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More Goods
For Same
Money.

We Save You Dollars;

Same Goods
For Less
Money.

It's for you to say how many.

COME SEE FOR YOURSELF: We submit to the verdict of your judgement our right to your patronage. There's a full measure of truth goes with every advertisement of BRIN'S ONE PRICE CASH DRY GOODS HOUSE. We never misrepresent; We never buy trash; therefore, we never sell trash. Bear this in mind.

Linen Colored Batistes, with dots of various colors, the seasons most popular Dress fabrics, worth 25c, our price

15c yd

Elegant Line of Soft Sheen Zephyrs, suitable for shirt waists and dresses, worth 15c, our price

10c yd

Large Line of Percales, large range of beautiful patterns, value 12½c, our price

9c yd

New Styles Printed Batistes, stripes and figures on white and tinted grounds, regular price all over 12½c yd, our price

9c yd

Nice Quality White Dimity, value 12½c, our price

8 1-3c yd

Do you do silk embroidering or silk crocheting? We have just received a full line of Belding's silks, the best known make for all fancy work. Come and see.

Have you seen our beautiful line of Ladies Ready Made Silk Shirt Waists? Latest styles, newest colorings, prices within the reach of all.

Large line of Ladies Crash, Pique and Duck Skirts, they fit right, look right and are right. We save you time and labor making these, for we sell them cheaper than you can make them.

Shirts' Shirts!! Shirts!!! All styles, all kinds for men and boys. Prices 25 per cent cheaper than you have ever seen before.

Men's, Boy's and Children's clothing newest styles, best make, they all bear Brin's Popular Low Prices.

Our Millinery is giving great satisfaction. Our trimmings are the latest and best, our prices the lowest. Brin's happy combination: High Quality, Low Prices.

BRIN'S ONE PRICE CASH DRY GOODS HOUSE makes your seventy-five cents look like a dollar. It's easy to match a price, but not so easy to equal quality. Price for Price, Quality for Quality, we can't be matched. Follow the crowd here and you'll have money in your pocket that wouldn't be there if you bought elsewhere. Yours for economy and sold satisfaction,

BRIN'S,

Ballinger's Only One Price Strictly Cash Dry Goods House. Lee Maddox
Old stand, 8th Street, Ballinger, Texas.

SPECIAL SALE

OF

Men's Suits and Pants.

Now is the opportune time to supply yourself with a suit or pair of pants at a lower price than you ever had the chance to buy them before.

My stock of Suits and Pants is an entirely new one, all of this season's make and represent the best Clothing Values ever offered in Ballinger.

I want to reduce my Clothing Stock quickly, hence I make the following

Radical Cut in Prices

Sale Commences Saturday, May 11th and will Continue 15 Days

\$15.00	Men's Suits	Reduced to	\$11.50
\$12.00	Men's Suits	Reduced to	\$9.50
\$10.00	Men's Suits	Reduced to	\$7.50
\$8.50	Men's Suits	Reduced to	\$6.50
\$7.50	Men's Suits	Reduced to	\$5.75
\$5.00	Men's Pants	Reduced to	\$3.90
\$4.00	Men's Pants	Reduced to	\$3.25
\$3.50	Men's Pants	Reduced to	\$2.65
\$3.00	Men's Pants	Reduced to	\$2.25
2.50	Men's Pants	Reduced to	1.85

This is a regular snap and you should not wait long. Come at once and make your selection before line of sizes is broken. Yours for Bargains,

H. WIKLER

Ballinger, Texas.

Messrs. C. K. Gwinn, C. O. Harris, J. W. Powell and W. A. Norman are at home from the Texas "Klondyke," the Beaumont oil fields. They are seemingly of one accord in the opinion that the time for safe speculation in and around Beaumont is past. Everything has a fictitious value, sky high, but falling. Lands valued at \$35,000 an acre a week ago are now on the market at \$20,000, with few purchasers. There is the same rush, the same crowd, the same fever, but the wise are turning loose and selling. The reason for this is that the Standard Oil Co. has secured at least three of the gushers and practically controls the output, sale and marketing of the oil, hence the little man will soon be crushed and forced to sell at whatever figures this octopus chooses to offer. In Beaumont the streets are crowded, the hotels are running over, the banks are weeks behind, the postoffice knee deep in mail and the telegraph office snowed under. Texas has never seen anything like it. The business men and capitalists of America are there or have their representatives on the ground. It is a well dressed, good humored crowd of fine-looking people and the man who goes to Beaumont will have something to talk about the rest of his days, if he doesn't make a cent.

Howard Henly returned this week from San Antonio and is again at work at Reed's stable. He is glad to get back and his friends are equally as glad to see him.

Guion Gregg has resigned his position with the First National Bank and will enter the study of law under the direction of Judge Jno. I. Guion.

Who has moved? The Banner-Leader. Where? Up-stairs in the Sam Mapes building. Why? Cooler place, more room, less rent.

L. Markowitz returned Monday night from Galveston where he bought a brand new stock of dry goods at less than 50 cents on the dollar.

Harry Thomson is no longer with L. Markowitz & Bro., having accepted a position with the First National Bank as book-keeper.

—Screen doors at Lee Maddox. —Fire or life insurance—phone No. 125.

J. W. Francis has resigned his position with John Hoffer, the grocer.

R. H. Nesbitt and son, of Winters, were in Ballinger Thursday trading.

Steve Francis, of Maverick, was watching the progress of Ballinger Thursday.

Crosson Miller left Wednesday for east Texas to visit his father, C. R. Miller.

B. F. Starnes, of Edgewood, is in Ballinger the guest of his brother, Prof. J. A. Starnes.

L. Markowitz has returned from Galveston. While away he purchased an elegant, stylish and up-to-date bankrupt stock of general dry goods at ridiculously low figures, getting the entire lot, fixtures and all, for much less than the wholesale cost. This stock is of entirely new goods bought and opened up in Galveston since the great storm. He will add these goods to his already immense stock, in fact is receiving them now, and will sell them at prices never equalled in Ballinger. This is no fairy tale—the goods are there to speak for themselves and the prices will convince you. He expects to do the biggest business this spring and summer he has ever done and the people who trade with him will save big money on every purchase. Look at the goods, price them, and be your own judge as to whether or not they are bargains. Look for his ad next week in these columns.

—Screen Doors—any style at bed rock prices. Call on Lee Maddox.

A Number of Inquiries.

In remitting to the Banner-Leader the Collins Man'g Co., of San Antonio say: "We have had quite a number of inquiries from your locality in response to the locals published in your paper, and you may continue them until we change or stop them." Here is proof positive of the value of the Banner-Leader as an advertising medium.

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EVERY SATURDAY.

Subscription \$1.00 per Annum.

HARVEY F. MAYES,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Published at the Postoffice at Ballinger as second class matter.

Subscribers failing to receive the Banner-Leader each week will please notify us at once.

The date opposite your name on the address label indicates the time up to which your subscription is paid; if not correct please notify us at once.

Santa Fe Train Service.

Passenger Trains:

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

Local Trains:

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

The difference in being poor and being rich is about the same as being hungry and having colic.

A printer on the Santa Anna Mountaineer, Col. Crockett Boone, has filled editorial sanctums in thirty five states.

Rev. D. M. West has sold the Santa Anna News to Will H. Mayes, of Brownwood, who will continue the publication.

Coleman has organized a gun club with twenty-four members, bought two new traps and ordered three thousand clay targets. San Angelo and Ballinger are warned to look out.

John Hobson, charged with assault to murder in the Territory, and a man named Franklin, charged with burglary sawed out of their cells in the jail at San Angelo and made their escape.

A western paper is responsible for the statement that a young man there received a letter from his girl telling him to look under the stamp. After he had finally gotten this removed, he read: "Was it hard to get it off?"

The story of his experience with a balky horse, as told by a farmer, is going the rounds of the exchanges:

One day I was driving him along the railroad, and just as we got on the crossing he balked. At first I was afraid a train would come along. After awhile I didn't care whether one came along or not, and in an hour I was afraid one wouldn't come along; I prayed for one. Pretty soon I saw one coming. It made me smile. When the engineer whistled for me to get off the track I laughed. I climbed out of the buggy, leaned against the fence, and waited. The balky horse went that time. He was distributed along the track for two hundred yards. And the old buggy and harness looked so comical. I never had so much fun since I was a boy. I sued that railroad company for \$700 and the jury gave me \$727.50.

