marriage was with a young lady from Maine. They lived together for twenty-eight unbroken years. Up to the minute of her death the devoted wife, without an exception so far as a sister and her daily associates were concerned, deceived everybody concerning the sex of her husband. This is the story told by New Yorkers of one of their prominent citizens.—Dallas News.

Love's Alphabet.

A the Art of man and maid,
B the Blush, so fair, displayed,
C the Challenge in the eyes,
D the Dart that quick replies,
E—but why the rest recall?
The rest is E-Z: that is all.

—E. L. Sabin, in Saturday Evening Post.

Nelse Allman, of Brownwood, arrived in Ballinger last week and will hold a position with the new saloon.

F. Haberkorn is in the city from Ballinger for the purpose of interviewing our musical people regarding a violin class. He is a well known musical director and will give a free violin recital one evening this week.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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

How Grant Conquered the Mules.

Major J. A. Watrous, U. S. A. tells, in this week's Saturday Evening Post, several good stories of General Grant when he was a lieutenant in the Mexican War. One is a mule story. He tried a detail of men and many ropes but the mule got the better of the experiment. Then this happened:

"Returning, he gave orders to take the next victim to the large rock. It was backed as close to the obstruction as possible without actually touching it. Half a dozen men were told to hold the brute by the head, ears and neck, and on no account to let it advance from the rock. Then a man was told to clap the harness on quickly. As soon as the buckles began to fasten the mule became restless. Pretty soon it made a sudden lunge and succeeded in getting four feet away from the rock, and then the fun began. Its heels cracked savagely against the rock for a short time. It was a new experience and apparently a painful one, for the battered hind feet were lifted again and again, but very gently, and one at a time, while its head shook and ears flopped. The mule was cured, and the problem was solved. The detail returned to camp late that evening having accomplished its mission—taken the kick out of a drove of as unmanageable mules as ever hauled pork and hardtack."

A Woman Buffalo Herder.

"Mrs. Mary A. Goodnight of Goodnight Texas, enjoys the distinction of being the only woman in the world who owns a herd, more than half of which are pure bred, the remaining being 'catalogs,' as a cross between a buffalo and a Galloway cow is called," writes E. J. Davidson in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "The catalogs have the same hump as the buffaloes and shaggy hair, but their color varies from jet black to a light brown, and they are most readily distinguished from the pure bred by their horns, which are longer. The catalogs are also much more tractable, and can soon be taught to eat out of one's hand. But the full blood buffaloes—of the Goodnight herd at least—never repose full confidence in man. Big and powerful as they are they are timid and run away at the slightest alarm, although they have taken food from their owner's hand from the opposite side of the fence; nor will they attack unless they are wounded or driven into close quarters. Even with this reputation for timidity Mrs. Goodnight does not regard the pure bred buffaloes as trustworthy, and does not consider it safe to go among them on foot. Mrs. Goodnight also has a herd of fifteen elks. In this great park, two miles in area, each animal herds with its kind. Even the pure-blood buffalo looks with a royal contempt upon his plebeian half brother, the catalog, and the two keep wide apart in separate and distinct groups."

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Every Job Guaranteed.
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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted
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Try the Ballinger
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is the nearest, best
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Best Machine
ON EARTH FOR
\$20.00.
LEE MADDOX.

—I am prepared to do all scaven-
ger work.
T. W. MORRIS,

Lost in Ballinger.
One of San Angelo's society
young men came down Sunday
evening and that night played
the devoted at the shrine of one
of Ballinger's fairest daughters.
She bewildered him with her
smiles and dazzled him with her
beauty until when the parting
hour came he could not, for the
life of him, tell whether he was
awake or dreaming. In this state
of mind he passed through the
friendly portals out into the dark-
ness of night and started for the
hotel. Sunday night was un-
usually dark, the heavy clouds
having obscured even the faint
light afforded by the twinkling
stars. At any rate, whatever
might be the reason, the San An-
gelo gentleman lost his bearings
and when found was in an alley
near C. C. F. Blanchard's resi-
dence busily engaged in striking
matches and calling for help.
Help finally came and he was
piloted safely home. The joke is
on him and if he will bring round
the treats to the office the
Banner-Leader will promise not
to reveal his name.

