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FIRE ON SHULTZ RANCH DOES \$7,000 DAMAGE

W. O. Schultz had the misfortune to lose a large barn on his ranch by fire Sunday morning. Mr. Schultz is spending most of the time in Ballinger, accompanied by his wife, while he is feeding a large bunch of cattle here. He and Mrs. Schultz went to the ranch near Midway Saturday afternoon, and were at home when the barn was destroyed but has no idea how the fire originated.

The fire was discovered about three o'clock Sunday morning, but the big barn and valuable contents were practically destroyed when the fire was discovered. The hands on the ranch put up a fight to save nearby property and fortunately had the wind in their favor. Had the wind been blowing in the opposite direction another large barn would have been destroyed.

Mr. Schultz told The Ledger that he estimated his loss at about \$7,000. The barn would cost about \$5,000 to replace, and it contained about 3,000 bushels of oats, considerable maize, cotton seed, bundled oats, and a shed attached to the barn houses the binders, grain drills and other farm implements, and tools, and all the harness on the ranch was destroyed in the fire.

The horses were not fastened in their stalls and kept away from the fire, but five registered bucks, one of which Mr. Schultz paid \$350 for, were barbecued in the fire.

The barn was insured for \$2,000.00.

LEMON EXTRACT CLAIMS ONE JAG

A stranger spent Saturday night in jail, and paid a fine later in the city court on a charge of drunkenness. Nine empty lemon extract bottles are alleged to have contained the contents for the Saturday night "stew."

ONE ARREST FOR ROBBERY AT ROWENA

Robbers made a raid on the store of P. J. Baron at Rowena Wednesday night, and carried away merchandise valued at at least \$600.00. The goods stolen consisted mostly of silks.

The robbers entered the store from the rear, crawling through a transom, and made their exit through the front, breaking out a large plate glass window.

No clue was left and up to a late hour Thursday no trace of the goods or the robbers had been found. A negro was being held under suspicion but the officers could not get evidence to justify an arrest.

A negro is being held in the local jail charged with robbing the Baron store and stealing \$600 worth of silks and other goods, at Rowena, Wednesday night. Sheriff Flynt made the arrest and stated that other arrests would follow.

The negro being held has declined to divulge the whereabouts of the stolen loot, but strong substantial evidence is in the hands of the officers. Articles of clothing left behind by the negro have been identified by three or four different parties as being the property of the negro under arrest.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A total loss from the Helmbacher Forge Company fire at Madison, Illinois, is expected to exceed one million dollars.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 14.—The Boyd Hotel at Hamilton, county seat of Hamilton county, was destroyed by fire at two-thirty this morning.

Two men, W. W. Trimble, an aged Confederate veteran, and Robert Nichols, a youth, lost their lives in the fire. The two men were guests at the hotel and were trapped in the burning building. Property loss is estimated at about a half million dollars.

COMMISSIONERS DISCONTINUE RUNNELS FARM AGENT WORK

BREAD, BUTTER AND MILK MAKE DROP IN PRICES

FORT WORTH, Dec. 11.—Bread, butter and milk tumbled in price here today, when dealers announced a reduction of one cent per loaf, returning to the old price of ten cents per loaf. Milk dropped to ten cents a pint, and butter to sixty cents per pound. These prices are the lowest since 1916.

STAMFORD, Tex., Dec. 15.—A reduction of thirty-three and one-third per cent in prices of bread was announced here today. One pound loaf of bread dropped from fifteen cents to ten cents. The reduction affects a large section of West Texas which obtains bread supplies from this place.

FOILS PLOT TO MURDER WHITE MAN

Pete Hill, a negro, is in jail charged with carrying a pistol, and according to a story told by another negro, his arrest probably saved the life of S. T. Williams, a farmer of the Benoit country.

The negro was arrested on the Williams farm near Benoit Monday and placed in jail here, and so far only six-shooter charges have been filed against him.

The arrest was made by Sheriff Jim Flynt, who went to the Williams farm after it had been reported that the negro had planned to kill Mr. Williams, for whom the negro had been picking cotton. It seems that the negro had been discharged for his impudence and rough talk to Mr. Williams. He notified Mr. Williams that he was out of wood at his camp, and Mr. Williams told him he could get the wagon and haul some wood. The negro very abruptly informed Mr. Williams that he "did not come here to haul wood."

Mr. Williams accompanied the negro to Benoit to pay him off after informing him that his services were no longer needed. Later another negro notified Mr. Williams that the angry negro had a pistol and was planning to kill Williams, and the arrest followed.

FORECAST BIG CUT IN WAGES

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—A wage reduction of twenty-two and one-half per cent for the employees in the textile mills of New England and the state of New York was forecasted today in a statement issued after a conference of textile manufacturers. Approximately twenty-five percent of the industry in this section representing the makers of both cotton and woolen products was represented at the meeting. The industry to be effected by the reduction of wages employ three hundred thousand persons.

A. E. F. MAN MADE COUNTY CLERK

CUERO, Tex., Dec. 15.—G. P. Box, county clerk of Dewitt county for the past 30 years, has just retired, being succeeded by J. T. Newman, a veteran of the A. E. F. The new county clerk, a Cuero youth, was wounded during one of the American offensives in France by a bursting shell that used metal floor systems.

When it became known on the streets just before noon Wednesday that the Commissioners' Court had abolished the office of Farm Agent in this county, farmers were soon out with a petition to the court asking them to reconsider the matter. In about one hour four or five large sheets of paper were filled with names, practically every man approached signing the petition, and a committee of farmers appeared before the court and presented the petition with a good strong plea for a reconsideration of the matter.

One prominent farmer and heavy tax-payer in commenting on the action of the court, said, "I think the court has done the farmers a great injustice, and instead of saving for us they have robbed us of a valuable agency in our work."

Coming like a thunder-bolt out of a clear sky, it was announced Wednesday morning that the Commissioners' Court had voted to abolish the office of County Farm Agent in Runnels county and discontinue the work here. The four county commissioners voted to discontinue the work effective January first.

Farm Agent Eaton did not contemplate such action, and was as much surprised as the many citizen who have watched the progress of the work here, and who express regret at the action of the court. Mr. Eaton immediately appeared before the court and made a statement. He was informed that no thrust at him was intended by the action of the court, and if the court had decided to continue the work he would have been retained in preference to any one else.

The news rapidly spread over the city and farmers were free in expressing their regrets, and do not hesitate in saying that they feel that the Commissioners' Court failed to realize the benefit of the farm agent's work, and will reconsider the matter before the discontinuance order goes into effect.

Coming at this time, when every agency is putting forth every effort to solve the marketing problem, and at a time when the work is so well organized in this county, means a big loss to the farming interests of the county. The local farm agent has worked hard and faithful in carrying on the work, and to discontinue the work at this time means a long step backward in the agricultural and livestock development of this county.

The tax payers will not realize the saving of one penny. The tax rate will remain the same as though the office of county farm agent had been continued, and in addition the county loses the benefit of the State and Federal aid. The county has been paying two-fifths of the salary of the farm agent and the State and Federal government have been paying three-fifths.

Refusing to accept this aid and to cooperate with the State and Federal government in this department will no doubt have a tendency to cripple the county in getting State and Federal aid in other lines of work. It is known that the State and Federal departments handling this line of work rated Runnels county as one of the best in the state and have been making unusually large appropriations for the work in this county.

Mr. Eaton stated that while the action of the court came as a surprise and disappointment to him, it did not by any means throw him out of a place. Comanche county is bidding for his services, and he will no doubt be transferred to that county at a higher salary than he is receiving here. He is rated by the department as one of the best agents in Texas, and he has been maintained here by the department because the opportunity in this county for development was so great. His removal at this time will be regretted by many of the best people all over the county.

Mr. Eaton has been working hard and making a sacrifice to develop the agricultural and livestock industries of this county, and those with whom he has had dealings have profited by his help. He had just purchased a Ford car at a sacrifice to himself, that he might carry on his work successfully.

This leaves Runnels county without a farm agent, again, and this county is one of the few counties in Texas of any consequence which will be handicapped in co-operating with the State and Federal departments for the lack of a local representative. It is to be hoped that the action of the court is not final and that the commissioners will see fit to reconsider the matter and not permit a break to be made in this work which is of such vital importance to the farmers.

TEXAS ROAD SEEKS AID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Fredericksburg & Northern Ry. Co. of Texas, has asked permission to issue notes for \$36,935 to cover advanced money, during 1918, 1919 and 1920, by the directors and stockholders to the railroad company.

Citizens of Ballinger are Determined to Build Modern Ice Plant at Once

If the determination expressed so outspokenly at a mass meeting of citizens held at the Library Tuesday night counts for anything, this city will be supplied with ice by the Citizens Ice Company next summer.

More than two hundred and fifty representative citizens responded to the call for a mass meeting which was called for the purpose of discussing the ice situation past, present and future.

Mayor Guin called the meeting to order and briefly explained its purpose, and referred to the promises made by the head of the company operating the ice and light plant in this city at a similar meeting held in the same hall about four years ago, and charged that every promise made at that time had been broken.

Mayor Guin stated that the ice company was out with more promises at this time, and expressed the opinion that Ballinger citizens would place no confidence in the promises of a company which had failed to keep faith with the people. Mr. Guin reviewed the poor ice service the citizens of this city suffered last summer, and charged that the promises being made at this time to improve the service was for no other purpose than to forestall the building of a new ice plant.

He paid his respects to the few citizens whom he said were working in an underhanded way to block the organization of a local ice company, and stated that the opposition had been invited to attend the public meeting, but were not present and refused to come out and state their object-

ion openly to the people of Ballinger. He was given a hearty applause, indicating that a majority of those present endorsed the chairman's stand on the proposition. Later, when the proposition was put to a vote, those present voted unanimously in favor of the proposed ice plant.

Mr. Guin stated that, acting on the request of a number of citizens some time ago, he prepared a stock subscription list, and aided by the Young Men's Business League and others, he had secured subscriptions amounting to \$30,000, while it was the purpose of the promoters to incorporate the new company for \$50,000. He stated that no further time could be lost, and a delay of thirty days would leave the ice consumers of this city in the hands and at the mercy of the present corporation for another summer.

Judge J. W. Powell, J. McGregor, Judge A. K. Doss, R. T. Williams, and others made short talks, endorsing the proposed organization of a new ice plant, and offering suggestions for bringing the work to a successful end. Some of those making talks volunteered to increase their subscriptions, and when subscriptions were called for they made the increase.

On motion of J. McGregor volunteer subscriptions were called for and about three thousand dollars worth of stock was subscribed for within a few minutes, and plans were perfected for completing the work of raising the stock to the required amount by the end of the present week.

H. C. Gardner, R. W. Bruce, T.

S. Lankford and L. Cohen volunteered to assist in placing the remainder of the stock of the new company, and with Mr. Guin and Secretary Williams of the Y. M. B. L., at work it is expected that the proposition will be put over this week.

The shares in the company were reduced to ten dollars. The object in this is to get as many individuals interested in the proposition as possible and thereby control the local ice situation.

The cost of making ice, and the ability to meet competition was discussed, and those in charge of the promotion of the local company state that ice will be sold to the consumers next summer a great deal cheaper than last season, if the new company is organized, and first class service will be given.

Mayor Guin stated that proposition to build a municipal light plant was also in good shape, and this work will be pushed as soon as the ice plant proposition is out of the way.

GIN BURNS IN COTTLE COUNTY

PADUCAH, Tex., Dec. 15.—The cotton gin of Godwin Bros., of Chalk, Texas, twelve miles Southeast of Paducah, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss amounted to about \$25,000.

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Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for twenty-one years and proved safe by millions. Take Aspirin only as told in the Bayer package for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve Bayer Tablets of Aspirin cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trademark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylic acid.

BALLINGER STATE IN COTTON POOL

The Ballinger State Bank was the first Ballinger bank to subscribe its full quota to the cotton export finance corporation which is being organized with headquarters at New Orleans. Mr. Miller, head of this bank, states that his bank sent in their subscription consisting of three per cent of the capital stock and surplus two weeks ago.

In taking stock in the cotton pool corporation, the banks are aiding in opening a foreign market for American cotton, as it is the purpose of the big corporation to arrange to finance foreign buyers and thereby solve the foreign exchange problem which is charged with being responsible for the general tie-up of commercial intercourse with the foreign countries.

The quota assigned to each bank, or the amount the banks were asked to take in stock, amounted to three per cent of the capital stock and surplus. The big corporation will have a capital stock of \$6,000,000.00, and the local banks who have gone in this pool will be stockholders and have a voice in directing the affairs of the finance corporation. They do not expect to realize returns on their money for three years, and then the interest will be small.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

W. D. Gregory left for Abilene Saturday afternoon, where he will spend Sunday with his mother.

NEGRO DISEASES ENDANGER ALL

AUSTIN, Dec. 14.—There is not a single hospital bed, nor a sanatorium for tuberculous negroes in the state of Texas, according to a statement made today by Miss Agnes D. Randolph, field secretary of the Texas Public Health Association.

In recent lectures in various parts of the state, Miss Randolph has asserted that one of the greatest dangers to the health of the South is the tuberculous negro, since the colored people are domestic servants, laundresses, barbers, waiters, and helpers for thousands of the white population. "Almost all the domestic servants in the South are negroes," said Miss Randolph. "They cook, clean, do the washing, and nurse the babies. They handle our raw food and serve it after they cook it; they handle our silver and dishes and linen and make our beds; they prepare the babies' bottles and hold them in their arms while they take them. Amid these processes they have thousands of opportunities to transfer to others any disease which they may have."

RELIEVES

HONEY

A Special Prescription for influenza, pneumonia, whooping cough, croup, and all other respiratory ailments. Package contains all needed, will not come strictly.

\$1.00 at Druggists or special agent.

JOHN A. WEEKS, SPECIAL AGENT.

PROFITEERING IS CHARGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A sharp criticism of the national coal industry with the implied threat of drastic legislation by Congress to meet the alleged evils of profiteering in coal speculation, accompanied a partial report of the Senate committee on production and reconstruction, as submitted to the Senate today.

The report asked for power to allow the committee to continue its investigation. It suggested government activities to bring about co-operation under proper regulation in building.

The Republican senators, members of the committee, Senator Calder of New York, Senator Edge of New Jersey, and Senator Kenyon of Iowa, supplemented their findings with an additional statement, all agreeing and asking special legislative attention on the present methods of producing and distributing coal.

Misses Susie Hale and Ludric Froble went to Talpa Friday afternoon, where they took part in an entertainment given by Miss Wilmoth last night.

Mrs. Fannie Wilmoth went to Talpa Thursday afternoon, where she will direct an entertainment to be given by her class at that place for the benefit of the school ground, Friday night.

CAN'T ATTEND HARDING MEET

MARION, Dec. 14.—Governor Sprout, of Pennsylvania, who was to be one of President Elect Harding's conferees, today wired Mr. Harding that he would be unable to come to Marion to confer with the new president, the message stating that executive matters detained him. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, also sent word to Mr. Harding that he would be unable to keep his engagement to attend a conference of the new president's chief advisers.

LOCATE VETERINARY SURGEON AT THIS CITY

Thru the efforts of County Agent Eaton and the Young Men's Business League, a veterinary surgeon is to be brought to this city from Arell, Ohio, in the person of C. H. Hoffmire, head of the Hoffmire Veterinarian hospital of that city. In a letter to the above, Dr. Hoffmire states that he will arrive in Ballinger about the 1st of February. There has been an urgent need in Ballinger for a good veterinarian and the coming of Dr. Hoffmire to Ballinger will fill this want.

Dr. Hoffmire states that he had been considering fourteen other towns in the Southwest besides Ballinger but that he believed that this location offered the best opportunities. The doctor was a Captain in the Veterinarian department during the recent war.

To Stop a Cough Quick
HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.
 A box of GROVES' O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.
 The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Groves' O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.
 Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c.
 Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

BANDITS ARE UNDER ARREST

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 14.—Two men, said to be the masked bandits who robbed the railroad station at Jolly, Texas, near Gainesville, last night, were reported to be under arrest at Necona, today. The bandits obtained \$700 from the station which they looted.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
 Now is the time to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before the winter is over. You will look a good while before you find a better remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough or one that is more pleasant to take. It meets with favor everywhere. Buy it now and be prepared.

UTILITY BILL IS AGREED UPON

AUSTIN, Dec. 14.—The committee appointed by the governor to frame the public utilities bill for admission to the next Texas legislature, will hold its final session on January 10th, 1921.

Chairman A. B. Curtis stated today that practically all the main features of the tentative bill which the sub-committee drafted and submitted to the main committee yesterday, had been agreed upon. Amendments were made to the tentative bill providing for exemption of Pullman companies from jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy, particularly beneficial for elderly men. Price \$1.50 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nixon returned to their home in Alpine last Thursday, making the trip through the country in their car, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. N.

DO'S AND DON'TS AT THE P. O.

Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of Uncle Sam Will Assist Clerks and Carriers.

DON'T put off mailing that package until Christmas eve.

Don't neglect to tie it properly. It is handled at least five times before it reaches its destination.

Don't forget to write your own return address on all parcel post matter. Don't guess at the postage and give your friends the pleasure of paying "postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on the face of packages or letters; take care not to "seal" parcel post packages with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness on your part can help to make Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's men, his horses and his automobiles. Do mail early, preferably before December 20th, writing on your packages: "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Do your best to use the post offices in the forenoon, the earlier the better. Do write legibly, both the address to which you are sending the gift and your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmassy" to the post office men who serve you. They are handling thousands of pieces of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You keep someone else waiting if you are loaded like an express truck, with packages and foolish questions.

THINGS THE BOYS LONG FOR

Youngsters Prefer Toys or Contrivances to Test Their Muscular Skill or Endurance.

WHAT shall be said of that blundering kindness of home folk that considers giving the boy only presents of such things as he actually needs? It is an outrage upon the spirit of Christmas to present him with new shoes, ties, handkerchiefs—something that he knows he will get anyway—when his sleeping and waking dreams for weeks before have been filled with visions of tops, balls, guns and magic lanterns, says Maud Sunders in the Woman's Home Companion. The most beautiful knitted muller woman's fingers ever constructed cannot compare with a jack-knife with four blades and a cork-screw attachment, when exhibited over the back fence to a neighbor boy on Christmas morning. Very soon after the days of kilts a boy reaches the age when he yearns with his whole soul after any toy or contrivance that will test his muscular skill or endurance. At this age an appropriate present would be a rawhide or rope larriat, such as is used by the Buffalo Bill riders. A pair of hand or arm stilts will be received with equal favor, and in the same category comes a new fishing rod, snow shoes, tennis racket, golf clubs, a good ball, lamp or cyclometer for his wheel, or even a live pet, a new dog, a pair of rabbits or guinea pigs—something that he can pet and train for his own.

Ex-Sheriff Perkins is at home from a trip to the Rio Grande valley and to points mighty close to the Mexican border. He brought back a grip full of oranges and grape fruit grown in the valley and a small supply of tequila, the fruit for his own use and the tequila presumably for his friends.

G. Dornberger, in charge of the Santa Fe park work, was here Thursday looking after this department of the Santa Fe.

Funny Christmas Habit.
 There is not a drug store, cigar shop or barroom in the larger cities which has not been made the storage room for Christmas presents bought before the rush sets in. The strange part of it is that every man who utilizes the friendship of his favorite place round the corner thinks he is the only one who thought of the plan. Realizing that the stores will be crowded, many far-sighted heads of families bought their presents a week in advance, and then, fearing the nature of the mysterious package would be discovered at the office or at home, they hid upon the device of making a cache in some resort near home.

Plants for Christmas.
 Other things being equal, it is better to buy plants near one's home than to travel afar. Do not be tempted, even by cheap offers, to go miles away, for counting car fares, packing expressage and lost time, the ultimate cost is very likely to be more than if you paid a good deal higher price at home. Of course it may happen that one grover or florist has a large stock of some one thing and can sell it at a low rate, but dealers usually have an understanding with one another, especially regarding holiday prices, and for weeks before the holiday season they have been balancing stock with each other, so that the better quality plants are of an almost fixed value.

Christmas in Days of Yore.
 There are many old and stately ceremonies and many historical events connected with Christmas that are well worth perusing, and that give us glimpses of ye ancient times when our fathers and our fathers' forefathers celebrated and revelled and gave of their abundance to those for whom nothing was prepared.

MISSING MAN FOUND DEAD IN GALVESTON

FT. WORTH, Dec. 14.—The police believe that the unidentified man who died in Galveston from exposure yesterday, is undoubtedly John Hammill, the Ottawa, Canada, merchant, who disappeared from his home on November 11th, and who the officers in this city have been searching for during the last two days. The description of the body wired today tallies with the description of the Canadian which is in the hands of the local police.

GALVESTON, Dec. 14.—The body of the man found in the yards of the Mexican Petroleum Co. early yesterday, is being held pending the arrival of Mrs. John Hammill, of Ottawa, Canada, whose husband, a wealthy merchant, has been missing from his home since November 11th. Mrs. Hammill has been requested to come to Texas to confirm the conclusion of the police departments at Ft. Worth and Galveston that the body is that of Hammill.

Hammill is supposed to have been the victim of asphyxia. The family received a letter from Hammill written on the stationery of a Fort Worth hotel, and that was the first clue to his whereabouts.

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CAFES CUT FOOD PRICES 25 PER CENT

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14.—A reduction in prices of food from ten to twenty-five per cent was announced this morning by several cafes in this city. The price of coffee in virtually all the restaurants in the city was cut from ten cents to five cents per cup. Leading dairies supplying this city announced reduction in the price of milk, effective next Thursday, from twenty-five to eighteen cents per quart.

Mrs. Bullock Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
 "Last winter when my children were sick with colds and were coughing a good deal I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. C. M. Bullock, Gotham, N. Y. "It relieved them at once and under this treatment all symptoms of the cold gradually disappeared. My experience with this medicine warrants my recommending it to others."

IMMIGRATION BILL WINS IN THE LOWER HOUSE

The House passed the Johnson immigration bill by a vote of 293 to 41, six members not voting. Fifteen congressmen voted for the bill, one against it, and two not voting. Black, Blanton, Box, Buchanan, Briggs, Connelly, Hudspeth, Eagle, Hardy, Jones, Latham, Parish, Rayburn, Summers, and Young voted for the bill. Bee voted against it, and Garner and Mansfield did not vote. If the bill passes the Senate, which is said to be doubtful, all immigration to this country will be prohibited for a period of one year.

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Ford or Chevrolet	\$23 85	\$29 83
Overland and Brisco	\$25.00	\$30 81
Hudson, Buick, National Essex or Studebaker	\$27 50	\$31.24
Dodge or Maxwell	\$34.78	\$38 50

Casings 10 and 5 per cent Off; Tubes Free with every Casing. We have Goodrich, Ajax, Pennsylvania, Fisk, Springfield and Night. Every one of them 6,000 Mile Casings.

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Taxes!—And Your Telephone

Did you know that when the telephone company sells you a dollar's worth of telephone service, Mr. Subscriber—

The company must pay out, on the average, 6c of that dollar for taxes of one kind or another on its property and business—

So that every dollar's worth of telephone service could about as properly be billed to you: 9c for Telephone Service, and 6c for Taxes!

