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HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS MADE A PLEASURE IN  
OUR STORE. WE HAVE THE GOODS

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## AUTO JUMPS WALK GOES THRU WINDOW

A little black run-about car, driven by W. A. Nance and Will Roark, quit the street and crawled upon the side walk and butted through the front of the I. O. Wooden building occupied by the City Meat Market on 10th Street Monday afternoon. The panel in the side of the building where the lunch stand is located was knocked out and the glass shattered into a few thousand pieces, but the car was not damaged nor was one hurt.

It all happened when Mr. Nance who was driving the car released the steering wheel and was in the act of exchanging the seat with Mr. Roark, who was going to drive the car. Mr. Nance let go the wheel thinking that Mr. Roark had hold of it, and in exchanging seats the wheel was suddenly turned and the car jumped across the side walk and through the front of the building before the car could be placed under control. The car was traveling along at a moderate speed but fortunately was not going fast. The impact killed the engine and the accident only resulted in a little excitement and a demolished window.

## NEW RURAL MAIL CARRIER

Ewing M. Taylor, has been appointed to Rural Route No. 3 as carrier and will be on duty January 1, 1914.

Mr. Taylor is now employed by A. L. Spann grocers, and is well known in this city. Eugene Stark, substitute carrier is now filling the position, but will retire on the above date. Mr. Taylor's appointment comes from the last examination for rural carrier and he being at the head of list, receives the appointment.

Jake Stubberfield, of Norton was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

C. F. Rasoner, of the Talpa country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

## HEAVIEST MAIL IN HISTORY OF BALLINGER

Monday was a record breaking day for the amount of mail and parcel post handled through the Ballinger post office. This is the first Christmas for the parcel post business, and not since the first letter was mailed at Ballinger has there ever been such a rush. In round numbers there were just 656 packages received and dispatched at the local office, and many people were lined up for several hours waiting their turn to get to the window and dispatch a gift to mother, sweetheart or some kinsman, and the rush did not let up until late in the day. The same has been the case a good part of today. The idea that the world will not learn that Ballinger is on the map on account of hard times is bogus idea. The times are not as hard as some would have you believe, and judging from the activity of Santa Claus and the busy scene witnessed at the post office this is about the most prosperous place in Texas. Not only is the outgoing mail heavy, but thousands of packages are being received here, and in all it makes a mighty busy scene at the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Proctor, of Midland, came in Monday afternoon in their auto, to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days. Mr. Proctor is an old friend of R. L. Harwell, the manager of the Fort Auto Co, just established in our city and says he can cordially recommend him to his many Runnels county friends.

Mrs. W. A. Perry, of Sweetwater, who had been here to attend the funeral of her father, Walter Cordill, left Tuesday at noon for Miles to visit relatives a few days before returning home.

G. W. Ray, of Mayerick, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

G. W. Houston, of the Tennyson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

## FURS! FURS!! FURS!!

There is big money in furs. We are among the the largest handlers in Texas of furs and dressed turkeys. Our outlet is enormous, write today for our special price list. If you have some furs on hand ship them to us, we will mail you a check immediately. If our prices are not satisfactory, return the check and we will ship the furs any place in the United States you desire, losing what express we have paid. We want a bright entergetic man, who understands grading furs to represent us. Good pay to right party, write today

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## LOSES ALL IN FIRE.

The fire that destroyed the Legate place Sunday night robbed Mrs. Boyington of all her belongings, according to a statement made by J. C. Thaxton, the lady's father, who was in from Maverick Tuesday. Mr. Thaxton stated that the loss amounted to four or five hundred dollars as Mrs. Boyington lost all her clothes, bed clothes, and in fact everything in the way of a house keeping outfit she had. E. M. Setser is circulating a subscription list, and the citizens are contributing liberally towards restoring her loss.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Beaumont, and baby, of San Saba, came in Tuesday at noon to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward and family.

Albert W. Woods, manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., of Ballinger, left Monday afternoon to spend the holidays with his mother and friends at Jefferson, Texas.

C. J. Thaxton, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

## SIX INCH SNOW FALLS IN TEXAS

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 22.—Snow extending generally over the Panhandle and in several other sections of north Texas, southern and western Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas was reported today, the fall over the Panhandle amounting to six inches. The fall at other points was light. The lowest temperature in Texas was recorded at Amarillo where the thermometer registered 24 degrees. The forecast of the local weather bureau was for freezing weather in north Texas and frost in the south, except on the gulf coast tonight.

