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LAWSON MAKES THREATS IN LEAK PROBE HEARING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The revelation of the name of a "high official," which if given at this time would prove "disastrous" to the nation and the administration, was promised by Thomas W. Lawson of "leak" fame, should the investigating body with higher powers than the House Rules Committee be ordered to investigate the charges. Lawson's promise came after he had confessed to the fact that all he wanted is to have Wall Street probed to the bottom.

Before the threat came from Lawson to reveal the name of "high official" the committee had voted to enter a motion by Congressman Bennett to report Lawson to the House as in contempt for his failure to answer questions. The action in reporting Lawson to the House was deferred.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Wrangling which threatened to develop into personal encounters between Thomas W. Lawson and Congressman Chipperfield marked today's "leak" hearing. Mr. Lawson frankly admitted that he profited by the "leak." Congressman Chipperfield said he could see that Lawson was "four-flushing" and so called him. Lawson rebuked Chipperfield violently for making such insinuations and it appeared that an encounter would occur before order could be restored.

As Lawson completed his testimony a hysterical woman dashed from the crowd and threw her arms around his neck and talking rapidly fell in the man's arms.

Ambassador Gerard's name was mentioned during Secretary Tumulty's testimony. Mr. Tumulty stated that he introduced Mr. Gerard to local brokers when Mr. Gerard was here on his last visit, when Mr. Gerard wished to buy bonds. Mr. Tumulty said he knew nothing of the peace note until it was released for publication. President Wilson signed a statement corroborating Mr. Tumulty's statement.

Secretary Lansing testified regarding the preparations for the note.

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W. T. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, J. W. Carr of Coke county, Lee Good of the Midland country, W. B. Guin of Wingate, J. M. Osborn of Norton, and S. L. Alexander of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

"RAINY DAYS"

In the sunshine, we forget the storm, yet fair weather days of life are days when preparations to meet the future should be made and made persistently.

Are you spending too much and saving too little? With a little, a dollar or more, you can start an account here, and prepare as you should for the "Rainy Days" ahead.

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STRIKES OIL WHILE DRILLING FOR WATER

Oil enthusiasm is running "slicker" this week as the result of an oil strike on the W. E. Allen ranch northwest of Ballinger Monday. Mr. Allen was drilling for water when he struck a strata of oil that looks mighty good to those who know a little something about the oil business. Some are enthusiastic over the strike and say that there is every indication that oil can be secured here in paying quantities.

From time to time there has been more or less talk of organizing a home company and going down after oil, gas, or whatever might be found. The striking of this oil so near the city will no doubt revive the oil fever and there will be more talk and some real activity looking towards the organizing of a company to push the development work.

MAKING NEW CODE FOR NEUTRALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Leading code experts of North and South America are working out a new International code to be used for the purpose of protecting the "liberty of the neutral nations." The basis for such a code is drawn from the lesson learned by the European war. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are the original proponents for the formulations of the new code terms. The new principles will be accomplished at a meeting to be held in Havana on January 22.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Bailey came in Monday afternoon from a visit to their son in Schleicher county, and will visit their daughter, Mrs. Scott Mack, and family a week or so before going on to Fort Worth.

V. N. Harp, who lives just east of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday, and ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address the ensuing year.

F. Gallas, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

NO TIME FOR PEACE PLANS SAYS POPE

ROME, Jan. 8.—The present time is not the opportune time to push peace plans, according to a message being drafted and to be dispatched to Germany and the United States by the Pope of Rome next Wednesday. According to the messenger the Pope will declare in his message that the present is an inopportune time for peace movement.

PORTUGAL AIDING WITH BIG ARMY

WITH BRITISH IN FIELD, Jan. 8.—The Portuguese officers arrived on the Western front today preparatory to Portugal sending a big expeditionary force to the battlefield.

CITY TAKES STEPS TO CONTEST SUIT

At a meeting of the city council held Tuesday morning the city began to formulate plans for contesting the suit recently filed by a machinery company to recover \$5000, the purchase price and interest on street machinery sold to the city.

The mayor and city attorney, Judge J. W. Powell, and Judge A. K. Doss, respectively, were appointed to look after the suit and represent the city in the case.

This was the regular meeting of the city council, being the second Tuesday in the month, but very little business was transacted. The election of Carlos Dunn as fire chief by the volunteer fire company was approved by the city, and after reading and approving the minutes of a previous meeting the council recessed until Thursday.

There is much for the aldermen to do, but they decided best to postpone the business until after the commission election which will be held Wednesday.

SELLS HOME

Mrs. N. A. Sewell has sold her home, recently on Eighth Street and her son, T. J. Gardner has leased the same until spring and after that time he will either buy or build a home in Ballinger, as he and his wife expect to continue to make this their permanent home.

ONLY SHORT FIVE HUNDRED MILLION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Facing a deficit estimated at four hundred and ninety-five million dollars, the House Ways and Means Committee met today to consider means for raising the revenue. After some discussion the committee adjourned until Thursday.

Temple has Field Crop Meeting. Temple, Jan. 9.—The Field Crop association convened here today for a two day discussion of matters agricultural.

Clarence Ousley, Col. Frank P. Holland, of Dallas; Prof. C. C. Williams, of Wooster, O.; President Bizzel, of the Texas A. & M. and other prominent speakers are scheduled to address the association during the session.

Rev. R. H. Gibson of Carleton, who preached at Paint Rock last Sunday, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home. He is an old friend of Judge R. S. Griggs of our city, and a very pleasant hour was spent together while Rev. Gibson was here.

Pros are In The Saddle at Austin

ARMY RECRUITING STATION OPENED HERE

Louis Janieck, recruiting officer for the United States army, has been in Ballinger for a week or more, having opened a recruiting station here. Mr. Janieck has proven himself a good mixer since coming to Ballinger and has made friends among the boys who are eager to learn something about Uncle Sam's requirements for army service, and he expects to have Ballinger and Runnels county well represented in the American army before he closes the local recruiting station.

Up to Monday night Mr. Janieck had assigned four recruits and supplied the necessary transportation and credentials to carry them to Fort Sam Houston. Those signing up to serve their country so far are Grady Chastain, who signed up for a place in the Coast Artillery; George A. Baker, becomes a member of the military band; Aubrey Schmiedle, undersigned, pending increase in weight; Victor Green, Field Artillery. All of these boys will be kept in training at Ft. Sam Houston, and those wishing to write the boys will address the respective office accordingly.

Mr. Janieck is well posted on army matters and is an interesting conversationalist in discussing army and military matters. He thinks that the army offers good advantages for many young men who have the material in them to make men.

"With the passing of the last army bill," said Mr. Janieck, "by congress the army was revised so that the public is in absolute darkness as to its advantages over positions in civil life. The standing army has been increased 100,000 more troops of all different branches. This has given a very excellent opportunity to lots of the bright men in the service to compete for promotion to the ranks of second lieutenants, a rank that pays \$1700 a year.

"Soldiers showing a good percentage of examinations, but not good enough for appointment are appointed by the president to be sent to the military academy at government expense for further training.

"Soldiers, while in active service of the army, in addition to military training are given opportunity to study and receive instructions along educational lines of such character as to increase their military efficiency and enable them to return to civil life better equipped for industrial, commercial and general business occupations. Civilian teachers are employed to aid the army officers in giving such instructions and part of this instruction may consist of vocational education either in agriculture or mechanic arts. With these excellent opportunities offered to every soldier the army has become a general business occupation, and it presents to the American youth a very excellent opportunity to learn a trade, see the world, save your money, and serve your country."

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Dallas County Fighting Ticks. Dallas, Jan. 9.—The Dallas county livestock association, recently organized to eradicate ticks in Dallas county, will hold a meeting here this afternoon. Committees appointed to interview the county commissioners and solicit aid will report.

Ft. Worth Wants New Station. Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—A committee of ten members of the Fort Worth Rotary Club are here today, to appear before the railroad commission and urge Fort Worth's claim for a new union passenger station. Among those on the committee are Joe Kingsberry, Jr., J. C. Clopton, L. P. Robertson, Sam Johnson and A. C. Farmer.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 9.—"Steve" King, senator from Nacogdoches, "convened" today, along with the rest of the Texas legislature.

But the public eye was much more on "Steve" than any of his associates or all of them combined. For State-wide prohibition is THE issue at this session, and when it comes to prohibition, "Steve" is the "balance of power."

So evenly is the senate divided on the question of submission of a prohibition amendment to a popular election that the swing of one doubtful vote will decide. That's where "Steve" comes in. He's the doubtful vote.

Members of the senate were instructed at the primaries by popular vote on how they should stand on question of submission. There was a wide discrepancy in the official and unofficial returns in "Steve's" home county. Really, he doesn't know whether he's a "pro" or an "anti"—when it comes to instructions.

Personally, "Steve" is understood to be an "anti." Right now, however, he won't tell his best friends how he's going to vote.

The prohibition question is going to be the big thing right from the jump. But —(whisper)—neither side is going to bring the question to a vote until they know how "Steve" is going to act—or think they do.

