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Big Cotton Marketing Center is Established in Ballinger

Gin receipts, yard receipts and compress receipts show Ballinger to be a big cotton center. Cotton from other counties is being concentrated here and cotton from distant points is being diverted over other railroads west of Ballinger and to Galveston and Houston over the Santa Fe by the way of Ballinger.

Manager Roach of the local compress has his hands full keeping check on the heavy cotton movement through his press. Up to New Years more than 31,000 bales of 1919 cotton has been received at the local compress. Of this amount 27,000 bales in round numbers had been pressed, leaving more than 4000 bales on hand.

Yard receipts loom up good with figures above 11,000. Including the warehouse cotton and all cotton weighed at the local yard more than 11,000 bales have been received here by wagon—and by auto trucks. It is easy to figure the big pile of money this amount of cotton turned into the hands of the farmers, figuring on a basis of from \$250 to \$300 per bale, including the seed.

The four gins at Ballinger have had a successful run, and are still making music early and late. Up to New Years the gins had turned out 7,972 bales, with at least a sufficient amount of cotton in sight to run the total ginning for the city gins above the 10,000 mark.

These big cotton figures spell prosperity in bold letters, and establishes Ballinger as a big cotton center.

GENERAL MANAGER OF WESTERN UNION DIES

H. P. Pitman, local manager of the Western Union, received a telegram early Tuesday morning announcing the death of Mr. English general manager of the Western Union for the Gulf Division.

Mr. English died suddenly at midnight at his home in Dallas. The message stated that the funeral would be held this afternoon.

Victor Miller went east on business, Monday afternoon.

Edmund Walker is at home for a few days visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker.

COTTON EMBARGO CRIPPLES BUSINESS

Cotton is being hauled to Ballinger in trucks and wagons from points on the A. & S., as a result of an embargo on cotton on that line.

The embargo is due to the refusal of the Santa Fe to accept cotton from other lines until the congestion on its own line is cleared up.

The congestion is playing havoc with business, along the A. & S. and the Orient, according to statements made by cotton merchants. Buyers who have bought cotton at points on the A. & S., and on the Orient are experiencing difficulty in getting the cotton shipped and farmers are being penalized for the tie up.

Cotton which otherwise would be shipped from Winters and Hatchel is being trucked to Ballinger both by buyers and farmers.

This works to the advantage of Ballinger but is expensive on the farmers who must bear the expense, if they sell to merchants who must ship it out.

Cotton shippers are complaining vigorously about the tie up. One local buyer, who buys over a wide territory in West Texas, says he has cotton piled up in almost every yard in the towns of neighboring counties and cannot get it moved.

The Santa Fe yards from San Angelo to Temple are congested with cotton, and it is reported that 250 cars of cotton are tied up here and on nearby sidings.

CITY BUYS TRACTOR FOR STREET WORK

The city commission closed a deal for a tractor Monday, buying from Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, representatives of the International Harvester Co., a 10-20 Titan.

The tractor was delivered immediately and is now on the job, and we are informed will be kept busy working on Ballinger streets.

The commission has announced that street work will be carried on as rapidly as possible and as far as the funds in hand will pay for.

Citizens will receive this bit of news with a glad heart, for truly the public has suffered long. Little work has been done on the streets for quite awhile, and in some places they are almost impassable.

We believe that the city should keep pace with the country and build streets which will to some degree compare with roads leading into the city. The citizens are ready to put up the money, provided the work is done right, and the cash judiciously spent.

MEXICANS RENEW JENKINS CHARGE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—Reiteration of the charge that W. O. Jenkins, United States consular agent at Puebla was seen in company with Federico Cordova, the bandit said to have abducted him, during the period that Mr. Jenkins says he was being held by the outlaw was contained in a telegram from the governor of Puebla, given out by the interior department of Mexico here today.

Government witnesses, it is said, have "proved" that "friendly relations" existed between Mr. Jenkins and his alleged captor while they were at the villages of Santa Maria and San Bernabe. Mr. Jenkins, it is declared, was not blindfolded and was aware of the location of the place where he was hidden in spite of Mr. Jenkins' claims to the contrary. The telegram added that the second Puebla criminal court was continuing its investigation of the case.

CENSUS TAKERS START TO WORK

Eight census enumerators began work in Runnels county this morning, and more than one hundred were prepared to begin work in the Seventeenth District.

Those who began work in Runnels County were:

- Rev. J. B. Curry, Ballinger.
- Miss Francis Fowler, Ballinger.
- E. P. Eason, Winters.
- John Thomas, Bradshaw.
- James Bright, Tokeah.
- D. L. Tucker, Wingate.
- Ralph Ballou, Ballinger.
- Roscoe E. Glaze, Miles.
- Miss Nettie Mills, Miles.

Four more enumerators are needed in the county. The Crews District, the Norton and Maverick District, the Rowena District and a district between the Santa Fe and Colorado river east of town has not been supplied.

More than one hundred and fifty districts in the Seventeenth District are yet to be supplied with enumerators according to statements made by Supervisor Sledge. The enumerators now serving will in many instances be offered work in other districts when they have completed their present territory. Had a sufficient number of enumerators been available the campaign would have been completed by the first of February.

At the last minute the census department changed its plans and is taking the census of mines, oil, manufacture and petroleum, oil wells through the offices of the supervisors instead of by special agents as first announced. The biggest oil field in the United States are in this district and the local supervisor has called on the department to furnish a special assistant to handle this feature of the work.

The public is requested to be prepared to furnish the enumerators with the information called for and assist them in every way possible as their task is not a pleasant one.

HIGH SCHOOL TO ISSUE ANNUAL

The Ballinger high school classes are busy figuring with the printer, and arranging to issue an annual for the local school.

According to plans which are being perfected the 1919-20 annual will be the most elaborate ever put out by the local school.

In a well graded school, where there are many seniors, an annual is almost a necessity. The graduates want something to store away as a souvenir of their last school days, and the work of editing and compiling matter for the annual gives employment that is helpful to those who are just about to leave school and take up work in business life.

The properly edited annual, artistically printed and carrying original cartoons, and representing every department of the school, is a good boost for the school.

The classes in charge of the annual should receive the encouragement of the public. In fact the school pupil should be encouraged in everything which tends to better fit him for the life which he must take up when his school days are ended.

ANOTHER SIMMER IN THE POLITICAL POT

"I guess I will be in it for tax assessor," said Mike Boyd, Wednesday, "and I will hand you my announcement for your paper in a few days."

Mr. Boyd stated that a number of his friends had voluntarily come to him and assured him of their support, and expressed a desire that he remain on the job.

Mr. Boyd has served as tax assessor for three or four terms, and his services up to this hour seems to have been satisfactory with the property owners of this county. So far he is the only man to bob up for this office, and it is not known whether he will have opposition or not.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hillyard, of Winters were here Saturday, en route to Rogers on a visit.

SAFETY FIRST WAITING; RUSSELL NO. 3 DRILLING

SPECIAL AID FOR INCOME TAX PAYER

Washington, Jan. 6.—In filing their income tax returns for 1919 taxpayers will be given the aid of thousands of employees of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, trained in the intricacies of the internal revenue laws and regulations by correspondence school methods.

There has been established in the Bureau of "correspondence-study department" through which is being issued to 3,000 field deputies and as many office deputies and clerks courses of instruction in the income and miscellaneous tax sections of the law. Each written lecture contains a careful discussion of the topic involved such as personal exemptions, depreciations, bad debts, loss of gross and net income, etc. Attached to each is a quiz to be answered by the pupils and returned to the correspondence-study department at Washington, where it is carefully graded. Corrections of errors are sent with the next lecture on the same subject.

The course is not confined to questions of law. "Ethics" is the subject of one of the lectures. The Bureau's representatives are advised to be careful of their personal appearance to be at all times and under all circumstances, courteous, and "not to forget to inform the taxpayers of all his rights."

"Whether your interviewer be rich or poor, you should be thoughtful to give the same care and attention to both" the instructions says. The man who pays a small tax is entitled to as much respect as the man who pays a large tax.

Revenue officers will be sent into every county in the United States to assist taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced through the press, or may be learned on inquiry at offices of collectors of internal revenue, post offices and banks. The period for filing is January 1, to March 15, 1920.

The exemptions are the same as for the year 1918, \$1,000 for single persons, and \$2,000 for married persons and heads of families, plus \$200 additional for each person dependent upon the taxpayer, if under eighteen years of age, or incapable of self support. Every person whose net income for 1919 equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their status, must file a return.

The normal rate of tax for the year 1919 and subsequent years, as provided by the revenue act of 1918, is 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the exemption, and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. The rates for 1918 were 6 and 12 per cent respectively.

The Safety First and the Russell oil well closed down for a week's holiday just before Christmas. The drilling crews put out the fire and left for home for a few days.

Drilling resumed at the Russell No. 3 this week, and the crew for the Safety First are on hand waiting for some necessary supplies before they can resume drilling.

Russell is drilling at 1550 feet, and The Safety First will resume drilling at 1600 in a few days. These two wells are holding more attention than any development propositions in this territory at this time. The result of drilling at the two points will determine to a great extent further development here at this time.

The Runnels County Oil Co.'s well near Rowena is making good headway drilling around 1500 feet and is also watched with close interest.

By early spring the oil development in this county will either be pretty well under way or settled for the time being. There is no doubt but what pay oil is some where near, but whether companies will have the nerve to put other holes in an effort to locate it or not remains to be seen. Should pay oil be found in any of the present tests it would be like touching a match to a powder house and the biggest boom on record would instantly be started.

DEAL CALLED OFF; CONN IN BUSINESS

By mutual agreement the deal made a day or two ago between R. P. Conn and Spann & Co., in which Mr. Conn sold his stock of groceries to Spann & Co., has been called off and The Globe opened for business early Saturday morning.

Mr. Conn had contracted to sell his groceries to Spann & Co., expecting another deal to go through which would have made it possible for him to retire from his present business. The other deal fell through, and he asked Spann & Co. to release him from the trade between them, which Spann & Co. did, and business was resumed as before.

"I could not afford to remain in business just with the stock of racket goods after disposing of my groceries," said Mr. Conn, "and I expected to sell all. Failing in this I asked Spann & Co. to release me from the sale. I will continue business at the old stand."

W. R. White, with Ballinger will keep up with the best things through The Led, another year, and orders 1 per to go to his daughter, Dovie Davies, at Post City 5 year.

1919 THIRD WETTEST YEAR ON RECORD; 32 INCHES FALL

The rainfall for Runnels county was not as heavy in 1919 as in two or three years out of the last twenty-five, but following the lightest rainfall on record, the seasons of 1919 were distributed in such a way as to bring a bumper crop.

The total for the year was 32 inches, while the total fall for 1900 was 35.23 inches, and for 1906 37.82. The rainfall by months was as follows:

January	2.60
February	.60
March	2.80
April	1.47
May	2.10
June	6.10
July	4.35
August	2.15
September	2.55
October	5.35
November	1.55
December	.30

It will be remembered that the

above rainfall followed the heavy rainfall for the last months of 1918, and the year began with a good season in the ground.

1920 WEDDINGS

Averaging almost one per day is the record of weddings for the new year. Up to the close of business January 5th there had been issued five permits to wed in this county, as follows:

- Jim Hambrigit and Miss Mamie Sue Osgood.
 - James Coleman and Miss Priscilla McCraditt.
 - S. F. Sharo and Miss Bertha Harding.
 - Hans Gott and Miss Louise Minzema.
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Ballinger, Texas.



HUB STORE GOES TO NEW HANDS

Inventory of the stock of dry goods and clothing of the Hub is being checked up preparatory to delivery of same to a new firm to be composed of R. E. George, R. A. Nicholson and L. C. Baker.

