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**D. Reeder's**  
**DRY GOODS**  
 TWO FRONTS--HUTCHINS AVE. & 8th ST.

## FINAL STOCK REDUCING SALE

SATURDAY will mark a day of unusual activity at our store. Our last sale of the season---a crushing defeat to profit---will open and hold full sway until time for inventory. We are on the last lap of the year, our stock must be reduced greatly and our goods have been marked at prices that will move them. Prices and profits do not count now. Come early and see the many useful gifts at prices greatly below wholesale cost.

100 pairs Ladies Pumps and Oxfords, \$5.00 to \$10.00 values, special <b>\$1.45</b>	 <p><i>Ladies', Misses' and Children's</i>  <b>Suits, Coats and Dresses</b>  <i>Must Go at Just</i>  <b>1 / 2</b>                      REGULAR PRICE</p> <p>Nothing reserved—every garment must go at this great reduction—bringing them far below wholesale cost. Be prompt—this is your last chance to secure these lovely, seasonable garments at this astounding reduction.</p>	Good grade 36 inch black satin, special during this sale, the yard <b>95c</b>
Ladies' fashioned fiber silk hose, black and cordovan, special <b>50c</b>		Men's best grade standard overalls and jumpers, very special, each <b>75c</b>
Children's 25c ribbed hose, excellent grade in black and cordovan, the pair <b>10c</b>		Men's best grade blue work shirts, during this sale, each <b>75c</b>
Blanket robes, \$5.50 values, beautiful designs, an ideal gift at <b>\$2.95</b>		Men's duck blanket lined coats, good weight, during this sale, each <b>\$1.50</b>
1000 yards only, brown domestic, excellent grade, special the yard. <b>7 1-2c</b>		Men's wool three piece suits, during this sale as low as <b>\$10.00</b>
9-4 brown papperel sheeting, limited quantity during this sale at <b>39c</b>		Boys' ribbed cotton union suits, special during this sale <b>35c</b>
Good grade outing flannel, dark and light colors, the yard <b>9c</b>		Men's \$4.50 grade heavy moleskin pants, during this sale at <b>\$2.50</b>
Best grade heavy outing flannel dark and light colors, the yard <b>12 1-2c</b>		Men's \$12.50 two piece moleskin suits, during this sale at <b>\$6.75</b>
Men's \$22.50 two piece corduroy suits, during this sale at <b>\$7.50</b>		Boys' Norfolk corduroy suits, very special during this sale at <b>\$4.95</b>

Prices quoted only indicate the unusual reductions offered on our entire stock. In order to accomplish our purpose of substantially reducing our large stock before inventory, cost has been entirely ignored and many offerings will only last a few days, as no replacements will be made. Shop early—our store is brimful of useful Christmas gifts.

Ballinger,

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Texas

## Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

## THE DRAUGHT'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."

At all druggists.

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## 70 MEMBERS FOR WEST TEXAS C. C.

Memberships in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Ballinger show an increase over last year, jumping from 42 to 65, with several prospects pending which will probably run the total up to 75 members.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is doing a good work for West Texas, and the organization is being backed by the biggest business men and financiers in West Texas, and while it is one of the youngest commercial organizations in the United States, it is the second largest in the nation.

Following are the names of those who have taken out memberships in the organization for 1922, paying the annual fee of \$10:

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank; 5 memberships. (J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, H. Giescke, G. G. Odum, J. L. Chastain.)

First National Bank; 5 memberships. (R. G. Erwin, A. J. Thorp, D. M. Baker, W. R. Bogle, J. Whit Patterson.)

Higginsbotham Bros. & Co., 5 memberships. (R. T. Williams, M. S. Karmony, R. L. Williams, C. D. Richards, George Kerley.)

Hall Hardware Co.; 2 memberships. (M. McGregor, Alex McGregor.)

Ballinger State Bank and Trust

Co.; 3 memberships. (N. K. Freeman, Joel M. Simmons, Sam Baker.)

Harwell Motor Co.; 2 memberships. (R. J. Harwell, W. A. Bridwell.)

Leroy Nicholson, 1 membership. C. S. Guin, 1.

Texas Compress Co., 3. E. A. Jeanes & Co., (Ballinger, Winters 1.)

Noel Penn, 1. Edwin Day, 1.

Bennett Abstract Co., 1. Van-Pelt Pyburn, 1.

Ballinger Auto Co., 1. Rogers-Higdon Co., 1.

T. F. Bridwell, 1. M. G. Justice, 1.

O. L. Parish, 1. L. Cohen, 1.

H. P. Talbott, 1. D. Reeder, 1.

R. E. George, 1. Cameron Lumber Co., 1.

Runnels County Fair Assn., 1. E. E. King, 1.

Newt Wardlaw, 1. V. Weinberg, 1.

Ballinger Printing Co., 1. Currie Mercantile Co., 1.

Jno. A. Weeks, 1. C. A. Dooze, 1.

Ballinger Bottling Works, 1. Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill Co., 1.

Ballinger Marble Works, 1. W. A. Forgey, 1.

Savoy Cafe, 1. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., 1.

Ballinger Lumber Co., 1. C. R. Stone, 1.

J. H. Baugh, 1. R. A. Nicholson, 1.

C. L. Baker, 1. Scott H. Maek, 1.

West Texas Telephone Co., 1. Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, 1.

Maeroy Theatre, 1. Holmes Tire & Battery Service, 1.

E. W. Earnshaw, 1. H. M. Nicholson, 1.

A. M. Barber Shop, 1. E. C. Moor, 1.

Hotel Central, 1.

**A TONIC**  
Grove's Tasteless Child Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

Grove's Tasteless Child Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 50c.

**MESSAGE BOY TAKES A TIP**  
A story is being told here of how the Western Union message boy at Brownwood accepted a tip for all it was worth when he handled the message from the president of the Brooke Smith & Company bank which came as an order for the bank to be closed.

As the story goes, the boy had an account with the bank and his account showed a cash balance. He drew a check on the bank for his balance and presented this at the window, and after receiving the cash he then delivered the message to the cashier, Brooke Smith was in Fort Worth and wired the cashier to close the bank.

Miss Effie Parker underwent a serious operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium Saturday morning, and at last reports is resting as well as could be expected.

## DOES IRRIGATION PAY FARMERS? FOOTBALL GAME HERE CHRISTMAS

(This is the seventh of a series of articles prepared by the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, based on the figures of the U. S. Reclamation Service in its Eighteenth Annual Report, 1919.)