Both houses cranked up and got away in "low" at noon. The lower house was called to order by Churchill Bartlett of Marlin, the new secretary of state, who succeeded Secretary McKay, but a few days ago. The roll was called and the members sworn in en bloc.

Fuller was unanimously elected speaker of the House, all the other candidates having withdrawn from the race Monday, giving Fuller the right of way. The new speaker pleaded to the lawmaking body his best efforts and stated that he would preside with a view for the best good of the whole state.

Mr. Fuller is a pro but represents a wet county. He is 44 years old and was born at Melrose, Nacogdoches county. He secured his education in the Nacogdoches schools and at the Houston Normal Institute. He was admitted to the bar in 1901 and was elected county attorney of San Jacinto county in 1904. He served as a member of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth legislature.

Lieut.-Gov. Hobby banged the gavel in the senate, which followed a routine similar to that in the

house, including the election of president pro tem. There were no announced candidates for this job, C. W. Nugent of Conroe held it last session.

The business of organization was expected to occupy at least two days. As soon as this preliminary work is completed, the two bodies will send a joint committee to Governor Ferguson to notify him that the legislature is ready for business. Thereupon, the governor will send his annual message to be read.

The greatest indoor sport of all will follow immediately. That is, the introduction of a few hundred bills. They are expected to average at least 15 a day until Jan. 16, when the Governor will be inaugurated.

The one thing Texas is practically certain to get is a highway commission. A great majority of the members, especially the new ones, have been outspoken in favor of such a body.

Henderson President Pro Tem In Senate

Austin, Jan. 9.—Senator John Henderson, a prohibitionist, was elected president pro tem of the Senate without opposition. As soon as the senate is organized Senator Bee introduced a bill re-portioning the state into new congressional districts.

ONE HORSE FARMER'S RAIN REPORT

Henry Sipes, "the one horse farmer," was in from his farm near Maverick first of the week, and was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office. Mr. Sipes gave us his rain report for the past year, and the rain fall as recorded by his rain gauge on his farm shows 12 inches of rain fall for the year. That is just a little less than fell at some other points in the county, the total fall at Ballinger was shown by the government gauge showing 12.60 inches.

When asked for his forecast and requested to predict the rain fall for the year 1917, Mr. Sipes only laughed and said, "I hope it will at least be eighteen or twenty inches." You know Mr. Sipes has been in Runnels county too long to act as a weather prophet. He says he can tell what the weather has done in the past, but he will not attempt to tell what it is going to do in the future.

Mrs. Hugh Simpson of Gainesville, ho spent the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends returned home Monday afternoon.

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Those who have used it longest are its best friends. It gives grateful relief in stubborn coughs and colds. Try it.



248 Guests Registered at Hotel de Armstrong in 1916

There were 248 lockups during the year 1916 according to Jailor Armstrong's register, which he says is absolutely correct. Mr. Armstrong keeps a record of every prisoner placed in the local jail, giving his name and the charge for which he is arrested.

The register makes a bad showing for the white boys of this town in one particular at least. Of the 248 parties placed in jail only 29 were charged with being drunk. Of this 29 there were only four negroes and three Mexicans, 22 of the drunks being whites.

Of course the most of the 248 arrests represented in the jail register were made for misdemeanors, and the parties plead guilty to gambling, vagrancy, petty thieving, etc. The biggest arrival at the jail for one day was when the officers arrested 34 ne-

groes for gambling during the crop harvest season. Most of these were transients.

The population of the county considered, we believe that the moral record of Rannels county will compare favorably with any county in the state. A great majority of the petty crimes filed in the courts of this county show to be against strangers—transient people who are here only for a short time, and most all of the felony charges filed were against people who were professional "crooks," and who claimed home wherever they could carry on their crookedness.

At present there are six prisoners in jail. Four of these are being held on felony charges, two on misdemeanors, and the jailor is taking care of one man who is invalid and under the care of the county.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

The Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, at their regular meeting Friday, Jan. 5, ordered notice to be given to all parents residing within this independent school district that the compulsory attendance law would be in operation and in force beginning Monday, January 22, 1917.

The ages are 8 to 14 years; the time is 60 days of regular attendance.

Those exempt are: (1) Those in private or parochial schools; (2) those whose bodily or mental condition renders attendance inadvisable; (3) any blind, deaf, dumb or feeble-minded; (4) any child living more than 2 1/2 miles from school house; (5) any child who is more than 12 years old and has already completed the work of the fourth grade, and whose labor is needed for support of parent or guardian.

Concerning these exemptions, the parents should see the superintendent and should file the legal certificates.


W. S. FLEMING, Superintendent.

Mrs. O. Y. Jackson and little daughter, of Lampasas, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Will McWhirter and family the past week or ten days, left for their home Saturday afternoon.

John Cavitt, of Moody, who had been in Ballinger the past two weeks visiting friends and looking after business affairs, left for his home Saturday.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

Look at tongue! If coated, clean little stomach, liver, bowels.



Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally has stomachache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with content any other fig syrup.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GUYER'S TASTELESS CHINA TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

O. H. Dahlgren and Charlie Haiz of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Rains and Crop Prospects for 1917

By A. A. Halbert, Coleman, Texas.

It is human nature to unveil the future. Many imposters thrive up on this pretended gift. I have no axe to grind except to serve my class. Neither am I a pessimist or calamity howler. Yet I never shirk the truth, as I see it, to predict things pleasant. Hence this message to my brother farmers to prepare for a very dry year. The rains will be light and scant, especially the growing season and little moisture to begin with and that little will escape rapidly as the season advances. Hence plant early and risk a late frost, rather than wait too long and not get your crops up. There will be sufficient showers to make some cotton and drouth resisting feed stuff if once up and that little moisture conserved.

This prediction is not a whim but based upon a profound study of natural laws and especially those pertaining to the weather. I began this study when a farm boy, in felling giant trees to make rails and rive boards in old Washington county, Texas, and upon the information gained from the heart of these oaks, from tradition handed down by my father and from my own experience after I came old enough to farm and observe for myself. I unhesitatingly say that for over 100 years, that every year that terminated in the digits 6 and 7 have been dry years in Texas. Seven the driest from an accumulated drouth; that is we will have as much rain in 1917 as we had in 1916, but no underground moisture to begin with.

I hope that I may be mistaken or rather that 1917 may be an exception to the rule that has prevailed for over 100 years. I much prefer to risk the punishment awarded false prophets in the Bible than see my prophecy come true. Yet to be fore-warned is to be fore-armed and if the danger does not come we are none the worse off by being prepared.

I expect heavy to excessive rains to begin from the 19th to 21st of July and break the prolonged drouth, possibly it may be delayed until about same date in August. This will still give ample time to make some forage crops and partly recover from the disastrous drouth, if it prevails as I predict. The good crop years will advance rapidly from the lowest ebb of the years ending in 7 until we reach the years ending in 6 as 1920, which are always the best crop years for that decade.

With all due respect to our friend Halbert's prediction, we can not place much confidence in the forecast. However, Mr. Halbert's warning to the farmers to be prepared is good advice. We should be prepared at all times and Mr. Halbert is correct when he says to be "fore-warned is to be fore-armed."

Mr. Halbert says that for over 100 years, that every year that terminated in the digits 6 and 7 have been dry years in Texas. That may be true when Texas is referred to as a whole, and we can not deny that claim because we haven't the figures for over 100 years, but we do know that Mr. Halbert is mistaken as far as his statement applies to Rannels county. The rain record shows that more rain fell in Rannels county in 1906 than for any one year in the last twenty-two years, and may be for any one year in the last hundred years. The average rain fall in Rannels county for the last twenty-two years is 23.99. For the year 1906 the rain fall amounted to 37.82.

And then, how about the Indian sign? If every fog that has formed over this country during the last few weeks represents a rain for the future months of the year, the country will certainly be flooded several times before the farmers can make a crop.

Worry less and work more would be our advice to the farmers, many of whom are now putting in more time worrying about when and how much it is going to rain, than they are in getting ready for the rain when it does come. You can't make it rain, but you can be ready to get the full benefit of it when it comes.

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! CHRISTMAS CLUB IN GREAT DEMAND

The F. & M. State Bank of this city continues its right to a place among the progressive banks of the country. The popularity and success of its Christmas Club has been phenomenal. This Club gives everybody a chance to save regularly, for the bank is willing to accept small amounts. Even boys and girls are invited to become members, for it is a well-known fact that the saving habit needs to be fostered in this country. Once the youthful mind realizes how really easy it is to save and how pleasant it is to have money in bank, the saving habit will become life-long.

A large number of people, where their incomes are large or small, find it difficult to "get ahead" financially. They postpone the time when they will start saving to provide for the rainy day because they never seem to have enough spare money to start a bank account. The Christmas Club is a great benefit to the people in this way, for they don't need any more capital to get started than the first small payment, and after all, the start is the important thing.

