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WEEK'S DOINGS AT THE COUNTY CAPITOL

Records Reveal Real Estate Activity.—Death and Birth Records Show Healthy County.—Marriages Are Slow.

The death and birth reports as kept by the county clerk, make quite a remarkable showing for the year 1912. Beginning January 1, 1912, and ending December 31, 1912, there have been but 44 deaths reported to said office, and 230 births, which shows an increase of humanity to be for in the majority of the mortality rate. There are, however, quite a numb of biths, but not so many deaths, that are never reported to the county clerk, and possibly as many that are never reported to any authority at all, despite the fact that the law strictly requires such to be done. All doctors and undertakers should be more particular in this respect in order to avoid posecution under the law.

Real Estate Transfers.

L. A. Bedford et ux to J. B. Hartley, lot 5, in block 1, of the Tinkle addition to the town of Winters, consideration \$200.00.

W. H. Rodgers et ux to Arthur Brian, 120 acres of land out of C. T. Ry. Co., survey No. 67, consideration \$2,500.

Jas. P. Cogsdell to G. L. Green, 62x215 feet out of Mitchel Fitzpatrick survey, in the town of Winters, consideration \$600.00.

R. J. Gresham to Jas. P. Cogsdell, 62x215 feet out of the Michael Fitzpatrick survey, in Winters, consideration, \$600.00.

D. L. Ray et ux to E. H. Kirby, lots 9, 8, and 13 off of lot No. 7 in block A, Murray's East End addition to the town of Winters, consideration \$20,869.72.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER LEAVE BALLINGER.

Under Uncle Sam's civil service rules, one employ is allowed to exchange positions with another, and this week a deal was closed between W. L. Ray, assistant postmaster at Ballinger, with D. A. Sweet, of Victor, Colorado, and Mr. Ray will go to that place and Mr. Sweet will come here. Mr. Ray left last Sunday for his new home and Mr. Sweet will arrive here in a few days.

W. W. owler to E. L. Rasbury, a portion of a 1-55x100 acre tract of land in the town of Ballinger, consideration \$250.00.

E. L. Rasbury to the city of Ballinger, being a portion of a 1-55-100 acre tract of land in the city of Ballinger, consideration \$1.00 and that said city build and maintain City Park on said land.

W. F. Street et ux to Charles S. Miller, 225 acres of land out of the A. Lessassier survey No. 174, consideration \$3,000 and other consideration.

T. M. Wilson et ux to J. L. Faubion, part of section No. 22, H. & G. N. Ry Co, consideration \$3,200.

T. M. Wilson et ux to J. L. Faubion, lot No 1 in block No. 7, of the town of Norton, consideration \$700.00

J. Bert Willis et ux to J. A. Willis, part of block G in Boykin's first additon to the town of Miles, consideration \$1,250.

J. J. Raley et ux to J. C. Street, Lot, No 2 in block No. 12, original town of Miles, also 25x110 feet in same plat, consideration \$600.00.

W. C. Carpenter to Josie Gouden 157 acres out of N. Taylor surveys 363 and 363, consideration \$1,500.00.

W. E. Hall et ux to J. P. Murrach 640 acres of land out of H. T. & B. Ry Co survey No 45, consideration Continued on Page Five.

PRINTING FIRM SELLS BUSINESS.

We have sold to the Banner-Leader Publishing Co., our job printing business, including our complete files, books, records and good will to take effect on the evening of November 7th, 1912, and on or after that date we will take no more work.

We feel in turning over our business to this firm that they are able to take the same good care of their business that we have tried to do by giving careful attention to the work offered them. We ask our old customers to give our successor their business, believing that it will be taken care of in the same way which we have tried to do.

REEVES PRINTING CO.

By W. C. Reeves.

WILL ELLIS DRIVING CAR NO. 177.

W. L. Ellis is the proud possessor of a new Buick car, about the prettiest car in town, purchased a few days ago from the Higginbotham Currie-Williams Company. The car bears the number 177, which indicates the number of cars in Runnels county.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN HURT.

J. A. Hays, the popular Justice of the Peace at Blackwell, happened to a painful accident last Saturday, when he fell and broke an arm. The accident has caused him much pain, he is getting along nicely.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Mr. Hays formerly lived in Ballinger and has many friends here who will regret to read of his misfortune. He is a brother to H. G. Hays, who lives just south of town a few miles.

BURGLARS WORK AT SWEETWATER.

According to the Sweetwater Reporter burglars made a raid on the Santa Fe depot at that place last Friday night and secured about \$10.00 in cash. The agent had just stepped out to get his breakfast and the robbery took place while he was absent, just a short while before daylight.

WRITES FOR PICTURE OF THE BALLINGER PARK.

The Chamber of Commerce of Sherman, Texas, requesting us to send them a picture of the Ballinger court house and park, to be used in the paper at that place for the purpose of boosting civic work in Sherman. The letter was turned over to Photographer Wilbourn, and the picture will be furnished.

Denton—A movement is on foot to organize a regular county fair as soon as possible.

EXTRA SERVICES BAPTIST CHURCH

Program Rendered There Last Sunday Was Instructive and Beneficial to all Who Were Present.

On last Sunday Dr. Justin had what he termed a special service, and among other things was the installation of his officials.

He announced from his pulpit that the First Baptist Church had paid out of debt and would be dedicated next Sunday, the 26th. Rev. Andrews, editor of the Baptist Evangel, of Abilene, and members of the faculty of Simmon's College will preach the dedication sermon.

All the churches of the city are invited to attend.

The services last Sunday consisted of four short talks on various phases of church and Sunday school work, our laymen from four different churches were on the program. C. P. Shepherd represented the Methodist church, J. W. Powell the Christian, S. P. Hathaway the 8th Street Presbyterian and R. T. Williams the First Baptist. All made good practical talks. The choir furnished some excellent music.

The members and officials of the little church deserve great credit for the way they have paid the church building out of debt, as only a short time ago they were facing a big debt, but their pluck and perseverance and consecration to duty has given them the victory.

RUNNELS COUNTY WANTS A BANKER.

The Commissioners Court are advertising for a bank to handle its funds during the year 1913. The bank making the best bid on the job gets the money.

BIG RABBIT HUNT FOR NEXT WEEK

Two Days Hunt and Barbecue is Staged For Next Tuesday and Wednesday. Rabbits Plentiful.

The annual rabbit drive is billed for next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28th and 29th. This is an occasion some of the boys always look forward to with a great deal of anxiety. It affords a days outing for the boys in town who are tied down to business and is a great help in ridding the country of a pest that destroys much crop during the spring and summer months.

The program for the great drive this year covers two days. The hunters are requested to meet at W. T. Routh's place north of town at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, and from there the drive will be made up Elm creek, and the round-up will be made at noon somewhere near L. P. Woods or G. B. Nixon's and here the feast will take place. After dinner the drive for the afternoon and for the next day will be outlined.

Everybody is invited to attend and help in the wholesale slaughter of rabbits. The rabbits are reported to be more plentiful this year than they were last, and it is expected that a couple of thousand will be killed during the two days.

Associated press reports from Big Springs says that 15,000 rabbits have been shipped from that place to the Eastern markets during this season, and if our Eastern friends are fond of rabbits the hunt next week will afford a good opportunity for some one to make some good money.