This deal has been pending for some time and will be made as of January first, the new owners stepping in and succeeding J. F. Currie, who established this business and has conducted it successfully for years.

In buying a half interest in this business, R. E. George severs his

connection with Higginbotham Bros. & Co., where he has been for several years a bookkeeper and one of the stockholders of that company. He will retain his stock in the Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

From this date the Hub will be under the management of R. E. George, assisted by Mrs. George, who has also been associated with the Higginbotham store for a number of years. Messrs. Nicholson & Baker will not be actively connected with the Hub, only owning one-half interest in the business.

Mr. George and Mrs. George are both experienced in the dry goods and clothing business, and the Hub will no doubt prove a profitable venture for them. Mr. George stated that a complete line of dry goods, clothing, furnishings, ready-to-wear for men and women would be carried. In order that a competent man may be selected to succeed him with the Higginbotham store, he will remain with that store until Feb. first. Mrs. George has taken charge at the Hub. They have many friends who will wish them success in their new business.

Messrs. Nicholson and Baker are successful cotton brokers and they are investing their money in the dry goods business because they feel that the opportunity is promising for Ballinger and Rannels county.

Mr. Currie will retire from business for the present, and will devote his time to looking after his private business, which is extensive, and will demand all of his attention.

Don't You Forget it.

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets, not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They contain no peppin or other digestive ferment but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally.

NEW EXPRESS AGT. CHECKED IN HERE

A. T. Ray, for several years express agent at Coleman, has been transferred to Ballinger, and checked in here to relieve Mrs. E. K. Smith. Mr. Ray arrived Monday and was immediately checked in.

Mrs. Smith will take a month's rest, and after that will probably be assigned to some other office, if she desires to remain with the express company. She has been agent at Ballinger for more than a year, succeeding her husband who died here.

Mr. Ray will bring his family to Ballinger later, but perhaps not until after the close of school at Coleman. We welcome him to our city.

Samuel C. Harris, former county attorney of Rannels county is here prospecting. Mr. Harris says that his wife and baby are visiting at his parent's home until he can get located. He has been living in Houston.

An ad a day keeps the wolf

MAN ADMITS PASSING 3 BAD CHECKS

A young man giving his name as W. T. Adams is in the Ballinger jail begging for the mercy of the courts. He informed the sheriff that he was guilty as charged by complaint filed in the justice court, and made a statement to the county attorney later which amounts to a plea of guilty.

Adams was arrested at Winters while in the act of drawing some money from the bank on a good check, and after being recognized as a man wanted for passing forged checks. He was committing no offense when arrested as the check he was presenting to the bank at that time was a good one.

According to the facts in the case, or what are alleged to be the facts, and verified by a statement by Adams, the man came to this country to pick cotton, coming here from Madisonville. He picked cotton for Hugh Campbell, and Mr. Campbell paid him with a check. It was with this check that Adams learned to write Mr. Campbell's signature so perfectly that checks which he later forged got by the bank.

The first bad check passed by Adams was given to Rosenwasser & Co. in payment of goods purchased and amounted to \$20. This was some time ago. Adams went to Brownwood and deposited another check bearing the forged signature of Campbell for \$76. A few days later he appeared at the bank and drew out \$40.

Going from Brownwood to Madisonville Adams deposited another "Campbell" check for \$200, all the checks being drawn on a Ballinger bank. A few days after depositing the \$200 check he drew out \$164 and returned to Rannels county, and in the meantime the forgeries here had been detected and the officers were working on the case. When Adams appeared at a Winters bank with a perfectly good check he had earned after coming back here, he was apprehended, and readily acknowledged that he was the man wanted.

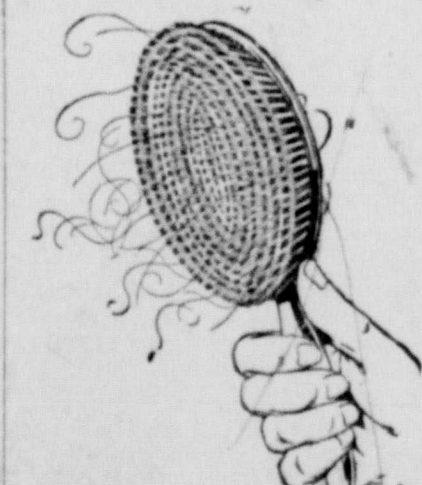
So far little of the money obtained on the bad checks has been recovered, and the parties who honored the bad checks are out of the cash. Adams found it easy to get money on Campbell's checks, and copied Mr. Campbell's signature so perfectly that the paying teller at the bank could not detect it until Mr. Campbell's attention was called to the fact that the bank on which his friend was checking was running a little below the red line. Fortunately the man did not check on the bank where Mr. Campbell kept his big account.

NEW WELL IN CONCHO CO.

An oil well rig on the siding in Miles Friday morning caused considerable comment as to whether it was intended for the block of leases south of town. It developed, however that the rig was destined for a well in Concho county.—Miles Messenger.

LET "DANDERINE" SAVE YOUR HAIR

Check ugly dandruff! Stop hair coming out and double its beauty



A little "Danderine" cools, cleanses and makes the feverish, itchy scalp soft and pliable; then this stimulating tonic penetrates to the farnished hair roots, revitalizing and invigorating every hair in the head, thus stopping the hair falling out, or getting thin, dry or fading. After a few applications of "Danderine" you seldom find a fallen hair or a particle of dandruff, besides every hair shows new life, vigor, brightness, more color and thickness.

A few cents buys a bottle of delightful "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter.

WEST TEXAS COUNTY LEADS IN COTTON

ANSON, Tex., Dec. 29.—There were ginned in Jones county prior to December 1, 1919, 41,178 bales of cotton, giving this county the rank of sixth place in production of the staple for the year. Jones county was led by Williamson with 68,944 bales, Lamar 58,884, Hunt 45,560, Kaufman 49,712, Fannin 47,809.

This report indicates beyond any question that Jones will take second place in cotton production and there is a strong possibility of it going to first place. It is believed that there will be from 70,000 to 75,000 bales ginned in the county when the final Government report is issued.

The yard receipts here for the season have run above 12,000 bales and it is expected that the number will run between 20,000 and 25,000 when the staple is all marketed.

Comparatively few bales have been sold on the local market during the past three weeks, due to the fact that buyers have been unable to have the cotton moved by the railroad.

Estimates of the unpicked crop to the county run from 33 to 45 per cent.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Sold by John A. Weeks.

PAYS FOR RUNNING GAMBLING GAMES

As a result of a visit of the county attorney, C. P. Shepherd, and Sheriff Perkins to Winters Wednesday night, a half dozen gambling games that were being operated in open violation of the law in that city, closed up shop and will seek greener fields.

Before being permitted to move out, the owner or manager of the carnival, J. L. Shugart, paid a fine amounting to a little more than \$120.

This was the second carnival which has played Winters this season, and the one paying the fine Wednesday night, opened for business last Monday. The offenders got off light with only one fine, as six gambling devices were operating when the officers appeared on the scene.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Sold by Jno. A. Weeks.

BLANTON SPEAKS AT BROWNWOOD AND ABILENE

Congressman Thos. L. Blanton, is in the district for a short visit. He spoke at Brownwood Tuesday night and at Abilene Wednesday night. He reviewed his work in congress and paid his respects to the labor unions, which he said were being controlled by men who are enemies to the American government. He declares himself heartily in sympathy with labor, but bitterly opposed to the tactics adopted by the bolshevik tribe in the unions to rule by anarchy.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

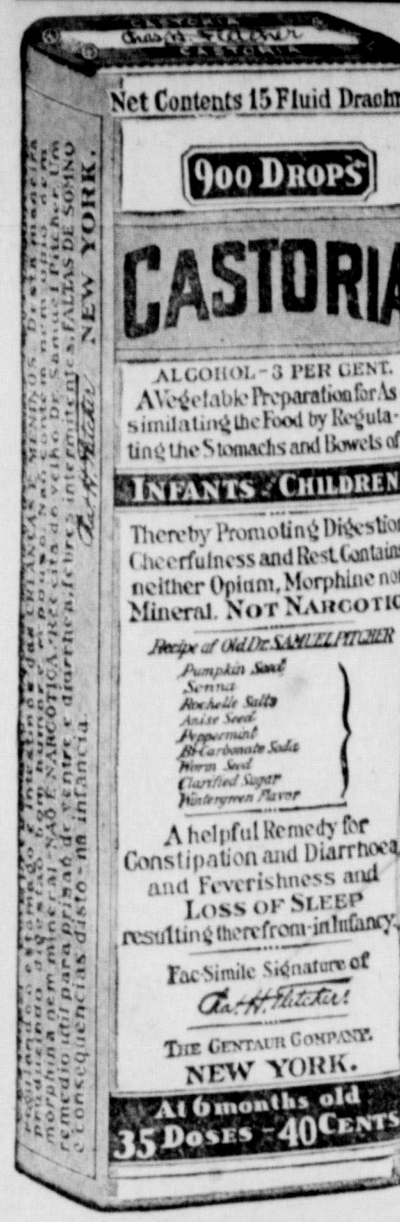
Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company, will be held at 10:00 a. m., on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920, in its Directors' room. Chas. S. Miller, Cashier. 20-3 sat 4-3tw.

J. A. Nunn, R. L. Sides and F. D. Beard were among those transacting business in the city Friday and calling to renew with The Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whetmen are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter to brighten their hearts and home. Mrs. Whetman was formerly Miss Jesse Starest.

Miss Louise Schawe returned to her school work at Dallas, Thursday. She visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe during the holidays.

Judge J. W. Powell and wife are at home from Gainesville, where they spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Wear.



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MOVING DAY IN BALLINGER AGAIN

As the old year closes there is considerable moving around in Ballinger, and moving in the country will be underway as soon as crops are out of the way.

E. A. Jeanes, who recently purchased the Harper place, on 9th Street, which has been occupied by G. W. Black and family for some time, is moving to his new home. Mr. Black has purchased a place on Sixth Street and is moving to it. Mayor Guin will occupy the place just vacated by E. A. Jeanes on Fourth Street.

E. D. Walker recently sold the Dr. Grant place to T. W. Sharpe, of Norton, and Mr. Sharpe will move his family to Ballinger in a few days.

There is a demand for good houses in Ballinger, and with the gradual influx of people some building will be necessary or the growth of the city will be greatly retarded.

Activity in real estate is making business for those engaged in the real estate business. Land, which a few years ago sold for five dollars per acre brings \$75 now. From fifty to seventy-five dollars is a common price for improved Rannels county dirt now—a days when cotton sells for 40 cents and an acre of land makes a bale of the fleecy staple.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.

82 LYNCHINGS IN 1919.

TUSKOGEE, Ala., Jan. 1.—The department of records and research of Tuskegee university today issued its annual report of lynchings in 1919. The report says there were 82 lynchings in 1919, of which 77 were in the South and 5 in the North and West. This is 18 more than the number listed in 1918. Of those lynched 75 were negroes, including one woman, and seven white persons. Nineteen, or less than one-fourth of those put to death were charged with attacking or attempting to attack women. Seven of the victims were burned to death, and nine were put to death and their bodies burned.

LOOK WHAT'S DUE DURING THE LEAP YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The cost of women's clothes may be reduced considerably because there will be considerably less of them if the predictions of a fashionable Fifth avenue male milliner and dressmaker, who arrived from Paris yesterday are correct. The latest modes France is sending to the United States, he said, are: No stockings, extremely short skirts, no sleeves, sandals.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stephens are at home from a Christmas visit to relatives at Austin.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR A FORMER CITIZEN

News received from Fort Worth states that J. N. Winters, a former Ballinger citizen, was improving from injuries sustained in a fall, and that chances for his recovery were good.

