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LUMBER! LUMBER!

We have been out of Lumber, but have a full stock of building material on hand now and can fill any ordinary house bill without delay. Your trade solicited.....

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We Sell

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The Best Wind Mill on the Market.

R. A. HALL,

The Hardware and Implement Man.

LEAGUE RALLY.

To be Held at the Methodist Church
March 10th, 11 a. m.

On Sunday, March 10th, at 11 o'clock the Epworth League will give the following program:

Voluntary—By Choir.
Song No. 232.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Selection by Choir.
Youthful Christianity—A. W. Sledge.
Solo—Miss Lousue Lockett.
Paper—H. F. Mayes.
Duett—Mrs. Will Odom, Miss Belle Grant.
"I was an Hungered and ye gave me meat"—Mrs. Manly.
Selection—By Choir.
Paper—Miss Nellie Grant.
Quartette—H. F. Mayes, Geo. Wright, Sam Baker, Jas. E. Brewer.

"The Influence of the League on the rising generation"—C. P.

Shepherd.

Song No 66.
Doxology.

The public is invited and urged to be present.

More about an Opera House for Ballinger.

Suggestion, and it's a good one, has been made by a Ballinger business man looking to an opera house for our town. In brief it is as follows:

If any number of citizens will guarantee 10 per cent on the investment for two years Mr. Gus Noyes can be induced to add a second story to the Lee Maddox building and fix it up in first class style as an opera house. It has been estimated this will require \$4,000 and the ten per cent necessary to secure the building will be \$400 per year. This is a small guarantee and enough citizens

should be easily found who will do that much for the town. Besides this, it could be made profitable if an enterprising manager was elected and the scheme was worked on business methods. The Banner-Leader has heard a number say they will put down from 5 to 20 dollars per year on that basis.

Ballinger will never have an opera house unless a scheme like this is adopted. Why not take up the matter now?

Pasture Wanted.

I want to lease a thirty or forty section pasture for one, with privilege of five years. Must be well watered. Lock Box 136, 3-t Caldwell, Texas.

—Do you want a watch? Asa Cordill's line of watches can't be beat.

Christian Endeavor Program.
Christian Endeavorers will render the following program at the C. P. church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock:
Topic—Religious Barrenness.
Leader—Miss Augusta Hardgrave.
Song.
Prayer.
Lesson Reading.
Song.
Lesson Comment.
Sin of Religious Barrenness—J. B. Wilmeth.
Prayer.
Song
Everyday Fruitfulness—Henry Reeves.
Fruit we can bear.—Presley Starnes.
Song
Helps to fruitfulness.

Mr. C. J. Finger of Ballinger and Angelo entertained the Boston Concert Company at his handsome studio last Sunday afternoon, introducing the members thereof to the intellect, fashion and wealth of our sister city.

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.

A Revival.
Rev. W. A. Manly in talking to a Banner Leader reporter this week said that he would begin a revival at the Methodist church in this city on the third Sunday in April, the 21st. Other congregations and their ministers will be invited to participate.

The F. F. Collins Manufacturing Co., of San Antonio, are advertising their pumping and well drilling machinery in the Banner Leader. These people bear a reputation of being square in all their dealings.

WINKLER'S SPECIAL SALE

H. Winkler is now in New York buying a big spring and summer stock. The goods now on hand must be sold to make room for those coming. The following prices will prove them:

DRESS GOODS.

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

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

All the finer qualities
of Dress Goods, black
and in colors at a dis-
count 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 wool-
en and cotton goods at Great
Bargain Prices.

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

NEW GINGHAMS.

Just received 50 pic-
es 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 clos-
ing out price only.....35c each

White Bed Spreads
the regular \$1.50
kind reduced to.....\$1.20 ea

The \$2.25 quality re-
duced 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

Other bargains in other lines. Call
and inspect stock and prices.

H. WINKLER,

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Santa Fe Train Service.

Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:26 a. m.
South-bound due at Ballinger 6:30 p. m.

Local Trains:

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

In the district court at Paris three damage suits have been filed against the Frisco railroad, each complainant asking for \$35,000 damage.

At Colorado "Billy" McCauley is under arrest for shooting a storekeeper, Miller, in the shoulder. McCauley is a ranger. The cause of the trouble is not stated.

A discharged soldier from the Philippines shot himself at El Paso. Many cases like this are reported. Ill health and straitened financial circumstances caused the deed.

There is talk of State School Superintendent Kenall resigning his office to become principal of the Denton Normal. If this should result, Prof. Conegys, of Gainesville, will be an applicant for the position.

A steamer, "City of Rio de Janeiro," ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate at San Francisco. It sank immediately and it is thought at least 150 lives were lost. The captain of the vessel is among the missing.

The cost of living on Fifth avenue is vividly described by the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, who says that "some idea may be obtained from the fact that five lots of land on the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-Fifth street have been sold for \$600,000 and that dwellings will be erected on the site to cost at least \$750,000. Thus five private houses will represent a cost of \$270,000 each. Only a millionaire could afford such a residence. Including interest, taxes and insurance, this means a yearly outlay of over \$18,000. It would take at least \$50,000 a year to run such an establishment. Yet the house built upon a lot 25x100 feet, supposing five residences are built on the five lots, would not be a palace in its dimensions. The expense of it would be chiefly in its location. A similar house in another part of Manhattan could be obtained probably for \$50,000 and in Brooklyn for \$30,000."

For all pulmonary troubles Ballard's Horehound Syrup, taken in the early stages, proves a certain and sure specific. It is equally effective in croup and whooping cough, and if used in season prevents the further development of consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

3 Cars Of Furniture
Just Received 3

ONE CAR OF SUITS.
Will sell you a good Suit
For \$19.00.

ONE CAR

double cane seat CHAIRS,
best on the market at 65c.
Dining Chairs at 75c.
Rockers at \$1.25.

ONE CAR of IRON and WOOD BEDS

Iron Beds at \$3.85.
Wood Beds at \$2.00.

The reason we are selling so cheap is because. We are buying by the car loads and get a reduction in freight rates. We also get a cash discount as we pay Spot Cash. Remember we have the largest and most complete line of UNDERTAKING GOODS in the West. We have in our employ a Practical Undertaker and Embalmer.

J. A. OSTERTAG & CO.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

BAD COLDS.

Quinine is 10 years behind. Colds do not now have to be endured. Mendel's Dynamic Tabules (called dynamic for 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.

