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BRIN'S, Ballinger's New Dry Goods People, BRIN'S

Are now located in the Lee Maddox old stand on 8th St, with modern improved store, together with additional help and a bright, brand new Spring and Summer stock of **Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Fancy Goods, Ladies, Boys, Misses and Children's ready-to-wear Garments, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Trunks,**

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Ballinger's One Price Dry Goods People Located in the Lee Maddox old stand on 8th Street.

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The Ballinger Lumber Co. is well stocked on shingles.

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

JAS. E. BREWER.

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

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

Epworth League Program.

March 31, 1901.

Topic—Love of Souls—Rom. 10:1, Acts 20:19-24.

Leader—Rev. W. A. Manly.

Song No 150.

Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Song No 144.

Value of the Soul—March 8, 34-

38—Mr. Jas. Brewer.

A Lost Soul—Luke 16:19 31—

Mr. Gaston Hardgrave.

A Saved Soul—Acts 7:55-60—

Mrs. Dickinson.

Song No 94.

Leading a Soul to Christ—Leader.

How Japan was unlocked, and the Religions that were found there.

Paper—Miss Adrienne Truly.

How we may show our "Love of Souls"—Leaguers.

Song No 65.

Benediction.

A Learned and Skillful Specialist.

Dr. T. H. P. Duncan, the eye specialist, who has been busily engaged for the past three weeks serving the people of San Angelo and for miles around in fitting them with glasses and treating their eyes, begins his appointment at Ballinger next Monday. Dr. Duncan came to San Angelo only last December, for the first time, and a perfect stranger. To be sure, he bore recommendations, but, more than that, his services to those who came to avail themselves of them, were so fruitful of immediate good results that they demonstrated his ability to the highest degree beyond a doubt. He soon won for himself as grateful patrons and patients some of our best and most intelligent people, who not only verbally expressed their utmost satisfaction, but, without the least hesitation, subscribed "in black on white" to testimonials couched in the strongest language and bearing the impress of a sincerity which could not be doubted. It is this true merit in the service which Dr. Duncan renders that makes it possible for him to revisit periodically identical places, something which an unmeritorious practitioner would not dare to do. This feature of his methods is, moreover, a great boon to his patrons, for it saves them many dollars' expense in

transportation charges and hotel bills.—Standard.

Dr. Duncan is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know. From Ballinger he goes to Coleman to spend a week. He leaves this place with an increased number of friends and patrons who will be ever ready to speak for him a good word. The Banner-Leader can sanction the above words from the Standard.

Willingham Sticks to It.

A special from Austin to the dailies commenting on the Willingham Rogan affair says:

As is usual in such cases, Mr. Rogan assumes that the newspaper men are liars. All reports of Judge Willingham's speech were the same, as the member from Runnels was told what the press table understood him to say, and he approved it. It always happens, when a speech that is published hits some fellow, that the injured party mentions first the report. The newspapers have no interest in the discussion further than to tell what occurs, and the reason such speeches are published is because if an official is doing wrong, the people ought to know it. Judge Willingham has replied to Judge Rogan, told him that the newspapers had correctly quoted him and that he stands by what he said. He said further that he does not intend his remarks as a personal attack, but an official one, and that he does not approve of the action of Judge Rogan in cancelling unexpired leases on school land and renewing them for ten years, so as to that much longer tie up the contract on the part of the state.

Judge Rogan and Judge Willingham met on the streets Saturday night and had quite a wordy discussion. Judge Willingham stands pat. It is up to the land commissioner.

Woodward & Gwinn

Have moved their Land Office to the office rooms in second story of the J. H. Miller building. Call around and see them for land at \$1 to \$2 an acre.

—Get my prices on watches.

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Ladies and Childrens Lines are full and Choice.

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The Newest is not too New—The costliest is not too expensive for us to offer and for our customers to appreciate and buy.

It is useless to enumerate

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It is loss of time to wait.

The only sensible, sure and satisfactory way is to call—carefully examine and compare, and then—

WE WILL DO THE REST.

Respectfully,

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

At Beaumont one of the oil wells has a daily capacity of 70,000 gallons.

The legislators will adjourn May 9, unless something new should develop.

Strawberries, the first of the season, are selling at Alvin from \$5. to \$6. per crate. The crop is said to be quite short this year, hence the fancy prices.

"Red" Hutchins, a tinhorn gambler, was arrested Saturday at Brownwood for attempted assault on the person of a young lady, temporarily stopping at one of the hotels.

Prices now received for cavalry horses indicate that prices will still be higher. Not long since the government advertised for horses of a certain description and the lowest bid received was \$148 each.

A number of Garland ladies were comparing the smart tricks of their offspring the other day. One said her little girl talked when she was a year old; another said that her little boy could say "papa and mama" when he was ten months old. An old bachelor who was in the next room trying to read, then "chipped in," and said that wasn't anything wonderful. He had read in the Bible that Job cursed the day he was born. That settled it and the ladies adjourned.—Garland News.

Persons who patronize papers should pay promptly, for the pecuniary prospects of the press have a peculiar power in pushing forward public prosperity. If the printer is paid promptly, and his pocket-book kept pleroric by prompt paying patrons, he puts his pen to paper in peace, paints his pictures of passing events in more pleasing colors, and the perusal of his paper become a pleasure to the people. Please paste this piece of proverbial philosophy in some place where all persons can see it—and please pungle promptly.—Ex.

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.

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Land Commissioner Rogan's Reply.

In another column will be found a criticism by representative Willingham of the policy of Charles Rogan, the state's land commissioner. Rogan is out in an open letter, in reply, the substance of which is as follows:

"If you have been correctly quoted I want to say that there is not one word of truth in the whole statement. If what you say is true I should be deposed from office and I should be ostracised from association with all respectable people, and now call on you to substantiate your charges—to specify in what respect the land, or any part thereof, has been taken from the school fund, when and by whom, and in what respect, the school children have been robbed.

