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## Ball Hardware Company

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### Y AND QUARTER FOR SPOT COTTON

High price of spot cotton in Ballinger on New Years Day and the last day of 1917 was more than some of those with cotton on hand could stand and quite a number turned loose at thirty and thirty and a quarter. George Dean sold eight bales for thirty cents Monday. Joe Moser bought eight bales from Joe Lindley Tuesday for thirty cents. Kre let five bales go at thirty and a quarter. J. Yerby sold about one hundred bales for thirty and a quarter. W. Gordon buying this lot, which is the largest sale made for some time.

### Don't Let Your Paper Stop

**THIS IS THE YEAR OF ALL YEARS WHEN A MAN CAN NOT AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT HIS COUNTY PAPER.**

It is the poorest kind of economy to let your county paper stop. We are trying to make it possible for you to renew by keeping the price down, and for a few days longer will accept renewals or new subscriptions at \$1.25. This is your last chance to get the Banner-Ledger another year before the price goes back to \$1.50.

The Ballinger  
Printing Co.

## Kaiser Says Germans are God's Instruments to Restore Peace

### Every Able Bodied Man In Italy Called to Arms

Washington, Jan. 1.—Official cablegrams received by the state department brings the news of great war preparation in progress in Italy. The entire civilian population of Italy has been drafted

for war purposes, the official messages say. The order calls for general mobilization. All persons unable to bear arms will be put to work on the farms or in industries essential to the pursuit of war.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—"We are all instruments in the hands of God Almighty to restore peace to the world," said the German kaiser in a message to his troops around the Cambrai front. The kaiser's peace offer as made and his message to his men is apparently for the purpose of throwing the responsibility for the continuation of the war on the allies.

### McDONALD RELEASED ON \$1,000 BOND

W. R. McDonald returned from San Angelo Thursday morning, having been released on \$1000 bond to await the action of the federal court which convenes in the spring.

McDonald was carried to San Angelo about a week ago after being arrested here on charges of disloyalty to the American government. He had no trouble in making bond after the federal authorities fixed the amount of the bond.

### NEW PHARMACIST ON JOB.

C. B. Payne, some time ago with the Walker Drug Co. at Ballinger, has returned and accepted a position as pharmacist with the Weeks drug store. Mr. Payne has been in the medical department of the State University at Galveston since leaving Ballinger, and completed his work in that school.

H. B. and Wm. Halfman and J. J. Henkhouse, of the Alfin and Spring Hill neighborhoods, were among the business visitors to Ballinger Friday afternoon.

### MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR AVIATION CORPS

Luther D. Boatright of Miles, Carl Brown Hinkle of Winters, and Louis Tigner of Ballinger, left this afternoon for Kelly Field, the aviation camp near San Antonio. The three young men volunteered through the local exemption board, waiving all exemption claim and asking to be put on the job at the earliest possible time.

The board has received instructions not to receive volunteers after today for the aviation and quartermasters corps. The other branches are still open, and it is probable that later the call will be made for volunteers for the aviation and quartermasters corps.

### POSITIONS OF GERMAN PENETRATED

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The war office admits that the French had successfully penetrated the German positions around Monte Tomba. The Germans suffered defeat with losses of men and guns.

London, Dec. 30.—The forces under General Henby in Palestine have advanced another three miles along the Nablus road, according to the official statement issued today. A day after stubborn resistance have occupied Bierh, the ancient name of which is Beerorth. East of the road, Hezmehgerh was taken; West of the road, the ridge of Rawllah and Khetireh was occupied. On the center of the line mounted troops advanced to Khrubetha, Iduharith and Deirelkuddis.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Official news received by the state department from the foreign war headquarters today brings the account of the killing of one thousand Turks and teutonic forces, and the capture of six hundred prisoners with twenty machine guns. The victory was won with the latest engagement in Palestine, where the British came out without heavy losses.

London, Dec. 29.—The first heavy shipping loss in several weeks was announced today when the British admiralty reported the sinking of three British destroyers off the Dutch coast last night. The destroyers were either mined or torpedoed. Thirteen officers and one hundred and eight men were lost.

Brown King who has been visiting his father, John King and family, during Christmas, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Camp Bowie where he is one of the U. S. soldier boys.

### Mexicans March On Tex. Town

Austin, Jan. 1.—Adjutant General Hurley ordered three companies of Texas rangers to the Alpine country today to assist civilians and officers in pursuing a band of Mexican raiders who crossed the border and were reported to be going in the direction of Alpine. A large band of Mexicans, supposed to be Villistas, crossed the border early this morning and were marching towards Marfa and Alpine.

### INCENDIARY FIRE IN BIG FACTORY

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—The factory of the American Propeller Works was damaged by fire last night. The damage amounts to more than one hundred thousand dollars. The fires was of incendiary origin.

### 5 MORE NEGROES TO HANG

Ft. Sam Houston, Jan. 2.—Five negroes of the 24th United States Infantry were sentenced to be hanged. This is the findings of the second court martial appointed to try the negroes who rioted at Houston and killed quite a number of civilians last summer. The court martial's verdict was announced today, and the carrying out of the penalty will await the pleasure of President Wilson.

Three negro corporals were sentenced to ten years imprisonment, seven privates to seven years imprisonment. All of the fifteen negroes tried in the second court martial were convicted.

Ed Walker, who is at Camp Bowie, returned Tuesday to resume his army duties after a pleasant visit to his parents, and Ballinger friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grimes of the Maverick country, came in Monday night, and Mrs. Grimes was placed in the Halley & Love sanitarium for an operation.

Stockholm, Dec. 31.—Several of the diplomats representing the allied nations, have recommended to their respective governments that the allies participate in the peace conference and send representatives to the conference. The diplomats point out that to participate in the conference would offer the best way for the allies to proclaim to the world the general peace policy for which they are fighting.

### Will Reply to German Peace Note

London, Dec. 31.—The allies are seriously considering a reply to the teutonic peace terms as announced from the Brest Litovsk conference, according to the best information obtainable here is understood that Premier Lloyd George will shortly go to France to confer with Premier Clemenceau on question of replying to the teutonic peace terms recently announced.

London, Dec. 28.—"The allies purposes in continuing this war are not imperialistic or vindictive, but we must continue to fight for future freedom and peace of mankind," Premier Lloyd George declared in a letter setting forth the aims of the British before the laborites war aim congress now in session. Lloyd George makes it clear that the British will turn a deaf ear to such peace terms as the German government are now offering the Russians.

Paris, Dec. 28.—France is standing strong for terms of peace only as will bring freedom and permanent peace. France refuses to negotiate any German contrived peace, such as the terms outlined by the Germans for the Russian government. It was declared before the Chamber of Deputies today that overtures from the imperialistic government could not be listened to at this time, and that the French would continue to fight for permanent peace.

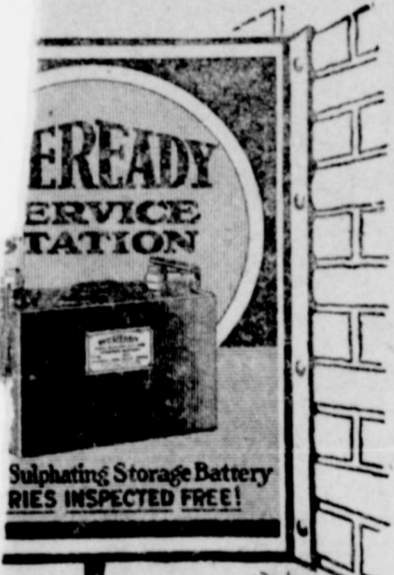
### American Ignores Proposal.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Germany's proposals to the Russian Bolshevik envoys through the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister for a basis of peace, have attracted little more than passing attention here, chiefly because the attitude of the United States government has not changed in any degree since President Wilson solemnly told congress that the word of the present rulers of Germany could not be accepted for anything worth while.

Moreover, officials here think the very conditions imposed by the Teutonic plenipotentiaries stamp their promises of no annexations and no indemnities as insincere.

Grust Johnson, who lives just east of the city, was winding up the old year in Ballinger Tuesday and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up into the year 1919.

Henry Vorbeck, who spent Christmas with his parents, left Sunday afternoon for Camp Bowie. His brother Emil, who is in the navy at the Great Lakes, is confined at home with the mumps, and has his furlough extended a few days by order of the local physician.



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At the same time it affords safety and convenience in the handling of funds.

### Winters State Bank

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### Ballinger Boy Sends Home a Captured Boche's Cap

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor are in receipt of a cap taken from the head of a captured German soldier, and sent to them by their son, Lieut. Ewing Taylor, who is now "somewhere" in France. The sending of the cap fulfills a promise made to his father and mother, by Lieut. Taylor some time ago. In a letter he stated that the cap was on the way, and said that he was with a company of British soldiers when they captured the German prisoner, who had been wounded and who later died.

While in appearance there is nothing out of the ordinary about the cap, it is attracting considerable attention at Pearce's drug store. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor sending it over to show some of Ewing's friends who were anxious to see this part of the German soldiers uniform.

Most of the German soldiers pictured in the papers and magazines are equipped with helmets, but this cap is nothing but a plain turban shape, brimless head piece, made of gray woolen goods, with a red strip just around the edge of the top of the crown, and a red band around the bottom of the crown. A white band has been pinned over the red band, presumably to hide the bright color. A button, no doubt designating some rank, or mark of work done by the soldier is pinned on the front of the cap, and the number "56" is stamped in the lining.

# Encore Cookies!



1. Cream Cottolene, add sugar gradually.



2. Beat eggs well.



3. Add to first mixture eggs, soda dissolved in milk, salt, seeds and flour to make a soft dough.

We agree with a friend of ours, "A part of every child's education should be cookies—crisp, wholesome cookies."

Of course, if you have been using butter for cookies you may think that cookies, are somewhat of a luxury now-a-days.

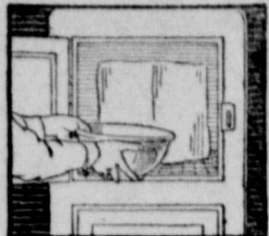
But you can now make deliciously crisp cookies by using economical Cottolene instead of using expensive butter. And notice this, too—one-third less of wholesome Cottolene than you would use of butter.

Many careful housekeepers have found that Cottolene, because of its superior richness, goes much farther than other shortenings which they had been using.

Below is a recipe that shows how to make cookies that even expensive butter might be proud of. Try it and see if your children aren't tickled with these delicious Cottolene cookies. See if you aren't delighted with the money-saving.

- 1/2 cup Cottolene
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 level teaspoon soda
- 1 cup butter milk
- 1 level teaspoon salt
- Flour
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Caraway Seeds
- Raisins

Picture No. 1 shows how to start.



4. Place dough in ice box to chill.



5. Shape cookies, place raisin in center of each and bake.



6. The result! Crisp, wholesome cookies made without a speck of butter.

## Cottolene

"The Natural Shortening"

Yes! Economical Cottolene is also superior for all frying and for all shortening

At grocers in tins of convenient size

### MAN WHO MURDERED WOMAN PARDONED

San Angelo, Dec. 27.—John King who was convicted in San Angelo in 1908 for the murder of Katie Ryan and was sentenced to ninety-nine years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary, has been pardoned by Governor Hobby, and is making arrangements to take up his residence in Brownwood. This information has just been received here by friends of the liberated man.

King had served less than nine years of his sentence when given his freedom upon the recommendation of the pardon board. The action of the board was due primarily to King's excellent record, to which attention was called by W. E. Taylor, local attorney, in a petition signed by a number of friends. Judge Taylor represented King in his trial here, and since that time had been active in his behalf. The former San Angeloan is a skilled mechanic, and it is understood that he has secured work at Brownwood in the oil fields. His mother and sister reside there.

Details of the killing of Katie Ryan have almost been forgotten because of the time that has elapsed since the murder. The woman's dead body was found in the North Concho river at the foot of Irving Street, within a block of the main business section. King was arrested on suspicion, and a companion of his on the night the killing occurred turned state's evidence and swore that King had first choked Katie Ryan and had then pushed her limp body into the stream.

At that time, King was a young man about nineteen or twenty years old. Today he is about twenty-eight but is said to be in fair health, despite his long confinement and hard labor.

A. C. Schreeder of South Ballinger, left Saturday afternoon for Navasota to visit relatives a few weeks.

Cold, rain, winds, and dampness bring out the rheumatic aches. An application of Sloan's Liniment brings quick relief. Nonirritating. It penetrates.

### Sloan's Liniment

KILLS PAIN

### PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CREWS DIES SUDDENLY

News of the death of John Henry Lewis brought sorrow to many Ballinger friends late Thursday afternoon. Mr. Lewis died at three o'clock Thursday afternoon from pneumonia. He was taken sick Sunday night and many of his best friends did not know he was sick until the news of his death rapidly spread over the county. Mr. Lewis was on the streets of Winters last Saturday and was enjoying his usual good health. Strong and healthy with no thought of being so near death's door, he spent most of Saturday with his family in Winters shopping and preparing for Christmas.

Mr. Lewis was one of the most prominent farmers of the Crews country. He located in that part of the country twelve or fifteen years ago and has been prominent in agricultural, livestock industry and in politics and development of the county. He is survived by a wife and three children, two sons and a daughter. His daughter, Miss Selmer, graduated in the Ballinger High School a few years ago, and later attended the State University, and at the time of her father's death was teaching school in south Texas. The boys were at home with their father. Deceased was one of the most substantial citizens of Rummels county, and the news of his death will be cause for general regret throughout the county.