Washington, D. C. is busy preparing for the inauguration ceremonies. Miles of stands have been erected for sightseers; placards tell the prices of windows, 50 cents to \$5.00; tickets are being sold for the ball; all things are being put in readiness.

Are you sick? If so, investigate the merits of Herbine. It is a concentrated medicine, the dose is small, yet it quickly produces the most gratifying results, digestion improves, the lips and cheeks lose their pallor, the eye becomes bright and step elastic. Price, 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Mosby raiders are cropping up in all parts of Texas. A legacy of two million dollars has been left to the survivors of this troop, hence a reason for this appearance in so many quarters.

Texas Mystic's Revelation.

Mineral Wells, Texas, Feb. 22.—Dr. C. F. Yeager, a prominent and well read citizen of this city, says he has been reading up on the "prophecies" and that he believes the time is close when wonderful changes will take place throughout the world.

"The dawn of the 'golden age,' he says, of which Plato wrote and John the Revelator, speaks, will soon open with an age of universal peace—nations will know war no more. But before the sight of the new day appears we are to have seven years reign of increasing desolation and distress, such as the world has never known. Famine, wars, pestilence, earthquakes, distress of individuals and nations, tidal waves, astronomical phenomena, more lynchings, kidnappings, murders increasing in their diabolical nature, crime heaped upon crime until humanity, were it not for the increasing indifference of the people, would be made to shudder at the daily press reports throughout the world. There will be war with China; three of the present allied powers will war with China, but the United States will not be one of them. China will have the sympathy of the United States."

He states that the three powers will be worsted in the struggle and then there will arise a time of greater trouble—all the nations will then be engaged in one great war, ending with the dawn of the 'golden age.'—Dallas News.

The 3-year old child of Prof. Corder, of Walburg, Williamson county, was killed by being kicked in the head by a vicious horse.

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For business. That's our condition now and we will be pleased to serve you with

Staple and Fancy Groceries

In large or small quantities at prices that draw trade. We are here to stay, buy for cash and pay no house rent so that we are in position to sell at a small profit. We are friends to the people. We want their trade

Everything Delivered Free.

RUTHERFORD & HARPER,
NEXT DOOR TO WINKLER.

There's Pleasure and Satisfaction

NEW LOCATION NEAR POSTOFFICE
J F Lusk & Co
BALLINGER.

In buying the best and our aim is to please, hence we sell nothing but the best in Groceries and Grain.

We invite you to visit us in our new quarters near the Postoffice. We are well stocked on

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Grain and Hay

which we offer at very reasonable prices. Visit us.

Phone No. 40.

J. F. LUSK & CO.

Near Paris a dog, which had been unsuccessful in its chase of a rabbit, attacked a little girl and but for the timely aid of her mother would have killed her in a very few minutes.

Of late, the daily newspapers have been filled with much gush about English lords, French counts and no counts and German princes. They tell us in detail all about the Dutchess So-and-So's lingerie, all about her pet poodle, Lord Horsesbacksky's winnings at a Derby are expatiated upon, and so forth and such like ad nauseum. Give us a change. Wherein does any bejeweled and painted princess excel the American princess whose jewels are her stainless character and modest femininity, in whose radiant cheeks Nature's prettiest roses bloom and in whose tresses the sunlight weaves its golden threads? Wherein is she richer than her untitled American sister whose drafts on the bank of Nature never go to protest, whose charms are current at par in every realm? Her robes are not always of silk or seal-skin, but an American girl in calico, minus pads and padding, is a goddess beside the European princess with artificial tace and form. Tell us about the American girl.—Chief.

Rev. W. H. Matthews, presiding elder of this district, was in our town this week. On Sunday night he preached to a large congregation at the Methodist church and on the following day held the second quarterly conference. Only a few of the official members were present on this last occasion.

—You'll find the best Jewelry at Asa Gordill's.

Banner-Leader, \$1.00 per year.

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.

Idem Sonans.

A traveler not long since called at a neighboring ranch and asked for the loan of a monkey wrench. "This ain't no moakey ranch, you blamed fool; this is a sheep ranch," said the indignant proprietor.—Ex.

Children often inherit feeble digestive power and colic of a more or less severe character results, when food is taken which is at all difficult to digest. White's Cream Vermituge acts as a general and permanent tonic. Price, 25 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

The Prairie Dog to Pass.

The prairie dog must go. The little fellow has clung to his home on the plains more tenaciously than any other of the inhabitants of our desert waste, but has at last reached the end of his tether. Agricultural Secretary Wilson has decided that prairie dogs kill the grass and ruin good grazing land and must therefore give way to agricultural civilization. Chemists have discovered a mixture which will make whole villages of prairie dogs fight for the first bite, but which is sure to bring disaster to the end. It is believed that dog can be destroyed in the course of a few years, and that with his disappearance western agriculture will be rid of a most insidious foe.—National Stockman.

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

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 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.

—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.

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

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

—Fire or life insurance—phone No. 125.

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

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

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

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

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.

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Most in Quantity. Best in Quality.
For 29 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.
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 CURE
ASK DRUGGISTS FOR TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE CURE. IT CURES PILES WITHOUT THE PAIN OF OTHERS. PRICE 75c.

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.

Value of Good Roads.

The loss of time, wear and tear of vehicles and waste of farm products, in one year throughout the state has been estimated to exceed the amount necessary to put every thoroughfare in Texas in first class condition. The road question is everywhere becoming one of serious consideration. The public is not greatly interested in the Hogg amendments, the Waters-Pierce-Bailey investigation and similar matters which are now claiming such a large share of the attention of our legislators, but if they will pass some wise and effective law which will result in the improvement of the public roads the people will rise up and call them blessed. It doesn't require much of an economist to see the wisdom of such action both to the state and to the individual property owners. It has been demonstrated that in every state where a system of good roads has been inaugurated land values have risen 25 to 50 per cent. The increase in taxable values would mean a corresponding increase in the county and state revenues, which would more than meet the expenses incurred in road improvement. Good roads would result in more real benefit to the people of this state than any other measure now before the legislature, and probably all of them combined. The people should continue to agitate this question until it results in an adequate system of public highways.—Pecan Valley News.

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

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

Bill Arp on Ignorance.