By Stuart L. Williams

### IDAHO, MINIDOKA PROJECT

The irrigation plan on this project provides for the diversion of the water of the Snake River by a combined storage, diversion and power dam about 6 miles South of Minidoka, Idaho, into two canal systems, one of either side of the river, watering lands in the vicinity of Aequia, Rupert, Heyburn, Paul, Deelo, and Burley, Idaho. Power developed at the dam is utilized primarily for pumping water from the canals to irrigate high lands, but also for pumping for drainage purposes, and for furnishing heat, light and current for commercial use to the towns on the project, and the farms adjacent to them. The project includes two dams; the Jackson Lake Dam, and the Minidoka Dam.

91 per cent of the construction was completed at a cost of \$5,805,000.00, and the total cost of the project will likely reach \$6,750,000.00, making the cost per acre about \$58.00 for the 121,400 acres in the affected area.

In 1918, irrigation had been provided for 105,000 acres of land, which produced crops worth \$5,168,000.00, about \$52.65 per acre cropped.

On this project, the population of towns and farms jumped from 8,200 to 17,000. Seven new schools, twelve churches and two new banks were erected. In five years, bank deposits went from \$577,000.00 to \$3,725,000.00, an increase of over three million dollars! And these banks reported 11,000 depositors as against 4,000 five years previous.

One of the most interesting developments on the Minidoka project was the use of electricity in the towns and farms for domestic and commercial uses. The electricity developed is sold at a very low rate. Substations are placed in each of the towns. Most of the buildings are electrically heated. 700 of the 1500 farms operated by their owners use electrical power. Farmers in one section organize a company, operate the substations, and receive the power at wholesale from the main plant for distribution over their own system.

Potatoes, sugar beets, alfalfa, wheat and oats are the principal crops.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio is a constitutional remedy is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggist, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

### MR AND MRS PRENTICE LOSE LITTLE BABY BOY

One of the baby boy twins of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prentice died last night at the home of its parents. The child had been ill with pneumonia for about a week, and it had been hoped he would recover, but a turn for the worse took place Friday and Friday night the child died.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at two o'clock at the home of the parents on West 10th Street, with the Rev. C. E. Simpson conducting the service. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery following the service at the home.

The Ledger joins friends in extending sympathy to the parents and relatives in this sad hour.

Stuart L. Williams went to Cisco Saturday afternoon, where he spent a couple of days with his parents.

Football fans throughout the Southwest will watch with interest the Christmas game between the Stamford and Ballinger posts of the American Legion, if plans promulgated by local promoters are realized.

There has been considerable argument as to whether Kirk of the Baylor Bears or Swenson of the Texas Longhorns has the lead for Southwestern honors for the position of center. Swenson is a Stamford boy and Kirk is from Ballinger. There is an excellent chance of getting these two men pitted against each other, and having Joe Utay of Dallas to referee the game, and make his pick of Southwestern center after he has seen the two work against each other. Baylor and Texas did not play this year, and there was no opportunity to see the two boys in action as opponents.

Such a contest between two outstanding figures in the Southwestern football world would prove a great drawing card, and should bring spectators to Ballinger from a long distance.

The local team is practicing every afternoon at Nicholusk Park. Every member of the Legion who has any football ability whatever is urged to come out daily in preparation for the next game on December 12.

### His Conscience Troubled Him

"I know I have done wrong, please forgive me for not doing my duty and writing you before. I am thankful to God for the good remedy He gave you, and would not take \$500 for the good the first dose did me. I have been bothered for many years with gas in my stomach and indigestion, but since taking Mayr's Wonderful Remedy two years ago, have had no such trouble. It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. At druggists everywhere.

### RUNNELS COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO MEET HERE

Next Monday, Dec. 12th at the court house, 2:00 p. m., the Runnels County Farm Bureau will meet in Ballinger.

Every member of the Farm Bureau who can conveniently do so, is earnestly requested to be present next Monday at the annual meeting.

This will be annual election day and county officers will make reports.

A survey of work in the county will be made and the programs of the organizations in the state and nation summarized.

F. T. RUSHING, Secy.

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DRUG STORE  
Radical Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills. It is the only medicine that will cure you. Take one or two. Buy from the Druggist who has the PILLS, for the name is on the box. Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

### CAN'T GET HEALTH POSITION FILLED

AUSTIN, Dec. 5.—One job in the departments of the Texas capitol in Austin appears to be undesirable to persons with qualifications to hold it, according to Dr. Manton M. Carrick, State Health Officer. Dr. Carrick is finding difficulty in filling the place of Dr. James Blevins, who resigned recently as assistant State Health Officer.

Applicants for the place are numerous, Dr. Carrick said, but so far they have not been up to the standard he requires.

### Catarrh Means Impure Blood

It is a Constitutional Disease.

When it affects the nose and throat and becomes chronic it weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and may lead to consumption. It impairs taste, smell and hearing.

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which by purifying the blood removes the cause of the disease, and gives permanent relief.

"I had catarrh of the head and stomach, and dreadful ringing noises in my ears. I decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla; my health improved wonderfully, and I adapted Hood's Sarsaparilla as my family medicine." Mrs. M. Jenney Shaw, St. Johns, Ohio.

Large Can, 12 Ounces

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DR. PRICE'S Phosphate Baking Powder

Write for New Dr. Price Cook Book - It's free Price Baking Powder Factory, 1003 Independence Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

### REV. GAINES HALL MARRIES AT AUSTIN

WEATHERFORD, Dec. 5.—Rev. Gaines B. Hall of Weatherford and Miss Louise Evans were married Wednesday in Austin. After spending yesterday in this city they left this morning for a week's visit to Abilene, Stamford and other West Texas cities.

Rev. Mr. Hall is superintendent of Home Missions for the Fort Worth Presbytery, embracing 26 counties in North Texas. The bride is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Evans of Austin and formerly was the active vice-president of Milford College, under the presidency of her father. Rev. and Mrs. Evans will make their home in this city.

Rev. Hall is the son of J. S. Hall, of Winters, and was raised in this county. He attended the Ballinger schools and has many friends here.

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are costive, when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low-spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is decidedly the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels, and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, Special Agent.

### NOVEMBER WEDDINGS SLIGHTLY LOWER

There were only twenty-six permits issued for matrimonially bent folks to enter into the bliss of married life during the month of November as compared with twenty-eight during the month of October. December starts off with an average of one per day, and the Christmas month promises to bring up the loss sustained last month.

Mayor C. S. Guin is at home from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he attended the National Irrigation and Reclamation Congress as a delegate from Texas. Mr. Guin came home greatly enthused over the workings of the reclaimers of arid lands, and sees a bright future for irrigation projects in the West and Southwest. He declares that he was a busy man while in the Mormon city, and had no time to study the workings of Mormonism. Mr. Guin, in addition to distributing advertising matter telling of the big Colorado river irrigation project, was given an opportunity to address the congress and place before the irrigation boosters the real big project which is attracting so much attention all over the country.