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

The Denison Gazetter tells the
following tramp story: Three
men working in a field sat down
for rest and refreshment, when a
tramp accosted them who said
he had tasted nothing for two
days. As they appeared to doubt
him he added, "God strike me
stiff if I tell a lie." He immedi-
ately became rigid as stone. The
men, horror-stricken, ran off to
the village to tell the dreadful
news. Upon returning with a
stretcher, a policeman and a
member of the Y. M. C. A., they
found that the tramp and their
provisions had vanished.

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.

No man goes slow if he has the
chance of going fast; no man
stops to talk if he can talk walk-
ing; no man walks if he can ride
in a trolley car; no one goes in a
trolley car if he can get a con-
venient steam car; and bye and
bye no one will go in a steam car
if he can be shot through a pneu-
matic tube. No one writes with
his own hand if he can dictate to
a stenographer; no one dictates if
he can telegraph; no one tele-
graphs if he can telephone; and
bye and bye when the spirit of
American invention has brought
wireless telegraphy into thorough
condition, a man will simply sit
with his mouth at one hole and
his ears at another, and do busi-
ness with the ends of the earth in
a few seconds, which the same
machine will copy and preserve
in letter books and ledgers. It is
the American's regret that at
present he can do nothing with
his feet while he is listening at
the telephone, but doubtless
some employment will be found
for them the coming age.—Ian
Maclaren in North American Re-
view.

—See Asa Cordill's new line of
watches.

Miss Callie Stocks, who is
teaching at Miles, spent Sunday
in Ballinger with parents and
friends. She was accompanied
by Miss Mary Thiele.

The Banner Leader has just
completed a bill of stationery
for H. C. Connor, blacksmith and
wheelwright at Talpa. He is do-
ing a successful business these
days.

R. B. McAdams, of Caddo
Mills, was in Ballinger last week,
leaving for home Sunday even-
ing. Mr. McAdams, we are glad
to say, is soon to become a citizen
of this county.

Those in authority report a
heavy increase in January busi-
ness at the depot over the De-
cember business. While it was
three times larger than the busi-
ness of January 1900.

T. J. Rawls, of Wingate, was in
to see the Banner-Leader Satur-
day. He is kept hustling these
days trying to keep up with his
carpenter work. He reports lots
of new houses going up and every
body busy enough.

Miss Hermia Smith spent Sat-
urday and Sunday in Ballinger
visiting her parents. Miss Hermia
has a class of 26 pupils in music
at Goldthwaite and is giving emi-
nent satisfaction to all her pa-
trons. The Banner-Leader takes
pleasure in her success.

Look at the school building
when you pass and imagine how
much a tower and two other
rooms would add to its appear-
ance. United effort on the part
of our citizenship would soon
place these needed improvements,
and the burden on any one would
not be very great.

The Banner-Leader is in re-
ceipt of a letter from W. W. Luper
of Caddo Mills with a subscrip-
tion for W. C. Fyffe enclosed.
Both Mr. Luper and Mr. Fyffe
hope to move to Runnels county
in March. He reports a fine rain
in his section and oat sowing the
order of the day. Runnels county
will get quite a number of
Hunt county citizens in the near
future.

Geo. F. Kornegay, editor of the
Blanket Mystery, passed through
Ballinger Friday enroute home.
The Banner-Leader was grieved
to learn that his sister, Mrs. Lucy
Gardner, whose illness was re-
ported in these columns some
weeks ago, had died at her home
in Robert Lee on Tuesday. She
was a devoted Christian woman,
wife and mother and her loss will
be deeply felt by a large circle of
friends.