Sixty years ago there was some excuse for ignorance; we had but few schools in this southern land and not a dozen newspapers in the state. There were not half as many reading books in all our towns as I have now in my small library of 400 volumes. In our schools we had a blue back spelling book, Smiley's arithmetic, Murray's grammar, Smith's geography and the English reader. To master these was considered a good old field education I have on my shelf a copy of that same old English reader. A good lady sent it to me not long ago, and I almost wept over its delightful pages for there is no school book now published that has so choice a selection of varied reading both in prose and poetry.

This copy was printed in London two years before Queen Victoria was born. It was the text book in most of the schools when I was a boy, and from it we got our speeches and learned to bow and gesture and give accent and emphasis. This book with the teacher's aid gave us an idea of elocution and how to read impressively, and I wish it was in all our schools today. We have good schools, but very few good readers. It is rare to find a preacher who can emphasize his text in a chapter or a hymn. Every college, and especially every theological seminary, should have a professorship of reading and speaking. I remember hearing an eloquent divine preach a sermon from the text, "My sin is ever before me," and such was his utterance of that lamentation of David and such his profound and solemn rendering of the enduring consequence of sin, that all his hearers were deeply impressed. "My sin is

ever before me" still rings in our memories.

I said that sixty years ago there was some excuse for ignorance, but nevertheless, that age and these schools produced many very notable men. The young people were eager for knowledge. A new book was a treasure in the house, and there was more time, more leisure, and Solomon says that "in leisure there is wisdom."

But now the books are almost in the way. They crowd us and surround us, and "the cry is still they come." Young people read an average of two or three a week and forget the contents in a month. There are magazines in every household, and they contain our best literature—instructive and entertaining; newspapers flood this country by the millions. The New York World boasts that it published 240 million copies last year. Every county in our state has a county newspaper, and the editor of the Carrollton paper says the children read a great deal more than their fathers did and keep up with wars and politics and murders and suicides.

Then what is the matter? Bishop Candler wrote an excellent and instructive article recently on "The passing of great men." He never writes anything that does not give us food for thought, and I am thankful that he has not passed. Yet the day of great men has passed, not only in Georgia but in all the south. Eloquence in the pulpit, the forum and the councils of the nation forty and fifty years ago was our pride and our boast, when we had among our preachers such noble and true men as George Pierce, Dr. Means, Longstreet, Jesse Mercer, Nathan Crawford, Dr. Tucker, Bishop Elliott and Beckwith, Joseph Stiles, Dr. Nixon, Dr. Goulding, and such lawyers and statesmen as Forsyth, Troup, the two Cobbs, Jenkins, Toombs, Stephens, Johnson, Walter Colquitt and Ben Hill. There are twenty names given, and many more might be added, and it is a lamentable truth that their equals do not exist in Georgia today. This decay of great men is apparent in every southern state, and as for the north, there is nothing there but plutocracy who buy their way into public office and defy trial or criticism. The struggle for money is the curse of the age. It has smothered the nobler aspirations of our nature. "Get money; get money honestly if thou canst, but at all events get money" is the motto now. The common people want some and the plutocrats want more. The masses of the people are on a strain. I am one of them and I know how it is, for I have been on a strain ever since the war. It is buckle and tongue to keep in hailing distance of society. So many of our class have a rich man's ways and a poor

man's purse that we have to hang on to the ragged edge of gentility. There are so many things now days that we are just obliged to have—things that did not exist in our antebellum days. Our boys must go to college to get a smattering of books and a text of athletics. Our girls must go to get polish and make college friends and receive visits and return visits after they graduate and it takes money for clothes and money for railroad fare, and every now and then a girl gets married and chooses her attendants, and that takes more clothes and a wedding present, and so forth, and so fifth and sixth, and so on.

Oh, my country! When will this strain stop? There ought to be a miser in every family, or a rich old bachelor uncle, who carried a big life insurance, and would die just at the right time and leave a fortune to his impecunious sister or his niece! Why, if I had a good bank account to draw on, I could write a more cheerful letter and take a hopeful view of things and keep calm and serene; but as it is, I find myself lamprooning those West Point cadets, and I want those ring-leaders—Barry, and Dockery, and Duval—handed down to posterity as the champion losers, and their names put in a catalogue alongside of the duke of Alva to illustrate human brutality.
Bill Arp

How glorious the sunlight seemed Thursday morning when the sombre curtains parted for the first time in many weary days and a dazzling new blue sky sent thrills of cheer in our souls. Day after day and night after night the monotonous drip, drip, drip, and the provoking slush, slush, slush, made the heart heavy and despondent. It seemed that it would never end, though we knew that every drop was a life elixir to vegetation yet unborn, and the mud it made was the mortar in the foundation of this year's prosperity. The misty curtains rolled and drifted sorrowfully and behind the scenes the thunders growled. But Thursday morning the King of day arose from his couch of burnished gold, and burst in splendor through the star spangled portieres of the skies, and every home where his glad rays entered through lattice and window and crevice, there was an answering smile and a joyful face to greet them. Nature teaches her best lessons by contrasting conditions. We never appreciate the sunlight till we have grown morose and rheumatic in the eclipse of the clouds. We never know the incomparable blessings of health until we have moaned and groaned in the grip of disease. Heaven itself will be rapturous only because we have been groping and stumbling so long in the weary wastes of time.
—Comanche Chief.

A Missouri farmer, according to the Dallas News, received a package of seeds from his Congressman. On the package appeared "\$300 fine for private use." The farmer returned them with the explanation that he had not used a single one of the seeds and was not therefore subject to the fine. This farmer must have been like the man who misunderstood the directions on a bottle of medicine. "Shake before taking" caused him to violently shake his little child instead of the bottle. The child died next day.—Dallas Democrat.

Old papers—20cts per 100.

Exchange.
late additions
Telephone
not find them
Cut this out and

- list:
- T. E. office 128
 - saloon 134
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W. A. NORMAN,
Proprietor.

Teachers of Runnels County.