Judges Doss and Baugh went to Brownwood Monday, where they are attorneys for the defense in the Miller murder trial.

### MEXICANS OFFER READY-MADE TORTILLAS

EL PASO, Dec. 5.—Tortillas, the Mexican pancakes, can be bought for a nominal sum in the southern part of El Paso, or at least the dough can.

South El Paso is dotted with little mills that are run by hand. The mills grind the corn while water is being poured on it. When the "mash" comes out, it is ready to be cooked, having been ground from whole corn. This dough is offered at five pounds for ten cents. A pound will make about 20 tortillas.

Tortillas and frioles, or beans, are 90 per cent of the food of the lower classes of Mexicans, and tourists, as well as some of the better class of Mexicans and a few Americans, like tortillas and dishes in which they are used.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 50c.

### EXPRESSION CLASS GIVES RECITAL

Miss Fannie Wilmet's expression class gave a recital at the Carnegie Library Friday evening. Quite a crowd of patrons and friends of the class were present and enjoyed the splendid program hurriedly arranged for an informal presentation. Readings by the little folks, interspersed with music and a little play marked the progress of the pupils of the expression class are making in their work.

## CORNS

Lift Off with Fingers



Doesn't hurt a bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn instantly that corn stops hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers. Truly! Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the calluses, without soreness or irritation.



### NOTICE

Prescription Ground Glasses Specially Low Price

A special low price on prescription ground glasses till Dec. 26th. Never in the time of low prices has special Ground Glasses been made to order for this small price. We have several thousand dollars worth of rough material that must be made up and turned into cash. Open from 9 till 11 o'clock on Sundays. We keep a full line of all the latest styles of mountings and frames. Extra special low price to School Children. We are manufacturers of Prescription Ground Glasses and guarantee results. We are here to stay and look after your future patronage. Please don't be misled by fakes that try to mislead you that we are not going to remain in Ballinger. The Ballinger Optical Company will be running in Ballinger after we are all gone to the great beyond. The price that suits you suits us till we reduce the material we have on hand. The Ballinger Optical Company, manufacturing opticians, 820 Hutchings Avenue.

I will be in my office every day after Xmas.  
Dr. W. S. HENDERSON, Mgr.  
Opposite the new Ford Garage.  
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## ASPIRIN

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



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 trade mark of Bayer Manufacturer of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.

### BROWNWOOD SHERIFF IS ABLE TO GET OUT

For the first time since November 2nd, when Sheriff Bob Pugh was injured in making his escape from the Harper Hotel which was on fire, the sheriff was able to come to his office at the courthouse Monday where he remained for a short time talking with friends. The only effects of the injury received by Mr. Pugh is now in his left wrist, from which the tendons were torn when he fell. It is believed that this injury will be overcome, altho it is going to take time for it to heal entirely.—Brownwood Bulletin.

**Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days**  
 "LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60¢ per bottle.

## AMAZED AT LOW COST OF DAM

Irrigation authorities who were present at the Western States Irrigation Conference at Salt Lake City last week, expressed their amazement at the cheap estimated cost of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Project. This is the statement of C. S. Guin, who represented the State of Texas at the meeting. Mr. Guin gave each of the delegates a card bearing descriptive matter of the project, and the entire scheme was the subject of much comment at the meeting.

Irrigation projects in Western states cost as high as \$50.00 to \$150.00 per acre, as against \$20.00 or \$25.00 per acre here.

There are about 25 federal projects pending at this time, which the government can not complete, owing to lack of funds. The delegates stated it was their belief that the Colorado Valley project was in the best shape at this time for successful completion of any they were familiar with, and that they favored the plan under which it was being promoted.

The meeting was attended by the governors of five Western states. Governors of Federal Reserve Banks, the Director of the U. S. Reclamation Service, and quite a number of authorities on the legal and engineering phases of irrigation. Thirteen states were represented at the meeting.

Mr. Guin stated it was his belief that general conditions were far better right here in Runnels county than in the Northwest. Corn is selling for 17c to 25c per bushel and oats at 15c. Utah has no market for any of its crops.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

Adolph Strakes, of the Rowena country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday, and left an order for The Banner-Ledger to visit his home for a year.

## SALE OF SEALS BIG BENEFIT

Runnels county received more benefit from the sale of Christmas seals than any other county in the state, according to statistics shown in the report of the Public Health Association of Texas.

This organization is now entering upon its campaign to sell Christmas seals throughout the state, and an active committee is at work in this county. The campaign will be carried on in every rural school and every rural community as well as in the heart of the business district and through out the towns of the county.

In view of the fact that Runnels county received so much benefit from the work this year this county should be the banner county in the sale of seals.

Public health nurses working under the direction of the Texas Public Health Association this year examined 5,000 school children, and where defects were found recommended attention. Of this number, 1033, or more than twenty-five per cent of the total numbers examined, were examined in the rural schools of Runnels county.

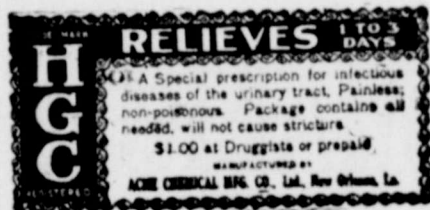
The association conducted modern health crusades in the schools of Texas, and three-fourths of the children enrolled in the rural schools of Runnels county were enrolled in the crusade and brought face to face with lessons in health.

641 health lectures were given in the schools of the state. Of this number 28 were given in the schools of this county by experienced workers in the better health crusade.

One of the most important works being done by the association is along educational lines, beginning in the schools with the children teaching them the importance of the care of the body. 875,000 pieces of literature were distributed, in addition to the publication of the monthly magazine on health notes, etc.

Work among the negroes, where the white plague has been so easily spread in the past, has been conducted in such way as to reduce the death rate from this disease among the colored population.

The association is doing a great work, and when the seals are offered for sale here no time should be lost in Ballinger and Runnels county taking all offered for sale, making up its quota in short order.



### WINS PRIZE FOR WINDOW DISPLAY

C. D. Richards, of Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store, this city, has just been awarded a valuable prize for the excellence of the window trim which he designed for the store during Dr. Scholl's National Demonstration Week, Oct. 22nd to 29th.

This was a contest in which thousands of window trimmers of the leading shoe stores in the United States and Canada participated and it is, indeed, an achievement to have gained one of the prizes. The display in question was notable both for artistic conception and striking arrangement and was indeed a credit to Mr. Richards.

### 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. 60¢ per bottle.

### FOUR BABIES BORN TO COUPLE IN ONE YEAR

ABILENE, Dec. 5.—Four babies in less than a year is the record of one Taylor county family. Early this year a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Young of near Abilene. A few days ago three more boys arrived simultaneously. The mother is 30 years old and now has ten children. The triplets were the second set ever born in this county.