Friday afternoon at two o'clock the funeral was held and the remains entered in the cemetery at Winters, where a large crowd, despite the freezing weather, gathered to pay respects to a good man and to offer sympathy to the bereaved family.

### AN APPRECIATED CHECK.

B. W. Pitcher was loud in praise Thursday morning for Street & Middleton who had just presented the volunteer fire company with a check for \$25.00 for their faithful services during the recent fire that destroyed the Street & Middleton barn on 10th Street.

These gentlemen had no insurance on their property, and the loss was a very heavy one on their part. The check was an unexpected and agreeable surprise and shows their liberal spirit and appreciation. They were buying horses for the government, and in a very short time their barn will be rebuilt and they will be back in business at the same old stand.

### CLASSIFYING 100 SOLDIERS PER DAY

Questionnaires at the rate of about one hundred per day are going through the mails of this county. The sending out of the questionnaires is responsible for bringing many young men to the city, and the questionnaires are rapidly finding their way back to the local board, properly filled out and made ready for classifying.

The advisory board has called into service quite a number of local laymen, and these are taking it in time about serving their country by remaining at the local board and assisting the registrars in filling out their questionnaires, and in this way the work is being made easy and a burden to none.

For the new beginners it is quite a job to fill out one of the blanks properly, but with little experience the work is made easy, and those who are assisting are doing a patriotic work in helping to get the registrants classified at the earliest possible time.

The mailing of questionnaires will continue up to and including January 8th. On that date the last questionnaires will be mailed and all answers are to be made and the questionnaires returned to the local board by January 15th.

Those who are assisting the registrants in making out their questionnaires are supposed to be giving their services free. In some counties charges have been made and the local board is protesting against such service. It is the intention of the government that no charges be made, as the registrant who was giving his life for the cause should not be compelled to give up cash in perfecting the draft.

### What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA  
A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Jas. Cates, while walking across Eighth Street Wednesday afternoon was struck by an auto and knocked to the ground. He was scratched about the face, but fortunately nothing serious will result from the accident. W. T. Billings was driving the car, and was going very slow, or the accident might have been more serious. He at once stopped the auto and gave Mr. Cates all attention possible.

### HOW REV. BANDY ESCAPED MEXICANS

Further details of the Mexican raid at the Brite ranch near the Rio Grande, in which Rev. H. M. Bandy, former pastor of the Christian church of this city, and his family had a narrow escape, were received in Ballinger Thursday.

After the raid at the Brite ranch, and after killing an American mail carrier and two Mexican passengers who were traveling in the mail hack, eight of the bandits were killed by Americans. It is believed that the bandits were part of Villa's forces. The following account of the attack on the Brite ranch comes from Marfa:

Ranchers who arrived here to-night from Candelaria brought the first connected story of the Mexican raid on the Brite store and the little ranch settlement in the elbow of the Rio Grande.

But two men were at the Brite ranch house Christmas morning when the Mexican raiders arrived there. They were T. T. Neil, manager of the ranch and his son, Sam Neil. Their wives and children were also at the ranch house. The father saw the Mexicans approaching and wakened his son. The women and children went to the most protected room, and the men opened fire on the bandits riding wildly toward the house. A desperate rifle battle was then fought between Sam Neil and the leader of the Mexicans at 100 yards range.

Neil killed his man while his father covered the approach from the rear and fought off the Mexicans who were attempting to gain entrance through the rear door. Two more bandits were killed whereupon the remainder retired for a conference. A Mexican was then sent to the house with a demand that the Neils surrender. This was refused but T. T. Neil finally delivered over the keys to the Brite store nearby and sent a hired hand to assist in rounding up the horses in order to save the women and children from massacre. While the store was being looted by the bandits, the Reverend Bandy of the First Christian church of Marfa drove up in his car with his family to spend the day at the Brite ranch. They barely escaped but got into the ranch house where the minister seized a rifle and guarded a window with the other Americans.

At this time the United States mail stage from Valentine arrived at the store carrying Christmas packages for the United States soldiers stationed at Candelaria. The two Mexican passengers were killed before they could get out of the stage. Michael Welch was taken from the stage, hanged in the door of the Brite store and his throat cut.

T. T. Cobb, a ranch hand approached the store during the looting but was warned back by the foreman Guyon, who was barricaded in his house, 100 yards away. Cobb, realizing what had happened rode twelve miles to the nearest telephone and gave the alarm as all other telephone lines had been cut by the bandits.

Sheriff Cline and a posse started in pursuit of the bandits. They found Welch's body hanging in the store doorway and the nude bodies of the two Mexican stage passengers nearby. Mrs. Brite and the Neils saw the killing of the three men taken from the stage. Welch, who was aged and partly paralyzed had to be assisted to the place of his execution, they said.

Sam Neil was shot in the face but not seriously wounded.

**NOTICE.**  
Ladwig and Taylor, dealers in grain, hay, and feed stuffs of all kinds. Phone 63. wtf.

### DRYEST YEAR ON RECORD.

The year 1917 has been the driest in the history of the local weather bureau for the past 37 years.

The rainfall this year has amounted to 10.77 inches whereas the average annual rainfall is 25 inches. The 1917 rainfall is lower by 420 inches than ever before. The other low record was in 1909, when the rainfall was 14.87.

Of course the year isn't out yet, but it is not likely to drown anybody between now and January 1st.—Abilene Reporter.

E. A. Holloway of the Norton country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to continue coming to his address for the ensuing year.

### ARMED SLACKERS FORTIFIED IN CAVE

San Angelo, Dec. 27.—Fortified among the crags and peaks of a canyon in the Big Bend country, inaccessible to draft registers for months, are five Americans who refused to register for the selective draft and who are now prepared to fight to the death rather than enlist, according to information received here. The slackers is known as the "Cave of the Five Brothers," because the five men hidden there are brothers, but because three of them bear the name of the cave since they have been there several days. Their date set for registration is the date since then confined them in the vicinity of the cave.

That the slackers are well supplied with arms and ammunition and that they are in regular communication with the outside world by means of Mexican messengers has been ascertained by those peace officers who are now planning to capture the slackers. While the men themselves have not been seen at any of the towns or ranches in the Big Bend country since they took up their abode in the impassable mountain gorges, they have been seen hunting in the canyon. They are described as representing several different sections of the country, and as having grizzly beards, some instances a foot long.

Those who imparted the information concerning the location of this band of slackers declare it is always a Mexican or two who warn the clan of any approach. Further, it is declared that such food as must be secured from the villages or ranches, ammunition as is needed to defend the stronghold and such things as necessary for sustaining life are brought to the cave by the men by trusty Mexican who know of some secret paths leading to the lair.

The peace officers of the Big Bend country have made investigations concerning the location of the abode of the slackers. They have taken pictures of the cliffs, peaks, gorges, crags and crevices about and the place leading to the home of the men. Within the next few days some more peace officers of that section of the country are going to make a determined effort to go to these men. Plans for the approach and for the attack if one is necessary, have been completed, and the men are now gathering in various sections with a view of closing in and bringing the slackers out.

### BREAKS A COLD IN FEW HOURS--TRY IT

First dose of Pape's Cold Compound relieves all gripple 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 gripple 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.

### MOVING TO BALLINGER.

J. W. Black and family of South Ballinger, moved into the city Thursday and will occupy the E. L. Harper residence on 9th Street near the 9th Street Baptist church.

**Patronize—**  
Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Show work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others.  
E. J. CATHIEY, Mgr.

**Rheumatism.**  
Only rheumatic sufferer knows the agony of its darts, aching joints or twisting limbs. But some few have not known the relief of

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has been correcting this trouble when other treatments have utterly failed.

Scott's is essentially blood-purifying. It is a such rich, concentrated food that its oil gets into the blood to alleviate this stubborn malady. Get a bottle of Scott's Emulsion or advise an ailing friend. No alcohol.

The Norwegian cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which makes it pure and palatable.  
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### METHODIST PASTOR AND FAMILY KILLED

Ft. Worth, Dec. 29.—Dr. A. L. News, 412 West Terrell avenue, pastor of the First Methodist church, his wife and son, Will News, were instantly killed when an automobile in which they were coming to Ft. Worth crashed into the Sunday School building at the crossing at Donna at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The car was demolished. The bodies were taken to Arlington, and are being brought to Fort Worth.

### How to Cure a Cold in One Day.

**TAKENATIVE BRONCO** Quinine. It stops the cold and headache and works off the cold. Drives a cold home if it fails to cure. E. GROU'S signature on each box. 75c.

M. F. Norton, wife and baby, of Winters, who have been visiting at San Angelo and Bermer, Mrs. Schoolers and family during the holidays returned here Sunday.

Ms. Maxie Chastain, after a pleasant visit to her parents and Ballinger friends during the holidays left Saturday afternoon for Ballinger, where she is teaching music.

L. Pearl Mark of the Winters country was shopping in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the manager for herself and her mother, J. F. Gardner, for the ensuing year.

### Sold Oats.

Feppies strictly No. 2 Rust proof Oats, J. H. Taylor, or phone number 302 rural, or leave your order to the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company. I can save you 30c. 3rd-wif.

Jack W. returned home a day or two from San Antonio where he was with his brother, Jesse. Captains in that place, and reports all boys well pleased in the army so far.

V. P. H. of Maverick, J. W. of the Norton county, were conducting business in Ballinger Saturday and while there Dr. Cline renewed for another year.

J. I. Coffey of Coleman, who has been here at the bedside of his son, the Halley & Love family, returned home Saturday morning and reports the little fellow very nicely, when he left here.

Prof. Bugg, wife and babe, of Talpa, who have been visiting relatives near Winters during Christmas, passed through Ballinger en route home Friday afternoon. Prof. Bugg is the principal of the Talpa public schools.

### ATEXAS WONDER

and cures all kinds of ailments. It is the most reliable and sure cure for all ailments.

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### Catarrh of Throat

Miss Annalie Ruszicka, 1449 South 16th St., Omaha, Nebraska, writes: "I have suffered with catarrh of the throat. I caught cold and it settled in my throat, and I coughed badly and was very weak. I could not sleep and had no appetite. I had two doctors, and had taken so many different medicines and found no help. I thought I will have to give up; but at last my mother read about Peruna, so I thought of trying that great medicine Peruna. I got a bottle of it and in about four days I almost stopped coughing, and after a while I surely found relief, and from that time we are not without Peruna in our home."

**Could Not Sleep. No Appetite. Now Always Have Peruna in the Home.**

Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.



### BANNER HEADQUARTERS NOW AT SWEETWATER

Captain Henry Ransome of the State Ranger force has arrived in the city and with his company of State Rangers will make Sweetwater headquarters. There are six rangers under Captain Ransome who will be stationed here. The new arrangement was made about Dec. 1st when the state ranger force was being organized, but no public announcement had been made previous to the arrival of Captain Ransome.

He with his men have for some time been located at Ysleta and their operations mainly along the Mexican border.

They will cover a large territory extending to the north to the Oklahoma line.—Sweetwater Reporter

### BALLINGER TO HAVE INCOME TAX COLLECTOR

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue A. S. Walker, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this country on a date to be announced later and will remain a reasonable time. He will have his office at some convenient place, and will be there every day during his stay here ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

How many income-tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this officer to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1 he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail.

If you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you had better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the officer arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

### HERE'S DIRECTIONS FOR HOOVERIZING

How much may a man hedge on Tuesday and still have his foot on the Meatless Line; and how much might a man eat on Wednesday and still have his appetite within the wheatless zone; and how much may a man hanker after the flesh pots on Saturday and still be within the code on pork eating?

Administer Peden answers the three inquiries as follows:

1. Meatless Day—No beef, no pork, or mutton to be served in any form.

This includes sausage, hash, hamburger, steak, sweet breads, tripe, liver, brains, kidney, pigs' feet, meat soups and so fourth.

2. Wheatless Day.—No wheat products to be served in any form. This includes bread containing any wheat flour, whether white or graham; wheat cereals; white or graham crackers; macaroni; spaghetti; cakes, pies and pastry containing wheat; sauces containing flour or bread crumbs.

Substitutes which may be used include Breads, pastry and pies made from combination or cornmeal, barley flour, rye flour, oatmeal flour, cottonseed flour and rice flour. Pop corn has been found to be a satisfactory substitute for some kinds of crackers.

Do not use wheat on Wednesday on the theory that it will not keep over until the next day. It can be used later for toast and other purposes and must in no instance be served on Wednesday.

3. Porkless Saturday—means literally a porkless day, in which no bacon, ham or pork fats in any form may be used. This is inclusive of sausage and lean meats made from hog flesh.

Administer Peden suggests the following meat substitutes: Poultry, rabbit, fish, eggs, cheese, dishes, baked beans, bean loaf, nut loaf, bean soup, milk soup, chowder, milk.

Wheat bread substitutes: corn bread, brown bread, oat cakes, buckwheat cakes, hominy, potato biscuits, rye bread, potatoes and rice.