The following is a list of the teachers of Runnels county, with their several addresses, as gotten from the County Judge's records at the court house:

- Miss Laura Hays Runnels
- W S Syler Winters
- Miss Annie Gann Crews
- J N S Webb Content
- Miss E V Hobbs "
- J A Medlock Hylton
- Miss Edna Sharp Ft Chadbourne
- C E Bullock Maverick
- Miss Zadie Royalty Ballinger
- Joo M King Paint Rock
- Jno T Overby Winters
- Mrs. Emma Mullin "
- W J Gardner "
- W A Perry Bolt
- Miss Inez Butler "
- Mrs. L E Daniel Ballinger
- J B Savage "
- Miss Nannie Turner Wingate
- Miss Lizzie Turner "
- Miss Fannie Simmons "
- Marion McKee "
- R S Kelly Winters
- Miss Angie Butler Ballinger
- Miss Callie Stocks Miles
- Mrs. Julia Haley Norton
- Chas P Hale Maverick
- Chas E Brown Crews
- Miss Rosa Lollar "
- Miss Myrtle Dickinson Runnels
- J A Starnes Ballinger
- M G Hodnette "
- Miss Edna Myers "
- Miss Stella Couch "
- Miss Augusta Hardgrave "
- Miss Daisy Pittman "

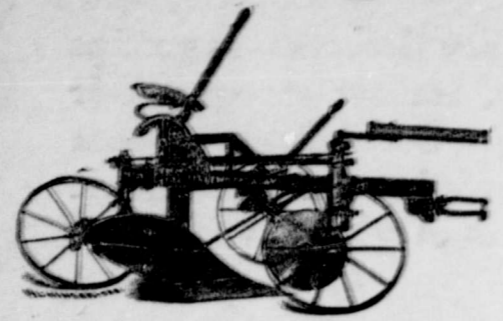
City Election Ordered.

The City Council of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas, having ordered an election of all city officers required by law to be elected on the 1st Tuesday in April, 1, J. W. Powell, Mayor of said city, do hereby order an election to be held at the court house on April 2nd 1901 for the election of Mayor, two aldermen, secretary and treasurer for the ensuing two years. And Jack McGregor is hereby appointed to act as presiding official of said election.

J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

J. A. Street, of Wingate, was in town Thursday, the first time in two months. He has been confined to his home by injuries received from falling off his wagon, mention of which was made at the time in the Banner-Leader. He is not entirely recovered yet but is able to hobble around with a stick.

A Full Line Of The Celebrated Joseph W. Moon Buggies



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

Casady Sulky Plows Have No Equal. Our Stock Is Complete.
A H Van Pelt WE WANT YOUR TRADE. B C Kirk

VAN PELT & KIRK.

BALLINGER MUST RAISE \$3,800
So Says Our Mayor.

Our public school house is a credit to our county. A stone structure erected by our public spirited people at a cost of \$8,000 during hard financial times is doing well. But we have grown and are still growing and we must enlarge our school building. We must have two additional large rooms, we must finish our cupola or belfry, and enclose this beautiful site with a good substantial fence. Now I suggest that we improve as above suggested, 1st the rooms, then the cupola, then the fence. I will call on all next week with a subscription petition. I ask each and all of our people to think this matter over and talk to your neighbors and let us be liberal. The \$3,800 must be raised.

J. W. POWELL.

ADOPTED.

The Commissioners Adopted the Banner-Leader's Suggestions.

Some weeks ago, before the commissioners court of the county met, the Banner-Leader contained an article making them three suggestions, as follows:

- 1st. That they look after the road question.
- 2nd. That they take immediate steps to improve the court house yard.
- 3rd. That they accept the offer of the city and put in a watering trough near the court house square.

The Banner-Leader is pleased to note that all three things have been done.

The bigger part of the session of the court was taken up with the "good roads" problem and such steps were taken as will insure the farmer who comes to Ballinger a good road.

A water trough now adorns the space near the City Hotel, fronting the court house and this summer when it is dry, dusty and hot the farmers and citizens can water their teams there free, without money and without price.

Mr. Mullins' salary was raised to such an extent that he can now devote the major part of his time to the court house and it was made his especial duty to keep the weeds cut in the yard, the papers picked up and the trees watered. He is already at work and has made considerable progress towards getting things in better shape over there.

The Banner-Leader is truly glad to see these steps taken and says Hurrah! for our commissioners. If perchance they should ever get dry and thirsty and will come to our office we will take pleasure in "setting 'em up" to a drink—of pure creek water. We thank you, gentlemen.

Old papers—pcts per 100.

Other Lands For Sale.

Survey 88 about 3 miles north of Winters, is offered for sale as a whole, but will make three deeds if desired. Price \$6.00 per acre—\$1.00 per acre cash and balance in 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years at 7 per cent interest per annum.

Half section 90 adjoining said sy. 88 on the west, is offered at \$5.00 per acre on same terms as survey 88.

Survey 87 adjoining said survey 88 on the east, being in Harper's pasture, is for sale at \$3.50 per acre—one fifth cash, balance in 1, 2, 3, and 4 years at 6 per cent interest per annum.

Said lands can be bought only through me hence apply direct to
CHAS. S. MILLER,
Ballinger, Texas

A Card of Thanks.

We take this means that it may reach those who otherwise we might not see to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to those who have so kindly waited on and helped us during our recent trouble and loss, and also to those who so kindly followed the little one to its last resting place. Words fail to express all we feel, but it is recorded above that "in as much as ye have done it to one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me" and our united prayers will ever ascend for those who have proven themselves friends and more than friends in our hour of need.

Very Respectfully
MR. and MRS. A. L. GREENWOOD.

The small pox scare is about over in Ballinger. The young man in the detention camp has been released and the small pox patient is well and will soon be turned loose. Dr. Butler, the county health officer, says there was no mistake about it being a genuine case. The Banner Leader understands that two parties who were with him when he was in fever have since gone to bed with the same disease. However one is in Coleman county and the other is in the Territory.

A young man by the name of Will Paine is wanted in Ballinger and San Angelo to answer to the charge of passing worthless checks. P. J. Baron is the victim here to the extent of \$5.00. Several parties in San Angelo are out small sums. Frank Caradine, of Santa Anna, who has been feeding cattle in Concho county, was in Ballinger Wednesday night and for a time he was taken for Paine, but he soon proved his identity to the satisfaction of the officers.

The Ballinger Lumber Co. is well stocked on shingles.

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

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. V. Pearce, at Ballinger, and talk the matter over with him. It is easier to kill with Bass Poison than with any other.

Boston Concert Co.

More cold, dismal, dreary, stormy or bad weather could not be easily imagined than we had in Ballinger on Friday and Friday night, the date for the appearance of the above company in our city. Despite the unfavorable weather and for their pains heard one of the best programs ever presented in Ballinger. So enthusiastic have those who attended been that the stay-at-homes have ever since regretted that they lacked the courage to venture out.

The program was music, vocal and instrumental, interspersed with impersonations and recitations. In every number unusual ability was displayed, each member of the company being an artist in his or her line. There was a pleasing lack of display and every part was rendered with such taste and modesty as to make the audience fall in love with the company. With reference to the violinist and the pianist the Banner Leader quotes the comment of one who was present and is far better qualified to criticize things musical.