Mr. Winters was inspecting a new building which was under construction in Fort Worth, and fell into the basement, falling considerable distance. He sustained injuries which rendered him unconscious, and he was in an unconscious condition for several days.

In early days Mr. Winters was a prominent citizen in Ballinger, one of the pioneer real estate men of this county who had a hand in bringing many farmers to the county when the country was being transformed from a stock country to a farming country. The town of Winters was given his name.

Dye Old, Faded Dress Material

"Diamond Dyes" Make Shabby Apparel Stylish and New—So Easy Too.

Don't worry about perfect results. Use "Diamond Dyes," guaranteed to give a new, rich, fadeless color to any fabric, whether wool, silk, linen, cotton or mixed goods,—dresses, blouses, stockings, skirts, children's coats, draperies,—everything! A Direction Book is in package.

To match any material, have dealer show you "Diamond Dye" Color Card.

Miss Eetta Brown, of Corsicana, and Mrs. Walter McCord, of Frost returned to their home Friday afternoon, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hightower of the Winters country. Mr. and Mrs. Hightower accompanied them as far as Ballinger.

"The Fisherman" is the "Mark of Supremacy" which for nearly five decades has marked the fame of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

When you need a tonic to help put you on your feet again you will want Scott's that is known around the globe—the highest known type of purity and goodness in food medicinal. Look for "The Fisherman" Day Scott's!

The Norwegian cod-liver oil used in Scott's Emulsion is purest refined and contains the most valuable vitamins and is guaranteed to be of the highest quality.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until I . . . decided to

TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . . It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It will help you.

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Watch the Little Pimples; They are Nature's Warning

Unsightly and Disfiguring Signals of Bad Blood.

Pimples on the face and other parts of the body are warnings from Nature that your blood is sluggish and impoverished. Sometimes they foretell eczema, boils, blisters, and other skin disorders that burn like flames of fire. They mean that your blood needs S. S. S. to cleanse it of these impure accumulations that can cause

unlimited trouble. This remedy is one of the greatest vegetable compounds known, and contains no minerals or chemicals to injure the most delicate skin.

Go to your drug store, and get a bottle of S. S. S. today, get rid of those unsightly, disfiguring pimples, and other skin irritations. It will cleanse your blood thoroughly. For special medical advice free, address Medical Director, 41 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE AT RANGER

Mrs. Emma Nash received a telegram Friday morning from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Billie Nash, stating that their home and all contents had just been destroyed

by fire at Ranger. Mr. Nash was away from home at the time of the fire. Mr. and Mrs. Nash had just settled down to house-keeping, Mrs. Nash's father having assisted them financially in getting a home and fitting it up. They carried no insurance.



Every farmer in Runnels County should build one of these granaries NOW. The advance on the price of grain will more than pay for it. You will still have it left to serve you for another twenty years. We can furnish you blue prints for any kind of building.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

NOTICE

The Parramore pasture of 5000 acres of unimproved land has been subdivided into small tracts and is now on the market at reasonable price and terms. For sale by H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

Did You Keep Up With Hog Creek?

Hog Creek in Comanche and Eastland Counties made more rich men than Gold did in California.

They say that an old fellow from Killeen had a hunch, and got part of it. I did. I am that old man.

I am now playing Dog Ridge in Bell County. What for? Oil. Just another GREAT OIL field at Dog Ridge. I do not believe it will take very long to prove it.

I am going to put the drill down and now working both day and night, with two good crews, and think it won't take long to tell.

I want forty men with nerve enough to put one hundred dollars each in stock in the Bell County Oil Co., and if it hits they are sure to get ten thousand dollars back on each hundred.

Turn this over in your mind three or four times. Hog Creek, Comanche County.

Dog Ridge, Bell County. Fifteen months ago Desdemona was almost unknown just this far away. Now it is known all over the entire world.

If you are willing to take a tip, and put a hundred dollars with us, use the blank below.

We own 5,500 acre lease.

WILL RANCIER, Manager
Bell County Oil Co.,
Killeen, Texas.

Enclosed find my check for \$.....for
.....shares in Bell County Oil Co.,
at \$100 each.

Name

Town

If you are too late your check will be returned. Are you going to keep up with Dog Ridge?

I started the first bank at Desdemona. When the deposits reached \$1,500,000, I sold out. I have been in the banking business in Killeen 24 years.

WILL RANCIER

NEW FARMERS COME THIS WAY

A west bound freight train arrived here Saturday with two immigrant cars, and other immigrant cars have been noticed moving west during the last few days.

Farmers from the East and Central part of the state have been prospecting here during the past several weeks, having harvested their crops early and coming here in the midst of the rush in this country. Quite a number have purchased land and returned to get their families.

One of the latest to invest in this county is W. L. McIntyre, of Grimes county. Mr. McIntyre recently purchased from C. R. Stephens 200 acres of land on Valley Creek, and will move to his new home at once.

The writer has been informed that the new farmers coming in are mostly men of means, and are buying homes here, while quite a few tenant farmers are prospecting for homes in the county and good rent farms will be in demand before moving day is over.

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 Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine 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 Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

The co-partnership of Victor Rosenwasser & Co., composed of Victor Rosenwasser and A. Heidenheimer, heretofore doing business in the City of Ballinger, Texas, was, by mutual consent, dissolved on the 31st day of December, A. D., 1919. Mr. Heidenheimer succeeding in the business, which will be conducted in the future in the name of A. Heidenheimer, who assumes all liabilities of the firm. 31-3rd-3tw.

SHIPPING SHIRTS TO OTHER CITIES

WANTED—A wash woman for the city of Ballinger. We can guarantee a good town and good people to wash for. The town is much larger than other neighboring towns which are supporting laundries. The business is here and with the proper push it will prove profitable to the man with the nerve to tackle it. Apply to the people with dirty shirts and get busy.

In the scramble to get into business in this city, the laundry business seems to be overlooked. The people here as a rule wear clean shirts, and there are a sufficient number of laundry customers to offer encouragement to a "wash-woman." Just why some one does not open a laundry here is unexplainable.

Shipping dirty shirts from a city the size of Ballinger is unprofitable to the city and an inconvenience to the people who want clean shirts. The clean shirt man must pay express going and coming. He may be told that the laundry pays the charges on one way, or both ways, but after all the cost is tacked on some where and comes out of the pocket of the man who pays his laundry bill.

There is a good opening here for a laundry. We believe it, and we will not believe otherwise until an experienced progressive laundry man has tried and failed, which is hardly possible. The city should advertise for a laundry and offer the proposition every encouragement. Let's quit sending our money away from home for clean shirts.

You Do More Work.

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is not a patent medicine, it is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. These reliable tonic properties never fail to drive out impurities in the blood.

The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, folks would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC when a member of their family had Malaria or needed a body-building, strength-giving tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

Corporation Court Fines Numbered 223 with Total of \$2,169.00

The city of Abilene got richer by the sum of \$2,169 through the operations of the corporation court in the year 1919, according to the corporation docket at the city hall.

The record shows that a total of 223 fines were assessed last year with financial returns as above. Probably the bulk of this came in the last few months of the old year through the traffic laws.—Abilene Reporter.

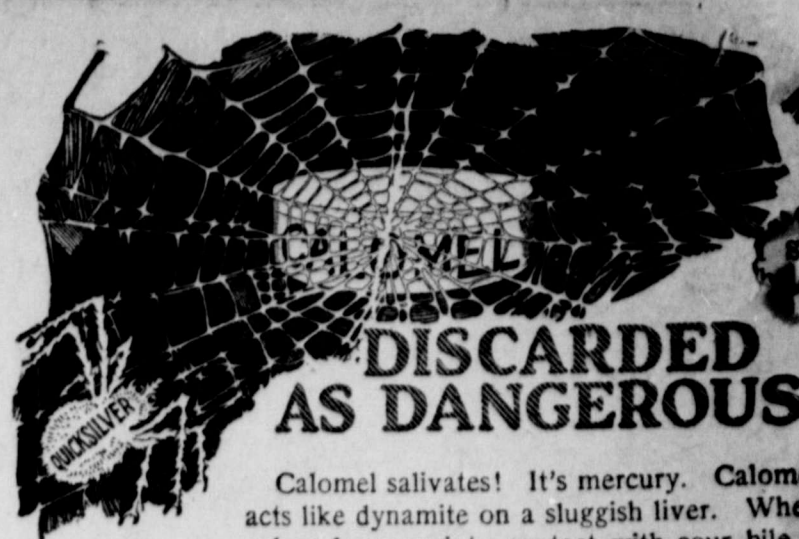
Miss Juliett Miller returned to her school at Nacogdoches, Friday afternoon, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

GET READY FOR "FLU"

Keep Your Liver Active, Your System Purified and Free From Colds by Taking Calotabs, the Nauseless Calomel Tablets, that are Delightful, Safe and Sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purified and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a lazy liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications.

To cut short a cold overnight and to prevent serious complications take one Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no griping, no sickening after effects. Next morning your cold has vanished, your liver is active, your system is purified and refreshed and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Every druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not perfectly delighted with Calotabs.—(Adv.)



Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea.

Take "Dodson's Liver Tone" Instead!

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents, which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel

and without making you sick, just go back and get some more. If you take it today you will be sick and nauseated tomorrow; sides, it may salivate you, while you take Dodson's Liver Tone will wake up feeling great, full ambition and ready for work or play. It is harmless, pleasant and safe give to children; they like it.

TWO ANGELO BANKERS RETIRE

(San Angelo Standard)

Owing to ill health, the resignation of A. B. Sherwood as active vice president of the Central National Bank and of C. C. Kirkpatrick as cashier were presented to bank's directors at a meeting held on December 31, and both resignations were reluctantly accepted. Resolutions expressing the bank's appreciation of the business ability of the two retiring officials and of their faithful and untiring service in the local banking field were passed by the directors and spread upon the minutes.

The board also set aside \$25,000 as a dividend on the capital stock, and the reports of the officers disclosed that the year had been the most prosperous the bank had ever had.

W. C. Blanks was elected as a member of the board of directors to fill the place that was vacated by the recent death of Joseph Spence, Jr.

No action was taken to fill the positions that Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Kirkpatrick vacated, as the annual meeting of the bank is to be held on January 13.

The Best Cough Medicine

When a druggist finds that his customers all speak well of a certain preparation, he forms a good opinion of it and when in need of such a medicine is almost certain to use it himself and in his family. This is why so many druggists use and recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. J. B. Jones, a well known druggist of Cuhrun, Ky., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for the past seven years, and I have found it to be the best cough medicine I have ever known."

QUICK WORK FOR THE FIRE FIGHTERS

In appreciation of the quick work done by the volunteer fire company, Ben S. Long presented the boys with a check for ten dollars Tuesday morning.

The alarm was turned in from the Long home on Eighth Street about eight o'clock Monday evening, when fire broke out in the roof of a servant's house. The fire originated from flue, presumably, and was making good headway when discovered. In less than two minutes after the alarm was turned in the fire truck was racing to the scene of the fire.

As a result of the quick work of the fire fighters, the damage was light and Mr. Long showed his appreciation by chipping in a few dollars for the boys to spend any way they see fit.

The fire company, through the Chief, L. Cohen, wishes to publicly thank Mr. Long through the columns of The Ledger.

GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS

N. Passur is arranging the fixtures in the building just vacated by the meat market and getting ready for business.

Mr. Passur has been occupying part of the building with his cold drink stand. He will add dry goods and groceries to his line. Watch him grow.

SPENDS 2 WEEKS TEACHING HER

For the past two weeks Pearl N. Iyer, R. N., of as Public Health Association has been visiting the rural school in this county lecturing to the bank's directors at a meeting held while young. She emphasized the fact that unless children the right sort of health that later on, when the test comes, demanding a profit body, they will be found ing.