Taxes have increased from 50% to 75% in the past five years—and this not including the war revenue taxes on long distance messages. Think that over, Mr. Subscriber, when you compare the price of telephone service today with its price before the war.

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Follows Repeated Colds When Blood Is Impure.

Your body suffering from a cold does not properly attend to digestion and elimination. As a result your blood becomes impure, it inflames the mucous membrane and brings about that condition in which chronic catarrh occurs and on which it depends.

Purify your blood, make it clean, by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and if your bowels are not healthfully active, take Hood's Pills. These medicines have relieved and prevented many cases of chronic catarrh. Economy is one of the strong points in Hood's Sarsaparilla—100 doses in a bottle. Why not get it today?

DICKMAN ORDERS ARMY TO CONSERVE THE COAL

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 9.—Orders have been issued by Major General Joseph T. Dickman, commanding officer of the Eighth Army Corps, for strict conservation of coal supplies within the corps area, which includes Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

In order to get the best results from heating systems in the various camps within the area, inspectors have been appointed to make periodical visits to every barrack during the winter season. Coal supplies for the several military camps in and around San Antonio will be consolidated, it has been announced.

Informal Dance at Crews

M. E. Wells of the Crews, community, entertained quite a number of young people on Saturday night last with an informal dance.

After enjoying themselves by dancing the young people were served with a delicious beverage of chocolate and cake a la tarte.

The visiting participants were the Misses, Robbie Ash and Grace Dark, of Ballinger; Thelma

HUNTERS RETURN AND REPORT GOOD LUCK

Dr. S. B. Raby, Ernest Woodson, Nealy McMillian, Earl Webb, Harvey Hayes and Archie O'Kelly returned first of the week from a hunt in the mountains below Alpine. They report hard luck going down, having suffered a break down in one of the cars, but made up for lost time when they got in the hunting grounds, and in addition to plenty of small game and a good outing they brought back four big bucks.

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NEGROES GOING BACK

Two car loads of negroes shipped out from this county for their homes in South and East Texas Saturday afternoon. One car of the negroes came from Rowena and Miles, and the others loaded on here. Quite a crowd of negroes who are remaining here to finish the cotton picking job, gathered at the train to see the others leave.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Norton, accompanied by her little daughter, left for Brownwood Friday afternoon, where they will visit friends.

Mrs. J. A. Guy was here from Talpa, Friday, transacting business with Santa Claus and visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Baker.

PROPOSES CO. TO DRILL WELL

"Editor Ledger: Kindly permit me through the columns of your valuable paper to express my views with reference to a proposition which, if put over, might mean much, not only to the City of Ballinger, but to our entire county.

"The proposition may be stated in the form of a question as follows: Is the time opportune for the exercise of the energies and efforts of our worthy Young Men's Business League toward the organization of a joint stock company, to be governed by a board of local directors, for the purpose of drilling a test well for oil and gas at some place on the property of the city along the Colorado River, say the City Park?

"In reaching a correct solution of the question, we should consider the past and present conditions.

"It may be recalled that throughout the wildcatting and oil agitation in this county, I took no part therein, but maintained perfect silence, because I knew that at that time the proven oil fields were in the zenith of their wonderful production; that the price of drilling machinery and material, and high priced labor, was beyond the reach of the small independent investor; that the railway systems were in the hands of the national government and only the high up oil magnates, rated in the millions, could get a hearing at transportation headquarters; that the outlawed Standard Oil Company, and its numerous subsidiaries, controlled the situation, monopolized both the material and transportation, and thereby rendered it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, for moderate capital to succeed in the development of an oil field.

"Of course, I realize that the greed and avarice of that gigantic concern has not in the least abated, but indeed it would, but for the restraining hand of our Creator, commercialize and monopolize even the tinted sunbeams of early morn while yet they glow upon the mountain side lest they should leap to the summit and shine just for awhile, upon the worthy people in the valley below.

"But conditions have changed. Production is decreasing in the proven oil fields; there is a great increase in the unemployed, consequently cheaper labor; a large amount of idle oil well machinery and material are now on the market for sale at very reasonable prices; the railway systems have been returned to the owners and transportation can be obtained at reasonable rates as readily by the smallest investor as the greatest.

"Having canvassed the situation quite thoroughly I am satisfied that a sufficient amount of acreage can be acquired that will make it worth while to such a joint stock company, the details of which may be presented at a later date should the proposition receive consideration.

"The territory along either side of the Colorado River from the Los Arroyo country above Ballinger, to the mouth of the Concho River, has received much attention by many eminent geologists, and especially of the geological department of our State, and in their several reports the Ballinger territory along the river furnishes the best evidence of oil and gas in the section of the state. However, this has become a matter of common knowledge obtained through geological bulletins published under authority of our state, in which it is stated that oil production in paying quantities may be reached at 2800 feet along the river within our city limits.

"I need not dwell upon the question of the benefits to be derived from such enterprise to our city. For, if oil is obtained, in paying quantities, the city would receive one-eighth royalty, the result of which would naturally be to increase our population and to build numerous public enterprises. And should there be a flow of gas, even to equal that of Russell number one in the South-eastern portion of our county, it would be sufficient to solve the fuel problem of our city and would be a great factor in the upbuilding of Ballinger and the surrounding country.

"In view of the facts above stated the test well, including cost of rig, material, and labor, can be drilled to a depth of 3000

feet for \$50,000.00, \$25,000.00 of which I am told can be raised by persons who do not reside in Runnels County, but will take stock in such a company for that amount, provided our citizens will subscribe and pay in the other \$25,000.00. Doubtless there are those, of the "knocking class," who will say that my suggestions are but the effervescence of a Duma's dream of the "Isle of Monte Garisti," but in my "hog and hominy" opinion I believe that if our worthy and efficient secretary of the League should take the initiative, and receive the hearty co-operation of our business men, the enterprise can and will become an accomplished fact, and blossom and bloom into reality, and then the good people of our city will arise from the "flats of depression" and soar aloft on downy wings of prosperity to the "Elysian shades" of perfect happiness, and will ever be heard singing the praises of our Young Men's Business League, never returning in their flight of praise unless it be to light upon the tower of an oil derrick in yonder City Park and look down with scorn, just for a moment, on the bleaching bones of the ever chronic knoekner.

"C. H. WILLINGHAM."
State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NEW COURT MEETS IN ITS FIRST SESSION

The new Commissioners' Court convened Monday afternoon for its first session since the new commissioners qualified recently.

Commissioners Yeager, Miller, Deen and Curry were all present with County Judge Parish presiding. The new court will get down to business, and will no doubt adopt a progressive plan for handling the county's affairs, looking well after good roads, which is the most important matter before the court.

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. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL 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 dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 75c per bottle.

BOX SUPPER BIG AFFAIR FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

The Senior Class of the local high school realized \$42.50 from the Box Supper which was held at the Library Friday night. While the attendance was not as large as the class hoped for, those present were well paid for their time, the sale of boxes and other entertainment making the occasion a merry one. County Superintendent Bugg was the auctioneer and his "spieling" was in regular auctioneer style and the boxes went fast, some bringing as high as \$5.

Mayor Guin ran the bidding up to \$5 on one box, and desiring to make the box bring all it would, it was resold and brought \$1.10.

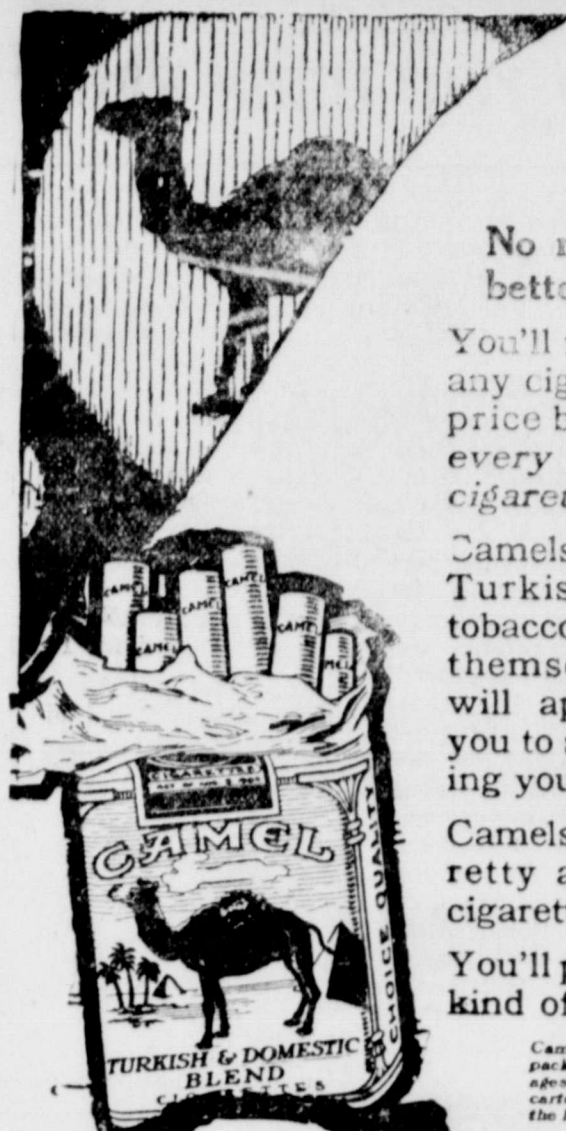
Good Advice

Take Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as you have finished your supper and they will produce a gentle movement of the bowels on the following morning. They will also improve your digestion and make you feel better in every way.

WILL REOPEN PHOTO STUDIO AGAIN SOON

M. Whitlock, who had the misfortune to lose his photograph studio in the fire which damaged the Brewer building last Sunday night, is arranging to reopen the gallery at once. Mr. Whitlock had no insurance and is pretty heavy on his

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Engineer Gives Review of New Colorado River Bridge

"On several occasions the writer, in conversation with interested citizens of the city and county, has come to realize that very little is generally known regarding the Colorado River Bridge that is now under construction. A brief review of the structure will be given in order that the people may know something of how the \$18,240,000 of their money and the \$54,720,000 State and Federal Aid money is being expended. It will be noted that the State and Federal Aid for the project is just three times as large as the amount furnished by the county. Runnels county should indeed, be very grateful to the State Highway Department for having received such a large percentage of aid on this project as the instances in which more than fifty per cent aid has been granted are very few, numbering only three or four.

"The type of the structure is known as a combination of reinforced concrete and steel-span bridge. That is, the channel of the river will be spanned by two one hundred foot steel truss spans resting on three piers. This part of the structure is led up to by reinforced-concrete approaches from either end. The two approaches are three hundred and fifteen feet long which together with the two hundred feet of steel-spans aggregate a total length of five hundred fifteen feet for the entire bridge. The width of the driveway of the new structure will be nineteen feet, while that of the present one is only sixteen feet. In addition to the wide drive, the new bridge will carry a sidewalk on the down stream side.

"The bridge proper is divided into three separate sections or units, i. e. the north approach, the steel spans and the south approach.

"The first of these, the north approach, which is now well under construction, consists of a sub-structure of one abutment and three five-column bents. On the sub-structure rests the super-structure consisting of four reinforced concrete deck girder spans each of which is 28 feet six inches in length. Construction of the first of the girder spans has just commenced and to any one interested it presents a good example of reinforced concrete design and construction. Embodied in the structure will be found three distinct and widely used methods of supporting floor systems, that is

the through Pratt riveted truss. The sidewalk along this section will be supported by steel cantilever beams extending out from the down stream truss.

"The south approach is similar to the north one except it is somewhat longer.

"U. STEPHENS."

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"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.

Mr. Root, who has lived a long time may have noticed before that love is strongest when a predicted landslide has not become a reality.—Milwaukee Journal.

J. L. Golden, a former Ballinger merchant, is here from Eden visiting his brother W. L., and looking after business.

Cash vs. Credit

Cash unlocks the storehouse of prosperity, is the mother of economy and enables you to live within your income.

Credit is the open door to extravagance, induces you to live ahead of your income and forms the yoke of bondage.

We are convinced that what little credit we might extend to our customers would tend to work a hardship instead of a favor, so our ambition is to build up a cash system that will prove a blessing to the entire country.

From January 1st, 1921, our business including all our branch stores will be operated on a strictly cash basis. We propose to give the public full benefit of a real economic cash system and our constant effort will be to find the shortest and cheapest route from the producer to the consumer, thereby enabling us to help reduce your living expenses.

To our friends and customers that have been buying from us on short time, we wish to say that we appreciate your liberal patronage and we regard you as the very best class of trade the country affords and we trust that our strictly cash system will not turn you from us but, on the other hand, you may realize that our new policy is greatly to your advantage.

By investigation you will find our prices as low as the lowest (Quality considered) and as a special cash inducement we will allow a 5 per cent discount on all purchases from \$5.00 up.

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Are there any rats, large or
small, around your premises?

Wanted—1,000 people to take
part in rabbit drives during
Christmas week. No shooting.

Meat prices dropped as much as
twenty per cent in some towns
this week. We are still listening
for a drop here.

Rat and rabbit wars are wars
every citizen should make good
soldiers in. Don't wait to be
drafted, or classed as a slacker.

The mayor of Desdemona was
caught in a raid on a gambling
house. No city can rise above the
moral standing of its public of-
ficers.

Germany seems to be making
good on her threat not to pull out
of the hole and pay her war debts
The German people are taking a
long rest, while creditors wait.

The next thing you will be
asked to do will be to swat the
rat. The Y. M. B. L. is framing
up a rat killing campaign, and
interesting announcements will
soon be made. Get your rat killer
ready.

By abolishing the office of
County Farm Agent, the Com-
missioners have saved the people
of Russells county about one-half
of one per cent per capita per
annum. Some saving.

It is a little unreasonable to
talk ice to the ice consumers, but
a moment's reflection on the ice
experience of last summer should
make a man hot in the collar.

A crown in Europe may be a
little thorny, but King Constantine
seems to be willing to wear
one again. If the monarchial na-
tions wish to get the full benefit
of a republican form of govern-
ment, they should abolish all
crowns.

Bearing a record entitled "The
Worst is Yet to Come," a photo-
graph shipped from Cleveland,
Ohio, to Sereport, La., was
found to contain eight quarts of
whiskey carefully packed in the
record compartment. This should
make the photograph the gift
supreme.

Cotton seems to be going
begging, and many farmers
are threatening to jump the game
and come to town and starve
it out with the rest of the paper
bag and tin can subsisters,
but real estate continues to
hold its value. The man
who plants his surplus cash
in real estate will see it grow.
Newcomers must have homes,
and newcomers are flowing into
West Texas by the thousand.

NO CAUSE FOR GLOOM
While the cotton market is not
what it should be, there is no
just cause for the depression
which seems to be working on
some people. The farmers are in
good shape. Most of them have
money in the bank, cotton in the
yard and feed in the bin, with a
fairly good cattle range for the
winter and livestock fat. Look-
ing back to the recent drouth we
can make a comparison which
should cause us to get from un-
der the gloom of disrumtism
and see the sun that is really
shining. Disappointment over
cotton prices is not near so bad
as other recent experiences.

**RETARDING GROWTH OF OUR
POPULATION**

Hardly a day passes but what
a number of inquiries are made
at The Ledger office for homes.
Frequently the callers advertise
for rooms, if they can't get
houses, but in most cases adver-
tising does not bring results in
this particular instance. Every
house suitable for occupancy in
this city is "full up." The man
who rents a house now not only
does so when he learns that some
one is going to move and get his
application in advance. This is
one of our hard luck stories, for
many people want to come to
Ballinger to make their home,

DO YOU HELP FEED THE RATS?



Courtesy Star-Telegram

and the housing shortage is pre-
venting a growth in our popula-
tion.

**TOM GREEN COUNTY RE-
TAINS FARM AGENTS**

In addition to maintaining
their county farm agent, the
Commissioners' Court of Tom
Green county voted to maintain
Miss Lucille Spann as Home
Demonstration Agent. That
county's appropriation is sup-
plemented by an appropriation
for both the county agents and
Tom Green county is to be con-
gratulated for being able to carry
on this important work.

Miss Spann is a niece of the
Spann brothers of Ballinger. Her
work includes the general sup-
ervision of sewing and cooking
classes in the rural schools, the
organizing of cooking and can-
ning clubs among the girls, and
the preparation of food as a
measure for better health. She
has been so successful in her work
that the Commissioners' Court of
the neighboring county voted to
retain her for another year.

There is no comparison be-
tween Russells county and Tom
Green county in the agricultural
standing of the two counties, but
it seems that Russells county
will not even be able to maintain
a farm agent, when the State
and Federal government are
paying three-fifths of his salary.

A SERMON FOR THE TIMES

The following dispatch from
Hugo, Oklahoma, contains a ser-
mon that carries a lesson of the
times:

"A flock of fifty-five hens
bought last Spring has brought
O. M. Mashburn more ready cash
this year than the fourteen-hale
crop which he has produced. The
old stock was sold off at an aver-
age of \$2.50 a head; eggs brought
more than \$350 during the year,
and there is on hand a flock of
125 pullets with a valuation of \$2
placed per head.

"Money from the sale of the
chickens and eggs were used to
pay the cotton pickers."
Add to a flock of such hens a
few purebred dairy cattle and
registered hogs, with a sufficient
acreage of feed crops for them
and a home garden for the fam-
ily and you have the proper basis
upon which cotton should be rais-
ed. Besides farming safely, the
man who follows this plan will
renew the fertility of his land,
and not deplete it from year to
year, dissipating his capital. It
is the application of ordinary
business sense to farming.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The fact that the activities of
Ballinger's commercial organiza-
tion are attracting attention out-
side the city limits of Ballinger
is evidenced by the following
from "Texas Business," a maga-
zine published monthly in Dallas
by the Texas Chamber of Com-
merce:

"If any Texas commercial ex-
ecutive thinks that he has gone

stale—if he thinks that the small
city which he is endeavoring to
serve offers small opportunities
for his capabilities—if the world
seems dull and the program
seems to drag, then he should
just drop a line to Stuart L.
Williams, secretary of the Bal-
linger Y. M. B. L. or Finis Senor,
secretary of the Marion County
Chamber of Commerce, asking
them for their program of activi-
ties.

"Jefferson is a typical old
town of East Texas, while Bal-
linger is typical new town of
West Texas. The two little cities
are of approximately the same
size, but absolutely different in
industrial and business setting.
But Williams in Ballinger, and
Senor, in Jefferson, each seem to
have hit upon the combination,
the "open sesame" to that spirit
of co-operation that loyalty to
community and interest in commu-
nity affairs which are essential to
the realization of a Chamber of
Commerce program.

"The work of these two young
commercial executives would be
reviewed here if space permitted,
but a mere tabulation of their
activities would fill three pages
of this magazine. So the com-
mercial secretary, looking for a
source of inspiration, is advised
to write to Williams and Senor
for outlines of their work; they
contain some excellent sugges-
tions."

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup fresh
from the East Texas farm.—E. A.
Jeanes & Co. 15 4td-1tw

**BRITISH MEDDLE
IN SHIP BOARD**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—
Members of the British mission
visited the United States in 1917
and attempted to influence the
policies of the shipping board, ac-
cording to William Denman, who
testified today before the special
House committee which is investi-
gating the United States Ship-
ping Board's operations.

Denman indicated that his in-
sistence that the shipping board
be free from British influence
"had more to do with his resigna-
tion as chairman of the board
than any other one thing."
The witness said that in this
connection if he could obtain per-
mission of President Wilson for
the disclosure of "certain phases"
of the shipping board's negotia-
tions "one source of interference
with my administration as head
of the board may be disclosed."

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from the East Texas farm.—E. A.
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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Runkles
here from San Angelo, Mrs. R.
kles visiting her parents, Mr.
Mrs. W. W. Chastain, while
Runkles looks after business.

**First White Man Came
Here 58 Years Ago**

December 14, 1862, the first
white man settled in Russells
county, and thus today (Tuesday)
is the 58th anniversary of civiliza-
tion in this county.

It was on this date that a small
company of pioneers, consisting of
Dad Guest and wife and three
sons, Ben Cole and wife and Ben
Wiley, and an old negro woman,
a black "mammy" in the Wiley
family in Mississippi, called a halt
and pitched camp at a point on
Elm creek near the Russells cross-
ing.

Being winter time, and the pio-
neers deciding to spend awhile
here, they constructed a crude
shelter, using small trees and
building a breast-work of pickets.
Their headquarters took the name
of Pickettville, and the company
began to blaze the way for civiliza-
tion and were the forerunners
of what today is one of the most
prosperous counties in the state.

Shortly after arriving here, the
old black mammy was called to
her reward. It was the first
death to occur among civilized

people in what is now Russells
county. The old negro woman was
buried at some point just North of
Ballinger, the exact location of
the grave not being known at this
time.

Nat Guest, one of the sons of
the first white family to come to
this county, was the last to pass
out of this world. He died here
about a year ago. A brother, Bart
Guest, of Oklahoma, is the only
surviving member of the company
of early settlers.

Mr. Guest frequently related his
early experiences in this county.
The first Christmas day was cele-
brated with a big buffalo hunt.
Buffalo were killed and a good
supply of fresh meat laid up for
the winter.

Later other members of the
Wiley family came and friends of
the first comers followed, and the
coming of the white man drove the
redskins further West, but not un-
til after many fights and not until
after the early settlers had paid
the price of advancing civilization
with their lives.

Dizzy—Wrecked His Automobile

"Two years ago my stomach
trouble got so bad that I was al-
most constantly filled with gas.
This made me very dizzy at times.
Last Fall I was almost overcome
by one of these dizzy spells while
driving my car, and ran it into a
telephone pole, badly wrecking
the car. A friend recommended
Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for my
trouble. Since taking the
first dose I have steadily improv-
ed, and feel better now than ever
in my life." It is a simple, harm-
less preparation that removes the
catarrhal mucus from the intes-
tinal tract and allays the inflam-
mation which causes practically
all stomach, liver and intestinal
ailments, including appendicitis.
One dose will convince or money
refunded. At druggists every-
where.

**SHIPS SAW FILER
TO MEXICAN GIN**

The Creasy Rotary Filer Co.,
received an order this week from
a gin at Tlahualilo, Estado de
Durango, Mexico, for one of their
rotary filer machines, and the
local factory will ship out the
machine at once.

This is the second rotary filer
sold to the Mexican gin company,
which goes to show that they are
pleased with the first one. Com-
ing from a foreign country and
without solicitation, this order in-
dicates to some extent the repu-
tation which has been created for
the wonderful labor saving mach-
ine found in the Creasy rotary
gin saw filer.

This business began in a small
way when R. B. Creasy invented
the first rotary gin saw filer
for the local oil mill, and which
was operated by hand until the
machine was improved from time
to time, until today it is declared
to be the most successful piece of
machinery for the gin and oil mill
trade there is on the market. The
company has placed machines
throughout every state where cot-
ton is grown.

Mrs. Oscar Sensabaugh of Lub-
bock, is here visiting her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pad-
gett. Mrs. Sensabaugh's friends
still persist in addressing her as
Miss Hester Padgett.

J. W. Tippet, of the Crews
country, was a busy visitor to the
city Thursday. Mr. Tippet re-
ported that his daughter sold
\$500 worth of turkeys and did
not sell all her turkey crop either.

Dr. W. B. Halley and Uncle Joe
Routh, H. M. Jossey and Leonard
Norred are at home from Waco,
where they attended the Grand
Lodge of Masons.