"Mr. Walther certainly captivated his audience by the magnificence of his work. Amongst those skilled in the art of music, the pieces he performed are reckoned of high grade, but to the clever violinist they seemed as playthings. His notes were clear and even sometimes piercing, and the audience encored him again and again. In fact a similar scene of enthusiasm is not to be remembered in our town. With it all, Mr. Bernard Walther is perfectly modest and free from the tricks and "showing off" unfortunately so common to many musicians. He was ably backed by Miss Payson, as pianist, who played very skillfully two numbers, and was well applauded."

The committee who have the series in charge are to be congratulated on the quality of the entertainments so far, and we are reliably informed that the third and last will be the equal of those gone before. We trust the committee will retrieve their losses on the next occasion.

The 10 cent lunch stand has moved from Hutchins avenue to 8th street and is now occupying the house in Cameron's wagon yard next door to the blacksmith shop.

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.

R. H. FLEMING, M. D.

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON,
MILES, - TEXAS.

No shortage now. We have received 10 cars of lumber this week and have as many more on the road.

BALLINGER LUMBER Co.

Horace Miller came up on the stage from Menardville the first of the week, and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller.

LUMBER—We are receiving several cars daily and are now in a position to fill your bills promptly.
BALLINGER LUMBER Co.

"WANTED!" first quality of pearls, all sizes and colors. Highest market price paid for same.

Jos. Linz & Bro.,
Wholesale Jewelers,
Dallas, Texas."

—Queensware at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

A quiet place, no hums allowed—everything the best at the "Crown."

C. E. Willingham is in the city to-day.

—Glassware at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

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

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.
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J. A. DANCER.

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How A Man Clothes His Boys.

"I hear you work for a dollar a day;
How is it you clothe your six boys on that pay?"
"I know you will think it is tarnation queer,
But I pay a dollar for every pair;
But I do it because I'm a good financier.
There's Pete, Jim, John and Joe,
with William and Ned.
A half dozen boys to be clothed and fed.
And I buy for them all plain victuals to eat,
But clothes—I buy only for Pete.
When Pete's clothes are so he can't wear 'em again
My wife makes 'em over for Jim who is ten;
When Jim's clothes becomes wholly, out of date,
My wife makes 'em over for John, he is eight.
When John's worn them till the're too ragged to fix,
She just makes 'em over for Joe, who is six,
And when little Joe can wear them no more,
She makes 'em do for Bill who is four.
And when for Billie they will no longer do,
She works 'em over for Ned who is two."
"And when little Ned cannot wear them again,
Why pay tell me what will you do with them then?"
"Once more we go around the circle complete,
And begin and use them as patches for Pete;
And when Pete's all wear out again
Take them for the little ones then.
It's getting late and I am in a hurry too,
I'll take the poker and shove the boys too

A story of a farmer on the flat.

Yours Respectfully,
CAMEL MURRAY.

Were These Your Thoughts?

The hand organ man was here last week and the Banner-Leader steals from the Standard the following with reverence to him. Do these thoughts agree with those you had when you heard the music and were importuned for a penny?
A blind old man was on the streets this week, grinding out music by the rod to the delight of the small boys and girls, and the old familiar sounds even stirred childhood memories in older hearts, memories tinged with a sad longing for the days when a hand organ was a whole band, a monkey was the entire circus, and a dime was wealth. The old man ground out "Home Sweet Home" and thoughts went flying backward to the wooded hills so far away, the garden with its wealth of roses, honeysuckles, hollyhocks and old fashioned flowers, and, still dear to memory, the "Old Oaken Bucket," with its rich load of pure, free stone water, clear and cool, how grateful it was to the thirsty soul, sweeter than nectar, better than wine. Even a hand organ has its uses. Any man ought to be made better by thinking of his innocent childhood, and if a hand organ carries him back to those days and mother's arms, even in fancy, it's worth a nickel every time.

Gritting his teeth Editor Stevens exclaims in his Waukomis World: Thank God the legislature can't pass a law regulating the price of paid locals or one making the publisher cut the rates to dead head subscribers.—Kansas City Star.

Theater Dates Canceled

Cameron, Texas.—The Auditorium, which was recently built by the Young Men's Business League, at a cost of \$13,000, has heretofore been leased as an opera house. As a result of the union services by Evangelist W. P. Fife, the building henceforth will be used as headquarters for the Y. M. C. A., and a contract for a period of three years has been made with about 120 subscribers that contribute \$1 per month to pay the rental of the building and for other expenses connected with the work. During the revival services the manager of the opera house and his wife were converted and all dates with theater troupes were canceled.

The building will now be used for religious exercises. Union prayer meetings will be held there on Thursday night, and until the new Methodist church is completed, that congregation will hold services there on Sundays. There will be lectures in the building under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The "National" Game at Tyler.

A few days ago a large, fierce-looking woman stepped into a saloon in Tyler by mistake to inquire the location of a local dentist. Some one yelled "Mrs. Nation," and without stopping to parley the barkeeper leaped the counter, made a Maud S. dash for the rear door, closely followed by the colored porter, and both disappeared over the back fence. The old lady gazed in dismay at the fleeing men, and then walked out and asked an outsider if they were crazy.—Austin Statesman.

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

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.

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

Clipped from the Commoner.

Paul Kruger has just submitted to an operation for defective vision. He strained his eyes looking for justice among the crowned heads of Europe.

The recent burnings in northern states will temporarily embarrass those republican papers which take pleasure in discarding on "southern outrages."

The war in the Philippines is so nearly over that Secretary Root refuses to let 10,000 volunteers come home until he has 17,000 more to take their places.

The death of Baron Rothchild is another reminder that money, however powerful in life, is of little value at the grave. There is one debt—the debt of nature—for which gold is not a legal tender.

Oil has been discovered in Illinois. The new wells in Texas and Illinois would suggest that nature is endeavoring to give the people some relief from the Standard Oil monopoly in spite of the republican party.

All this talk about the doings of Mrs. Nation is, of course, fiction, for since they have prohibition in Kansas, there can be no saloons, if the laws are enforced; and, since they have a republican administration in that state, the laws must necessarily be enforced.

Press dispatches announce that a boy has been discovered who has X ray eyes. He ought to be employed to look through the democratic senators and representatives who voted for the republican army bill and discover the reasons which led them to repudiate the democratic platform.