"It is said you made this statement in public and therefore it is due the public, the legislature and yourself, as well as myself, that you either substantiate the charges, or to retract it publicly, because you now have my public denial.

"The records of the general land office must, and do, show each and every transaction of all business had with the public, or with individuals. In addition to this notice of every transaction had with any and all lands belonging to the school fund has been uniformly mailed without a single exception to the county clerk of the county in which the land is situated, or to which it is attached for judicial purposes, and I now extend to you as a member of the legislature, the privilege of examining these records with a view of substantiating the charges said to have been made on the floor of the House, and I will agree and take pleasure in so doing to show either yourself or any other member of the House these records and will gladly render every assistance in my power to facilitate a thorough investigation. An investigation is not only welcome, but urged.

"Instead of robbing the school fund of any of its lands or of robbing the school children of Texas, I pride myself in saying that I have done more, according to the records, and it can be established in the land office and also in the treasurer's office for the school fund and for the school children of Texas than any other one man.

"Such lands as have been disposed of have not only been sold, but they have been sold in accordance with the law passed by the legislature, and as interpreted by the courts and the Attorney General, and payments for this land are always made, not to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, but direct to the State Treasurer." I also desire to state that more land has been leased since I have been Commissioner than ever before in the history of the state government, and the available school fund, which maintains our public schools and educates the school children of Texas, is receiving annually, by virtue of the policy pursued by me, more than \$224,000 per annum than it did at any time prior to the establishment of the lease line in 1897.

"The amount of work in the land office is so great that it requires more than fifty men to transact it, and, therefore, very little of the business transacted comes under my personal observation, but my policy has been to treat all people fairly, when it could be done, recognizing their equities where they can be observed, but also following the law as it has been interpreted. The

twenty sixth legislature made special provision that parties using the public lands should not only pay back rental due thereon for the time they have used it, but that they should also lease the same from the state and in enforcing that law many thousands of dollars have been collected as back rental and paid into the treasury, which swells our available school fund, which goes to educate the school children of this state and lengthens the school term; and I also require the parties having these lands in their possession to lease them. In performing this duty imposed upon me by law I have incurred the displeasure of many gentlemen who had not been paying lease rental upon this land, some of whom reside in your district, and yet it is alleged that you sav I aid and abet in robbing the school children and taking the lands from the public school fund.

"I do not desire to call names, but there is one instance where one party paid the state back rental amounting to \$12,400, who was required to lease thirty or forty sections within his enclosure, which had not been leased prior thereto. He did not desire to lease them and protested against it, but as the law required that he either pull down his fences or lease them, I required him to take a lease from the state and pay the lease money to the treasurer. At the same time he owned several smaller leases and I embodied the whole thing, at his request, by consolidation into one contract more than a year ago. This I think was in Lynn county and was made because the land in that county had been lying there for years and years, and the state could neither lease nor sell it, and, therefore, the school fund was deriving no benefit from it; hence the consolidation of the leases was made, taking in these several sections which were not leased, and which at all times, had been subject to sale. The records will disclose name of party and time of lease.

I must confess that I was very much pained when I saw your thrust appearing in the papers, for I had always believed you to be sincere in your expressions of personal friendship for me, and in the indorsement of my policies as Land Commissioner, often to my face, and because furthermore I heard you say to the Land Committee that you lived out in the Western country, had heard my statement the evening before, when I appeared before the committee, and that you endorsed and corroborated everything that I said. Very truly yours,
CHARLES ROGAN.

BAD COLDS.

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

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

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

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

For sale by E. D. WALKER, Druggist.

Old papers—20cts per 100.

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Having purchased the business of Mr. Geo. F. Schroeter, formerly McGregor & Francis, I am prepared to fill the wants of the trade in my line. All heavy goods will be handled in car lots, thus saving the jobbers profit, the benefit of which will be given to our customers. I propose to do a strictly honest, legitimate business, and to treat everybody alike. Get my prices on

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Will sell in car lots or any quantity desired. Also handle CHASE & SANBORNS' COFFEES, which have a world wide reputation and cannot be excelled and AMERICAN BEAUTY FLOUR, which took St. Louis Fair premium in 1900. A trial of this Coffee and Flour always makes a customer. I want a share of your trade and we proposed to meet all competition.

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To meet the constantly growing demand for a Graphophone of the Grand type at a figure that will suit the proper purpose, 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.

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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.

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Advertising and Ethics.

A firm of Dublin physicians takes a full column advertisement to show just how they are prepared to take care of people who place themselves under their care for treatment. The advertisement is written in a convincing style and any man of good sense needing a physician would be attracted by it.

There is an old fogy idea still lodging in the minds of some physicians that it is not ethical to advertise, the medical profession being largely in control of men who really know nothing about the science of medicine. If the physician has the ability to alleviate suffering, to cure diseases, to help the people, the more extensive his practice the greater blessing he becomes to humanity and is not only justified in letting the people know in what way he can serve them, but it becomes his duty to do so. There is no rule of ethics applicable to the medical profession that distinguishes it from any other profession or business about which the public needs information. Whenever this writer sees a local physician using a column or two of advertising space he says to himself: "There is a doctor who studies, who is progressive and wide-awake and who would use every possible effort to improve the condition of the patients under his care."

The quack, who knows nothing about his profession, is inclined to keep what little he does know from public discussion and to come from the public prints—Brownwood Bulletin.

A Philadelphia paper reports a very strange accident that recently happened. A five year old child was playing on the sidewalk when a blind man came along guiding himself with a heavy walking stick. A swing of the cane struck the child on the forehead and he fell down a cellar way, sustaining concussion of the brain and dying in a few hours.