"I have been suffering from Dyspepsia for the past twenty years and have been unable after trying all preparations and physicians to get any relief. After taking one bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure I found relief and am now in better health than I have been for twenty years. I can not praise Kodol Dyspepsia Cure too highly." Thus writes Mrs. C. W. Roberts, North Creek, Ark.—E D Walker. 5.

Tale of a Stamp.

I'm a stamp—
A postage stamp—
A two-center;
Don't want to brag,
But I was never
Licked,
Except once;
By a gentleman, too;
He put me on
To a good thing;
It was an envelope—
Pertumed, pink, square.
I've been stuck on
That envelope
Ever since
He dropped us—
The envelope and me—
Through a slot in a dark box;
But we were rescued
By a mail clerk.
More's the pity;
He hit me an awful
Smash with a hammer;
It left my face
Black and blue;
Then I went on a long
Journey
Of two days;
And when we arrived—
The pink envelope and me—
We were presented
To a perfect love
Of a girl,
With the stunningest pair
Of blue eyes
That ever blinked;
Say, she's a dream!
Well, she mutilated
The pink envelope
And tore one corner
Of me off
With a hairpin;
Then she read what
Was inside
The pink envelope.
I never saw a girl blush
So beautifully!
I would be stuck
On her if I could.
Well, she placed
The writing back
In the pink envelope;
Then she kissed me.
Oh, you little godlets!
Her lips were ripe
As cherries
And warm
As the summer sun.
We—
The pink envelope and me—
Are now
Nestling snugly
In her bosom;
We can hear
Her heart throb;
When it goes fastest
She takes us out
And kisses me.
Oh, say,
This is great!
I'm glad
I'm a stamp—
A two-center.

—Ohio State Journal.

If people only knew what we know about Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, it would be used in nearly every household, as there are few people who do not suffer from a feeling of fullness after eating, belching, flatulence, sour stomach or water brash, caused by indigestion or dyspepsia. A preparation such as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which, with no aid from the stomach, will digest your food, certainly can't help but do you good.—E D Walker. 5

We ought to think our fathers and mothers married their ideals.

For Whooping-Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis, or Consumption, no medicine equals Ballards Horehound Syrup. Price 25 and 50 cents. At E D Walker's Drug Store. 5

LOSL.—Baby pin with chain attached. Name Bertha engraved on pin. Please leave at Banner-Leader office. 5

The Banner-Leader found a Buyer.

Brownwood Apr. 6, 1901.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER,

Ballinger,

Dear Sir:

Please discontinue my ad in your paper. The ad brought me a buyer and several letters.

Yours truly,
W. T. HOSKINSON.

You are much more liable to disease when your liver and bowels do not act properly. De Witt's Little Early Risers remove the cause of disease.—E. D. Walker. 5

He who conquers his prejudices has achieved a great victory.

"Our little girl was unconscious from strangulation during a sudden and terrible attack of croup. I quickly secured a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure, giving her three doses. The croup was mastered and our little darling speedily recovered." So writes A L Spafford, Chester, Mich.—E D Walker. 5

Tyler is shipping strawberries by the carload to northern points.

The least in quantity and most in quality describes De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous pills for constipation and liver complaints.—E D Walker. 5

There are 3828 millionaires in the United States and these own and control one-fifth of the nation's entire wealth.

De Witt's Little Early Risers search the remotest parts of the bowels and remove the impurities speedily with no discomfort. They are famous for their efficacy. Easy to take, never gripe.—E D Walker. 5

The jail at New Brauntels is said to be without an inmate and the county has never had a delinquent tax list.

Skin affections will readily disappear by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Look out for counterfeiters. If you get De Witt's you get good results. It is the quick and positive cure for piles.—E D Walker. 5

The city of Jacksonville, Fla, is in ashes, 10,000 people are homeless and \$11,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire Saturday. Something near 150 blocks of business houses and residences were destroyed. The fire originated from a live electric wire.

Mr. W. J. Baxter, of North Brook, N. C. says he suffered with piles for fifteen years with no good results until he used De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve and that quickly cured him.—E D Walker. 5

Sam Jones, the Georgia evangelist, is in Texas and in writing to the Atlanta Journal says, among other things: "It seems to me that I have looked at more good land in the past week than I ever saw before in any two weeks of my travels. If I was a young man in Georgia or any of the old states, I would come to Texas as soon as I could marshal my assets."

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS—Take your plates and films to W. C. Church. He will finish them cheaper than you can do it yourself. 5

"COMPETITION"

Competition is the life of trade, and we are ready to meet "it." Our Companies have no equals doing business in Texas. They have the largest capital to back them, always adjust a loss promptly and satisfactorily.

We challenge investigation. When you need insurance of any kind give us a call.

C. P. SHEPHERD & CO.

Office Over Ostertag Bldg, Phone 125.

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.

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

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas, Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of Business on Saturday May 4th, 1901. In calling for these letters please say advertised, giving date of this list. H. A. CADY, P. M.

Bankhead, Dr. G. G.
Bushong, Reed.
Campbell, D. L.
Duncan, Dr. T. H. P.
Harrison, Dr. J. W.
Huldenheim, Chas. M.
Kierbow, W. H.
Maddox, Jack.
McAlister, E. F.
Peeples, J. W.
Shirfer, Mr.
Smith, F. O.
Wright, Rev. John.
Wright, Dr. L. C.
Young, W. A.

Auntie Billious.

Druggist—"Pills, eh! Anti-bilious, I suppose." Child—"No, sir; uncle is." Druggist—"Well, if uncle is bilious, he don't need pills. What he wants is a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is guaranteed to cure constipation and all stomach troubles. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 5

Green bugs are damaging and destroying small grain crops in North Texas.

—Baby carriages—all sorts, all prices at J. A. Ostertag & Co's.

Cicero Smith at Mineral Wells.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—Mr. Cicero Smith of this city has let the contract to Mr. Holt of Strawn for the erection of a dam one mile north of Mineral Wells, to be 83 feet at the base and 3000 feet long, which when completed will make a reservoir of about twenty acres of water, and will insure an abundant supply of water for city purpose. Work was begun this morning.

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion. Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, and all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price 50 and 75 cents. At E D Walker's Drug Store. 5

Most women are jealous of their husbands, and nine out of ten of the good ladies are probably right.

Struck Oil.

A lucky strike was made by the physician in Illinois who discovered the formula of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Lucky for all sufferers from dyspepsia, constipation, stomach and bowel troubles. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store, 5

FOUND—Bunch of Keys. Owner can have same by describing, and paying for this notice. Call on Banner-Leader.

A REAL
GRAPHOPHONE
..FOR..
\$5.00



Simple
Clever
Modern
No
Noisy
Vibrating
Durable
attractive

NO BOTHER, MUCH FUN
All the Wonders and Pleasures of a
High-Priced Talking Machine.

When accompanied by a Record the
Graphophone can be used to make Records.
Price with Recorder, \$7.50. Reproduces
the standard Records. Send order and money
to our nearest office.

COLUMBIA PHONOGRAPH CO. Dept. 22
NEW YORK, 119-115 Broadway.
CHICAGO, 88 Wabash Ave.
ST. LOUIS, 720-714 Olive St.
WASHINGTON, 919 Pennsylvania Ave.
PHILADELPHIA, 1032 Chestnut St.
BALTIMORE, 119 E. Baltimore St.
BUFFALO, 319 Main St.
SAN FRANCISCO, 105 Geary St.
LONDON, PARIS, BERLIN.

Ft. Worth & Rio Grande Railway

The Great Southwestern outlet for Ft. Worth trade. The Ideal Live Stock Route, to cattle markets and the Indian Territory. Time and expense saved shipper over this route. The shortest and most direct route from points in the San Angelo country to all points

NORTH, EAST AND WEST

Via Brownwood and Ft. Worth Ft. W. R. G. train No. 4 leaving Brownwood at 10 o'clock p. m. has a Pullman Buffet Sleeper Car and is an ideal train for the public as it arrives in Ft. Worth before departure of any of the early morning trains on other lines.