Another American official has been guilty of embezzling Cuban postal funds. It may become necessary to abolish postal charges in Cuba, or to withdraw all money from the island and use coon skins for currency, in order to protect our new wards from the effects of a higher civilization.

As we have been giving protection to manufacturers and trusting to their generosity to give to their employes a fair share of the blessings conferred by the government, why not give subsidies to the farmers who export cotton, meat and bread stuff and trust them to divide with the ship-owners?

When children have earache, saturate a piece of cotton with Ballard's Snow Liniment, and place it in the ear. It will stop the pain quickly. Price, 25 and 50 cents. E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

In one field cotton pickers at work gathering the fleecy staple, and in the adjoining field a farmer breaking up land to put in cotton this spring, are scenes witnessed in Texas this opening month of the new year.—Ex.

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

A Life-Time Opportunity.

Beginning February 26th, 1901, a through Tourist Sleeper, every Tuesday, from all Santa Fe main line points to

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Tourist Sleeper rates are less than one half regular Pullman charges, and you have the same comfort and convenience.

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Santa Fe Route



Recently at Geneva, Iowa, a gang of carnationized women determined to smash a saloon belonging to an innocent old German. They gathered in force and broke in the front door, only to find a few empty kegs which they viciously cut to pieces. They then forced a door into a back room and proceeded to overturn and break up everything in sight. It so happened that the old fellow had stored his bees away in this room in keg like hives for the winter, and the bees, becoming enraged, emerged in numberless hosts, and fell upon their invaders with such fury that the room was soon a scrambling mass of badly swollen, howling humanity, which rushed blindly forth and rolled in the snow to get rid of the bees. We think this was rather rough on the carnationists but perhaps the bees believe in booze.

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and healthiest....

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—I am prepared to do all scavenger
work.

T. W. MORRIS.

A "CITIZEN" WRITES.

He Defends the "Young Man" and
Arraigns the Church Member.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER.

By your permission I wish to
make a few statements in defense
of the "young man" in Ballinger
who made the unguarded state-
ment with reference to the con-
duct of the church members of
this place, which called forth
from the Banner-Leader and the
Coleman Voice some words of
disapproval.

Now, to begin with, I want it
understood that I do not claim
for myself perfection, but that
does not hinder me from know-
ing something of what is right.

I agree that the young man's
statement to the letter was not
correct; but it was so full of
truth that I do not think that he
deserves to be criticized so
strongly. I have been living in
Ballinger nearly six years, and
have been about town some. My
observations have been as follows:
church members go to church
and so do the sinners; church
members go to the saloons and
so do the sinners; church mem-
bers take the name of God in
vain and so do the sinners; church
members have dances in their
homes and so do the sinners;
church members dance and so do
sinners; church members atten-
d horse races and sporting and
contest games and so do the
sinners; church members pray
loud in the church and the sin-
ner prays when he gets scared.
All church members are not in-
cluded in the above, neither are
all sinners.

The Coleman Voice suggests
"tagging those disorderly church
members for the benefit of in-
quiring minds."

Now from the above observa-
tions it is easy to see that it
would take a government finan-
cially strong to be able to put up
the tags. Hence the reason the
tagging business has been de-
ferred.

I would suggest that if tagging
is insisted upon by any one, that
the cheapest way, by far, would
be to tag all who by their lives
adorn the Christian profession.

Now will some critic point out
the difference. The Lord have
mercy on a town full of churches
where the saloons are allowed
to hold high carnival.

Hurrah for old sister Nation.
A CITIZEN.

Boring for Oil

seems to be the fashion these
days, but the F. F. Collins Mfg.
Co., of San Antonio, Texas, make
the Well Drilling Machines that
are suitable for boring for either
oil or water. They answer cor-
respondents promptly, and will
be glad to quote prices and send
catalogues to our readers. 21-tf

A Task.

To be honest, to be kind, to
earn a little to spend less; to
make upon the whole a family
happier by his presence; to re-
nounce where that shall be neces-
sary and not to be embittered; to
keep a few friends and these
without capitulation, above all on
the same grim conditions to keep
friends with himself—here is a
task for all that a man has of
fortitude and delicacy.—Robert
Louis Stevenson.

A New Wind Mill.

The "Collins" Steel Wind Mill
put out by the F. F. Collins Mfg.
Co., of San Antonio, Texas, is
usual with this concern, the best,
heaviest and strongest Steel Mill
on the market. Steel gears is a
special feature of this mill, other
steel Mills use cheap cast iron
gears. The patrons of this paper
will find it to their interest to
write to F. F. Collins Mfg. Co.,
for catalogue and prices. 21-2f

PRAISES BALLINGER.

A Paint Rock Citizen has a Good
Word for Ballinger.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:

I'll give you a few dots to let
you know how Paint Rock City is
doing. We had quite a cold
snow last Friday night. It was
hard on stock on the range. We
would have had fine grass in the
course of a month or six weeks if
the warm weather had continued.

There was preaching at Dry
Hollow Sunday eve by Bro. Rice,
the pastor of the Methodist
church at Paint Rock.

Walter Smith, son of A. J.
Smith, was given up to die this
week but is improving now. We
hope he may recover soon and be
up and about.

Robert Murray spent Saturday
and Sunday with his brother, Cam.
Miss Ruby Stevens returned
Friday from Temple, where she
has been visiting her brother,
Willie.

Mr. J. O. Smith was in town
last Saturday and told lots of
news. He says his sheep are
doing nicely.

Mr. H. Farrington and son had
business in town Saturday eve.

Paint Rock is still booming.
It's going to have two new bar-
ber shops. We are glad to know
our little burg is growing.

Mr. Cam Murray purchased a
new disc plow from Van Pelt &
Kirk and a fellow rode up to
where he was plowing and said,
"did you get that plow in An-
gelo?" Cam said "No, I got it
at Ballinger." He said "I didn't
think Angelo handled anything
as good as that." Angelo is al-
ways blowing about what it could
do, yet never does anything but
gas. I have been knowing Bal-
linger ten years. I know Angelo
has grown but Ballinger has beat
it so badly I think Angelo had
better take a back seat or quit
blowing so much. Ballinger is
one of the foremost little towns
west of Fort Worth. Well I will
ring off.

Your Old Reliable,
CONCHO TIMES.