John Odom, of Fort Stockton,
stopped off here Thursday to visit
his brother, G. G. Odom, while
en route home from a business
trip to Brownwood.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Car to
arrive Friday or Saturday.—E.
A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

C. R. Hightower, of the Win-
ters country, had business in the
city Monday.

Thos. C. Hall, of Temple, is
here looking after his farming in-
terests.

**AGAINST LAW TO
STEAL WHISKEY**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—Des-
pite the fact that the sale of whis-
key is illegal it has a market
value and theft of it constitutes
a violation of the law, according
to a decision of the criminal court
of appeals in an opinion rendered
by Judge Porterfield today in the
case of Samuel Warren, negro,
convicted by a jury on the charge
of stealing liquor by robbery.

Judge Porterfield sentenced
the negro to five years in the
state penitentiary. Warren was
charged with stealing whiskey to
the value of over \$2,000 from a
local residence. The defense
asked that the negro be discharg-
ed on the ground that there was
no robbery proved because whis-
key is of no value. The court in
assessing the punishment holds
that whiskey has a value.

Robber Stamps.—The Ballinger
Printing Co.



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TROUBLE AND
OUR SERVICE**

Any man or woman who
needs glasses for near and
far vision will find Kryptok's
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derful comfort and conveni-
ence.

With two sights invisibly
combined in one pair of
lenses.

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enable the wearer to enjoy
the comforts of natural eye-
sight.

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Kryptok or something else
we can end your eyeglass
troubles. Our work is sci-
entifically correct; our service
unexcelled. May we have
the pleasure of advising
you?

Dr. McGuire

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and Saturdays.

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To Our Depositors**

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by ample resources, strong
management and constant
national supervision.

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stitutions.

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IS THE HAPPIEST WOMAN IN STATE

So Mrs. Poe Says After Tanlac Restores Health—Gains Thirty Pounds.

"The results I have gotten from Tanlac are so wonderful that I feel compelled to tell everybody about it," said Mrs. John Poe, 601 Third St., Pekin, Ill. "and my recovery, after fifteen years suffering, has made me the happiest woman in Illinois.

"Why, everything I ate caused me agony. Gas pressed up around my heart so I would faint, and when I recovered consciousness I would be limp as a rag. Lots of times my neighbors came in thinking I was going to die. I also suffered with rheumatism so bad I would have to sit for days at a time with my feet on a pillow on a chair, and my elbows were so stiff and painful I could hardly use my arms. I could hardly sleep at all and have stayed awake many a night from pain.

"My husband urged me to try Tanlac and the way it restored my health was the gladdest surprise that I ever had. Why, I have gained thirty pounds since I began taking it, my troubles have disappeared completely and I feel as splendid as when I was a girl. I just feel like I owe my life to Tanlac and I only wish I had known of it long ago."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Jno. A. Weeks, in Tokeken by J. W. Bright, in Winters by Owens Drug Store.

Resolution of Respect

Whereas on the 15th day of Oct. 1918, our dear Lord in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call from the walk of man, our friend and brother Homer Gannaway.

He was secretary of Wingate Lodge No. 1042 A. F. & A. M. at the time of his death. He was raised by this Lodge on Sept. 25, 1915, and proved to be a worthy member. Bro. Homer was a patriotic Christian gentleman of the first type.

He died in Liverpool, England, while on the way to the front to fight for his country, therefore be it resolved that this Lodge has lost one of its most faithful members, the country a loyal citizen, the church a devoted Christian, the mother a noted and faithful son.

Whereas the friendly and intimate relations with him in the faithful discharge of every duty while a member of this lodge and to its members make it eminently befitting that we express our appreciation of him and extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

His death will leave a vacancy in the Lodge where his membership has been since initiated.

He was laid to rest by his home Lodge in the Wingate cemetery Aug. 30, 1920.

Be it resolved that a copy of the resolutions be sent to his mother, a copy to the home paper, and a copy sent to the Texas Free Mason, and a copy be spread on the minutes.

J. A. Broadstreet,
Willard Morrison,
W. N. Denson,
d&w lt Committee.

OKLAHOMA MAN PLACED IN LOCAL JAIL

Guy Fagherie, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, was placed in jail here Wednesday morning by Sheriff Flynt. The local officer acted upon advice received from the sheriff of Tishomingo, and the Oklahoma officer has been notified to come after his man.

Sheriff Flynt received a phone message from the sheriff at Tishomingo Wednesday morning, requesting the local officer to look out for Fagherie, stating that he was believed to be in this part of the country, either at Ballinger or Winters.

In a short time after talking over the phone to Oklahoma, Mr. Flynt had the young man in jail. He was found at Winters working in a barber shop. He had only been at Winters a short time

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE—Bermuda Onion Plants grown from genuine imported onion seed from Dec. 1st to March 1st. Delivered prices: Yellow, 500 \$1.25; 1,000 \$1.75; 5,000 \$7.50; 10,000 \$12.50. Crystal Wax 500 -1.50; 1,000 \$2.00; 5,000 \$8.75; 10,000 \$16.50. I guarantee every shipment. Orders filled same day received. C. H. Melton, Davine, Texas. "The Largest Onion Plant Grower in the World." 15-3d-3w

FOR SALE—One Windmill, Tower, Tank, and tank stand, cheap. Mrs. Kate Phillips, Ballinger. 15-2d-1w-*

FOR SALE—Absolutely new Ford, 5 passenger, \$600.00. Carl Nance. 1-d&w-rt

FOR SALE—3 mares, one span of mules, 4 milch cows, 1 double standard double disc, slightly used, 2 standard cultivators, one standard planter, leather harness, all to go at bargain prices. Can be seen at my place six miles West of Ballinger. Phone 3392, F. M. Wiley. 26-4w-*

FOR SALE—One Atlas 8-H. P. Engine, with 50 feet of belt, one No. 4 Pump, will handle 12 hundred gallons water per minute on 15 foot lift, with 300 feet of 8 inch cypress pipe, tarred and wrapped with wire, one 53 gallon gas tank with connections. This machinery has only been used a part of two seasons. A bargain at \$550. S. M. Jones, Regency, Mills county, Texas. 26-8w-*

FOR SALE—300 bushels fine blue Mediterranean stem seed Wheat for planting, guaranteed free of smut, and Johnson grass, price \$2.75 per bushel. I live near Red Bank School house in Baker Flat, Route No. 1, Miles, Texas. Joe Debus. 29-4w

FOR SALE—All my farm machinery, consisting of plows, disc harrows, drills, reaper, mower, rake, middle busters, wagons, hoes, etc. Also good mares and mules to be sold. Will sell to the highest bidder at my place ten miles South of Ballinger on Jan. 1st. W. T. Nichols. 26-3d-4w

LOST—One black Horse Mule, about 10 years old, about 14 1/2 hands high, shod in front, has a Roman nose, had big leather halter on with brass brade. Will pay \$10.00 reward for the recovery of the mule. L. R. Dameron, Crews, Texas. 10-2w-*

LOST—Somewhere in Rannels county, Rawleigh's State and Book. Finder return to Ledger office and receive reward. 7-2td-2w-*

LOST—Bumper off Maxwed car, Notify L. Overman, Norton, Texas. 17-1w-*

STRAYED—Span of horses, both bay, one bald-faced about 10 years old, the other had bad wire cut on right shoulder, about six years old. If found reward for return to Jim Flynt, Ballinger or E. C. Bredemeyer, Winters, Texas. 17-1w-*

FOR SALE—Pure Lone Star Cotton Seed, \$1.75 per bushel, sacked. See Mr. Brown, near Bankford's Store or D. F. Eaton, Ben. Coons. 17-3w-*

and when arrested expressed some surprise. He claimed that he did not know what the charges against him are. The nature of the charges, further than that the man is wanted for felony, are unknown here. It is expected that an Oklahoma officer will arrive here within a few days to get the prisoner.

Eggs Eggs Eggs and more Eggs or your money back if you feed "Martin's Egg Producer." "Martin's Roup Remedy" cures and prevents Roup absolutely guaranteed by Jno. A. Weeks. 17-26d-1w

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Rannels county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. S. Barrington, by making publication of this Citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Rannels County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D., 1921; the same being the 14th day of March A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 16th day of September, A. D., 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2006, wherein Mrs. Odie Barrington, is Plaintiff, and W. S. Barrington, is Defendant, and said petition alleging:

Now comes Mrs. Odie Barrington, who resides in Rannels County, Texas hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of W. S. Barrington, whose place of residence to this plaintiff is unknown, hereinafter called defendant; and for cause of action, plaintiff represents, to the court that she is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided within said State for at least twelve months and in said County of Rannels for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that on or about the 14th day of December, A. D. 1909, she being then a single woman by the name of Odie Stephens, was in Rannels County, Texas, lawfully married to defendant; that they continued to live together as husband and wife until on or about the 20th day of January, A. D., 1915, when the defendant without any provocation whatsoever from the part of plaintiff, left plaintiff for parts unknown and has since that day remained away from plaintiff and has contributed nothing to her support.

Plaintiff alleges that at all times during her married life to defendant she has been a dutiful wife and affectionate toward her said husband.

Plaintiff alleges that defendant's actions and conduct toward her generally are of such nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife unsupported, the premises considered.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and for judgment dissolving said marriage relations, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity, that he may be justly entitled to, and will ever so pray, etc.

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

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, this 7th day of December, A. D., 1920.

GEORGIA SINGLETARY, (Seal) Clerk, District Court, Rannels County, 4w-17-24-31 jan 7.

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Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup fresh from the East Texas farm.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-4td-1tw

Jess McAdams was peddling oil here this week and reports the Pecan Bayou town still on the same side of the bayou.

Mrs. W. A. Taylor returned first of the week from Forney, where she went to attend the funeral of her niece.

In these perilous times a good

many men are devoutly hoping their wives will not lose their jobs.—Baltimore American.

President Wilson paid no more heed to Mr. Bryan's recent advice than if Mr. Bryan was still in the Cabinet.—Chicago Daily News.

How could Senator Harding be expected to have any confidence in a League of Nations that sends a resolution of greeting to President Wilson.—New York World

CLOSING OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF U. S. ARMY and NAVY Other Goods AT SACRIFICE PRICES

U. S. ARMY SHOES Brand new; regulation; chocolate color; all leathers, postpaid \$4.75

GREY WOOL BLANKETS U. S. Army grey blankets; all wool; brand new, postpaid \$4.45

OLIVE DRAB MACKINAWS Brand new and perfect. A real sacrifice; postpaid \$11.95

ARMY LONG TROUSERS U. S. Army, all wool O. D. long pants; civilian style, brand new, for \$5.75

O. D. BLANKETS U. S. Army, Regulation, All-wool O. D. Blankets—good as new—postpaid:

No. 550 \$5.50
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OLIVE DRAB SHIRTS U. S. Army O. D. Wool Shirts—laundered and reclaimed by the government; look like new; only in sizes, 14, 14 1/2 and 15, postpaid:

No. 250 \$2.50
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COTTON UNDERWEAR Medium weight, guaranteed brand new; post paid, per suit now \$2.00

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No. 3 can Sweet Potatoes, per dozen cans \$2.25
5lb bucket Peanut Butter \$1.50
Large size Oatmeal, per package for \$1.35
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Irrigation Association Organized at Miles Meet

Fifty representatives from towns in Runnels, Coke, Tom Green and Concho counties met in Miles, Thursday, and organized the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association. The Association has for its purpose the erection of an irrigation dam and canals at some point along the Colorado River. Captain Stanley was present at the meeting. From 1913 to 1916 was spent by Mr. Stanley in surveying and mapping this project. The maps prepared by him will be available for use by the Association.

The whole project was reviewed in talks by the various representatives, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in San Angelo, and to make it a mass meeting of all the people of the four counties interested.

The report of the nominating committee was unanimously adopted, and the following officers were elected: Carl S. Guin, Ballinger, President; W. R. Knerim, Bronte, 1st Vice Pres.; Tom L. Owens, San Angelo, 2nd Vice Pres.; Stuart L. Williams, Ballinger, Secretary.

The following directors were elected: R. S. Williams and E. G. Walton, Bronte; H. W. Robinson, and W. D. Jennings, Miles; N. K. Freeman and W. A. Halamiczek, Rowena; J. Robert Lee and W. J. Adams, Robert Lee; Tom L. Owens and one other, San Angelo; Wm. L. Dooze and R. T. Williams, Ballinger. It was voted that the directors should constitute membership committees in their respective towns.

Judge J. W. Jennings, W. R. Hunton and Ray B. Cooper, of Miles, were appointed as committee on Constitution and By-Laws. W. R. Knerim, Bronte; H. Wilkins, Miles; and Ray Cooper, Miles were appointed to investigate ways and means of financing the project.

The meeting was marked by the highest of enthusiasm and confidence. It was the opinion of everyone present that the proposition was entirely feasible, and that it required only the combined influence of the people of the four counties interested to bring the whole matter to a head.

If Federal government aid is to be requested, it is known that Congressmen Hudspeth and Blanton are heartily in favor of the enterprise, and that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will use its Washington legislative bureau in furtherance of the plan.

If State aid is to be requested, an irrigation district can be formed from the landowners affected, an election ordered and bonds is-

sued. The bonds can be retired from the water receipts.

It was the opinion of the delegates that Eastern capital could be interested in the formation of an irrigation company to build the dam and canals, and to sell the water to the farm owners.

All angles of the situation are to be viewed at the San Angelo meeting, and the entire matter thrashed out to a definite conclusion.

Captain Stanley offered to complete his surveys, and to submit them for tests, and supply them to the Association for half of what they could be secured from any other source.

The Association passed a standing vote of thanks to Captain Stanley for his assistance at the meeting, and voted to make him a life member of the body.

It was the consensus of opinion that the San Angelo meeting should be held during the first week in January, but this will be decided by a referendum vote of the officers and directors.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by all druggists.

Judge J. H. Baugh and Mrs. Baugh left Friday afternoon for Austin and San Antonio. Mrs. Baugh will visit her mother in San Antonio and Judge Baugh will look after business in Austin.

Mrs. E. Y. Pinkerton, mother of S. D. Pinkerton, and her grand son Young Pinkerton, left for Alabama Friday afternoon, and will spend Christmas in the old states.

Stanley Says "Dream of Life Will Come True"

A dream of one of the most wonderful irrigation projects in the Southwest, followed by days and days of toil, may come true in the life of Col. C. M. Stanley. Col. Stanley was here Sunday, coming over from Bronte in company with Robert Knerim and Bob Hayley of that city, and after a conference here with men who are interested in the great irrigation project, he left for Dallas, and will go from there to Denver, Colorado, where he is associated with a life insurance company.

Col. Stanley is the man who spent two or three years in making surveys and trying to get help in putting over the big irrigation project on the Colorado river North of Ballinger some twenty odd miles. He is an experienced civil engineer and he made many trips over the country where the proposed dam would send its life-giving waters and be the means of making a tropical garden out of what is now a semi-arid country of from 150,000 to 200,000 acres.

Col. Stanley came back to attend the mass meeting held at Miles last Thursday. He heard that the irrigation project had been revived through the Young Men's Business League and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and he lost no time in getting on the scene to assure those interested that he had not lost faith in the proposition and was ready to back it to his full length and strength again.

After many days work, and after failing to get the necessary help to realize his dream, it is said that Col. Stanley broke down and wept because he could not carry out the plan of building the big irrigation project. He left this country and nothing more was heard of him until the undertaking was revived by the local commercial organization.

While here Sunday he talked optimistically over the outlook and says he believes that if the proposition is handled properly that no trouble will be experienced in getting aid to carry it through. "This project is going over and it is the fulfillment of my life's dream," said Col. Stanley.

The possibilities of such an un-

MAN WANTED IS BELIEVED CAUGHT

After a two months' search for the slayer of J. N. Weatherby, a prominent auto dealer, of Brownwood, the officers believe they have the right man under arrest.

According to the Brownwood Bulletin, a man suiting the description of George Scott, alias George Hornsby, is believed to be in jail in a little town in South Carolina. The sheriff's department of Brown county has received a description of the man held in South Carolina and every description, with the exception of missing gold filled front teeth, tallies with the description of the man wanted for the murder of Weatherby.

Pictures of the man were sent to Brownwood, and every one who knew Scott and who has seen the pictures say that he is the man. It seems from the information received from the South Carolina officers the man under arrest had tried to erase marks of identification by burning tattoo marks on his arm and by burning off a mole on his neck, which were characteristic marks of Scott.

Telegrams are being exchanged between the Brownwood officers and the South Carolina officers and if the description is further corroborated an officer will leave at once for the Palmetto state to identify the man positively and return him to Brownwood, and as district court meets there next week, no time will be lost in disposing of the case.

\$5,000 reward is hanging up for Scott, and if the man under arrest should prove to be his double, the search will continue, and sooner or later he will be brought to justice. The youth who is alleged to have been connected with the murder of Weatherby is still in jail at Brownwood. It is reported that he has made a clean story of the whole affair, and will plead for mercy of the court. The woman in the case proved that she was not in Brownwood on the night of the crime, and she was released from jail a short time ago.

The Weatherby murder is one of the most brutal recorded in the annals of criminal history of this section of the state. The man, a well-to-do business man, and with a large circle of friends, was decoyed from his place of business on the night of October 18th to a house in the outskirts of the city, where he was murdered and robbed of diamonds and money. The charnel house was set on fire and the murderers carried the body away in a stolen car. The car went dead a few miles from Brownwood, and the body was found in the weeds nearby the next day, and the search for the parties who were occupying the house began.

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BEN SMITH ON CITY STREET BUILDING

The city has its street grader running and is doing some good work under the direction of Ben Smith. Mr. Smith has been in the employ of the county for several years, and was recently succeeded by M. C. Braden. Water pipes are being laid deeper in the ground and the street grader will be at work on Broadway for a few days.

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TWO WEEKS LAY OFF FOR SCHOOL KIDDIES

Ballinger schools will recess next Friday for a period of two weeks. Teachers in this and several neighboring counties will en-train for San Angelo Sunday following, where they will spend five days attending the annual teachers' institute, and the week following the institute will be the regular Christmas holiday.

W. D. Virden, of the Winters country, passed thru the city Saturday afternoon, en route to different points in South Texas to visit.

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W. E. Puckett and wife, T. A. Puckett and Houston Puckett left for Granger, Saturday afternoon in response to a message stating that their brother-in-law was seriously ill and not expected to live.

H. A. Neas and family went to Brownwood, Saturday afternoon, for a visit with relatives.

F. L. Harper left for New Mexico, Friday afternoon, in response to a telegram that his father was seriously ill.

BALLINGER MAN RECOVERS STOLEN CAR

J. F. Nash, who was here two weeks ago visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Nash, accompanied by his wife and baby, had his car stolen a few minutes after he returned to Fort Worth. Mr. Nash stopped in front of a cafe to get a lunch and was not out of his car more than fifteen minutes when it disappeared. It developed later that the bandits who robbed the Brazos State Bank in Palo Pinto county stole the automobile, and the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram gives the following account of the recovery of the car:

J. F. Nash, whose car was used by the bandits that robbed the Brazos State Bank Tuesday afternoon, has returned from Santo with the machine. It was stolen from Tenth and Throckmorton Streets about 7:00 p. m. Friday and was abandoned by the bandits at Santo when the pursuit of a citizen's posse became too warm.

"Nash reported Thursday that in addition to stealing his car, the bandits stole a suit of clothes and his pistol and used the latter in the hold-up. Nash is a telegraph operator employed by the Rock Island and recently came to Fort Worth from Farmersville."

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J. L. Taylor left for Cooper, Friday afternoon, where he goes on business.

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MRS. NASH LEASES HER BOARDING HOUSE

Mrs. Emma Nash has leased her rooming and boarding house on Eighth Street for a term of one year to Mrs. Houston of Ranger. Mrs. Houston and mother assumed charge of the popular private boarding house Friday and will continue to conduct same.

Mrs. Nash will retire and take a much needed rest. She will go to Marlin, where she will spend several weeks recuperating.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF THE FIRST STATE BANK OF ROWENA, TEXAS.

By virtue of the authority in me vested as president of the above named bank, I hereby call a meeting of the Stockholders of said bank to be held in the office of said bank, in the town of Rowena, Texas, on Tuesday, January 4th, 1921 at the hour of 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing Directors and acting on such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

G. Schuhmann, President.
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MAD DOG BITES 12 SCHOOL CHILDREN

A mad dog ran amuck at Cleburne lately and twelve school children of the Cleburne schools were bitten. The children were immediately rushed to Austin for treatment at the Pasteur Institute.

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FARMER LOSES \$1,000 ON COTTON; CUTS ACREAGE

Mr. Muney stated that he was Monday from his farm down the river. The young farmer says he only lost \$1,000 on his cotton crop this year and had to sell hogs to pay for the picking. When asked how much cotton he expected to plant next year, he said "not an acre."

Mr. Muney stated that he awes through with cotton for awhile at least, and will probably plant feed, and will keep his hog patch stocked and raise hogs to feed the feed to and sell the hogs for a profit, while raising more good things to live on at home, and some to sell to the fellow who can't raise it.

Mrs. Maud Cabiness and baby returned to their home at Temple, Thursday afternoon, after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale.

Enthusiasm Marks Meeting of American Legion Sunday

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the American Legion was held in the Y. M. B. L. offices yesterday.

Post Commander Simpson reported that \$139.80 had been added to the Post funds as a result of the entertainment given by the San Angelo Legion. He urged all members who had allowed their war risk insurance to lapse, to renew it before January first.

Two contracts were read by the Adjutant, one for an entertainment on March 17th by Mrs. Greenwood, a dramatic reader, and one for a concert on December 28th by the University of Texas Glee Club, both for the benefit of the Legion.

The following committees were appointed to handle the Glee Club Concert: Publicity, James Skinner, Louis Cohen, and Clint B. Penn; Reception and Dance, Bill McGregor, Roy Reeder, Frank Pearce and Delbet Vancil; Rooms and meals, S. L. Williams, Claud Stone, J. H. Baugh; Auditorium, J. Martin Pyburn, Will Mountz, Pat Mapes, J. O. Harris; Automobiles, Charley L. Boyd, J. H. Baugh, J. M. Pyburn, Roy Reeder, F. M. Pearce, Delbert Vancil; Ticket Sale, Stuart Williams, Troy Simpson, Claud Stone, Pat Mapes and Will Mountz. Every member present agreed to undertake the sale of ten tickets.

The Post Commander reported receipts of \$96.13 from the sale of tags for the Kerrville Memorial Hospital, and stated that Ballinger was still short nearly \$100.00 on its quota.

The matter of organizing a Women's Auxiliary was discussed.

The Post Commander reported that The Ledger had order a sup-

ply of American Legion news for weekly publication.

It was voted to accept the offer of the Carnegie Library Board of temporary quarters in the Carnegie Library. A committee was appointed to investigate places for permanent quarters, it being the general opinion that club rooms with pool and billiard and other game tables, reading and writing tables, should be secured and outfitted at once.

Sunday, December 26th, was decided upon as the date for the next meeting, at which time all committees are to report.

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TURKEY MARKET BIG ITEM HERE

Here is a story for every farmer—cotton farmer, should read: L. L. Callahan was here from the Voss community this week with a load of turkeys. He received \$357.00 for the turkeys, and incidentally told his turkey experience this year.