Although the first Club payment is due December 26th, members may join before that time by paying in advance. The Club runs fifty weeks, so that each member will receive check in time for Christmas shopping. When payments are made regularly the bank allows interest on the account, which is always an encouragement to saving.

A number of plans are offered and members may select one or more of them. In the uniform classes one may pay 25c, 50c, \$1.00 or \$2.00 weekly, the totals amounting respectively to \$12.50, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. Another way is what is known as the progressive class, in which payment increases every week. One of these classes starts at 2c, next week 4c, and so on. The 2c progressive Club matures at \$25.50. Then there is a 5c progressive Club maturing at \$63.75. These progressive Clubs may be reversed, starting at the highest amount

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J. W. Poole, of the Winters-Wingate country and J. F. White, of the Truitt country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

H. C. Conner, of the Hatchell country, and A. A. Tidwell, of the New Home neighborhood, J. R. and R. P. Taylor and J. M. Jennings, of the Norton country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

J. J. Gerhardt, of the Crews country, M. E. Marrell, of the Hatchell country and Harris Mullin of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

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LEWIS J. CUTLER, Marietta, Ohio.

LAND OWNERS ARE CHARGED WITH PEONAGE

DALLAS, Jan. 8. — Federal Judge Meek instructed the federal grand jury to investigate the charges of peonage brought to his attention from Northern Texas. The State District Attorney has collected considerable evidence against large land owners alleged to have held negroes in bondage on the grounds that the negroes were indebted to them.

Notice of Final Account

No. 294

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Rannels County—Greetings:

Warren Williams, survivor in community of the Estate of Susan C. Williams, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Susan C. Williams, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby Comanded, That by publication of this writ for twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Rannels you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February Term, 1917, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said county in the City of Ballinger, on the fifth day of February, A. D. 1917, when said Account and Application will be considered by said court.

Witness W. C. McCarver, clerk of the County Court of Rannels County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in Ballinger, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) W. C. McCarver, Clerk C. C. Rannels, County. A true Copy, I certify:

J. D. Perkins, Sheriff Rannels county.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nutter of Kentucky, who visited Judge J. W. Powell and family the past few days, left for Baird to visit relatives a few days before going home.

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J. T. Russell and son Coran and J. P. Knight of the Winters country and J. S. Reese of the Benoit country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.


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MAN WHO PASSED BAD CHECKS HERE IS NOW IN JAIL AT STEPHENVILLE

The man who passed himself off as J. C. Evans, and a half dozen other names, while trading in Ballinger and giving bad checks about a month ago, is in jail at Stephenville, where he confessed to the crookedness here, and it is reported that bad checks are being held against him at other places.

Sheriff Perkins returned Thursday night from Stephenville, where he went to identify the man and connect him with the check crookedness in Ballinger if he was the guilty party. After a short talk with the sheriff the man admitted that he was the man who passed the checks here, and told of other transactions at Lampasas, Goldthwaite, and he was caught at Dublin a short time after he had passed bad checks at Stephenville.

The man gave his name as H. D. Broyles. He told Sheriff Perkins that he taught school in Coke county last year, but failed to get a school for the present term, and he decided that he would buy goods with bad checks and sell the goods until he got enough money to engage in farming.

Mr. Perkins stated that when the man was confronted with the facts he made a clean confession of the whole transaction, but declined to disclose who the team and wagon with which he hauled the goods away from Ballinger belonged to, further than to say that the owner of the team and wagon had gone to Arizona.

When Broyles passed the bad checks at Ballinger he purchased everything from drugs to lumber. The officers found the lumber on the road south of Ballinger where the wagon had broken down. The other goods had been removed from the wagon and hauled away in an auto. When arrested Broyles had in his possession a flash light which he purchased from the Walker Drug Co. He declined to tell where he disposed of the other goods.

It was due to the clever work of a salesman in a big department store at Stephenville that Broyles was caught. He was in the act of buying a bill of goods. In fact he had purchased the goods and had tendered a check on a Dublin bank in payment for same, when the clerk made some inquiry about the man before accepting the check, and by the quizzing confused the man in such way as to cause the clerk to believe that he located a forger. The man returned the goods to the clerk, and getting his check back, got in his Ford car which he had loaded with goods purchased at other places in Stephenville, and "hit the grit." In the meantime the clerk was getting in touch with the officers and in a few minutes a chase was on between the officers and the man. The officers caught Broyles after running him to Dublin, and recovered the goods purchased in Stephenville. Broyles had passed eight bad checks in Stephenville and had his Ford car loaded with goods and was passing the ninth check about dark when he failed to get by with it.

The usual pitiful story was related to the sheriff of how the man had failed to get a school, and decided that he would stock up on goods purchased with bad checks, and try in this way to get a start in the world. Court is in session at Stephenville now, and the judge told Sheriff Perkins that he could get the man when the court at that place was through with him, and if he is wanted at Goldthwaite and Lampasas, those towns will no doubt make claim to him.

Broyles is a married man, according to Sheriff Perkins, and the wife and some of her folks visited him in jail at Stephenville and drove the Ford car off that Broyles was using in carrying on his work. It is not known where his family lives. Broyles was arrested several days ago, and the officers at Stephenville having received notice from Sheriff Perkins to keep a close watch out for such a man, notified Perkins that they thought they had the man who also worked the bad check game at Ballinger. Mr. Perkins went down and arranged to get possession of the man when Erath county is ready to give him up. Mr. Perkins had notified the officers of other counties in this section of the state and has been working quietly on the case every since the crime was

committed. The sheriff sent his deputy C. B. Armstrong in a jitney to the Llano and San Saba breaks shortly after the forgery was committed here and told him not to come back until he caught the man. Mr. Armstrong spent several days in search of the man, but failing to find any clue that justified a longer search in that country he returned home.

STOMACH AILMENTS THE NATION'S CURSE



There is no ailment causing more woe and misery than Stomach Trouble. Often Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Constipation, Yellow Indigestion, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other serious and fatal ailments result from it. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayer's Wonderful Remedy. It is unlike any other remedy. It sweeps the poisonous bile and catarrhal accretions from the system. Soothes and allays Chronic Inflammation. Many declare it has saved their lives, and prevented serious surgical operations. Try one dose today. Watch its marvelous results. Contains no alcohol—no habit-forming drugs. Book on Stomach Ailments FREE. Address Geo. H. Mayer, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago. Better yet—obtain a bottle of Mayer's Wonderful Remedy from Walker Drug Co., or any reliable druggist, who will refund your money if it fails.

LURED TO PATHS OF SIN; KILLS GADET

FORT WORTH, Jan. 6.—Claiming that he lured her "in the paths of sin and attempted to force her to become a white slave," Miss Callie Meadors, eighteen years old, a pretty rural lass, walked to the room of D. P. McAdams, No. 42, in his rooming house here, and shot him twice to instant death this afternoon.

After making a sworn statement to the County Attorney of Tarrant county, Miss Meadors was released on a \$7,500 bond.

In her statement to the county official, the girl stated that she came here a few months ago from Parker county when she met McAdams, who promised to give her work in his rooming house. He recommended his rooming house for her to stop for the night, and later McAdams broke in her room and forced her to yield to him. Later, she said, the rooming house proprietor attempted to persuade her to become a white slave, and when she refused, he became abusive.

BREAKS A COLD IN FEW HOURS--TRY IT

First dose of Pape's Cold Compound relieves all gripe misery.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

"Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only 25 cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute.

Miss Eva Phillips, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook and family, left for her home at San Saba Saturday afternoon.

FARM SPECIALISTS WILL COME HERE

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 4.—"Peanuts, poultry and pork produced in 1916 in Eastland, Erath and Comanche have saved the farmers of those counties from all ill effects of the high cost of living and exemplified the principles underlying the 'Safe Farming and High Priced Cotton' campaign," said William G. Breg, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Texas Bankers' Association yesterday when announcing the personnel of the team which is to visit those counties beginning January 5th, in interest of the campaign.

Pecans and potatoes, have proven profitable in Brown and Lam pasas counties; poultry, peaches and grapes are revenue producers in Callahan, Rannels, Parker and Taylor counties. Coleman, with its dairy and bee business, is a country flowing 'with milk and honey.' Peaches, pecans and hogs are money makers for McCulloch and Hood county farmers. This means, fundamentally, that even in an era of high prices for cotton, food production has been the best business the farmers of Texas can follow.

Cooperation with local bankers and business men in the cities visited, and accompanied by representatives of the railways in that territory, a party of four agricultural specialists will tour these counties, in the interest of the campaign for food production in 1917. Mr. Breg announced the speakers and subjects, which will deal with local conditions. At the meetings, which will be arranged and announced by local conditions. At the meetings, which will be arranged and announced by local men affiliated with the movement.

T. O. Walton, of the United States Department of Agriculture will speak on the cow and the pig; orchards and gardens will be discussed by B. C. Tharp of the State Department of Agriculture. G. M. Garren of A. & M. College will explain and advocate soil conservation, while A. W. Hortsman, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, will show the annual cost of the cattle tick, and explain the U. S. Government's plan for tick eradication.