A neighbor saw the accident, hurried to pick up the child, and when she returned the unknown blind man had passed out of sight, doubtless unaware of the tragedy in which he bore blameless part.

The headlines in a daily make interesting reading. A few that appeared in Sunday's daily are: A bank and drug store robbed; Steamer aground; Suit against Duke of Manchester; Woman fatally burned; Serious strike threatened in Pittsburg; A supply train captured by the Boers; Russia's game blocked; Burglary at Terrell; murders; fires; hangings; mobs; etc, etc, the greater part being of a sensational nature.

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The Tornado Season Is Approaching

Do you carry Tornado Insurance on your Dwelling? Do you know it is very cheap? \$2.50 per \$1000 is the price per annum. Tornadoes visit other towns and Ballinger may not always be so fortunate as to escape.

Prepare for emergencies is a good rule of action, and is very applicable in this case. Call on or Phone

C. P. SHEPHERD & CO.

UP STAIRS IN OSTERTAG BUILDING.
Phone 125.

R. H. Layne, of Bronte, was in Ballinger Tuesday purchasing supplies for the inner man. He found right prices here.

Dr. Broiles, the distinguished specialist, was here yesterday arranging to make regular visits each Thursday to our town. At present his home is in Belton, but he contemplates locating at Brownwood. We have favorable reports of Dr. Broiles and his practice at other places, and his weekly visits to Coleman will be a convenience to those needing treatment of a specialist. He will also visit Ballinger, Angelo, Goldthwaite and Lampasas.—Coleman Voice.

It's getting to be quite the proper thing now to form a Citizen's Lumber Co. in small towns and force down the price of lumber set by the local dealers. It may be right and it may not be right, owing to whose ox is being gored. The lumber men are entitled to a legitimate profit and as long as they are satisfied with that they should be left in peace. When they charge exorbitant prices then it is time, perhaps, to think about protection. Belton and Killeen are two towns which have recently organized citizen's companies.

A Woman Hung

To her husband's neck and begged him to go and try the new barbers and take a peep at their new fixtures.

LEE & PIKE.

Crows Correspondence.

EDITOR:

You will accept of my peculiar whims, and scraps of news, will come again begging admittance into your friendly circle.

The wheel of progress is moving onward in Crews. Mr. Boone, the blacksmith, is going to put up a shop at this place some time in the near future. Come on, Mr. Boone, we are in need of another smith.

The little prairie dog is fast disappearing in this section of the country. Several thousand acres of them have already been killed, and several thousand more have been placed in the undertaker's hands.

Time has sped on in her flight, till again we stand on the very threshold of spring and hail with joy the return of leaf and flower. The warm kisses of the sun have reconciled the north wind's angry breath and bade him cease his chilling blast. The landscape thirsts for the gentle rain; yet the little stream still ripples on in mock defiance to the cloudless sky; and the soft young carpet, on mother earth's breast, has the fresh tint of tender green. The farmer, with a smile of contentment goes forth to plow and to sow, believing there is no new thing under the sun and what has been will surely be again. The merchant over his ledger bent, chuckles to see such profits gained.

Died—Little Johnnie Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark, was born Oct. 28, 1899, and died of membranous croup March 10, 1901. His body rests in the Glen Cove cemetery. Thus ended the earthly life of a sweet child—the joy of a mother's heart, the pride of a father's home. May God's Guardian Angel comfort them in this dark hour of their bereavement.

Content News.

There was preaching here three nights this week by Rev. Stickem, a Primitive Baptist preacher.

Rev. Crow, will preach here again next third Sunday.

Prof. Arnold's writing school closed Wednesday night. The prize was given to Miss Gertude Coats, and Mr. Victor Bright was called on to tie the "blue ribbon," but we can't say whether he was successful or not. (?)

We hope the Winters band boys will come Saturday night. "Associate" extends a welcome to all and they are invited to our home while in town.

The school continues to flourish, more pupils being enrolled every week.

The cotton seed are about half shipped from the gin up to date.

Mr. M. C. Bright and son were in Ballinger Wednesday and Thursday after lumber to build an addition to his dwelling.

Mr. Freeman went to Abilene Wednesday to get a load of merchandise.

Mr. Joe Hood was in Abilene the first of the week.

Sheriff Kirk was in Content on "business" the first of the week.

Philo has the nicest and prettiest yard in Content, and some ladies compliments are very nice also.

Melford Well has eczema, but is getting along very well at present.

Miss Ida Bright is visiting friends and relatives here. Misses Cordie and Carrie Bright gave a singing in her honor and all report an enjoyable time.

Mr. Chas. Hood, accompanied by his sister, Miss Eula, visited near Guion Saturday and Sunday, the guests of the Misses Fisher. Mr. Edgar Jones contemplates



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returning to Evant in a short while. We hope, however, he will decide to make the West his home later on.

Mr. Tom Butts, whose mother-in-law was buried a few weeks ago, is again stricken with grief, this time his son-in-law being buried. We extend condolence to the bereaved wife and other relatives in this their saddest hour.

ASSOCIATE.

Dr. Broiles' Visits.

This eminent specialist made his second visit to Brownwood yesterday and many sick and afflicted visited him from the town and surrounding country. He was busy all day and saw a large number of patients, some from other counties. The doctor has established a wonderful reputation in the parts of the state he has visited and that reputation has preceded him here. The doctor is skilled in his work, fair and honest in his dealings with people, and his Wednesday visits to Brownwood will continue to draw people here who need his skilled attention. — Bulletin.

Mrs. J. F. Wright is expected home this week from an extended visit to friends in the city of Dallas.

Friday, March 22, at the home of the bride's parents, at Wingate, Judge T. T. Crosson united in marriage Mr. Walter Turner and Miss Hallie Gannaway. The best wishes of the Banner Leader and a host of friends attend them.