For further information regarding rates, etc. apply to or address any agent of the company or to

L. B. Comer, G. P. A.,
Ft. Worth Texas.
D. F. Johnson, Agent,
Brownwood, Texas.

\$30.75 Railroad
Fare
4.50 Sleeper
Fare
\$35.25

The total cost of a trip to California, including Double Berth in Through Pullman Tourist Sleeper, via

SANTA FE ROUTE

Tourist Sleepers afford every comfort and convenience provided for in standard Pullman Sleepers. A glorious trip to the Golden West through a country of historic and romantic interest.

For complete information address any Santa Fe agent or

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A.,
Galveston.

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

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

As the hot weather of summer is approaching this paper will constantly keep before its readers Teethina, a remedy which, where known, is being universally used to prevent and counteract the effects of warm weather upon small children, and it is hoped that all mothers of this community will keep their children in a healthful condition by giving it, for it costs only 25 cents at druggists; or mail 25 cents to C. J. Moffett, M. D., St. Louis, Mo.

Wall Paper
J. Y. PEARCE.

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

Our 'phone is still No 27.

You will Never be Sorry

For doing your level best.
For your faith in humanity.
For being kind to the poor.
For hearing before judging.
For thinking before speaking.
For being candid and frank.
For discounting the tale bearer.
For being loyal to the preacher.
For standing by your principals.
For stopping your ears to gossip.
For asking pardon when in error.
For the influence of high motives.
For bridling a slanderous tongue.
For being generous with an enemy.
For being square in business deals.
For sympathizing with the oppressed.

Nothing to Do.

The most melancholy thing in this world is the plaint of the man who has nothing to do—the jack of all trades, who, through parental negligence, self-indolence, incapacity for advancement, or other unfortunate circumstances did not in early youth fit himself for a permanent vocation. To such an one existence holds none of those pleasures for which we live, and when the shears of fate cut the tent rope of life he who has been thus buffeted by cruel adversity is laid away unwept, unhonored, unsung. The weariness of soul that doth attach itself to beyond the reach and ken of mortals upon whom fortune has smiled, but as the morning steals upon the night meeting the darkness, so do these poor creatures follow close upon the heels of hope until the hour arriveth when the spirit hath no more power and glory is a dream of the past, never to be realized on earth.—Ex.

Many a fair young child, whose pallor has puzzled the mother, until she has suspected rightly her darling was troubled with worms, has regained the rosy hue of health with a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. Price 25cts. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

As a practical joke the liquor dealers of Abingdon, Massachusetts, nominated a preacher for constable. The reverend gentleman enlisted a few of his church people in his cause and was triumphantly elected, and now declares that the laws in regard to Sunday closing must be rigidly observed.

Nothing has ever been produced to equal or compare with Taber's Buckeye Pile Ointment as a curative and healing application for Piles, Fissures, blind and bleeding, external or internal, and Itching and Bleeding of the Rectum. The relief is immediate and cure infallible. Price 50 cts. in bottle, tubes 75 cents.—At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Our little sister Ballinger on last Monday night experienced the pleasure of having her streets illuminated with electricity. The Ballinger electric light plant is a success.—Standard.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sick Headache, Sore Throat Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pain and inflammation. The most penetrating liniment in the world. Price 25 and 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A Good Thing, Push It Along.

We have a good stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries—as good as can be found in Ballinger. Our prices are low enough. Our salesmen are polite and accommodating. Our delivery of goods prompt. We are enjoying a splendid trade but can handle more. Can't we serve you during 1901. * * *

Yours, for groceries
MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Eczema Can Be Cured.

Remick's Eczema Cure and Remick's Pepsin Blood Tonic will cure the most obstinate case. At E. D. Walker's.

Oklahoma City is also troubled with an oil excitement and five companies have organized in that place to bore for oil at once. Three of the companies are composed of farmers who will develop their own property.

In Constipation Herbinic affords a natural, healthful remedy, acting promptly. A few small doses will usually be found to regulate the excretory functions that they are able to operate without any aid whatever. Price 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

"I wish you would come home earlier," said a woman to her husband; "I'm afraid to stay alone. I always imagine there's somebody in the house, but when you come I know there ain't."

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. 21-11

This anecdote is going the rounds of the press: One day when Senator Hanna reached the top of the White House stairs blowing and wheezing from the exertion of climbing a friend said: "Hanna, why don't you get the President to put in an elevator?" Hanna laughingly answered: "Well I suggested it to the President, but he remarked he noticed I got here just the same."

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

Beaumont now has eleven oil "gushers."

Efforts are being made to increase the strength of our standing army to 75,000 men by August 1st.

The new paper at Santa Anna is agitating the question of changing the name of the town to Santanna.

The Banner-Leader has moyed

GENTLEMEN!



SEVENTEEN JEWELLED

Have you seen the late Elgin Watch Movements? They are beauties. Asa Cordill is carrying a full line of them. Ask to see the 1901 Models in Elgin Movements, he will be pleased to show them and will give you better prices than you can get elsewhere. He has sold several of these High Grade Movements and is anxious for you to see them.

SAFER AND BETTER.

Never send money by mail. A bank draft is always safer; it is also better in other ways. We sell the draft; they are good throughout the United States and Canada. Our charges are very low. Will allow interest on time deposits. * * *

The W. C. PARKS BANKING COMPANY.

Mark Twain says: "It is not always easy to stand prosperity—another man's I mean." It is still harder to see your friends and neighbors rejoicing in good health, while you don't even dare to eat boiled cabbage. Take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Keep your stomach and bowels in order. Eat what you like and envy no one. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

A New York City Attorney has demanded the removal from office of Magistrate Joseph Pool on the grounds of cruelty, carelessness and incompetency. In support of his charges he cites several ridiculous decisions of the Justice, some of which are as follows:

He rendered a decision that a robin is a wild beast; released a prisoner charged with stealing lobsters after a long lecture on boiling lobsters alive; hurled his gavel at a negro prisoner; sentenced a tramp to be bathed in hot water at a temperature of 180 degrees Far; rendered a decision that one shirt is not "baggage" but that two shirts are; declared that the court room bible was a breeder of disease; discharged prisoners charged with being drunk and told the policeman he was "redheaded." Pool's eccentric rulings have long been a subject of merriment in the daily press and mortification to Bench and Bar.

The Octopus.

One tentacle gripping the stomach, another tickling the heart, a third fumbling around the liver, tightening their hold every hour—dyspepsia is the monster that does all this and worse. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will make it let go mighty quick. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

Our memory is usually something that should be taxed more.

"Nerve Waste."

One of the most helpful books on nerve weakness ever issued is that entitled "Nerve Waste," by Dr. Sawyer of San Francisco, now in its fifth thousand. This work of an experienced and reputable physician is in agreeable contrast to the vast sum of false teaching which prevails on this interesting subject. It abounds in carefully considered and practical advice, and has the two great merits of wisdom and sincerity. It is endorsed by both the religious and secular press. The Chicago Advance says: "A perusal of the book and the application of its principles will put health, hope and heart into thousands of lives that are now suffering through nervous impairment."

The book is \$1.00 by mail, postpaid. One of the most interesting chapters—Chapter xx, on Nerves and Nerve Tonics—has been printed separately as a sample chapter, and will be sent to any address for stamp by the publishers, The Pacific Pub Co., Box 2658, San Francisco.

Grasshoppers are taking Brown and Coleman counties and the farmers are holding meetings to rid themselves of these pests. As yet Runnels county is not troubled with this plague.

—Asa Cordill has more than one hundred watches for your inspection.

Six thousand years have passed since our fallen Adam gathered apples in the garden of Eden. If he had lived "up-to-date" with \$2 pay for his service, counting 360 days in a commercial year, without spending a single cent of his salary, he would have in the bank \$4,320,000, and still this would not equal Carnegie with \$16,000,000 a year, or Rockefeller, who can easily give a check for \$20,000,000 a year.—Ex.

The friends of the Banner-Leader will find us in new quarters.

—Nickle alarm clocks at Asa Cordill's.