FORMER BALLINGER COUPLE WED.

News was received in Ballinger this week of marriage of Marshall Northington and Miss Annie Spencer. Both young people were formerly citizens of Ballinger and held positions with the Risser Dry goods store. They have many friends in the city who extend congratulations. They will be at home at Marlin, Texas.

FIXED SALARY FOR COUNTY OFFICERS

Fee Bill Pending in Legislature Will Greatly Reduce Salary of Some County Officers. Salaries Limited.

The Fee Bill, which is a platform demand and which has been introduced in the Legislature, will play havoc with some of the boys who now hold county offices in Texas.

Under the present system the salary is fixed on a percentage basis, or on the fee system. The new bill proposes to abolish the fee system and let all moneys collected go into the treasury, and the officer draw his salary on a fixed basis, regardless of what his office pays to the county and state.

The new schedule of salary is fixed according to the population of a county, and in Runnels county, which comes in on a basis of not less than 15,000 or more than 30,000, the salary for each county office is fixed as follows:

Section 1. In counties having a population of 15,000 or more, but not exceeding 30,000, the commissioners court shall fix the compensation for distret and county officers as follows.

County judge not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

County attorney not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

Sheriff not less than \$1,800 nor more than \$2,500.

Tax collector not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

Tax assessor not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

District clerk not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

County treasurer not less than \$5 nor more than \$1,500.

WILL ENLARGE CHURCH BUILDING.

Rev. Wells, pastor of the Nazarine church, informs us that his congregation is devising ways and means of enlarging their church building. The building was moved here from Valley creek a few months ago, and it has proven too small for the Ballinger congregation. The house was filled to overflowing last Sunday night and forty or fifty people were compelled to remain on the outside.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff on any Constable of Runnels County--Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. J. Carpenter by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive week previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D., 1913 the same being the 10th day of March A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of February, A. D., 1912, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1,439, wherein J. M. Skinner is Plaintiff, and S. J. Carpenter and wife, Dessie Carpenter and J. W. Powell are Defendants, and said petition alleging

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, March Term, A. D., 1913.

To the Hon. Judge of Said Court:--

Now comes J. M. Skinner, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter called plaintiff, and files this, his first amended original petition, in lieu of his original petition filed in this cause on the 27th day of Feb., 1912, complaining of S. J. Carpenter, whose residence is unknown to plaintiff; J. W. Powell, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, and Dessie Carpenter, wife of the said above S. J. Carpenter, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, and for cause of action plaintiff says:--

(1) That heretofore to wit: on the 4th day of March, 1910, the defendant, J. W. Powell, made, executed and delivered to the defendant S. J. Carpenter his one promissory note for the principal sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, and due on the 3rd day of March, 1912, payable to the order of the said S. J. Carpenter at Ballinger, Texas, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from date until paid, with a further provision that if this note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or if collected by legal proceedings the maker thereof agrees to pay an additional sum of 10 per cent. on principal and interest then due as attorney's fees. The note further provides that failure to pay this note when due, or any installment of interest, when due, shall at the option of the holder mature the note, whereby the defendant J. W. Powell became bound and liable to pay defendant S. J. Carpenter the sum of money in said note specified, together with all interest, attorney's fees due thereon and recited therein, according to its tenor and effect.

(2) Plaintiff says that on the 9th day of March, 1910, the defendant, S. J. Carpenter, for a valuable consideration, sold, endorsed, transferred and assigned this promissory note to the plaintiff, J. M. Skinner, that said transfer was made in writing and executed by the defendant, S. J. Carpenter, and that plaintiff is now the legal owner and holder of this note, and plaintiff says that at the time of the filing of this suit, there is due and unpaid the first installment of interest thereon and that each of the defendants, S. J. Carpenter and J. W. Powell, have each been requested to pay same, but that each have failed and refused, and still fail and refuse to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiff's damage as hereinafter set out, and that plaintiff here and now elects

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to mature said note by reason of the failure of the defendants and each of them to pay this first installment of interest as above set out, and he, the plaintiff, here and now declares that said note is due and prays judgement therefor.

(3) Plaintiff further alleges that said note was given in part payment of the purchase money of the following described real estate and premises situated in Runnels County, Texas, being more particularly described as follows:

Being lots four (4) and five (5) and the adjoining one-half of lot a three (3) in block six (6) of the Powell Addition to the city of Ballinger, Texas, as shown by map or plat of said addition now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas. That said property was heretofore to-wit: on the 3rd day of March, 1910, conveyed by defendant, S. J. Carpenter and his wife, Dessie Carpenter, to the defendant J. W. Powell, by their deed in writing, in consideration among other things, of the note herein described and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was reserved thereon to secure the payment of this note, that notice is hereby given to each of the defendants to produce this said deed at the trial of this cause or secondary evidence will be offered to prove its contents, that said note is due and unpaid though each of defendants have been requested to pay it to plaintiff's damage as hereinafter set out, that said note has been placed in the hands of C. P. Shepherd, an attorney, for collection, and plaintiff has contracted to pay him the ten per cent. specified in said note for said services, and that the same is the usual and customary fee and is reasonable.

(4) That by reason of the making executions and delivery of the said note by the defendant Powell to the defendant Carpenter and the transfer by said defendant Carpenter to plaintiff J. M. Skinner, and the failure of both defendants to pay the first installment of interest on said note and the election of plaintiff to mature said note the said defendants, Carpenter and Powell, are each bound and liable to plaintiff for the payment of said note according to its face tenor and effects.

(5) Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays the court that defendants each be cited to appear and answer this petition, that he have judgement for his debt, interest and attorneys fees, and costs of suit, against both defendants Powell and Carpenter, and for a foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises against all of the defendants and the same decree to be sold according to law, and for such other relief, special and general to which he may be entitled.

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 14th day of January, A. D., 1913.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk
District Court, Runnels County.

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There is, however, no occasion for alarm, and the sensible thing to do—but it should be done instantly—is to give the baby a small dose of a mild laxative- tonic. In the opinion of a great many people, among them such well-known persons as the parents of Dixie Dudley, Magnolia, Ark., the proper remedy is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Mrs. Earl Dudley writes: Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best medicine I ever used. It cured my baby of flatulency colic when the doctors failed; it cured my husband of constipation. My home shall never be without Syrup Pepsin. It is a very pleasant tasting laxative, which all persons like. It is a mild, non-gripping, and contains that most excellent flavor of all digestants, pepsin.

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TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Dallas — It has been officially announced that 17,000 new subscribers will be added to those using the service of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company in Texas this year. In order that all these subscribers may get the regular service, it will be necessary to spin into wire just about 1,000,000 pounds of copper, to rob 500 acres of forest land of 30,000 poles, and to ship to Texas 1,000,000 gallons of creosote with which to treat the poles.

Fort Worth—The first shipment of Texas manufactured products by parcels post was made by the Texas-arkana Board of Trade and was received in this city the morning of the 2nd by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's As-

sociation. The package contained two boxes of candy and a glass paper weight both being products of the factories of the Texas-Arkansas city.

Taylor—More than 31,000 bales of cotton have already been marketed here this year, and about 4,000 bales are still in the fields. It is believed that the season's complete total will reach 35,000 bales.