Farmers who do not keep post-
ed, as well on the topics of the
day as concerning the progress of
agriculture, are easily identified,
for they "give themselves away"
on every occasion that calls for
an expression. They can also be
identified by a cursory inspection
of their homes and farms. An ig-
norant man can't conceal his
ignorance if he tries, but exhibits
it the plainer the more he tries to
conceal it. A man who does not
regularly read the papers, agri-
cultural or secular, no matter
what may be his native ability,
must necessarily be more or less
an ignoramus, compared with
others who do read. He need
not expect to keep up with the
progress of the times through the
medium of second-hand informa-
tion; it can't be done. The de-
cree has gone forth that periodical
literature is necessary to a
comprehension of current events,
and must be obeyed, or the sub-
ject suffers.—Farm & Ranch

Banner-Leader, \$1.00 per year

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 mate-
rial 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.

Fred Greenwood, editor of the
Brownwood Stock Farm and Irrig-
ation, was in Ballinger Sunday
visiting his brother, A. L. Green-
wood.

J. H. Grant, manager of the
Brownwood Lumber Co., was in
Ballinger Saturday looking over
the business done by his firm
here.

Palmer Clark, of Crews, was
among the buyers of Ballinger
merchandise Friday. The Ban-
ner-Leader acknowledges a pleas-
ant call.

Prof. D. J. Evans returned Mon-
day to his home in Whitewright.
The very disagreeable weather
and the small pox scare combined
to prevent him securing a class
here at present. He will likely
return in the summer when, the
Banner-Leader trusts, he may be
more successful.

Judge C. H. Willingham spent
several days at home this week.
He reports the legislature moving
smoothly, tho' there is much sick-
ness among the members. The
majority of rehashed bills have
been presented and killed and
hereafter the legislature will set-
tle down to the real business of
the session.

Leo Markowitz went to Cole-
man Monday evening.

George Knight, a tobacco man,
made this point Tuesday.

C. C. F. Blanchard spent Tues-
day in the city of Coleman.

J. A. Grimes has been faithfully
discharging his duty as commis-
sioner of Runnels county this
week.

A. D. Tally, one of the county's
efficient commissioners, is in
from Crews this week attending
to the duties of his office.

Prof. F. Haberkorn has gone
to Brownwood to get up a class
in music. He will still retain his
class here, making this place his
headquarters.

A petition was circulated Mon-
day and on Tuesday morning the
public school was closed for ten
days, or until the small pox
scare should subside.

The Banner-Leader secured the
names of the following stockmen
and citizens who went to Fort
Worth Monday from Ballinger:
G. M. Vaughn, C. S. Miller, Fred
Millard, W. L. McAulay, Reuben
Gentry, G. W. Newman, Edwin
Day, Charlie Gallagher, Will and
Lee Good.

Look up the card of the "Central Grocery Store" in this issue.

Brin's ad is changed this week. They are offering rare bargains in their "Removal Sale."

G. W. Newman is representing the Ballinger Camp of Woodmen in Fort Worth this week.

Ben Brin is spending a few days in Brownwood enroute to Ballinger from Comanche.

C. J. Horton, of Winters, is here this week looking after the commissioner's court business.

Rutherford & Harper purchased this week I. O. Wooden's stock of groceries, cigars and shell goods.

Several of Ballinger's young ladies went to San Angelo this week to attend the Valentine ball Thursday night.

Miss Mary Walker, who has been the guest of Ballinger friends, left the first of the week for her home at Schulenberg.

Harry Scott came up from Brownwood Tuesday night to make the final arrangements toward opening the new saloon.

Next Sunday there will be preaching at the Methodist church both morning and night. The public is invited to attend.

I. O. Wooden has packed up and moved his stock of confectioneries. He will reopen as soon as he can secure a house.

Comanche has quarantined against the outside world and the orders are "sell no tickets to Comanche." Small pox is the trouble.

Misses Minnie Guion Francis, Lousie Luckett, Olive McClatchy, Attie Thomson and Maud Erwin attended the San Angelo Valentine ball.