That is a liberal offer which the city, through Mayor Powell, makes. All who will plant trees along their sidewalks will be given free water to keep them alive. A number of our citizens should take advantage of this opportunity. It is not too late.

Thursday and Friday a jury of five Ballinger men were viewing out the Paint Rock road. They were M. D. Chastain, Ed Dickinson, R. L. Maddox, D. A. Cameron and F. L. Gressett. They were appointed by the county judge and their duty was to find where the road could be improved.

Mr. Harry Brin, wife and baby, arrived Sunday night from Comanche and will make Ballinger their future home. Mr. Brin will have the management of Brin's dry goods establishment here, while Jacob Brin will return to Comanche. This firm is a permanent feature of Ballinger and we are glad to say that they are meeting with success.

—See Asa Cordill's line of ladies' set rings. They are beauties.

—Jas. E. Brewer's prices on watches are as low as the lowest. See him.

—Queensware at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

—Fishing Tackle at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

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 catalogue and prices, at the same time mention to them that you saw the notice in this paper and thus help us along too. 21-1f

—Help wanted—men to patronize the 10 cent restaurant.

Several of the Ballinger young men leave first of next week for school.

Attend the K. of P. meeting Monday night. Work in the 2nd and 3rd.

Woodward & Gwinn, land agts. have moved to the J. H. Miller building, up stairs.

John McAmant has sold his interest in the barber business to his partner, J. A. Dancer.

Rev. W. S. Maddox will preach at the Baptist church Sunday night. Remember this, come and bring your friends.

Mr. Sanderford, former editor of the Killeen Herald, was in Ballinger Thursday with a view to buying newspaper property.

Lee Watson, a member of the firm of Weakley & Watson, hardware dealers of Brownwood, was the guest of R. A. Hall Thursday.

Ballinger has the record for egg selling. Wright & Novian, the 10 cent restaurant men, cooked 108 dozen last week. Just think how many people they fed.

The Mayor says all parties may have water free to irrigate trees set out on front of sidewalk, to encourage growth of trees, and if the city council does not approve of same he will pay the bill.

R. W. Reynolds, of La Grange, has accepted a position with E. D. Walker as prescriptionist and arrived last Saturday night to assume his duties. The Banner Leader, for Ballinger, extends Mr. Reynolds a cordial welcome.

J. W. Powell reports sale of lot 5 Block 15 (Dunlap Hotel) Wm. Dunlap to John Hoffer at \$2,000; W. A. Denman to Ross Moss lots 2, 3 and 4 block 16 (Star Wagon Yard) \$1300; J. W. Powell to Henry Moss lot 9 block 16 \$100.

Dr. Broiles, the eminent specialist, was here Friday arranging to make this point regularly each Friday. He has worlds of testimonials and the man needing the attention of a specialist should see him. See his ad in this paper.

—See my line of solid gold Bells, Buttons, Pins, Bangles, Charm and Chains. Can't be beat in Ballinger. ASA CORDILL

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20 or 30 milk cows to sell. Apply to J. H. HOLLAND.

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A New Wind Mill.

The "Collins" Steel Wind Mill put out by the F. F. Collins Mfg. Co., of San Antonio, Texas, is, as 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

A dastardly crime is reported from Concho county. A Mr. Thornton, working for Ed Dozier, was waylaid six miles from Eden Wednesday morning and shot to pieces. Messrs. McDonald, Ben and George Kilpatrick are missing and it is thought they are connected with the crime, as they had previously had trouble with Thornton over hogs.

A queer surgical case is reported in this city. A stranger accidentally swallowed a penny and the Ballinger physician who was called made him cough up two dollars.

—Good 10c lunch at Wright & Novian's restaurant.

—Fresh Garden Seed and Seed Sweet and Irish Potatoes at Miller Mercantile Co.

—Beautiful line of gents' watch chains and fobs at Asa Cordill's.

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.

J. A. DANCER.

—Tinware at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

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

—Glassware at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

—Big Line of New Matting just received. J. A. OSTERTAG & CO.

Fraternal Union of America, San Antonio, Texas. Rate \$11.40 for round trip. Date April 4th.

M. M. Williams, the justly noted populist campaigner, is now a citizen of Ballinger. For the present he is out of politics.

Ballinger was visited by another fraud, asking for alms, Tuesday. This time it was an able-bodied woman, claiming to be a widow and a cripple. The usual method was employed—a card with poetry to suit the occasion. She secured at least \$15 here and that afternoon she and her companion, a hearty, healthy, well-fed man, boarded the train for other green fields. It is almost time Ballinger people quit giving so indiscriminately. Appoint central committee and send mendicants to them to be examined and then it worthy objects of charity let this committee give as they see fit. Follow this plan and the people will not be encouraging fraud and deceit. At present from three to five beggars strike the town every week.

**DON'T PASS
OUR DOOR**

In search of Confectioneries, Oranges, Apples, Tobacco, Cigars, or anything usually found in a first class confectionery store,

**BUT COME
RIGHT IN**

And try us in price and quality of Goods. We are soon to enlarge our store and will then put in a larger stock; will put up another Soda Fountain; serve ice cream and make it the most attractive store in Ballinger. Your trade solicited.

HALL & COBB,

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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.

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 survey 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

HOW VERY EASY

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

**THE W. C. PARKS
BANKING COMPANY.**

The little village of Glen Gardner, N. J., was visited by a peculiar disaster Sunday night. The village is in a valley along the line of a railway. Before daylight a freight train of 18 cars of tanked oil passed along the mountain high above the village. When near the depot the train parted, and was wrecked, the oil exploded and ran down the main street, a big incline, setting fire to every thing in its path. In an incredibly short time the entire village was in ashes and the miraculous part is that no lives were lost. The damage was estimated at \$70,000.

Christian Endeavor Program.