Georgetown—Records show that there are now more than 700 automobiles in Williamson county, or about one car to every 60 people. Farmers are the principal buyers, on account of the great improvements in the roads. It is estimated that something like 400 or 500 cars will be sold this year.

Denton—The park commission has announced its intention of planting 767 shade trees in the public

school grounds here at an early date.

Dalhart—A big consignment of butter was received here from a firm, one of the largest in the Panhandle, was the consignee, and is doing all of its buying from the Cleburne creamery.

Austin—A gain of nearly \$150,000 was made in the total amount of building permits issued in 1912 over 1911. In 1912 470 permits were issued, aggregating \$704,511, while in 1911 365 permits aggregating the sum of \$335,000 were issued.

Cleburne—Residents of Fairchild and College Heights, two of Cleburne additions want to be taken into the corporation of Cleburne. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the city council.

Denton—A movement is on foot to organize a regular county fair as soon as possible.

Waco—Five heavy auto trucks will be put into service here by the American Express company during the next few months to take the place of the horses now used by the company for its delivery service. A large freight depot will also be erected by company near the Katy depot.

Waco—Sixty one miles of gravel road have been built in this road district during the past twelve months at a cost of \$22,000, while in McLennan county they have spent \$96,000 during the same period in keeping the roads repaired and building and repairing bridges. During the year about 450 miles of county roads were kept up with split log drains costing the county \$1,058. A good roads bond issue is contemplated.

Abilene—Eastern parties who have been prospecting for copper in the clay fields north of here in Jones county report having found copper dirt in paying quantities at a depth of seventy feet. The yield according to the analysis shows \$8.50 to \$25.00 to the ton of clay. Preparations are being made to develop the properties.

Rockdale—Deposits in the three banks here reached the highwater mark at the close of 1912. More than \$400,000, the largest sum ever recorded, was credited to Rockdale people at that time, and it is believed that the deposits will soon pass the half million mark.

Galveston—The total cotton receipts for the season will be more than 3,000,000 bales if the average daily receipts continue at the present rate.

Exports of cotton this season total nearly 2,500,000 bales.

Cleburne—A movement is on foot here to consolidate the board of trade and the Young Men's Business League.

Hillsboro—A good roads association has been organized in this city. The association will draft a bill to be placed before the coming Legislature to enable the county to issue about \$300,000 in bonds.

Itaska—The Board of Trade of this city will be reorganized and a secretary secured at a near date.

Alvord—A Commercial Club was organized in this city recently with an initial membership of twenty-five. Mayor S. M. Ward was elected secretary.

Decatur—The Commercial Club of this city will be revived and a mass meeting of citizens will be held in the near future to effect reorganization.

Houston—Nearly \$1,500,000 was spent in Harris county during 1912 on motor vehicles, according to an estimate made from the automobile book in the county clerk's office. Nearly 900 licenses were issued during the year to automobiles and motor cycle owners, bringing the total number of motor vehicles in the county up to 3,200.

Tulia—The Tulia Avalanche, a new paper for Swisher county, has been established. It is published weekly by Webster and Knight.

Paris—As soon as the track laying to Mount Pleasant is completed the Paris and Mount Pleasant R. R. will build to Atoka, and in this way connect the Lehigh coal fields with lines running to Oklahoma City. N. H. Ragland general manager of the road announces that the company hopes to have the trains running into Mount Pleasant by the first of March.

Beaumont—Work on the Sabine-Neches canal which has been under way for some time, is progressing nicely. Two large dredges are at Port Arthur to the mouth of the Sabine-Neches rivers. The channel is being deepened 25 feet and it will require three years to complete the job. The work is progressing at a rate of one half mile per month. When completed this will give the city of Beaumont, and also Orange, a direct water course to the Gulf of Mexico.

Houston—Seventy five new homes were built in Montrose during 1912, and it is expected that this number will almost be doubled during the present year. So rapid has been growth of this suburb that it will soon become an important part of the city.

Conroe—The citizens of Montgomery county recently voted bonds to the amount of \$250,000 to be used in constructing good roads in this county. Work will begin at the earliest possible date.

Era—Mrs. M. Dillion of this city cleared \$350.00 on eggs and other poultry products during the past year.

Austin—The M. K. & T. railroad has placed an order with car manufacturers for 1,500 box cars to be delivered in the spring. The San Antonio and Aransas Pass R. R. company has also contracted for ten new locomotives and 1,000 new freight cars to be delivered when completed.

El Paso—The \$390,000 good road bond election recently held in this county carried by a majority of 10 to 1. This appropriation will be used in constructing more good roads in this county. Work is expected to begin at an early date.

Beaumont—The Beaumont Cham-

ber of Commerce, and the Southeast Texas Fair Association jointly offer \$600 in prizes for the best acreage of corn, cotton and other farm crops in Jefferson and the four adjoining counties. This contest is actively entered into by the farmers and the competition is very strong.

San Antonio—The Citizen's Bank and Trust Company, with a capital of \$100,000, has opened its doors for business here and is located in the Gunter hotel building. The new institution is a State bank and S. P. Skinner, formerly State Senator from Ellis county is its president.

Freeport—The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company are engaged in laying a five pair submarine cable across the Brazos river here. The cable will connect on the east side of the river with the company's trunk line to Houston, and will run directly into Freeport.

Houston—The Gulf Bag and Paper company, of Houston has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, and is the latest manufacturing and wholesale concern to locate in this city. John A. Fisher is the organizer and it is the plan of the concern to deal only with the jobbers of the State.

Waco—At a joint meeting of the Waco Business Men's Club and the Young Men's Business League, J. W. Riggins, of this city, was awarded the \$50,000 bonus raised by these organizations and a contract was signed which practically assures a new modern hotel for Waco. The site for the new hotel has been purchased by the builder and work will commence on the structure as soon as the architect's plans are submitted and accepted.

Henrietta—An interstate bridge company with a capital stock of \$30,000 was organized here at a meeting of the good roads promoters for the purpose of building a model steel bridge across the Red River near the town of Charlie. This bridge will form the connecting link between Texas and the Oklahoma Division of the Interstate Good Roads Association's highway.

Rivera—This town is to have a weekly newspaper which will be known as the Journal. Mr. Geo. B. Kerwin, recently editor of the Falfurrias paper will be the editor and owner of the local weekly.

Nacogdoches—This city is preparing to build a municipal light plant at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Bids have been asked for, labor and material, and the project is practically assured.

Collegeport—It is estimated that 3,000 acres of rice will be planted in this section during 1913. A general optimistic feeling prevails among the farmers and the gardeners here.

Laredo—That a new railroad will soon be built from this city to Beeville or some other advantageous point, to connect with Houston, thus giving a direct and shorter line to Mexico, now seems assured. The Board of Trade of Laredo, has been at work on the matter for some time, and report much progress. Beeville is also enthusiastic over the prospects of the new road and is boosting the proposition.

Freeport—The first article to be sent from Freeport through the parcel post was a ten pound block of sulphur. The package was taken from the first run of sulphur obtained from the Freeport Sulphur company's mine at Bryan Heights, the operation of which began November 19, the day previous to the birth of this new city.