"We began in the spring with five hens and a tom," said Mr. Callahan, "and we sold five hens before Thanksgiving, ate one, and have eight hens and a tom left to begin our next year's turkey crop with."

Mr. Callahan brought sixty-three turkeys to the local market this week. The lot weighed 1,020 pounds and the dealer paid him 35 cents per pound. A little work and a little cheaply raised feed covered the expense. Any primary grade school boy can see the profit in Mr. Callahan's turkey crop.

The Jeanes turkey dressing plant is running day and night. The crew picked out 230 turkeys Wednesday night. It cost the dealers 15 cents per head to get the turkeys slaughtered and picked, and they are packed in barrels and shipped on cold storage to our city cousins, where they bring all the way from 60 cents to 75 cents per pound.

Eighty barrels of dressed turkeys make up a car load, and the eighty barrels contain about 1500 turkeys, or a total of 20,000 pounds. At 35 cents per pound, the turkey growers get \$7,000, and at an average of 60 cents per pound the consumers pay the retailers \$12,000, giving the local buyer, the pickers, the railroads, the jobber and the retailer a profit.

The dealers are not complaining about a "glutted" market. They are eager for turkeys, having a demand for all they can get at 35 cents per pound. This is the season when the market is at its high point. The slump will come after the holidays, or as soon as the holiday buying season closes. Jeanes & Co. will put another car of turkeys on the road tomorrow, having a car load dressed and about ready to go.

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FEW BUSINESS CHANGES ARE SCHEDULED HERE

So far as the public knows there will be few business changes in Ballinger on January first. The New Year will find most of the merchants in fairly good condition, and going ahead with plans for the year. If any changes of importance in the commercial line-up of the city take place such changes are yet to be made public.

John Hall and wife and Mrs. W. H. Rogers and Mrs. Joe Vancil, of Winters, were among the shoppers in Ballinger Thursday afternoon.

Legion Presents Glee Club Concert on December 28

The University of Texas Glee Club will appear in Ballinger in concert on December 28th. This is the information given out by the American Legion, which is bringing the club here.

Under the leadership of I. W. Jones, adjunct professor of music and director of the club, the glee men have been constantly practicing since the beginning of the fall term in September last. And with the first public appearance of this year's club which was at the Thanksgiving reception at the Capitol it was shown that the songsters and instrument pickers will be well prepared for the holiday tour. The Christmas trip begins on December 28th at Ballinger, the first stop, and will include San Angelo, Abilene, Breckenridge, Strawn, Mineral Wells, Denton, Cleburne and Waco. The music lovers will begin their trip here on the night of the 28th.

There has been much keen competition for places among the selected thirty of the 1921 Glee Club. About sixty per cent of the members have represented the club in previous years. Some new men, due to the superior ability to produce the glee stuff, will, no doubt, take the places of a few

old members.

Among the most interesting features of the program is the instrumental septet. This bunch of string ticklers, it will be remembered, made a great hit on the tour of last season capturing every audience with their snappy selections of popular and semi-classical music. The septet is composed of three guitars, two mandolins, one mandola, and one banjo.

Another interesting feature which is entirely new in fields of Glee Club work will be the short musical sketch of college life. In this tabloid opera buffe, the dramatic as well as the musical ability of the men will be brought out.

The meaning of the U. of T. Glee Club's appearance here is four-fold, viz., educational, musical, social and financial. The members who come with the club are not only selected men, but are men selected from the best available musical material in the University of Texas, the greatest institution of its kind in the state. They are men of good scholastic status and of the best social standing. Ballinger is indeed to be congratulated upon its engagement with these entertainers.

SHERIFF KEMP HERE AGAIN

Sheriff Kemp of Wharton county, is here again to rob this county of another cotton picker. Mr. Kemp was here last week and carried back with him a negro wanted in that county under a grand jury indictment for some crime. He is back this time to get Z. Dickinson, a negro wanted in Wharton county for disposing of mortgaged property, and who has been indicted by the grand jury.

Acting upon advice from the Wharton officer, Sheriff Flynt arrested the negro Dickinson near Miles Wednesday, after a chase of a couple of miles. In asking the local sheriff to arrest the negro, the Wharton sheriff wrote Mr. Flynt that the negro would run and make his get-away, if given half a chance, and the negro made good on the run, leading Mr. Flynt a merry chase for a couple of miles.

It was necessary to go out in the field where the negro was at work to make the arrest, and when the negro saw Mr. Flynt coming in his car he beat a hasty retreat. Mr. Flynt made chase across the

freshly plowed ground in the car and struck a ditch. Leaving his car he caught a wagon and chased the negro a considerable distance, finally abandoning the wagon and taking it afoot he caught the negro after running him about two miles.

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HIGH JACKS HOLD UP MOTORISTS

(Abilene Reporter)
Charitably inclined motorists on county roads after dark may find the milk of human kindness drying up if a new method of hijacking, just discovered, becomes popular. According to information just received here this is what happened to one such motorist near Abilene.

Last Friday night about 8:00 o'clock as Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Thompson of Hodges, were on their way to Anson they met, one mile South of Truby, two young men whose car apparently was in distress at the side of the road. They signalled Mr. Thompson to



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stop and when he had done so requested the loan of tire patching materials. Mr. Thompson obligingly dug out his repair kit, but when he turned to hand it to the young man he found himself facing the business end of a gun. The bandits then proceeded to relieve him of his cash and a pocket knife.

Mr. Thompson is a son-in-law of T. J. Free of Abilene.

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PASSES HERE WITH THE REMAINS OF J. W. NOWLIN

J. W. Nowlin, a former citizen of Winters, died at San Angelo Saturday morning. A party of Winters citizens passed thru Ballinger about noon Saturday with the remains, carrying them in an auto to Winters for burial. They were interred in the Winters cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Deceased moved away from Winters about two years ago, moving to Brownfield, where he was at work when he became ill and acting on the advice of physicians, he went to the Carlsbad sanitarium where he spent several months without relief. He left the sanitarium and went to San Angelo, where he died.

Mr. Nowlin was a contractor. He built the Methodist church at Winters as well as other buildings in that town. He is survived by a wife, who was formerly Miss Duncan, a Winters girl.

J. R. Fielder was here from Winters, Thursday afternoon.

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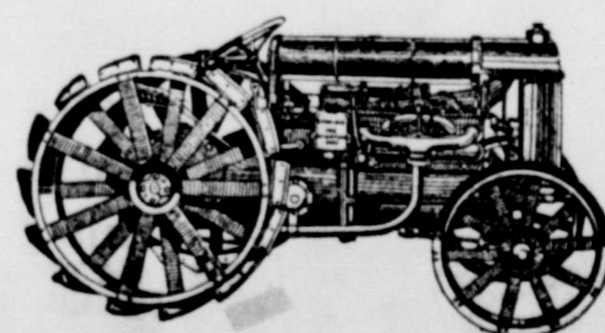
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TWO IMPORTANT BUSINESS MOVES

Two decisions of importance to the business men of Ballinger, and to the farmers of this section were reached at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Business League.

The Board decided to install a Retail Merchants' Credit Association immediately after the reorganization campaign which will be conducted on January 10th, 11th and 12th. It was their belief that this was one of the greatest services that could be rendered to the retail merchants and to the doctors of this city.

The Board also decided to create an Advisory Board to consist of thirty-five representative men from twenty communities in this and adjoining counties. The members of the Advisory Board will co-operate with Y. M. B. L. in moves of county-wide interest, such as securing farm labor; poultry or stock shows; county fairs; rat and rabbit extermination campaigns; immigration; irrigation and other similar moves.

The following were selected by the Board: George Holliday and Scott Guin, Hatchel; W. A. Halameck, and W. A. Schuhmann, Rowena; Milton Clayton, Benoit; Ed Jones and Chas. Price, Talpa; W. A. Miller, Leaday; Pryor Mapes, Pony Creek; Louis Strube Offen; Harvey Hatchford, Paint Rock; W. R. Hunton and R. B. Cooper, Miles; Bert Fletcher, Maverick; T. J. McCaughan and Jake Stubblefield, Norton; John Black, Marie; John Heck and John Hudson, Wilmett; A. D. Hensley, and Geo. Miller, Wingate; E. W. Patterson, Drasco; J. Q. McAdams, E. A. Shepperd, and Albert Afflerbach, Winters; R. L. Williams and D. W. Yeager, Truitt; Jim Bright, Token; Edgar Jayroe, Crews; Ed Cumbly, W. R. Knierim, and Howard Wilkins, Bronte; W. W. Farmer, F. T. Rushing, John Dean, and D. Oliver, Ballinger; E. H. Colburn, Dale.

The Board also selected fifteen Associate Directors for the Y. M. B. L. to meet with the directors and to vote in the absence of regular directors. The following were named: Estes Lynn, Harry Gardner, Louis Cohen, L. B. Stubbs, W. C. McCarver, Clint Penn, J. M. Pvburn, M. S. Carmony, Chas. Northington, A. W. Sledge, J. M. Simmons, V. Weinberg, R. J. Wheeler, W. A. Francis and M. C. Atkins. This selection gives the Y. M. B. L. thirty wide awake and progressive young men for the direction of its affairs.

In recognition of his services to the organization, the office of 2nd Vice President was created, and Roy Reeder elected as the first occupant of the office.

The Mayor announced that the installation of the extra city officers urged by the League had resulted in a 3 per cent reduction in the city's key rate on fire insurance, to become effective at an early date.

The next Ford Roadster that arrives here can be yours just by paying for this ad, plus regular price. B. M. Batts, Phone 5904. 6-13d-2w.

COMING TO IDENTIFY MAN

GALVESTON, Dec. 15.—The findings of the coroner's jury inquiring into the death of an unidentified man here Monday will not be rendered until after the arrival of Mrs. John Hammill from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, it was announced today.

The inquest has disclosed however, what is considered to be positive evidence that the body is that of John Hammill, a wealthy merchant who has been missing from Ottawa since Nov. 11.

J. C. Fleece and Joe Martin returned to their home in Hasca, Thursday afternoon. They had been here prospecting and were the guests of L. C. Underwood, of the Wingate country. Mr. Underwood was here to bring the gentlemen to the train Thursday.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

Be Wise and Advertise—

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE ON HERE

Your letter and packages should be stamped with Christmas seals. Uncle Sam demands that postage stamps, should be placed on the letters and packages and your conscience should demand that you add the Christmas seals.

About 15,000,000 Christmas seals have been sold during the first fifteen days of the sale of the little health stickers. Miss Winnie I. Brady, state seal director of the Texas Public Health Association, reports that the people are showing much interest in the work of helping the unfortunate T. B. victims.

The sale is on in this city, and a few cents spent for seals will make your Christmas a more cheery and a happy one. Your few cents may be small in your estimation, but remember the millions of others who are buying will help to swell the fund.

You can buy the seals at most any of the local stores, and the time is short in which to help in spreading of cheer by using the seals and making it possible for the health association to carry on its work.

County Supt. Bugg is chairman for the seal sale, in this county, and has appointed agents and placed the seals on sale at a number of places.

Mr. Bugg states that the county will retain 45 per cent of the money realized from the sale of the seals, and that this money will be used in carrying on the health crusade in this county. A health nurse from the state health department will come here and spend a month, or longer, visiting the schools and examining every school child in Runtless county. The school that sells the most seals per capita will be the first to receive this attention from the nurse, and the others will follow in order of seals sold.

Prevention
The prevention of disease is now receiving almost as much attention as the cure.

It is a branch of medical science in which great progress has been made in late years. Most forms of disease, including such as are prevalent now, the grip, pneumonia and diphtheria, may be prevented by keeping the blood in good condition, for pure, rich, abundant blood gives resistive power.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills act directly and peculiarly on the blood, improve it in quality and quantity, build up the whole system and so prevent disease and sickness.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills are unequalled in preventive and curative effects.

CLOSED BANK THEN ENDS LIFE

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 15.—James Addison, president of the Nacoma State bank, was found dead early this morning with a bullet wound in his head, according to reports received here. Nacoma is a small town in Montague county, and the bank at that place was closed by the state bank examiner yesterday.

Warning to Trespassers
My pasture Southeast of Winters is posted, and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. Positively will prosecute any one caught hunting, fishing, hauling wood or trespassing in any way.
17-8w D. D. PARRAMORE.

CRIMINAL COURT APPEALS TAKES HOLIDAY RECESS

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—The Court of Criminal Appeals recessed today until Jan. 25, 1921. No decisions were made today by this court because of the absence of two of the members from conference, during the past week, but the clerk said that some opinions may be handed down during the recess.

George Kerley went to Coleman Thursday afternoon to meet Mrs. Kerley and the children, who returned home Friday night from Roswell, New Mexico, coming to make their home here again.

John Q. McAdams, cashier of the Winters State Bank, passed thru the city Tuesday afternoon, en route to Waco to attend a meeting of the executive board of the Bankers' Association.

CALOMEL HORROR TOLD BY DODSON

You Don't Need to Sicken, Grip, or Salivate Yourself to Start Liver.

You're bilious, sluggish, constipated. You feel headachy, your stomach may be sour, your breath bad, your skin sallow and you believe you need vile, dangerous calomel to start liver and bowels.

Here's my guarantee! Ask your druggist for a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and take a spoonful tonight. If it doesn't start your liver and straighten you right up better than calomel and without griping or making you sick I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling splendid. It is perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate.

J. A. DEMOVILLE IS NOT ABLE TO BE OUT

We regret to note that J. A. Demoville is confined to his bed and has been unable to be among his friends down town for some time. Mr. Demoville has been in failing health for some time, and for the last two or three weeks he has been confined to his bed most of the time.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup fresh from the East Texas farm.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-4td-1w

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get satisfaction after the first application. Price 50c.

REFUSE SUPPLIES TO COTTON MEN

HELENA, Ark., Dec. 15.—J. B. Butts & Co., doing a large credit business among the farmers, issued a statement today declaring that "we will refuse to furnish supplies to any farmer who does not reduce his cotton acreage at least fifty percent next year."

The big credit house urges the planting of all sorts of food and feed crops, and the adoption of the 'live at home' rule.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

Get More Eggs
by feeding "Martin's Egg Producer." Double your money back in Eggs or your money back in CASH. "Martin's Roup Remedy" cures and prevents Roup absolutely; guaranteed by your Dealer. 17-26d-13w

Mrs. Haywood Miller, of Talpa, was here shopping Tuesday, returning home on the afternoon train.

Mrs. F. C. Miller is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Turner at Santa Anna.

LOCAL STORES GET BAD CHECKS

At least two merchants in this city would like to know the whereabouts of one J. H. Waddell, or a man using that name in presenting bad checks in payment of purchases made for nice "duds" last Saturday night.

The young man traded with the Southside Tailoring Company and left a check on the F. & M. Bank, which the bank could not honor, stating that they did not know such a party. The man also patronized The Hub and paid for the goods with a check on the First National Bank, which the bank refused to honor. There may be others holding souvenirs of the rushing business done here Saturday.

The merchants who parted with good goods for bad checks have not been able to find any one who is acquainted with "J. H. Waddell." The man may be as honest as the days are short, and he may have made an honest mistake, and when he sees this story he may not lose any time in adjusting matters, but in the meantime merchants should again learn the lesson of knowing your man when you accept checks.

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by all druggists.

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NO PRESENTS TO BE HANDED OUT

The rule of "no presents at school" will be enforced in the local schools for the Christmas season of 1920. Children who wish to give presents to their school mates must send them to their homes, or present them off the school grounds, and the same rule applies to teachers. The rule of making the teacher happy with presents from the children will not apply during the coming holiday season, unless the children do the giving out of school.

There is a reason for this, and it is a good reason. As Old Santa Claus sometimes shows partiality, it is the purpose of those in authority at the school to cheat him of this custom at least for this one time. By outlawing Christmas giving in the school all the children will be placed on an equal, and no child will be made to feel that he or she has been slighted.

This rule will also prevent one teacher from feeling that the pupils of her room are not quite so appreciative as the children of another room and Santa Claus will be forced to adopt some other plan for distributing the presents intended for those in the school.

Ledger classified being results

Local Bank will Help Finance Export Cotton

The First National Bank of Ballinger has subscribed its full quota of stock in the big Export Finance Corporation which is being organized with a capital stock of \$6,000,000.00 with headquarters at New Orleans. The banks of the country have been asked to take stock in the giant export corporation to the amount of three per cent of their capital stock, and the local bank voted to take its full quota at a meeting of the directors this week.

This finance corporation is being formed for the purpose of aiding foreign credit and making it possible to deliver cotton to foreign countries, which at present have no credit rating with the financial world. By discounting securities and negotiating on

bankable paper the export corporation expects to have a financial working basis of sixty million dollars, which will stimulate foreign trade with this country.

Banks which are taking stock in the export corporation have no promise of returns on their investment for at least three years, and to a great extent the banks going in are doing so with the sole purpose of reviving trade with foreign consumers of American products.

T. J. Caldwell, of Fort Worth, chairman of the Texas division of the organization work, announced recently that the corporation would go through with the full amount of \$6,000,000 capital subscribed.

MOVIE STAR VISITS WITH FRIENDS HERE

Miss Ada West, of Elorado, was the guest of friends in Ballinger this week while en route to San Antonio to join a moving picture company, and where she goes on the stage as "Riedella" in a new play to be staged in motion pictures. The first locations will be staged in San Antonio, and will be concluded in New York. The title of the picture to be filmed is "What is This World?" Miss

West signed a contract with the film company last September and is due in San Antonio to begin work in a few days.

Cold's Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Mrs. R. B. Creasy returned home Monday at noon, from Indiana, where she went some time ago to accompany her mother and to visit. Mrs. Creasy's mother remained in Indiana.

Her Xmas Present



MAKE her a gift of TIME—two hours a day saved from kitchen work—two hours daily to read, visit, enjoy life.

The Sechrist Pressure Cooker saves two hours cooking time a day in the average home, cooking in thirty-five or forty minutes roasts or fowls ordinarily requiring hours.

Sechrist Pressure Cooker

Cooks food more thoroughly because pressure forces 259 degrees of heat thru every cell and fibre. Because steam tight, it retains all juices and flavors. Also prevents food cooking away. Pays for itself in six months by food and fuel saving. Pressure cooking and canning is urged by government bulletins.

Is made of heavy, rolled plate aluminum, smooth, bright, easy to clean. Equipped complete with inset pans. A beautiful, sensible gift. Ask for free booklet with recipes.

VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

Start Dinner at 5:30—Serve at 6:10


Mrs. R. L. Maddox, Demonstrator

BUILD YOUR CREDIT


For it is the backbone of industry and the foundation of every successful enterprise.

Be it in private or business life your credit is as good as you yourself make it.

An account at this bank properly handled, will build your credit against any legitimate need.



TRADE IN BALLINGER BANK WITH THIS



SERVICE SAFETY ACCOMMODATION

BALLINGER STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

CAPITAL \$60,000.00 SURPLUS \$12,000.00

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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. Gleescke Ballinger, Texas.

We Have MOVED

We are now in our new building, next to the F. & M. Bank and invite the public to call and see our new home. This gives us a better place and we will be able to serve you better

BALLINGER AUTO CO.

Merry Christmas

TOY TOWN

OPENING

Every Part of the Store Radiates the True Christmas Spirit.

Gifts of Beauty and Usefulness.

Timely Sales in Progress with Splendid Savings.
Prices at New Low Levels on Our Entire Stock.

Never before in the history of this store have conditions been so favorable for Christmas shoppers as they are at this time, with our tremendous stock of holiday goods. You can pick and choose just what you want for every member of the family. A visit to our gift department will mean a satisfied purchase. Everything is arranged so simply, one can really wander at leisure among the aisles and choose the very thing just wanted—for grandad or the brand new baby, for sister's beau, or the growing boy—the gift just right is here.



During the month of December our stock will be reduced to the lowest possible level regardless of cost, in order to make room for our early spring purchases. We know you know values, therefore we will not try to impeach your intelligence. We know every comparable value we make is bona fide. It pays to trade here, prices and quality always within your reach, more especially at this strenuous time.

Your Dollars Will Buy More Here
A Saving of 1-3 to 1-2 on Every Purchase

Now is the time to Select that Christmas Gift while our stocks are Complete.

A Small Deposit Now Reserves Any Article for Christmas Delivery.

Shop Early

D. Reeder's

DRY GOODS

Shop Early

TWO FRONTS--HUTCHINS AVE. & 8th ST.

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas



It Seems as Though the Whole World Just Lived for Christmas

It is the one glorious day of all the year—the day made sacred to Happiness. Everybody looks forward to Christmas, for months, and one month of the year is practically given over to preparations for its enjoyment. The little folks are radiant with expectation, and grown-ups bubble over with eager anticipations. We all love to receive things; but how infinitely greater is the joy of GIVING THINGS and seeing the delight of those who receive them from us. That is why Christmas means so much to the world. Once every year, at least, we bring our offerings to the altar of UNSELFISHNESS. All year we may strive and struggle for our own aims and benefits, and we might come to think that getting was the only happiness. But Christmas comes, and we are amazed and delighted to find the vastly greater joy of giving. How mightily the Christmas spirit adds to the value of the things that a few dollars will buy—for after all, it is the thought and the good will that go with the gift that create the happiness that it gives. The gift is only the vehicle of the Christmas message, and in providing the vehicle for your kind expressions, we render a valuable service at this time.

Gloves of Every Description

And there is no describing them all, for they abound in numbers for the most varied of occasions and likewise of tastes. Whether you have set your mind on giving gifts of a half dozen pairs or but a single one, you will find at reasonable prices gloves of all sorts for day wear, afternoon affairs and evening in a delightful bewildering array. And could one ever have...

The Christmas Blouse

It is sure to give Blouses this year. There are genuine beauties from which to choose. One is unlimited in choice and not taxed by former exorbitant prices. Fresh tub models vie in their crispness with the crepes and silks, while in a class to themselves are the handsome Blouses, elaborately embroidered with metal thread, and silk floss.

Christmas Gifts of Furs

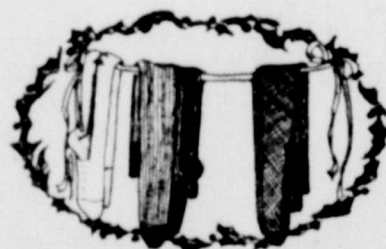
Just the time to bundle up in luxurious Furs is Christmas. And for the gift they are replete with feeling and Christmas spirit expressed in terms of beauty, comfort and satisfaction. Handsome Wraps, Coatees, Scarfs, Collar and Muff Sets and Chokers in an amazing number of various pelts, delightfully styled, invite one to the engrossing task of selecting the Christmas gift of Furs.

Shop Early



A Wealth of Handkerchiefs

The Handkerchief is one of those convenient little gifts which may be exceedingly modest or exceedingly imposing. Its price is in its favor. Time spent in looking over the fresh new Christmas stocks discloses the plain and fancy, the simple and the giddy, the white and the colored Handkerchief, each one ready to be tucked in a box for merry Christmas day.



Christmas Hosiery

Hosiery permits wide range in choice and the opportunity to give a remembrance of great beauty as well as utility. Handsome lace effects are popular as gifts, while silk, drop stitch and clocked models are here in numbers for conservative shoppers. Wool Hose and silk and wool mixtures found in imported sports Hose have a dash that is appropriate at the holiday time of year.