### ARRANGING FOR MID-TEXAS TEACHERS MEET

Prof. W. S. Fleming returned Saturday morning from Brownwood, where he went to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Mid-Texas Teachers' association. He reports a very successful meeting of the board and good prospects for a program carrying some excellent talent, but is just a little leary about Brownwood being able to take care of the large attendance of teachers who will probably attend the meeting which convenes in March. Mr. Fleming says that the Brownwood hotels have more than they can handle in the way of business and Brownwood homes are now furnishing lodging for the public. The Brownwood Chamber of Commerce assures the committee that ample entertainment will be provided for the teachers, regardless of the oil boom.

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROWER'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

### KILLS STEP-MOTHER FOR WHIPPING BROTHER

Burford Lindsey, aged fifteen or sixteen years, son of Ed Lindsey, shot and killed his step-mother, Mrs. Lindsey, at Copperas Cove, Monday afternoon, between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock. Mrs. Lindsey, it is said, was whipping a younger brother of Ed, when she was shot. After the killing the boy made no effort to escape and surrendered to John Jarson, deputy sheriff of Coryell county, and was taken to Gatesville and placed in jail.—Lampasas Leader.

### THE ONE-HORSE FARMER.

Henry Sipp, of Maverick, who calls himself the "one-horse farmer" was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and among his other supplies ordered the Banner Ledger to his address for another year. He keeps a rap's report each year and informed us that he has had 10 1/2 inches of rain on his place during the year 1917. He made 12 bales of cotton and considerable feed. Has plenty home grown meat and don't owe a cent to any man.

Matt Fox, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

**Beer**  
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### A Pro-German is One Who Opposes Our War Plans

What is a pro-German? A pro-German is a man who, by private or public utterances, stands in the way of a whole-hearted prosecution of this war and the defeat of the German will to conquer.

He may do it by finding fault with the conduct of the war. He may do it by impracticable peace arguments. He may do it through a mistaken policy. He may do it because he is in the pay of the German Government. He may do it because he has been befuddled and bamboozled by those who are in Germany's pay.

The German will to expansion by conquest must be broken by defeat. If that rapacious will be not broken, the war will not give us peace. In all the history of the world there never existed a conquering nation less fit to rule others than are the Germans. This is true because the German policy is so brutal, so cruel, so scientifically exterminating. In the streets of every town in German Poland children are falling and dying of starvation. Children 8 to 12 years of age are being carried through the streets by their parents because they are too weak to walk—because of starvation.

The Poles are being exterminated as fast as possible by the Germans just as the Armenians—the oldest Christian nation in the world—are being exterminated by the Germans and Turks. Why? Because Germany wants the property of the Poles for Germans after the war; and because they want the property of the Armenians for the Turks and Germans after the war.

Their will can and must be broken by defeat. It is not the will of the individual German. It is the bloody, brutal, cruel, devilish will of the German Government and the German ruling class, mis-educated in the school which believes that war is the summation of human good.

A pro-German is anyone who stands in the way of our successful prosecution of the war. Every word that falls from the tongue of any American or is written by him carries with it a responsibility greater than ever existed in the history of this Nation. Look well to what you say or do.

Germany has in this country hundreds of papers printed in the German tongue. Whether this ought to be or not is a grave question. If any of these papers are loyal, I do not know of them. Some of them may be, but I have not heard of them.

These and other papers and many individuals say they are for America, but none of them say they are against Germany.

He who is for us is against Germany. He who is not against Germany, tooth and nail, is in this war not for America.

You can tell the pro-German by another test: If he is against France, or against Italy, or against Russia, he is pro-German.

The armies and navies of these powers are fighting our fight. They are dying by thousands every day to make the world safe for democracy. If we win, we must win because they do most of the fighting and dying, while we only do some of it.

The enemy of Russia is pro-German and antidemocratic. The enemy of Italy is against America.

The enemy of France is lost to every claim of patriotism. Do not let these pro-Germans poison the atmosphere in your locality by slandering our allies without challenge. It is time to call down the man who fights against our armies with tongue or pen, no matter what flag those armies are fighting under.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hale came in from Camp Travis, Sunday, and are visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker.

W. W. Poe, of the Winters-Wingate country and J. E. Davidson, of the Valley Creek country were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

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**IT BIG MEALS! NO**  
**OUR, ACID STOMACH,**  
**INDIGESTION OR GAS**

"Pape's Diapepsin" is Quickest, Surest Stomach Relief Known—Try it!

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin will sweeten a sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably, or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is usually a sign of acidity of the stomach.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches or dizziness. This will all go, and besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin helps to neutralize the excessive acid in the stomach which is causing the food fermentation and preventing proper digestion.

Relief in five minutes is waiting for you at any drugstore.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapepsin" to usually keep the entire family free from stomach acidity and its symptoms of indigestion, dyspepsia, sourness, gases, heartburn, and headache, for many months. It belongs in your home.

Ed Walker is here from Camp Travis on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker. Ed enlisted in Oklahoma and was sent to Camp Travis where he has charge of a machine gun squad in the infantry.

C. Kornegay of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday morning en route home from the game region, where, judging from the way he had his ear loaded with venison, he had pretty good luck.

The New Year's RESOLUTIONS

The best New Year's Resolution—the one you will never regret is

**The Starting of a Bank Account**

Make the start with us. We offer you the best possible backing, not only in the strength of this bank, but as much in the character and standing of the officers of this bank. Besides,

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FRIDAY  
THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY  
The Banner-Ledger and the  
Russells County Ledger were con-  
solidated January 28, 1913.  
The Year ..... \$1.50  
A. W. Sledge..... Editor

It is a pretty 1918.  
It is better to have resolved and  
failed than never to have resolved  
at all.

Just what 1918 brings to us de-  
pends a great deal upon our own  
efforts.

Uncle Sam is offering employ-  
ment to all able bodied men. You  
can at least fight for your coun-  
try. The pay is sufficient.

A chicken feed peddler who  
guaranteed his feed to bring the  
eggs, now says it is too dry for  
chickens to lay. The peddler  
should have guaranteed the rain.

The old political pot begins to  
simmer and despite the dry weath-  
er candidates will begin to sprout  
with the coming new year. While  
the war has reduced the number  
of voters, it is hardly possible that  
any office will go begging.

Roosevelt comes out in favor of  
prohibition for the American na-  
tion and Joe Bailey says he is con-  
ing to Texas to make speeches a-  
gainst the adoption of the amend-  
ment. That's just where Theo-  
dore is a better man than Joseph  
Weldon.

If the road builders had a bank  
full of cash they could not build  
roads until it rained. It is just  
that dry in this country. But the  
commissioners should lose no time  
in getting the cash ready so dou-  
ble time can be made when the  
rain comes.

Brownwood commissioners are  
considering employing a road en-  
gineer. Ballinger has Bob Kirk,  
for Russells county Precinct No.  
1, and we do not need an engineer.  
Give us the money and a little rain  
to settle things and we will soon  
have the roads, built on scientific  
and common sense road beds that  
will make travel easy and a pleas-  
ure.

The registrant who comes in  
Class One under the draft system,  
has an opportunity to get into  
service without the red tape pro-  
cess of being drafted. Texas is al-  
most one thousand short in its  
quota of the first draft and the  
war department is calling for vol-  
unteers to make up the shortage.

After the Red Cross campaign  
comes the War Savings and Thrift  
Stamp campaign. It is just one  
good thing after another. Some  
people refused to join the Red  
Cross because it would cost them  
a dollar. Some people will refuse  
to buy thrift stamps because they  
are not Americans, notwithstanding  
that buying thrift stamps is a  
game at which you can't lose.

If the moral conditions of this  
county holds up to the present  
standard the peace officers will be  
compelled to go on a strike or take  
on some side lines. Christmas  
week passed off without an arrest  
being made. The proverbial cheek  
swindler who come around about  
Christmas, failed to show up this  
year and the officers were given a  
real holiday.

It would be strictly guess work  
to say that the numerous fires  
throughout the country are caused  
by enemies to our government, but  
it is remarkably strange that nine-  
ty-five per cent of the fires origi-  
nate from unknown origin in plac-  
es where either food for man or  
feed for livestock, or ammunition  
is stored. These are the things  
the country needs worst and these  
are the things the fire demon is  
claiming. We should at least sleep  
with one eye open and be on the  
alert in guarding such matters.

"WE KILLED A BEAR."  
After the United States gets  
through with Germany you will  
hear men who never contributed  
a cent or did anything to help in  
the war, strut around and say 'we  
whipped the kaiser.' It is dis-  
gusting to a true American the  
way some slackers play the game

reach on  
ing all that their fifty clut-  
us can reach and giving nothing  
in return, and doing nothing to  
perpetuate the government that  
gives them such freedom, but  
when these disloyal folks come a-  
round after the smoke of battle  
has cleared away and put up the  
claim that 'we killed the bear,'  
there should be a house cleaning  
at home. We have always been  
opposed to permitting those who  
refuse to help in the fraucus enjoy  
the spoils.

#### PETTY POLITICS.

When Congressman Blanton of  
this district last week requested  
the Brownwood Chamber of Com-  
merce to announce a speaking  
date for him in that city in which  
he expected to discuss the govern-  
ment's war policy, that dignified  
body replied that he would  
better go back to Washington  
where he was needed, implying  
that he was grossly neglecting his  
duty and administering a reprim-  
and only fitting for a man en-  
tirely without character.

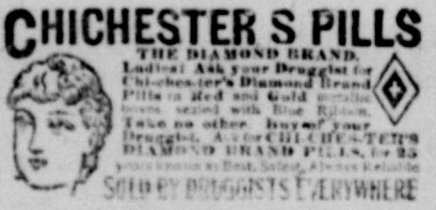
The Vanguard is not now com-  
mitting itself to Mr. Blanton's  
support in the next campaign and  
it has no authority to speak for  
him on this occasion, but we do  
not admire the Prussian style of  
undermining intrigue and propa-  
gandism. This whole affair looks  
very much on its face as if Brown-  
wood had one or more aspirants  
who would like to warm Mr.  
Blanton's seat in congress and  
who have captured and perverted  
its commercial club for a petty ef-  
fort to discredit Mr. Blanton be-  
fore his own people. There is no  
doubt every county of the nine-  
teen in his district has potential  
candidates for the place, and if  
these aspirants can convert non-  
political organizations into a po-  
sition of hostility to him, they will  
have laid the foundation for de-  
feating him.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Blanton's  
presence was not needed to  
vote on the prohibition amend-  
ment, and this was well known  
before the House from the senate.  
And another thing well known to  
the country and the administra-  
tion is that this district has a large  
number of people who are not a-  
wake to the gravity of the situa-  
tion, and who still, through ig-  
norance think our government was  
not justified in going to war. It  
is of the highest importance that  
all such ignorance be removed and  
any congressman who has been in  
Washington continuously during  
the period since last April has had  
opportunities of inside informa-  
tion which qualifies him to shed a  
lot of light on the subject and  
render valuable service to the gov-  
ernment.

The Vanguard believes that in  
this grave crisis petty politics  
should have no place in our nation-  
al councils. It believes that the  
people themselves who are not as-  
piring to office will condemn the  
man or set of men who seek to  
cast odium upon any member of  
the national administration for  
personal or political reasons.—  
Comanche Vanguard.

#### GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

has been a household remedy al-  
over the civilized world for more  
than a half a century for consti-  
pation, intestinal troubles, torpid  
liver and the generally depressed  
feeling that accompanies such dis-  
orders. It is a most valuable re-  
medy for indigestion or nervous  
dyspepsia and liver trouble, bring-  
ing on headache, coming up of  
food, palpitation of heart, and  
many other symptoms. A few  
doses of August Flower will re-  
lieve you. It is a gentle laxative.  
Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30  
and 90 cent bottles.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boswell and  
Mrs. W. A. Breedlove returned  
home Saturday from Fort Worth  
where Ed is in Camp Bowie and  
accompanied his wife home who  
had been quite ill for some time.

W. R. Lewis of Georgetown and  
N. H. Lewis of Florence, Texas,  
who have been here to attend the  
funeral of their brother, John H.  
Lewis, of the Winters country,  
passed through the city Saturday  
en route to their respective homes.

### ALL CHILDREN LOVE "SYRUP OF FIGS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give it when feverish, cross, bil-  
iousness, for bad breath or sour  
stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If  
coated, it is a sure sign that your  
little one's stomach, liver and  
bowels need a gentle, thorough  
cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless,  
pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat  
or act naturally, or is feverish,  
stomach sour, breath bad; has  
stomach-ache, sore throat, diar-  
rhea, full of cold, give a tea-  
spoonful of "California Syrup of  
Figs," and in a few hours all the  
foul, constipated waste, undigested  
food and sour bile gently mov-  
es out of its little bowels with-  
out griping, and you have a well,  
playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children  
to take this harmless "fruit laxa-  
tive"; they love its delicious taste,  
and it always makes them feel  
splendid.

Ask your druggist for a  
bottle of "California Syrup of  
Figs" which has directions for  
babies, children of all ages and  
for grown-ups plainly on the bot-  
tle. Beware of counterfeits sold  
here. To be sure you get the genu-  
ine, ask to see that it is made  
by "California Fig Syrup Com-  
pany." Refuse any other kind  
with contempt.