RAILROADS WILLING TO MAKE NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

Raising of Rate Not Necessary, Says Lovett—Welfare Commission Investigates Subject.

Houston, Texas.—There is no more important subject confronting the people of Texas today than the improvement of our transportation facilities. We need more mileage; better roadbeds, heavier steel and in some instances double track; increasing and improving our equipment, better terminal facilities, depots, etc. The railroads in some instances stand ready to give the needed relief and the people would rejoice in securing the improvements provided it did not result in making it necessary to raise the rates. This feature of the subject was carefully investigated by the Texas Welfare Commission and a negative conclusion reached. Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Hariman lines, in discussing the subject, said in part:

"I would not think of applying to the Railroad Commission for an increase in rates, based on the issue of additional bonds. It would be a question of investment always—of what the expenditure would do. We would not make it unless we thought the business would make the investment good."

"The Union Pacific in the nine years ending June 30th last, put new money into its property—that is, in double track and in betterments and in other improvements, the construction of new lines, branches, etc., \$148,748,000. Now it has not raised any rates. The rates are the same as they were before."

"The Southern Pacific system west of El Paso during the last nine years has expended in betterments and additions in buying some electric lines and extending them and the construction of new lines—that is to say, in what we call "capital expenditures" or new money, \$214,224,000. We have not raised the rates; the rates in many instances have been reduced."

"During the time we spent \$214,224,000 west of El Paso we spent \$19,440,000 in Texas."

"I have never been an advocate of higher rates. I think we ought to look to an increase in business with the growth of the country, the improvement of our facilities, and the increase in the volume of business for our profits."

TEXAS SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.

Texas Nuts Fill Nations' Christmas Stockings.

Santa Claus spends a great deal of his time in Texas getting ready for Christmas. The Texas products are so popular with the children of the nation that each year he has largely increased his purchase of nuts, fruits, etc., until he now stands ready to buy the available output. He is so eager for our products that one would think he has been having a heart-to-heart talk with Uncle Sam, or had been reading the literature of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association. The Texas pecan is a special favorite with Santa Claus, and he is rushing car load shipments to his distributing depots where they will be convenient for filling Christmas stockings and decorating Christmas trees. Our peanuts, popcorn and other products are anxiously sought by Santa Claus and he finds them extremely popular with the children.

We not only load down his sled with things the children most love and which make the reindeer pull with pride, but we supply the decorations for the Christmas festivities. We ship out Christmas trees by the car load and send with them holly mistletoe and flowers in profusion. Without Texas Santa Claus could hardly pull off a respectable Christmas celebration and he would certainly lose out with the children if he should attempt it.

Then there is the Christmas dinner that must be provided from the poultry yards, the winter gardens and the farms of Texas. We furnish several million fowls, train loads of vegetable and choice meats for the Christmas dinner and there is no more important function in the holiday festivities than a Christmas dinner prepared exclusively from Texas products.

A visit through our jobbing houses will convince one that Santa Claus is moving his headquarters to Texas. He is shrewd enough to grasp the advantages of our location as a world distributing center and he knows it is only a short time until he will be able to reach the hearthstone of the people more quickly from Texas than any other point on the globe.

Then he likes to live in a country where the atmosphere is laden with human happiness; it fills his heart with the holiday spirit and helps him to give us all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

ALL WOMEN

Who suffer with the ailments of their sex are in need of the great strengthening, cleansing and regulating properties of

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Get your garden ready for early planting.

Pay your poll tax, plant turkeys and chickens.

March 23—Easter will be a little early for Easter frocks.

Does your representative at Austin vote to suit you?

Are you going to pay your poll tax and get ready for that coming pro election?

Don't forget this is the month to plant trees and outline a plan of work for beautifying your homes.

A poultry yard and a pig pen will help the farmer keep down the high cost of living.

You can at least clean up and help keep Ballinger in the class of healthy and clean towns. It pays.

It will be Prof. Taft after March 4th, and our present president will be law professor in Yale.

You should feel proud that you are living in the clean part of Texas. Brownwood is the cleanest of Texas towns and Ballinger stands next.

The short crops of the past two years have been of benefit to this country in one way at least. The hot air and water have been mashed out of property value and the stuff now has a real value.

The bill pending in the legislature making it an offense for a man to buy liquor from a bootlegger is a good one, and should be passed. Also the law making it an offense for a minor to buy booze.

The legislature passed the resolution endorsing the Sheppard-Kenton bill, which when passed by Congress and becomes a law, will stop the shipping of booze into a prohibition territory.

When the Tom Green county commissioners court met last week they had to pay a bounty on 307 wolf hides; the premiums amounting to more than \$500. John Corbet was the leader with 31 wolves and 50 coyotes to his credit.

All able-bodied men in Tom Green county who do not pay tax will be compelled to work the road three days in each year, so declares the commissioners court of that county. The man who pays pay one cent of tax, not even his poll fails to contribute to the support of the government that protects him, and three days work on the road will help out some.

Plant just a few more rose bushes around home. It will help the looks of things and make your property more valuable.

The fact that we might have a prohibition election should not have anything to do with your ob- at least be a full fledged citizen taining your poll tax receipt. Should by holding a poll tax receipt.

The people make the town. If you consider yourself one of the people you are helping make the town, and it is your duty to see that the job is done right.

Three special days will be observed by the people during the coming month: Lincoln birthday anniversary, February 12; St Valentine's day, February 14, and Washington's birthday, February 22.

If you don't boost for yourself and your own business you need not expect the other fellow to do it for you, and a business that is not well boosted is a dead business. The same applies to a town.

Hamlin now has one newspaper. The merchants of that town become disgusted with two sorry papers and brought about a consolidation of the two and will now get a good paper in the Hamlin Herald.

Petitions are being circulated over the district petitioning Representative Griggs to vote for Morris Sheppard to succeed Senator Bailey. It is reported that Judge Griggs stated before going to Austin that he would vote for Johnston and this does not seem to be satisfactory with the people who sent him to the legislature.

If bad roads will cause one farmer to break a trace, wind a horse, cuss a cuss, fracture a moral and lose two hours on the trip to town one rainy day how much does it cost all the farmers of all the county to put up with all the bad roads on all the rainy days—Eddy Journal

Yes figure out the cost, and then quit cussing about the high cost of living

The harmless air gun got in its work up at Childress last week. A boy shot a closed door and the shot went through the door and struck his four-year old sister in the eye. The little tot will go through life with one eye, and all because some fond parent gratified the wish of his boy. The air gun is dangerous especially when in the hands of a careless boy, and it is far better that your boy be deprived of the pleasure it affords him than to have a child injured for life. Cut out the air gun.

This has been examination week with the Ballinger schools and the month's work has been balanced up on an average. How did the average of your boy or girl show up? Perhaps you can make it look better for she or he next month. Are you interested?

Someone has feelingly said: Draw together, Brothers! The world is cold outside and careless of the feelings of men. Draw together and let words of cheer be said and deeds of fellowship be done. Thereby many a man will be clothed with courage to live a cheerier and better life in trade and drudgery. Gladness of soul is a power that helps many a one to be brave and true when things are going wrong.