A. P. Serratt went to Ft. Worth Monday afternoon with a load of fat cattle which he will place on the Fort Worth market.

## PACKERS STRIKE PROMISE FAILURE

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Plans for the immediate replacement of union packing house employees, who obey strike orders today and quit work, are being carried out in the fifteen packing centers of the Middle West, according to reports received here from the various packing houses.

The first call for the police here came from the Swift & Co. plant, where 700 men gathered waiting for jobs. The police had little trouble keeping them in line.

Officials report that various packeries here showed that from 50 to 90 per cent of the employees returned to work. The employment office of Swift & Co. reported that there were two men for every job and outside of the plants it was about a 50-50 break, according to John O'Hearn of Armour & Co. All shipments at his plant were light today, he added.

Union officials of Kansas City estimated that from 80 to 90 per cent of the workers in five plants there failed to report for work today while packing plant operators placed the number at from 20 to 25 per cent.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 5.—Both the Armour and Swift officials announced at eight o'clock this morning that all their regular workmen, with the exception of about two hundred men, are in their places of work today in spite of the strike order, and that the plants are operating normally.

The union chiefs declare that they have not been able to check up as yet, and are unable to say how well the strike order has been heeded.

Large crowds of men congregated at the entrance of the gates to each of the big packing plants early this morning and several fights have already occurred. Idle men are ready to take the place of the strikers,

and the packers declare they will have no trouble in keeping their plants operating. While there have been several fights the crowds generally are contenting themselves good naturedly as relief men are going to work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Organized labor has no right to picket during a strike when it involves impotunity, the Supreme Court declared today. In this ruling the court holds that strikers can not interfere with laborers who want to take the places of strikers.

### DIAMOND DYES DON'T STREAK, FADE OR RUN

Buy "Diamond Dyes"—no other kind—then perfect home dyeing is guaranteed. Even if you have never dyed before, you can put a new, rich, fadeless color into your worn, shabby dresses, skirts, waists, stockings, coats, sweaters, draperies, hangings, everything, by following the simple directions in every package of Diamond Dyes. Just tell your druggist whether the material you wish to dye is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton or mixed goods. Diamond Dyes never streak, spot, fade, or run.

### OFFICERS GET 300 GALLONS MASH

About 300 gallons of the "makings" of Christmas cheer were destroyed Sunday afternoon by Frank Duckworth, sheriff, and Wayne Green, deputy, about seven miles out on the Arden road. Charges were filed Monday morning in the justice court against Mr. and Mrs. Charley Corbin for possession of equipment for the making of intoxicating liquor.

The officers discovered the still outfit as they were returning from Arden on what is known as the Bob Harper ranch, according to Mr. Duckworth. About 300

gallons of mash in barrels about the place was destroyed, the officers retaining a can full of the evidence. A copper coil was also discovered along with a gas heater, the remainder of the distill being incomplete. Mr. and Mrs. Corbin are being held in jail awaiting examining trial.—San Angelo Standard.

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 \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks Special Agent.

### BOY SCOUTS GET GOOD TRAINING

The Boy Scouts, which recently appeared on the scene of action in this city, are making good headway towards an aggressive program of work under the leadership of U. Stephens, county engineer of this county. The Scouts have headquarters in the Doose building and are holding regular meetings. They have a program for the coming Friday night's meeting published elsewhere in this issue.

This is a good work and deserves the encouragement and support of the parents of boys within the Scout age.

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## Fruit Cake Ingredients

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Angelo voted \$150,000 paving  
bonds.

Hog killing weather also killed  
First Monday.

Three grand juries each year  
nothing to do here.

What difference does it make  
whether it rains or not? Wells  
and springs are coming to life.

Baptists to build \$400,000 sani-  
tarium at Abilene. Abilene wins  
again.

Two pastors have resigned at  
Coleman. Missionaries should  
look after that field.

Ballinger is remaining within  
the speed limit on account of  
ratty streets.

Since Coleman has organized  
a business men's breakfast club,  
Coleman wives no doubt have  
fewer breakfast cares.

Headline says: "Labor board  
cuts \$50,000,000 from railroad  
payroll." We will now hear  
from the employes.

What's your money worth if  
you don't use it to help make  
someone happy. Be a Goodfel-  
low.

After the nations have dis-  
armed maybe some peacemaker  
will start a move to disarm in-  
dividuals.

We are entering the season of  
the year when many men long  
for a little alcohol in their radia-  
tors.

We often hear it said that  
there is no money in turkeys.  
One tom sold in Ballinger for  
\$13.86.

Don't wait until Santa Claus  
rings his bells before you "kick  
in" with your Goodfellow mem-  
bership. Do it now.

Ballinger may drop a letter  
out of the law occasionally, but  
there are some people here who  
do not believe in straining at a  
gnat and swallowing a camel.

If the moral environment of  
Russels county is not to your  
liking, the roads lead to Ellis  
county where the grand jury has  
just returned 97 lots.

It begins to look like we are  
going to be fed on foreign grown  
biscuit next year. The drouth is  
gripping the wheat belt. Kansas  
reports only a 58.6 per cent crop.

The strong arm of the law is  
devoting most of its time to  
looking after auto thieves and  
booze peddlers. When these are  
eliminated the officers may ex-  
perience a lull in business.

Only one felony case filed in  
this county in three months, and  
the accused got away. Russels  
county people believe in obeying  
the law as well as enforcing the  
law.

Babe Ruth may be king of the  
swat, but Judge Landis seems  
to be king on the throne, and all  
because Babe satisfied a few of  
his hero worshippers by staging  
an exhibition series, he has been  
held up for his part of the world  
series profits and put out of the  
game for a period.

Despite the drouth and some  
talk of depression, building ac-  
tivities are going right ahead in  
Ballinger. Several new homes  
are going up with minor civic  
improvements here and there,  
and there is no evidence of a  
lack of faith that all will be well  
as 1922 rolls in and rolls on.

The farmers of Russels county  
raised more hog and hominy this  
year than usual. The corn crop  
for those who planted was a  
good bet, and judging from the  
home made sausage offered on  
the streets for sale, some of the  
farmers are traveling on the live-  
at-home road which leads to in-  
dependence.

There are twenty million movie  
fans in the United States at-  
tending picture theatres daily to  
the tune of \$4,000,000. In other  
words one person out of every  
five attends picture shows every  
day. This makes the pictures a  
great agency for good or evil,  
and it is here to stay until re-  
placed by something greater.