#### GOOD HOLIDAY FOR RUNNELS COMMUNITY

Mrs. A. M. Dickinson, of Old  
Russells, was in the city Monday  
and called on The Ledger to re-  
port the merry Christmas for her  
community. The Christmas tree  
on Monday night before Christmas  
was a great success and a large  
crowd attended, according to Mrs.  
Dickinson.

Sunday morning the Russells  
Sunday school was reorganized  
and begins the new year with  
most promising prospects, new of-  
ficers being elected.

The Russells School convened  
with a full attendance Monday  
morning, after a week's recess  
for the holidays.

Mrs. Dickinson reported that she  
enjoyed a family reunion on  
Christmas, having with her all her  
children and grand children.

Stomach Troubles.  
If you have trouble with your  
Stomach you should try Chamber-  
lain's Tablets. So many have  
been restored to health by the use  
of these tablets and their cost is  
so little, 25 cents, that it is worth  
while to give them a trial.

#### RETURNED TO MISSOURI.

Collis Doose and Charlie Miller  
Jr., who are attending the Went-  
worth Military Academy at Lex-  
ington, Mo., after a pleasant holi-  
days vacation with their parents  
and Ballinger friends left Monday  
afternoon for Lexington to resume  
their school work for the ensuing  
term.

#### CITY SHOP SPEAKS WORD OF GREETING

We are not passing out of the  
old year un mindful of the liberal  
patronage given us, and pause  
long enough to thank all those  
who have patronized our shop,  
and wish for all a Happy New  
Year and a prosperous 1918. We  
appreciate most fully your patron-  
age, and promise you the same  
courteous treatment and goor ser-  
vice as you have always found at  
our shop. We trust that you will  
see fit to continue to shave with  
us, and after Uncle Sam has  
cleaned up with the kaiser we'll  
all be happy together.

THE CITY BARBER SHOP,  
H. O. Rhodes, Prop.  
d&w

Mrs. P. E. Truly who went to  
Wichita Falls with her daughter,  
Mrs. Dr. Cates, following the  
death of her husband here a short  
time ago, will not return to Bal-  
linger to make her home, but will  
remain in Wichita Falls. Her son  
Tom, and daughter, Miss Francis,  
who have been attending the local  
school, will leave Sunday after-  
noon to join their mother.

### IT'S POOR ECONOMY TO STOP YOUR PAPER

Don't let your county paper  
stop coming to your address. It  
is poor economy. What is a \$1.25  
to you compared with the great  
benefit you receive from keeping  
up with your home news and the  
general news?

This is the year of all years  
when every man should read and  
keep himself posted. The govern-  
ment is exacting much of every A-  
merican, and there is something  
to be learned every day. You can  
learn it quicker by reading your  
home paper, the paper that is in-  
terested in home affairs and takes  
a pride in keeping its readers post-  
ed.

The world's war is in progress.  
Election year is here. How do you  
expect to keep up if you do not  
read? Don't let your neighbor  
have the advantage of you.

We are trying to make it pos-  
sible for every man to receive his  
home paper by keeping the reduced  
price on for a few days longer.  
You can get the paper a year now  
for \$1.25. The \$1.50 price will go  
back on in a few days. Send in  
your renewal today. Don't wait  
for a solicitor, we can't get to ev-  
ery one in the short time in which  
we have to work on the low rate.  
The Ballinger Printing Co.

### 900 Barrel Oil Well at Coleman

A report which bears the stamp  
of authenticity was received here  
last night that the Morris well  
north of Coleman is now produc-  
ing 900 barrels daily. The well  
has never been drilled in, work  
having been suspended when the  
sands were struck at a depth of  
about 300 feet several weeks ago.  
In the meantime a pipe line has  
been constructed from the well to  
Coleman, a distance of nine miles,  
and tanks have been constructed  
at Coleman to receive the oil and  
store it until shipment can be  
made. The oil flows from the well  
to these storage tanks by gravity.  
Shipments will be made daily as  
soon as the owners, the Magnolia  
company, can arrange for cars.

### Booze Business Going "Busted"

Austin, Dec. 31.—Gradually the  
saloons of Texas are decreasing  
and by July 15, 1918, it is predict-  
ed by officials of the comptroller's  
department, there will not be over  
1,500 saloons left in the state.  
This will represent less than half  
the number in operation in July  
1917, when the total reached about  
3,200.

One of the main reasons assign-  
ed for this state of affairs is the  
number of large counties that  
have recently lapsed into the "dry  
column," such as Dallas and Mc-  
Lennan counties. Besides the ad-  
ditional prohibition territory ma-  
ny saloons were put of business by  
the establishment of army canton-  
ments in districts where liquor  
formerly was sold.

The majority of liquor licenses  
expire July 12 and it is said a  
large number will not be renewed.

W. T. Garner of the Winters  
country, was greeting friends and  
looking after business affairs in  
Ballinger Wednesday. He has  
been doing carpenter work on the  
army camps at Camp Bowie for  
several months past, and came  
home to spend the holidays with  
his family.

Sam Armstrong of White-  
wright, who has been visiting his  
brother, R. B. Armstrong, of Val-  
ley Creek, passed through Ballinger  
Saturday en route home.

A. D. Taylor, D. W., and Rich-  
ard Turner, of the Norton country  
and Theo. Kire of the Pony Creek  
country, and J. M. Hinkle of the  
Crews country, were looking after  
business affairs in Ballinger Mon-  
day.

Misses Eva Louise and Ora Bell  
Myers of San Angelo who have  
been the guests of their aunt, Mrs.  
P. T. Calloway, during the past  
week, returned home Monday at  
noon.

### UNCLE JOHNNY HAS GONE

I am going to wear S  
hat. A man said to me  
rain a drop in twelve  
I said: "Man, it is going  
He said "Uncle, if it  
give you the best hat it  
Hat's mine. It is going  
We are going to have the  
est rain that ever hit  
The thunder drums of he  
are going to burst, and the  
Bak  
Kirk's road beds. I know  
say—that nobody but boys and  
new comers can prophes  
I am  
a new comer—I have only been  
here 13 years (lucky number).

Some of these days some of  
these fellows who thing when it is  
dry it will always be dry are go-  
ing to get caught out and nearly  
drown. Some of these days some  
of these fellows are going to get  
caught out on the road and they  
are going to leave their wagons  
sticking in a mud hole and some  
walking in drenched to the bone.  
You are going to see wagons and  
buggies sticking in the mud for  
weeks at a time. You are going  
to see fellows coming with the wa-  
ter sloshing in their shoes. Watch  
my prediction. These lakes are  
going to be swimming to a horse  
and the roads are going to be im-  
passable even in Meadows and  
Smith's precincts. The ducks are  
going to come back and quack  
just like they used to. Maize is  
going to grow in the public roads  
again. The longer it puts off rain-  
ing the more it will have when  
it comes. The later it commences  
in the Spring, the further it will  
extend into the summer. The fur-  
ther it extends in the summer the  
heavier will be the feed crop.

One man said to me that this  
country never would make maize  
like it used to. He says the land  
is getting old and ashy. Listen:  
One year I worked a piece of land  
that was said to be "worn out."  
Well, sir, it was seasonable that  
year and I never saw such crops  
grow out of the ground. Cotton  
actually grew on that old land  
seven feet high. We made a bale  
per acre and sold it for 6 cents a  
pound. Where the planter turned  
at the end of the rows and split  
some seed the cotton came up and  
made like cucumber.

I never saw the like of it.  
I have farmed on \$50.00 land  
but I never saw such a crop grow  
out of the land as grew here that  
year on \$30.00 land. All be qual-  
ified that I made two cuttings of  
sorghum on the same land and  
each cutting made 800 bundles to  
the acre, as fine feed as a horse  
ever flopped his lip over.

What has been will be. His-  
tory repeats. Watch!  
Uncle Johnny.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who  
were so kind to us during the re-  
cent bereavement brought to us  
by the death of our son and broth-  
er. Especially do we thank our  
neighbors, and we appreciate  
more than words can express all  
the deeds of kindness and words  
of sympathy.  
W. W. FARMER,  
and Family.

Ed Kubela of Rowlett, was look-  
ing after business affairs in Bal-  
linger Tuesday.

### TRACE DISEASE TO CONSTIPATION

One of the points on which  
different schools of medicine prac-  
tically agree is, that about 95% of  
all human diseases is directly  
traceable to intestinal putrefac-  
tion of stomach waste due to in-  
activity of the bowels, or consti-  
pation. The eliminative process  
is an essential factor in digestion  
and on its proper functioning de-  
pends the welfare of the entire  
system.  
Constipation is a condition that  
should never be neglected. As  
soon as the bowels evidence the  
slightest disposition to slow up, a  
mild laxative should be taken.  
The combination of simple laxa-  
tive herbs with pepsin, known as  
Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and  
sold in drug stores for fifty cents  
a bottle, is highly recommended as  
a corrective, acting gently, in an  
easy, natural way, without grip-  
ing or other pain or discomfort.  
A trial bottle of this excellent  
family remedy can be obtained,  
free of charge, by writing to Dr.  
W. B. Caldwell, 436 Washington  
St., Monticello, Illinois.

### SLOW DRAG IN POULTRY MARKET

The drought is leaving its mark  
on the poultry industry of this  
county. Farmers and poultry  
growers have sold off their poul-  
try stock unusually close on ac-  
count of the high cost of feed, and  
the fact that poultry, like live-  
stock, are depending entirely on  
feeding, as there is no range.

Local produce dealers are re-  
ceiving only a remnant of poultry,  
while heretofore movement at  
this time of the year has been  
quite heavy. The heavy move-  
ment came early this year, and  
most of the surplus poultry has  
been shipped out of the county.

With the coming of a good sea-  
sonable year, and good range, and  
cheaper feed will come the de-  
mand for stock poultry. Those  
who have cut their stock to a few  
old dominecks and a cock or two  
will want to restock and get back  
in the line of work that has  
brought thousands of dollars to  
this country during the past five  
years.

Eggs are still bringing 45 cents  
per dozen, notwithstanding that  
the holiday season is a thing of  
the past, and turkeys are bringing  
18 1/2 and 19 cents on foot, while  
the demand for chickens is equal-  
ly as good.

### FLOUR MAKING CONFIN- ED TO TWO GRADES

The report is going the rounds  
that after the present supply of  
flour has been consumed it will  
be impossible to buy white flour,  
the mills having received orders  
to quit making the high patent  
grades. The government food con-  
trol board issued orders recently  
which governs the making of flour  
until after the war. Instead of  
making five distinct grades of  
flour as heretofore the mills have  
been instructed to confine the man-  
ufacture of flour to two grades.  
This order will prevent the mak-  
ing of the high patent grades.

Under the new regulations mil-  
lery will be compelled to produce  
a barrel of flour from 264 pounds  
of wheat and increase the percent-  
age of extraction from 70 to 75.

W. T. Hill, postmaster at Benoit  
was transacting business in Bal-  
linger Monday and while here re-  
newed with the Banner-Ledger for  
Cand Brookshire for the coming  
year.

D. E. Moody left Monday af-  
ternoon for Brownwood on a short  
business trip.

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# Banner-Ledger

## Want Ads

### WANTED

WANTED—To buy a good milch cow. J. H. Bullock. Ballinger. 2-d2w2-pd

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Canton single disc plow. Will sell cheap or trade. Phone 7602. P. H. Hamilton. 28-w2-pd.

FOR SALE—By owner, 1300 acres land. 300 open, balance timber land, covered with wild cane, plenty of water, all fenced, with barb wire. One barn, four tenant houses. \$7.00 per acre. D. F. Merwin, Pineknayville, Miss. 27-d2w2-pd.

FOR SALE—Dwarf kaffir corn seed, three to six weeks earlier than other kaffir, price 7 1/2 cents per pound. Phone 5802. Pat Mapes, Pony, Texas. 15-6d,3w

### FOR TRADE

FOR TRADE—Desirable tract good agricultural and fruit land, improvements, part under plow in Bast Texas. Located near railroad town, school and churches. Will trade for two sections of smooth well located agricultural and grazing land in Taylor, Runnels, Brown or Nolan counties. E. W. Cole, Austin, Texas. 3twpd.

### LOANS

MONEY TO LOAN—5, 7 or 10 years, with all kinds options in repaying. Lee Maddox. 17-ftw

### TRESPASS NOTICES

Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen. 27-6tdsw

### FOUND

FOUND—Three year old unbroke bay mare mule, branded mule shoe on left flank. Taken up at Ward place 8 miles below Ballinger about six weeks ago. Owner can get mule by paying expenses and proving ownership. Frank Corder, Pony. 3i-d-w:pd.

### DENTON COUNTY PEOPLE ARE COMING THIS WAY

Walter Neeley reports to the Enterprise that he has closed a deal this week whereby J. H. Seaborn of Roanoke, Denton county, buys for cash 100 acres of Artie Bourne and 200 acres of H. Lewallen at a total consideration of \$12,500. Mr. Seaborn will go back to his old Denton county home and make preparations to move out early in the new year to east his lot with the Winters country.

While he was here we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Seaborn and he expressed himself as highly pleased over the Winters country and the people that compose its citizenship. The excellent school spirit so well and favorably shown by the Drasco people was a strong factor in helping him to decide to break old home ties and move his family here.—Winters Enterprise.