The three great fundamental principles for all animal life, she developed in her talks a exercise, breathing and eating.

It is the duty of parents to constantly after the child strong persuasion to take care in these particulars. I takes two are three years to develop in the child good habits later in his life it will save him from ten to twenty years of unnecessary suffering. Therefore it will pay to watch the child. I is surprising to see how many children show evidence of neglected teeth, adenoids, eye-strain, et We are no stronger than the weakest part of us and it is our patriotic duty to make ourselves physically fit, as no nation is as strong as the health of people.

Miss Iyer visited twenty schools, traveling about 70 hundred miles and lectured about fifteen hundred children. Her work will be of real benefit to the children who have heard her.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of

Frostproof Cabbage Plants For Sale

Cabbage Plants postpaid, \$ per 1,000. Cabbage Plants press collect, \$2.00 per 1,000. Ask price large quantity, all jeties.

Georgia-Texas Plant Co. 19-4w Dallas

LIFT OFF CORNS

Apply few drops then lift touchy corns off with fingers



Doesn't hurt a bit! Drop a Freezone on an aching corn, and that corn stops hurting, then you're right out. Yes, magic! A tiny bottle of Freezone costs only a few cents at any drug store, but it will remove every hard corn, or corn between the toes, or alluses, without surgery or Freezone is the sensation of a Cincinnati genius. It is w

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Good health is the best Christmas gift of all.

The man who picked cotton on Christmas day is a day ahead of the bad weather.

The price of sugar increased with the demand. The customer is now allowed to buy fifty cents worth with a dollar.

Judging from the way the band are practicing, they are getting up for a rather musical for the people.

After all, there is a sun shiny to the poor man's life. He does not have to worry about his me tax report.

If you don't get your auto tag, traffic officer will get your 1920 joy riding will not get you without a 1920 auto tag.

Parents begin to look like the school boys will receive an increase by the time the high living takes a turn down.

As is over and train series show improvement, we have two months more of control. Let us be hopeful for the best.

As the rats begin taking stock of Christmas, but they will be job lighter than usual. A clean up sales now will clean up stocks at low mark.

People have been too busy to think politics, but some are wondering what will be the line-up of county officers. It is time somebody's hat was in the ring.

It begins to look like the hens going to cackle the price of eggs down. If some poultry propagator would patent a hen which would lay eggs for Christmas, he would have a fortune in an egg shell.

If the farmers are as busy in 1920 as they were throughout the year just closed, candidates are going to have a hard time making themselves heard. Perhaps it would be well enough to call off elections for the year and go along with our work. It would economy, even for the candidates.

Of all strikes it strikes us that the nurses strike is the most inhumane. We can understand a little bit why a coal digger can throw down his pick and shovel and walk out, and we can understand how a railroad brotherhood can refuse to take his train out, but we can't understand how a nurse can walk out of a sick person and leave the patient to rot or die. The undertakers now are a strike coming just to keep wages striking.

Two years ago the women of Texas rushed to the tax collectors and qualified for voting in primary election. The political situation at that time was a little critical and a concerted effort was made to defeat the woman element. That same year is very live in Texas toward those who held their own. The Bailey campaign of a year ago, are about to swallow down. Every possible should qualify and help to Texas politics clean.

BLACK EYE FOR THE BOOTLEGGERS The bootlegger has been placed on a plane with the common murderer as a result of more than a hundred deaths from drink-liquor sold by illicit dealers. Nobody is a bootlegger, not who buys his wet when a man stoops so if his fellowman, who a strong drink as the reprobate formed in the day open saloon. A deadly no time should be lost by making bodies of the land paying the penalty for bootlegging from imprisonment to

WOMEN SHOULD PAY POLL TAX You know that the 7th day of January is the day set by the League of Women Voters, to pay your poll taxes? You know that one dollar of your poll tax (75) goes to the

public school work, that fifty cents goes to State work and twenty-five cents goes to county work?

That out of this "general" fund a large part of the money goes to the upkeep of the institutions for the helpless and the sick!

It is purely a matter of patriotism of citizenship to pay your poll tax.

Do you know you will have to pay your city poll tax of 50c before you can vote in July?

All women over sixty are exempt from poll tax and all girls coming of age after February 1st are also exempt and can get an exemption receipt upon application.

The coming year is going to be a big one, both for the nation and the state. Women must be qualified to help carry on good government.

CHAIRMAN

THE MEANEST MAN

The following news item from Ballinger appeared in yesterday's paper:

"Only one arrest was made here during Christmas week. A Mexican was arrested for entering a home and robbing a Christmas tree which had been prepared for the children of the home. He plead guilty and paid a fine for theft. Officers say it was the most peaceful Christmas in the history of the city."

This robbery, while only a minor incident, was a rather grating note in the peaceful Christmas celebrations of that community. Technically it was just a case of petty theft, for which the guilty party paid a nominal fine, and doubtless Santa Claus made good his visit to the kiddies whose presents were stolen.

But to understand the mental attitude of the culprit is difficult. It is unreasonable to suppose that this offender not only of the peace but of all human instincts, should have been driven to act by want as he would scarcely be expected to find on a children's Christmas tree the things that he would need even though there had not been ample charity fund available for the poor of that city, as there was.

Jealousy of other children having a joyful Christmas when his own could not, could have been a motive, but there is no evidence that he had children of his own, and with the high wages paid during the past months, this is equally unreasonable.

It is hard to understand how even a veteran burglar could have the heart to despoil a children's Christmas tree. While we have heard of them spending their money for whiskey in past years, and failing to provide Christmas presents for their own children.—Temple Telegram.

No Worms in a Healthy Child All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GONN'S TASTELESS CHILD TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 6c per bottle.

REGARDING OUR GROWTH The high cost of building material and the high cost of labor, is responsible for Ballinger losing some good families at this particular time. Several have been turned away to seek homes elsewhere all because they could not get suitable homes in Ballinger. All houses suitable to live in are occupied, and the occupants can not sell without buying or building another, and to buy means to push some one else out of a home. There has not been a dozen good houses built in Ballinger during the last half dozen years or more, and the town has grown until there are no houses for the new comers to live in.

A Natural Strengthen The value of iron in medicine has long been known, but never more appreciated than today.

People are learning that in Pepton—a real iron tonic—this most useful metal is so happily combined that it is acceptable to all even those who for some reason or other, have been unable to take it in the past. Pepton is an agreeable, easily assimilated, non-constipating preparation of iron, nux, pepsin and other tonics and digestives and is giving great satisfaction. In cases where blood-cleansing and liver-stimulating as well as nerve-strengthening are needed, Pepton is very effectively and economically supplemented with Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills. These three medicines form the Triple Combination Treatment, which the C. I. Hood Co. is now calling attention as especially beneficial to sufferers from impure blood, weak unstrung nerves, torpid and sluggish liver, or a general run-down condition.

GOOD DEMAND REPORTED ON RUNNELS COUNTY DIRT

The demand for agricultural land in Runnels county is greater than it has been for many years and many farms are changing hands.

Walter Neely, a Winters real estate man, was here Friday and reported considerable activity in real estate in the Winters country. Mr. Neely stated that he and his partner Dr. Sanders, had sold about two hundred thousand dollars worth of real estate within the last few weeks.

"Three fourths of the sales were to Runnels county people, said Mr. Neely, "which shows that the people who have been here the longest have the greatest confidence in the country"

Mr. Neely stated that they had quite a number of sales pending here and Dr. Sanders dissolved partnership as Dr. Sanders did not have time to devote to the real estate business, and Mr. Neely and E. A. Shepperd have formed a partnership.

"There are two or three thousand bales of cotton, and probably more in the field in the Winters country," said Mr. Neely, "and our total receipts for the season will run around eighteen thousand bales."

Mr. Neely stated that everybody in the Winters country had money and the country was in the best shape in its history.

Miss Alice Smith went to Coleman, Sunday afternoon, where she was called to nurse a patient.

Mrs. Chester Smith and children left for Lampasas, Saturday afternoon. Mr. Smith followed them with their household goods, Sunday, and they will make their home at Lampasas. He recently sold his farm in the Hatchel country, and tried to get a house in Ballinger where they could locate and send their children to school, but could not get a suitable place.

SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED BRAINS

"I never had had such a God-send" come to me, as when I took the first dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. I was afraid I would have to give up my school because of severe stomach, liver and bowel trouble which caused such a pressure of pain that I could not use my brain at times, and my heart would palpitate awfully. Since taking a treatment of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy a year ago all this has disappeared." 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. At all druggists.

J. N. Barbee, the insurance man, went to Dallas on business Monday.

Chas. Boyd went to Fort Worth on business Monday afternoon.

Garland Parks returned to his home at Denton, Monday after spending the holidays in Ballinger. Mrs. Parks and the baby will remain for a longer visit with Mrs. Parks' father, W. C. Penn and family.

Wm. Heavenhill, of Winters, was here Tuesday, and adds his name to The Ledger's honor roll after missing a few copies of the paper.

Miss Grace DeWitt returned to her school at Denton, Thursday, after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. W. H. Stephens, of Waco, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Leslie Baker, and mother, Mrs. J. M. Neely.

C. R. Jeanes was looking after the interests of the Jeanes Produce Co. at Coleman, Monday and Tuesday.

S. V. Parish, who has been working in the oil fields, is at home for a few days with his family.

Marshal Witt left for Childress Thursday in response to a message stating that his father was seriously ill.

Miss Bess Corbett has accepted a position with the Ballinger Dry Goods Co. She has been with the Rogers-Higdon Co., store, resigning her position with that firm Dec. 31st.

DEATHS EXCEED BIRTHS IN CITY

If this city should be depending on the newly borns to increase its population, there would be no increase, and the city's population in the course of time would be completely depleted.

According to the vital statistics records kept by City Health Officers Dr. E. R. Walker, there were only thirty-three babies born in Ballinger during the year just closed, and there were forty-seven deaths. Thus it will be seen that the city buried fourteen more people than were born.

The vital statistics law requires that physicians report all births in the city to the city health officer, and the births outside the city, or in the rural districts of the county, are supposed to be reported to the county clerk.

The state health department has issued orders that the law be enforced, and physicians who do not report births are subjected to a penalty. They are furnished with blanks, and only a little time is required in making reports.

If the report for Ballinger is complete, this city is suffering an epidemic of race suicide.

Miss Agnes Glober returned Sunday afternoon, for a visit to friends at Miles.

CIVIC PRIDE FOR CITY OF THE DEAD

A visit to Evergreen Cemetery will show the city of the dead in a pretty well kept condition. I. F. Watson, who has charge of the work, is looking after the lots of those who subscribe to pay him annual dues for the work. Mr. Watson was around this week collecting some of the dues. It is a dollar every owner of a lot in the cemetery should pay willingly. Many of those owning lots look after them, and do not depend on the sexton to care for them. The streets and alleys of the cemetery are kept clean, and considering that the year just closed has been a very reasonable one and vegetation grew rapidly the cemetery is in good condition. Those who have been here the longest can observe the rapid growth of the field of monuments.

D. E. Sims and son Orland, of Paint Rock, had business here Monday.

Will Gray and family, of Crews, were trading in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson is at home from an extended visit to Bonham and Marlin.

Joe Egan returned to his work at Dallas Thursday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thos. Egan.

Kirk Gregory has accepted a position with the City Drug Store leaving the Hub where he has been for the past year.

Rev. H. P. Bates, wife and baby returned New Years day from a Christmas visit to relatives at Austin.

Miss Myrtle Wright spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright near Crews, and returned to her school duties in Daniel Baker College New Years.