Lingerie, Negligees Bathrobes

One lingers long in this delectable Section choosing the dainty Lingerie milady loves. Exquisite handwork, laces and ribbons adorn chemises, nightgowns, vests and camisoles. Passing on one comes to silken Negligees of flower-like beauty in their multi-colored radiance, and thence to the cozy warm bathrobes no one should be without. With such variety there is a wide range in prices.

Odd Gifts for Christmas

Scattered through the Store are countless little gifts that bring joy at Christmas simply because in the hurry of everyday life they are so easily passed by in the quest for the necessities. Here are lovely beads, fans, stationery, umbrellas, ivory toilet sets, handbags, traveling bags, perfumes, powders and odd bits of inexpensive jewelry, any of which has the distinction of being "different" to its credit.

Slippers for Christmas Gifts

What could be more pleasing than a pair of Slippers? For Father, for Mother, for Husband, for Wife. Comfort for every evening of the year. The cost is so small—yet think how many folks are doing without them—just because SOMEBODY DOESN'T THINK.

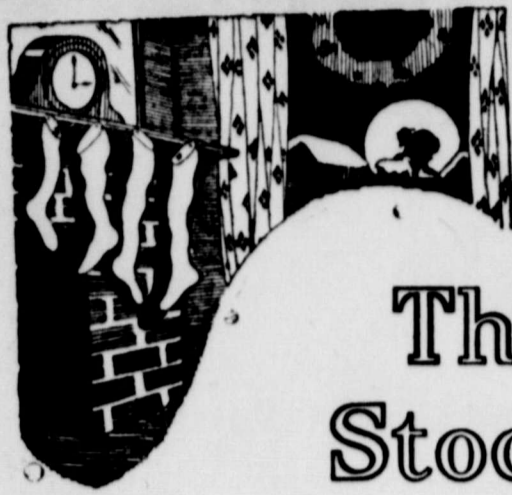
Shop Early

ROGERS-HIGDON CO.

"The Store for You"

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas



The Kiddies Stockings

would not be completely filled unless there were
Apples, Oranges and Nuts

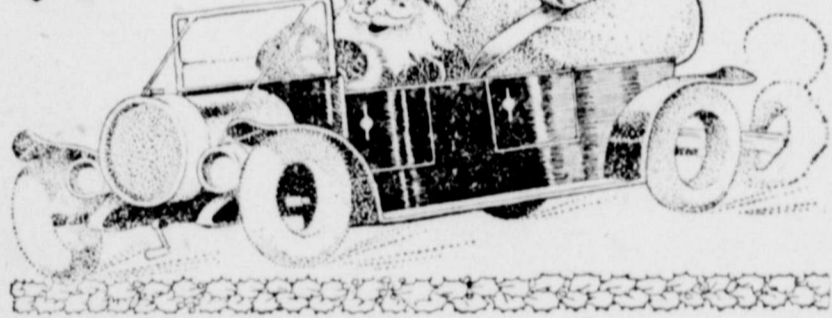
At the Piggly Wiggly you can get these by that novelty way of trading and at the same time see all our stock of fresh Groceries, marked with the prices. Shopping for your Christmas Dinner will be made easy by a visit to our store.

While we have only been in business a short time we thank you for the business you have given us and solicit your orders for next year. May you all have just the kind of Christmas and New Year you want.

Piggly Wiggly
"The Leaders of Low Prices"

Merry Christmas

HE IS COMING



and, with his car in good condition he is sure to get here

We are in our New Building now, next to the F. & M. Bank, and if your car is not in good shape for Christmas bring it in and we will fix it for you.

Big Stock of Tires, Tubes and Assessories

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Ballinger Auto Co.



Select Your Gift Here

Ivory Pyralin

—a gift as lasting as Friendship and as beautiful as the Spirit of Christmas.

Suggestions for Him

- Fountain Pen
- Cigars
- Safety Razors
- Pipes
- Cigarette Cases
- Ferostat Bottles
- Flashlights
- Cigar and Cigarette Holders
- Leather Card Case
- Eversharp Pencils
- Traveling Sets

Christmas Candies

—in beautiful Imported Japanese Lacquered Boxes.

When in doubt what to give—send her a five-pound box of—

Norris', Elmer's or Johnston's

"Say It With Cards"

We have on display thousands of beautiful Engraved Xmas Cards, from 3c to \$1.00.

Conklin and Sheaffer Fountain Pens, Eversharp Pencils—gifts that are useful 365 days in the year.

Toilet Combinations

Wonderful assortment of Crane's Linen Lawn in attractive hand-painted boxes.

Mary Garden Gardenglo Djer Kiss and Jonteel. Houbigant's Extract and Toilet Water always acceptable.

Suggestions for Her

- Manicure Roll
- Pyralin Ivory
- Stationery
- Toilet Sets
- Fountain Pen
- Candy
- Toilet Water
- Thermos Bottles
- Houbigant's Perfume

WEEKS

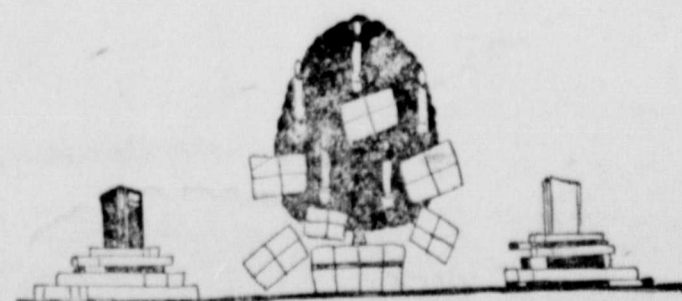
Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS



At this Christmas time we extend our thanks to the people of Ballinger and Runnels County for their patronage the past year and wish you prosperity for the next year and the best Christmas of all your life.

The Hub



Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas



The Christmas Store

A Very Merry Christmas to One and All

As the Holiday Season approaches our hearts are filled with the joy of living and giving, which is the true Spirit of Christmas, and who dares to say there is no Santa Claus as long as the world holds love and faith of little laughing children and the memory of our own happy childhood?

Not since that first Christmas Day in Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, when Jesus of Nazareth, both in a manger, came with His gift of Life Eternal, has the season carried with it such meaning as it does this year.

Wrapped in the sweetening power of Christmas, we seem to hear already the music of childish voices, with their joyous untrained melody, as they clasp each new and shiny toy.

Yes, it's going to be a wonderful Christmas.

This store has tried to the fullness of its ability to anticipate the Holiday needs of the buyers of this community. How well we have succeeded we leave to the judgment of our many friends and customers. We have endeavored to procure for you a full and attractive assortment of sensible, appropriate and altogether desirable gift goods—gifts that will reflect your good taste and assure lasting pleasure to the one who receives them.

We wish for you and yours the best that the season has in store—peace, happiness, prosperity.

Higginbotham Bros. and Company

Ballinger's Shopping Center



Merry Christmas



OH BOY
"I shall hope to catch you under the mistletoe Christmas eve."
"If you do, I warn you now, I'll be too busy to see you."

Christmas Animals.
They're red.
They're of rubber.
And they're for baby.
They make good chewing.
They cannot possibly wound.
And they are wonderfully lovable.
One may indulge at from 20 cents upward.
The choice ranges from mice to elephants.

The Christmas Season.
Though Christmas seems to gain rather than lose in popular favor as the years roll by, yet it is worthy of note that the Christmas season has been much curtailed from what it originally was. For several centuries it began with the eve of All Saints' day or "Hallow eve," October 31, and continued until Candlemas day, February 2. In England it is now computed only from Christmas eve to "Twelfth night," January 6, while in our own country it begins on Christmas eve and practically ends on Christmas night. Yet even now it really begins on December 16, marked in the church calendar, "O Sapientia," from the name of an anthem sung during Advent.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Oh, blessed day which gives the eternal life
To self and sense and all the brute within—
Oh, come to us amid this war of life;
To hall and novel come, to all who toil
In senate, shop or study, and to those
Who, sundered by the wastes of half a world,
Ill warned and sorely tempted, ever face
Nature's brute powers and men unmanned to brutes—
Come to them, blest and blessing, Christmas Day.
Tell them once more the tale of Bethlehem—
The kneeling shepherds and the Babe divine—
And keep them men indeed, fair Christmas Day.
—Charles Kingsley

AVOID CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE

Utmost Care Should Be Used in Trimming, Thus Preventing Fatalities in the Homes.

PEOPLE cannot be too careful in guarding against fire when trimming a Christmas tree, says a correspondent in Good Housekeeping. There have been scores of Christmas tree fatalities in homes and in Sunday schools which a little care might have prevented. The writer once set a tree in a blaze, consuming nearly half of it, tinsel ornaments going with the green branches. A tiny candle had been wired too high, and it took only a few minutes of its brisk heat to char a branch above it and start a flame. A thick portiere was torn from its pole and thrown over the blaze. If it had not been at hand the light window curtains would have caught fire in another minute. Since that Christmas our tree has always been placed in the center of the room, and we have eschewed cotton wool, tissue-paper angels, and celluloid ornaments. First of all, we wire each candle securely in place at the furthest end of a branch which has nothing above it, either fir tree or trimming. Then as the tree is denuded we watch carefully the fast-disappearing candles. Sometimes one of them, nearly burned down, will topple over or be merely a spark of flame, but near to something inflammable and be a menace.

GOOD TURNS ON CHRISTMAS

Chance for All to Aid the Friendless in Having Happy Yuletide Season.

REAL purveyors of Christmas cheer may often find a market for their precious wares outside the pale of charity, for all homeless people are not necessarily poor, and neither are all childless homes necessarily unhappy. Housekeepers who are short on homes may combine these two lackings and make Christmas day a merry delight for the grown-ups in spite of these unfortunate conditions.
There is always something peculiarly pitiable in the idea of any one "flooding alone" which should appeal to the home-maker without a family, so that this should be the occasion for her to gather in all the bachelor minds and homeless men of her acquaintance and give them a joyful opportunity to "hock together." Even the Serenades, if she knows any, should be rescued from their lonely howls of grief and

BOXES, OLD CHRISTMAS FAD

Ancient Custom at One Time Developed into Demand as Right and Became Nuisance.

THE bestowal of Christmas boxes is of great antiquity, and was formerly the bounty of well disposed persons who were willing to contribute something toward the industrious. Later the gift came to be demanded as a right and became somewhat of a nuisance. Long ago the Roman Catholic priests had masses for everybody, and if a ship went to the West Indies they had a box in her under the protection of some patron saint. Into which the sailors put money or other valuables in order to secure the prayers of the church. At Christmas these boxes were opened and were thence called Christmas boxes. In England the day after Christmas is known as "Boxing day," from the Christmas boxes which used to be in circulation, and in the British museum can be seen boxes covered with green glaze with a slit in the side for money and presents.

Good Year for Violets.

Sweet peas have been forced for the Christmas market only for many years past. They must be started blooming before the cold weather begins. Then they will bloom all winter. Daffodils do not get in until February, but almost all the rest of the spring flowers, hyacinths, narcissuses, bayardis, and so on, are on the Christmas counters. Easter lilies, too, though rather cold and white for Christmas, are sold. Violets, are fine this winter, deeply, darkly, beautifully blue. Some indigo-like now comes in enormous sprays. There are carnations but the bright red Christmas carnation is the favorite. Holly comes from the hills of Maryland and the south. The wild holly supplies the market and there has never seemed to be any perceptible diminution of the supply. Great quantities of it are purchased by all sorts of dealers, who decorate their stores with it and send out a sprig attached to every Christmas parcel.

SAD FATE

Wooden Soldier: After faithful service in the nursery for a year, I will be cast aside for a new toy this Christmas.



Dumb Animals Remembered.

The noblest observances of Christmas are its charities. In all ages and among all peoples the poor have always been bountifully remembered on that day, and in many parts of England and Scotland even the lower animals are given an extra feeding that they, too, may have cause for rejoicing when all mankind are glad. Many readers will remember Burns' address of the auld farmer to his mare when presenting her with an extra feed of corn on New Year's day. "A guid New Year I wish thee, Maggie. Hae, there's a ripp to thy auld buggie."

DIFFER ON CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

THE early Christmas were divided as to the date on which the nativity of Christ should be celebrated. Some of these celebrated it on the first or sixth of January, other groups observed September 29 and still another March 29. As early as the fourth century, however, the period of the new year had been generally accepted as the time for celebrating Christ's birth. The Western branch of the church observed December 25 and the Eastern church January 6. Finally it was decided that all should celebrate December 25. Pope Julius I, who presided in the first half of the fourth century, is credited with having set the date.

Roses at Christmas.
The fact that we can get flowers out of doors at Christmas time is in itself a sufficient justification for growing the Christmas rose, but besides that it is worth growing for itself, says Country Life in America. Its large white flowers, fully two inches across, resembling those of a giant single rose, although as a matter of fact it belongs to the same family as the buttercups, never fail to excite enthusiasm in the season of snow and ice. The plant itself grows only six to eight inches high, and the large, greenish-white flowers are borne in clusters and nestle closely among the dark green leaves.

CHRISTMAS BAG FOR GUESTS

Container for Presents Attached to Backs of Chairs With Bow of Red Satin Ribbon.

THE Christmas bag is an innovation planned by one housekeeper. The breakfast table is to be decorated with a mirror in the center, outlined as a star by holly sprigs, and with a slender cut glass vase in the center holding red chrysanthemums. Long-stemmed flowers also radiate from the central star with the blossoms toward the plates of those for whom the flowers are intended. Every napkin lies beneath a Christmas card with a sprig of holly tied upon it with red ribbon, and to the back of every chair is tied a bag with a big red satin bow. The bags are of all sizes, and each is full of individual gifts. One is an opera bag, another a shopping bag in black and gold, still another is brown leather and gold nailheads, another a bag for collars and cuffs, another a gay laundry bag, one is suggestive of the scraps grandmother will put into it, and the other of books that a small girl will carry to school. All are as dainty and fine as careful workmanship and good materials can make them, and there will be fun emptying the materials out of the various bags.

USE OF CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Good St. Nicholas, Saint of Fourth Century of Christian Era, Founder of Custom.

CHRISTMAS stockings have come down to us from the good St. Nicholas, who was a saint of the fourth century of the Christian era and was born December 6, 342, in Lycia, Asia Minor. He was regarded as especially the patron saint of children, young girls and sailors. The Christmas stocking custom arose as follows:
It seems that St. Nicholas, who was the archbishop of Myra, lived in the same town with an impoverished nobleman who because he had no portions to give his daughters, and indeed no means with which to support them, was about to sell them into a life of sin. St. Nicholas, who was accustomed to dispense his large fortune in gifts of charity, resolved to rescue the young women. As he approached their house wondering how he should proceed, the moon shone out and displayed an open window. Instantly St. Nicholas threw a purse of gold in at the window which, falling at the feet of the father of the girls, enabled him to portion his oldest daughter. The second time St. Nicholas visited the house he also was able to throw a purse of gold through an open window, thus providing for the portion of the second daughter. On the third visit the father, watching for his benefactor, cast himself at the feet of the saint and cried:
"Oh, St. Nicholas, servant of God, why seek to hide thyself?"
The saint made the father promise not to reveal his benefactions. From this habit of bestowing gifts in secret and under the cloak of night arose the practice of putting out shoes or stockings for the younger members of the family, so that the good saint would be able to fill them without being spied on. At one time it was the custom for young women pupils in convents on the even of Saint Nicholas to hang their new silk stockings on the door of the apartment of the abbess. They would also write notes calling the attention of the good St. Nicholas to their stockings. In the morning when the convent pupils who had not gone home for the holidays arose they invariably found their stockings filled with sweetmeats.

Novel Christmas Salad Bowl.

By the time that the salad course arrives at the Christmas dinner all that surround the festive board are apt to be warm. It will be refreshing to see the salad come to the table in a block of ice. Smooth the ice square with a hot flat iron and make a cavity in the center with the same utensil. Border with crisp lettuce and sprigs of holly and fill with salad. Place the block on several thicknesses of cloth or a deep platter and put around it a wreath of holly.

DO IT EARLY

Bug — Doing your Christmas shopping now? Why it's a long time off.
Mrs. Snail — I know, but the store is half a block away.



USE OF CHRISTMAS STOCKING

The Greece lacks men of ability is denied and probably with reason. But the country has in Venizelos one man so big that the others appear little in comparison.—San Francisco Chronicle.



A New-Fashioned Xmas of Old-Fashioned Joy



A Happy Christmas, where reigns the fullness of Peace and Contentment.
A Merry, Merry Christmas, where Love and Warmth and Friendship hold court—Where the silvery laughter of Youth, the contented smiles of Age and the happy shouts of joyous little children make glad the Season.
Such a Christmas we are wishing for you and yours.

**Farmers and Merchants
State Bank**



Merry Christmas



We wish to extend to our friends and patrons our sincere thanks for the degree to which they have contributed towards our success and earnestly hope that the good cheer of the Season may come abundantly to you all.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

Merry Christmas

MAKE OUT GIFT LIST EARLY

Thoughtful Shoppers Start Task Several Weeks Before Rush Begins in Busy Stores.

THE buyer who really puts some altruism into her Christmas gifts makes out her list several weeks in advance.

For it is no light thing to choose Christmas gifts judiciously. The whole secret of their acceptability lies in their appropriateness.

ART AND SCIENCE IN TOYS

Playthings for the Kiddies Necessary to the Proper Conduct of Their Society.

WHILE the making of toys is an art that is probably practically as old as the world itself, it has been only within recent years that science has bothered itself about them.

children have always had the playthings requisite for their imitations of the domestic life and business affairs of older people; that they have always required their elders to provide them with such inventions, and that, when they could not obtain these toys by any other means they themselves have sought and found objects that might be made to suit their purposes.

Ancient Christmas Custom.

Many quaint customs are observed at Christmas time in various English country parishes. In that of Cunnor, in Berkshire, of which the living is a vicarage and the church a beautiful specimen of an old English parochial edifice, all who pay tithes repair, after evening service on Christmas day, to the vicarage where the vicar is held in duty bound, by a usage centuries old, to regale them with four bushels of malt brewed into ale or beer, two bushels of wheat baked into bread, and half a hundred weight of cheese.



POOR THINGS Tramp Birds: They might throw us a few crumbs on Christmas morning.

Traditions of Christmas Festival.

In the records of every nation we find traditions of the Christmas festival, traditions which have been handed down from generation to generation in oft-told tales which thrilled the hearts of the listeners with alternate fear and delight.

Bring Smiles of Gladness. It is not so much the thought of receiving the customary holiday gift which most pleases the fancy, but

rather that pleasure the heart derives from dwelling upon joyful surprises it may bestow upon others. To bring a smile of gladness upon another's face is, indeed, a boon more precious than a Christmas gift, and the joy of bestowing can never be equaled by the receiving.

BE SURE GIFTS WILL PLEASE

In Making Same Articles for Friends It is Well to Be Sure of Appreciation.

A WOMAN tells in recently published magazines how she has a "pillow Christmas" for the benefit of her many friends. She consulted the piece bag, and from it drew forth the materials for making any quantity of dainty sofa pillows, all destined for different friends.

Two Dublins, one warring against the other—with the prospect that presently, instead of being two Dublins, there won't be any.—Boston Transcript.

MAEROY THEATRE

Program For Christmas Week

Monday, December 20th Maurice Tourneur presents CLARA KIMBAL YOUNG in "TRILY" (by Geo. DuMaurier) Also Selznick News. Admission 10¢ and 25¢.

Tuesday, December 21st Pathe presents BLANCHE SWEET in "HELP WANTED: MALE" Also Star Comedy. Admission 10¢ and 25¢.

Wednesday, December 22nd Wm. S. HART in "THE SQUARE DEAL MAN" Juanita Hansen, in the final episode of "THE LOST CITY" Admission 10¢ and 25¢.

Thursday, December 23rd Samuel Goldwyn presents OWEN MOORE in Mary Roberts Rinehart's famous story "DUDS" Snub Pollard and Sambo comedy. Admission 10¢ and 25¢.

Friday, December 24th Feature Day NORMA TALMADGE in "THE WOMAN GIVES" A First National Attraction "Sauce and Senoritas" a 2-part Big V comedy. Admission 20¢ and 40¢.

Saturday, December 25th (Matinee and Night) GALE CAIN in "A GOOD WOMAN" Also 2-part Century comedy Admission 10¢ and 25¢.

Memory Bells

by
Agnes G. Brogan



CONNIE looked down to the busy street, through a blur of snowflakes. At least, Connie told herself determinedly that snowflakes were accountable for the blur; then, she wiped her eyes.

"It's Merry Christmas time," Connie said to her old yellow cat. "Who ever heard of Christmas without the Merry? So cheer up, Prowler, and let's join in the game."

At the little "Shopee" just around the corner she stood longest of all. And all at once into Connie's bright eyes came a speculative light. The window was full of small framed pictures, most of them with the Christmas spirit. There were the usual night-clad children looking up broad chimneys, there were landscapes of snowy fields with distant windows afloat—Connie studied them all; she was seeing in vision the winding hill road of the place where she had spent her last summer vacation; the church with its swaying bell in the steeple, the queer little bridge over the deep and beautiful stream—a bridge with seats along its sides where countless lovers had sat and courted. The old lady who had been Connie's volunteer hostess told her, with the pink coming and going in her withered cheeks, about the lovers. For it was there that her own husband had asked, and had been answered—his question. The way that Connie had chanced to visit this beautiful country place and to meet there the dear old lady was quite remarkable chance too. She had started out on the trolley car for one restful day in the country and had chosen this station at random. And when she had stopped to admire the wonderful roses in the old lady's garden—and they had spent some agreeable time together—the old lady, Mrs. Martha Snow by name, had said:

"My dear! Why don't you come on

and visit me for a week or two? I'm lonely for a young sweet face."

And Connie had gone, that was all. Half her later water colors had been glorified memories of that delightful visit. Now Connie had a new inspiration. She would paint the queer little bridge over an icy stream, and its seats should be covered with snow. She could fancy just how the trees would look waving naked branches. And she'd paint the church in the hollow with lights in the windows gleaming over the snow and the bell in the tower a-swaying for Christmas.

Oh, Connie was very happy as she hurried home to her attic, but there, in the temperamental way artists have, she began to draw instead, working in a fever of enthusiasm—the sitting room of the old house where she had been a guest, with Martha Snow herself seated in the frecht, just half of her peaceful profile showing beneath its halo of white hair.

There was holly above the old fireplace and a boy's stocking hanging there. Connie never stopped until she had completed the picture, then ran with it breathlessly to the "Shopee" around the corner.

"Yes, we will display it," a smiling old man agreed.

The picture sold. Of course you were prepared for that; but the strange part was that before it was sold Connie had added her other views to the "Shopee" window, and her discerning purchaser had bought them every one. While the other Christmas studies pleased him not at all; Connie could not count the number of times that she passed that window, first closing her eyes childishly in the hope that her picture would not be there when she opened them. And it was the day but one before Christmas that the "Shopee" manager seeing her peering about, beckoned her inside.

"You have pleased one of our best customers," said the manager, "and when we mentioned your peculiar condition of sale he suggested talking the matter over with you that you might both come to a satisfactory bargain. Our customer thinks that you possess wonderful artistic ability. We have given him your address."

"Is he," asked Connie falteringly, "a philanthropist?"