The C. E. will render the following program at the C. P. church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock:

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Scripture Reading.
- Prayer.
- Comments by the Leader.
- Love the Mission Motive—Miss Augusta Hardgrave.
- How to love souls—Miss Verna Moser.
- Song.
- What souls to love—Mrs. W. R. Spencer.
- Consecration Responses.

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BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

—Asa Cordill will give you satisfaction in watch repairing.

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—Give your watch to Asa Cordill for repairs and be pleased.

Oh say, Hubby, please send me up a sack of LIVE OAK FLOUR too from the Miller Mercantile Co. That is the Best.

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 Vermifuge acts as a general and permanent tonic. Price, 25 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

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

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

—Which do you wear—a beautiful lady's watch or a ladies' beautiful watch. I have both.
JAS. E. BREWER.

To Arrive, Car of Salt.

A mistake was made by the printer in last weeks prices. We herewith correct same and they stand as follows:

100lb sacks fine at 65 cts, 200lb sacks fine at \$1.12½ cts, 200lb sacks stock at \$1.05, Barrel fine at \$1.90.

Staple and fancy groceries, corn, oats, chops, bran and hay at lowest market prices.

—If you want close cash figures get my prices before buying.

JOHN HOFFER,
Successor to Geo. F. Schroeter,
Ballinger, Tex.

**WINKLER'S
Special Spring Announcement.**

I have just returned from the Eastern markets, where I have bought one of the best selected stocks of Dry Goods that has ever BEEN SHOWN IN THE CITY OF BALLINGER.

I cordially invite you, one and all, to inspect my New Spring Goods which are now arriving daily. Among the New Arrivals which deserve special mention is the fine line of Silks I am showing. All the Latest Novelties in the Silk line.

A fine line of Colored Wash Goods. White India Linens, White Nainsooks, White and Figured Dimities etc, etc.

Here are a few specials worthy of your consideration:

SILK SPECIALS

The finest line of Silks ever shown outside of the largest cities. All the high class novelties are shown here at prices that will interest you.

24 inch Black Peau De Soui, a fine soft Silk, the proper kind for skirts, a regular \$1.25 quality—special price..... ~~\$1.25~~ \$1.00 per yd

Finest quality corded wash Silk Regular 65 ct value—at only ~~65c~~ 50 c a yd

Mercerized Foulards looks as well as the finest Foulard Silk, in good washable colors and retains its gloss—at only..... ~~35c~~ 35 c a yd

BARGAINS IN LACES

100 dozen Laces and Insertings to match, values range 7 c to 12½ your choice of the lot at..... ~~12½c~~ 5 cts a yd

5 pieces fine quality white Pique regular 20 ct value—special price only..... ~~20c~~ 12½c a yd

Very sheer quality corded Dimitiv—regular 20 ct values at only 15 cts

SPECIAL TOWEL OFFER.

6 dozen finest quality Bleached Damask Towels, sold regularly at 75c and \$1.00 each, Special sale price **50 and 60c each.**

SAMPLE HANDKERCHIEFS

Finest Quality Pure Linen Embroidered H'd'k'ts., regular 65c and 50c qualities, special offer, your choice for **35c each.**

Several dozen very fine Swiss Handkerchiefs Embroidered and Lace Edges, regular 40c quality, Special price **25c each.**

Another lot of Handkerchiefs Embroidered Edges, regular 15c qualities, it is a sample line, Special **10c each.**

Fine Line Handkerchiefs of good quality White Lawn, wide and narrow Hemstitched Border, regular 8½ and 10c grades, Special offer only **5c each.**

Come and see my new Line of Spring Goods, the best stock by far ever shown here, and at Bargain Prices.

Yours for Bargains,

H. WINKLER Ballinger, Texas

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 correspondents promptly, and will be glad to quote prices and send catalogues to our readers. 21-tf

Concert at K. of P. Hall.

On Friday night, April 15th, Miss Belle Mathes, art and elocution teacher, will give a concert in the K. of P. Hall. The program will consist of two plays by the children, tableaux, pantomimes, etc and will be well worth the small admission price of 25 cents, charged at the door.

—Latest in Mattings, Carpets and Window Shades at J. A. Ostertag & Co's.

**THE
Central Grocery Store**

Is the up-to-date place for Fine Candies.

**KIRKPATRICK &
SLAUGHTER.**

Ballinger Texas.

The city council having appointed Mr. J. McGregor as manager of City Election April 2nd and he having declined to act by reason of assuming new business, I, J. W. Powell, mayor, hereby appoint Mr. C. P. Shepherd as manager of said election.
J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

T. H. Gray, of Crews, was in town Thursday and when he handed the subscription price to the Banner-Leader said "Just keep it coming—I can't do without it," and it made the Banner-Leader man feel good clear down to the soles of his feet.

Guion Gregg, the First National Bank's book-keeper, was in Coleman Thursday attending the Presbytery of the Presbyterian church. Others in attendance were Rev. M. S. Smith and Mrs. A. McGregor.

Thos. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," who was to have been hung in Mexico March 23, was granted a respite of 30 days. April 22 is the date now set for the hanging. He appears indifferent to his fate.

Russia is on the verge of a serious revolution.

Your Opportunity

I'm overloaded on Strychnine—bought an enormous stock—more Strychnine than was ever before brought to Ballinger.

I MUST UNLOAD

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.