### NEW MANAGER FOR SEWER COMPANY

C. R. Stephens has sold his entire stock in the Sanitary Sewerage Company of Ballinger to Paul Trimmer. Mr. Stephens has been with this company in an official capacity ever since it was organized, being general manager for the company for the past several years. Mr. Trimmer will take Mr. Stephens' place as manager for the company.

### LEFT FOR FLORIDA

The following young men of the Winters country, who recently volunteered for the army, left for Jacksonville, Fla., Monday afternoon: Henry Sanders, Joseph Meeks, Walter Little, Lawrence Sherrell and Harry Roberts.

## MIKE BOYD ON TAX ASSESSING JOB

Mike Boyd has filled his bond as deputy tax assessor of Runnels county, and is arranging to begin work within the next few days. In fact Mr. Boyd is now on the job, looking after the preliminary work.

Mr. Boyd goes on the work as deputy under Will Stephens, who is now in the training camp at Camp Travis. It will be remembered that Mr. Stephens was called out among those to first leave this county in the draft, and that after being called he tendered his resignation as assessor and the commissioners' court appointed Mrs. Stephens to fill the unexpired term. After serving some time in the army Mr. Stephens received his discharge, returning home to be reappointed to succeed his wife. A short time after he had been reinstated he was recalled to the training camp, and instead of resigning he appointed Mr. Boyd as his deputy.

Some were under the impression that the office would become vacant as a result of Mr. Stephens being called away, and there were a number of applicants for the place. The commissioners' court have taken no action in the matter.

## MUST COLLECT 2500 POLLS IN JANUARY

Tax Collector Chastain is facing a busy month. If the voters of this county qualify for the political franchises that will soon be under headway in this state and in this county, 2500 poll tax receipts must be issued during the present month. That calls for the issuance of almost one hundred receipts for every business day of the month, and if the payers come regular it means one man will be kept busy in that department of the tax collector's office.

Up to the night of December 31st, only 1126 poll tax receipts had been issued out of more than 3600 assessed. All polls must be paid by the night of January 31, if they count for anything in voting.

Up to the close of the year only \$68,000 had been collected in tax money out of a roll amounting to more than \$159,000. The ten per cent penalty goes on the night of January 31st.

### Prefers Chamberlain's.

"In the course of a conversation with Chamberlain Medicine Co.'s representative today, we had occasion to discuss in a general way the merits of their different preparations. At his suggestion I take pleasure in expressing my estimation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have a family of six children and have used this remedy in my home for years. I consider it the only cough remedy on the market, as I have tried nearly all kinds."—Earl C. Ross, Publisher Hamilton County Republican-News, Syracuse, Kans.

### FORMER BALLINGER BOY GETS ARMY PROMOTION

We are in receipt of news from Calvert, Texas, to the effect that Wallace Francis, a former Ballinger boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis, had received his commission as First Lieut. in the signal corps, and has been assigned to the aviation field at Rantoul, Ill., where he will do construction work. This is the oldest and best equipped flying field in America. Wallace enlisted in the aviation corps and spent some time at Austin, where he was one out of a class of fourteen that passed the examination with a record sufficient to give him second lieutenant's place and his friends here will be glad to know that he has been promoted to first lieutenant.

## THIS MAN COULDN'T WALK ACROSS ROOM

Says Condition Was Almost Hopeless When He Began Taking Tanlac. Troubles Now Over

"I was in such a weak and run-down condition before taking Tanlac I couldn't walk across the room without becoming exhausted," declared L. E. Horton, of 2403 Gold Street, a well known employee of the Great Western Oil Co., El Paso. Before coming to El Paso three years ago Mr. Horton was for many years assistant superintendent of the Shreveport Electric Company of Shreveport, La.

About four years ago," he explained "I had an attack of the grip, complicated with pneumonia and my health gave way entirely. My system seemed to be full of malaria and I had a very bad case of stomach trouble, too, and for months all I could eat was raw eggs and buttermilk. I had terrible headaches and was so nervous and tormented I just could not sleep hardly at all. I was in such a terrible condition I had to resign my position and thinking a change of climate might help me I came out here but did not get any better.

"I had about given up all hopes of even getting well again but when I saw what Tanlac had done for one of my friends I got a bottle. Well, sir, it went right to the seat of my trouble and I began to feel a big difference right away. My appetite improved and I can now eat things that would have been like poison to me a few weeks ago. My skin seems to be clear, I have no more headaches, my nerves are all right and I sleep like a log. I have more vim and energy than I have had in a long time and I am much stronger and am now working every day."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Token by J. W. Bright.

## WHY TOBACCO CARDS HAVE BEEN DELAYED

Mr. A. W. Sledge, Dear Sir: We have been very anxious for some time to speed up the acknowledgement by postal card of the tobacco kits sent to our soldiers in France, and we have had our representatives in France make an investigation; he has just cabled us as follows: "1600 cases of kits on hand American Red Cross. Will all be delivered by Christmas."

As you know before we presented to you for consideration the Tobacco Fund plan, we had secured the co-operation of the American Red Cross to transport all kits to France and deliver them to the boys. Major Murphy is head of the American Red Cross in France, and all shipments are consigned to him. The first shipment of kits was made to him in August, and while the transportation to the other side is not so very much delayed, when the goods reach Bordeaux or any port in France, the congestion of the railroad service is so great that the time they arrive in Paris is very uncertain, and it is not safe to figure on goods being delivered in Paris under two or three months. Then there is considerable delay occasioned by the necessity of reshipment from Paris to our troops.

We are writing you about this as your readers may have felt anxiety due to the fact that not many postal cards have been received as yet. However, now that we understand thoroughly why deliveries are so slow, and furthermore, as we know there are so many kits on hand that will be delivered by Christmas, we feel that you might want to tell your readers, if they should ask, the information that we have been able to give you.

Yours very truly,  
The American Tobacco Co.

### Are Your Sewers Clogged?

The bowels are the sewerage system of the body. You can well imagine the result when they are stopped up as in the case of constipation. As a purgative you will find Chamberlain's Tablets excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action. They also improve the digestion.

## COLEMAN SUFFERS \$100,000 BLAZE

Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the major part of the Coleman oil mill and 350 tons of cake and meal last Saturday night. The seed house, containing about 3,000 tons of cotton seed, was saved by the timely arrival and splendid work of the Coleman fire department, as was also the engine room.

Local manager W. L. Rose estimates the loss of the building and machinery at approximately \$100,000.00. Value of the cake was \$57.00 a ton. The work of rebuilding will be started as soon as the insurance adjustment is made, but owing to the congested condition of the railways, rebuilding cannot be hoped for in time to accommodate the present seed crop. The seed in storage at the Coleman mill will be shipped to the Benicini mills at other places for immediate manufacture.—Coleman Democrat.

Exchange your wheat for Flavo Flour. C. L. Green Milling & Grain Co. Winters, Texas. 25-4w.

## FIRE DESTROYS HUNT COUNTY TOWN

Celeste, Texas, Dec. 29.—Seven business houses in this city were destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire spread to the cotton yard where one hundred bales of cotton were also destroyed. The town is almost out of water, and the blizzard made it difficult for the firemen to control the fire after it gained good headway. The property damage will run high into the thousands.

## WILL BE BURIED HERE TOMORROW

McLellan Farmer, son of W. W. Farmer, age 33 years, seven months and 28 days, died at the home of his father, seven miles southeast of Ballinger at four-thirty o'clock Sunday morning. Death was sudden and due to heart trouble.

Deceased had been making his home on his father's farm for a number of years. While he had not enjoyed the best of health in a long time, being a cripple, he was of much help to his father, and was well known in Ballinger, coming to the city often to transact business for his father.

Awaiting the arrival of relatives the remains will be held until Tuesday afternoon, when at two o'clock at the farm home where the death occurred, Rev. R. B. Morgan of Ballinger, will conduct the funeral services, and the remains will be brought to Ballinger and about four o'clock entered in the City Cemetery.

The friends of the family will regret to hear of the death and extend sympathy.

## Farmer's Wife Near Ballinger Finds Astonishing Relief

"For ten long years I had suffered with my stomach. I tried everything without relief, but after one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy I knew I had obtained what I had been looking for and I took the full course of treatment. It is going on 4 years now and I have never had any pains or bloating since. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract, and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. John A. Weeks, Druggist.

### BACK AT OLD STAND.

The deal was closed last Saturday in which Jim McWhirter bought a half interest in the Ballinger Barber Shop and he and Hugh Griffin are now sole proprietors. Jim McWhirter was with the Pink Hubbard barber shop on the present location when Ballinger was all wooden buildings and this deal puts him back at the same old stand, though the shop and equipment has undergone many and up-to-date improvements since the pioneer day.

Mr. McWhirter is the oldest (not in years) barber in the city and has a splendid barber trade that follows wherever he locates.

F. G. Hoelscher, the linen merchant was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

## I am Sincere! Stop Calomel! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tonic

Listen to me! Calomel sickens and you may lose a day's work. If bilious, constipated or headachy read my guarantee.

Every druggist in town—your druggist and everybody's druggist has noticed a great falling-off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tonic is taking its place.

"Calomel is dangerous and people know it, while Dodson's Liver Tonic is perfectly safe and gives better results," said a prominent local druggist. Dodson's Liver Tonic is personally guaranteed by every druggist who sells it.—A large bottle

costs but a few cents, and if it fails to give easy relief in every case of liver sluggishness and constipation, you have only to ask for your money back.

Dodson's Liver Tonic is a pleasant-tasting, purely vegetable remedy, harmless to both children and adults. Take a spoonful at night and wake up feeling fine; no biliousness, sick headache, acid stomach or constipated bowels. It doesn't gripe all the next day like violent calomel.

## BROOM CORN AS MONEY CROP IS OVERLOOKED

One Coleman county farmer grew three acres of broom corn this dry year. Of the three acres he sold \$360 and estimated the feed value of his sucker crop at \$50.

F. C. Behrend, a local produce dealer, says there is a ready market for all the broom corn the farmers will raise and that he would contract any amount of it at remunerative prices. It is stated also that the soil and climate here is especially adapted to growing of broom corn. If this is the case, Coleman county farmers are overlooking a good bet in not growing broom corn. The present market for bright broom corn, threshed in from \$200 to \$300 a ton.—Coleman Democrat.

## SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Mary Parker came in Friday from Eldorado, where she spent the holidays visiting relatives.

Mrs. F. T. Rushing and daughter, Miss Maydell, who visited Mrs. Rushing's parents, at Killen during the holidays, returned home Friday.

Luther Watson left Sunday for Camp Bowie, after a few days visit with home folks.

Joe Brown of Camp Travis, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. H. C. Grady, of Bangs, left Tuesday for their respective homes after a few days visit with their mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Ed Eubank spent Sunday with his brother, Tom Eubank, who has been quite sick the past two weeks in the Winters sanitarium with pneumonia. We are glad to report Mr. Eubank is improving nicely.

Miss Emmie Pagles left Saturday for Winters where she goes to nurse a patient.

Miss Dorothy Goldman returned home Sunday night from Brownwood, where she spent the holidays visiting friends.

W. H. Brown and family of Winters returned home Sunday after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. E. D. Jackson.

Leroy Sisson, who is in the U. S. Navy training school at the Great Lakes, came in Sunday to visit his parents and friends a few days.

J. H. Thomas starts the new year right by ordering the Banner-Ledger and Dallas News for the ensuing year.

## Turks Murder Million Greeks

New York, Dec. 31.—At least one million Greeks, men women and children, have perished as the result of organized massacres and deportations by "the Tureo-Tentons," in Asiatic Turkey, according to a statement by Lazaros George Maerides, son of a leading merchant of Trebizond, made public through the Armenian and Syrian relief committee here today. Maerides, who recently arrived here, says he was one of a party of 2,000 Greeks which was rescued by the Russian fleet that bombarded the town of Ordou late last August, and took the refugees aboard. He had been taken to Ordou, he said, when the Turks raided Trebizond and seized his father's store along with those of other Greek merchants. "Those of us who were between the ages of 16 and 60 were drafted into the Turkish army," said Maerides. "Our women and children and the older men were placed temporarily in homes and orphanages, until the opportunity offered to dispose of them in the approved Tureo-Tenton fashion, which in this instance turned out to be wholesale drowning. The unfortunate survivors of deportation were tossed out for several miles into the Black Sea and then calmly dumped overboard just like so much garbage. None of them survived. German efficiency has simply organized the natural brutality of the Turk and made it many times more effective than ever before. I should think that at the most conservative estimate, at least one million of my fellow countrymen have perished miserably through the organized cruelty of this Tureo-Tentonic alliance. The only hope of the future lies in America."

J. A. Arnold of the Winters country, is off on a Christmas visit to different points in Texas. He will visit the soldier camps at Waco and Fort Worth before he returns home.

## WIFE SAVES LIFE OF HUSBAND WITH BROOMSTICK

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 31.—The life of Sheriff E. K. Register of Jones county probably was saved last night when his wife, armed with a broomstick, beat off an insane prisoner which had attacked the officer with an iron bar.

# WINTERS OPERA HOUSE

## Monday, January 7th

# Oscar Graham

Mr. Cohen will not play road shows in his theatre, so we invite those who care for our class of attraction to  
**Winters, Texas,**  
**Monday, Jan. 7th**  
*The play is a four act comedy from the pen of Mr. Graham.*

Presents His New, Up-to-the-Minute Play  
**"MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE"**  
An Effervescent, Scintillating, Rapid-Fire, Patriotic Comedy  
Beautiful Scenery, Wardrobe and Effects.