Leaving Fort Worth Monday, January 15, the party will travel over the following route: January 15, Weatherford; January 16, Eastland; January 17, Ciseo and Baird; January 18, Clyde and Putman; January 19, Abilene; January 20, Ballinger; January 22, Coleman and Brownwood; January 23, Brady and Lometa; January 24, Comanche; January 25, Comanche, DeLeon and Dublin; January 25, Stephenville; January 26, Granbury.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of gripe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like musky ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pain and aches of rheumatism neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c.

UNVEILING CEREMONIES

The Ballinger W. O. W. Lodge, assisted by a number of Woodmen from the different camps of this county, met at the city cemetery Sunday afternoon and performed the ceremony of unveiling the monument of Sovereign W. W. Wooten.

A large crowd was present besides the Woodmen, and during the ritual ceremonies Prof. W. S. Fleming delivered a splendid address of eulogy on the life and character of the deceased brother.

Master Mack No. 251,633. My Poland China will be kept at my place one mile east of Ballinger (on Joe Routh farm). \$2 for season with return privilege. 15-wtf J. H. TAYLOR.

RESIDENCE BURNS AT BENOIT.

Charlie Boyd reports a fire destroyed the home of Perry Pullan near Benoit, Sunday night. Very few things were saved of the household goods and the residence was an entire loss. Origin of the blaze is unknown.

Mrs. Phelps, of the Crews county, passed through Ballinger Saturday enroute to Goldthwaite Saturday afternoon.

Keeps Her Children In Perfect Health

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin the Family Laxative for Many Years.



Mrs. Aug. Doellefeld

Mrs. Aug. Doellefeld of Carlye, Ill., recently wrote to Dr. Caldwell, at Monticello, Ill., that she has used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in her home for a number of years, and would not be without it, as with it she has been able to keep her four children in perfect health.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that acts on the bowels in an easy, natural way, and regulates the action of this most important function. Nearly all the sickness to which children are subject is traceable to bowel inaction, and a mild, dependable laxative, such as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin should have a place in every family medicine chest. It is pleasant to the taste and children like it, and take it readily, while it is equally effective for adults.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is

sold in drug stores everywhere for fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure you get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

BURNED WITH GASOLINE WHILE PRESSING SKIRT

Mrs. W. A. Breedlove was painfully burned on the hands and arms while pressing a skirt which she had just cleaned with gasoline Wednesday morning about ten o'clock. Mrs. Breedlove began pressing the skirt before the gasoline had evaporated and the gasoline caught fire from the gasoline iron. Mrs. Breedlove's clothing caught fire and it is believed that she would have burned to death if Mr. Breedlove had not been near and was fortunate in extinguishing the flames. The good lady is getting along alright today, and no bad results will follow the accident, it is announced.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Frank Hoffman, who died at his home near Pony creek first of the week, was buried at that place Thursday afternoon and the large concourse of citizens who attended the remains to its last resting place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon attested the high esteem in which he was held. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Golbach of this city, and Rev. Father Crane, of San An-

gelo and the local lodge Sons of Hermann of Ballinger. About 50 automobiles besides other vehicles were in the funeral procession from the residence to the grave. He was born in Breunhem, Germany, July 22nd, 1867, and was not quite 50 years of age at the time of his death, and was a man of strict integrity and honor and held in high esteem by a host of friends over this entire county.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL Business College

ABILENE, TEXAS
 Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.

LEFT FOR LUBBOCK.

Miss Sammie Palgett left Saturday afternoon for Lubbock, where she will teach in the public schools of that city this term. Miss Sammie is one of Ballinger's favorite daughters, of rare educational attainments and the school at Lubbock is certainly fortunate in securing her valuable services as one of their teachers. We predict and feel sure she will please her patrons and she has a host of friends in Ballinger and Rannels county, who wish her unbounded success in her new home.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

M. C. Taylor of Abilene, who had been visiting and looking after business affairs in Ballinger the past few days, left Saturday at noon for Sweetwater and other points in that section before going on home.

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our customers up to the full limit of the credit they have established with us. The way to provide against that possible future need is to open an account with us

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STRENGTH SERVICE



WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

\$50,000.00 Stock must be Reduced to
Make room for Spring Merchandise

A Massive Clearance of
All Winter Merchandise

Sale Starts Saturday Morning, January 13, 1917

THIS will be the final winter Clearance Sale—a general house-cleaning time when stocks in every section of the store undergo the most rigid inspection. All winter goods in the house is reduced to extremely low prices. By this method only can we get rid of winter merchandise and enter spring with fresh crisp stocks. Prices all thru the house are lowered from 25 to 50 per cent and in many instances where lines are broken the reductions are even greater. It will be a time for foresighted shopping.

We Have Just Closed a Splendid Years Business at a Legitimate Profit and Now we are offering you Substantial Savings on all Winter merchandise. This sale is for everybody and the things on sale is what you will need most. Come.

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Apron check gingham worth 12½¢, this sale only, the yard 9½¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
\$1.50 ladies' flannel-ette gowns, this sale only 98¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
25 dozen ladies' bleached vests, fleece lined, worth 40¢, this sale 29¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
1 lot fancy hair-bow ribbon, 35¢ and 40¢ values, this sale special 23¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
25 gross pearl buttons, sizes 14 to 18, really worth 15¢, this sale, the card 4¢

MIDDY BLOUSES
10 dozen middy blouse waists, white and colors, regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.98 values, this sale 95¢

KID GLOVES
All white, black and tan kid gloves that sold at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, this sale now only \$1.35

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
20 dozen ladies' black and white silk hose, \$1.25 values, this sale, a pair 97¢

200 bolts gingham and percales, including Red Seal, new patterns, cheap at \$15, this sale choice a yard 12½¢

Remnants—Thousands of yards, including silk and cotton goods at ½ price.

Final Clearance Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses

Suits	Coats	Dresses
50 ladies' suits in silks, gaberdines, serges, and broadcloths, values up to \$25.00, choice, this sale	\$5.00 coats \$3.75 \$6.50 coats \$4.88 \$7.50 coats \$5.60 \$8.50 coats \$6.28 \$10.00 coats \$7.50 \$15.00 coats \$11.25 \$20.00 coats \$14.95 \$25.00 coats \$18.75	Values to \$18.50, now \$9.95 Values to \$10.00, now \$4.95 Values to \$8.50, now \$3.95 1 special lot dresses in wools, values up to \$10.00, choice \$2.95

\$9.95

All Millinery Must and Will Go

Drastic reductions on all Winter hats, in order to make a quick clean-up. Irresistible prices. 249 in the lot, including shapes, street and pattern hats, that formerly sold at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and up to \$10.00. Your unrestricted choice

95c

Every Piece of Silk, Wool and Heavy Cotton Goods Such as Repps, Whipcords and Etc. are Included in this Sale. All Serges, Broadcloth, Taffetas, Fancy Silk, Crepe de Chine and etc.

Regular 40c wool goods 32c	Regular 25c cotton dress goods 19c	Regular 50c silk goods 39c
Regular 50c wool goods 39c	Regular 35c cotton dress goods 28c	Regular 65c silk goods 52c
Regular 65c wool goods 52c	Regular 40c cotton dress goods 32c	Regular 75c silk goods 59c
Regular 75c wool goods 59c	Regular 50c cotton dress goods 39c	Regular 85c silk goods 68c
Regular 85c wool goods 68c	Regular 65c cotton dress goods 52c	Regular \$1.00 silk goods 79c
Regular \$1.00 wool goods 79c	Regular 75c cotton dress goods 59c	Regular \$1.25 silk goods 99c
Regular \$1.25 wool goods 99c		Regular \$1.50 silk goods \$1.19

Corsets Reduced During This Sale

\$1.00 corsets, this sale 80c
\$1.25 corsets, this sale 98c
\$1.50 corsets, this sale \$1.20
\$2.00 corsets, this sale \$1.60
\$2.50 corsets, this sale \$1.95
\$3.00 corsets, this sale \$2.39
\$3.50 corsets, this sale \$2.80
\$4.00 corsets, this sale \$3.20
\$5.00 corsets, this sale \$3.95

Women's Underwear Reduced During Sale

Regular 35c garments, this sale 28c
Regular 50c garment, this sale 39c
Regular 65c garments, this sale 52c
Regular 75c garments, this sale 59c
Regular \$1.00 garments, this sale 80c
Regular \$1.20 garments, this sale 99c
Regular \$1.50 garments, this sale \$1.20

Blankets and Quilts Reduced During Sale

Regular \$1.50 blankets and quilts \$1.12
Regular \$2.00 blankets and quilts \$1.50
Regular \$2.50 blankets and quilts \$1.88
Regular \$3.00 blankets and quilts \$2.25
Regular \$3.50 blankets and quilts \$2.63
Regular \$4.00 blankets and quilts \$3.00
Regular \$6.00 blankets and quilts \$4.50
Regular \$5.00 blankets and quilts \$3.75
Regular \$7.50 blankets and quilts \$5.80