The good women of Brownwood were in a very great measure responsible for Brownwood's victory in the recent contest for the Cleanest town. Without their active assistance it would have been a hopeless fight from the very outset.—Brownwood Bulletin.

It has ever been thus and will continue to be. What more did you expect? If you want to accomplish success in any undertaking get the women interested and you have the battle won to begin with.

The fee bill now pending in the legislature will play havoc with some of the county officers when it becomes a law, as it cuts out the fees and fixes the salary for the office, which in many instances reduces the salary more than one-half. The maximum salary for a sheriff will be \$2,500 while there are some counties in Texas now that pays the sheriff as high as ten thousand dollars per year, and some other officers nearly as much. The bill is a platform demand and has been recommended by Governor Colquitt and will probably be passed and become a law by next July.

Joints that ache, muscles that are treated with Ballard's Snow Liment. It penetrates to the spot at which it is needed and relieves the suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Lost—Lost.

On Maverick road January 18th, a blacksmith's hammer. Please return to Hall Hardware Company, at Ballinger, or to G. W. Faulks, Maverick, Texas.

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BROWNWOOD CLEANEST TOWN IN TEXAS.

The report made by the inspectors last Saturday placed Brownwood in a class to itself as far as filth is concerned. It will be remembered that Holland's Magazine gave away a number of cash prizes for the cleanest towns in Texas, the towns being classed according to their size. Gonzales won the first prize in the small size class and Gainesville and Brownwood tied for the first prize in the higher class. They tried twice and it was necessary to make the third inspection before awarding the prize. Brownwood gets \$500.00 in cash and a million dollars worth of advertising for being the cleanest town in Texas. Brownwood is a good one and will grow some more. Watch it.

H. L. FOWLER CARRIED TO PEN.

The penitentiary transfer agent passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon en route to the Sugarland farm with a number of convicts which he picked up at San Angelo. H. L. Fowler, who was sentenced for five years from the San Angelo court for perjury, and who was brought to Ballinger to be tried at the last term of court for swindling, was turned over to the transfer agent as he passed through Ballinger and will be placed in the pen to serve out his term.

Fowler appealed his case but withdrew the appeal and the case of swindling, which has been pending in the district court here, was dismissed.

ADVOCATES BEDDING LAND.

Editor Banner-Leader:—Wingate, Texas, Jan. 3.—I notice an interesting letter in the Banner-Leader from Mr. Marberger in favor of flat bedding land in Runnels county for best results.

Now we are not familiar with the nature of Mr. Marberger's land, but we have farmed nine years here in the north end of the county and have made it a point every year to flat break a strip through the field and bed the field on either side and test the difference thoroughly. We can state positively that the bedded land has made more cotton and maize to take the entire period of nine years than the flat broke land. The theory is practical and also economical. The basic idea is to take the big middle buster and hold the flood waters in these furrows until they have time to soak in. We know that bedding exposes more of surface of the land to the sun and fierce winds, but the amount of water held in the big open furrows more than offsets the difference. Our plan in a nutshell is to cut these big furrows with the slope of the hill and not up and down it, of course, and then plug up the beds by running other rows across, or by running contour furrows around the field to prevent any water leaving the field. If the land is flat broken and harrowed smoothly the land cements on top in case of a sudden shower and the water rushes off into the creeks and rivers.

JOHN BALLEW.

THE VALUE OF CO-OPERATION.

The farmers of Texas can learn lessons in marketing from rice growers of the Coast Country. The farmers and millers organized a Rice Growers Association and marketed their rice through the association and as a result this year's yield was 27,000 bushels more than last year and the increase in the farm value was \$2,324,000. The Farm Life Commission of Texas is undertaking to afford the Texas farmer facilities for marketing all his crops at better prices and if the farmers of the state will organize as the rice farmers have done it will mean millions of dollars saved to the farmers of the state.

MILLAR SCHOOL.

January 11, 1913.—Our school has enrolled to date 39 pupils, of whom 18 are girls and 21 are boys. We now have pupils in all the first seven grades.

We did not have school Monday Tuesday on account of cold weather. The progress of this school is very encouraging, despite of some misconduct just after the holidays.

The five pupils making the highest general grade are Pearl Whiddon, 105; Paul Mueller, 103; Edith Hering, 94; Mary Hocker, 97 and Lilbun Ogle 80. Because of percentage allowed on head marks two have this month made more than 100.

Yours respectfully,
CARROLL HAM, Supt.

R. A. RISSE SELL HIS HOME PLACE.

R. A. Risser, who moved his dry goods stock from Ballinger to Bonham in the fall, returned to Ballinger last week and this week closed a deal with I. N. Roark in which he sells to Mr. Roark his home on the corner opposite the Central Hotel and takes in on the deal Mr. Roark's business house which is now occupied by E. A. Jeanes, the produce man.

ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF MISSION BANK.

J. O. Roots, who left here last week for Southwest Texas, writes from Mission and orders the Banner-Leader to come to him at that place. Mr. Roots has been elected active vice-president of the First National Bank at Mission. Mr. Roots was connected with the First National Bank at Ballinger for several years and later was cashier of the bank at Paint Rock. He is a live wire and a good citizen and has many good friends in Ballinger who wish for he and his good wife the very best at the hands of the people of Mission.

CHRISTIANS HAVE NEW PASTOR.

Rev. Carter, of Kentucky, has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Ballinger, and arrived last week and preached his first sermon for the Ballinger congregation last Sunday. Rev. Carter is a young man with a wife, and we join the people of Ballinger in welcoming them to our town.

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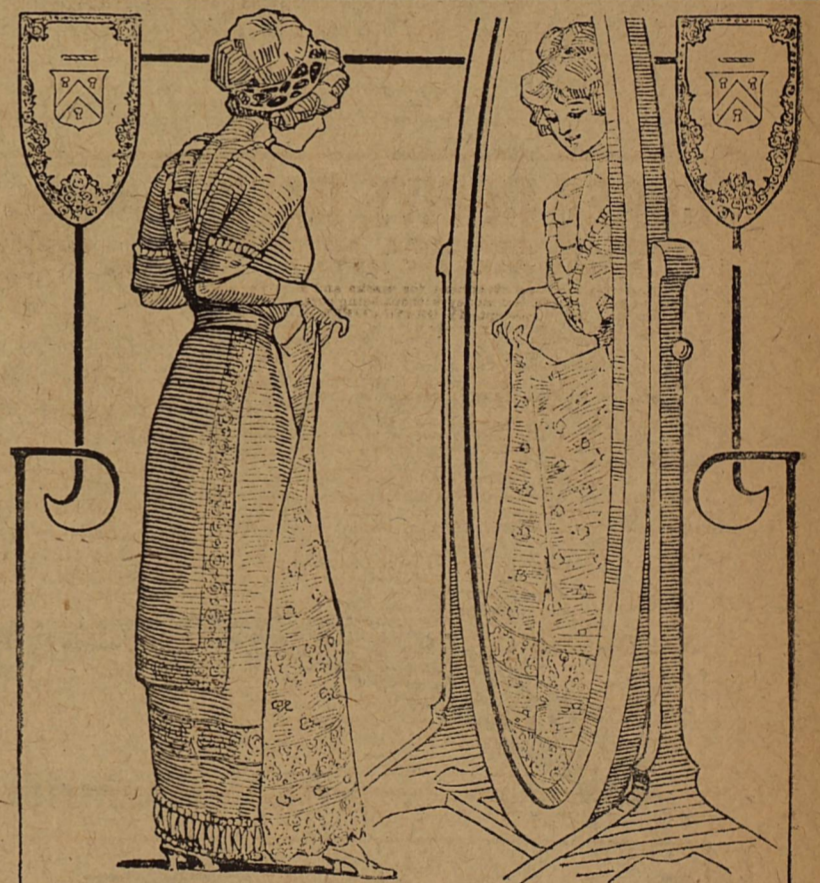
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Laces had never before been made in America. But the great plant has been a success from the start. Even experts from the historic lace centers of the old world marvel at the beauty, exquisite finish and wearing qualities of Zion Laces.