Bob James went to Brownwood Thursday to answer roll call in Daniel Baker College Jan. 2nd. He spent Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. James.

V. Rosenwasser returned to his home at Yoakum, Wednesday afternoon. He had been here several days looking after his store.

\$125 A MONTH MEN AND WOMEN

Full out and mail 10c to-day Dragon's Business College, Allene, Texas. Send FREE book about your NEW, EASY, quick METHOD for training me, at my home or at college, for guaranteed position, as bookkeeper or stenographer, at \$65 to \$125 a month, and tell me why your home-training course are better than courses at other colleges and why business men prefer to employ those you train. I prefer training at.....state "home" or "college".....

The average wages of men in eight leading industries, as measured by average hourly earnings increased all the way from 74 to 112 per cent during the period from September, 1914 to March 1920.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR ROCK, brick and cement work, see J. Kavanaugh. Rt. B. Ballinger, Texas. Phone No. 509. 19-Stw.*

FOR SALE—Pure bred white Holland, Turkeys, \$15.00 per trio. Phone 5503, Mrs. Nick Stallworth. 20-6tw.*

FOR SALE—Jersey milch cows heavy springers. See me at once, L. H. Hamilton in New Home community. 2-3tw.*

FOR SALE—20 head of Hereford bulls, some subject to register. Also seven mares and colts, and two young fillies. Call Carl Wilson at Paramore ranch—Phone 3603. 2-4tw

FOR SALE—Seed oats, free from Johnson grass. 80c per bushel at granary, Ben F. Curry, Norton. 2-2tw.*

FOR SALE—One Sanders double disc plow; one Sanders Thrible disc, two double section tooth harrows. Will sell at a bargain. See me at the Moody shoe shop, E. P. Hall. 2-d&w2*

FOR SALE—Two double disc plows, one Moline, one Standard, J. W. Clappitt. 1-3td-3tw

WANTED—To rent on halves, 50 or 75 acres, good land that lays well, practically level. Have small family. Write and state terms and outlay, to box 552, Ballinger, Texas. 6-1d&w*

FOR SALE—Two disc harrows with one seeder, one stalk cutter, two cultivators, two planters, two wagons. See J. W. Clappitt. 6-3td&w

FOR SALE OR TRADE—3000 bundles of first class sudan hay, one separator No. 3 Sharpless, only run two seasons. J. H. Huffstetter on Dr. W. W. Fowler's farm. 5-tdlw*

AMBITIOUS YOUNG FOLKS

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school, or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker, or merchant, or businessman of any kind without first being trained for business in the Tyler Commercial College. You would attend a university with a reputation if you wanted to make a first class doctor, lawyer or minister. Why not use the same good judgment in selecting a business school in which to secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas is the business university of the South; it enrolls more students annually than any other similar school in America. Its students have come from 39 different states and seven foreign countries; its graduates are holding the very best of positions in the leading cities of the United States. If you will spend from \$150.00 to \$250.00 for tuition, board and books for a course of Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Cotton Classing, or Business, Finance, or better still spend \$200.00 to \$300.00 and complete any two of these courses, you will have made the best investment of your life. What young man or woman with grit and determination cannot raise this amount? Hundreds of students who borrowed every cent of the money to attend this school, or gave their notes for part of their tuition will readily tell you that it was the best venture of their lives; they were soon able, thru the good positions secured thru the college, to pay what they owed and continued to hold their positions or go into business for themselves and succeed. If you always remain where you are, you will always be what you are. Think this statement over seriously. More than 300 new students before this month closes, will be added to the fifteen hundred that are now here. Why not you be among the number? You can enter any day and take up the work. For large free catalogue verifying the above claims and more, fill in and mail.

Name..... Address..... Course interested in.....

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Quit Laxatives, Purges; Try NR

NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right

It is a mistake to continually dose yourself with so-called laxative pills, calomel, oil, purges and cathartics and force bowel action. It weakens the bowels and liver and makes constant dosing necessary.

Why don't you begin right today to overcome your constipation and get your system in such shape that daily purging will be unnecessary? You can do so, if you get a 25¢ box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one each night for a week or so. NR Tablets do much more than merely cause pleasant easy bowel action. This medicine acts upon the digestive as well as eliminative organs—promotes good digestion, causes the body to get the nourishment from all the food you eat, gives you a good, hearty appetite, strengthens the liver, overcomes biliousness, regulates kidney and bowel action and gives the whole body a thorough cleaning out. This accomplished you will not have to take medicine every day. An occasional NR tablet will keep your body in condition and you can always feel your best. Try Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and prove this. It is the best bowel medicine that you can use and costs only 25c per box, containing enough to last twenty-five days. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. Nature's Remedy NR TABLETS NR Better than Pills GET A For Liver Ills. 25c Box

WILL HANG OUT SHINGLE HERE

"I will give you a card for the paper in a few days" said S. C. Harris, former County Attorney of this county, and who left here when the drouth was biting its hardest. Mr. Harris stated that he had notified his wife that he thought this was about the best place to settle after casting about for a location. Mr. Harris moved to Houston and did war work during the war.

D. P. Davis spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis and returned to College Station, Wednesday, where he is taking vocational training.

Mrs. G. Davis returned to her home in Knox county, Monday, after visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Harris, of the Hatchel country.

Harvey J. Lisso, of Concho county, was here Thursday, arranging to take the census in part of Concho county. He has been appointed enumerator in Commissioner's Precinct No. 2, of Concho county.

Dr. Anderson and wife returned to their home at Coolidge, Wednesday, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. R. T. Williams.

Francis Holiday, who spent several days in Ballinger during the holidays, drove home in an Oakland Six, which he purchased of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., leaving his old Dodge in the deal.

Charles Bailey returned to the State University, Wednesday afternoon, after spending Christmas with his uncle, Dr. W. B. Halley.

Dr. Boone was here from Paint Rock Wednesday, to see his son off to school at Austin.

Miss Malvina Skinner left for Talpa, Wednesday afternoon, where she will visit a day or two before returning to school at Daniel Baker, Brownwood.

Joe Blagg returned to his home at Brownwood, Wednesday, after spending several days here with his wife and baby who are visiting Mrs. Blagg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmetth.

Judge and Mrs. L. B. Harris were here from San Angelo Wednesday.

H. W. Bredemeyer was here Wednesday en route to his home in Williamson county, where he is now living. He had been spending a few days at his old home in the Winters country.

HAVE YOU SCROFULA?

Now Said to Be as Often Acquired as Inherited.

It is generally and chiefly indicated by eruptions and sores, but in many cases it enlarges the glands of the neck, affects the internal organs, especially the lungs, and if neglected may develop into consumption.

It causes many troubles, and is aggravated by impure air, unwholesome food, bad water, too much heat or cold, and want of proper exercise. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the medicine that has been used with so much satisfaction by three generations, is wonderfully successful in the treatment of scrofula. Give it a trial. If a cathartic or laxative is needed, take Hood's Pills,—there is nothing better for biliousness or constipation.



Experienced Mothers know the value of MOTHER'S FRIEND

For its wonderfully penetrating effect which softens the broad, flat, abdominal muscles under the skin of the abdomen. There is an absence of bearing-down pains, strain and general discomfort, more often than otherwise experienced when nature is unaided. Mother's Friend is used externally.

At all Druggists. Special Booklet on Motherhood and Baby free. Bradford Regulator Co., Dpt. F-12, Atlanta, Ga.

TRAGEDY AT EDEN

An awful tragedy at Eden last Wednesday resulted in the death of Bryan, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas. Bryan with his brothers was hauling wood when he tried to climb on the wagon and fell, the hind wheel of the wagon running over him and crushing his skull. —Paint Rock Herald.

Mrs. Sidney Caskey and children returned to their home at Brownwood, Tuesday afternoon. They had been here for several days visiting Mrs. Caskey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Starkey.

Towner Dickinson returned to the Methodist University at Dallas, Saturday afternoon, after spending the vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Dickinson. Collis Doose returned to school in Missouri Saturday afternoon. He came home to spend the holidays with his father, C. A. Doose.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spill, of Winters, were here Sunday en route to Austin with their son where he is attending the blind institute. The son came home for the holidays.

New Year Greeting

to everyone in Ballinger and Runnels County.

We sincerely thank you for your patronage and will strive to make our bakery goods merit your patronage during 1920.

W. V. Connelly

Resolved:

"That I will not struggle through another year under the handicap of haphazard financing, but will open a Checking Account in the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company and put my affairs on a sound, successful basis."

This is a good resolution. Think it over!

Then act upon it promptly. There is no more opportune occasion than the opening of the New Year

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
 STRENGTH SERVICE

A SIMPLE TESTER POISONED BOOZE

How to discover wood alcohol in the "stuff" without dying in the attempt is now the question.

Here's the method as given by a Houston physician:

Open the bottle as usual. Heat one end of a piece of copper wire until it is red hot, then insert and withdraw it quickly from the liquid. If the wire gives forth an odor of formaldehyde cork up the bottle and call off the party. If the wire smells like whiskey, or whatever alcoholic beverage the bottle may contain, you may safely say—"Here's to you" as you drink it down.

Formaldehyde is a colorless gas, used as a disinfectant, and antiseptic by solution in water. It gives forth a pungent odor—but if your nose has not been trained to recognize it, what are you going to do?—Houston Chronicle.

CALL MADE FOR BANK STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Comptroller issued a call for bank statements today, asking National banks to report showing condition at the close of business December 31.

Refining on the unpleasantness in life may not be conducive to good health, but had it occurred to you that spring frosts will soon be coming and no red cloths in spring hats or spring suits has been prepared.

Every town in this section of the state or where the prosperity wave has swept the highest, is complaining about shortage of rent houses. If the West Texas boom gets up somebody is going to have to build houses, or camp life will become common as of old days.

Diek Uekert left for Dallas, Tuesday afternoon, where he will be for a day or two on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Oden Northeutt, of Wichita, Kan., are here visiting Mr. Northeutt's sister, Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn.

Mrs. Preston Hunt of Texarkana is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutton.

J. B. Carlton and son, J. D., were here from the Norton country, this week, and both made the Ledger office a pleasant call.

Mrs. A. P. Holman, of San Angelo, passed through the city Tuesday afternoon, en route to Beaumont to be with her sister, Mrs. Reed, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Reed is a sister of Mrs. George Vaughn of this city, and it is probable that Mrs. Vaughn and her brother, Oden Northeutt, who is here from Wichita Kansas, will go to Beaumont, if their sister does not improve.

100 PERCENT DECREASE IN COUNTY'S MORTALITY

The death records of this county, as kept in the county clerk's office, show that 1919 was a bad year for the undertakers, and that while prosperity in every other line of business increased, the undertaker's business decreased.

In 1918 there were 112 deaths in the county outside of the cities of Ballinger, Winters and Miles. The deaths occurring in the incorporated towns are reported to the city authorities, whose duty it is to keep a record of such matters, while the deaths occurring in the rural districts are reported to the county clerk.

The heavy death toll in 1918 was due to the flu epidemic which swept the country and claimed so many people. The ills of the people for the year just closed

consisted largely of minor diseases, and serious sickness was at a low standing throughout the year.

There were almost four times as many babies born in the rural districts of the county in 1919 than there were deaths. The records show 222 births for the rural districts. In 1918 the birth record was a better one, there being 280 births.

The last month of the year just closed was a record breaker and the stork put the grim reaper to flight by a ratio of 34 to 4, the records showing 34 births for December and only four deaths.

This record to some extent overcomes the bad record made in the city, the city's report for the entire year was 47 deaths and only 33 births.

ROGERS-HIGDON COMPANY ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNER

To the Citizens of Ballinger and Surrounding Country:

Mr. A. T. Molbeck, an experienced merchant has become actively identified with us by purchasing an interest in the business.