The entire exhibit made by  
Collin county at the State Fair  
came from the farm of one man,  
and there were more than one  
hundred separate products in  
the exhibit. One individual ex-  
hibit made at the Russels County  
Fair here last week contained  
more than forty products. Such  
farming would forever put an  
end to the howl about a low cot-  
ton market. Too many farmers  
are trying to get rich raising  
cotton and betting on the market  
against the Wall Street gambler.

The real evil of strikes is be-  
ing enacted at the gates of the  
packing plants throughout the  
country, according to Associated  
Press reports. The dispatches  
tell of groups of strikers gather-  
ing at the gates trying to get  
those who are eager to take their  
places in the plants to stay off  
the job, and fights have follow-  
ed. At the same time there are  
millions in the United States  
who are on the verge of starva-  
tion because they can't get work,  
and the idle are staging parades.  
The strikers should be privileged  
to strike when they wish to do  
so, but they should not be priv-  
ileged to prevent others from  
working who must work to keep  
their families living.

**PARDONS**  
In his recent visit to the state  
prison Gov. Neff saw fit to grant  
more than a half hundred pardons.  
In examining the applicants for  
pardons the governor told the  
prisoners that influential friends  
and shrewd lawyers on the  
outside had nothing to do with  
obtaining their liberty, and he  
confined his work of mercy to  
prisoners who had clean prison  
records.

This is as it should be, and  
whether you endorse Gov. Neff  
in all his official work or not  
it must be admitted that he has  
set a good example here.

It is the purpose of the prison  
to reform as well as punish. It is  
unjust to keep in confinement the  
prisoner with a clean record and  
without friends, and pardon the  
man who altho he violates the  
prison rules, because of the influ-  
ence of friends and money on  
the outside.

As a rule the man who makes  
a good prisoner is the man who  
has repented of his wrong and  
makes a good citizen when his  
citizenship is restored. The man  
who gets out thru the ef-  
forts of influential friends and  
shrewd lawyers often finds his  
way back to the penitentiary.

**SCHOOL LETTER FROM  
TOKEEN**

This week finds us busy get-  
ting ready for our Xmas pro-  
gram which will be given by the  
Library Society. Our literature  
has been ordered and practicing  
will begin as soon as it arrives.

We have a new piano at the  
school now which is a great help  
both to church and school.

Miss Ha White, of Tuscola,  
visited Miss Laura Blankeahip  
Sunday.

A basket ball has been ordered  
for the boys and we hope to play  
a few matched games before the  
holidays.

Messrs. Roy and Ray Dick and  
Morans Cumbly spent the day in  
Winters Monday.

There was an all day singing  
at D. D. Abidge's Sunday. A  
big crowd attended and all en-  
joyed the day.

Mrs. Jim Bright received a  
supply of Red Cross stamps and  
they are being sold by the school  
children under the direction of  
the teachers.

There is quite a pencil sale at  
our school as each one is trying  
to sell the most pencils and the  
one who comes out ahead is to  
receive a prize. With the pro-  
ceeds of the sale we are going to  
get a pencil sharpener for the  
primary room, which will be a  
great help.

Our playground looks much  
better after the "clean up" day  
Wednesday, and we hope to have  
some swings and see-saws on the  
grounds for the little folks soon.  
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**Civic League Send Ledger  
\$10.00 Goodfellow Check**

At a meeting of the Civic League, held at the home of Mrs. Leslie Baker, Tuesday afternoon, the league voted unanimously in appropriating ten dollars for the Goodfellow Club, and following the adjournment The Ledger received the Civic League's check for the amount donated.

This is the largest Goodfellow check so far received, and swells the total contributed to the fund being raised to make Santa Claus' visit a reality to about a half hundred dollars.

Several have indicated that they wanted a hand in making Christmas happy for the poor children, stating that they would send in their contributions, and as the holidays approach the fund will no doubt grow. However, early contributors are desired in order that the committee can outline its work before the Christmas rush, and know how far to go in making an inventory of the needy children in town. If you are going to be a Goodfellow hurry up and get on the Goodfellow roll.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. If you want to experience some of the real blessings of giving, here's your chance.

This will be your chance to help play Santa Claus for many poor children, and scatter sunshine where poverty reigns.

The Ledger's "Goodfellow Club" is now functioning, and will attempt to duplicate the good work it did last Christmas, if not increasing its usefulness.

The Ledger will receive voluntary contributions in any amount, large or small, acknowledging receipt of same through this column, and at the proper time will turn over to a committee of charity workers yet to be selected, all funds received, with instructions that same be used in providing Christmas for the children of this city who would not otherwise be remembered by Santa Claus.

One year ago The Ledger raised \$244.75. This amount was turned over to T. S. Lankford and Father Gollbach, who acted as Santa Claus, and they alone can tell you of the joy the Goodfellows of this city scattered in the poverty stricken homes of this city.

Remember this fund has no connection with the work being done by the regular Charity Committee. It is for the sole purpose of making happy the hearts of children whose parents or guardians are not able to be the real Santa Claus for them. The money will buy fruits, candies, shoes, stockings, and such clothing as the committee in charge of the distribution finds is necessary, and a few dolls, toys, etc.

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- R. G. Erwin ..... 2.50
- D. E. Moody ..... 1.00
- J. M. Skinner ..... 1.00
- Mrs. C. C. Holder ..... 2.50
- E. Sheppard ..... 5.00
- Cash ..... .50
- R. E. Truly ..... 1.00
- W. M. Williams ..... 1.00
- Jno. A. Weeks ..... 5.00
- V. Weinberg ..... 2.50
- A. W. Sludge ..... 2.50
- C. P. Shepherd ..... 2.50
- Troy Simpson ..... 2.50
- P. C. Straley ..... 1.00
- Stuart L. Williams ..... 2.50
- E. C. Sebott ..... 2.00
- Civic League ..... 10.00
- T. H. Holmes ..... 2.00

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CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP  
FOR CHILD'S BOWELS**

Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, a teaspoonful will never fail to open the bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste from the tender, little bowels and gives you a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

**MISSSES THE GOOD  
TURKEY MARKET**

E. C. Voss was here from the Wingate country Tuesday looking after business. He was caught kicking himself because he did not bring his turkeys to the Ballinger market. He started to market with forty head of turks and sold them on another market for 30 1-2 cents per pound, and came to Ballinger to find a 33 cent market here. He was coming to Ballinger anyway and can figure where he lost more than \$10 by not bringing his birds to this market.

Tanlac, that celebrated medicine, makes you eat better, feel better, sleep better and work better. Sold by John A. Weeks.