We are offering the beautiful products of the Zion Lace Industries which include narrow Valenciennes, Normandy Valenciennes, some with Allovers to match, Fancy Novelty Lace Bands, Fancy Novelty Lace Allovers, Shadow Lace Bands, Shadow Lace Allovers, Torchon Laces and Cotton Cluny Laces.

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The line of the A. M. Collins Mfg. Co., for which I have the exclusive agency in this territory, is the most complete and attractive line ever shown here.

It contains a great diversity of beautiful subjects: heads, figure studies, landscapes, genre paintings, sporting pictures, child subjects and a dozen other varieties by such noted artists as Clarence F. Underwood, William Watson, Albert Lynch, E. Percy Moran, Carl Hirschberg, C. Warde Traver and a score of others hardly less famous.

It is a treat merely to see this line—a treat which costs you nothing!

May I not call with samples?

J. H. Wilbourn

THE PHOTOGRAPHER
BALLINGER TEXAS

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Happenings of Local Nature Concerning People We Know

Sam Jones was here from San Angelo last Sunday visiting his sister Miss Pricilla Jones.

Judge Zacharia Taylor, of Houston, had legal business in Ballinger last Friday and Saturday.

W. D. Meadows, of the Winters country, had business here first of the week.

Miss Florence Westbrook returned last Saturday from a visit to her friends at Abilene.

J. H. Patterson is at home from East Teas where he went to sell a car of horses.

H. Giesecke is at Como, Texas, this week to attend a stockholders meeting of a coal mining company, of which he is interested.

W. S. Mullin returned last Saturday from a trip up the Abilene Southern. He visited Winters and Abilene.

T. S. Lankford had business up the Orient railroad last Friday and Saturday, visiting a number of towns.

Mrs. Scarborough returned to her home at Houston last Friday after a visit to her brother Dr. S. B. Raby and family.

Red Allen, a former Ballinger transfer man, was here from Yoakum first of the week, visiting his brother Geo. Allen.

B. Dodson returned to his home at Brenham last Friday after a visit to his sister, Mrs. Hugh Jackson of South Ballinger.

Mrs. Prentiss Gregg came down from San Angelo last Friday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward, before going to Belton where Mr. Gregg has accepted a position and where they will make their home.

We are glad to report Mrs. F. H. Tuberville on the road to recovery. She has been quite sick at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith.

Mrs. John A. Weeks is visiting relatives in Coleman this week. She is accompanied by her daughter, Maurine.

J. A. Weeks is in Houston this week on business and to attend the meeting of the State Pharmacy Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holliday were here from Winters last Sunday visiting Mrs. Holliday's father, Dr. W. W. Fowler. Francis is twisting the steering wheel to a handsome new auto.

Miss Coral Clark, formerly in the Ballinger schools, was the guest of Ballinger friends last Saturday and Sunday. She is now teaching at Abilene.

B. H. Jeanes, formerly a second-hand man in Ballinger, now ranching it on the Peacos, was here last Saturday visiting his brother E. A. Jeanes.

G. W. Ash, the Lawn merchant, has traded his stock of goods for farm and will join the back-to-the-country brigade. The goods, we learn, have been shipped to Crews. Tuscola Vidette.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sims, of Paint Rock, have gone to San Diego to spend the remainder of the winter. They will also visit Panama before returning home.

Rev. Medaris, of Abilene, was here several days last week in the interest of The Evangel, a Baptist paper published at Abilene.

Thes Eagan is a new name on our mailing list and takes advantage of our splendid clubbing offer on the Dallas News.

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"The Makers of Low Prices"

T. P. Brown, of Ballinger, came in yesterday to visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brown at the home of Young Pierce. He has been seriously ill, but is reported somewhat improved. San Saba Star.

We have the type and all necessary materials to turn out first-class job work and they are a year service

H. C. King, who lives just south of town a few miles, remembered the Banner-Leader in a substantial way this week, as well as making a feel good by kind remarks about our paper and our efforts to give the people a good paper.

We pay the highest market price for chickens and eggs, W. A. Gustavous & Co.

Hobart Nicholson, Harold Walker and Gus Cockrell went to Abilene last Friday to apply for a place in Uncle Sam's navy. We understand the boys were accepted and sent to San Francisco where they will take up their work.

S. M. Sea, one of the Banner-Leaders good friends from the Marie country, was transacting business here last Saturday, and made this paper a pleasant call. Mr. Sea reports that small grain crop in his section is looking pretty sick after the cold weather of this past month, but that a few days warm weather will make it come in a hurry, and he predicts a good grain crop this year.

Edwin Day returned from a visit to relatives in Arkansas. While in Arkansas Mr. Day saw Judge McCombs and laid his claim before him for the postmastership at Ballinger. Mr. Day is related to Judge McCombs and it will be remembered that Mr. McCombs played an important part in the election of Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Day thinks he has a good chance of securing the appointment he is after.

45 dozen, or 540 pairs of shoes just received; all now in the house, 497 pairs, every size and quality. Shoes all guaranteed stock. We want your shoe trade. W. A. GUSTAVOUS & CO.

JUST RECEIVED. A nice line of new Spring Dress and embroideries at A. J. ZAPPES.

Mrs. Eugene Risser returned to her home at Bonham Saturday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Joe. B. Johnson.

Mrs. R. A. Terry and two little daughters returned to their home at Jourdan, Texas, last Sunday, after a visit to friends in Ballinger, and Mrs. Terry's mother, Mrs. Oliver, at Wintes.

Mrs. Walter Corum and children returned to their home at Coleman first of the week, after a visit to relatives in Ballinger.

Two good work horses, perfectly gentle, for sale cheap. Apply to B. Dornberger, phone 351, or to A. J. Velkel.

OPERATION FOR PAUL SIMPSON

Paul Simpson was operated on at the Haley and Love sanitarium Wednesday morning and a tumor removed from his side. The operation

was a very difficult one, and which Mr. Simpson is in a serious condition, it is thought he will recover.

JUST A LITTLE ERROR.

The Banner-Leader stated last week that H. Giesecke had sold his interest in the Bennett Abstract Company, when we should have said the Giesecke-Bennett Company. Mr. Giesecke has never been connected with the Bennett Abstract Company and it was only a mix-up of names that caused the news item to read wrong. Mr. Giesecke is busy looking after some private matters, and is off on a trip to Southwest Texas, and as soon as he returns, or about the first of February, he will open for business in his new office.

NEW LODGE AT NORTON.