Wingate items.
 I have seen anything from
 of our village for some
 we will try, in the most
 words at our command to
 the many readers of the
 just a little of what is
 on, as our grandpa has
 one fishing and will not be back
 this week and grandpa has gone
 visiting.

Everybody is feeling good
 over the good rain that fell Mon-
 day, which will put the wheat
 and oats, etc, in fine shape, all of
 which are looking fine though a
 little late on account of the recent
 cold snaps.

Mr. Robt. Lynn a former mer-
 chant at this place, but now of
 Dora, was on our streets Saturday
 and Sunday shaking hands with
 his many friends here.

Mr. Robt Gannaway of Winters
 was over Monday on business.

Miss Emma Lankford, one of
 Ballinger's charming belles, is
 visiting friends and relatives in
 our town this week. Come again
 Miss Emma.

Dr. Hagins, of Dora, was on
 our streets Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ethel Moore leaves Satur-
 day for an indefinite visit to
 friends and relatives of Carlton.
 We hope to see her back again
 soon.

Mr. Henry King attended
 court at Ballinger Monday and
 Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Hendry, who
 has been visiting relatives in
 Georgia and other eastern parts
 for the past eight months, return-
 ed home last week.

Mr. Albert Arnett, of Hill Co.,
 is out on an extended visit to his
 sister, Mrs. Belle Gannaway, of
 near here.

Mr. T. J. Rawls, our carpenter,
 is over on Oak Creek this week,
 superintending the erection of a
 house for Mr. Gentry which will
 take some little time. However
 we hope to see him back again
 soon.

Mr. V. A. Roberts, one of our
 business men, was seen coming
 down the street the other day
 with such a broad smile on his
 face that he attracted consider-
 able attention. Upon being asked
 what it was all about, all that he
 could say was that it is a boy.

Dr. McNutt will move from
 our midst in a few days. He
 hasn't decided yet where he will
 locate again. His place here will
 be filled by Dr. Wyatt from Palo
 Pinto county.

Quite a number of our young
 people assembled themselves at
 the hospitable home of Mr. and
 Mrs. Smithson Saturday night
 and enjoyed themselves until a
 late hour in various games. Fol-
 lowing are a part of those who
 attended: Chum Cathey and Miss
 Agnes Townsend, Earl Moore
 and Miss Minnie Gannaway, Ab
 Gannaway and Miss Cynthia
 Dean, Dr. Agins and Miss Iva
 Lynn, Albert Arnett and Miss
 Anna Gannaway, Jeff Rawls and
 Miss Ethel Moore.

After Sunday School last Sun-
 day quite a number of our young
 people, the writer being among
 the number, wended their way to
 the hospitable home of that big-
 hearted Mr. Mc. D. Townsend and
 partook of one of the most sumptu-
 ous dinners that we have had
 in a long time. Miss Agnes deserv-
 es special praise for being such a
 good cook. After dinner the
 carriage and buggies were brought
 round and after all were nicely
 coupled off they struck a bee
 line for New Hope school house,
 getting there just in time to hear
 the last verses of the song which
 opened the Sunday School. After
 Sunday School the choir assem-
 bled and with their melodious
 voices and by the aid of a new

organ sung some of the sweetest
 songs we have heard in a long
 time. Following are the names
 of those who composed the happy
 party: Misses Cynthia Dean,
 Emma Lankford, Minnie Ganna-
 way, Ethel Moore, Anna Ganna-
 way, Agnes Townsend, and
 Messrs. Bob Gannaway, Earl
 Moore, Chum Cathey, Ab Ganna-
 way, Bud Townsend and Jeff
 Rawls.

I started to say that was all but
 no. Not being satisfied with that
 good dinner and our trip to New
 Hope, we started out again on
 Monday, landing a mile or two
 south of here on fish creek and
 just such another fish try as we
 did have! You ought to have
 been there for that fish was just
 simply immense. In the evening
 just as we were beginning to en-
 joy ourselves the most a loud clap
 of thunder just over our heads
 warned us that it was going to
 rain and we turned our faces
 homeward.

More anon. REX.

Need Name.

MR. BANNER MAN:

My last letter was not a Wing-
 gate item. In fact this place did
 not have a name then This
 place is five miles south of the
 great place, Wingate, which is
 destined to be the hog eye of the
 world.

I have no words to throw at a
 stripling and God's anointed.
 For the present I will call this
 place "Need Name."

My statement of wheat and
 oats was good at the time. I had
 not been out to see any crop but
 mine, and my wheat was better
 than at this time last year and I
 thrashed 21 bu per acre then.
 My wheat is in full head.

Mr. Banner man if you should
 come out this way stop and spend
 the night, we will be glad to see
 you. Let the Banner come, the
 wheel will come soon. SAUL.

Thanks for the kind invitation
 Brer. Saul, and if the editor gets
 out that way again you will sure
 have him as a visitor.—EDITOR.

Just received a Car Load of
SCREEN Doors and
 Window Frames,
 You will save money by figuring
 with us before buying.
 CICERO SMITH.

Content News.

We have had a few little show-
 ers this week, but need a good
 rain yet.

Dr. J. M. Smith and H. T.
 Edgar were in Ballinger Monday.
 Prof. Webb was in Ballinger
 last Saturday.

Messrs. P. Warnica and Tom
 Rosson were in Abilene this week.
 Mr. C. W. Miller was in Ballin-
 ger first of the week.

Mr. Paul Hamons and Misses
 Cordie and Carrie Bright, Mr.
 Jim Hamons and Miss Ollie War-
 nica attended an ice cream supper
 at Atoka Saturday night.

Mr. Chance Sargent has been
 dangerously ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wood-
 row are the proud parents of a
 fine 10 lb boy. Mother and baby
 are doing well but Mr. Woodrow
 is so overjoyed that it may be
 some time before he recovers.

Mr. C. L. Snyder, a stockman of
 Eldorado, passed through Con-
 tent this week with 770 head of
 cattle, and a lot of unbranded
 calves.

Mr. Terry Counts and Miss
 Bettie Sistrunk were married last
 Sunday, Esq. Troller officiating.
 We extend congratulations and
 wish the young people unbounded
 success.

Mrs. Josie Husie, age 23, died
 at ten o'clock last Saturday,
 at the home of her brother-in-law,

Mr. J. M. Lewis, living near
 Crews. Her remains were brought
 to Content for burial Sunday.
 Mrs. Husie's home is in San An-
 gelo.

Mr. Editor come up the 12th to
 our memorial exercises.

ASSOCIATE.

The editor appreciates the kind
 invitation and while not able to
 accept at this time, will visit
 Content and Associate a little
 later.—Ed.

T. E. Moore, storekeeper and
 postmaster at Wingate, was in to
 see the Banner-Leader Wednes-
 day and before he could escape
 we got our pumping apparatus
 into operation extracting the fol-
 lowing from him. "One of the
 needs of Wingate right now is a
 hotel, where prospectors, visitors,
 and drummers can get a square
 meal and a comfortable bed. This
 was especially noticed when the
 crowd of Palo Pinto county pros-
 pectors were in town a few days
 ago. The people did the best
 they could for them, but room is
 scarce. People who visit Wing-
 gate on business are sometimes
 compelled to stay all night and
 not many citizens are prepared to
 accommodate them. Besides this,
 a hotel would pay here. Dr. Mc-
 Nutt has moved from Wingate and
 his place is supplied by Dr. Wyatt,
 recently from Palo Pinto county,
 a nice gentleman, and a good
 physician." The Banner-Leader
 appreciates a visit from its friends
 and readers and always is ready
 to accord them a hearty welcome.

Reports have reached the Ban-
 ner-Leader of an ice cream sup-
 per at Winters last Saturday
 night which came near eclipsing
 anything of the kind given before.
 A good amount was realized
 from the supper and it will be
 used to fence in the two lots be-
 longing to the Winters band. The
 Banner-Leader is pleased to see
 this evidence of public spirit on
 the part of Winters citizens.

Hall on the Panhandle.