¾ Off on All Embroideries ¼ Off on All Laces ⅓ Off on All Sweaters ¼ Off on Ladies' Waists

Many Lines of Men's, Women, and Children's Shoes Included in This Clearance Sale

\$10,000 Stock of Shoes to Select From

DRESS SHOES	WOMEN'S SHOES
Men's \$3.00 dress shoes \$2.49	Lot No. 1, women's shoes in patent leather, Wicker t make, button and lace styles, worth to \$6.00, this sale, choice \$3.49
Men's \$4.00 dress shoes \$3.45	Lot No. 2, women's patent leather shoes, lace and button styles, values \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00, this sale, choice at \$2.50
Men's \$5.00 dress shoes \$4.45	
Men's \$6.00 dress shoes \$5.25	
WORK SHOES	CHILDREN'S SHOES
\$3.00 work shoes \$2.69	\$1.00 children's shoes 82c
\$3.50 work shoes \$3.15	\$1.25 children's shoes 98c
\$4.00 work shoes \$3.60	\$1.50 children's shoes 1.23
	\$2.00 children's shoes 1.69
	\$2.50 children's shoes 1.95
	\$3.00 children's shoes 2.45
BOOTS	
\$5.00 bootees and boots \$4.45	
\$6.00 bootees and boots \$5.40	
\$7.50 bootees and boots \$6.75	
\$8.50 bootees and boots \$7.65	

Stock Reduction Sale on All Men's Clothing

250 men's and young men's wool suits, this season's best styles, worsted, cashmeres, and novelty weaves, values \$12.50 and up to \$15.00, Winter Clearance Sale, price only \$9.95
219 men's and young men's all wool suits, novelty, serges, worsteds, including every size, \$18.50 values, this sale \$14.95
All overcoats at the same ratio.

Boy's Suits Reduced During Sale

\$2.50 boys' suits, priced \$1.99 Regular \$6.00 suits now \$4.80
\$3.00 boys' suits, priced \$2.39 Regular \$6.50 suits now \$5.20
\$3.50 boys' suits, priced \$2.80 Regular \$7.50 suits now \$6.00
\$4.00 boys' suits, priced \$3.20 Regular \$8.50 suits now \$6.80
\$5.00 boys' suits, priced \$4.00 Regular \$8.50 suits now \$6.80

24 dozen childrens E-Z union suits, values 75 cents, sizes 2 to 12 years. Mothers will do well to supply your childrens next season wants. During this sale, the garment **45c**

Melton Dry Goods Co.
Everybody's Store Ballinger, Texas

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's ribbed undershirts and drawers to match, today 75¢, this sale 47¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's \$2.00 flannel overshirts, this sale for \$1.49

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's 65¢ and 75¢ blue work shirts, fast colors, all sizes, this sale 49¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's \$1.50 and \$2.00 white pleated shirts, this sale choice 79¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's \$1.25 bleached union suits, a real bargain, this sale only 90¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's 65¢ and 75¢ wool gloves, this sale for 42¢

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
Men's \$1.50 soft collar shirts, reduced during this sale to \$1.19

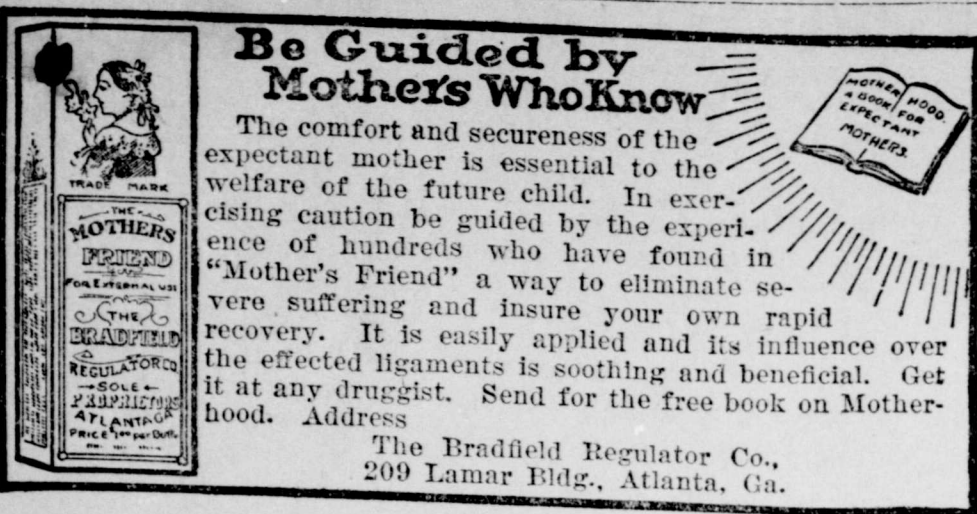
WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
1 lot men's novelty hats, worth \$3, this sale, choice \$1.95

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
1 lot boys' hats, worth to \$2, this sale choice \$1.23

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
25 men's Summit mackinaw coats value up to \$10, this sale, choice at \$6.45

Be Guided by Mothers Who Know

The comfort and security of the expectant mother is essential to the welfare of the future child. In exercising caution be guided by the experience of hundreds who have found in "Mother's Friend" a way to eliminate severe suffering and insure your own rapid recovery. It is easily applied and its influence over the effected ligaments is soothing and beneficial. Get it at any druggist. Send for the free book on Motherhood. Address: The Bradfield Regulator Co., 209 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.



May I Not or Shall I---A Minister---Attend Movies?

Note—The following statement is not the result of a controversy between myself and any of my Brother Ministers—an honest difference of opinion does not constitute a controversy. This statement was occasioned by a minister for whom I have a high regard speaking at the close of a service about the "moving picture show." I announced that I would have a statement to make the night following, and my main purpose in the announcement was to add materially to the growing audiences. But as I prayed and thought over the matter I found I could do no other than make this extended statement. I have no quarrel with any one who holds views different. This statement is not of my initiative, but a representative of The Ledger asked for it for the paper at the close of the service. J. W. Atwood.

May I Not or Shall I, a Minister Attend the Movies? Since I have been in Ballinger I have attended the movie on an average of two times a week.

First: An analysis of the movie and this analysis is not based so much upon a careful study of the institution here, for such I have not made, as upon an experiment last year in Montgomery, Ala., which city so far as I can judge is second to none in morals of the Southern cities. For a sufficient period I went daily to all the shows. From this experiment, which has been confirmed by what I have seen since, I believe the movie as it now exists—and I believe our local one to be about the average of those which try to secure the best—is without intending to be, a great enemy to the churches, an ally both as a Cause and Occasion. By cause I mean the evil it sets directly before the people, and by Occasion, evil in that it takes away members when they should be in their churches, interest and devotion that should be given them. This applies also to homes. Also monies that should go through the churches for the world-wide work of Christ.

Let us look at the institution itself. Is it not a fact that unfaithful wives and husbands, one of, if not the most frequent pre-

sentation if not the chief presentation? And is it not further a fact that they are presented in such a way as not so much to condemn the devil, but to portray them as "smart," "cute" quite the thing to do.

We fear that many a home has been wrecked, and many divorces have resulted from suggestions and teachings at this point. I believe that Gun Play is the next thing in prominence. Do you see many pictures without the gun, from its being carried or drawn to the wholesale killing? Suicides are a favorite way in which thrills are given the people.

Which comes next the cigarette smoking or drinking; this privately, in the home, club or barroom—this last quite in evidence. Again we note the thrills it makes at the church, and the things the church holds dear and sacred.

We pass by other things we believe to be objectionable, and notice the movie as an occasion for evil. If there were no objectionable features in the movie, if they occasioned a constant attendance would it not be time that should be given to the home, whether in better housekeeping, care and training of children, and in home acquaintance? Some constant movie goers scarcely know some of the members of their families. And what shall we say of the daily hour of private prayer, devotion and meditation? Some Christians say they haven't time for these indispensable spiritual exercises, and yet scarcely ever miss a show, giving to it as much as 10 or more hours a week. A tenth of every Christian's money is the Lord's, and how many use much of His money upon them?

Again is it not a fact that more Christians attend the movies regularly than attend church regularly? Is it not a fact that more of them go to the movie on Wednesday night than go to their prayer meetings? The movie is not to be blamed so much as the church members, but it offers a temptation to member to desert his church on the night that for centuries has been the Week Day church hour. If the moving picture show desires to help the church we kind-

ly ask them to close on Wednesday night and urge members to attend their churches that one week night, for the movies would not in small cities be able to run without the attendance of church members. Parenthetically might we respectfully petition the merchants, fraternal organizations and all else using Wednesday night to graciously give the churches right of way on "prayer meeting" night.

Now we want to be perfectly fair to the management from whom we have accepted courtesies, and whom we desire to have for our friends even as we intend to be their friend. I believe they are in the business for the same reason the lawyer, doctor, or merchant is, the money that can be made out of it. They are probably most concerned with giving the people what they want, and what will draw the largest crowds. I am told that the management desires the best and that frequently they do not know the picture until given, and that they must take what comes on the circuit. We do know that many of the better and more moral ones do come here and in a larger number than in many cities of this size.