**MILES HIGH SCHOOL  
NOTES**

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, our boys motored to Rowena to play the Rowena town team, which is a member of the West Texas Basketball League. We had a hard fight coming as we were outweighed and were smaller. The score was 9 to 5 in our favor at the close of the first half and showed that we had better team work. This caused the Rowena team to play harder and better, but they had waited too long before starting. The score was 22 to 20 when the final whistle blew. The second team basketball boys was organized last Thursday and Weldon Moreland was elected Captain. We, as well as the first team, want games with the schools in Russels county and any adjoining county. For first team games call Lloyd Barker,

and for second team games call Weldon Moreland, respective captains.

We are expecting San Angelo's first team here Friday the 9th, and would like to see some out of town visitors.

Messrs. Erle McKee, Herman Hubby, Whitley Ward, Wallace Hunt and Cecil Hester attended the box supper at the Red Bank school house Saturday night.

Misses Frances Thiele and May Moore were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

"REPORTER"

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A. J. Thorp, Dr. S. B. Raby and J. F. McMillan are at home from a week's stay in the game fields. They report both good luck and hard luck.

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# Miller Trial Opens at Brownwood

Special to The Ledger: **BROWNWOOD, Dec. 5.**—After a few preliminaries both sides in the Bob Miller murder trial called in the district court here this morning announced ready, and the work of selecting the jury to try Bob Miller, sheriff of Concho county, charged with killing Tom Bengé, a ranchman, began promptly at two o'clock.

The first six veniremen examined were excused and at three-thirty, after an hour and a half's work no jurymen had been selected. The state excused three jurors accepted by the defense.

A large crowd is here from Concho county to attend the trial.

A large number of witnesses from Runnels and Concho counties, and several from McCulloch county and other places, went to Brownwood Monday to attend the trial of Bob Miller, sheriff of Concho county, charged with killing Tom Bengé on the streets of Eden on September 17th. Quite a number left Ballinger on the early train Monday morning, while others went through in cars.

Judges Doss & Baugh, of this city, Woodward & Critz, of Coleman; Scott Davis, of Brownwood are defending Miller; while Dayton Moses, of Ft. Worth; Baker Weathered, of Coleman are assisting District Attorney Early in the prosecution.

Having taken place only about two months ago, the killing of Bengé, and the circumstances leading up to the tragedy, are fresh in the minds of the readers of this paper, and many people throughout this section of the state. Miller is alleged to have shot Bengé on the streets of Eden on Saturday afternoon, September 17th, with a shot gun, firing a load of buckshot into Bengé's body from close range. Bengé dropped to the sidewalk dead without uttering a word.

Two or three months prior to the killing of Bengé, it is alleged that Bengé killed Will Bryant, Miller's son-in-law, while Bryant was delivering mail at the Bengé ranch home. Bryant was rural mail carrier at the time of his death. Bad blood existed between Miller and Bengé before Bryant was killed, it is alleged, and friends of Miller are inclined to think that the bad feeling between the two men was the cause of Bengé killing Bryant. Bengé was released on \$10,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury on charge of having killed Bryant, and was out under bond when Miller is alleged to have killed him.

Sheriff Flynt went to Eden and placed Miller under arrest, or at least Miller surrendered to the Ballinger officer, following the killing of Bengé, and later waived examining trial and was released under \$7,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury. The grand jury at Paint Rock in October session returned a bill against Miller charging him with murder, and District Judge Woodward, on his own motion, transferred the case to Brownwood, and set the trial for December 5th.

**BROWNWOOD, Dec. 6.**—Court began hearing testimony in the Bob Miller case this morning, and several witnesses were placed on the stand during the day, much better time being made in the trial of the case than was at first expected.

The twelfth juror was selected just before court recessed last night, the jury being selected out of a special venire of 144 men. The state is expected to rest before court adjourns this afternoon, or early in the morning.

Miller is on trial for the killing of Tom Bengé, a stockman of Concho county. It is expected that the defense will introduce testimony to prove that Miller acted in self defense, and will offer evidence to show that threats against his life made by Bengé were communicated to him repeatedly.

In addition to the large number of witnesses here from Concho, Runnels and McCulloch counties, friends of both the deceased and defendant are in court.

**BROWNWOOD, Dec. 7.**—It was indicated today that the trial of Bob Miller, charged with killing Tom Bengé, would be completed before the end of the

week. The state introduced several witnesses yesterday and rested early today, and the defense began offering testimony to prove that Miller acted in self-defense in killing Bengé and acted on threats communicated.

Pierce Miller, who is not related to the defendant, was the first witness called by the state. He testified as to the movement of the two men just before the killing took place. He stated that Bengé had been standing in an alley talking to a friend. While Bengé was in the alley the witness testified that he saw Bob Miller drive by the alley in his car and looked at Bengé. Miller turned his car around and came back and stopped in front of a drug store which was next to the alley. In a few minutes Bengé walked out of the alley and stopped to talk to Breece Cochran and the witness, witness and Cochran facing each other and Bengé standing to one side. About one minute after he saw Miller pass the alley and after Bengé had walked out of the alley he heard Miller say, "look out, gentlemen," or "get out of the way, gentlemen," and looking up he saw Miller with a gun pointed toward Bengé, and he got out of the way as Miller fired two shots. He didn't see what movement Bengé made, if any. Said when he got to Bengé the man was dead. Witness said that just after he heard Miller give the warning for them to look out, he heard Bengé say "don't do that Bob."

Breece Cochran was the next witness on the stand, and testified about the same as Pierce Miller. He stated that when Bengé cried out "Don't do that Bob," that Bengé threw up his hands as tho to protect his face, or guard off the shot. He said Bengé staggered at the first shot and sank slowly towards the ground. When the second shot was fired Bengé fell forward against the wall, witness stated, with one hand against the wall and the other free. He said that he started towards Miller and Miller waved him back. Two other men went to Miller and attempted to take the gun away from him. He said that Miller told them if they didn't let loose the gun he would have to hurt them. Miller then got in his car and drove away.

On cross examination Cochran testified that he had been arrested for the theft of skunk hides, but said that in this case Miller had been a friend to him. He stated that Miller had warned him in a friendly way that he had refrained from raiding his premises because the people of Eden had requested that the raid be made on the general supposition that Cochran was making moonshine whiskey. Said he saw no gun on Bengé after Bengé had been killed.

Charley Malloy testified that he was in Eden the day of the shooting. Saw Bengé walk down the alley and saw Miller drive down the street and look in the alley and turn around and come back and stop his car near the alley. Next heard somebody say, "stand back, gentlemen," and looking saw Miller in the front of the opening of the alley with a gun in his hand. Heard two reports close together, saw Miller back off and saw Bengé on the ground in a crouching position. Saw two men go to Miller and take hold of his gun. Heard Miller tell them to let go and stand back or he would hurt or kill them. Said he started towards the dead man and Miller called out to him to stay away, but that he went to Bengé's body and found it in a crouching position, in shirt sleeves. Said he turned Bengé's body over and saw no gun.