In a speech at a banquet given
 to the New York business men in
 Dallas, Hon. R. W. Hall of Ver-
 non, Tex., said:

It has been said that our coun-
 try is not a farming country.
 That statement is not true. We
 raise finer corn than Illinois;
 better wheat than Nebraska, and
 more oats than Carter had. We
 can raise anything from a cockle
 burr to a Malaga grape, from a
 sorghum stack to a cyclone, from
 a grasshopper to an oil derrick,
 from a horned frog to a short-
 horned cow, from kaffir corn to a
 railroad donation, and raise it
 bigger and better, quicker and
 more of it than any place on
 earth.

We can raise a bale of cotton to
 the acre by chopping it once, and
 working it on a riding cultivator
 under an umbrella after that. We
 have been awarded the premium
 on cotton every time we have
 sent a bale to the Dallas fair. My
 town shipped over three million
 bushels of wheat one season and
 didn't even brag about it. We
 can raise anything on earth ex-
 cept tombstones, political con-
 tests, church rows, mulatto ne-
 groes, hell and the dead. Our air
 is too pure for the first, our poli-
 tics too pure for the second, our
 religion too pure for the third,
 our morals too pure for the fourth,
 Sister Nation is running a mono-
 poly on the hell-raising busi-
 ness and we don't have any dead.
 People don't die in the Panhandle
 though they sometimes get killed.

We have the greatest oil coun-
 try in Texas, too. We struck oil
 long before Beaumont was a vil-

Your Watch isn't
 the best unless it's

An Elgin.

I have the Newest Model
 High Grade Kind.....

JAS. E. BREWER.



R. A. HALL
 President

T. WARD
 Vice President

J. MCGREGOR
 Sec. and Treas

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Hall Hardware Co.,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Are in the market for your patronage
 in Hardware, Implements, Wagons,
 Buggies, Windmills, Piping, Glass-
 ware, Queensware and china. Get
 our prices before buying.....

Can We Serve You In Our Line?

Rutherford & Harper,

DEALERS IN

Staple and Fancy Groceries

First class Meat Market in Connection
 MEATS OF ALL KINDS

Just 'phone us your orders and Tom Osteen and Ernest Panich will
 do the rest. Will be delivered at all times except Sunday.

lage, and I am here to tell you
 that is the best oil the world ever
 saw. However, we don't call it
 oil, we call it Panhandle beef
 gravy. Its lubricating qualities
 have kept the wheels of commerce
 greased and rolling for over a
 quarter of a century, and by its
 illuminating powers it is to-night
 brightening millions of homes in
 all parts of the earth. Every
 kitchen is a refinery and you can
 burn it and eat it also. A Stan-
 dard oil magnate on 'change can't
 corner it. It takes a Texas cow-
 boy on the hurricane deck of a
 bronco to do that. It is inex-
 haustible, for it will gush as long
 as our crystal waters continue to
 flow and our sicken grasses con-
 tinue to grow.

Joseph Cook has very pithily
 said that the five greatest things
 of the age begin with the letter P,
 namely: politics, the police, the
 press, the parlor, and the pulpit,
 to which I have added the Pan-
 handle, and which contains the best
 of all the others.

If the visitors from New York
 do not know all about the Alamo
 and about heroic happenings
 which have occurred in Texas, it
 is not the fault of the Texas or-
 ators. They will, however, excuse
 us if we have mentioned these
 matters rather often. We are
 proud of the Alamo and all other
 things our orators have talked
 about. Besides we know there
 is no other State in the Union
 which has had as great and sen-
 sational existence as this, the best
 State in the Union.—News.

Your temper will improve if
 you will put in screen doors. For
 sale by Lee Maddox.



HOW TO GET THERE.

THE GREAT
 PAN-AMERICAN
 EXPOSITION
 At Buffalo, N. Y., May 1st to No-
 vember 1st, 1901.

DETAILS

With which you should be thor-
 oughly acquainted, are:
 TIME, SERVICE, EQUIPMENT,
 CONNECTIONS, THROUGH CARS,
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Complete Information Gladly
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Santa Fe Route,

OF W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A.
 Galveston.

Texas state Pharmaceutical and
 State Dental Association, Sher-
 man, Tex. Excursion rates. Sell
 May 13th and 14th.

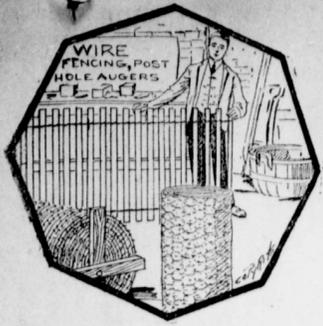
General Assembly of the Pres-
 byterian Church in United States,
 Little Rock, Ark. One fare for
 round trip. Dates of sale May
 14, 15 and 16th.

Texas Bankers Association,
 Houston, Tex. One and one
 third fare for round trip. Dates
 of sale May 13th 1901.

Meeting Mexican War Veter-
 ans, Ft Worth, Texas. \$6.70 for
 round trip. Dates of sale May 20.

Northwest Texas Conference
 M. E. church, Hillsboro, Tex.
 One and one third fare for round
 trip. Dates of sale May 15th and
 16th.

Great Council of Texas Improved
 Order of Red Men, Dallas
 Texas. \$7.75 for round trip.
 Date of sale May 13th.



LOOK TO THE FENCES

before turning stock out to pasture. It will save time and money later.

Materials for repairs or new work are plentiful, good and not high priced. We have received a new lot of

Woven and Barbed Fence Wire, Fencing Tools, Poultry Netting, Nails, Staples.

These are only a few of the things in our immense stock of Hardware. We can furnish goods for house, garden, farm or workshop at lowest prices.

VAN PELT & KIRK.

DR. R. L. MOORE,

—Physician and Surgeon.—

Special attention given to diseases peculiar to women. All calls promptly answered day or night.

Crews - - Texas.

MOVED—We have moved to rooms in the rear of the First National Bank, where we will be pleased to serve our friends who desire something in land, contracts written, abstracts made, etc. Call on us.

LANGÉ & DOOSE.

From Bryan's Paper.

The figures of the Chinese indemnity look like the capital stock of a steel trust.

Captain Carter's health will not be regained until he is free to dig up his planted swag and divide it with his tireless lawyers.

The Boers are a very valuable people if their worth can be estimated by the amount England is spending to secure the ownership of them.

A number of this country's industrial infants exhibit symptoms of indigestion, superinduced by too high living at the expense of the general public.

A young man in Baltimore offers to raffle himself off provided he can sell two thousand tickets at five dollars apiece. He has probably heard that marriage is a lottery, but he is doomed to disappointment if he thinks any girl will pay five dollars for a chance at him.

The Cuban representatives who visit Washington discover that there is a great deal of difference between official courtesy and political support. The administration can be "personally friendly" without abandoning its imperialistic plans. In an empire the delegations sent by subjects to the seat of government are generally treated with great civility, especially if the petition is certain to be denied.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned in Coke or Runnels counties, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gathering pecans, working stock or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

G. G. ODOM,
2811 Ft. Chadbourne, Tex.

H. H. Hadly and Nicholas Gross, young men representing the Western Photo and View Co., of Waco, have been working Ballinger a week or more in the interest of their Company. A few days ago they hired a rig for half a day, bargaining with the negro at the stable to get it for two dollars. They overstayed their time and returning tendered the \$2.00 but were told by Reed, the liveryman, that another \$1.00 was necessary. This they refused to pay. One thing brought on another, culminating in a fight between Reed and the young men Monday at the depot as they were leaving town. All three were battered and bruised, it being a knock-down and drag out affair with no interference from those present, Reed taking them one at a time. The particulars have been freely discussed on the streets and in the court room and it isn't necessary to mention them here. The young men went on to Coleman but were brought back standing trial on three charges Thursday, pistol carrying and two affrays. In the first case Hadly was found guilty and fined \$25 and costs, and the other two cases were dismissed by agreement. Reed plead guilty. The young men appear to be gentlemen, but they made a mistake by not paying the dollar asked. It's cheaper. The prosecution was by Stone and Shepherd and the defence by Smith and Spencer.

Future prospects seem bright for the man who is fortunate enough to own a good farm or ranch. The tendency of the young men of the country to rush to the cities and battle with the fierce competition that besets the workers in every line, will, in years to come, incline many of these men, sadder but wiser, to again turn their faces toward the comfort and quiet to be found only in farm life. When the wild speculation in inflated stock subsides with the collapse of the bubbles, there will be more liberal investments in farming and ranch lands. Prices then will feel a healthy boom and the owners who have kept faith with some good section of mother earth will reap their reward.—Drover's Journal.