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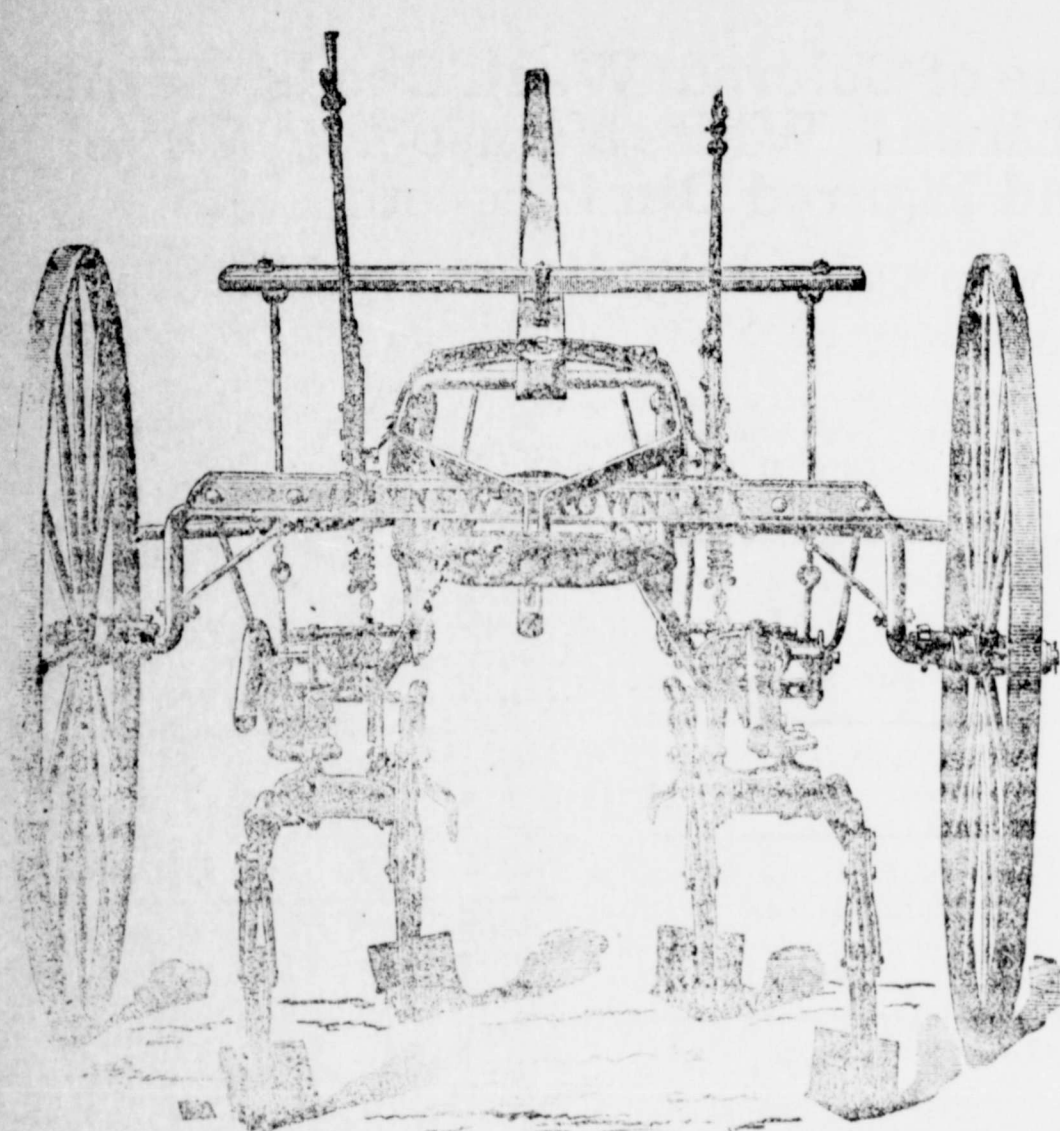
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Lee Maddox

THE IMPLEMENT AND VEHICLE DEALER.

It's nice to be a hero. Schley finding that out, for the citizens of Washington City are raising fund to build him a "modest little home" to cost not less than \$15,000.

The Old Soldiers are preparing for big times at their meeting at Memphis in May. Orders have been given for 30,000 badges and many schemes are under way to advertise the event and entertain the people.

Carnegie may have robbed the people but he is paying the debt as evidenced by his charity subscriptions. He has given away to different causes nearly nine million dollars. He has given libraries to 80 American cities and 26 British cities; has endowed 9 institutions of learning; and in many ways has helped charitable enterprises.

Gen. Funston in the Philippines is planning to capture Aguinaldo. He has intercepted letters and will use the natives as decoys leading Aguinaldo to believe that he and his troops have been captured by the Philippines. At the proper moment he plans to turn the tables and secure the person of the insurgent leader. It is thought this capture would end the struggle.

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

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For further information regarding rates, etc., apply to or address any agent of the company or to
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Ft. Worth, Texas.
D. F. Johnson, Agent,
Brownwood, Texas.



Miles is to have a new drug store as well as a newspaper.

Dr. R. H. Fleming, of Miles, was in our city the first of the week.

—Don't take his word for it. Go and see that Jas. E. Brewer's selection watches can't be beat in Ballinger.

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. 3.

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

Don't kick! If somebody is propping or getting along a little better than you, let him prosper. Don't grunt and grumble; don't kick. Say a good word for him, look pleased, and let it go at that. If you see your town is getting along nicely, feel good about it. Help things along. Shove a little and try to get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a hump on a log and waste your time feeling sore because some other person has had the sand to forge ahead and prosper. Do a little hustling yourself and don't kick. If you are sore and disposed to say something mean, keep your mouth shut. Don't kick. No man ever raised himself up permanently by kicking someone else down. We are helped when we help our brother. Be ready to give a kind word; give it liberally; it won't hurt you a cent, and you may want one yourself some day. If you want to throw something at somebody, let it be roses, bouquets or cologne. Don't throw mud or eggs, and don't kick. However, if you must kick, lead yourself around the barn and take a kick at yourself.—Merkel Mail.

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

France has more than 500 successful women doctors.

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

North Carolina is retrograding. In 1790 she ranked third in population of the States; now she is classed as fifteenth.

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

—Don't buy until you see Jas. E. Brewer's new stock of latest designs in watches. First National Bank Building.