**PRICES: 25c, 50c and 75c**

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Another year is about to pass, and looking back at what we have accomplished, it behooves us to express our appreciation to those whose courtesies and patronage aided us in our progress.

We desire to give to each and everyone of you a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat serviceable 1918 CALENDAR for your home. And until our supply is exhausted they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not.

The plan under which we distributed our Calendars last year was very satisfactory and so many of our friends and customers expressed their appreciation that we have concluded to distribute our 1918 CALENDARS in the same manner. We will ask that each and everyone receiving a calendar sign their name in a register which will be arranged for this purpose. Children must have a written order from parents or guardian. Calendars cannot be mailed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1918 will be our CALENDAR DAY and we will continue to distribute them until the supply is exhausted.

We appreciate in the highest degree the generous and loyal friends and customers who, we are certain, have found the Strength, the Security and the Service of this Bank fully equal to every expectation and requirement. We feel a deep interest in this community and desire in all ways open to us to promote its welfare and we want you to feel that this interest is lasting the year round and making for pleasant business relations at all times.

It is the sincere desire of our Officers and Directors that your New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one.

Yours very truly,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

## BLANTON GETS GOOD HEARING AT B'WOOD

We are in receipt of a letter from Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, written on the train, in which Mr. Blanton says:

"I have inspected health conditions at Camp Travis, Camp Kelly and Camp Bowie. At the San Antonio camps the conditions are ideal. At Camp Bowie the situation has been greatly improved and is now thoroughly under control. Capable experts are now in charge and the government is furnishing needed additional equipment.

"I have since Wednesday spoken to splendid crowds at Llano, Burnet, Lampasas, Goldthwaite, San Saba, Brady, Coleman and even Brownwood, where my audience was highly enthusiastic. Numerous members of the Chambers of Commerce present stated that the insulting telegram published in the newspapers was unauthorized and did not express the sentiment of Brownwood's citizenship."

Congressman Blanton visited

### Cold?

What you want is quick relief. Here's a fifty year old remedy that has proven beneficial for millions. Try it yourself. Sold by all druggists.

## Dr. King's Discovery

NEW

### for Coughs & Colds

Dizzy! Bilious! Constipated? Dr. King's New Life Pills cause a healthy flow of bile and rid your stomach and bowels of waste and fermenting body poisons. They are a tonic to your stomach and liver and tone the general system. First dose relieves. Get a bottle today. 25c. all druggists.

Austin while on his inspection trip to the army camp, and the Austin American in making mention of his visit to the capital said:

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton of the sixteenth district of Texas, was in Austin yesterday following a visit to Camp Travis where the "boys" of fifty-eight counties of the west Texas country from El Paso to Abilene, which he represents, are stationed.

"Conditions in Camp Travis are fine," he said. "The climate is ideal and the boys are feeling good. The soldiers are receiving the best of attention."

Congressman Blanton who is in Texas on a speechmaking tour during the adjourned holiday session of congress, said the one absolute need of the government is the loyal support of the people of the United States. "Mistakes have been made but they will be righted," he asserted. "Wherever there is need of correction congress will see to it that correction is made. The people of the country should maintain the attitude of absolute confidence in the government during this most serious crisis."

The representative of the sixteenth district declared there was nothing better that he could ask than to find time to stay with his wife and five children who are now in Washington, but he felt it his duty to tell his people the great needs of the nation in the present war.

"The one thing above ships, above airplanes, above everything else is absolute loyalty," he declared. "If there is a man anywhere who says anything against this country now just hit him in the face. Let congress attend to the affairs of the government. Criticism is all right, but there must be absolute co-operation. After the war, if anyone needs chastigation, then will be the time to do it, but not now."

J. R. Wisenbaker of Norton was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

## AMATEUR PROPHET MAKES PREDICTION

The remaining winter months and the spring of 1918 hold forth no cheery prospects for West Texas so far as rain is concerned, according to T. P. Cole, San Angelo weather prognosticator. Mr. Cole on Saturday consulted the oracles with which he has been familiar for well-nigh thirty years and issued this blanket prediction for the first quarter of 1918:

January and February will be warm months, with bright weather, and there will be no fuel problem in this section. About January 24 a light rain will fall, accompanied by snow. The flakes will melt as soon as they strike the earth. "Northerners" will be few in January and February, for most of the breezes will come from the south.

From March 1 to 15 there will be cold rains, sleet and snow, and the moisture will not be heavy enough to cause rain to run from the house tops. April will be the coldest "mid spring" month in the Comcha country in twenty-eight years, and there will be considerable suffering among the livestock.

Mr. Cole Saturday was unable to predict 1918 weather further than April 15. He explained that each year he begins "doping" the weather on that day and can be taken as a sample at each hour or half hour foretell what the weather will be on each day in the month that is to come. For instance, if it is bright and clear at ten o'clock on the morning of December 26 it should be bright and clear on January 10. If the hour is twelve o'clock, the weather at that time can be expected on January 15.

Twelve o'clock is mid-day; hence what it predicts is for the middle of the month. Mr. Cole has dozens of other signs that he has followed for more than a quarter of a century, but he does not always divulge their secrets.

As to whether or not T. P. Cole generally "hits the nail on the head" one can judge for himself by reading his prediction that was printed in The Standard on Mar. 19, 1917:

"We will get general showers in April, May, June and July, but it won't rain hard enough at any time to wash the moss out of the river. Local showers will fall in August and September and we will have the prettiest fall you have ever seen. You can't go in your shirt sleeves on Christmas day, but will have to wear an overcoat, for December 25 will be the coldest and wettest Christmas we have ever had."

## CASTORIA

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### LEFT FOR CAMP BOWIE.

The following soldier boys who spent the holidays with relatives and friends left from this point Sunday afternoon for Camp Bowie:

George Smith, A. D. Smith, Levi Starkey, Speck Smickle, Claud Mathews, Luther Watson of South Ballinger, and Fred Nichols of the Winters country. They were joined here by quite a number from San Angelo, Miles, and Paint Rock.

J. F. Holliday of Abilene was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

Joe Brown came in from Camp Bowie Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown and other relatives, for a few days.

## RURAL DISTRICTS RED CROSS MEMBERS

Despite the drouthy conditions of this country, and the general impressions that prevail, that people are short of ready cash, the rural districts of this county responded most liberally to the Christmas Drive for Red Cross members. The report from Winters, where the auxiliary of that town succeeded in rolling up such a large membership, says that every community in that section of the county subscribed to the cause almost to a man, the entire north end of the county becoming enthusiastic over the Red Cross work, and are supporting it with their dollars.

Following is a partial list of the rural membership, as reported to Mrs. C. R. Stephens, county chairman:

- Runnels**
- Bailey, J. B.
  - Beard, W. O.
  - Beard, Mrs. W. O.
  - Cox, Tom.
  - Cox, Mrs. J. M.
  - Fowler, J. E.
  - Fowler, Mrs. J. E.
  - Killingsworth, Mrs. Emma.
  - McWhirter, W. R.
  - McWhirter, Mrs. W. R.
  - Oliver, Joe.
  - Oliver, Mrs. Joe.
  - Seale, Mrs. Eula
  - Wiley, J. T.
  - Wiley, Mrs. J. T.
  - Wiley, Miss Opal.
  - Wiley, Miss Ethel.
  - Wilmeth, W. S.
  - Witter, Paul.
  - Witter, Mrs. Paul.
  - Cox, Mrs. Tom.
- Hatchel**
- Andrews, H. O.
  - Bales, W. S.
  - Bales, L. M.
  - Bales, Marcus.
  - Bailey, Ola.
  - Branham, Miss Eula.
  - Branham, O. C.
  - Branham, J. R.
  - Branham, E. T.
  - Branham, W. N.
  - Bradshaw, Mrs. W. H.
  - Bryant, Lucile
  - Bryant, Inez.
  - Cabe, Hardy.
  - Cain, Mrs. E. H.
  - Candle, Mrs. W. S.
  - Candle, D. E.
  - Candle, Mrs. D. E.
  - Cox, Clarence.
  - Davis, A. B.
  - Davis, Mrs. A. B.
  - Davis, J. A.
  - Davis, Mrs. J. A.
  - Davis, Chester.
  - Davis, Agnes.
  - Estes, J. R.

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That is why he is such a great winner, accomplishes so much, why he overcomes obstacles and knows no such thing as failure.

Iron in the successful formula for Peptiron, which also includes pepsin, nux, celery and other tonics, sedatives and digestives, helps to give strength, color and body to the blood; reddens pale cheeks, steadies the nerves, nourishes and gives stamina to the whole body.

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- Tucker, M. S.
- Tucker, Mrs. J. H.
- Tucker, Lela.
- Tunnell, R. P.
- Tungell, Mrs. R. P.
- Vaughn, C. M.
- Vogelsang, Mrs. Aug.
- Vogelsan, Ella.
- Wheels, Howard.
- Wade, Mrs. Bud.
- Walker, E. B.
- Walker, Mrs. E. B.
- Walker, Buford.
- Walker, Anna.
- Walker, Edna.
- Williams, S. D.
- Williams, Mrs. S. D.
- Williams, Austin.
- Williams, Mrs. Austin.
- Williams, Key.

- Maverick**
- Arrant, W. G.
  - Brookshire, E. A.
  - Bordens, A. J. H.
  - Bordens, J. V.
  - Bordens, J. W.
  - Bowden, J. I.
  - Bowden, R. S.
  - Bowden, H. F.
  - Bowman, B. F.
  - Carlton, J. D.
  - Carlton, J. B.
  - Cotter, W. R.
  - Drake, A. L.
  - Francis, Rev. Henry.
  - Gibson, G. T.
  - Glen, J. H.
  - Horne, E. C.
  - Landers, Jesse.
  - Lee, J. L.
  - Lee, Claude.
  - Little, W. R.
  - Mackey, S. M.
  - Marshall, Elma.
  - McAuley, J. E.
  - Petty, Frank.
  - Petty, H. E.
  - Reynolds, J. D.
  - Reynolds, Deran.
  - Slaughter, J. M.
  - Slaughter, Mrs. J. M.
  - Stevens, H. L.
  - Todd, Charlie.

List of Members from Dry Hollow turned in by Mrs. J. L. McKown:

- Ash, Joe.
  - Ballew, Mrs. Earl.
  - Ballew, Mrs. Clyde.
  - Ballew, Mrs. Felix.
  - Clark, Mrs. Blanche.
  - Dudley, Mrs. Sallie.
  - Durham, Mrs. S.
  - Drake, Dee.
  - Horton, Mrs. Blaine.
  - Howell, Miss Alline.
  - Horton, Wesley.
  - Lunsford, Miss Dollie.
  - McKown, Mrs. Harl.
  - McKown, Mrs. Hattie.
  - McKown, Mrs. John.
  - McKown, Hal.
  - Neatherlin, Miss Ida.
  - Richards, Mrs. John.
  - Redding, Mrs. Eli.
  - Rayburn, Mrs. R.
  - Vaughn, Mrs. Sallie.
- List of Ballinger \$2.00 Memberships:
- Fleming, Prof. W. S.
  - Gain, Carl.
  - Rhodes, Mrs. H. O.
  - Stephens, Mrs. C. R.
  - Tolson, Miss Lucile.
  - Trimmer, Paul.
  - Wilde, Mrs. Alice.
  - Whitlowe, Miss Cora.
- List of Ballinger \$5.00 Memberships:
- Massey, Godfrey.
  - Massey, Mrs. Godfrey.
  - McCarver, W. C.
  - Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.—\$10.00.
  - J. P. Maddox—\$5.00.
  - J. E. Gentry—\$2.50.
  - Mrs. Ben Harris—\$4.00.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

### ALASKA SWEARS OFF.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Alaska climbs aboard the water wagon tonight, bag and baggage—for keeps. In other words Alaska on January 1 becomes bone dry. The bill assigning Alaska to the prohibition ranks was the first prohibition passed by the House.

Abb McFarland, who spent his holidays with home folks, left Saturday afternoon for the east.

### Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. ——— had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

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### BETTER COTTON CROP MADE THAN EXPECTED

While many farmers in this country experienced complete crop failure this year, the total yield of cotton went beyond the most bullish estimate made. Throughout the period when crops should have been receiving sufficient rain to make and mature no one would dare estimate more than a twelve thousand bale crop for Runnels county, while the estimate made by most of those making a guess varied from eight to ten thousand bales.

On December 1st 12,357 bales had been ginned in the county, as compared with 29,805 bales for the same date last year. Very little cotton has been ginned since December 1st, but it is estimated that the remnants put together and the final report for the season will show close to 13,000 bales. At an average of \$125 per bale, not counting the high price for seed, the short crop distributed among the farmers of this county is more than one and a half million dollars. The cash derived from the seed will run the money from the cotton crop of the county up to close two and a half million dollars. This is not so bad for a year with less than nine inches of rain.

The percentage of yield for Runnels county is better than most of the other counties in this section of the state, and the yield decreases for the counties west and northwest of Runnels. Concho county ginned 1,845 bales compared with 8,677 last year. McCulloch county ginned 4,626 this year and 15,414 last year. Taylor county ginned 7,027 this year and 25,754 last year. Tom Green and Nolan counties are not in the 1917 report, while Coleman county leads with 15,116 bales against 26,857 last year.