Mr. Molbeck will have charge of the business and it will be his pleasure to meet the customers of the store, and serve them in every way possible when they are seeking the service of a first-class dry goods store. He will bring his family to Ballinger at an early date and become identified with the city's every interest.

Plans for the year 1920 have been mapped out, which when put into effect will make our store second to none in West Texas. Changes will be made in the store which will serve to the better interest of our customers, and the depleted departments will be filled with new goods as fast as they can be purchased and placed on the shelves.

Mr. Molbeck will go to market in a few days, where our buying advantages will make it possible for him to lay in a stock of spring goods which we trust will attract trade to this city in a larger volume than heretofore.

The best service and the best goods will be the guiding thought in conducting the business of this store, and we shall have a part in every thing looking to the best interest of the city.

We thank you for the good business given us during the brief time we have been here and we invite you to visit our store at any and all times.

ROGERS-HIGDON CO. d&wlt

Arno Schawe left for his work on the road Monday afternoon, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe.

100 PERCENT INCREASE IN CITY'S POSTAL RECEIPTS

The receipts of the Ballinger post office is a pretty good index to the wonderful change this county has undergone within the last twelve months. The receipts show a gradual but continued increase throughout the year, each quarter showing a gain over the previous quarter.

The total receipts for the local office at the close of business Dec. 31, 1918 amounted to \$7,647.74.

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1919 the total receipts amounted to \$13,835.97, a gain over the previous year of \$6,188.23 or almost double.

The big increase in business has been handled with practically the same force who handled the business for 1918, and that too with the demoralized conditions of the train schedules for the latter months of the 1919 year.

Outgoing mail and incoming mail frequently arrived at the same hour, and the employees of the local office were compelled to handle the unusually large amount of mail without additional help. There has been some complaint about the office remaining closed so long while mail was being distributed, but those who

understood the situation realized that the delay was due to the great amount of mail dumped into the office and not to the neglect of duty on the part of the clerks in the office. The boys worked early and late and overtime in order to keep mail moving, and the total receipts of the year give some idea of the great increase in work which has resulted as the prosperity wave which has swept this way since the low ebb of business during the drought.

Notwithstanding that the holidays are over, and that this is a time when business falls off more or less, business at the Ballinger office continues to show an increase and people line up and wait their turn at the general delivery window.

Ten rural offices in the county clear through the Ballinger office, and the business as a whole for the county shows equally as great increase as that of the local office. The figures shown in the above statement are for the local office only, while the district offices clearing here runs the total business for 1918 around \$25,000 and double that amount for 1919.

THE OIL WELL THAT GOT FARMER'S GOAT

Eastland, Jan. 6.—Fossil remains petrified trees and other interesting things have been passed thru by the bit, in the quest for the far famed liquid gold, and probably if the bailer of fishing tools should bring up the skull of the "Missing Link," the driller would not be startled, accustomed as he is to unusual things.

A driller who had just gone to work after having his Christmas cheer, and feeling rather groggy, pulled out of the hole a slightly odorous but perfectly presentable goat.

In another one of the wells in the Eastland field that has been shut down for the holidays a driller found the body of a goat several hundred feet down in the hole. The goats crowding into the derrick out of the cold forced those in the center down in the open mouth of the hole and the driller stated that he fished out not less than seventy-five goats.

He further states that when the first one came out he immediately made a New Year's resolution.

W. G. Chapman, of route A, out of Ballinger buys a whole year's worth of the Daily Ledger and has the weekly Ledger sent to his son-in-law, J. A. Curfman at Wichita Falls, for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wike and baby left for Mineral Wells, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wike is contemplating locating in Mineral Wells. They had been here for the past two or three months visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wike and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Collins.

Mrs. O. D. Drisdale, of San Antonio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutton.

HOLDS STRAND OF HAIR IN COLD HAND

DALLAS, Jan. 3.—A strand of a woman's golden hair, clutched in the cold dead hand of the man believed to be Angelo Depatista, who was found murdered in a field eight miles south of here on New Year's day, started the detectives on a search or new clue today.

Persons near the scene of the murder, or near where the body of the man was found, said that they heard screams at ten o'clock the night before the body was found.

Further evidence that a woman was connected with the murder, which appears to be a brutal one, was the finding of a dainty handkerchief near the body.

The authorities have received telegrams giving the address of Depatista family as Berwick, Penn.

Candidates are responsible for the slow payment of poll taxes in this county. If a few of them would throw their hats in the ring and start the pay to booting, a rush for the tax collector's office would soon be under way.

There are some mighty trifling men in the world and the leap year girl should not leap in the dark.

Wood alcohol booze opens up pleasanter ways for suicides. Some people would not mind dying if they could die drunk.

The first week of leap year has past and if the old maids have been any more active than usual, the world has failed to take notice.

ENABLES HER TO TAKE LONG TRIP

Henkle Says Wife Improved So Much on Taking Tanlac She Boasts of Her Health.

"After years of suffering Tanlac sure put my wife in a fine state of health and she often boasts of how well she is feeling," said George H. Henkle, of 302 Eastlands avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

"For years," he continued "she was almost a confirmed dyspeptic and she suffered also from a nervous affection. Right after meals gas would form on her stomach, which kept her in distress most all the time. She always had to be most careful about her diet, and was troubled at times with dizziness and swimming of the head. For a long time she had wanted to take a trip North, but couldn't do so on account of her condition.

"When she saw Tanlac advertised and so many people endorsing it, she decided to try it and found almost immediate relief. Tanlac gave her a fine appetite and put her stomach in fine shape so she could eat and enjoy her meals without having any trouble afterwards. She hasn't complained of dizziness or swimming of the head since starting on it, and that nervous condition has quite disappeared. Tanlac helped her up so she was enabled to take a trip North, where she was four months, and she wasn't a minute of the whole time she was away. She is delighted with what Tanlac has done for her and thinks there is no other medicine like it."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by John A. Weeks in Token by J. W. Bright.

Mrs. Ralph Willingham returned from a visit to relatives at San Angelo, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Drennan visited friends at San Angelo, Saturday and Sunday, returning home Sunday afternoon.

H. B. Stallworth returned to his school duties at College Station, Saturday afternoon, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stallworth, ten miles south of Ballinger. The young man is taking vocational training at A. & M., being one of the boys who sustained injuries in the war.

Miss Clara Kasberg returned to Fort Worth, Sunday afternoon, where she is teaching, after a visit to her father H. Kasberg, south of Ballinger.

Our Best Guarantee is our Record

Your interest and financial. We depend upon you for business and you depend upon us for lumber to satisfy your requirements.

Our customers are our best friends—some of you have been customers and friends for years. You know we have always given you our best in properly graded and assorted yellow pine lumber.

We have call grades and sizes to meet your requirements.

Ballinger Lumber Comp'y



Imitation "Ford" parts are being sold by many mail-order houses and garages to unsuspecting Ford owners as "Ford" parts. But they are not Genuine Ford parts, made by the Ford Motor Company. They are made by concern who have no connection whatsoever with the Ford Motor Company. These imitation parts are not even made from the same grade of steel, or under the same formulas used by the Ford Company. They are counterfeit parts. Tests have shown them to break when the genuine Ford parts didn't even bend and they generally are from thirty-five to one hundred per cent lower in quality.

The Authorized Ford Dealer in your protection. As such, we handle nothing but the Genuine Ford parts. They are made from the famous Ford Vanadium Steel and each part—according to its use—is heat-treated in the way that will give it the longest wearing qualities.

Harwell Motor Company

Bill in State Prison Charged
 Houston, Texas, Jan. 3.—Chairman R. L. Winfrey of the State Penitentiary Commission today asked State Senator Page or Bastrop, over long-distance telephone, to reconvene the legislative investigating committee to hear of "graft amounting to millions" which he charges exist in the State's penitentiary system.

Governor will issue it. Mr. Winfrey entered into communication with Austin at once. Mr. Winfrey said he is resigning within a few days because he has been balked at every turn in the commission, but asserted that before retiring he wants to bring before the people of the State "the shame of the penitentiary system."

Mr. Page agreed to the call if the

INCOME TAX FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Were you one of thousands of persons who last year, with unquestioned honesty of purpose, filed an incorrect income tax return? Are you, or have you been a claimant for refund of taxes overpaid? Have you been called upon by the Bureau of Internal Revenue for payment of amounts owed the Government through inadvertence or omissions in making out your income tax form? To sum it up, have you experienced trouble of any kind in filing your income tax return for 1918?

If so, this is written for your benefit and for the benefit of more than 3,000,000 taxpayers who, on or before March 15, will file income tax returns for the year 1919. It is certain a percentage of these returns will be incorrect. It is equally certain that the percentage of errors may be largely reduced if taxpayers will acquaint themselves with the income tax provisions of the act of February 24, 1919, known as the revenue act of 1919, which provides for the collection of taxes for the year 1919 and subsequent years.

As an aid to taxpayers there has been prepared with the official approval of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, a series of short articles, of which this is the first, telling how to make out an income tax return for 1919, when and where to file it, and what to do in case you meet with unusual difficulties. By making note of the information contained therein, it is believed that most of the difficulties heretofore encountered may be avoided.

Probably the most important change affecting the average taxpayer is in the normal rate, the exemptions of \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons and heads of families remaining the same as for 1918. The normal rate for 1919 is 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. The normal rate for 1918 was 6 and 12 per cent, respectively. This applies to every citizen and resident of the United States. Alien non-residents receiving income from sources within the United States are taxed to the full 8 per cent on the income from such sources.

The surtax rates, which range from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent on the amount of income in excess of \$1,000,000 remain unchanged. The tax, as in 1919, may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four installments, the

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"Pape's Diapepsin" is the best Antacid and Stomach Regulator known

When your meals don't fit and you feel uncomfortable, when you belch gases, acids or raise sour, undigested food. When you feel lumps of indigestion pain, heartburn or headache from acidity, just eat a tablet of harmless and reliable Pape's Diapepsin and the stomach distress is gone. Millions of people know the magic of Pape's Diapepsin as an antacid. They know that most indigestion and disordered stomachs are from acidity. The relief comes quickly, no disappointment! Pape's Diapepsin helps regulate your stomach so you can eat favorite foods without fear and a box of these world-famous stomach tablets cost so little at drug stores.

first of which is due on or before March 15, the second on or before June 15, the third on or before December 15. The first installment must accompany the filing of the return. The period for filing is from January 1 to March 15. Heavy penalties are provided for persons who fail or "willfully refuse" to file their return and pay the tax within the time prescribed.

Forms for making returns may be obtained from offices of collectors of internal revenue and deputy collectors, post offices, aid banks. If your income for 1919 was \$5,000 or less, ask for Form 1040 A. If it was more than \$5,000 ask for Form 1040. Returns must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business.

Pearce Drug Co. Says

After you eat—always take **EATONIC** FOR YOUR ACID STOMACH. Instantly relieves Heartburn, Bloat and Gas, Feeding, Stomach souring, repeating, and all stomach miseries. Aids digestion and appetite. Keeps stomach sweet and strong. Increases Vitality and Pep. EATONIC is the best remedy. Tens of thousands wonderfully benefited. Only costs a cent or two a day to use it. Positively guaranteed to please or we will refund money. Get a big box today. You will see.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Company

TRAINING SCHOOL HAS A WALK-OUT

A strike for higher wages and shorter hours on the part of six nurses at St. John's sanitarium at four o'clock Friday afternoon produced a flurry on the part of the St. Angelo doctors Saturday. Saturday evening matters were still in statu quo, but it was believed by the doctors that a settlement of some kind would be effected by Monday.