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

—Go-carts at Ostertag's.

A Paying Investment.

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

BASS PRAIRIE DOG POISON

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

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AS. E. BREWER.

Willingham Spoke.

The Banner-Leader clips the following from the Austin Statesman of the 23rd, with reference to what C. H. Willingham had to say before the legislature the previous afternoon:

"Mr. Willingham, speaking for the original committee bill, said he was moved to this course by what had been transpiring at the land office prior to and since the meeting of the legislature. He continued:

"It is not the cattlemen of west Texas who are trying to take the land from the school fund or to rob the children of the state. A man to take the school land and rob the children must have an aider and abettor; and I am here to tell you that the aider and abettor in this instance is the commissioner of the general land office of the state of Texas."

Concluding, he said:
"I want to tell you that unless you open up some of that country to actual settlers who are demanding it, shotgun government will be the rule in west Texas, and God forbid that I should live to see it."

Be cordial to the stranger who visits your town. You may be entertaining angels unawares.

Winkler is soon to enlarge his store and will occupy the entire building 30x120 feet with his dry goods.

The Robert Lee gin has baled 1120 bales of cotton this year, which breaks the record for that town, during one season.

Editor H. A. Shurmon, of Paint Rock, was in town this week looking for business for his paper. The Banner-Leader was pleased to be remembered.

Messrs. G. W. Fields and C. P. Shepherd were in Winters Saturday, the first to take orders for custom made clothing, the latter on insurance business.

Camel Murray, of Paint Rock, was in town Monday attending court. He reported to the Banner-Leader that his town was booming and on a decided up grade.

An expert in the detection of counterfeit bills was in Ballinger Saturday and while here instructed the bank people how to easily detect all currency not genuine.

E. Sumrall, of Robert Lee, a man who believes in keeping up with the times, was in Ballinger Monday to buy a windmill. He purchased an Armoter of Van Pelt & Kirk.

A sweeter charm was lent to the already good music of the Presbyterian choir Sunday morning by the violin accompaniment of Miss Irene Guion and the cornet aid given by Mr. Lope.

March came in with a flurry of wind and sand and the prospects are good for it to go out with the same accompaniment. The middle was not a whit unlike the beginning and ending.

H. A. Shurmon, the Paint Rock editor, has recently killed a quail of pure white color. It is a curiosity, but perhaps it is more remarkable that an editor can shoot straight enough to kill a quail.

Judge Graham, of Robert Lee, has been circulating a subscription list in that town to have the court house square cleaned of brush and rock and to have the streets graded. After several days canvas he had secured \$13.25, according to the Rustler's report.

The Dunlap residence, heretofore used as a boarding house, was sold last week to John Hoffer, who will improve it throughout and occupy it as a residence. He also purchased of J. B. Wilmeth the lot just back of this property and will move his barn on it, giving him more yard room.

As announced in last weeks Banner-Leader officers were elected at the Christian church Sunday morning. They were as follows: C. R. Crews and E. D. Walker, Elders; C. O. Harris, W. A. Norman, W. N. Collier and Robert Newman, Deacons. The church now has preaching every Sunday and is increasing in membership. The pastor, Rev. Shoptaugh, is an earnest, consecrated worker and his services are appreciated.

The visitor to the Presbyterian church could not have been otherwise than pleased with the interior. The overhead work is that which first attracts the eye. Here art and skill have combined and the result is very gratifying. Handsome paneled ceiling and heavy cross timbers are arranged so that they needs be seen to be best appreciated. Then the walls have been recalcimined, the windows repapered, the choir stand enlarged and the looks of the building improved. All of this work was done through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Wylie. A large congregation was present Sunday.

C. S. Woodward spent last Sunday in San Angelo.

R. E. Williams, agent of the Santa Fe in San Angelo, has resigned his position.

Pink Eaton, the ginner at Bronte, has turned out 1268 bales of cotton this season.

Capt. S. M. Woods, representing a Sherman nursery, is here this week soliciting orders.

Miss Maggie Underwood is in Brownwood this week, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Pomp Arnold.

Miss Swafford, of Paint Rock, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Vaughn the past week.

Oscar Pearson and wife were in Winters Saturday, where he was buying horses for army purposes.

Prof. Ireland and Dr. W. S. Starkey, of Waco, were in Ballinger the first of the week looking for land to buy.

Mrs. Mary Hunt Odum went to Galveston the first of the week to visit with her sons who are in business there.

The Woodman Camp has rented a part of the upper story of the J. A. Ostertag building and will hereafter meet there regularly.

R. L. Maddox and City Secretary, P. McGregor, each received new roll top desks this week. They are both as pretty as a picture.

W. D. Currier, the chief man on the Miles Messenger, was in Ballinger Monday and of course his business was in the interest of his paper.

Brownwood is planning to put in a system of sewerage. It is a wise move and the plan should be followed by a number of smaller towns.

Rev. A. F. Bowden is making arrangements to move within the next ten days to Runnels county and engage in farming near Ballinger.—Brownwood Bulletin.

T. S. Lankford will occupy the entire building, upstairs and down, the lower floor of which he is already using, for his saddlery and harness store. The Banner-Leader is glad to see this evidence of growth.

Abb McElrath, former editor and owner of the Santa Anna News, was a Ballinger visitor Monday. At present he is living as a "retired newspaper man" but as he said to the Banner-Leader "that don't pay board, long" and we may hear of him getting in harness again before long.

The many friends of Owen Ratliff regret that he has decided to leave the city and locate elsewhere. He left Sunday night for Miles, where he goes to open a drug store. Owen was one of our very best young men and will always be welcome should he decide to return.—Santa Anna News.

This editor may be different from other men and he may not, but the time of year has come when he longs to take rod in hand and spend a season on the sunny side of some secluded stream striving to snare suckers. In plain English we would enjoy going fishing. How many can hold up their hands and say "me, too."