The district Epworth League Conference met in Coleman Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The meeting was rousing, enthusiastic and largely attended. Delegates were present from all parts of the district. Those in attendance from Ballinger were Rev. W. A. Manly and wife, Misses Adrienne Truly, Mary Miller, Edna Sharp, Messrs. C. P. Shepherd and Harry Sharp. The next meeting will be held in Blanket a year hence, despite the fact that Ballinger tried hard to get it.

The opera house is a "sure thing." Everything is settled, the specifications in, the timbers ordered, the contract being figured on, and the stock company is now speculating on the chances to secure Sarah Bernhardt or Paderewski for an opening engagement. Ballinger is all right! She will have the finest opera house west of Fort Worth and big enough to accommodate any sort of a crowd.

The Ballinger band has secured the services of Fritz Ernst, its former leader, has sent him a ticket, and in a few days the melodious sounds from the band will be heard again. Several new instruments are to be added and new life put into the work. We will shortly have a band excelled only by those in large cities.

Unapproached and Unapproachable

FOR

SPRING and SUMMER STYLES

Our New Stock now in and arriving daily is the cream of the Eastern markets carefully selected and judiciously bought by careful and experienced buyers, who study to please the wants of our

Friends and Customers.

Nothing has been left undone, no expense spared to spread before you a choice selection of

Fine, Fancy, Fresh, Fashionable Fabrics,
Suitable for Spring and Summer Suits.

Our line of White Goods and Embroideries—is in a word

COMPLETE

Nothing has been overlooked in this department.

Ladies and Childrens Lines are full and Choice.

Mens, Boys and Youths—Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Ties and Notions are represented in the Newest and Latest designs.

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

It is unsatisfactory to describe

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,

L. MARKWITZ & BRO.

Just received a Car Load of
SCREEN Doors and Window Frames.
You will save money by figuring with us before buying.
CICERO SMITH.

The pastors of the different churches held a meeting this week and decided to hold a union revival right away, and sent Rev. Fitzhugh to Dallas to get the tent. On his return they again met, but this time postponed the revival until the first Sunday in July.

J. L. Teer, a Wingate merchant, was in to see the Banner-Leader Friday. He tells us that parties were in his town when he left figuring on opening a hardware and furniture store there.

County court has been in session this week. Nothing doing, though.

Dr. J. F. Riggs, the dentist, will be in Ballinger May 17th.

The honorable commissioner's court meets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKenzie have a new arrival at their home—a ten pound daughter.

C. C. Cockrell, of the Banner-Leader has gone to Leon county to look after landed interests.

Tax assessor W. T. Padgett says he has assessed 160 men within the Winters township. Winters is growing.

The new stamps, souvenirs of the Buffalo exposition are out and are beauties. Postmaster Cady will have a full supply.

The Banner-Leader is prepared, with new type and the latest cards, to print ladies' or gentlemen's calling cards. Prices reasonable. Samples shown.

For

NICE LAP ROBES,
FINE BUGGY WHIPS,
BUGGY TRIMMINGS,
CUSHIONS and CURTAINS

Call on

T. S. LANKFORD,

The Saddle and Harness Man.

His shop is the place to have your buggy top mended, your harness repaired and overhauled. All work done promptly.

—Keep out flies and mosquitos. Lee Maddox has the screen doors.

Services at the Methodist church Sunday night. No services Sunday morning, except Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Ellen Perkins left Friday night for Ballinger, on a visit to her sisters, Mesdames Butler and Spencer. She was accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jannette Perkins.—Brownwood News

—Get Asa Cordill's prices on 15, 17 and 21 Jewel Elgin watches.

Banner-Leader, \$1.00 per year
Old papers—20cts per 100.

WALL PAPER SEASON

Is here. I have absolutely the largest and finest line of Wall Paper ever shown in the West.

Over 5000 Rolls

in stock and another big shipment enroute. Patterns at 5c a roll up. Special inducements to those who buy in quantity. The paper is in stock, not sold by samples. Whether you wish to buy or not look at my stock. Latest Patterns, Handsome Designs, Fine Paper. No trouble to show goods.....

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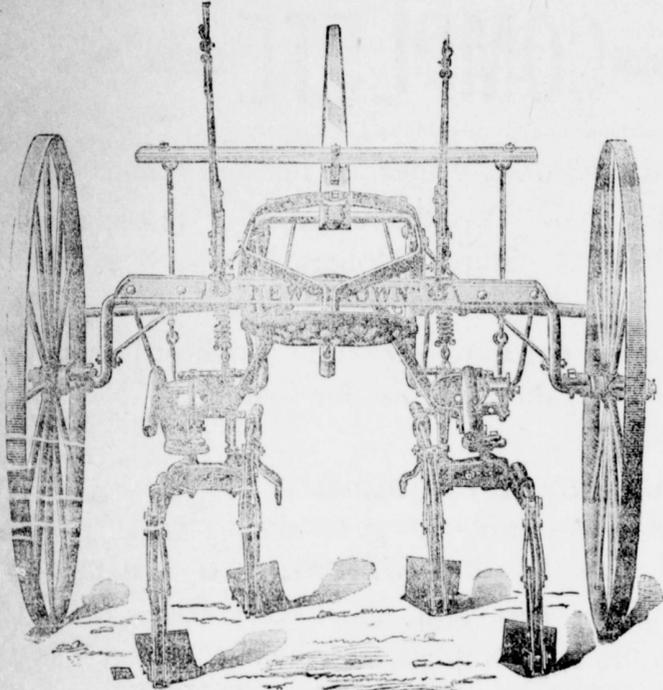
E. D. Walker

Wall Paper Paints, Oil and Varnish.

Taking The Weather.

Im in the Implement business, not for my health, but when it comes to qualit and prices on.....

IMPLEMENTS, BUGGIES and WAGONS,



I can give you goods and figures that will pay you to give me your trade. This is not a statement, only, but a fact which I'd be pleased to have you.....

INVESTIGATE.



LEEMADDOX

BALLINGER'S IMPLEMENT DEALER.

The Banner Leader is located up stairs now.

Ex-president Kruger proposes to visit the United States in October.

President McKinley has passed through Texas on his way to the Pacific coast. At all points where stops were made he was most heartily and enthusiastically greeted by throngs of people.

The French government demand of China an indemnity of \$327,000,000. When the bills of Germany, Russia and America are filed the total amount will more than bankrupt even China.

The state athletic association held a meeting in Austin and the university team with 76 points to their credit were easy victors. Baylor came second with 21 points, Add Ran 13 and Southwestern 7.

While the special train that brought the New Yorkers to San Angelo was waiting on the track here, some vandal with an iron instrument of some kind scratched one side of the nine cars the whole length of the train. The man in charge of the train said it would cost a dollar an inch to repair the damage or about \$3,500 for the entire train. This was one thing not in the program and is a most unfortunate and regrettable occurrence, and not to San Angelo's credit in the least.—Standard.

Advertise in the Banner-Leader, it pays.

There never was a man but who could stand a whole lot of flattery.

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

An act passed by the legislature defines a legal fence law as follows: Three strans of barbed wire, the top at least four feet from the ground, post thirty feet apart, with one or more stays between them; or pickets four feet and not more than four inches apart; when boards or rails are used there shall not be less than three boards not less than five inches wide and one inch thick, or four rails; all fences not to be less than four feet high. Effective July 7th, 1901.

Funston—the Man from Kansas.

William Allen White will contribute to an early number of the Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, a striking anecdotal article on "Fighting Fred" Funston the man who captured Agumaldo. This is a second of a series of remarkable character studies by this brilliant journalist now appearing in The Saturday Evening Post.

Mr. White will also contribute to early numbers of the magazine an unusually interesting short serial story dealing with Kansas life.

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

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

A Grasshopper Remedy.

The Farm and Ranch offers this means of destroying grasshoppers: Take a shallow tin pan, about two feet wide, five or six feet long, divided into compartments by low partitions and having a tin back two feet or more high and arranged on runners, so that when drawn by man or horse the pan will run close to the ground. A little kerosene is placed in the bottom of the pan. The hopper, scared up, strikes the tin back, falls into the pan, and that is the last of him.