Tell the news far and wide. The Boston Concert Co. will play at the court house Feb'y. 22nd. This is the second of the school benefit attractions.

The Banner-Leader will hereafter call regularly at the home of J. S. McKenzie at Oletha, Tex., bearing with it the compliments of Mr. George Wilson of this city.

Dr. J. A. Younger and wife returned Tuesday night from an extended trip to Los Angeles and other points. It was an enjoyable visit and they returned in splendid health.

Did you like the Schuberts when they were in Ballinger? The Boston Concert Co which will appear in our city on the night of the 22nd is said to be even better. Hear them.

The anniversary services which were to have been held Sunday at the Cumberland Presbyterian church were postponed until Sunday, the 24th of February, on account of inclement weather.

Sheriff R. P. Kirk returned Wednesday night from Austin where he went to interview the governor regarding the reward offered for Noah Wilkerson. He was able to secure only expense money, the governor saying he was not authorized to pay a reward for the man dead.

This has been the warmest and most interesting session of commissioner's court held in Runnels county in many days. All the members are good men and are trying to do their duty, but some of them are new at the business and are not "onto the ropes" as they would like to be. However they have done well and we may expect good results from their work.

Special Notice.

I will leave in a few days for the Eastern Markets to buy my Spring Stock, and will be glad to take special orders for anything in the Dry Goods Line not usually carried in stock here. All orders will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,
H. WINKLER.

—See Asa Cordill for the best goods and best prices.

"Have you been vaccinated?" is the question of the hour in Ballinger.

Fresh Garden Seed and Onion Sets at Miller Mercantile Co.

Mr. Will Good returned Wednesday night from Coleman where he had been attending court.

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

Hartung, the photographer, is fitting up a studio in the J. H. Miller building. Will be open for business next week.

B. F. Mason, a former citizen of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Wednesday representing W. K. Shipman & Co., of San Angelo, marble dealers. This is Mr. Mason's first trip over the road for this firm.

The second quarterly conference of the Methodist church will be held at Barnett school house on Saturday of next week, and on Sunday night following Rev. Matthews, the presiding elder, will preach at Ballinger.

Captain Robinett, late of Corvell county, now of Runnels county, is in the city and county, visiting his children. He will take to his Runnels county home some specimens of Brown county stock in the shape of fine hogs.—Bulletin.

J. W. Remington, representing Hurlbut Hardware Co. of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Wednesday. He was initiating Mr. Key into the mysteries of the profession. Mr. Key will hereafter make this territory for the same firm.

E. G. Bennett and D. R. Oliver, of Groesbeck, arrived in Ballinger Monday night and the Banner-Leader is pleased to learn that they will locate with us. The addition of such good citizens is what makes a town or county and the Banner-Leader welcomes them heartily.

The rain and the exceedingly disagreeable weather prevented the holding of services at any of the church Sunday. It was the day set apart at the Cumberland church for its anniversary and considerable disappointment was felt that the interesting program arranged could not be carried out.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh went down the road last Friday with a suspicious looking legal document in his pocket and some of his friends guessed that his days of single blessedness were nearing a close. Later developments showed that he was only enroute to Talpa where he had been called to unite a couple in marriage.

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

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

J. F. Currie left for St. Louis Monday to buy his spring stock.

School will begin again Monday, the 11th; this by the authority of the trustees.

Mrs. G. M. Vaughn returned Thursday afternoon from a brief visit to San Angelo friends.

C. O. Harris went to Brownwood Tuesday eve on legal business, returning on the next train.

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

Hartung, the Brownwood photo man was in Ballinger Wednesday arranging to open a gallery here next week. His assistant was also with him.

Messrs. Conda Wylie, Guion Gregg, Harry Thomson and T. G. Heslop went to San Angelo Thursday afternoon on the local to attend the Valentine ball.

The Baptist denomination here has recently purchased a fine new organ which now occupies a conspicuous place in the church, and which furnishes most excellent music.