On cross examination Malloy testified that he and Miller were not friendly. He said that he had been arrested last spring by Miller for being drunk. Counsel for defense at this point stated that the defendant would later take the stand and relate incidents of trouble with Malloy, with Bengé, and others, and would state that he, the defendant, had been repeatedly warned of a conspiracy against him. Witness said that he was a friend of Bengé. He denied that he took a pistol off Bengé's body after he had been killed.

E. W. Calvin, a traveling man, was next called by the state. He said he was in the drug store near where the killing took place. He said he came to the door and saw

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Miller with a gun in his hand after the shooting and heard Miller say, when he started towards his car, "he won't murder anybody else."

On cross examination Calvin testified that he had been "making" Eden for eight years. Said he had heard of Tom Bengé and knew the general reputation of Bengé to be that of a dangerous man. Said that he understood Bengé's reputation to be that he would make good any threats he made. Said he also knew the reputation of Cochran and Malloy as to truth and veracity and that both were bad. Said his opinion of both Cochran and Malloy was such as not to entitle them to belief in a court of justice. Said he knew Miller's reputation in Eden and that it was good.

The jury was selected from 88 of the 144 veniremen called for the case, and is as follows:

Jim Allen, living 24 miles North of Brownwood, farmer, Baptist.

R. E. Cole, of Zephyr, a Methodist.

J. H. Sanderson, living eight and one-half miles North of Brownwood, farmer, church member.

J. H. Gray, living 11 miles South of May, married man, no church affiliation.

Joe Blagg, of Brownwood, married, insurance agent, Baptist.

Roy Simms, of Brownwood, salesman, no church affiliation.

J. K. McMurray, living South of Bangs, married, farmer, church member.

V. E. Wood, Brownwood, real estate agent, married, Presbyterian.

J. A. Snipes, of May, farmer, married man, church member.

A. E. Daniels, living 12 miles South of Brownwood, farmer, no church affiliation.

H. H. Gresham, of Brownwood, lumber man, married, member of Christian church.

Ossie Coalson, of Brownwood, salesman, married, member of church.

There are six of Miller's brothers here attending the trial. They are J. N. Miller, of Bluffdale; V. E. Miller, J. F. Miller, W. M. Miller, G. W. Miller, and L. C. Miller, all of Mason county.

### Time to Face the Facts

"So much has been said against the use of patent medicines that I have had a strong prejudice against them. But after four years doctoring with six different dietars, without results, for acute indigestion, gastritis, constipation, appendicitis, and other ailments, I was said to possess, I was encouraged to try Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, seeing what it had done for a friend similarly afflicted. I also was entirely relieved of my trouble, and I am sure this medicine will do all and more than is claimed for it." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. At Druggists everywhere.

Dr. Alvin Swindell and family and Mrs. L. L. Stroble returned home Monday from Dallas, where they attended the State Baptist convention. They made the trip there in an auto—Ford, leaving Dallas about nine o'clock Monday morning and after having lots of trouble on the road, arrived home about midnight, making it thru in one day. Mrs. A. S. Love, who also attended the convention, returned home Sunday.

John Hoffer, chief oil scout for the Texas Railroad Commission, was here Tuesday.

## BARN BURNED BY LIGHTNING

Lightning about five-thirty Wednesday morning started a fire which destroyed the barn of C. M. Vaughn in the New Home community, according to reports received in Ballinger a few hours after the fire.

In conversation over the phone in response to a call from The Ledger, Mr. Vaughn stated that he estimated his loss at between \$1,000 and \$1,200. The barn was new, having been built only a couple of years ago, and it contained all the feed saved for next year, with the exception of hay stacks, and also contained all the harness on the place. Mr. Vaughn stated that eight or ten sets of harness were destroyed, the fire leaving him with only two trace chains, which had been taken off the harness and used in hanging hogs when he killed his pork a few days ago. Mr. Vaughn had no insurance and the loss fell pretty heavy on him in these days of drought and short range when stock will have to be fed through the winter.

### Not Bad Cook but Bad Stomach

The word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, but it will not be fair for many people to lay the blame on the cook, if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea.

It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook!

The disease, dyspepsia, indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach we know of nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. This digestive and tonic medicine helps the stomach, gives it vigor and tone, relieves dyspepsia, creates an appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

The biliousness and constipation found in so many cases of dyspepsia are gently and thoroughly relieved by Hood's Pills, which act in perfect harmony with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Carbon and Typewriter Paper—The Ballinger Printing Co.

## RAIN CONFINED TO LIGHT SHOWER

Two-tenths of an inch rain fell at Ballinger Tuesday night, and telephone reports indicate that the rainfall was light throughout the surrounding country, with no heavy rains reported anywhere.

"Light shower" is about the way Miles, San Angelo, Rowena, Winters, Brownwood, and other neighboring points West, North and East reported, while Brady, Menard, Paint Rock and Eden reported no rain, and the showers extended only a short distance South of Ballinger.

Lightning in the East with heavy thunder was encouraging to those who are hauling water, and the prospects for a good soaker dwindled as the shower fell and the clouds broke away.

### RECEIVES NEWS OF BROTHER'S DEATH

Mrs. George M. Vaughn, of this city, received a message Monday morning announcing the death of her brother Odon Northcutt. Death took place in Chaney, Kansas, following an illness of several weeks. It will be recalled that Mrs. A. P. Holman, another sister of San Angelo, went to Kansas in response to a message stating that her brother was ill some time ago. She was en route home when her brother died. Mrs. Don Chamberlain, of San Angelo, is also a sister of deceased. The funeral was held at Chaney, Kansas, Tuesday.

Tanlac has the largest sale of any medicine in the world. Over Twenty Million bottles have been sold in six years. No other medicine has ever approached it as a seller. John A. Weeks.

A. M. Moreland, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

## EGGS EGGS

Start your hens laying now—use Martin's Egg Producer. Keep them free of bugs—Put Martin's Blue Bug Remedy in their feed—Disinfect your hen house with MARTIN'S DIP. To cure and prevent roup and sore head put MARTIN'S ROUP REMEDY in their drinking water. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Get it at your Druggist or Dealer.

## FRUITS THAT BEAR AND SHRUBS THAT BLOOM

Every product of the soil has gone down in price except fruit.

We have a fine stock of fine trees of sure-bearing varieties of fruits, pecans and berries, selected out of hundreds of varieties we have tested since our first Texas Orchard was planted in 1858. [Nursery established in 1875]

### LET US MAKE YOUR HOME GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL FOREVER

We have the best kinds of flowering shrubs, roses, evergreens, shade trees, bulbs and vines.