Frank Atwell, of Dallas came in Sunday to join his wife and children here on a visit to her relatives, Ed, Will and Miss Agnes Glover, and will spend the holidays in our city. Frank has a splendid position in Dallas but says he had much rather make his home in Ballinger under the same circumstances.

## DAYS LONGER; NIGHTS SHORTER

Had you noticed it? Not many people had and we believe you belong to the category which fails to take notice of the important things of this old world. Of course, the school children knew all about it and talked about Monday being a longer day than Sunday.

Sunday was the shortest day of the year, 1913, and Monday was just a tiny bit longer than Sunday. It takes a very observant person to note that each day is just a little bit longer or a little bit shorter than the previous day, yet such is the case.

Sunday held the record for this year in cutting the performance. The curtain was dropped before six o'clock and many people of Ballinger and elsewhere just rocked along and failed to notice that the matinee was curtailed and the night performance made longer. Until past the middle of June, the days will continue to get longer that the working men might have a better opportunity to see the afternoon show. Those who have noticed the days getting longer have smiles on their faces for they realize that before long their electric light bill will take an appreciated slump.

## STAMFORD OIL MILL BURNS.

W. A. McShann, who lives on one of the rural routes out of Ballinger returned Tuesday from Wichita Falls, where he had been visiting for the past several weeks. Mr. McShann reports that the oil mill at Stamford burned Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock, while he was in that city en route home. The loss was heavy according to reports.

Mr. McShann says much rain has fallen in North Texas lately and has put a wonderful seasoning in the ground.

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd left Tuesday afternoon for Toyah, Texas, to join his wife and baby on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tackett and family during the holidays.

## PIONEER LADY DIED TUESDAY

Mrs. Sarah Barbee, the wife of M. Barbee, died at her home in South Ballinger Tuesday morning at 8:25, after an illness of several days. Mrs. Barbee's death was not unexpected as she had been very low for several days, but many heads were made to bow in sorrow when the news was spread over town early Tuesday morning that she had departed this life, and tomorrow afternoon — Christmas Eve, many friends will gather at the cemetery to pay their last tribute to this good woman.

Mrs. Barbee came to Ballinger with her husband many years ago, and she lived to see many changes brought about. She was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church and her influence among the good mothers of this town has been felt, and has ever been for those things that make better homes and better society. A true Christian woman has been taken away, and she will not only be missed by those who have been near her daily, but many friends who have known her for twenty and twenty five years are made to sorrow.

A husband, and four children are left to mourn. There are three sons and one daughter, Mrs. Tomlin, of Paint Rock, W. E. and E. M. of Ballinger and Wade, of El Paso, Mrs. N. J. Wardlow of Ballinger and Mrs. S. W. Holland of Eldorado are the children, and they were all present when their mother died.

Arrangements for the funeral have been made, and Rev. R. M. Hammock, of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence in South Ballinger, and the remains will be interred in the Ballinger cemetery.

J. W. Tippet and two little sons, of the Crews country, were interviewing Santa Claus in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jayroe, of Crews, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

# 1886 ANNOUNCEMENT 1914

...To Our Friends and Customers...

We take great pleasure in announcing to you that our calendars for the year 1914 will be ready for distribution from January 3rd, to January 10th, 1914. Not a highly expensive calendar but one, neat, serviceable and artistic, reproduced from the original painting "At Sunaown" by Geo. Howell Gay.

You have often heard the remark "calendars don't pay," but we believe "calendars do pay" in that they are highly appreciated by our many friends and customers being an advertisement so attractive and useful that it does not seem to be an advertisement.

We are going to ask every person receiving a calendar to register in a book conveniently arranged, thereby indicating to us that you appreciate same and will give it a place on the wall of your office or home.

*(Children Must Present Order from Parents. Calendars Cannot Be Mailed.)*

This calendar is but a token of our interest in you, a grasp by the hand, as it were, the getting a bit closer to our individual customers and friends and we extend to you these souvenirs as a slight token of our sincere appreciation of your good will and patronage.

We are saving a copy especially for you and we want you to call in person at our Bank and we will be pleased to present it to you. Be assured of the continued interest we have in you, of our constant endeavor to make your business dealings with us more pleasant, more agreeable, more profitable. We never stop, we never rest, always trying to improve, to raise the standard of our Bank and to gain your continued favor through the channel of "Square Dealing."

With sincere thanks for the many favors rendered us during the past year and with best wishes for *Health, Happiness and Prosperity* to you and yours for all the future, we are

Your friends,

# THE First National Bank of Ballinger