Couldn't help getting a cold
never cures it; but carrying home
a bottle of Ballard's Horehound
Syrup, and using it as directed,
will cure the worst kind of cough
or cold. Price, 25 and 50 cents.
At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 3

Mr. H. G. Maclean, the big
Eden merchant, was here Wed-
nesday. His store at Eden was
burned January 14th, being a
complete loss, and while here he
told a Standard man that on Feb.
1st he received from the London,
Liverpool & Globe Fire Insurance
Co., a settlement in full for the
loss. This was the first fire
premium ever paid by Mr. Mac-
lean, amounting to \$54 an a \$1500
policy. He suffered severely by
the fire but will rebuild and re-
sume business within the next
two or three weeks. Mr. Maclean
spoke in terms of highest praise
of the square dealing and
promptness of Penrose N. Ions,
representing the company, in ad-
justing and settling his loss. Mr.
Maclean left Wednesday evening
for Ballinger to look after his
business interests there.—Stan-
dard.

This company is represented
in Ballinger by C. P. Shepherd &
Co., office up-stairs in Ostertag
building, 'Phone 125.

No one knows the unbearable
torture one undergoes from piles
unless they are so afflicted. Tab-
ler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is a
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Price, 50 cents in bottles, Tubes,
75 cents. At E. D. Walker's
Drug Store. 3.

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.

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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
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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

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

Addison Day, well known as
the champion foot ball player in
the State University in former
days, was in Ballinger this week.
He makes Abilene his home.

Prof. C. J. Finger, the skilled
pianist, was in Ballinger the first
of the week looking after his
class here, which is by no means
small. He was accompanied by
Master George Ferguson, the
piano prodigy of the west, who
is destined someday to become
one of it's foremost musicians.

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write to F. F. Collins Mfg. Co.,
of San Antonio, Texas, for cata-
logue of their "Springgeld."
They have all sizes from 1 to 50
horse power, either Stationary
or Mounted on Wheels. 21-tf

Dr C. A. McBeth, of Maverick,
was in town Sunday and Monday.
He reports his town in a prosper-
ous condition, with the telephone
connection between that town
and this nearly completed. May-
erick is situated in one of the
best sections of Runnels county
and the Banner-Leader is always
pleased to record it success.

Good Pumping Jacks

Are made by F. F. Collins Mfg.
Co., of San Antonio, Texas. They
are home people and know how
to make the kind of goods we
need. Write to them for cata-
logue and prices, at the same
time mention to them that you
saw the notice in this paper and
thus help us along too. 21-tf

Will Day was a Ballinger vis-
itor the first of the week.

Messrs. Harry Thomson and
T. G. Heslip spent Sunday in
San Angelo.

M. Cornelius, a successful
Winters merchant, was in Ballin-
ger Monday.

H. H. Lockett and wife were
down from their Nolan county
ranch this week reaching Ballin-
ger Tuesday.

Tom Lockett spent a few days
in Ballinger the first of the week.
He is working on the G. G. Odom
Coke county ranch.

Miss Clara Guion returned to
Ballinger Friday evening of last
week, after an extended visit with
San Angelo friends.

J. W. Norman, the merchant
prince of Paint Rock, was in
Ballinger Monday enroute home
from a business trip to the east.

R. E. Gentry, accompanied by
his wife and son, was in town
Monday and a part of Tuesday.
We were glad to hear them give
favorable reports of the condi-
tion of affairs in the Maverick
country.

T. M. Cotton was in town Mon-
day and had the address of his
Banner-Leader changed to Paint
Rock, which place will be his
future home. The best wishes of
a host of friends, this paper in-
cluded, will accompany him.

W. S. Morehead, a Banner-
Leader subscriber at Crews, was
in town Monday dealing with
our implement men. His section,
like all others in Runnels county,
is in tip-top shape, everybody
happy, and most all out of debt.

KEEP YOUR



ON THIS SPACE

Later
It will
Contain
The Card of

HALL & COBB,

Who
Handle

All the latest and best in
Cigars, Tobaccos,
and

Confectioneries

**THE
Central Grocery Store**

Is the Cheapest place in town to get High Grade Groceries, Confectioneries, Stationery, and Violin Trimmings, just opened up. Call and see us before you buy.....

**KIRKPATRICK &
SLAUGHTER,**
Ballinger Texas.

J. H. Hendry, Wingate's postmaster, was in Ballinger Wednesday.

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

W. G. Cathey, of Wingate, was paying his respects to Ballinger the first of the week.

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

Rev. W. S. Maddox, of Coleman, was in Ballinger the first of the week visiting his son, Lee.

Epps & Novian, the butchers who advertised "we have come to stay" have closed up shop for the present.

J. F. Chelf, of Wingate, was in town Thursday getting prices on the latest improved farming implements.

Mr. Thomas Norman and wife, late of Dresden, Tenn., have located in Ballinger and are occupying the Clampitt house.

Will Gregg has grown tired of "town life" and has gone to the Moser ranch near Miles to spend a few days as the guest of Dan Moser.

J. W. Murray, of Winters, was in Ballinger Tuesday. It seems it was a mistake about his sale of the remnant of the Winters gin to Content parties.

C. K. Gwinn has moved from the Clampitt residence to the E. W. Smith place. The move took place Wednesday.

Messrs. Lee, of Brownwood, and Pike, of Coleman, have opened a barber shop in a part of I. O. Wooden's old stand. They are nicely equipped and have a good location.

G. F. Schroeter has sold his stock of groceries to Mr. John Hoffer, late of Clarendon. Mr. Hoffer comes highly recommended as a man and as a grocer. Note his card in this issue.

C. P. Shepherd & Co. received a check for \$50 Friday with which to pay the funeral benefit of Walter Voglesang. He was insured in the Pecan Valley Benevolent Association, represented in Ballinger by the above firm.

Ballinger and Maverick are connected by telephone.

J. F. Currie is at home from a buying trip to northern markets.

District Court will be in session in Ballinger the second Monday in March.

FOUND—Gold breastpin. Owner can have same by describing property and paying for this notice.

W. S. Bowden and wife, of Brownwood, are here this week, guests of their sons, the second hand store men.

Hari Wagner, the lecturer, will soon appear in Ballinger at the court house. He is said to be a very fine lecturer.

The man who really wants work, and is not particular as to the kind, can find employment in Ballinger without any trouble.

J. F. Currie has let the contract to J. F. Drew to extend his store building 60 feet making the total length 120 feet. Work began this week.

W. M. Wolf, of Snyder, passed through Ballinger Wednesday enroute home. He, with others, had been visiting in some of the eastern counties.