A rough estimate of the cost of constructing the Nicaragua canal, recently surveyed and staked out, places the amount at \$210,000,000.

Just received a Car Load of

SCREEN Doors and Window Frames.

You will save money by figuring with us before buying.

CICERO SMITH.

Men who would be directly or indirectly effected financially by the death of J. Pierpont Morgan have taken out insurance on his life in order to retrench themselves in case of his death. This method is practiced not a little.

In Texas and Louisiana there are forty-three rice mills, while in Georgia and the Carolinas, where rice has been a regular feature crop for more than one hundred years, there are only nine. The southwest is late starting, but it is making up for time lost.

Germany is secretly constructing submarine boats and the public is thereby set to guessing.

A Dark Picture.

The half tone portraits in some of those Northern papers who brag on their press work remind one of nothing so much as the picture of a very black nigger trying to catch a black cat in a dark cellar at midnight by the dark of the moon.—Post.

The St Louis business men are now in the state and they, too, are being banqueted and feasted and made much of at every town they honor with their presence.

A \$20,000 stock company has been organized in Connecticut to raise Angora cats. It is said some of these animals sell for from \$10 to \$500 as pets and that their pelts sell for 50 cents.

Saturday half of Lufkin was destroyed by fire. In the loss were seventeen business houses, four hotels, three restaurants, four warehouses and a number of residences.

A sneak thief stole some articles from a residence in South McAlester and a few days later returned them with a note saying he could not use them. He also apologized for troubling the man.

T. R. Nesbit and Bert Dellinger and their families have gone to Miles Station, Mr. Nesbit to take charge of the section out there and Mr. Dellinger to work for him. We regret to lose these good families from our community.—Mullin Messenger.

—Buy a Seth Thomas clock from Asa Cordill.

A wife is usually known as the better half, but some act as if they were the whole thing.

You take a dose of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin tonight and get up with a clear head tomorrow. At ED Walker's Drug Store. 5

Even if we have many rocks it is no sign we own the whole earth.

Watch and Jewelry work—first class and guaranteed—JAS. E. BREWER.

The San Angelo Lumber Company, managed by the Carey-Lombard Lumber Company, with Chicago headquarters, is now one of San Angelo's institutions, Mr. J. A. Burley being in charge. The local manager is no stranger in this section, having been located at Ballinger since 1890. The new lumber yard has received yard ground opposite March Bros. and the court house and has already begun to receive its stock, to which it will add as soon as the railroad will bring it in.—Standard.

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

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

—Best watchwork done by Asa Cordill.

Up-stairs, across the street from the post office—that's the Banner-Leader's new location.

—See Asa Cordill's line of jewelry.

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

C. P. SHEPHERD,
Attorney-At-Law
BALLINGER TEXAS.
OFFICE WITH C. H. WILLINGHAM,
Over the Ostertag Building.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
(Business Established in 1879.)
BALLINGER, TEXAS.
Real Estate Agent, Abstractor
and Conveyancer.
Owner of Complete Abstracts of
Title to Lands in Runnels and
Concho Counties

G. W. Wilson,
Blacksmith & Woodworker
Every Job Guaranteed
Experts in Horseshoeing;
Prices Very Reasonable;
Your Patronage Solicited.

BALLINGER - MILLING - CO.
Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted
Corn Meal.

COTTON GIN IN CONNECTION
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—Latest in Matings, Carpets and
Window Shades at J. A. Ostertag
& Co's.

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.

My son, Lester, got a grain of
popcorn in his left ear when 2
years old, and the doctors gouged
at it and did not get it out; the
ear discharged pus for some 12
years; he has been totally deaf in
it all this time—16 years, for he
is now 18. I brought him to Dr.
Broiles, the specialist, one week
ago and he tested his ears and
found him deaf, but today, to
our utter astonishment, we can
stop up his good ear and he hears
good out of the diseased ear, and
the medicines used have cured
the inflammation and we are
all so overjoyed that we want to
tell of this wonderful cure.—S.
Titsworth.

Five years ago a Mr. Freeman
traded a team of ponies to a Beau-
mont gambler for \$1000 on 175
acres of land near that city. This
week he got about \$90,000 for his
land.

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. 21-1f

Ab McElrath has established a
paper, the Mountaineer, at Santa
Anna. This makes two papers
for that little burg, a town scarce-
ly large enough to support one
comfortably.

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 cata-
logue of their "Springgeld."
They have all sizes from 1 to 50
horse power, either Stationary
or Mounted on Wheels. 21-1f

Abilene suffered from a fire last
week, losing Pratt's warehouse,
the damage amounting to about
\$4000.

Miss Lee Thom on visited
friends in Santa Anna Sunday.

Harry E. Sharp spent Sunday
in Coleman attending the League
conference.

H. Winkler, wife and children,
were the guests of Coleman
friends Sunday.

Miss Callie Stocks, of Miles,
visited home folks in Ballinger
Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Hendricks, the Miles
stockman and farmer, was a Bal-
linger guest Saturday.

W. D. Carrier, the Miles Mes-
senger rustler, was soliciting Bal-
linger business Monday.

Miss Ada Thomas, of Blanket,
is in the city this week the guest
of Mrs. M. G. Hodnette.

An oil meeting is to be held at
the court house to day. Parties
interested should be present.

W. D. Carrier, the Miles Mes-
senger man, has moved his fami-
ly from Brownwood to Miles.

Mr. John Hoffer, the grocer,
has lately repainted his home
place and improved it greatly.

Charlie McInturff, a brakeman
on the Santa Fe out of Cleburne,
is here this week visiting his
mother.

The H. Winkler store building
is being lengthened to 120 feet.
This is the fourth time it has been
extended.

Miss Minnie Wilke left Satur-
day afternoon for Waco to visit
friends. She will remain away
several weeks.

Foster Ryan returned to Bal-
linger Friday night, having com-
pleted his course in the Ft Worth
business college.

Holt Smith, the capable young
manager of the Temple Grocer
Co. concern here, spent Sunday in
Brownwood with relatives.

Mrs. C. L. McCartney after a
visit with her parents, Judge and
Mrs. J. M. Crosson, returned Sat-
urday to her Brownwood home.

An advertisement in the Ban-
ner-Leader pays, as you will see
by referring to the letter in an-
other column from W. T. Hoskin-
son, of Brownwood.

W. M. Smiley, of near Winters,
was in the city the first of the
week. He has recently invested
heavily in Winters realty and
will move there shortly.

Mrs. V. L. Grady, after a pleas-
ant visit with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. F. Miles, returned Sat-
urday to Santa Anna. Her sister,
Miss Hattie, accompanied her.

A couple of gentlemen were in
Ballinger the first of the week
from an eastern county. Their
mission was to secure concessions
in an oil district which they have
located. The Banner-Leader is
not at liberty to give names and
places but knowing personally
the men and having heard their
reasons for believing oil is here in
abundance, we are confident that
we, too, will shortly be in the
midst of an oil excitement, simi-
lar to the one at Beaumont.

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

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.
Send your Laundry to the
Brownwood Steam Laundry
Basket leaves Tuesday night and
returns Saturday mornings. Work
called for and delivered. Leave
orders at Lee & Pike's "Up-to-
date" Barber Shop.

—Go-carts at Ostertag's.

J. A. OSTERTAG & CO,
Furniture and House Furnishing Goods.
Undertaking a Specialty.
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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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Good well of water, plenty of wood, comfortable clean camp
houses and stalls for your teams. Try the Central
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of
all the
People
Suffer
from a
Diseased
Liver.**

HERBINE.
Pure Juices from Natural Roots.
REGULATES the Liver, Stomach and Bowels,
Cleanses the System, Purifies the Blood.
CURES Malaria, Biliousness, Constipation,
Weak Stomach and Impaired Digestion.
Every Bottle Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction.
LARGE BOTTLE, - SMALL DOSE.
Price, 50 Cents.
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis, Mo.