W. M. Freeman, special agent of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., was in town Monday having business with C. P. Shepherd & Co., who represent his company in Ballinger. This is one of the best fire insurance companies in existence.

W. P. King, a good friend of the Banner-Leader at Wingate, was in town Saturday returning home from Itasca where he had gone to see his little daughter who was sick. The daughter had recovered sufficiently to return home with him. The Banner-Leader was pleased to hear of her restoration to health.

Runnels county commissioners have instructed Attorney Stone to collect from Sutton county the expenses entailed by a murder case transferred some time ago from that county to this, and tried here, and in the event they should hesitate to pay, he is instructed to file suit at once. A considerable amount is involved.

The commissioners court this week has been taken up with hearing reports of road supervisors, appointing road overseers, appointing holders of the school trustee election to take place in April, the auditing of accounts, the hearing of reports from the county officials and like business. Affairs were found to be in fine shape and with still finer prospects.

Mrs. Stella Forbes leaves on today's train for St. Louis where she will spend several weeks in thoroughly fitting herself in the latest and most up-to-date styles in millinery. Mrs. Forbes comes highly recommended as a milliner, having had years of experience and this visit to the centre of fashion will place her in a position to serve all her customers in a way that will afford them satisfaction and pleasure.

A Neat Valentine.

The neatest valentine the Banner-Leader man has seen was received by a Ballinger young man. It was a dainty little purse, enclosing a lock of hair and was accompanied by this bit of verse: "If you can guess who is your best girl, Send back your card and keep the curl."

—Best line of watches at Asa Cordill's.

Come and be Convinced

Buy and be Satisfied

Go Home and Enjoy



The Best Georgia Ribbon Cane Syrup
" " Rio, Moca and Java Coffee's
" " Celebrated Ceylon Teas
" " American Beauty Flour
" " Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries to be found in Ballinger.....

Complete Line

OF

Field and Garden Seeds.

Come and Look. Money Saved is Money Made.

Farm Products Bought and Exchanged.

G. F. SCHROETER,

THE ROCER.

(SUCCESSOR TO MCGREGOR & FRANCIS.)

Phone 63.

TRY THE NEW MEAT MARKET.

Will keep Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Sausage, Lard, Sugar Cured Pans, Breakfast Bacon.

Free Delivery.

Open from 5 to 8. "The best" is our motto.

RUTHERFORD & HARPER,

Next to Winkler.

L. Markowitz will start for market in a day or so.

Rutherford & Harper are open and ready for business. See their card in this issue.

J. T. Billups and one of his little boys were down Thursday from the ranch near Crews.

Call at Brewer's Jewelry Store and ask to see the handsome \$35.00 hand painting for raffle and on exhibition by W. D. Williams. Come early to avoid the rush.

There are two things the Banner-Leader would like to keep impressed on the minds of the people. First, plant shade trees; second, improve the school building; and then to that add, keep the streets clean; talk for your town and quit cussing your neighbor. Do these things and before long we will have a model little town here.

WOOD FOR SALE—Good mesquite wood \$3.00 per load in pole or stove lengths D. MURPHY.

Several parties in Ballinger are contemplating erecting new residences in the near future. Among them are Lee Maddox, H. Winkler and C. A. Doose.

Washington's Birth Day Celebration, Laredo, Texas and Monterey, Mexico. Round trip rate \$9.80. Dates of sale Feb. 20th and 21st, 1901.

J. W. Powell says he has large and small houses for sale and on any terms the buyer wishes. 18-41.

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

--Say, young man, don't you want a nice diamond. Get my prices. ASA CORDILL.

SPRING TIME

"Is Coming Gentle Annie"

And we are here with the largest and most complete Stock ever brought to Ballinger, with prices that will defy COMPETITION.

We have enlarged our house; increased our stock; and are ready for a big trade. See us before buying elsewhere.

Yours for business,

T. S. LANKFORD,

The Saddle and Harness Man.