D. A. Paddleford, of Coleman, came up last Friday, and accompanied by a number from Ballinger, went out to Norton where a Masonic Lodge wash organized. Those going from Ballinger were, C. R. Crews, Dr. Halley, John Thurman, and Bob McGregor.

FIRE LAST FRIDAY.

Fire broke out in the home of H. Zdaril last Friday afternoon at about two o'clock and had gained good headway when discovered. The fire originated from some unknown cause near the kitchen, and that part of the building was in flames when the fire company reached the scene. From the fact that the building was just across rail road from the fire station and through the fire boys, the building was not completely destroyed.

The building is the property of J. F. Currie and was covered with an insurance policy of \$1,200, and Mr. Zdaril had \$1,000 on his furniture and household goods, most of which were removed from the house, and the damage will consist of the loss on kitchen and the damage to goods moved out.

BRIDEGROOM STRICKEN WITH MENINGITIS.

On Thursday afternoon of last week The Bulletin announced that marriage license had been issued to Mr. Palmer Brubaker and Miss Bessie McMahan, and the wedding was scheduled to take place Sun-

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\$25,600.00. T. P. Montgomery et ux to R. C. View Heights, to the town of Winters, consideration \$100.00.

J. H. Lane to Mrs. Bessie Burns, lots 2 and 4 in block 14 of Boykin second addition to Miles, also a part of block 23 in Boykin's second addition to Miles, consideration \$400.

Mrs. Bessie Burns and husband to J. H. Lane, lots nos 2 and 4 in block 14, Boykin second addition, a part of block 23, Boykin second addition to the town of Miles, consideration for this among tracts situated in other counties, \$5,000.00.

F. Armbricht to R. H. George, lots 9 and 10 in block 10, in Armbricht addition to Winters, consideration \$100.00.

I. N. Roark to R. A. Risser, lot 8 in block 18, original town of Ballinger, consideration, \$3,000.00.

W. Street et ux to C. S. Miller, lot 1 in block 22, original town of Ballinger, consideration \$150.00.

Jas. W. Smith to J. A. Smith, 83x210 feet off the north side of lot 1, block E, Murray East End addition to Winters, consideration \$10.00 and other consideration.

Marriage liens have been issued as follows: John L. Davis to Miss Rosa Corbet.

day afternoon, Saturday night, however, the young man was stricken with meningitis, and his case immediately became very serious. Medical attention and skillful nursing have apparently brought him thru the hardest stage of the attack, and today he is resting fairly well, though his condition is still very serious. He is at the home of his uncle, in Bailey addition.

People of the city deeply sympathize with Mr. Brubaker and his intended bride, and hope that his recovery will soon enable them to complete their plans for marriage.

It has been reported that Mr. Brubaker is a student of the Howard Payne college, but on investigation we learn that he has not been in school this year, but was a student last year. Such a report is calculated to demoralize the work of the college, and should not be encouraged, as there is no foundation for it.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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If you have been taking treatment for weeks and months and paying out your hard earned money without being cured, don't you think it is high time to accept MY GRAND OFFER and be cured quickly! As you will certainly not be out any more money if not cured. I'll decide that your condition will not yield readily to my treatment. I will be honest with you and tell you so and not accept your money under promise of a cure.

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KILLS BIG RATTLE SNAKE.

Reptile was Nearly Seven feet and Had 17 Rattles.

Conductor C. O. Reed of the Santa Fe, coming in on his train from Brownwood, killed a whopping big rattle snake. The reptile measured 6 feet and 8 inches, and had 17 rattles. The Telegram reporter viewed the skin of the snake last night, which had been brought to Temple and "salted down" but did not see Mr. Reed, and therefore, did not get a first hand story of "how it happened." He is said to have shot it with an automatic pistol at a distance of thirty feet. The exact place where the killing was done was not learned, but it was after the line had been crossed, coming into Bell county.—Temple Telegram.

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"THE LOTTERY MAN" COMING TO BALLINGER.

"The Lottery Man" was among the first of the New York successes of the past season. The Shuberts, although they manage fourteen theatres in New York, were unable to place the comedy in one of their own houses, so an arrangement was made with the management of the Bijou Theatre whereby "The Lottery Man" was shown there. Failure after failure had been seen at the Bijou, when suddenly attention was attracted to the new arrival. The "Lottery Man" soon became the town talk. Reviewers often spoke of the play as having lifted the "hoodoo" which hung over the Bijou for so long a time. In fact, the entire engagement was started more or less cautiously, gradually broadening out into one of the most successful runs of the season.

It is estimated that 500,000 or more strangers visit New York each day. Something about the "Lottery Man" evidently attracted them for a census of the mail, telephone and hotel orders showed that over one-third of the attendees at each of the night performances was made up of visitors. The play, in this respect, at least, has been well advertised.

The basis of the plot is extraordinary for its straight forwardness and originally as well as the angle at which the author has treated it. A reporter persuades his paper to conduct a lottery with himself as the prize. Ten lucky coupon is won by an old maid who claims the spoils of battle. It is discovered, however, that she has stolen the ticket, whereupon she is threatened with arrest. Interest is added to the pursuit by the fact that the reporter fall in love with a young girl and is, naturally, anxious to capture the ticket himself.

"The Lottery Man" will be seen at the Ballinger Opera House on January 31st.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have bad coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sattelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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IN MEMORY OF W. O. GANN.

The news of W. O. Gann's death has spread far and near and has made sad every heart that knew him. He died Friday morning, Jan. 10, 1913, at Millersview, where he had recently moved with his family. He had been ill for some time, but was confined to his bed only since the 2nd of January. The latter part of the week he lost consciousness then he came to himself once or twice for a short while but he never seemed to realize that he was near death's door.

W. O. Gann came from Missouri to Texas when he was a child and spent the greater part of his life in Coleman county. In 1877 he was married to Miss Maggie Rodges and to them was born five children, four of whom are still living. His wife died Jan. 22, 1891, and a few years afterwards he was married to Miss Alice McGraw, who survives him. To this union were born ten children, all of whom are still living and all were present at his funeral.

His home prior to his death was in Concho county on the Colorado river near the Trap crossing.

There they laid him to rest on the rugged cliffs of the Colorado where in spring the wild flowers will shed their sweet perfume and the wailing wind will breathe a melancholy dirge over his grave.

"The epitome of common life is seen in the common epitaph. Born on such a day and died on such another, with an interval three score years." His was a very uncommon life. He saw to it that he lived while he was living, and he kept affection and conscience and his heart alive. The things which made up his life and revealed his inward nature were seen by those who delt with him and gathered around his fireside. He was a kind and generous father, an honest man and an upright man He

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professed faith in Christ in early manhood and though he never joined any order of Christ, he lived by the golden rule and did as he wished to be done by. He was a peace maker and a friend to man. All children revered him. There was no such word as impossible to him; he was prepared to overcome all obstacles. But when death is knocking and the warden opened the gate, he calmly "Drew the draperies of his couch around about him and lay down as one to pleasant dreams."

Written by one who knew him.

MONEY TO LOAN.

If you owe money on your land let us figure on taking up and extending the debt and giving you more time. Get Jo Wilmeth to send us your application.