The ginner's report makes some interesting comparisons. For instance Williamson county ginned 109,705 bales in 1916 while this year 30,471 bales only were ginned. Bell county also makes a one-third cotton crop, ginning 23,914 bales this year against 69,913 last year. Falls county comes up with about a half crop, making 31,000 bales against 62,569 last year. Among the counties showing big increase in cotton production this year are the counties of Fannin with a crop of 90,000 bales against 68,000 last year; Lamar, Hunt, Collin and Grayson, all show increased production. Although falling 10,000 bales short of last year Ellis county leads this year with 99,178 bales.

### YOU'RE BILIOUS! LET "CASCRET'S" LIVEN LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't stay headachy, constipated sick with breath bad and stomach sour

Get a 10-cent box now. You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have the headache, coated tongue, bad taste, and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have a bad cold.

Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascarets work while you sleep; cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet, liver and bowels regular, and head clear for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.

Mrs. Emma Nash returned from a Christmas visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fred Moore, at Sangerton, Texas. She was accompanied on the visit by Mr. and Mrs. Will Aycock of Andrews, the party making the trip through the country in an auto.

F. F. Erust, one of the prominent citizens of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

## COMING TO BALLINGER

return visit Doctors **Rea Brothers** American Physicians Specialist, Giving Free Medical Services to the Sick. At Hotel Central, Wednesday, January 9th, One Day Only.

Licensed by the States, visiting the principal cities throughout the United States, demonstrating their system of treating diseases and deformities without surgical operation; will give free treatment (except cost of medicines and appliances) to those who apply on this visit.

Liver, Stomach and Bowel Troubles, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Sick Headache, Dizziness, Enlargement of the Abdomen, Bad Breath.

According to their system, they do not operate for appendicitis, gall stones, bowel and ulcerations, doing away with the knife and such expense in the treatment of these dangerous diseases.

Tuberculosis, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, Eye Diseases and Lung Diseases treated with a combination of medicine, scrums, vaccines, diet, and hygiene.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles, pains in the back, weak back, swelling of the limbs, stiffness of the joints, rheumatism, undeveloped children, bed wetting, club feet, curvature of the spine and other deformities.

Blood and Heart Disease, swelling of the limbs, skin diseases, pelagra, old sores, varicose veins, heart palpitation, bad circulation, cold limbs, numbness, enlarged glands, goitre and deep-seated chronic diseases.

Nervous Diseases, epilepsy, neuritis, neuralgia, sciatica, paralysis, mental weakness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, high blood pressure, mental worry, discouragement, and diseases of women.

Piles, fistula, small tumors, and growths of a suspicious nature treated with the hypodermic injection method, an effective plan of treatment without surgical operation.

Drs. Rea Bros. are well known throughout the United States. Their plan is to secure in each community evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients. The sick and those interested are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children, with their parents.

Hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

### ROWENA PEOPLE TO DRILL FOR OIL

The citizens have raised \$4,200 to pay for drilling a test well in Rowena territory. There has been no definite arrangements made, but it is thought a contract will be let and drilling started soon. The well is to be drilled somewhere near town.

Brownwood is booming on account of the oil there and Rowena will do likewise should oil be found here. The land owners are urged to co-operate in the move by granting leases to the company.—Rowena Review.

### GET YOUR AUTO SEAL FOR 1918

Your 1918 auto tax is due. The cash for the renewal of your auto license is supposed to be in the hands of the highway commission by Jan. 1st. You'll have to hurry if you comply with that provision of the law.

Now is the time to pay auto tax for an entire year. Most any auto dealer can furnish you with the necessary blanks, and assist you in figuring the horse power and the amount you must pay, if your car is a new one and never been registered. If you have paid for 1917 you know what it will cost for the year 1918. You will not get a new number but must have a 1918 seal. The old blanks used to make the first payment are good to send in for renewal on. The commission will not accept checks. Save time and trouble by sending the cash. It will be a violation of the highway law to drive a car without a 1918 seal displayed on the front of your car.

Jim DeMolive, after a pleasant visit to his parents and Ballinger friends, left for Bryant, Saturday afternoon.

### EIGHT VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE MONDAY

Not waiting to be drafted, but volunteering, eight young men who are within the draft age, will leave Ballinger Monday afternoon for training camps. The men volunteered this week through the local exemption board, and the board will supply them with transportation and meal tickets and send them to the division headquarters in the departments in which they have enlisted.

Six of the volunteers will go direct to the quartermaster's training camp at Joseph Johnston, at Jacksonville, Fla. These all come from the Winters country and are as follows: Joseph D. Meek, Lawrence Alexander Sherrell, Henry Sanders, David Walter Little, Hugh Cryer, Harry Homer Roberts.

Glenn Everett Esmond, of Rt. B, Ballinger, and Louis Tiger of Ballinger, will go direct to the aviation branch, and will report for duty at Kelly Field. Mr. Tiger has been with the Brewer jewelry store here for the past two or three years.

Will Gross, who volunteered through the local board early in the week, left Friday for the Kelly Field. These are the only volunteers accepted for service since the local board began mailing out the questionnaires. The board will probably have an announcement to make Monday that will be of interest to others who are contemplating volunteering.

### Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### DECEMBER WEATHER SMASHES RECORD

The oldest settlers in this country can't recall when the temperature ever dropped so low in December, and dropped so regular and often throughout the month. Early in the month the temperature played around the twelve and fifteen above mark for about one week, and freezing weather for a majority of the nights is the record, and the month is passing out with the temperature at a record breaking low point.

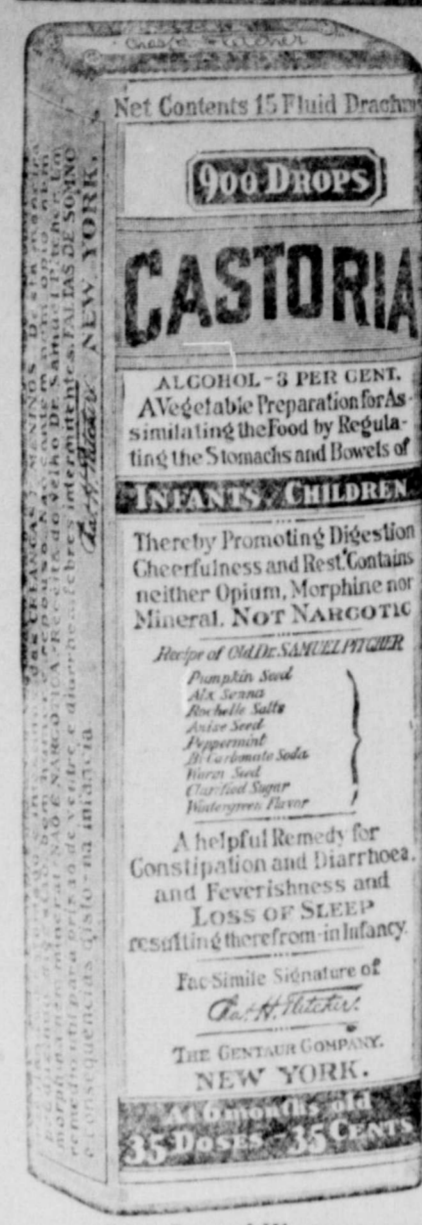
The government weather agent in charge of the local station reports ten degree temperature for Saturday morning. This was six degrees below the forecast, and was by far the hardest freeze ever experienced here in December by the younger generation.

Dry cold weather brings little damage. Most livestock are on feed, depending exclusively for the feed basket to keep them up through the winter. A wet winter would cause heavy loss to live stock interests, and farmers tell us that the cold weather is to be considered as a benefit and indicative of a good crop year.

### HURTS SISTER WHILE CRACKING COAL

The little two year old girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willingham suffered a cut in the head just above the eyes Thursday morning, when her brother accidentally struck her with a hatchet while breaking up coal. The wound was of such nature that it was necessary to place the child under the influence of medicine while the surgeon sewed up the place, several stitches being required. The little lady is getting along nicely, and nothing serious will result.

Mrs. Patterson of Bell county, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Jackson of Winters, passed through the city Saturday en route home.



## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria

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*Chas. H. Fletcher.*

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## CASTORIA

### Radford Grocery Company Closes Wholesale House

Representatives from the Abilene house of the Radford Grocery Co., and representatives from the Brownwood house of the Walker-Smith Co., are here assisting the local managers in invoicing the stock preparatory to closing a deal in which the Radford Grocery Co. sells the stock here to the Walker-Smith Co. It is expected that the deal will be closed by the end of the present year, and the Radford Grocery Co. will retire from the local field.

The two wholesale grocery firms have realized for some time that the local field was not large enough to support two wholesale grocery houses carrying such large stocks, and the closing of one of the houses is the result. E. G. Butcher of Abilene, and C. Y. Early of Brownwood, are here handling the deal.

The Radford Grocery Co. has been doing business here for several years, and carried a large stock, distributing to the retail trade throughout this territory. The headquarters of the firm are at Abilene. H. F. Smith has been manager of the local house since it was opened for business. Some time before it became known that the local house of the Radford Grocery Co. would be closed, Mr. Smith tendered his resignation, and has been preparing to move to Houston, where he has accepted a similar position, and where he hopes to find a climate that will benefit his wife's health. Mr. Smith will leave Ballinger about the last of January and will be with the Schuhmacher Co., a wholesale grocery firm in Houston.

### WILL GROSS VOLUNTEERS AND GOES TO KELLY FIELD

Will Gross left Friday afternoon for San Antonio and goes at once to Kelly Field, where he will enlist in the aviation corps of the United States army. Mr. Gross appeared before the local exemption board Thursday and volunteered for service, requesting that he be sent to the nearest aviation headquarters.

Mr. Gross was subject to draft, and was in the first call. It will be remembered that he claimed exemption on industrial grounds at the time he was called he had quite a lot of cattle on the Gross ranch near Ballinger and these cattle were looking starvation in the face and to have been called into service at that time would have caused him considerable loss. The district board granted the young man discharge, and in the meantime he has disposed of his cattle and arranged his business so he could respond to his country's call.

While Mr. Gross claimed exemption and secured it, he now volunteers and will soon be filling a place on the Kelly field, where there are a number of other Ballinger boys.

### IN RE: PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS ON THE COLORADO RIVER

Whereas, the Colorado Canal Company, a corporation, having its domicile and principle offices at Bay City, Matagorda County, Texas, did on the 9th day of August, 1917, file with the Board of Water Engineers, State of Texas, its petition requesting the said Board to make a determination of the relative rights of the various claimants to the waters of the Colorado River, and its tributaries, in Texas, in conformity with Chapter 86, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, State of Texas; and it appearing to said Board that such determination is justified and necessary; all parties at interest are hereby notified that a hearing on said petition will be held in the several counties of the State of Texas, which are subdivided by or bounded by the said Colorado River or any of its tributaries, especially the San Saba, Llano, Lampasas and Concho Rivers; commencing at Bay City, in Matagorda County, Texas, Monday, Feb. 4th, 1918, at 4:00 p. m. Said hearing will be held at Bay City from the said Feb. 4th, 1918, to Feb. 14th, 1918, inclusive, if necessary, and will be conducted in the county courthouse, in such room as may hereafter be provided. A like hearing will be begun and held in the county court house of Runnels County, Texas, at Ballinger on March 27 to 30, 1918, inclusive, beginning at 9 a. m.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers, State of Texas, at the office of said Board in Austin, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D., 1917.

W. T. Potter  
R. J. Windrow  
C. S. Clark  
Attest: James Hays Quarles, Secretary  
28-w21.

### SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mrs. Ed Harbour and children of San Angelo, who had been visiting a few days with her mother Mrs. T. O. Brown, left Christmas day for Bangs and Brownwood, for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, and children of Winters, are spending the week with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Jackson.

Luther Watson came in Sunday from Camp Bowie to spend the holidays with home folks.

South Ballinger is well represented with the new disease that has made its appearance in this county. Jerrell and Ross Black, Carl Eubank, Sterling and Malcolm Layton are able to be up.

T. A. Brown of Michigan, returned home Wednesday after a weeks visit with his mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Miss Ida Ray Cockrell, left Wednesday for Mary Neal for a two weeks visit.

### 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. 60 cents.

### LAST WITNESS OF DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Hearne, Texas, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Bertha Henninger, a German woman who has made her home in Hearne for the past forty years, and was much esteemed by all who knew her, died yesterday and was buried today at 3:30 p. m. in Norwood cemetery. Mrs. Henninger was the widow of Judge Geo. Henninger, who died several years ago. Mrs. Henninger, up to the time of her death, was one of the few living witnesses of the assassination of President Lincoln, having been in attendance at the performance in Ford's theater the night of the tragedy. She left no living relatives in this country. She was a native of Germany, but left her fatherland in early womanhood.

Mrs. Henninger was related to the Henninger families of the Hatchel-Winters country.

Constable Ben F. Allen had business at Rowena between trains Monday.