The nurses, it was stated Saturday have been receiving \$6 and \$8 a month, and they presented a demand for an increase to \$10 and \$12 and \$15 a month, which was refused. The nurses then walked out, leaving the care of the patients at the sanitarium to the Catholic sisters, who it was stated were able to care for the patients. The sisters perform to part of instructors and overseers at the sanitarium, and the nurses are pupils in the nurses' training school under the supervision of the sisters and of the eighteen San Angelo doctors who compose the faculty of the school.—San Angelo Standard.

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 head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c

Put Your Car In Good Hands

No matter what work you may want done on your car, you can rest assured it will be properly done if it comes to us. We handle accessories, gasoline and oils. See us for anything your car needs.

Rowena Garage

A. L. Ruppert, Proprietor Rowena, Texas

HARWELL BUYS TWO BUSINESS HOUSES

A deal has been closed in which R. L. Harwell becomes the owner of two business houses on South Hutchings Avenue, South of the F. & M. Bank.

The deal was made through C. A. Doose & Co., representing J. Kiedel owner of one of the buildings, and a man by the name of Moore, of San Antonio, owner of the other building.

The buildings are now occupied by Cathey's saddle shop and a cafe. Mr. Harwell announces that he will extend the buildings the full length of the lots, and convert them into a modern garage building and will occupy the buildings with the Harwell Motor Co., as soon as the lease contract which he holds on his present quarters expires.

This is desirable property, and Mr. Harwell shows good judgment in planting his cash in a permanent home for his Ford business. The building he now occupies was built especially for a garage, is a good stand and will no doubt be occupied by some one else as soon as Mr. Harwell vacates.

Surgeons agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds, the First Treatment is most important. When an Efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by John A. Weeks.

OLD TIMER BUYS ANOTHER FARM

W. C. Wheeler, perhaps one of the farmers who has been in this county the longest, and who was here before the first acre of land was put in cultivation, shows his faith in the country by investing about eleven thousand dollars cash in another farm.

A few days ago Mr. Wheeler purchased 165 acres off the August Vogelsang place southwest of the city and adjoining Mr. Wheeler's home place, paying \$60 cash for same. Most of the cash paid for the new farm came from the sale of crops from Mr. Wheeler's home place this year, and it did not take all the cash he had to put the deal over either.

Mr. Wheeler came here in the early days and was "boss" on the Day ranch long before Rannels county became known as a farming country. He drove cattle on land in this county which changed hands at two and three dollars per acre which can not be purchased now for sixty and seventy five dollars per acre.

Investments being made in Rannels county dirt by the men who have been here the longest indicates their faith in the country was not in the least disturbed by what we some times refer to as the drouth.

ITCH! MONEY BACK

Without question if Hunt's Salve fails in the treatment of Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, Itch, etc. Don't become discouraged because other treatments failed. Hunt's Salve has relieved hundreds of such cases. You can't lose on our Money Back Guarantee. Try it at our risk TODAY. Price 75c. For sale locally by JOHN A. WEEKS Druggist.

Moonshine Still Found

Wichita Falls, Jan. 3.—A moonshine still completely equipped for distilling beer was located in the river district of this city by deputy constables. More than a hundred and fifty gallons of moonshine beer was found.

A negro has been arrested and held.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirit. Sold by John A. Weeks.

W. B. Ray, is here from Corpus Christi, arriving Saturday for a few days visit on business and to see friends.

Miss Vera Nicholson, Miss Kathleen Baker returned to Denton, where they are attending the C. I. A. They came home for the holidays.

WHAT NEIGHBORS SAY

Houston, Texas.—"Dr. Pierce's medicine has given me such wonderful relief that I am glad to give this recommendation telling just what it has done for me."



"I used to suffer with woman's weakness and by the persistent use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I was restored to health and I have also taken the 'Prescription' during pregnancy and it was very beneficial; it kept me strong, healthy and helped me in every way. It is the best medicine for women I have ever taken."—Mrs. ALLIE JOHNSON, 2503 Rannels St.

Every woman who has reason to believe that backache, headache, unnatural pains, low spirits, sleepless nights, irregularities of a catarrhal condition is caused by a derangement of the womanly functions, owes it to herself and dear ones to speedily overcome the trouble before a general breakdown causes permanent prostration.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a non-alcoholic remedy that any ailing woman can safely take because it is prepared from roots and herbs containing tonic properties of the most pronounced character. It is not a secret remedy because its ingredients are printed on wrapper. Get Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to-day, either in liquid or tablet form or send Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c for large trial package.

Beaumont, Texas.—"It is a pleasure to me to recommend a medicine that has given me the comfort and relief that I have derived from the use of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. I would advise any person who suffers with kidney or bladder weakness to give them a trial without delay for 'Anuric' is simply wonderful in giving immediate relief in all diseased and misery resulting from weakened kidneys."—Miss D. Backlund, 385 Arabella St. Send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial package.

RAIN DAMPENS FIRST MONDAY

The effort on the part of some of the horse traders to revive the First Monday trading spirit in Ballinger met with dampness when a slow rain fell early Monday morning.

Quite a number of head of trading stock were brought here Sunday afternoon, and were ready to be placed on the auction block, and had the weather been favorable there would no doubt have been considerable trading.

The rain was reported to be pretty general, and the fall amounted to .60 of an inch. Cotton picking will be further retarded and every day's delay means loss to the farmers who are hurrying to get the old crop out of the way and begin breaking land for the 1920 crop.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

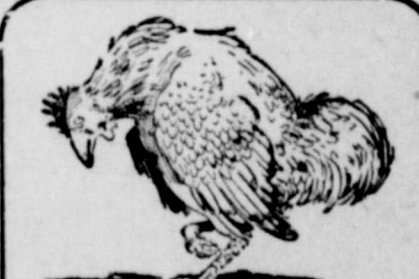
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CHURCH PRESENTS PASTOR WITH CAR

The Catholic congregation of this city has decided to present Father Gollbach with a Ford car for his mission and charity work which will cost \$827.00. It has been ordered and will arrive in the near future.

Handsome checks have been received towards the purchase of the car. One check of \$250.00 was sent by Fr. Ledvina of Chicago and another has been donated by Mr. Beek of Coleman for \$300.

Use Ledger Classifieds.



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If you kill the Blue Bugs and all blood sucking insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Martin's Bug Producer will keep your chickens well and makes 'em lay more. Martin's means your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask John A. Weeks

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Your Every Need

THE kind of a store that deserves your steady patronage is the one that always has exactly what you want whenever you want it.

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For Men, Women and Children

This store is for all—and everybody is welcome always no matter how small the purchase. Pleased customers become regular customers. That's why our business grows.

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Our line of overalls and work shirts is complete and will stand the hardest wear. We can supply all your needs in work clothes and give you the kind that are good honest quality all through.

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CAN NOT ISSUE TAGS IN TIME

It will be impossible for me to issue the auto seals in the three or four days time allowed by the officers before enforcing the law," said Tax Collector Chastain. "I could not get enough help in my office to do the work at that time, and if the officers undertake to make those who failed to get tags pay fines, they'll have their hands full," continued the tax officer.

Mr. Chastain stated that the highway commission made no provision for the rush when they imposed upon the tax collectors this additional work, and that they were late in supplying the seals.

A Ledger reporter was in the collector's office early on New Year's Day, and seal No. 307 was issued while there and auto owners began dropping in pretty fast. It is estimated that there are between 1250 and 1300 ears in the county, and it will be a big job to get all the seals out within the time allowed by the local traffic officers.

However, the officers have no authority for setting aside the law, and the safest plan will be for auto owners to get their seals as rapidly as possible.

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Name "Bayer" is on Genuine Aspirin—say Bayer



Insist on "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" in a "Bayer package," containing proper directions for Colds, Pain, Headache, Neuralgia, Lumbago, and Rheumatism. Name "Bayer" means genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for nineteen years. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost few cents. Aspirin is trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoacetic-acid of Salicylic acid.

TRAIN SMASHES CAR AT MILES

(Miles Messenger)
The east bound train Friday morning collided with the Ford car owned by Henry Sewell, which was being driven by a Mr. Smith, who is renting the farm of Mr. Sewell.

The car was driving south across the main street crossing and the accident was due to another train standing on a side track which prevented the driver seeing the train until he was on the crossing.

Quick action on the part of the driver was all that saved his life, as, instead of taking the engine broadside, he whirled the car directly down the track in front of the speeding train, which struck the car in the back end, hurling it a distance of about 50 feet.

The car was practically demolished but the driver escaped injury. When the car stopped, it was wedged against the waiting room door. It was considered lucky that none of the crowd waiting for the train were injured.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson left for Santa Anna Thursday, where they will make their home. Mr. Vinson has been with Higginbotham Brothers & Co., here for some time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lange, on Dec. 26th, a fine girl.

"CARRY ON"!

If Constipated, Bilious or Headachy, take "Cascarets"

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For cornbread, corn muffins and corn cake with an individuality, you can't beat Belle of Wichita Cream Meal.

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American Correspondent Gives New View of Mexico

By RALPH H. TURNER

United Press Staff Correspondent
MONTEREY, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Once famed as the leading manufacturing city of Mexico, Monterey today presents the appearance of a city, still prosperous perhaps, but badly run down at the heels.

Revolution, responsible for most of Mexico's woes, tells the story of Monterey's decline. This typical Mexican town, six hours' ride from the Texas border, still is classed at the head of the country's industrial districts, but its reputation as the "Chicago of Mexico" has received a severe setback.

The slump in prosperity is reflected in the depressing quiet of the streets, the stagnation in many business lines and in the decreased production of the industrial plants. In its efforts to revive industry, the Carranza government's chief obstacle has been encountered in the problem of transportation.

It is transportation—or the lack of transportation—that is retarding Monterey's struggle to regain her old life. Rolling stock is the issue. Were it not for the lack of ears and locomotives, it is not likely that the two American smelters would be operating at only a partial capacity; that a brewery, which formerly employed 2,000 men, would employ now less than half that number and that other industries would be closed altogether.

There are other difficulties, of course, by-products of revolution. Among these, as regards the smelters, is the fact that unsettled conditions have forced many mines to close. But were they all operating, the smelters would not be able to transport the ore. Existing conditions are illustrated by the practice of smelting companies in owning and operating a great many of their own ears, besides paying the regular freight rates to the Mexican national railway lines.

This action, according to officials of the smelting companies, is necessary because of the shortage of government-owned ears. Six hundred and fifty-eight ears, it is stated, were burned in this section during the revolutionary activities of 1913. A brick manufacturer declared that he had been able to obtain only two ears during the months of September and October.

Officials of the Carranza government are striving to correct this condition. Negotiations are being conducted for the purchase of 3,000 ears from the United States. Business men hope this is a sign of return to former times, when Monterey, besides her smelting and brewing interests, boasted of a steel plant, a cement factory, flour mills, cotton mills, and other enterprises all operating at full blast.

When these times do return, Monterey will be faced with the urgent necessity of recruiting her labor supply, for in the past few years hundreds of Mexican workers have moved northward across the border, where they are employed today on the railroads, the cotton plantations and in other industries of the United States.

CHRISTIAN PASTOR GOES TO SHERMAN

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. E. Beatty left Wednesday afternoon for Sherman, where they will make their home, Rev. Beatty having accepted a chair in a college in that city and will teach Latin.

This news will come as a surprise to many of our readers, as well as a regret to the people of Ballinger, as Rev. Beatty had made a host of friends since coming here last summer to serve the local Christian church as pastor.

Rev. Beatty, in accepting the call to the Ballinger church, only served the church three Sundays in the month, and preached at Millersview the other Sunday. Recently the Ballinger church called him for full time with an increase in salary and with that announcement only a few days old, Rev. Beatty received the call to Sherman.