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BALLINGER FIRE BOYS IN ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ballinger Volunteer Fire Co. met in regular session last Friday night and elected the following officers: Carl Dunn, president; Roy Hull, vice-president; J.R. Lusk, sec; Ed. Globber, chief; Miss Marion Wooden sponser. The boys are feeling good over their success as fire fighters, having never lost an adjoining building and in many instances, saving the property where the fire originated. If there is anything in a town that deserves the support and encouragement of the citizens it is a volunteer fire company.

Money To Loan.

Long time. Write or call on Lee Maddox, Ballinger Texas.

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Af one stage of the game it was customary for the printer to accept anything under the sun in exchange for his stock-in-trade. That was when he was considered an object of charity; but these modern days the printer gives value received; he is firmly established in a business-like way and his business is run on a business basis. This office, for instance, has recently added several hundred dollars worth of new equipment to be used in turning out a high-grade line of printing for you. Give us an order.

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Thousands of dollars of seasonable merchandise will go in this final clearing sale. The coming week many new features will be added in order to make this the crowning event of the great Clearing Sale. New Life, new goods will be added. It will be bigger and better. Beginning Monday morning, January 27, this Sale will start out with flattering prospects for the final week to be a record breaker in point of sales and value giving. If you have not visited this Sale then do so by all means the coming week. For never before in the history of this store have such values been offered. Scan the list carefully for the many bargains offered and especially note the many specials.

FINAL REDUCTIONS ON ALL WINTER SUITS, SKIRTS, DRESSES and HATS

Millinery	
Final Clearing Price on all Ladies and Childrens Hats. Even if you already have several hats you can afford to buy one at these prices.	
Hats actually worth from \$5 to 12.50. Final Clearing Price.....	\$1.95
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Tailored Suits	
Suit values up to \$15.00 Clearing Price.....	\$7.95
Suit values up to \$18.00 Clearing Price.....	\$9.95
Suit values up to \$25.00 Clearing Price.....	\$12.95

Dresses	
Dresses values up to \$5.00 Clearing Price.....	\$1.98
Dresses values up to \$10.00, Clearing Price.....	\$3.95
Dresses values up to \$15.00 Clearing Price.....	\$6.95

Skirts	
\$5.00 Skirts final Clearing Price.....	\$3.98
\$6.00 Skirts final Clearing Price.....	\$4.80
\$6.50 Skirts final Clearing Price.....	\$5.20
\$7.50 Skirts final Clearing Price.....	\$5.95
EXTRA SPECIAL—50 Skirts of last Seasons Styles values up to \$8.50 Clearing Price.....	\$2.95

Womens Shoes at Clearing Prices	
\$1.50 Womens Shoes.....	\$1.29
\$2.00 Womens Shoes.....	1.69
\$2.50 Womens Shoes.....	1.98
\$3.00 Womens Shoes.....	2.55
\$3.50 Womens Shoes.....	5.98
\$4.00 Womens Shoes.....	3.40
Mens Shoes at Clearing Prices	
\$2.00 Mens Shoes.....	\$1.69
\$2.50 Mens Shoes.....	1.98
\$3.00 Mens Shoes.....	2.55
\$3.50 Mens Shoes.....	2.98
\$4.00 Mens Shoes.....	3.40
\$5.00 Mens Shoes.....	4.25

MEN, NOW IS THE TIME TO SAVE ON YOUR WEARING APPAREL.	
Heavy fleeced undershirts 50c Values, Clearing price ..	39¢
\$1.00 Union Suits, Clearing Price	89¢
\$1.25 Wool underwera, clearing Price	89¢
\$2.00 Wool under wear, clearing Price	\$1.39

ABOUT THAT FAMOUS SHIRT SALE	
THIS WEEK is the final and last call, and if you want a real Shirt Bargain you must act quick.	
Eagle Shirts, values \$1.25 \$1.50 and \$1.75 and \$2.00, Clearing Price,	98¢

CLEARING OUT OUR MEN'S HATS	
\$1.50, Clearing Price	\$1.29
\$2.00, Clearing Price,	\$1.49
\$3.00, Clearing Price,	\$2.39
\$4.50, Clearing Price,	\$3.79
\$5.00 Clearing Price,	\$3.95
\$6.00, Clearing Price,	\$4.90
\$7.00, Clearing Price,	\$5.95
\$7.50, Clearing Price,	\$6.49
\$8.50, Clearing Price,	\$7.55
\$10.00, Clearing Price,	\$8.55

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Best 25 inch cotton plaids, 6c Values, clearing price .. **4 1-2¢**

Regular 10c percales, clearing price, yard, .. . **7 1-2¢**

Regula 7½c gingham, Clearing Price Yard, .. . **5¢**

Clearing price, .. . **9 1-2¢**

Regular 12½ and 15c Kimonas out-ing, clearing price per Yard .. . **9 1-2¢**

Regular 20c shirting Madras, Farmer's Choice bleached domestis, actually worth 10c, our Clearing price .. . **7 1-2¢**

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Pearl Buttons, Clearing sale Price pe dozen, .. . **5¢**

50 dozen ladies hose, extra value, Pai, .. . **8¢**

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20 dozen ladies Burson hose 25c values, Clearing Price per Pair, .. . **19¢**

50c Men's four-in-hand ties, Each, .. . **39¢**

Mens Clothing	
During this sale we propose to clean Rack and Tables of all Mens and Boys Clothing.	
\$15.00 Suits Clearing Price.....	\$10.95
\$20.00 Suits Clearing Price.....	\$13.95
\$25.00 Suits Clearing Price.....	\$16.95

Boys Clothing	
\$3.00 Boys Suits Clearing Price.....	\$2.39
\$3.50 Boys Suits Clearing Price	\$2.80
\$4.00 Boys Suits Clearing Price.....	\$3.20
\$4.50 Boys Suits Clearing Price.....	\$3.60
\$5.00 Boys Suits Clearing Price.....	\$3.99
\$6.00 Boys Suits Clearing Price.....	\$4.80

Childrens Shoes at Clearing Prices	
50c Childrens Shoes only	42c
85c Childrens Shoes.....	69c
\$1.00 Childrens Shoes.....	85c
\$1.25 Childrens Shoes.....	98c
\$1.50 Childrens Shoss.....	\$1.29
\$1.75 Childrens Shoes.....	1.49

Boys Shoes at Clearing Prices	
\$1.50 Boys Shoes.....	\$1.29
\$1.75 Boys Shoes.....	1.49
\$2.00 Boys Shoes.....	1.69
\$3.00 Boys Shoes.....	2.55
SPECIAL—1 Lot Boys Shoes worth up to \$3.50 going at.....	\$1.98

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\$1.00 Sweaters, Clearing Price,	65¢
\$1.25 Sweaters, Clearing Price,	84¢
\$1.50 Sweaters, Clearing Price,	98¢

Price,	98¢
\$2.50 Sweaters, Clearing Price,	\$1.65
\$3.00 Sweaters, Clearing Price	\$1.90
\$3.50 Sweaters, Clearing Price,	\$2.35
\$4.00 Sweaters, Clearing Price	\$2.65
\$4.50 Sweaters, Clearing Price,	\$2.95
\$5.00 Sweaters, Clearing Price	\$3.35

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