Now a word as to this latter class. "Gloria's Romance," for beautiful scenery, and a great variety of it, splendid, natural acting of real artists, and a most charming heroine, has been a picture that I not only enjoyed, but received good from it. Having a streak of the humorous in me, I have laughed heartily and healthfully at Timothy Dobbs. "The Birth of a Nation" gives us a great work of art, presenting a true picture of many sections of the South at the close of the Civil War. It causes our friends of and from the North to understand and sympathize with us. Lincoln is made even dearer to the hearts of all the people, while the music charms, and I can only call it a wonderful work of genius.

"The Raven" is truly a great picture from many points of view, and one of the most telling arguments against the destructive power of liquor I have ever seen. "The Bugler of Algiers" is one of the sweetest pictures I have ever witnessed, setting forth, as no novel could have done, patriotism and unflinching fidelity of friendship.

In concluding this part, I would call attention, without elaboration, of the incalculable value of the movie from an educational point of view.

Now as a minister in Ballinger, the question that I must settle is, in view of the mixed character of this institution, shall I attend? Shall I go to that which I believe will be for my instruction and good otherwise? Shall the evil that is shown in some pictures cause me to refrain from seeing in others that which will help me? In a word, does my going to what I consider best make me endorse the institution as a whole? Does my going to the better ones give my "weaker brother" sufficient justification for going to the worst? While I am to have regard for the "weaker brother's" conscience, yet are there not also some obligations resting on him not to have too "weak" a conscience, and not to make too much of what his stronger brother may in all good conscience do? If my going to what I consider the best shows can only or legitimately be considered an endorsement of the institution as a whole, then there is but one thing for me to do: give up a pleasure that I deem my personal right, and from which I receive good, for no minister nor Christian can endorse that part of anything that is evil. If my going to the better things causes my brother to offend, then my course is to "give up eating meat" that I be not a party to my brother's sin.

I invite in the personal interview, in letters through the mail the judgement of Christians and others, that I may know how a minister's attendance is regarded by our citizens generally. These I would consider a great favor, and in the meanwhile I deem it best to refrain from going.

P. S. I do not desire the public to hold The Ledger or my church responsible for these statements. They are my own as an individual minister given in a spirit of love.

J. W. ATWOOD.

Paper Shell Pecans

We have this year a choice lot of Soft Shell Pecan trees grown on our own grounds, warranted true to name, thrifty. Now ready for delivery and transplanting. Address orders to Rannels County Pecan Nursery, S. B. Howard, 107 N. 12th St., Ballinger, Texas. 15-17w.

CATARRH IS STAGNATION PE RU NA IS INVIGORATION

Catarrh means inflammation. Inflammation is the stagnation of blood—the gorging of the circulation with impure blood. Of course you can't be well under this condition. It means, headaches, indigestion, kidney trouble, coughs, colds, etc.

Peruna By assisting nutrition increases the circulation, invigorates the system, removes the waste matter and brightens you up.

Over 44 Years Of service to the public entitles it to a place with you.

It Makes Good The Peruna Company Columbus, Ohio You can get Peruna in tablet form for convenience.

TO ENFORCE NEW DEMURRAGE CHARGES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 9.—All railroads operating in Oklahoma have been ordered to have representatives appear before the corporation commission today, and show why a proposed order of the commission, affecting demurrage charges, should not be declared effective.

The new order proposes cars may stand on siding for 48 hours free of charge; and a graduated scale of charges, beginning at \$2 and increasing one dollar per day for each succeeding day, shall be charged for time in excess of the initial 48 hours.

The purpose of the order is to relieve freight congestion and car shortage problems.

The present demurrage charge is \$1 per day, a flat rate.

IN FIVE MINUTES! NO INDIGESTION, GAS OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

The movent "Pape's Diapepsin" reaches the stomach all distress goes.

"Really does" put bad stomach in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn, and sourness in five minutes—that—just that—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestible waste, remember the moment "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous, and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction or your druggist hands you your money back.

It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach regulator in the world.

Card of Thanks.

We thank all those who were so kind to help us and who sympathized with us during the long illness and death of our son, brother and uncle. We also wish to thank Fathers Goldbach and Green, and those who sang in the choir and the lodge of Hermann Sons.

CLARA HOFFMAN and Children and Grand children.

Moving To New Location.

I am moving my saddle and harness and shoe repair shop to Eighth street next to Ballinger Light and Power Co., and I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage.

H. L. WENDORF. 1-dwtf The Busy Shop.

CHECK FORGER BREAKS JAIL

A phone message to Sheriff Perkins Tuesday morning stated that H. D. Boyles, the man held in jail at Stephenville, and who it is alleged had confessed to forging checks at Ballinger, escaped jail. The phone call came to Mr. Perkins to tell him about the man getting out of jail, but before the officers at Stephenville got in touch with the Ballinger sheriff the man had been caught and returned to jail, so the report goes, and when the officers talked to Mr. Perkins they told him about the escape and also about the recapture of the man.

Boyles, it will be remembered, was arrested at Stephenville several days ago, and Mr. Perkins went to that city and secured a confession to the forgeries here. The man will be brought to Ballinger when he is tried for forgery at Stephenville.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

County Judge O. L. Parish sends The Banner-Ledger to his brother-in-law, J. C. Murphy, at San Antonio, with his compliments.

Wm. Gallia and Ed Sklenoseck, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

Found a Sure Thing I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

D. D. Rice of Ballinger Route A and H. C. Hedges of Route B, while in the city Saturday each ordered the Banner-Ledger for a year.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, bleeding, protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c



Sloan's Liniment

Rheumatism Is My Weather Prophet. I can tell stormy weather days off by the twinges in my shoulders and knees. But here's an old friend that soon drives out the pains and aches. Sloan's Liniment is so easy to apply, no rubbing at all, it sinks right in and fixes the pain. Cleaner than musky plasters and ointments. Try it for gout, lumbago, neuralgia, bruises and sprains. At your druggist, 25c, 50c. and \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment
KILLS PAIN

W. W. Paschal of the Valley creek country, and R. H. Dameron of Route B, Ballinger, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday, and while here Mr. Dameron ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address.

Sick Liver Causes Dizziness. Headache, biliousness, chronic constipation and muddy complexion are signs that your overworked liver needs Po-Do-Lax to take up a part of the burden. Po-Do-Lax is Nature's remedy, a liquid laxative derived from the May-apple, a gentle liver stimulant that increases the flow of bile and by its mildly laxative quality carries off the impurities that have clogged the intestines and aids Nature to clear the blood. Get a bottle today. At all druggists, 50c.

Mrs. George Garland of Paint Rock, who had been visiting her sons at Kansas City during the holidays, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

A. H. Schooler of Wichita Falls, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route West on a business trip.

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
December 27th, 1916

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$336,578.55
U. S. Bonds	23,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	97,997.55
Cash and Exchange	320,323.35
	\$792,599.45

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	58,313.69
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	599,285.76
	\$792,599.45

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

We Can Help You

figure the bill when you get ready to make the needed improvements around your home. Our lumber and paint stock is select and complete.

Ballinger Lumber Company

COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Rannels.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared M. Kleberg, County Judge, Feb. McWilliams, W. D. Meadows, J. D. Smith and C. N. Craft, County Commissioners all of Rannels County, Tex., who being duly sworn, each on his oath, deposes and says he has fully complied with the provisions of Article 867 R. S., as set forth in said Article, taken in connection with chapter No. 164 Acts of the 29th Legislature 1905, known as the depository law, by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of W. L. Brown, County Treasurer of Rannels County, Texas, as set forth in said County Treasurer's report for the quarter ending July 31st, 1916, and find the same to be as follows:

First Class, Jury Fund, cash balance	\$36.75
Second Class, Road and Bridge Fund, cash balance	446.70
Third class Com. Co., fund, cash balance	2828.29
Fourth Class, Special Fund, cash balance	666.64
Fifth Class, Advertising Fund, cash balance	257.65
Sixth Class, Court House, Skg Fund No. 1, cash balance	2251.69
Seventh Class, B. B. Skg Fund No. 1, cash balance	267.36
Eighth Class, B. B. Skg. Fund No. 2, cash balance	2248.79

To amount due county	\$9793.87
By Outstanding checks	128.60
By balance commission due	65.67
By balance July 31, 1916, as certified by depository	\$9988.14
	\$9988.14

M. KLEBERG, County Judge.	
W. D. MEADOWS, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.	
J. D. SMITH, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.	
C. N. CRAFT, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.	

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August, 1916. (Seal) O. L. PARISH, County Clerk, Rannels County, Texas

To the People of Texas and their Legislators Elect:

This is a paid advertisement intended to give reasons why the present law of Texas relating to the incorporation of oil companies should be amended so as to allow Texas corporations like those of other states to pursue all of the several branches of this single business.