Some way she did not want her purchaser to be just a philanthropist and spoil all future ambitious hope.

"Mr. Armstrong is a man who usually drives a pretty shrewd bargain," the "Shopee" manager said.

So, though it was early afternoon, Connie hurried home to turn on a gas blaze and don her most presentable dress so that she might make a favorable impression as a successful young wielder of the brush. The purchaser might arrive any minute. But it was

the next afternoon when he came and Connie was wearing a bungalow apron.

The purchaser was young and tall and good looking, and the golden cat greeted him with a purring rub, which was to Connie a recommendation as to his honesty.

Mr. Hubert Armstrong came directly to business.

"Your sketches have for me a double interest, Miss Carroll," he said. "You have drawn remarkably some of the happiest scenes of my boyhood. Scenes which I am ashamed to say I had half-forgotten. The world of business absorbs much of human kindness I am afraid, and sometimes a struggle for success causes us to leave much that is tender behind. I am grateful to you for awakening in me that tenderness which I had almost buried."

The man's voice broke huskily. He drew forth an old sitting-room picture.

"Peace on Earth" was the name she had given it.

"That," said Hubert Armstrong, "is the living room of my home in Hillcrest—the place where I was born. This white-haired woman's profile is the peaceful profile of my long-lost mother. That little bulging stocking might have been my own stocking, just as it used to hang there years ago—Tell me—his tone was eager, "how did you come by your dream?"

"I visited last summer," Connie told him, "in that same old house in Hillcrest with Mrs. Martha Snow, who invited me."

The man nodded hastily. "I see," he said, "it is quite simple after all. Martha Snow is my mother's widowed sister." A dull red crept to his cheek.

"I had almost forgotten that Aunt Martha asked me years ago to allow her to continue on in the old homestead. It was left mine by will. So she's there yet, and the church bell still chimes out for Christmas!"

"You have sounded the memory bells for me, Miss Carroll." It seemed that the purchaser had almost forgotten her in his musings. Now that she looked at him closely his face was threaded by lines of care, his fine eyes sorrowful beneath their sternness. Connie put forth a friendly hand.

"Why," she said, "so you are Martha Snow's nephew. Then there can be no question of bargain between us, the pictures are freely yours."

The man spoke abruptly. "You paint to sell do you not?" he asked. "Isn't that what your studio is for?"

Connie shook her head ruefully.

"Mostly," she replied, "my studio is just to live in."

"And you live alone?"

"I am quite alone in the world," she told him gravely.

Then her irrepresible smile broke forth.

"Unless," she added, "you would count Prowler?" She caught the cat in her arms.

"I—live—alone—too," Hubert Armstrong said slowly.

"I know what it means. There's not much difference between the gilded walls of an apartment and these walls of yours here."

"Not when it comes to loneliness," Connie agreed. "We were going to look much more cheerful," she went



Connie Studied Them All.

on, "when you interrupted us with your knock. I was climbing the ladder to hang a holly wreath."

"Let me do it for you," the man said. Before she could refuse his assistance he was on the ladder, the wreath in his hands.

"That's better," Connie told him as she by side they stood looking up at the crimson berries.

"It's the first time in years," Hubert Armstrong said with a boyish laugh, "that I've done that sort of thing. Gives me a thrill of old Christmas. Makes me wish for a fireplace with a filled stocking before it. The fireplace of your picture makes me long to go skating on a creek—your creek, back at Hillcrest. Makes me want to taste turkey again over the old dining-room table."

"Yes!" breathed Connie, "and hear the church bell ring out across the snow."

Eager-eyed the man gazed into those other eager eyes beneath his own.

"Let's do it," he said impulsively.

"Let us have a real, joyful old-fashioned sort of Christmas, you and I, back at Aunt Martha's. I will call her on the phone. It would delight her heart."

"It would be just 'peace on earth' to me," Connie said happily.

And that Christmas eve as she gazed wide awake through her attic window the moon shone down through the holly wreath.

"Merry Christmas," whispered Connie while the old moon smiled benignly with a promise of happy Christmases to come.

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The Snow at Christmastide

SOFTLY falls the winter twilight
O'er the gray old town,
With its firelit windows brightened,
With its ancient belfries whitened
By the pure snow floating down
From the heavens far and wide—
Peaceful snow of Christmastide.

In the shadows of the forest,
As the night-wind stirs,
All their crosses high uplifted
Where the starry flakes have drifted,
Stand the silent ranks of firs,
By the bright snow glorified—
Radiant snow of Christmastide.

FROM their lofty belfries telling
Of the Saviour's birth,
Carillons and chimes are ringing,
Like the angel chorus singing
"Joy, good will, and peace on earth!"
While the snow falls far and wide—
Blessed snow of Christmastide.

CHRISTMAS ONCE IS CHRISTMAS STILL

The silent skies are full of speech
For who hath ears to hear;
The moon is calling to the beach,
And stars their sacred wisdom teach
Of Faith and Love and Fear.

But once the sky its silence broke,
And song o'erflowed the earth;
The midnight air with glory shook;
And angels' mortal language spoke,
When God our human nature took
In Christ the Saviour's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas still:
The gates through which he came,
And forest wild, and murmuring rill,
And fruitful field, and breezy hill,
And all that else the wide world fill,
Are vocal with his name.

Shall we not listen while they sing
This latest Christmas morn,
And music hear in everything,
And faithful lives in tribute bring
To the great song which greets the King
Who comes when Christ is born?

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Sing, Christmas bells!
Say to the earth this is the morn
Whereon our Savior King is born!
Sing to all men—the bond, the free,
The rich, the poor, the high, the low,
The little child that sports in glee,
The aged folk that tottering go—
Proclaim the morn
That Christ is born,
That saveth them and saveth me!

Sing, angel host!
Sing of the stars that God has placed
Above the manger in the east;
Sing of the glories of the night,
The Virgin's sweet humility,
The Babe with kingly robes be-
dight—
Sing to all men where'er they be
This Christmas morn,
For Christ is born,
That saveth them and saveth me!
—Eugene Field

CHRISTMAS TIMES.

Christmas times in Georgy! know it by
the way
The little boy is talkin' 'bout the toys
every day;
Fer he's seen 'em in the windows whar'
his mother walked along,
An' "What you goin' to buy me?" is his
everlastin' song!

Christmas times in Georgy! jest as sure
as fate;
Know it by the little girls that hang
around' the gate,
Waitin' with a kiss for me when evenin'
comes along;
An' "What you goin' to buy me?" is their
everlastin' song!

Christmas times in Georgy! 'Pears to me
that they
are in a powerful hurry for to 'mind you
of the day;
As if the old-time tellers that's lived so
mighty long
Didn't know the time o' Christmas 'bout
that everlastin' song!

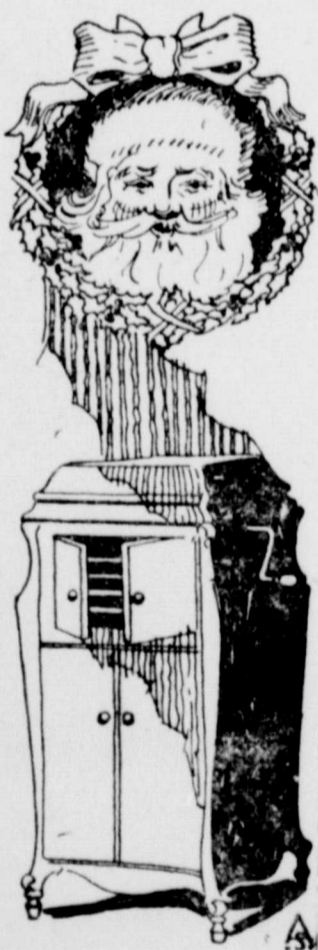
But—thank the Lord, there's some one
in the homes aroun' us yit
To kiss us all for Christmas so's we never
ain't forgot!
An' thank the Lord fer little ones that
think the time is long
An' make us young forever with the mu-
sic o' that song!

—Atlanta Constitution.

Woman students at Leland
Stamford University are charged
with rolling dice and smoking
cigarettes. This is another phase
of higher education.

Merry Christmas

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Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

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We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for your liberal patronage of the year just closing, and wish for you continued prosperity for the NEW YEAR.

Hall Hardware Company

Merry Christmas

Christmas Journey

A True Story for Grown-Ups
By Mary Graham Donner

HE had no children. At Christmas time she especially seemed to feel the need of them. It seemed as though every time she turned around she should see a daughter or a son or a small chubby child of her own—one of those she had dreamed of and who had never stepped outside of her dreams.

Yes! She, Gertrude Harding, was a "born mother" to whom no children had been born.

But this year she had forgotten something most important to be done. And it was only several days before Christmas.

She went down town, made her purchase after quite a delay and left the shop.

Outside were three small children, their faces close against the window pane, their eyes gleaming, their small ill-clad bodies tense and quivering with emotion.

"Aw, gee, look at it stop at the stations! There, she's off the track now! No, she ain't. She's back on again."

The second child was reading a sign. "They says that in this here shop that it's the land where the dreams of children come true. D'ye suppose they's kiddin'?"

The third child, a little girl, who was clutching what once had been a doll was looking at one in the shop's window.

"If I could jes' touch her hair," she sighed.

"Would you like to go inside the shop?" Gertrude Harding asked the children.

They looked at her abruptly. "D'ya mean it?"

And through the shop, straight to the children's department she took them.

It was a revelation to her to realize the joy that was derived by these children from the intimate contact

with toys they knew they could never own.

They had gone inside one of the big shops and had been treated as well as anybody; they had not been afraid. They had looked to their hearts' content.

"It's true—what they's said," the children agreed afterward, "in there it is the land all right, where children's dreams come true." For the reality of Fairyland had been expressed by the marvelous and magical toys and games and gay decorations of the Christmas shop.

If Gertrude Harding told herself afterward, these children had so loved a trip into the gaudy of a children's shop, were there not others who would like to journey forth into the world of toys too?

She thought it over. And did not stop there. She rang up a certain number and asked for the mistress.

"You're the mistress of the Children's hospital, aren't you? Well, I wondered if any of your children would care to go with me tomorrow and take a trip through the children's toy shops? They're most attractively fixed up this year and some of them have special attractions, a Santa Claus and many other wondrous features."

So Gertrude Harding called for the children. There were 15 who were able to go and of that 15 the majority were motherless.

Such an afternoon as Gertrude Harding had. And such an afternoon as the children had.

Those in the shops seemed especially anxious to do what they could for the children who were so obviously from a home or hospital. The mechanical toys even seemed to put more spirit into their performances Gertrude Harding thought.

As they were coming home several little hands found their way into both of Gertrude Harding's hands. One clutched a little finger, another had hold of her thumb; so it went.

"Mrs.," one of them ventured, "let's pretend we're all children from a kindergarten and that you're our teacher. Don't let's pretend we're from a hospital, eh?"

"Yes, let's pretend that," she answered them. "Or how would it do to pretend that I was your mother and that you were all my children?"

"Would you—honest—would you pretend that?" one asked and the others looked at her eagerly, hoping, hoping, hoping she would not refuse.

"That would be the best 'pretend' of all," she smiled at them.

So they "pretended" and so they went back very happily from their Christmas shopping trip.

Once again she took them, on the day before Christmas. It was hard getting through the crowds, but it was worth every effort.

In one of the shops a gayly dressed clown led the children in a procession. Once in a while he turned and winked at them as though to say: "We know what fun all this is don't we? We're in the secret of the fun that children can have at Christmas time that the grown-ups know nothing of. They must let us go along and share our secret together, eh?"

And then the clown beat upon his drum and the children all marched stilly behind.

When a magnificent Santa Claus asked the children to sing with him and the voices of the hospital children sang out with the rest Gertrude Harding felt herself swelling with pride.

Later when Santa Claus perceived that one of the hospital children had an unusually lovely voice he asked him to sing alone.

And there in the shop he sang, sang with the thrill of happiness that a bird sings with when first he feels the warmth and sweet fragrance of the spring.

He had never been asked to sing before like this—in a big shop where people were and where people listened to him, not because he was being visited in a hospital and must do his part to entertain the visitors, but because somehow or other they liked his voice.

It rang out true and strong. He shifted the crutch which he had never been without to the end of his days, and then he was asked to sing an encore.

His face was flushed with the pleasure of doing something which was liked in this big outside world.

He looked at Santa Claus and beamed.

He had already sung a popular song which he had learned from the squeaking talking machine which someone had given the hospital when it was no longer fit for the home, and now he thought he would sing something better. Somehow he felt it would be proper, and vaguely perhaps he felt it would show a gratitude for Christmas that went deeper. Dimly he thought these things.

Someone had taught them a hymn in the hospital, a hymn which he had always loved. It made one feel better, stronger, happier somehow. It was a very glorious hymn he had always thought.

And he sang:

"It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious king;
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing."

Right to the end of the hymn he sang and the people thanked him and

Santa Claus told him it had been lovely and gave him a man-like clap on the back.

Gertrude Harding had felt a lump in her throat and had smiled with eyes that were misty.

So the angels did bend near the earth—even in these days—and even over hospitals where crippled and ill children were. It was the humans, not the angels, who forgot and who went through life not thinking!

Back to the hospital she took the children late, late that afternoon. The hospital was in semi-darkness. Chil-



Their Day of Dreamed-of Pleasure.

dren who had been too recently operated upon or who could not leave their beds sat up as best they could to hear of the news of the outside world.

Little white-clad figures listened to the glowing accounts brought to them of the great life which went on beyond the ward.

And for every little child who had to stay in the hospital, Gertrude Harding had brought a small present, only a trifling one, but a remembrance from the great world.

Then the hospital rules which had been lifted for a few minutes after the ones who had been out so late had come back, were in order again, and there was silence in the ward, and soon there would come sleep.

When she got home that evening, tired but very, very happy, she said to herself:

"There are born mothers, yes! And there are born children, too! Children who need to be loved as much as women who need children to love. And though there is a difference between those of one's very own, and those who are not, it seems as though no one who is a 'born mother' should go

through life, walking blindly by the many motherless children.

"For every childless mother there is a motherless child to whom one can give some of the love and interest and the pride which would otherwise go to waste."

In her sleep she seemed to hear the Christmas carol which the hospital had just sung and she knew what had been revealed to her—

She had traveled into the land of children at Christmas time and had smiled the smile that can be smiled when one gets a look at the heart of a child!

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CHRISTMAS WEEK IN ENGLAND

Time When Scattered Families Are United and Tender Memories Are Revived.

MANY and great are the changes which have occurred in England since Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol," but they have not affected the national love for the festival and the determination to preserve unimpaired the traditional warmth and heartiness of its celebration. Christmas week is still the great week of the year to the English people. It is the one week when scattered families are reunited, when tender memories and old associations are revived, when friend greets friend with a cheery expansiveness in striking contrast with the characteristic reserve of the English nature, so unobtrusive to those who do not know it well, apparently so distant and unsympathetic.

From Wednesday all business will be suspended, not to be resumed till Monday morning. The whole nation will give itself up to a good cheer and good fellowship, and for a brief season, all strife and controversy are hushed, and peace, charity and concord reign supreme.

Substitute for a Tree.

We are not going to have a Christmas tree, writes a correspondent. To make them brilliant many pretty little ornaments are needed and they cost a good deal. My plan is for a barrel in place of a tree. It is covered with old dark green cambric and the day before the great holiday I am going to pin sprigs of evergreen and holly over it. It will look pretty gay, I think, when it is filled with the gifts that are going into it now, all prettily tissueed and tied, and my son as jolly Old Santa Claus stands over it to delve into its mysteries and to proclaim the names of those who are to solve them. I am sure we will enjoy our barrel as much as we would a tree.

A PRAYER AT BETHLEHEM

With infinite creative will
O watchful shepherd, in whose eyes
Sweet hopes and promises arise!
O angel host whose chanting choir
Proclaims fulfillment of desire!
O flaming star so purely white
Against the black Judean night!
O blessed Mary bending low
With sense of motherhood aglow!
O holy babe with haloed head
Soft pillow'd in a manger bed!
O mystery divine and deep,
Help us thy prophecies to keep!
—Anne F. L. Field

WALKING AND TALKING DOLLS

Lifelike Forms Gracefully Step Across the Floor Saying "Mamma" or "Papa."

DOLLS that walk and talk are Parisian Christmas novelties in toyland. These dolls seem almost human, as they walk in sprightly style across the floor saying "mamma" or "papa" just as real children would.

Walking dolls being a new invention, seem wonderful and bring screams of delight from little girls and boys, too, who watch with intense interest every step of the lifelike dolls as they are exhibited in the shops.

The machinery that moves the doll's legs is set in motion by a key that is inserted in the works at the wals line.

The voice is made active by works that are wound with a key.

The eyes move as the body sways from side to side, just as the real child's eyes roll and blink, etc.

CHRISTMAS TIME

It is the Christmas time,
And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth,
In glorious grief and solemn mirth,
The shining angels climb.
—Dinah Mulock Craik.

Two hundred and fifty groups have joined in demanding the prosecution of the sugar trust. They overlook the fact that a large part of the robbery was due to the indifference of a Republican congress. — Rochester Herald.

Los Angeles appeals for tents to shelter the houseless. Shelter them from what? That splendid climate! — Kansas City Star.

Tom and the High Cost of Christmas

Gifts by De Lysle Ferree Cass

WHEN Tom left the farm to go to the city to make his fortune he did it contrary to the ominous head-shaking and prophecies of disaster of all the neighbors. Even his father and mother, with past years of toll rapidly beginning to tell upon them, were pessimistic of his chances of success, nor could they resist expressing their forebodings.

The old folks loved their boy too well to reproach him for his desertion now in the first flush of his young manhood, but their hearts did ache at thought of the separation.

"You'll soon get tired of all that hurly-burly there in the city, Tom," his old father told him. "And when you do, I want you always to remember that we've still got a place for you back here at the old homestead. It mayn't be as fine and showy as lots you'll see there in the city, but it's more the sort that the good Lord intended you for. Ma and I are hoping the best for you, son, but—when you do find out that your fortune's not away off there—just pocket your pride and come back here to us who love you."

So young Tom left the farm with shining eyes and a high heart and adventured into the great, far-away city in quest of fame and fortune.

How he fared there and all the sorry disappointments that repeatedly overtook him during that year of absence would be a long and harrowing story to tell. He chased his rainbow to its end, yet found the fabled pot of gold not there as he had so confidently and blatantly expected.

Tom made applications for all sorts of office positions only to find himself quickly rejected because of his lack of experience in those specific lines.

"Well, anyway, I'm young and husky and used to hard manual labor," Tom consoled himself. "I can at least

get a job with a contracting gang, as a painter, or plumber's assistant, or teamster. That will suffice to keep me going for a while until the sort of position I want turns up."

But even in those lines of work the green country boy found himself suddenly brought up short against a blank wall. He had no references as to past city employment and nobody would hire him after once finding out that he had no union card.

Huddled in his shabby overcoat on a street corner in the squalid section of the city—the icy wind whistling around him and biting through his threadbare garments—poor Tom stood on the evening before Christmas, wondering where he might find a shelter in which to sleep that night without freezing.

Just how long he had stood there, shivering in the chill wind on the street corner—bitterness against the great, unfeeling city rankling in his heart—Tom did not know. He was startled from his moody reverie by hearing a hoarse, wheedling voice at his very elbow, saying what was intended as a confidential tone:

"How'd y'like a nice hot feed and some coin to jingle in yer pants, bo? Ain't hungry, are ya?"

Whirling about, Tom saw that his accoster was an under-sized, burly fellow with a tough, truculent visage and hands shoved deep into the side pockets of his coat. He wore a battered cap with the visor pulled low down over his eyes and spat malevolently upon the sidewalk each time before he spoke.

"How'd y'like the idea, huh?" he reiterated in his raucous, grating voice, sidling closer as he spoke and casting a wary eye up and down the nearly deserted, gloomy, wind-swept street.

Tom regarded him with distaste and undisguised mistrust. He looked like a typical thug. But misery cannot be too fastidious about the company it keeps. Finally Tom scowled blackly and answered:

"What's that to you, anyway?"

"Well, you're outta luck, ain't cha, pal? Yer on yer uppers, stony broke and maybe with an empty belly, too, huh, bo? Well, I guessed that much. I ain't blind yet, I ain't! Well, I need a pal for a little job tonight and we both can make a lotta jack out of it, see?"

"You mean—burglary?" Tom muttered hesitantly, with an involuntary contraction of his heart.

"Humph! Not anything like safe-cracking or breaking into a house, I don't. Too many people staying up with the kids over Christmas trees tonight. I ain't keen on takin' fool chances like that, I'm tellin' ya! Naw, this I wantcha for is something soft, safe and easy as falling off a log. You know the big prices people are willing to pay for real booze since the coun-

try went dry, don't cha? Well, right near here I know a certain warehouse that's got 20 cases of whisky stored in the basement. Real bonded stuff! The watchman is an old pal o' mine and is willing to let us swipe it if we'll split on the coin we get afterwards. I've got another guy with a fiver that's ready to meet us about 2 o'clock this morning to haul away the stuff as fast as we pass it up to him through the alley windows. We've got it all framed for a fake capture and tying up of our other pal, the night watchman, so that the bulls can't get wise to him. We're willing to split four ways on the swag if y' wanta go in on it with us. Watcha say now, bo, huh? Safe and easy as falling off a log!"

The sinister appearance of the ruffian repelled Tom, and the very thought of the crime they contemplated struck him with fright. It meant jail, disgrace, if they were caught.

"But I—I never have done anything like that in my life," he stammered weakly, teeth chattering in the biting wind. "It would be criminal. The whisky doesn't belong to us. It would be illegal for us even to try to sell it afterwards."

"Pah!" spat the ugly-visaged man, sneeringly. "You look pretty, a bird like youse, talking that way about what's lawful and all that! Lots that these rich guys have cared how you got along since you came to town, from the looks of you! They've got fine, wagn homes and coin and everything. Wotta they care whether poor bums like us have to go hungry or freeze in the gutter on Christmas eve? Why should you care about them when they don't give a rap about you? You've got to go on living, ain't cha, huh?"

Tom hunched his shuddering shoulders against the wind, trembling as much because of his own moral irresolution as from the terrible cold.

"Well, bo, how about it? Are y' on or are y' still so almighty particular about how y' handle the stuff belongin' to all them rich guys?"

"God!" groaned poor Tom in the abyss of his wretchedness. "Yes, I'll do it! I will! I will!"

The other clapped him roughly on the shoulder with a saturnine leer and attempted at jocular fellowship.

"Well, I thought cha would," he rasped hoarsely. "We'll meet cha at the corner by the lumber yard at 1:30. Don't you fall to be there now!"

"I won't! I'll be there all right!" Tom muttered brokenly. Already in his cringing soul he felt like the thief he had pledged himself to become. Oh heaven, if only—

To kill time until the appointed hour, he dug his numb hands deeper down into his pockets and wandered aimlessly on. He had no particular



"How'd Y' Like the Idea, Huh?"

objective in mind save only the need to keep moving lest he freeze or go mad with the strain of waiting. He shrank from letting himself think of the deed to which he was about to be party.

Involuntarily his dragging footsteps took him back into the more brilliantly lighted retail shopping district, where the crowds already had thinned, hurrying home to their families and happy, expectant kiddies with the holiday celebration in mind.