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The famous San Antonio City Beer x x x Pearl in Keg and Texas
Pride in Bottles is sold here by P. J. Baron, J. J. Hubbard, H. Scott,
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as eager for your trade as when we com-
menced, several years ago. Our business has
prospered and to-day we are in a position to
sell you anything usually found in a first-class
Grocery Store. When you need anything in
our line come to see us. We guarantee you
all the courtesies warranted by safe business
methods and if we fail to sell you, we will
still be friends.....*
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Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health

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Rev. J. M. Cumbie, of Coke Co., was a Ballinger guest this week.

Messrs. Globber & Shaw are now delivering meat to their customers.

Misses Nannie and Lizzie Turner, of Wingate, were the charming guests of Ballinger friends this week.

W. J. Turner, of Wingate, returned Sunday night from a month's visit to eastern portions of the state.

Dr. C. A. McBeth, of Maverick, was in Tuesday. He never fails to speak a good word for his section of Runnels county.

John Pechecek has moved his blacksmith shop further down Hutchins avenue and has made a twenty-foot addition to it.

Whitt Patterson, manager of the Markowitz house at Winters, was here Tuesday. He says Winters is still the best town in the county.

Thirty-five cars of cattle, two train loads, were shipped from Ballinger Tuesday to Tulsa, I. T., by Jay Forsythe. They were Thomson cattle.

Rev. Fitzhugh was in Dallas Wednesday to secure a gospel tent in which to hold a big union revival in Ballinger. The object and result of his trip is stated in another part of this paper.

—Import Shipment of Matting. J. A. OSTERTAG & Co.

T. J. Webb, the Maverick ranchman, was in Ballinger Wednesday.

Among those who bought of Ballinger merchants this week was Mr. Hammock, of Robert Lee.

Jim Allen, the Norton farmer and stockman, went to Waco Tuesday with the ex-confederates.

J. C. Swift and Miss Cora are in Waco, delegates to the ex-confederate reunion now in session there.

Mr. Jay Forsythe, of the territory, has been here this week looking after the shipment of cattle.

H. D. Pearce and daughter, Miss Birdie, left Wednesday for Waco to attend the state reunion of southern veterans.

Mrs. Fletcher, who has been the guest of the family of J. F. Drew, returned Wednesday to her home in Lampasas.

Messrs. W. R. Pruet and W. L. Thomlin, were in town Wednesday and made the Banner-Leader an appreciated call. They live in one of the best portions of Coke county.

The Banner-Leader writer from Paint Rock sends in this week an extended write-up of a picnic near there. The time was thoroughly enjoyed by the immense crowd present. In the evening Mr. and Mr. Jno. Smith gave the young people a dance and this in turn was also enjoyed as only young people can enjoy.

The W. C. Parks & Co. bank has changed its title to the W. C. Parks Banking Co., with the following officers. W. C. Parks, President; J. B. Wilmeth, Vice President; R. A. Hall, Cashier; and Sam Parks, assistant cashier. This policy was decided upon at a meeting of the directors the latter part of April. This is a strong institution, doing a splendid business, and has safe and conservative men at its head.

The Ballinger Lumber Co. is well stocked on shingles.

Judge Jno. I. Guion left again Monday for Beaumont.

W. H. Saxon and wife have a fine baby boy at their home.

Rev. Hicks preached to the congregation at the Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. A. F. Bowden filled the Methodist pulpit Sunday in absence of the pastor.

Don't forget that the Banner-Leader is now occupying the upstairs of the Sam Mapes building.

Miss Mary Miller attended the district Epworth League conference at Coleman, returning home Monday night.

Miss Hermia Smith, who has been teaching a large music class at Goldthwaite, is expected home to night to remain during the summer.

Mr. Allen Mills, late of Leon county, will locate in Runnels county, concluding rightly that this is one of the best fields for investment in the state.

LOST—A gold stick-pin, nine pearls and an opal. Lost between Methodist church and home about three weeks ago. Reward for return to C. R. CREWS.

Rev. D. M. West, the Baptist pastor, has accepted the call to Ballinger and will move his family here shortly from Santa Anna. The parsonage is completed and ready for occupancy.

Blunt Earl, of Leon county, has moved to Runnels county with his family. He comes from one of the best families of eastern Texas and will make an acceptable addition to our citizenship.

STRAYED or STOLEN—A fine game rooster last Saturday night. Reward for return and no questions asked.

J. O. LEE, the barber.

FOR SALE—two lots 30x140 each, good box house two rooms and hall, water works, shrubbery, good storm house. A desirable place. Call on J. A. DANCER.

The Mays-Beaumont Oil Co.,

Is an institution organized under the laws of Texas, by the business men of SAN ANGELO, TEXAS,

Its officers consisting of Dr. C. E. Mays, President; M. B. Pulliam, Vice President; Major A. A. DeBerry, Treasurer; J. G. Murphy, Secretary.

The board of Directors and their occupation is as follows: C. E. Mays, physician and capitalist; M. L. Mertz, president of the San Angelo Nat. Bank and large cattleman; Chas. W. Hobbs, Vice President of the San Angelo Bank and wool Commission Merchant; M. B. Pulliam, one of the largest cattlemen and land owners in Texas. Major A. A. DeBerry, cashier of the San Angelo Nat. Bank; H. Wiggins, dentist and capitalist; T. C. Wynn, lawyer and president of the San Angelo Water Works Co.; John Findlater, Jr., hardware merchant; Milton Mays, County Judge of Tom Green County; and C. Palmer, of the firm of Hill & Palmer, of San Antonio, the largest purchasers of wool in Texas.

The object of the Company is to develop oil in the Beaumont District. The Company has purchased in fee simple 50 acres of land within five miles of the City of Beaumont, and

On a direct line running North-West from the gushers,in the direction of Sour Lake....

This location is considered by U. S. Geologist Hill and ex-State Geologist Cummings, to be in the center of the Beaumont Oil Fields, and under the direction of Mr. Cummings, a well is now going down within a few hundred yards of the Company's 50 acre tract.

The Company is capitalized at \$200,000, divided into 20,000 shares at a par value of \$10 for each share.

For the purpose of boring wells and developing the property, the directors have placed on sale *At \$2.50 Per Share*, a limited number of shares, and reserve the right to advance the price at any time.

The above are plain facts, without any "windy" statements, of which we respectfully solicit your consideration.

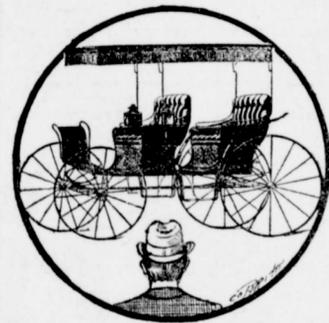
No application will be considered for less than four shares. Receipts for stock will be furnished upon application to the Secretary at San Angelo, Texas.

Respectfully,

THE MAYS-BEAUMONT OIL CO.,

By J. G. MURPHY, Secretary.

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Has for years made the study of chronic diseases his chief business, and he has so mastered the system of Diagnosis that he rarely makes a mistake in either the nature of the disease or the treatment which should be applied to each particular patient. There are hundreds of Patent Medicine Concerns whose chief business is to secure money from the people. They put up all kinds of nostrums and recommend them to cure all kinds of diseases. From such medicines many people have received more injury than benefit. Do not think for a moment DR. BROILES countenances any such methods. He first looks carefully into the nature of the trouble from which the patient may be suffering and then prescribes the proper remedies to be put up and compounded by the local druggist, and very rarely is the same remedy used for more than one person as there are wide differences of diagnosis in nearly all different cases. He makes a specialty of Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Scrofula, Rheumatism, Eczema or Tetter, and all Blood or Skin Diseases, Diabetes and all Diseases of the Kidneys, Heart Disease, Indigestion and all Diseases of the Stomach and Liver, Fissure, Rupture, Piles and Fistula cured without the knife or Detention from Business. Private diseases of men and all diseases of women.

Consultation Free and Strictly Confidential.

He Has Established Permanent Offices As Follows:

Lampasas, Lion Drugstore every Monday.
Goldthwaite Barton Drugstore every Tuesday
Brownwood, Renfro Bros Drugstore every Wednesday.

Coleman, Coulsons Drugstore every Thursday.
Ballinger, Pearce Drugstore every Friday.
San Angelo Concho Drugstore every Saturday.