The move leaves the Christian church without a pastor, but we trust that they will soon find another good man to fill the place

made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Beatty.

To the Dyspeptic.

Would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles are over, that you can eat any kind of food that you crave? Consider then the fact that Chamberlain's Tablets have cured others—why not you. There are many who have been restored to health by taking these tablets and can now eat any kind of food that they crave.

R. B. Rogers and A. L. Higdon arrived Saturday afternoon to spend a few days, here with their dry goods business.

KEEP IT SWEET

Keep your stomach sweet today and ward off the indigestion of tomorrow—try

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the new aid to digestion. As pleasant and as safe to take as candy.

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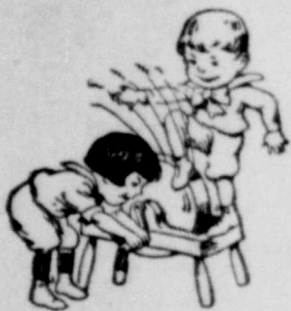


CENSUS TO CHANGE THE POLITICAL MAP

After the counting noses is over in Texas, it is probably that the population of some of the counties comprising certain congressional districts, will call for a new political map of the state.

In the southwestern part of the state and in the Fifteenth Congressional District, it is expected that the increase in population will call for a redivision of the congressional district.

The same applies to this district. In 1910 the nineteen counties comprising the Seventeenth Congressional District had close to three hundred thousand people. The oil boom has developed in that district since the last census, and counties, particularly Eastland and Stephens counties, which had less than twenty thousand people ten years ago, are now boasting of hundred thousand and



Of course your boy doesn't hold his feet against a grindstone; but it does seem like it.

And to make him take care of his shoes all the time is to take half the joy out of his life. And tearing around like a wild young colt is not only the joy of life—it's the best thing in the world for him.

The solution of the problem is to bring him to us. We have shoes that not only wear but are good style—shoes he'll be proud to have on and take care of. And the prices are reasonable.

D. Reeder's
DRY GOODS



BEACON THREE AND BETTER SHOES

it is expected that the population of the district will figure close around the half million mark.

Jumping from somewhat worthless county of about twenty thousand people to more than one hundred thousand people, is the record Eastland county is expecting to make and that too within a period of about three years.

Constipation is the starting point for many diseases that end fatally. Healthy regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine bowel tonic, is mildly stimulative and strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

NEW PICTURE SHOW HERE

The rear of the building occupied by Higginbotham Bros. & Co., as an auto house, the corner of Eighth Street, has been fitted up for a moving picture exhibition in demonstrating tractor mechanism, and a three or four day tractor school is being conducted. Farmers who are interested in how to operate and care for tractors are given a free show from time to time. Tractors are rapidly increasing in this county, and with another prosperous year many farmers will own tractors and farming will be carried on in a modern way. Higginbotham Bros. & Co., are agents for the company putting on the free tractor school.

No Great Act of Heroism Required.

If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring, but when it is necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indication of croup appears, there are many who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within the reach of all and is prompt and effectual.

A message was received from Mrs. L. L. Bankston at San Angelo on Christmas day stated that their little daughter had diphtheria and they were quarantined and could not come to her father's home to spend the Christmas time. A little later Mrs. Bankston's father, Will Mullin received the sad intelligence that death had claimed the little sufferer and preparations were begun for burial at Winters. This is the second child Mr. and Mrs. Bankston have lost within the past few months and the little girl just gone is the last of four to be called in death.—Winters Enterprise.

Try Want Ads for results.

ADAMS FAMILY HERE ON VISIT

J. N. Adams and family, former citizens of Ballinger, are here from Tahoka, spending several days with friends. They came through the country in their car and will accompany their daughter, Miss Halley to Eden, where she is teaching, before they return to their home. We are glad to note that Mr. Adams is getting along well this year. He had the misfortune to lose his business by fire shortly after moving to Tahoka, but with the good crops of this year he is recovering the loss. He reports that the people in the Tahoka country have more money than they know what to do with.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It is the remedy that men use for purifying the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

WILL RUN FOR COLLECTOR

"You can tell the people that I am a candidate for tax collector," said W. L. Brown, Monday, "and in a few days I will make my formal announcement through your paper."

Mr. Brown has served as county treasurer two or three terms. That office does not pay a very handsome salary, and during spare times Mr. Brown has acted as deputy tax collector, or as a clerk in the tax collector's office and he is familiar with the work of the tax collector.

Tax Collector Chastain announced in his first campaign that he would not offer for a third time, and he stated a few days ago that he would keep his promise to the people. He stated that he might make the race for treasurer, if he did not get into some business or line of work that paid a little better living.

Any little wound or abrasion of the flesh occurring in cold weather that is not promptly treated becomes a bad sore and is difficult to heal. Apply Ballard's Snow Lintiment at once when such accidents happen. The wound heals promptly and soon does away with the annoyance of a bandage. Sold by Jno. A. Weeks.

PREACHER HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The Rev. W. H. Matthews, presiding elder of the Fort Worth district, Methodist Episcopal church, South, was slightly injured in an automobile accident on the Dallas-Fort Worth pike, near Stop Tandy, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. Matthews was driving his car slowly when the steering gear apparently went wrong. The car ran into the ditch, and was stopped by a telephone pole.

Rev. Matthews received a slightly strained and bruised right leg, while Mrs. Matthews who was with him, was injured.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Rev. Matthews is well known among the Methodist of Ballinger and of the Brownwood district, having served for a term of years as presiding elder of this district.

Will Hill dispatcher for the Santa Fe and wife have rented rooms from Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Kirk, on Seventh Street, until they can get a suitable house for housekeeping.

Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

POLL TAX PAYING DAYS

The new president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Florence A. Floore, has named Jan. 6th as the day when all club women go to the tax collector and pay their poll tax.

Jan. 12th is church women's day.

Jan. 17th is school teacher's day.

Jan. 21st is for all women of fraternal organizations to pay their city and county poll tax.

If you pay your poll taxes you can vote in the next primary for presidential electors, congressmen, governor, state senators, state representatives, and all state and all county officials.

According to law a woman must pay city taxes as well as county taxes the same as her husband father or brother.

Chairman.

RURAL SCHOOLS TO ISSUE BIG ANNUAL

One of the most gigantic pieces of work ever put over by the rural schools of any county, is well underway in this county with Superintendent Bugg lending the proposition his influence.

The fifty-odd rural schools of Runnels county appointed committees some time ago to carry out the work of issuing a rural school annual. The annual will be known as "The Ruralview," and every rural school in the county will have a part in its makeup.

The proposition will be financed by private subscription and by funds raised by public entertainment, and by advertising and sale of the annuals. For some time the rural schools have been giving box suppers and raising from \$100 to \$400 for the work, and a liberal amount of advertising has already been sold.

It is estimated that the annual will cost between five and six thousand dollars. Every school in the county will be represented in the book write-ups and pictures, and it will no doubt be a big boost for the educational interest of the county.

650 AUTO TAGS ISSUED

Tax collector Chastain had issued 650 auto seals up to noon Tuesday. This is about one-half of the number of cars in the county. People living in the county are buying their 1920 seals as fast as they can get to town. The auto tax rush is demanding most of the time of the tax collector and his deputy.

Tax payers should not forget that the penalty goes on at midnight January 31st, and a poll tax issued after that hour is not good for a vote.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

ARMSTRONG FARM SOLD TO NEW MAN

W. B. Cobb, formerly gin and merchantman of Wigate and Ft. Chadbourne, has purchased the R. B. Armstrong farm on Valley Creek, paying for same \$15,000 cash. Mr. Cobb will move to the farm at once and make it his home making some valuable improvements on the place.

The transfer of this property just made was from R. G. Erwin to Mr. Cobb. Mr. Erwin purchased it a short time ago from Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong has been residing here for several years. He is moving to El Paso for the benefit of his son's health.

This farm consists of 250 acres, and is one of the best valley farms on Valley Creek, being convenient to Ballinger, and Mr. Cobb is a good citizen. We regret to lose Mr. Armstrong but are glad to get in his place Mr. Cobb.

J. V. and J. B. Cavitt, of Moody, are here on business.

Notice

Anyone caught getting wood off the C. O. Harris place, 3 miles East of Maverick, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. G. W. DARK. 16-4tw

PIGGY WIGGLY MAN RETURNS TO BALLINGER

J. C. Marable is here to take up the work of establishing a Piggy Wiggly store in Ballinger, after spending a couple of weeks with his family in Arkansas, and visiting the home office of the Piggy Wiggly Company.

Mr. Marable reports that he is meeting with success in placing stock for the Piggy Wiggly store and that Ballinger will be one of the Piggy Wiggly towns.

He stated that the manager of the company would be here this week to arrange for a building for the store.

The stork left a fine baby girl at the home of Mr. Marable in Fayetteville, Arkansas, for a Christmas present and he hurried home Christmas to see the new girl. He says that he now has three girls at his house, or as he expresses it, three queens.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

Jess McAdams, of Brownwood, was making his usual rounds here Monday.

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If it's a battery you want talk to us. We save you money.

Expert battery repairing—any battery recharged \$1.00.

Let us test and water your battery—it's free.

We guarantee every battery we sell for 18 months.

Lot of second hand cars, Fords, Overlands, Chandler, Mitchells. We sell them—worth the money.

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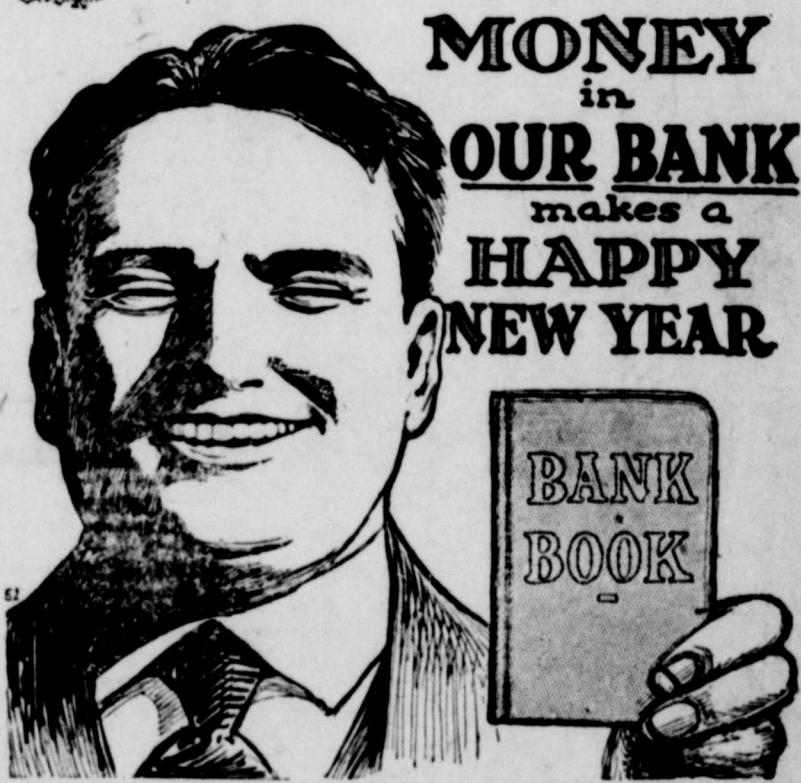
W. E. Barbee, who has been buying cotton and cotton seed at Bronte, was here Monday while en route to San Antonio to spend a few days with home folks.

Miss Max Chastain returned from San Angelo Monday afternoon, where she spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Cobb.

Will Gressett left for Temple, Monday afternoon, where he will visit his sister, and spend a day or two on business.

D. J. Brewer, the plumber, left for Dallas and other points on business Monday afternoon.

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