Stanley Hull cut his foot quite badly this week with an ax, while chopping wood. He is suffering, but is getting along as nicely as could be expected.

Judge J. M. Crosson is at home from an ex-confederate rally at Hillsboro. Needless to say he thoroughly enjoyed meeting with his comrades-in arms.

Judge M. C. Smith is one of those adopting the suggestion of the Banner-Leader with reference to tree planting. He is having Mr. Clark set out trees along the 120 feet front of residence property. This in a few years will add greatly to the looks of that part of town.

A conference of 20 minutes was sufficient for the jury in the Pearl murder case at Coleman to render a verdict of guilty and to assess his punishment at death. This is the case brought up from Brownwood and this was the second time he had received the death sentence.

Mr. Joe Thiele, stockman and farmer of Miles, was in Ballinger Wednesday. He has heretofore devoted the most of his 18 or 20 years in this county to stock raising exclusively, but this year, as he expressed it, he has about 100 bales of cotton planted, and will mix things a little. He says that baby can't talk yet but tries to hard enough.

Messrs. Ed Parks, Robert Rankin and Ernest Kirkpatrick, of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Wednesday in a private conveyance headed for the west on a hunting and prospecting trip. They tarried in Ballinger long enough to lay in a fresh supply of provisions and ammunition and to get themselves interviewed by the Banner-Leader reporter. Junction City was their objective point.

J. W. Powell has been solicited to take charge of the subscription list for the improvement of the public school building. He has accepted the task, for task it surely is, and will begin next week approaching the people on the question. Make up your minds in advance what you can give and greet him when he comes with cheerful face and open purse. The cause is a good one. The need is urgent.

—Watches! Watches!! Watches!! At Jas. E. Brewer's. See for yourself.

Millinery! Millinery!!
Will begin receiving my stock of spring millinery the first of next week. It is the superior of any I have ever bought. Call and inspect same at your earliest convenience.

MRS. ALICE GREEN.

WANTS INFORMATION.
Will Some Farmer Kindly Write to Him?

EDITOR BANNER LEADER:
Will you please give me the name of some responsible man who is farming? I want to correspond with him about your country, as I contemplate moving to Texas. If you will do this it will be a favor to me.

Yours truly
W. J. LEWIS,
Appleton, Ark., Feb'y 23, 1901.

Epworth League Program.
Sunday, March 3rd, 1901.
Topic—Religious Barrenness—Luke 13:6-9.
Leader—Mr. A. L. Greenwood.
Song No. 38.
Prayer.
Song No 155.
Scripture reading and comment—Leader.
Fruitful and Fruitless, Ps. 1—Mr. Brewer.
Christian Industry, John 10:32-38—Mr. Sledge.
A Living Faith, James 2:21-26—Miss Mary Miller.
Select reading—Mrs. Manly.
Voluntary Bible Verses—League members.
Song and Benediction.

A Dining.
Rev. W. A. Manly and his most estimable lady gave a dining to several of the Ballinger young men Thursday at noon. It was a happy occasion and a jolly crowd. A feast of good things had been provided, to which the guests did ample justice. The occasion was made more enjoyable by the presence of two charming waitresses in the persons of Misses Mary Miller and Adrienne Truly. The thanks and best wishes of Messrs. A. W. Sledge, Jas. E. Brewer, C. P. Shepherd, S. B. Raby, Willard Moser, H. E. Sharp, J. Boone Royalty and H. F. Mayes were given to host and hostess for this, a most delightful occasion.

Cemetery Association Meeting.
The president of the Cemetery Association informs the Banner-Leader that the Association will meet Wednesday, March 6th at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Jack McGregor. A full attendance of all members is urged. There is important business on hand.

Appreciates the Banner-Leader
EDITOR BANNER LEADER:
Please send the Banner-Leader to 706 Dutton St., Waco. I will get it on Saturday morning thereby. The paper seems like the visit of an old time friend, and as I am among strangers, I appreciate it very much.

Yours truly,
M. C. BISHOP.

—Best line of watches at Asa Cordill's.
—Which do you wear—a beautiful lady's watch or a ladies' beautiful watch. I have both.

JAS. E. BREWER
Fresh Garden Seed and Sets at Miller Mercantile
—Don't take his word for it, go and see that Jas. E. Brewer's selection of watches can't be beat in Ballinger.
—Get a Brownie kodak at Hartung's New Photo Studio and be happy.

Business Change.
Notice is hereby given that I have this day sold to John Hoffer my stock of groceries, grain, etc, in the town of Ballinger. I assume all indebtedness of the business and all accounts due to date are payable to me. Thanking the trade for their liberal patronage and asking a continuance for my successor, I am
Respectfully
GEO. F. SCHROETER.
March 1st, 1901.
Referring to the above notice I beg to say that I have come to Ballinger to stay and will conduct the business on a permanent basis, assuring the trade courteous treatment, fair dealing, good goods and living prices. Give me a trial. Respectfully,
JOHN HOFFER.

TRY THE NEW MEAT MARKET.
Will keep Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Sausage, Lard, Sugar Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon.
Free Delivery.
Open from 5 to 8. "The best" is our motto.
RUTHERFORD & HARPER,
Next to Winkler.

J. W. Powell says he has large and small houses for sale and on any terms the buyer wishes.
18-4t.
Mr. Will Dunlap is improving his home place. Has added a new fence, built a new front porch, is intending to repaint and will thoroughly renovate the place.
D. H. Benton, of Coleman county, was prospecting in Ballinger a few days last week and he will, as a result, soon become a citizen of Runnels county. Better lands at a cheaper price was the attraction.
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.
—For Building paper and Carpet paper get our prices. A big stock just received.
CREWS & MCGREGOR,
Furniture dealers and undertakers.
—Solid gold Jewelry, a fine line at Asa Cordill's.
—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.
—Compare the quality of my goods with others and you'll buy from me. Asa Cordill.
You lose more than we do if you don't advertise in the Banner-Leader.

Mrs. Nation
Leads in Kansas, but we lead in SADDLERY and HARNESS GOODS.
SPOONER PAT. COLLAR!
Cannot Choke a Horse. Adjusts itself to any Horse's neck. Has two rows of stitching. Will hold Hames in place.
We are Headquarters for the
Celebrated Spooner patent Collar.
None Genuine Unless Stamped with our "Trade-Mark."
Call and see me.
T. S. LANKFORD,
The Saddle and Harness Man.