One old Ballinger darkey has the right idea about the smallpox scare. He remarked, the other day, to one of our druggists: "Say, boss—dey ain't no use in bein' skeered at dis heah smallpox. If all de folks 'ud be vashelnd lak dey ought to be, den dey wouldn't hab nothing but a light case ob celluloid if dey was to ketch it."

The first number of the Santa Anna News, under its new management, has reached our exchange table. The Banner-Leader is glad to claim Cyrus Tunnel, its editor, as a friend, and recommends him to Santa Anna people as being thoroughly honest and reliable and an experienced newspaper man. We wish him the success he justly deserves.

The contract was let to Jno. F. Drew Saturday by G. F. Schroeter for the erection of a 30x120 foot stone building on the lot adjoining Rutherford & Harper's store. The contract at present calls only for one story, but a stock company is being formed to build a second story to this and to the building adjoining and use the upper story for a city hall. This will be done shortly from present indications.

"Bassoon," the musical critic on the San Angelo Standard, is having trouble with the Salvation Army people. During their recent visit to his town they held a meeting near his music room and between the bass drum, the other instruments and the singing, he found it impossible to instruct his pupils. He advised the "army" to move and they did, but they filed complaint against "Bassoon" for disturbing public worship. The trial is set for next week.

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.

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NEXT DOOR TO WINKLER.

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Dr. T. E. Butler is sporting a new Embree-McLean single buggy.

Sam M. Parks was in Brownwood Monday looking after business interests.

Miss Alice Thomas left this week for Amarillo where she will visit the family of an uncle.

A letter was received this week saying that Estelle Underwood, who is visiting in Brownwood, is quite ill. Miss Maggie left Monday for her bedside.

The postoffice will be greatly improved on April 1st by the addition of sixty new lock boxes of late pattern, to accommodate the increasing patronage.

Attorney Jno. I. Guion and M. C. Smith went to Austin Tuesday to attend to important legal matters. Master David Guion accompanied his father.

Messrs. L. W. Smith and W. A. Knight, Hunt county citizens, are here this week looking up a location. Mr. Knight was a citizen of this county years ago and is now returning to his first love.

Max Lange arrived in Ballinger this week from an extended trip to his Fatherland, Germany. He has a number of interesting incidents and episodes to relate and he can always find a group of eager listeners.

H. Nesbitt, the one price-cash house man of Winters, was in Ballinger Tuesday and left a verbal order for stationery with the Banner-Leader. We always strive to give satisfaction and if it isn't right we make it right.

The Robert Lee and Ballinger stage route has been let the past week to J. M. Young of London, Ky., who in turn will sublet it to the highest bidder. This policy of subletting routes, the Banner-Leader learns, will be abandoned at no very distant date and contractors will be required to live along the line. This new plan has already been adopted in nearly all the states except Texas.

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Elgin and Waltham watches are what I sell. They can't be beat. ASA CORDILL.

D. H. Bowen, a good citizen of the Wingate country, was in town Thursday.

Judge J. M. Crosson is one of those who attended Presbytery at Coleman Thursday.

Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh, of Ballinger, will assist in the installation of M. E. Chappel, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Brownwood, Sunday, hence there will be no services in the Cumberland church here that day.

J. R. McVay says he has the finest, smartest boy in the land, at his house. He is a newcomer and will likely bear the name J. R. Jr. The Banner-Leader wishes the young gentleman long life and happiness, sprinkled with the necessary amount of prosperity.

Mrs. J. M. Weaver died Monday night at the home of her father, D. Forbus, near Norton. Messrs. Ray and Snellgrove, neighbors, came to Ballinger after the coffin. Mrs. Weaver was a victim of consumption. She was buried Tuesday afternoon in the New Prospect church cemetery.

It might occur to some of the Banner Leader readers that, judging by the locals, the majority of our people are leaving town and that they never return. Such isn't the case, however, for they do come back, but our reporter says his conscience won't permit him to meet the 12.26 a. m. train, hence he misses quite a number of items of people returning.

Some curious facts were revealed to the Banner Leader man in a recent conversation with Postmaster Cady. One was that one of the richest men in this county had never used even a call box but asks for his mail at the general delivery window, while a negro working on his place pays for a lock box regularly and will have no other. It sounds queer, doesn't it, but it's true.

Gasoline Engines

Are being used more and more every day. If you want the best and most economical engine, write to F. F. Collins Mfg. Co., of San Antonio, Texas, for catalogue of their "Springfeld." They have all sizes from 1 to 50 horse power, either Stationary or Mounted on Wheels. 21 tf

Having sold out my interest in the Barber Business to J. A. Dancer I want to thank the people of this county for their patronage in the past and hope that you will continue to patronize Mr. Dancer. Will say that I would like to have a settlement with all indebted to me, next week.

Very Respt,
JOHN McCAMANT.

—Finest line of watches in Ballinger at Asa Cordill's.

Regular services morning and night at the Methodist church Sunday. The public invited to attend.

The first two Sundays in April Rev. F. M. Gilliam, of Brownwood, will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in this city.

In Dr. T. H. P. Duncan's contest for the greatest number of sentences "eyes tested free by Dr. Duncan" written on a postal card, Miss Thiele, of Miles, won first prize, a pair of \$10 glasses, and Mrs. Padgett of this city won second prize, a \$5.00 pair of glasses. Miss Thiele wrote the sentence 475 times on one postal card.

J. N. Darnell came up from Coleman last week to arrange about opening a boarding house in the Dunlap residence, but the sale of that property to Mr. Hoffer disconcerted his plans and he is now figuring on another deal of the same nature, which is not yet ready to be made public. The Banner-Leader would be pleased to see Mr. Darnell in business here for we know him to be O. K. in every sense of the term.

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