The Texas Company is engaged in purchasing, refining and marketing petroleum, and as a part of its business owns and operates a system of pipe lines. It is incorporated under the laws of Texas and is handicapped seriously by the inadequacy of its charter powers. It has no direct power to prospect for and produce crude oil. And as the law now stands it can obtain this power only by reorganizing and taking out a charter in some other state, thus becoming a corporation of that state and ceasing to be a corporation of Texas.

Heretofore the stockholders, by a separate producing organization, have borne the burden of obtaining the necessary crude oil supplies; and but for this arrangement the company could not have succeeded. This was workable when the organization was small and operations were on a narrow scale. But with the growth of the business and with varying and shifting stock ownership it has become subject to too many complications. The company is now manufacturing in Texas and marketing in nearly every country in the world the various finished products of Texas crude oil. It now has more than 10,000 employees, and its stockholders number about 4,000 including approximately 2,000 employees.

The competitors of this company are engaged in all branches of the business. Two of its principal competitors in Texas operate as limited partnerships or joint stock associations and therefore may pursue any business that an individual might pursue, the only restriction being such stipulations as the shareholders see fit to make among themselves. Another principal competitor is organized as a holding company, incorporated under the laws of another state, and owns the stock of three Texas corporations, one engaged in producing oil, another in refining and marketing, and a third in operating pipe lines, so that on the whole the stockholders have the benefit of an organization which covers all branches of the business.

The statement just made is not in criticism. The plan of including all branches of a single business is logical. Moreover, as applied to the oil business it is universal in all of the oil producing states and in foreign countries. In practically every state of the Union, except Texas, a corporation of this kind has the charter power to produce oil.

And it may not be inappropriate to say further in this connection that the limitations which the laws of Texas place on the charter powers of The Texas Company do not stop at the boundaries of the state; they follow the company wherever it goes; they follow it into other states and foreign countries where its competitors carry on all branches of the business and where the state of Texas can not prevent them from doing so. If anywhere on the Globe this company should do an act in excess of its powers as defined by the laws of Texas its charter would be subject to forfeiture.

No one would think of precluding a company engaged in the lumber business from going directly to the natural source of supply, taking timber leases or buying standing timber, and in that way acquiring its raw material. There as in the oil business the manufacturing merchant takes the raw or crude material and turns it into finished products. In each case the supply is limited as regards both locality and extent and the matter of obtaining supplies of the particular kinds needed and obtaining them at the times when needed and in the places where needed is of supreme importance. The same thought may be applied to mining or any industry where the operator must lay out large sums in plant and marketing facilities and is not warranted in doing so unless he is to have a free hand in obtaining the raw material. He must be allowed to protect his investment, otherwise he is at the mercy of hostile forces and can be destroyed at their will or upon an event of chance. To exclude an oil company from taking leases and producing oil, and thereby require it to buy from those who happen to have wells and produce some oil, would mean to any concern operating on a large scale precisely the same that it would mean to the owner of a sawmill if he should be prohibited from acquiring standing timber and required to buy his logs at retail. And furthermore, as previously indicated, it is not a question of what might be ideal if we were at the inception of this industry; the business has pitched itself along certain lines; and these lines are universal and world-wide.

The position of The Texas Company was fully explained to the last legislature, but there was opposition to the bill introduced for its relief, and the matter was delayed and finally crowded out near adjournment. The company did not then, and it does not now, ask any special favors, or for the enactment of a law which would not apply to all similarly situated, or for any change in the settled policies of the state; but it did desire and it still desires some fair and suitable relief; such legislation as will remove the handicap and accord it those lawful corporate rights that are enjoyed by companies organized in such states as California, Oklahoma or Louisiana. It will present the matter to the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

THE TEXAS COMPANY

The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing in Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.

—but remember there is Only One

"Bromo Quinine"

That is the Original Laxative Bromo Quinine This Signature on Every Box

Used the World Over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

E. W. Grove
Maker also of the Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

FIRE COMPANY HOLDS ELECTION

At the regular meeting of the Ballinger Fire Company, the first part of this week, several important changes were made in the personnel of the officers for the organization.

Carlos Dunn was elected Fire Chief, after an exciting balloting by the boys; two ballots being necessary to eliminate other aspirants. J. P. Martindale and L. Cohen, who were both nominated on the first ballot, were otherwise honored by the company when Mr. Martindale was elected secretary and Mr. Cohen assistant chief. All other officers were re-elected.

When approached in regard to his plans for the new year, Chief Dunn stated that while he and his company had formulated no special plans for the ensuing term, that a delegation would go to San Angelo for the state meeting in May. A racing team will be trained to take part in events at the Texas meet, and the Ballinger bunch hope to

take away some of the honors. A regular meeting of the city council will be held Tuesday when it is assumed the new fire chief will be ratified.

Shortly after the business session a lunch, consisting of many good things, was served to the fire company and a few visitors. Judge C. H. Willingham was an invited guest.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effectual.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. Collier and children of Killen, came in Saturday and will visit her uncle F. T. Rushing for a few days, before going to their new home near Crews.

FIGURING CHANGE IN SANTA FE SCHEDULE

While no official statement has been given out and while the change may not be made, the Santa Fe has under consideration a change in its time table that will give this city two through trains to Temple per day. It is rumored that the change will go into effect on February 1, but when called on today Ticket Agent Hetrick stated that he had not been advised of whether the change would be made or not. He admitted that such a change was under consideration, and the passenger department had been discussing the through train idea with some of the ticket agents along the route.

At present the train leaving Ballinger at nine-thirty each morning is a local and only goes as far as Brownwood. The change in the schedule will discontinue this train and instead a through train will be put on, and will be scheduled to leave San Angelo early in the morning, about four o'clock and will leave Ballinger about day light.

The present train service only gives this country one through train each day over the Santa Fe, and that leaves Ballinger at four o'clock in the afternoon. It is claimed by many that the early train will run from this section of the country to Dallas and Ft. Worth, or to points in South Texas, while the night train causes a layout in Temple of some time in the dreary hours of midnight, unless the passenger takes advantage of the sleeper service.

The change would be a welcome one to the people of this section, and it is to be hoped that the Santa Fe will announce it to become effective on February 1st.

"CASCARETS" BEST IF HEADACHY, BILIOUS, SICK, CONSTIPATION

Best for liver and bowels, bad breath, bad colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, coated tongue, head and nose clogged up with a cold—always trace this to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet, breath right, complexion rosy and your liver and bowels regular for months.

George Baker and "Speck" Smickle left Saturday afternoon for Dallas to stand an examination and will go on to Fort Sam Houston to enter the U. S. army, if their examination proves satisfactory.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

GIVE A REMEDY.

A. L. Kerley of the Hatchell country, was in Ballinger Saturday and says his hogs have the mange in their hind legs and would like for some experienced man to give him a remedy through the columns of the Ledger, which will be of benefit to others in the county, who have hogs affected in the same way.

DIDN'T TURN OVER

Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray kills bedbugs, ants, fleas, vegetable and plant insects so dead, and does it so quickly, that people exclaim, "They didn't turn over." It puts mosquitoes out of business just as quick. Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

Soap MADE for Hard Water

Yes, Mam!

—a big, white bar, created expressly to conquer the hard water of the Southwest—the kind of water you must use every day if you live in this section.

Three years ago, we saw that a soap made for ordinary water wouldn't do in the Southwest, so we made a soap to fit the water. It is the one white laundry soap that will lather, cleanse and rinse perfectly in hard water, without injury to hands or clothes.

A big, liberal bar—pure white—hard and firm, lasting one-third longer. It contains no free caustic and no matter how much your hands may be in the suds they won't get rough and red. It's a new and different soap you ought to try at once.

COTTON BOLL

THE WHITEST WHITE LAUNDRY SOAP

The bar is never soft and mushy. It wears a long time, but it lathers in a jiffy. Gets the dirt and gets it all—and rinses in a twinkling. It's creating a sensation all over the Southwest. Get some—try it—you'll like it fine.

Premiums given for the wrappers. Catalog free. Write Products Mfg. Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Distributed By:
H. O. WOOTEN GROCERY CO.,
Abilene, Texas
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Wichita Falls, Big Springs, Texas.



NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

For Reliable Abstract Work See


SECURITY TITLE CO.

"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

IT'S NO NEWS

to builders that our cement, lime and other building materials are the best and really the most economical. So when they build on their own account they use our materials. They know. Be as wise as they and get your materials here or specify them to your builder.

Wm. Cameron Co., Inc.



DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect. Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas. PHONE 66

Farmers Make Resolutions For Increase Prosperity

That I will belong to the community club in my neighborhood, and work for the business, social and civic improvement of my community.

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat, and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle today. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Arthur Giesecke, who spent the holiday season with his parents and Ballinger friends, left Saturday for College Station to resume his school work at the A. & M. college.

There was perhaps never a time before when the farmers of Runnels county had their land in better shape for the coming crop than at this particular time. There are few fields where the land has not been plowed, but in most fields, and especially where the farmer owns his land, the land has been well plowed and is ready for rain.