## Attention: Both Old and Young:

### Help Yourself by Helping Your Government.

This is the First and Only opportunity the Small Investor, including Men, Women and Boys and Girls—Large and Small—have had to help Uncle Sam win the war by investing their nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollars in the War-savings and Thrift Stamps. The Director of the undersigned Institution appointed by the Treasury Department at Washington, is offering for sale, which can be paid for by you on the monthly installment plan, acquiring therefor an obligation on the part of your (United States) Government, payable January 1, 1923 at 4 per cent interest\* on the former, compounded quarterly. Our institution has a full supply of these stamps on hand now. For further information see

**See Sam Baker**  
At Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

## HIGHWAY BOARD MAKES FIRST REPORT

Six months ago the State Highway Department began business and today we can report remarkable progress.

The conditions relative to Texas highways on January 1, 1918 are as follows:

Total miles of public roads, 132,800; total miles of surfaced roads, 12,900; total miles of State Highways, 12,500.

Allocations of State and Federal aid have been made for the construction of State Highways as follows:

State aid, 560 miles; Federal aid, 1575 miles; State highways already surfaced, approximately, 3000 miles; improvements done and accounted for, 5135 miles; Percentage of State Highways improved or accounted for, 41; Total Federal aid granted to date, \$2,450,000. (The above is approximate. The exact amount not until estimates of several counties have been received.)

Federal aid available to July 1, 1919, \$1,753,973.40; Federal aid available to July 1, 1920, \$2,923,389.

Federal aid granted during 1917 will use up all allotment to July 1, 1919 and about one-half of the next year's Federal aid allotment.

State aid granted in 1917 about \$340,000; counties granted State aid only 9; counties granted Federal aid only 42; counties granted both State and Federal aid, 37; Seventy-nine counties received Federal aid; forty six received State aid.

Number of State and Federal aid projects, 142; counties receiving aid, 88; counties having no State highway, 46; counties having State highways that have not yet received allotment of State and Federal aid, 120; Total number of counties, 254.

The bookkeeper's general summary on December 31, 1917 shows receipts as follows:

190,207 automobiles, \$791,531.72; 3,379 motorcycles, \$5,668.50; 1,119 dealers, \$12,004.00; 5,156 transfers, \$5,156.00; 11,816 chauffeurs, \$23,632.00; 22 visitors certificates, \$22.00; 194 duplicate seals, \$48.50; directory, \$85.00; checks redeposited, \$45.18; Total amount of receipts, \$837,892.93.

Disbursements: Administration, \$16,831.00; Motor registration, \$81,939.93; Equipment, \$9,366.07; Engineering, \$8,818.49; Checks issued and charges back, \$639.18; Project No. 1, \$301.56; First allotment to counties, \$342,193.36; To

## Many Waive Claim and Will Volunteer for Army

The local exemption board and the advisory board had their hands full and then some, Monday. While the average number of questionnaires returned since the work of classifying began figured about fifty per day, one hundred and forty were returned Monday, making the total questionnaires returned to the board figuring around 575.

Tuesday, New Year's, was holiday, and the advisory board only handled a few cases which came in and requested that they be assisted in making out their reports, and the exemption board spent most of the day working up business that had accumulated and in classifying registrants.

Questionnaires filed up to Tuesday shows that more than twenty-five men have waived exemption and will volunteer as soon as they can arrange their business affairs, while many more waived exemption claim, placing themselves in Class One, and will respond when the call is made in February.

The local board received instructions recently not to accept any more volunteers for the quartermaster's departments, but all the other branches recently opened to registrants to volunteer in are still open, and the board will be glad to furnish prospective volunteers with information that will help them to get in the service at once and not wait to be drafted.

Up to noon Tuesday the board has passed on about seventy-five questionnaires, and following are the classifications made up to that time:

- Class No. 1.**
- Guy M. Bradford.
  - Alonso Herman McCook.
  - Dallas Emmett Hawkins.
  - John Kahunek.
  - Walter Finley Embury.
  - Phillip Naab.
  - William Walter King.
  - Willie Y. Boatright.
  - Melvin Lee Christain.
  - Larkin Speer.
  - Charlie Kermer.
  - Glenn Everett Esmond.
  - Laudie Grafton Ivey.
  - Joseph Dumas Meeck.
  - David Walter Little.
  - Willie Lonnie Alcorn.
  - Oscar Luther Golden.
  - James Melvin Caughron.
  - Hug Jones (Colored).
  - Harvey Elder Hays.
  - Will Carr (colored)
  - Sam Houston Thurman.
  - Anton Liska.
  - J. A. Lindle.
  - Griffin Thomas (colored).
  - Robert Eugene Madera.
  - Jim Hunter.
  - Jeff Thompson (colored).
  - Sammie Jackson.
  - Pascal Martin Armstrong.
  - Lumnie John Gray.
  - Albert Palmer.
  - Bishop Easley (colored)
  - Milroy Wilson (colored)
  - George Emmett Davis.
  - Paul Benton Smith.
  - William O'Kelly Gross.
  - Charlie Larkin Chapman.
  - William Marvin Turner.
  - Will Grosshaus.
  - James Thaxton Evans.
  - Clarence Ernest Coats.
  - Emil Muska.
  - Henry Psencik.
  - Herman Adkinson Baker.
  - Henry Parks.
  - Henry Leonard Sanders.
  - Rudolph R. Olsak.
  - James Morris Steele.
  - Rufus Allen.
  - Luther Daniel Boatright.
  - Walter Matthews.
  - Albert Schwertner.
  - James Alexander.
- Class No. 2.**
- Vaclav Reecinsky.
  - Robert Hy Hodges.
  - William Alexander Griffis.
  - Conner Willie Burford.
  - Levi Leander Lewis.
  - James Elmer Mitchell.
  - Carl Fred Baghmann.
  - Newton Augustus Snell.
  - Claude Augustus Compton.
  - Chas. Washington Evans.
  - Carl Wesley McAden.
  - Abner Boyd Stovall.
  - Francis Lee Bates.
- Class No. 3.**
- Clarence O. Minatra.
- Class No. 4.**
- Tom Fletcher Carter.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Local draft boards have been instructed by Provost Marshal General Crowder to use "common sense and sympathy in the facts of each individual case" in determining what would be adequate support for dependents of a man registered for war service.

Many boards have indicated doubt as to what should be done when it appears that a soldier's pay and war risk allowances will

provide support for dependents whose claims otherwise would entitle the registrants to deferred classification. In a message made public tonight General Crowder said:

"Reasonably adequate support can not be determined by a rule of thumb but must be determined with common sense and sympathy in the facts of each individual case, what would be adequate support in one locality or in one set of circumstances might not be adequate support in another. The question of adequate support must be determined by the boards after careful consideration of the interests of the dependents on the one hand and of the government on the other and with thought always in mind that the present classification scheme is designed to raise our armies with a minimum of hardship and suffering to those who are to be left at home."

To clear up doubt existing on other points General Crowder gave the following supplementary instructions:

"First—sub-division A. Class four is the residuary class for registrants whose wives or children are mainly dependent on them for support, and this applies to a widower whose own children are mainly dependent upon him for support.

"Second—If a registrant has both a wife and child but there are such other sources available that the removal of the registrant will not deprive the dependents of reasonably adequate support, he is to be placed in sub-division A of class 2.

"Third—If a registrant has a wife but no children and there are such other sources of support available that the removal of the registrant will not deprive the wife of reasonably adequate support, he goes into Class 1 as not being included in any other division of the schedule."

Washington, Dec. 23.—Provost Marshal General Crowder announced today that further call for men under the draft system had been postponed until February 15th. Instead of calling for the deferred percentage of the first quota the war department has decided to accept volunteers to make up the shortage, and the next draft, including those who had been examined and not called, will be made up under the questionnaire classification. The work of drafting the next army will begin on February 15th, but details for making the next call have not been announced. It is expected to have all registrants classified before that date and the men will be called from the order in which they are classified.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Final increments of the first National army assigned to Camp Dodge will not be called but the men in these quotas will be placed under the new classifications regulations according to orders received from Washington today.

The orders issued by Provost Marshal Crowder apply not only to Camp Dodge, but affect all deferred percentages of the first army for which "there will be no more formal call before Feb. 15."

"It has been decided there will be no more formal call for deferred percentages of the present quota before Feb 15. While boards should, until they have enough men, finally classified in class one, send forward promptly men selected under the old regulations to make up deficiencies in calls already made. The result of this decision will be that we shall be able to give the benefit of the new classification system to all men whose order numbers are so late as to place them within deferred percentages of the present call.

"For the sake of composing the public mind, for the convenience of registrants, this information ought to be given widespread dissemination.

"The section referred to, No. 149, relates to the induction into the military service of technical and other experts and of registrants highly skilled in some special line of work."

Sid Hale and Joe Brown of Ballinger and C. A. Davis and Ben B. Mann, of the Winters country, left Tuesday afternoon for Camp Travis to resume their army life.

J. H. Borders of Maverick was in the city on business Monday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for his father, J. V. Borders for another year.

## For Expectant Mothers

The well-known, tried and reliable penetrating preparation, "Mother's Friend", is prepared especially for mothers. It is a natural aid to nature in its work and is absolutely and entirely safe. By its use the abdominal muscles expand easily when baby is born and bearing down and stretching pains during the period are

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## Porter Murry Seriously Injured In Accident

Porter Murry is in the Halley & Love sanitarium suffering an injury that may make him a cripple for many months. He was hurt early Thursday morning and for more than two hours he lay on the ground helpless suffering the freezing cold weather before he succeeded in attracting the attention of any one and getting assistance.

Mr. Murry has been serving the city as engineer for some time, resigning recently and leasing the C. A. Doose Pecan Mott on the Colorado river above town. He was preparing to move to the farm and was making some improvements when the accident which may cost him a year's labor occurred. Mr. Murry was hauling a load of lumber to the farm and was about three miles from town when the double tree to the wagon gave way and the team pulled him out over the front of the wagon. In the fall Mr.

Murry sustained a badly broken lower limb near the hip, the injury rendering him helpless. He suffered for more than an hour before neighbors were attracted by the team and went to the young man's rescue. A physician was called from Ballinger, and later an ambulance went out and brought the injured man to the sanitarium.

Mr. Murry is a son-in-law of W. B. Wood. He has spent the most of his life in this county. He moved to New Merico, two or three years ago, and spent some time in that country, but returned to Ballinger and accepted the position as water engineer and served in that capacity up to about a month ago when he decided that he would try farming next year. He was beginning early for next year's crop, and would no doubt have made good. His many friends will regret to hear of his misfortune.

## FIRE COMPANY SAVES NICE HOME

The elegant two story home of L. C. Alexander on Eighth Street was badly damaged by fire just before noon Sunday. The fire originated in the bath room where an oil stove was burning, and it supposed to have started from the oil stove. When discovered the fire was under pretty good headway, burning in the roof of the building.

The alarm was turned in just as people were going to church, and quite a large crowd were attracted to the burning building, delaying them in attending church. The fire company experienced a little water trouble to begin with, but despite the low temperature which caused ice to form on the trees and electric wires, the fire boys made good and confined the fire to the roof of the building.

The damage, consisting of destroyed roof and water damage, and damage to moving furniture, etc., is covered by insurance. The saving of the house as well as adjoining property can be credited to the efficient volunteer fire company.

## Soon Over His Cold.

Everyone speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after having used it. Mrs. George Lewis, Pittsfield, N. Y. has this to say regarding it: "Last winter my little boy, five years old, was sick with a cold for two or three weeks and I doctored him and used various cough medicines but nothing did him much good until I began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He then improved rapidly and in a few days was over his cold."

## CRAZY NEGRO WILL GO TO ASYLUM

John W. Thompson, a negro, who styled himself a United States detective and with a big ugly gun marched a couple of white men around in the northwest part of the county a month or two ago, was declared insane by an insane commission last Thursday and will be carried to the asylum as soon as place can be obtained for him.

Thompson had been working for prominent farmers in the Wilmethe community for some time when he went daffy and placed two men "under arrest," using his gun in such way as to cause the men to do his bidding and that in a hurry.

Clyde Jenkins, who is in training camp at the Great Lakes, navy department, after a pleasant visit to his father, Ben Jenkins, and family, of the Crews country, left from this point Tuesday for his post of duty.

## BALLINGER BOY MARRIES AT SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, Jan. 2.—J. J. Erwin and Miss Ruth Seaton of Sweetwater were united in marriage at eight o'clock on New Year's eve by the Rev. Joe F. Webb at the First Methodist parsonage on Oakes street. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin will make their home in Sweetwater.

J. J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin of Ballinger. The young man is with the Santa Fe, with headquarters at Sweetwater. It was a New Year's trick he played on home folks and many friends here, no announcement of the marriage having been received in advance. However, it is the culmination of a courtship of quite a while. J.'s many friends in Ballinger will join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes.

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## FORMER BALLINGER PEOPLE LOSE THEIR ONLY CHILD

News has been received in Ballinger of the death of little Marion Harle, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harle. Death occurred at Cleburne recently as the result of relapse from measles. Mr. and Mrs. Harle made their home in Ballinger for a number of years, Mr. Harle being manager of the shoe department of the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. store, and their little daughter was popular with their many friends in Ballinger. Mr. Harle is traveling for a shoe company.

Buy Flavo Flour. C. L. Green Milling & Grain Co., Winters, Tex. 25-4w.

Madams Earl Holliday and A. B. Davis of Hatchel, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

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