The hours dragged slowly by. It came near the hour for the stores to close. But still there was time, if poor Tom had only had money, to have rushed in, bought the presents he wanted for the old folks and children, and caught the midnight train back to the country. He easily could reach there by morning and appear as a joyous surprise to them—

But ah! Why drive himself to distraction by thinking of that when there was no chance that—

And right then, suddenly, he espied it lying there, almost at his very feet—a big, fat wallet, with not a person nearer than a hundred yards of him. Plainly someone had lost it in their mad haste to get home.

Tom stopped and scooped it up like a flash. Around the corner he surreptitiously examined it. Bills—both green and yellow, of large denominations—they fairly stuffed it! There were seven hundred dollars or more!—a small fortune to the miserable boy who had not even eaten for fourteen hours. Money! Money! Money! Far more than he possibly could need even in his most extravagant dreams. With a gurgling cry, Tom stuffed the wad of bills into his trousers pocket, threw away the fine leather purse and

made a mad dash for the nearest department store.

No need now to keep his sinister, criminal appointment—no more necessity for—

But the most gladsome feature of young Tom's homecoming that next day was his blushing announcement to the old folks that he had had enough of the big city; that he had come home to stay, as they had prayed he would.

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Best of All Holidays

TAKING it all in all, it may be safely asserted that Christmas is the merriest and the best of all holidays, and one which is likely to be observed for ages yet to come. Nations may rise and fall, new beliefs and religions may sweep away the old, but that would seem, indeed, a dreary and empty year which brought no merry Christmas in its annual round. May old Father Time long spare his holiday to mankind to gladden the hearts of all with its coming, and may each Christmas be still merrier than the last.

An Ancient Christmas Dish.

An indispensable Christmas dish of ancient times was "frumenty" or "frumante." Here is the recipe for making the dish according to a faithful old chronicler: "Take clean wheat and bray it in a mortar until the hulls be all gone off, and seethe it until it burst, and take it up and let it cool; and take clean, fresh broth and sweet milk of almonds or sweet milk of kine and temper it all; and take the yolks of eggs. Boil it a little and set it down and mess it forth with fat venison or fresh mutton." Frumenty was often served alone without venison or mutton. When served by itself it was well sweetened.

A BIG JOKE

Duck: Now I hope I won't get a treatise on "How to Swim" for a Christmas gift.

Lenine and Trotzky admit to a fear of famine. For Russia, of course, and not for themselves.—Baltimore American.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE

The Christmas-tide, the tide of merriment and feast, and love, and peace—most gracious tide, All hail, I greet and yearn to honor thee! Now let the table groan 'neath viands rich! The smoking turkey with the truffle stuffed, The sirlion roast, all fragrant with the fumes Of ozazone; fish, flesh and fowl, and dainties From all climes, full-ranged in rank profusion, To tempt the timid appetite and fill The forward one . . . So, spread the table with luxurious cafe, And round it gather ever saint and sinner; Bar out dull Care, and let the vixen wait, Nor rob you, as she's apt to, of your dinner. And shout your mirth, but do not let the secrets O'erquell the little voice that stands demure Outside your heart and gently tapping pleads: "A sop to soothe the shiverings of the poor!" —Joseph Whitton, in Table Talk.

CHRISTMAS MOTHER GOOSE

What are little boys made of, made of? What are little boys made of? Engines and drums And fat sugar plums— And that's what boys are made of.

What are little girls made of, made of? What are little girls made of? Dishes and dolls And red rubber balls— And that's what girls are made of.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE

The Merry Christmas, with its generous bonds Its frail hearts and gifts and blazing trees, Its pleasant voices uttering gentle words, Its genial mirth, attuned to sweet accord, Its holy memories! The fairest season of the passing year— The Merry, Merry Christmas time is here.

HEART OF GOD.

By YACHELL LINDSAY.

O little heart of God, Sweet intruding stranger, You are laughing in my human breast, A Christ-child in a manger.

Heart, dear heart of God, Beside you now I kneel, Strong heart of faith, O heart of mine, Where God has set his seal.

Wild, thundering heart of God, Out of my doubt I come, And my fooling feet with prophet's feet March with the prophet's drum!

CHRISTMAS

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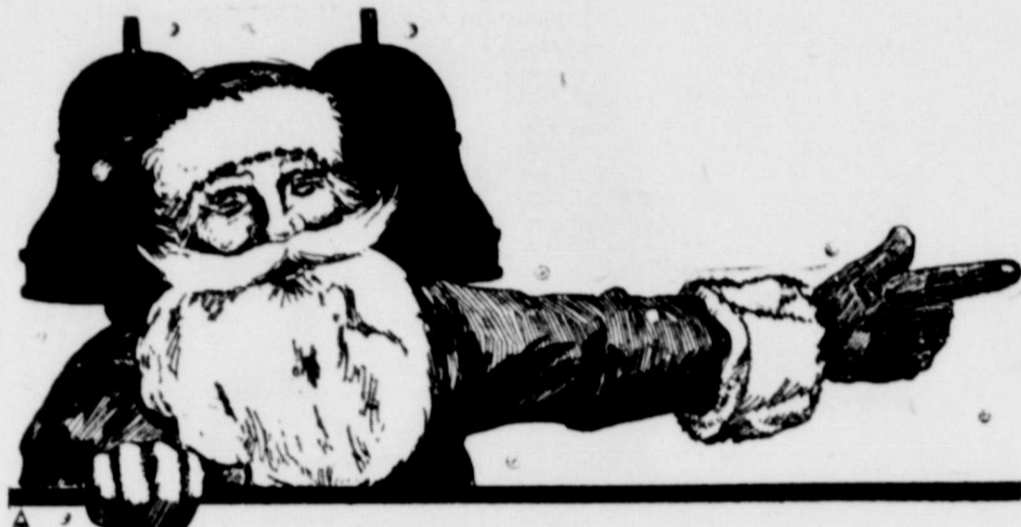
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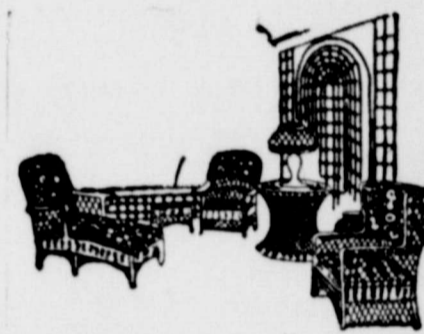


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Merry Christmas

DECEMBER 5, ST. NICK'S DAY

Children of Holland and France Look for Santa Claus' Visit Early in the Month.

IN THE strict order of things children should have hung up their stockings for Santa Claus on Dec. 5, and rejoiced in his gifts. For it was the feast of St. Nicholas, alias Santa Claus. He has nothing whatever to do with Christmas, and his visit then is an Anglo-Saxon anachronism, which came from America fifty years ago. As their patron saint, children were taught to look to Nicholas for care and protection. To show the reality of his love for boys and girls, parents related that on his eve he went up and down the earth rewarding the good with presents, as he had in his life secretly thrown purses of gold into the rooms of poor maidens through the window. Children were taught to hang up their stockings which parents acting as the saint's deputies filled with sweets, apples, nuts and toys. In England the custom was abolished with the worship of saints at the Reformation, and was re-established in the American guise of Father Christmas in the middle of last century.

But in Holland Santa Claus makes his visit on the right day, Dec. 5. Instead of stockings, the Dutch children place their shoes, with straw in them for the donkey on which Nicholas rides, in front of the fireplace. In the morning good children find presents there, but the shoes of the naughty contain only a birch. The custom is the same in France. In southern Austria, a young man, arrayed as St. Nicholas, in episcopal robes, visits each house and examines the children in their catechism. To those who answer well the saint's attendant angels give fruit and sweets, while demons are admitted to terrorize the careless. On going to bed the children place baskets or dishes on the window sill for his future gifts. Catholic Germany furnishes the transition between the origin of Nicholas and modern Santa Claus. Arrayed as Father Christmas, he visits each home and questions the children as to their past conduct. For the good there are cakes and fruit, and for all a lecture. He then asks what presents they would like the Christ-child to bring at Christmas.—London Daily Chronicle.

Anyway, there was one glorious feature about the whole campaign and election. It was William J. Bryanless.—Houston Post.

FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appropriate Decorations Add to the Zest and Gayety of the Yuletide Festivities.

IF SANTA CLAUS is to be present at the Christmas party supper—and of course he should be invited—he may appear in an automobile, but in order to be quite orthodox he should be driving his eight reindeer through the snow; and therefore the hostess should use a strip of snowy cotton wool plentifully sprinkled with frost for the table center. Purchase a somewhat large Santa Claus; he will be most effective dressed in a brown cloak with scarlet hood and cap. A fancy basket in the form of a wheelbarrow or chariot will answer the purpose for his sleigh, and should be loaded with presents of all kinds. The reindeer, which can be filled with sweets, may be harnessed to the sleigh with scarlet ribbons on which have been sewn a number of tiny bells.

At intervals down the table place boxes of bonbons in the form of Yule logs, with garlands of holly and mistletoe arranged from log to log, the menus to be in banner form, each one being held by a miniature Father Christmas.

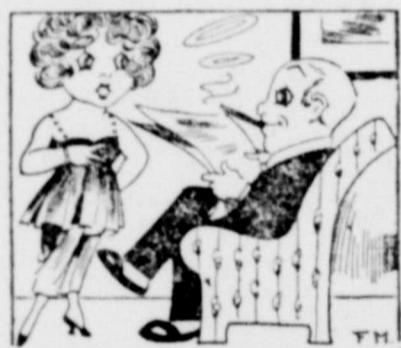
A Cinderella scheme for the supper table is pretty. For the center purchase from your florist the wire frame of a coach. Cover it thinly with moss, binding it on with hemp; then cover it with scarlet geraniums, attaching the blossoms to the coach with fine silver wire; harness two milk-white toy horses to it with ribbons to match the geraniums. A smart little coachman and footman must be placed on their respective places, and a doll to represent Cinderella dressed for the ball should be sitting inside.

Appropriate presents to be placed for the children would consist of a slipper filled with sweets for each little boy, and a doll dressed as a fairy in white gauze spotted with silver stars, holding a tiny wand, would delight the heart of each little girl.

Stickers

Jimmie and Jennie went fishing and Jimmie caught an eel, but Jennie only caught chigres. The eel of Jim's was slick, so got away. But Jennie's chigres were caught to stay.

The way the farmers are causing the bankers sufficient evidence that the farmers owe the bankers money.—Columbia Record.



HIS SUGGESTION
"We'll have to economize this Christmas, my dear."
"Yes, but how?"
"I've an idea. Let's give your relatives the same kind of cheap gifts we always give my folks."

Tit for Tat.
The Poet: "May I read you my new Christmas poem?"
The Musician: "Yes, if you'll let me play you my new Christmas cantata."
—Fliegende Blätter.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Chime soft and low, glad Christmas bells!
We, too, will sing,
Will bring our gifts more precious far
Than frankincense or costly myrrh
To Christ our king.
Our consecrated lives we'll give;
With trusting, loving hearts we bend
To plead for grace and strength to live,
And honor him, our precious friend.
—Selected.

JESUS THE RECONSTRUCTOR.

BY ISAAH.
The lord hath appointed me to preach
good tidings unto the meek,
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
They shall build the old wastes,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the waste cities.

SANTA CLAUS

Beyond the ocean many a mile,
And many a year ago,
There lived a wonderful queer old man

In a wonderful house of snow;
And every little boy and girl,
As Christmas times arrive,
No doubt will be very glad to hear
The old man is still alive.

In his house upon the top of a hill,
And almost out of sight,
He keeps a great many elves at work,
All working with all their might
To make a million of pretty things,
Cakes, sugar-plums and toys,
To fill the stockings, hung up, you know,
By the little girls and boys.
—Sunshine Bulletin.

WHEN CHRISTMAS WAS YOUNG

To Understand Mysteries of the Yuletide, It is Necessary to Search Ancient History.

IN THE midst of the rush and excitement of Christmas preparations certain questions will flash across the mind, and we find ourselves wondering why it is that we do the very same things Christmas after Christmas. Why do we hang stockings, light Christmas trees, trim our homes and have plum pudding?

To understand the origin of these customs we must wander far back into the forgotten past—ages before Julius Caesar set foot on British soil, or St. Augustine told the story of the Cross to the men of Kent. Hundreds of years ago—long before the year 1—the ancients, as we call the people of those times, all worshiped the sun, the great giver of light and life. In the month of March they built big fires to it, asking it to shine upon the seeds they had planted and warm them into life. In the autumn they held another festival, thanking the sun for the harvest, and again, in the winter time, they held the greatest festival of all to celebrate the coming of the springtime.

In ancient Egypt, in Assyria, in Greece, on Roman soil and in the northlands these festivals were celebrated year after year and always about the same time, the winter one being held about New Year's time.

Wherever the Roman eagle was found, this feast was called the Saturnalia and it was marked by universal license and good feeling.

All at once Christianity appeared upon the scene. As the policy of the early church was to reconcile heathen converts to the new faith by adopting some of the heathen customs and festivals, the new religion accepted and retained many, and the result, as is easily seen, has been the strange medley of pagan and Christian rites which we use at Christmas time today.

After Britain was Christianized by the Romans, the Saxons and northern tribes came, bringing their old northern rites, and as Christianity at last replaced paganism the Christians kept the old pagan rites, merely changing their meaning.

For many years no two lands celebrated the same day as the birthday of Christ. They did not know the exact day, and we do not know it; but this date has now become the most important one in the world's history.

Be Wise and Advertise—

The Old Age of Santa Claus.

In Anna Farquhar's "Convictions" in The National Magazine, she says: "Santa Claus totters under his pack, wearing a long, old face these days. Probably in his youth he had no idea of growing old or departing this life; therefore when his enthusiasm and joyousness began to wane unaccountably, he must have opined that the world was tottering—not his own generous throne of life. Nowadays he creeps down the chimney stealthily as if somewhat ashamed of his mission, like a polar burglar, and his eight tiny reindeer make small clatter on the lawn, for many of their joy bells have been lost. When Santa lays a finger aside of his nose reflectively in our times, he exclaims, without a bit of jolly shake below the waist: 'Degenerates! Degenerates! Has my world come to such a pass that people wish to pay me for my presents? Can it be that little children are so surfeited with toys that they stop to ask how much they cost before accepting them. There was little Willie, last year, who said to his mamma, when he first saw a beautiful woolly dog, "What's it got inside? Candy or money? Don't want a dog 'less it's got somethin' inside!"'

Games of Heathen Origin

MANY of our most familiar Christmas games have a heathen origin and some of their requirements once played a most important part in the heathen rites and mysteries. Every one knows how, when playing the popular Christmas game of "snap dragon," all other lights in the room are extinguished while we try to snatch raisins from blazing brandy, but probably few are aware that the ancient British Druids were accustomed to worship, in a temple otherwise dark, a flame of burning spirits into which they cast and out of which they plucked certain sacred objects, and that they thus performed some of the most awful solemnities of their religion.

Immigration is the one important problem that Congress will wrestle with during the next approaching session.

France wants Germany to pay her way in, objecting to any complimentary tickets.—Munich Evening Star.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Wherever there is sickness,
May Santa Claus bring health;
Wherever there is poverty,
May Santa Claus bring wealth;
Wherever one is weeping,
May tears to smiles give way;
Wherever sadness hovers,
May joy come Christmas day.

To every heart that's aching,
May peace and comfort come;
And may an outlook rosy
Supplant each outlook gloomy;
May friends now separated
Soon reunited be,
And everyone find gladness
Upon this Christmas tree.
—Edgar Quill

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

A Merry Christmas, children all,
Rich and poor, large and small,
To north, to south, to east, to west,
In every land where Christ is guest,
A Merry, Merry Christmas!

Now may we love our neighbors more,
And may we give from out our store,
That all may have a merry heart,
And take a gladsome, joyous part
In our Merry, Merry Christmas!

For when dear Christmas Eve draws
Nigh,
Be it the time when you and I
Shall put away all wrong and sin,
And bid the holy Christ-child in,
To bless our Merry Christmas!
—Montreal Star

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come back to Bethlehem,
The year is on the wane;
A truce to strife that wears life,
A truce to grief and pain.
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem
And hear its song again!

If siren voices luring thee
Have turned thy thoughts aside,
If thou hast quaffed the bitter draught
Of envy or of pride,
If thou in agony of shame
Hast thy dear Lord denied,

Come back today to Bethlehem!
Though thou hast wandered far,
No rest shall fill thy yearning breast
Until thou see the Star.
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem,
Where yet the angels are!

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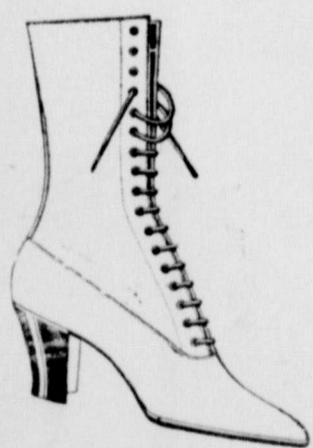
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Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas



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Merry Christmas

TOY TREE TABLE DECORATION

Miniature Christmas Emblem May Be Surrounded With Presents Tied With Red Ribbon.

DECORATE the table with a Christmas tree, one of the toy ones, and pile around its foot a quantity of presents tied with red ribbons. These should be only what a college man would call "grinds"—perhaps a tiny tin piano for a would-be performer, a lantern for the one the points of whose jokes are difficult to see, a placid paper golf bag for the enthusiastic player, and so on, each with a rhyme or quotation, says Harper's Bazar. If one considers a goose a somewhat undignified bird, ducks may be exchanged for it, either the domestic fowl or the more expensive canvas-back or redhead. Fried celery is very good with duck, the crispest pieces dropped in batter and then cooked in deep fat. But the apple sauce croquettes should not be omitted even with this. For this informal dinner there is a very good and innocuous drink to serve with the heavy course—sweet elder, spiced and sugared to taste, cooked ten minutes and served hot.

YULETIDE THORN TREE SAVED

Blooming Glastonbury, Subject of Beautiful Legends of Christmas, Was Doomed to Destruction.

ONE of the most beautiful legends of Christmas is that of the Glastonbury thorn. The thorn tree grew at Glastonbury Abbey, in Somersetshire, and was supposed to have developed from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea. According to the legend, Joseph came to Glastonbury and while he was resting on a hill, afterward known as Weary All hill, he stuck his staff in the earth. The staff immediately grew green and blossomed, and at Christmas time it blossomed into beautiful flowers.

One chronicler states that during Queen Elizabeth's reign the thorn had a double trunk, but that a somewhat bigoted Puritan, who disliked the tree because to his mind it smacked of popery, started to cut it down, and succeeded in demolishing one of the trunks. A miracle rescued the remaining trunk of the tree by causing a chip of wood to fly up and hit the Puritan in the eye, while at the same time he slipped and cut his leg. Later the tree was grubbed up, but a number of smaller trees raised from the original are said to be growing by persons in the neighborhood.

Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas trees—rather more in the middle West, where cuttings are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a short-needle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremast of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds lie a cargo which might tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

Our Commercialized Christmas.

Christmas is the decoration day of a commercial age. Then, as on no other day, we face with compassion those who have fallen in our battles for wealth. For a moment we think of the thousands of children who have no share in that easy life we give our children, and must find the season's joy in the charity dinner. Along with the barter to which we have debased our giving within our circle of acquaintances, we play at extending the spirit of the day to those who are the pawns of our industrial game. The Salvation army lass, standing cold and numb on the street corner, collecting funds for Christmas baskets for the poor, reminds us of the wreckage left in the wake of our prosperity. We give a trifle to help the poor temper the bitterness of the year with a couple of hours' good eating.

A PESSIMIST

Duck: I'll bet I get a raincoat, or a pair of rubbers, or something like that for Christmas.



CHRISTMAS THINGS FOR BOYS

Youngsters Like Presents That Afford Amusement as Well as Being of Educational Nature.

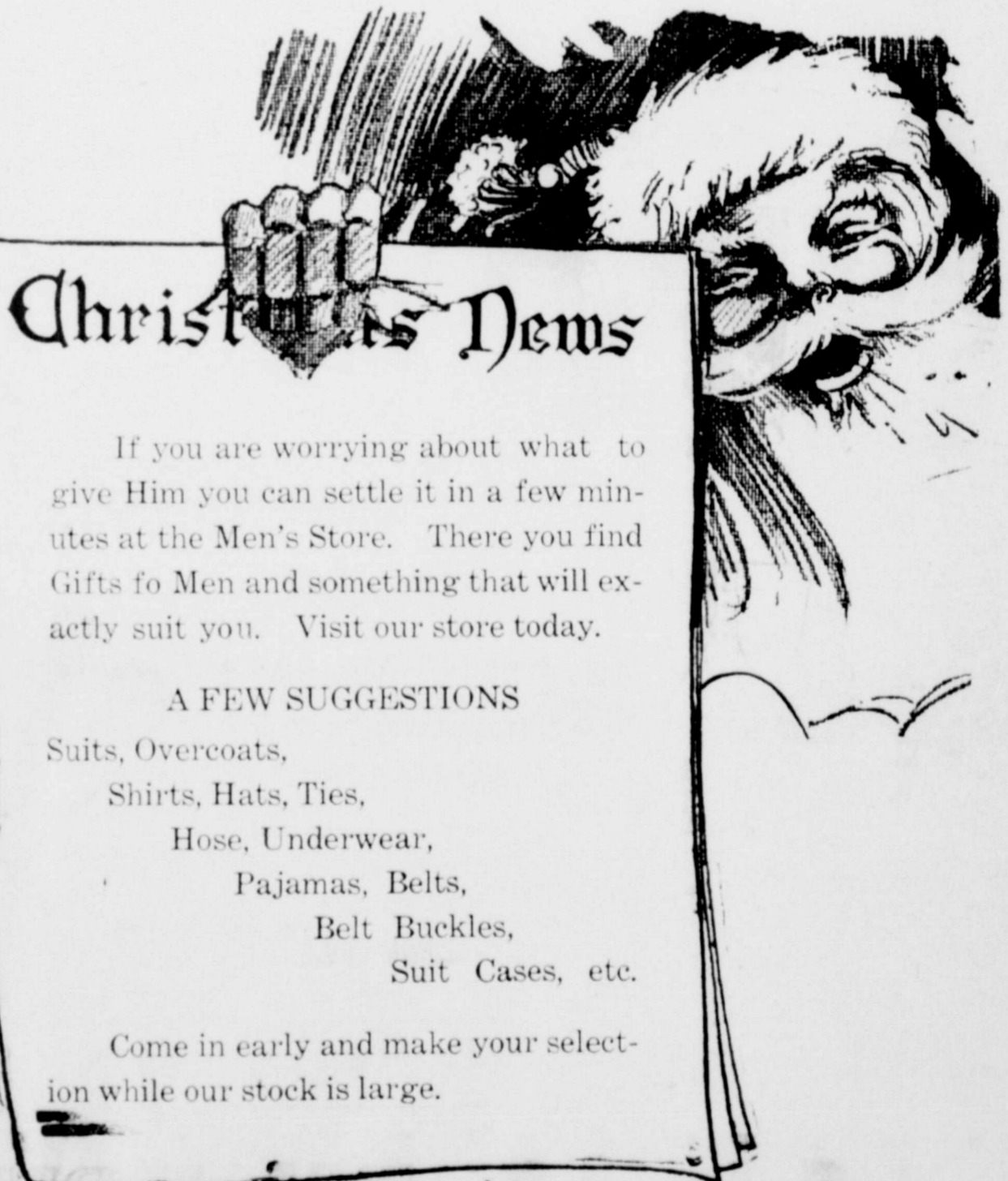
IT IS to be wondered if the small boy's taste and temperament are really and truly considered when buying gifts that are meant to appeal to his inventive mind, or whether we simply purchase for him some joy or object of entertainment which we in our never-failing judgment think fit that he should have. It happens oftentimes that the boy who would give half his little kingdom for the Hungry Dumpty circus that some other small youth received as his share from the Christmas pack receives a necktie, a pair of gloves and books, and vice versa. With the host of wonderful inventions for the entertainment and education of childhood, why not study the boy's bent and give him something with which to develop his bent?