Intensive farming has increased prosperity in this county. Diversified farming has added to bank accounts until today there are more farmers with bank accounts than were ever known before, hence the bank deposits are the greatest in the history of the county.

What has been accomplished in this county has caused other counties to wake up, and diversified farming is taking the place of the one crop plan which brings bankruptcy and breeds discontent among the people who must look to the soil for everything they gain of this world's goods.

The farmer who makes the following resolutions for his New Year plans and lives up to them will not be howling about the high cost of living, or hard times when the 1917 crop has been harvested and the dollars counted:

RESOLVED, that I will conserve the fertility of my soil by stopping the land from washing through terracing and other methods of proper drainages; by planting winter-corn crops in land subject to washing; by rotating crops; by plowing under at least as much vegetation or barnyard manure as will replace plant food taken out of the soil by crops.

That I will prepare my soil by deep, early fall breakage in order to give opportunity for rain and freeze to provide suitable seed beds.

That I will plant the best seed obtainable.

That I will produce my own requirements of vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat, etc., and in fact, will produce as much of all the necessities of living as it is practically possible for me to do.

That I will endeavor, through the cow, hen and hog, to provide

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for the grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Saturday, January and Annual 13th to Saturday 27th

Annual Sale of White Goods

This is indeed a rare opportunity to secure desirable White Goods at prices far below the market price. This is our regular annual sale of White Goods and many lines will be shown during this sale for the first time. Merchandise is going to be worth more so we advise liberal buying.



Clearance Sale of Winter Goods

The wonderful business we have enjoyed the past year leaves many broken lines and odds and ends of good desirable merchandise. Our policy is to close out all of these short lines regardless of present prices or former price. Read the partial list of these remarkable values we have prepared for you.

January Clearance Price Effects Every Department In This Store

CLEARANCE OF DRESS GOODS.

Fancy dress goods in Silks, Foulards, Messalines, Silk Serge, Failles and Crepes 26 to 36 inches wide—values up to \$1.50 a yard, special, clearance sale price, the yard50¢

TABLE LINENS

Only through our foresight are we able to make these wonderful prices on new and desirable table linens and napkins:

72 inches mercerized linen the yard75¢
65 inch mercerized linen the yard50¢
60 inch table linen in beautiful designs special yd 35¢

TOWELS AT A SAVING

Huck towels, size 18x36, fancy borders 25¢ values, the pair18¢
Bleached Turkish towels, 18x42, clearance price 35¢

CORSETS 25¢ EACH

American Beauty and Henderson Corsets, mostly small sizes, values up to \$2, extra special, each 25¢

72x90 Sheets 69¢ each

Pepper sheeting, the yard 25¢. Brown and bleached.

SCRIM AT 10¢ YARD.

A special lot of beautiful white Ecu and fancy colored scrims, values up to 25¢, special the yd 10¢
Best grade Apron Checks, the yard8½¢

Purity Cambric 10¢ yd

Gold band imported China Ware:

Plates, set of six\$1.19
Cups and saucers set \$1.19
Covered steak dishes \$1.14
24 inch platters98¢
20 inch platters79¢
11 inch platters49¢

25 per cent Off on Cole's Hot Blast Heaters

REGAL POLISH

For automobiles, furniture, hardwood floors, varnished and enameled surfaces, mop and polish 69¢

Greatest Bargains We Have Ever Shown in Suits and Dresses

Every woman in this entire section is more or less familiar with the wonderful values we have always given in our Ready-to-Wear Section. The styles are the same, the material and make the same, as usual the price alone is changed. All who have waited for our Clearance Sale will be rewarded by seeing their dollar buy practically as much again as usual.

Woman's Suits Greatly Underpriced Beautiful Dresses At a Great Saving

Up to \$15.00 suits\$7.95	Up to \$8.50 dresses\$3.95
\$16.00 suits, clearance price\$3.95	\$15.00 silk and serge dresses\$7.95
\$18.00 suits, now only\$9.95	\$18.50 to \$22.50 dresses\$13.95
\$20.00 suits will sell for\$10.95	\$22.50 dresses selling now only\$14.95
\$25.00 suits, and worth more, only \$12.95	\$25.00 dresses, for final clearance \$15.95

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.

Petticoats

Our entire stock of petticoats, knitted materials, silk and sunburst silk. Every new shade and color combination. A real opportunity to save.

Table No. 1 at65¢
Table No. 2 at85¢
Table No. 3 at95¢

SUNBURST SILK PETTICOATS

A good substantial quality in several new colors, special \$1.85

Crepe-de-chine Undergarments at Clearance Prices.

Exceptional Blouse Values

\$6.50 and \$7.50 taffeta and charmeuse blouses\$3.95
\$4.50 and \$5.00 crepe-de-chine blouses, now only\$2.95
\$2.50 tub silk and sport blouses\$1.85
Extra special, 1 lot \$1.00 and \$1.50 blouses, this sale78¢

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.

Kimonos

These prices should clear away every kimono and negligee in our entire stock. Beautiful Oriental and Japanese designs in silk and warmer materials.

\$8.50 values\$6.45
\$5.00 values\$3.65
\$3.50 values\$2.45

EXTRA SPECIAL

Sateen petticoats in a full color assortment. See them at85¢

Crepe-de-chine Undergarments at Clearance Prices.

Women's and Children's Bath Robes

\$8.50 values, Clearance Sale price\$4.95
\$6.50 values, Clearance Sale price\$3.65
\$5.00 values, Clearance Sale price\$2.65
\$3.00 children's robes\$1.65
\$2.50 children's robes\$1.45
Baby robes at85¢

Buy a Hart Shaffner & Marx Suit or Overcoat at Clearance Prices

Only a few of these high grade suits and overcoats are left. Still we have a few desirable models and patterns. They all go at Clearance Sale prices!

\$25.00 and \$27.50 suits and overcoats\$17.50
\$20.00 suits and overcoats\$15
\$15 and \$17.50 values\$11.95
\$12.50 suits and overcoats\$9.95
\$7.50 and \$8.50 values\$6.75

Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets Economically Priced

\$15 house and lounging robes\$9.95
\$7.50 bath robes and smoking jackets\$4.80
\$6.00 bath robes and smoking jackets\$4.25
\$5.00 bath robes, to go during this sale for\$3.65

MACKINAW

Only 5 remaining
\$10.00 values, special at\$6.15
BOYS' O'ERCOATS
Tan, gray and navy blue, values up to \$5.00, now\$2.45

INITIAL HAND-KERCHIEFS

3 for 50c.
Plain white initials and assorted colored initials, 6 in a box, for\$1.00

BOYS' SUITS AT A BARGAIN

\$10 values\$6.45
\$9 values\$5.45
\$7.50 values\$4.85
\$6 values\$4.25
\$5 values\$3.95



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Clearance Prices on All Women's and Children's Shoes

HIGH GRADE PATENT KID, LACE AND BUTTON SHOES	GLAZE KID, BUTTON AND LACE BOOTS	MISSSES' AND GROWING GIRLS' SHOES
\$7.50 values\$5.35	\$9.00 values\$7.15	\$3.00 values\$2.25
\$7.00 values\$5.00	\$7.50 values\$6.10	\$2.50 values\$1.95
\$6.50 values\$4.85	\$7.00 values\$5.85	\$2.25 values\$1.80
\$6.00 values\$4.45	\$6.50 values\$5.15	\$2.00 values\$1.45
\$5.00 values\$3.95	\$6.00 values\$4.95	\$1.75 values\$1.30

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO. BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

WHITE GOODS AT 10¢ YARD.

Possibly your last chance to buy these standard brands at such economical prices. Special lot including dimity, nainsook, checks, long cloth and India linen, lawn to clearaway, the yard.....10¢

THREAD AND TORCH-ON LACE

A large and varied stock to select from at the yd 5¢

REAL LINEN CLUNY Banding values up to 50¢ yard, special the yard 10¢

WHITE GOODS AT 20¢

This lot includes linen, flaxon and crepe, yard 20¢

EMBROIDERY AT 10¢ YARD.

Broken lots and short lengths of embroidery, values up to 25¢, the yard 10¢
12 to 18 INCH EMBROIDERY 25¢ YARD

Swiss and nainsook embroideries in sheer extra fine quality, 12 to 18 inches wide, to clear, the yd 25¢

20 Yards Peggy Cotton Checks \$1.00

8 oz. ACA bed ticking, the yard20¢

Standard C Canvas yd 5¢

Extra heavy brown canton flannel, special, the yd 10¢

Best grade outing, white and fancy colors, yard 10¢

A A Advertiser bleached domestic, the yard10¢

All Dress Gingham 10¢

SPECIAL ON GALLON CAN OF FRUIT AND BERRIES

Washington prunes, gallon75¢

Red Pitted Cherries gallon80¢

Black berries gallon60¢

Logan Berries gallon60¢

Strawberries gallon60¢

Honolulu Pineapple gallon50¢

Pie Peaches gallon40¢

WAX IT FURNITURE POLISH

\$1.00 size75¢

75¢ size60¢

50¢ size35¢

25¢ size15¢