One boy, in fact many, would prize a box of tools, and these very desirable outfits may be had in any size desired: another lad of the spirited age of ten or twelve, would like a football and a suit to play in; the mechanical mind just revels over the mechanism of a wonderfully constructed railway, a miniature airplane, or just a simple engine that can be made to run gives hours of pleasure; then there is the popular pushmobile, the wonderful joy everlasting while snow and ice lasts, sled and ice skates. If the young man is a collector of stamps, large packages of foreign postage may be had, and the nearest approach to attending a moving picture show is to give the boy a postcard projector with which he can have a picture show of his own and invite the other boys if he wants to.

To these few suggestions may be added games, boy scout stories, numerous articles of wearing apparel and possibly a wash, an Indian or some other masquerade outfit, a wigwam and so on through an indeterminate list, but give him something he wants to.

If this proposed era of good feeling materializes there will not be enough left of the Mason and Dixon's line to hang the family wash on.—Indianapolis News.

It is said that the worst crimes committed are usually perpetrated by men under thirty years old.



Christmas News

If you are worrying about what to give Him you can settle it in a few minutes at the Men's Store. There you find Gifts for Men and something that will exactly suit you. Visit our store today.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

Suits, Overcoats,
Shirts, Hats, Ties,
Hose, Underwear,
Pajamas, Belts,
Belt Buckles,
Suit Cases, etc.

Come in early and make your selection while our stock is large.

Stone and Thorp
The Men's Store

THE BANNER LEADER

Published Every Friday by THE BANNER-LEADER PUBLISHING CO

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MRS. C. P. SHEPHERD, Society Editor

The cry of the merchant is "do your shopping early," but they will not object if you shop early and late too.

Resolve now to make your New Year's resolution a little stronger for 1913. It is better to try and fail than never have tried at all.

Gene Johnson only received fifteen provided it is agreeable with consent of the clutches of the law for killing Capt. Boyce. The price may sound a little high, but Sneed got what he paid for.

Ballinger could be made a cleaner town if the sewerage system was a better payer patronized. It would not be a bad deal for the city to take the sewerage works over and then enforce the ordinance governing same.

While the mercury is playing around the zero mark in the North Texas is supplying the Northern citizen with strawberries. No doubt they are tempted to move to Texas when they are served the luscious strawberry. Great is Texas.

The San Antonio Express says Gov. Colquitt is grooming himself for the senatorial race against Gulberson in the next campaign. The Express says it knows whereof it is speaking, and if such is true there will be something doing in politics two years hence.

A White Plymouth Rock hen has brought the fancy price of \$800.00 at Springfield, Missouri, and it happened only last week. And yet some people say there is no money in the chicken business. The \$800 hen won the world's record for producing eggs. She had 281 to her credit for one year's work.

Ballinger failed to win the money in the clean town contest, but we are winners by having a cleaner town and good health. Ballinger stood forth in the list of cleanest towns, and we should all work together to keep the town clean, and profit by the splendid sanitary condition we have gained.

Uncle Sam is planning to build two public highways across the United States, running from Canada to the Gulf. One of the highways will cross Texas, and a number of towns along the proposed route are pulling for the road. It will be a big thing for the people along the road, as Uncle Sam never does a thing by halves, and it means a big lesson in road building.

Let's plan now for a get-together meeting soon after the holidays and start the move for a more prosperous Ballinger. We should have the county fair in 1913, and let it take the place of the reunion that we have been spending money on for a number of years. The reunion could be made a feature of the fair mitee. There is nothing for the business men of Ballinger to do along the line of town building and civic improvement. Let's all get busy.

It's the fellow who holds on that comes out winner. To give up is nothing more than acknowledging defeat, and to acknowledge defeat means that you are down and out and must start over again. The man that has stood by his post during the last three years short crops in this country will be here to welcome the man on his return who moves from the drought, and the man who stays will have dollars while the man who left will have experience. Just a little prophesy from the Banner-Leader editor.

Gov. Blease, of South Carolina, says "to hell with the Constitution" when a negro commits the heinous crime so common to him, and in this the South Carolina governor advocates mob violence. It is true that the law is sometimes slow in handing out punishment to the guilty brute and the home-owning white people of the South become disgusted, but it would be going backward to place the unwritten law of the statute books of our land. There is an unwritten law, and it serves its purpose in protecting the home, but the minute it becomes a statutory law it will be used by the open hand murderer for defense. It would be far better to lay aside so many technicalities and let the law take its course.

The whole of Christmas is built around the love of a mother for a Babe. Centuries have since rolled by; dynasties have risen and fallen; conquerors have waxed and waned; but none of these have stifled that gentle song in the quiet of the Judean starlight. Nor have the two thousand years broken the communal spirit of sympathy between that mother at Bethlehem and the mother of to-day. As Heaven lay around that infancy in the Bethlehem stable, so Heaven lies around the cradle of every infant of to-day.—Ladies Home Journal.

Texas men are fair-minded and only the vis inertiae stands in the way of securing juster, better laws. The men of Texas are just as willing to trust the women whom they make their wives, as the women are to trust the men they make their husbands, and the women need only to state their case fairly and impartially to find that the Texas men and the Texas legislature will give them what they want. The present demands are so obviously within the bounds of both reason and justice that for many years the Bar Association of Texas has passed annual resolutions in favor of just such a law as the Speer bill for the removal of the legal disabilities of married women, and for a term of years the State Federation of Women's Clubs has also passed a similar resolution.

ALL FAITH AND NO WORK DOES NOT PAY HERE.

A covered wagon passed through Santa Anna one day last week, going east. The wagon bore this enlightening and poetic inscription: "In God we trusted, But in Runnels we busted, In God we are still hoping, As eastward we are moping."

Santa Anna News. We have no way of finding out who the unfortunate man is that is "moping" eastward, but we will wager the strongest prohibition drink in town that if he could be located it would develop that he did too much trusting and "moping" and not enough work while a resident of this county, if he ever lived here, to keep from starving. It takes brawn and energy to make the milk and honey flow here, just as it does in any country on earth, and the man who comes here with the idea that he can trust in God and "mope" and live high is making a sad mistake and it does not require but about one year for such a go-moping for a land that is pictured as flowing freely with the ease of life and where dollars grow on trees.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
By *Wm. D. Galt*

POLL TAXES

Following are the number of poll taxes paid in each voting precinct up to last night:

Ballinger	29
Hatchell	26
Benoit	7
Crews	25
Token	26
Truitt	14
Winters	64
Antelope	41
Puphrey	20
Wingate	43
Baldwin	5
Wilmet	29
Cockran	19
North Norton	23
Marie	4
Maverick	19
South Norton	14
Pearce School House	13
Brookshire	9
Miles	54
Rowena	55
Diffin	49
Pony Creek	48
Ballinger, No. 24	36
Total	569
Polls Assessed	3,270
Polls paid last year	2,860

food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; Herbine is the remedy you need. It cleanses the bowels, and restores energy and strengthens the stomach, liver and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Peary.

SANTA FE COUNTRYSIDER RESIGNS.

E. D. Haden, the man who has charge of the Santa Fe park at Ballinger, is loading his car today and will ship out tomorrow for Bonham where he has accepted the position as gardener for the county at that place and will have charge of the court house park.

XMAS CHEER.

The Xmas dinner to be given at the old mission hall near the Santa depot, is free for all. Business men and friends have donated liberally. Anyone wishing to spread with us is cordially invited to go so, and especially to desire the presence of all needy persons or those who because of sickness, or other misfortune, are unable to provide Xmas home. Dinners will be served for those who are unable to come. The program will be rendered at 11:00 o'clock or before, and trust the Lord will give us a splendid feast and a real profitable time together. If you wish to help please phone No. 476. MRS. THOS. E. MANGUM, Chairman of Committee. Bookkeeping—Shorthand. And allied subjects, the latest and best. Satisfaction guaranteed or tuition refunded. San Angelo Business College, San Angelo, Texas.

Cured of Liver Complaint.
"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c. box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

NEW HOME.

Mr. John T. Wiley loaded his car for Red River County last Tuesday. Mrs. Wiley and children left on the following Saturday. We regretted very much to give up this family, but console ourselves by believing they like most everyone else, that leaves Runnels county, come back. However, we wish Mr. Wiley and family all the good luck and prosperity they might have in the new home.

There has and will be quite a number of changes in our community. Mr. Norris will occupy the place vacated by Mr. Wiley. Mr. Cox, Mr. Norris' place. Mr. Crockett, of Ferris, has moved to C. A. Dooze' old farm.

J. N. Wiley has traded his farm to Mr. Boyer at Talpa for property there. Mr. Wiley has moved to Ballinger, and Mr. Boyer will move to Mr. Wiley's place.

Mr. Parker has moved to the Craig farm. Mr. Craig left Saturday for Hunt county, where he will look for a location. Mr. Craig will go to that place later.

Grandma Dodd, who is visiting her grand-daughter, Mrs. Frank Starks in Ballinger, we regret to say, is very sick.

Jim Jones who has been in North Texas for the past six weeks, returned home Sunday.

Miss Mary Perkins, of Brownwood took her position as assistant teacher in our school Monday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wiley a twelve pound girl.

Mrs. Carter who is with her daughter, Mrs. T. B. Wade, is very sick.

Our community is making preparations for an Xmas tree Tuesday night.

Floyd Wiley and family visited his parents at Hatchell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones visited in Winters Friday and Saturday. They also attended the Poultry show at that place, which they reported to be very good.

BRIGHT EYES.

No Calomel Necessary. The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmonds' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

Stands Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other oil possesses. Others may be good, but it is the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tex.

San Antonio—The South Texas Drug Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000 will open for business the first of the year. H. G. Henne, of New Braunfels will be president.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Light! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. They are made with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. 25c. Sold by all Druggists EVERYWHERE.

Timely Talks to Business Builders
Number 1

The holiday season is upon us, and soon the year 1912, with all its trials and triumphs, will be but a memory. The progressive business man, who plans his work carefully, is already considering his advertising campaign for 1913. The culminating feature of this campaign should be a handsome art advertising calendar for 1914, mailed just before New Year's day to customers and prospects. In this connection, I wish to announce that I have undertaken the agency for the superb art advertising calendar line of the A. M. Collins Mfg. Co., of Philadelphia, a line which far surpasses any other every shown in this territory. It consists exclusively of copyrighted subjects in great variety and the mountings and embellishments are unusually rich and attractive. You are probably planning to use advertising calendars next year; let me urge you, in our own interest, to see my line before you buy. The samples are here and I shall be glad to show them to you any time after Christmas Day. When may I call?
J. H. Wilbourn
THE PHOTOGRAPHER
712 1/2 HUTCHINGS AVE. BALLINGER TEXAS

DR. P. CREAM BAKING POWDER
A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.
Indispensable to best results—saves worry—saves work—saves money—saves health—saves complaint.

CLASS RECITAL.

- High School Orchestra
- Reading—A Visit From St. Nicholas
- Piano—Kohler Selections
- Reading—Chums
- Piano—A—Farewell to Home
- Reading—Second Table
- Piano—Moon Winks
- Violin—The Waltzing Queen
- Reading—An Incident of the French Camp
- Piano—Piccino Fantasia
- Reading—Angelina Johnson
- Piano—A—Rosary; Nevin
- Reading—The Pettison Twins
- High School Orchestra—March Members: Delbert, Vance, Harry Lynn, Roscoe Wilmet; Miss McDermott and Hattie Miller.

The above is the first recital of the pupils of Misses May McDermott and Miss Pickard, instructors in music and expression in our High School. Special efforts were made to secure only the highest talent in Art, Music and Expression.

Xmas Supplies
will be found at The City Bakery and Confectionery including Toys, Fireworks and in fact everything for the young and old.



Call and see our display before making your selections.
City Bakery & Confectionery
JOHN PHILLIPS, MANAGER

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Slichter

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CASTORIA



Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Morphine nor Narcotic.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK.

35 Doses - 35 CENTS

Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act.

GRAD BREAKER.

daily attendance this fall was the largest in the history of the institution, and from present indications our January attendance will give us at least 800 in daily attendance. We have plenty of room and plenty of teachers. Our work is practically all right on the plan of "learn to do" going through individual instructions. This enables us to accommodate a large number of students to very best advantage. Students are deficient in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc., get special instructions in each of these subjects without extra cost. By our method of individual instruction the student who is slow and backward in his work is not discouraged by trying to keep up with the student who has had superior advantages, neither is the bright student who has had special advantage held back on account of the slow students, but each is worked to his full capacity, therefore both are delighted with their work.

If you can't persuade someone else to buy you a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, as a Xmas present, try and make some arrangements whereby you can buy it for yourself. It's a Xmas present that will prove of double value to you. We are daily seeing students in positions where they are earning from \$600 to \$1,000 a month. Finish a course of Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Shorthand or Typing, and you will get a good position, and there are no doubts about it; we have got to get it if we expect your support in securing future patronage. The

"FAGGED-OUT" WOMEN

Will Find a Helpful Suggestion In This Letter.

Overworked, run-down, "fagged-out" women who feel as though they could hardly drag about, should profit by Miss Richter's experience. She says: "Last winter I was completely run down and felt fagged out all the time, was nervous and had indigestion. My friends advised me to take Vinol, and it has done me great good. I am tired, worn-out feeling is gone, and I am strong, vigorous and well. The stomach trouble soon disappeared and now I eat heartily and have perfect digestion. I wish every tired, weak, nervous woman could have Vinol, for I never spent any money in my life that did me so much good as that I spent for Vinol." Mrs. W. J. W. Detroit, Mich.

of women and men who are weak and sickly and need rugged health to lengthen their lives. Vinol builds up strength. Vinol to build up your strength. Vinol to back your money.

cost of a complete unlimited scholarship in any course is \$50.00, two courses combined \$95.00. Board and lodging for full course about \$50.00, or from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per week.

et a copy of our large illustrated catalogue, giving facts and figures as to what our former students have accomplished and what their employers think of them, fill in your name and address and state the course in which you are mostly interested, and mail it to the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, today.

Name

Address

Course Interested in

W. O. GANN SELLS FLOCK OF SHEEP.

W. O. Gann last week sold about 1,000 high bred sheep, all ewes, to Frank Everage, of Concho county, at \$1.00 per head. Delivery was made last Thursday and the sheep put on range in the Bryson pasture near Millersview.—Coleman Democrat.

W. A. Taylor is in Winters this week with a shipment of apples.

ECQUES FROM COLEMAN.

Coleman Happenings Always Interest Our Readers.

After reading of so many people in our town who have been cured by Doan's Kidney Pills, the question naturally arises: "Is this medicine equally successful in our own town?" The generous statement of this Coleman resident will leave no room for doubt on this point.

Texas, says: "Three years ago I had an attack of kidney and bladder trouble. I could hardly endure the pains in my back. The kidney secretions were also too frequent in passages. I took two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and I have not had any trouble since. Any medicine that will do what Dan's Kidney Pills have done for me is worthy of praise."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

MILLAR SCHOOL.

We have to date 33 pupils enrolled, of whom 17 are boys and 16 are girls. We have now pupils in all the first seven grades except the fifth. The school is progressing nicely. Since our last report we have added to our grounds two croquet sets.

The five pupils who have made the highest general average this month are, Paul Mueller, 91; Pearl Whidden, 88; John Byers, 86; Edith Herring, 82; Emma Dell Watkins, 81.

We will dismiss school on Friday, December 20, for Christmas week, and take up again Monday, December 30. I sincerely wish for each and every pupil a merry time, filled with none of accidents which sometimes befall children on these occasions.

Respectfully your servant,
CARROLL HAM,
Teacher.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

MONEY TO LOAN.

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

Austria, Texas,
BROWN BROS.

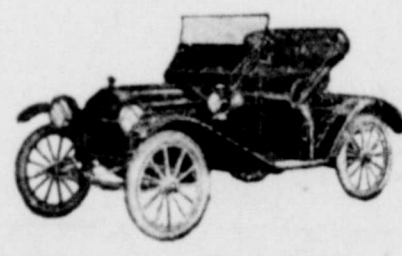
Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sole by J. Y. Pearce

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist.
Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-1

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

METZ

The Car that "Had to Come" The Best Car for the Least Money



This is a standard car, fully guaranteed, 22 horse power, four cylinder, completely equipped ROADSTER car at \$695.00 and freight from factory. The Metz Co., the first to give the people of this country a STRONG, reliable, sane, really low-priced car. Only weighs 1,100 pounds, anybody can operate one of these cars successfully. The Metz 22 is a hill climber, sand and mud puller.

E. V. Bateman of the firm of Hardin & Bateman made mud test hill climbing on Bronte to Ballinger last Sunday after the big rain. He made good time, and had a 200 lb. passenger with him. We have five Metz 22 in stock. Come at once if you want a car that will give the best services for a little money.

E. V. Bateman

to Sally.

A McCulloch county farmer called at the railroad office in Brady and addressing the ticket agent said he wanted a ticket to Sally, Oklahoma.

"Funny I never heard of that place as long as I've been passing tickets out of this window," said the agent, as he looked for the rate. He couldn't find any mention of Sally, Oklahoma.

With the necessary patience to his kind, the agent took down the postal guide. But still he could not find the town in Oklahoma with the feminine name of Sally.

"Dunno but what that town may be Sarah, but I'm certain it was Sally," said the farmer very hopefully.

A great light dawned on the agent "You mean Sayre, Oklahoma," said he, and stamped the ticket.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate at once and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

Mineral Wells—A modern four-story hotel of 110 rooms is being constructed here just south of the Crazy Well pavilion to which it will be joined. The hotel is being constructed by Sidney Webb, of Bellville, Texas, who is also largely interested in the more prominent enterprises of Mineral Wells. Mineral Wells is a great health resort for Texas people as well as for people of other states, and the erection of the new hotel proves the resort's stability as a "fountain of life."

Itching Piles.


I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years, and when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a 50c box and it cured me.

JOHN BRADLEY,
Caney, Caney.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

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

Is Peruna a Laxative?



I am in receipt of a letter from a mechanic who is at the head of a prosperous household. Peruna has been used in his family for a good many years. He writes as follows:

"As you know, we have used Peruna in our home for a number of years. We find it a reliable household medicine in catarrhal conditions, coughs, colds and grip, and many other ailments to which the family is subject. But since the change in the formula of Peruna I do not find it quite as useful to myself. My bowels are naturally very active. I cannot take a cathartic of any sort. It does me injury to do so. The old Peruna contained no cathartic ingredient and was therefore a very useful medicine to me. But I notice that the new Peruna has a slight laxative action, which almost makes it prohibitory for me to use. I was wondering if there was not some way in which I could obtain the old Peruna as you used to make it."

To this letter I made the following reply: "Yes, the new Peruna does contain a laxative element. You should therefore take the old Peruna (Ka-tar-no) which has no laxative quality. While prescribing the old Peruna I found it quite necessary frequently to prescribe the laxative Manalin in connection with it. Therefore Manalin was combined with Peruna, in order to meet those cases that require a laxative. But in case no laxative is required the objection to the new Peruna you speak of arises. Many of the people who used to take the old Peruna found difficulty in taking the new Peruna. To meet those cases I am having manufactured the old Peruna under the name of Katarno, and if you are anxious to get the old Peruna exactly as it used to be made you can do so."

PERUNA IS FOR SALE AT ALL DRUG STORES.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Many persons are making inquiries for the old-time Peruna. To such would say, this formula is now put out under the name of KA-TAR-NO, manufactured by KAT-TAR-NO COMPANY, Columbus, Ohio. Write them and they will be pleased to send you a free booklet.

YOUR FIRE INSURANCE

Is an Important Item In Your Business

I represent six first class old line companies and can write you either Fire or Tornado Insurance to protect your property. THE UNEXPECTED is what happens and your property may go up in flames. Let me figure with you.

Miss Maggie Sharp
Office in old Fidelity Credit Co's old location.

SANTA FE TIME TABLE CHANGES

The following changes in schedule of Trains will become effective 12:01 a. m. August 18th.

	North Bound	
No. 70	Ballinger	9:34 a. m.
No. 78	Ballinger	4:40 p. m.
	South Bound	
No. 77	Ballinger	12:07 p. m.
No. 75	Ballinger	12:36 a. m.

A. H. WIGLE, AGENT
SANTA FE RAILWAY

COAL! COAL! COAL

Cold weather is coming; better prepared by ordering your winter coal from

PHONE 206 G. W. MATHIS, at Farmers Cotton Yard

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REAL ESTATE, LOANS, AND ABSTRACTS

"GET YOUR LAND TITLES RIGHT."

DELICATE APPETITES

read a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

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

A Trial Will Convince You

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THE FORWARDING OF EVERY LEGITIMATE INTEREST of Runnels County, whether it be Merchandising, Agriculture, the Professions or Day Labor, is not only the duty, but it should be the pleasure of every citizen of the county. Whatever conduces to the Prosperity and Upbuilding of any one enterprise, cannot but be of material aid to all. Let's get closer together, take a more personal interest in the undertakings of our neighbors, rejoice with them in success, condole, and, above all, assist them in their misfortunes. Runnels County stands today upon the threshold of the greatest industrial development that has ever been her's, and concert of action, unity of purpose and a "Pull Altogether" of her citizens, is all that is needed to usher in an era of prosperity long hoped for, but never realized, throughout this section. With the completion of the greatest irrigation project in Texas, and which is a certainty, if we work as duty demands we should, this county will step with one long stride into the forefront of the most prominent and prosperous counties in this great state. Let's lay aside all petty personal grievances, jealousies and misunderstandings, and work in unison for the speedy accomplishment of the bright future so alluringly presaged by the "Signs of the Times." The Business Interests of Ballinger are alive to the necessities of the occasion, are a unit in their resolve to "Leave No Stone Unturned" that will make for progress in the City and County, and ask only that the same concord of action, unity and enterprise may extend throughout the entire county. The Ballinger Cotton Market, one of the best markets in the state, is one material evidence of the interest the merchants of Ballinger are taking in the general welfare, and they stand ready in all reasonable and feasible ways to show their faith by their works. Nowhere in Texas can be found larger or more dependable stocks of goods than are carried in Ballinger, or a community of business men in more direct or spirited competition. Consequently Ballinger has no superior as a trading point, and indeed offers Special Advantages for the Economical Purchase of all commodities.

The Moral to this is: "Do Your trading in Ballinger, market your produce in Ballinger, and all work together for the best interest of Runnels County generally."

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