Ask for catalog and any information we can give you. We pay express or parcel post.

## THE AUSTIN NURSERY

F. T. RAMSEY & SON Austin, Texas

## ASA CORDILL'S Christmas Sale of Jewelry At 25% Cash Discount

FROM THIS DATE UNTIL CHRISTMAS MY ENTIRE STOCK WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT A 25% CASH DISCOUNT.

Absolutely nothing will be reserved. There will be no remarking of goods. My doors will not be closed; not one price shall be changed in this store; but on the inside you can purchase gifts for any member of the family at prices which in many instances will be below cost. Every price tag will remain the same, and 25% of the price will be deducted when you make your purchase. Our line includes beautiful and pleasing gifts for mother, father, wife, husband, sister, brother, baby, sweetheart or friend.

### For Her

- Diamond Rings
- Gold, Silver Fountain Pens
- Lingerie Clasps
- Gold and Silver Pencils
- Diamond Bar Pins
- Cameo Pins and Brooches
- Gold Hat Pins
- Lavallieres and Chains
- Leather Goods
- Rochelien and La Tusca Pearls
- Coin Purse
- New Style Bracelets
- Rings
- Cut Glass Articles
- Ivory Sets
- Manicure Sets
- Gold and Silver Thimbles
- Lockets
- Silverware

### For Him

- Elgin, Waltham, Illinois and Hamilton Watches
- Gold Knives
- Waldemar Chains
- Silk and Gold Fobs
- Engraved Emblem Rings and Pins for Masons, Woodmen and K. P.'s
- Gold Cuff Links
- Mounted Fountain Pens
- Gold and Silver Pencils
- Military Brushes
- Thermos Bottles
- Toilet Sets
- Belts and Belt Buckles
- Collar Boxes
- Leather Bill Cases
- Scarf Pins
- Rings
- Alarm Clocks
- Soft Collar Pins.

Make Your Selections Early While the Stock is Complete!

Save this list for future reference and bring it with you to our store.

Eighth St. ASA CORDILL'S Ballinger

Remember! You get 25 per cent off on every article purchased from us before Christmas

# CASCARETS

For Constipated Bowels—Bilious Liver

The nicest cathartic-laxative to physic your bowels when you have

Headache Biliousness  
Colds Indigestion  
Dizziness Sour Stomach

is candy-like Cascarets. One or

two tonight will empty your bowels completely by morning and you will feel splendid. "They work while you sleep." Cascarets never stir you up or gripe like Salts, Pills, Calomel, or Oil, and they cost only ten cents a box. Children love Cascarets too.

## RAPE CASE SET FOR TOMORROW

When the hearing of Robert Murore, negro, charged with criminal assault on Annie Kolesnikovic, is called in juvenile court here Friday morning, all that it will require to dispose of the case will be for the judge to write the judgement, "prisoner dead."

After County Attorney Shepherd had filed the case Wednesday, following the arrest of the negro, Judge Trimmer set the hearing for Friday morning, and it was the intention of the court to dispose of the case in the juvenile court as the law directs, the juvenile court being open at any and all times for the trial of juvenile cases.

In less than an hour after the case had been set the negro had paid the price of death for the assault on the little white girl, and before the sun set he had been turned over to members of his race who buried him in the negro cemetery, and, for the time being at least, the incident is past history.

The lynching of the negro seems to have been looked upon by many as a natural consequence in such aggravated cases, and the quietness and lack of excitement with which those responsible for the negro's death worked, created more comment than any part of the whole tragedy. With the exception of a few curiosity bent individuals with a "banking" to see a dead negro, the city was as quiet as a Sunday afternoon in June.

It was reported here that a crowd gathered in Winters as soon as the news of the assault on the child reached that city, and one report says that the sheriff would not have been able to get through that town with the prisoner, while another says the Winters citizens were only preparing to "protect" the negro and aid the sheriff in getting away from the mob with him. Quite a number of Winters citizens came to Ballinger as soon as they heard of the tragedy.

**To Stop a Cough Quick**  
take 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 25c.

Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

### IRRIGATION CONGRESS HEARS OF BALLINGER

The Young Men's Business League is in receipt of a telegram from Carl S. Guin in which he states that a wonderful irrigation and reclamation meeting is being held in Salt Lake City, and that the contact with the big irrigation interests of Western states is inspiring and instructive. Mr. Guin says that more interest is being evidenced in the Colorado Valley project than in any other, owing to the plan under which it is being promoted, and that he will be given time on the floor to explain the proposition in detail. Mr. Guin was supplied by the irrigation association before leaving here, with a large quantity of printed cards outlining all of the features of the local project, and will be able to give this section nation-wide publicity by his presence at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Book and Mrs. L. Jansa, of the Rowena country, were shopping in Ballinger on First Monday, and were callers at the Ledger office.

Do Write and Advertise--

## REMAIN CLOSED DELIVERY CAR INJURES CHILD

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 1.—Returning home from Fort Worth yesterday Brooke Smith, president of the Brooke Smith & Company bank, which closed its doors Tuesday, gave out the following statement:

"Under existing conditions and for the best interests of every one interested it was clear that to suspend business was the only right thing to do. We wish to assure all of our patrons and creditors that they will receive fair and equitable treatment throughout. No one is preferred and nothing is or will be withheld. Our resources are far above our liabilities and if our property is not sacrificed there will be plenty for all. Everything will be subject to our obligations, first, last and all the time until all are fully paid. We ask the forbearance of our patrons and creditors through these trying days.

"A meeting of our creditors is called to meet in Brownwood on Wednesday, the 7th of December. It will require a week to get notices to our out of state creditors and give them sufficient time to be present. At this meeting a full and clear exhibit will be made and then whatever mode of procedure shall be agreed upon should be followed.

"We wish to avoid every expense and particularly desire that there be no suits as they could produce nothing but delays and needless costs."  
In another statement made to friends Mr. Smith stated that it appeared to be impossible to reopen the bank, but said that the assets were greater than the liabilities, and if the creditors would wait patiently, complete liquidation would be effected with no one the loser, and the pioneer banker appealed to his creditors for their confidence and an opportunity to protect the interests of all alike.

Capitalization of Brooke Smith & Company was \$300,000, its deposits \$1,189,000, its loans, discounts and other resources \$887,000 and its cash and due from other banks \$602,000 when the July edition of Rand McNally bankers' directory was issued. Correspondents of the bank were the Merchants & Metals National Bank of New York, the First National Bank of Fort Worth, and the Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

George Miller was in the city from the Wingate country Monday, and went to Brownwood on business Monday afternoon.

T. P. Messengale, of the Winters country, orders The Banner-Ledger to go to his daughter, Mrs. P. F. Lail at Kabo, Montana.

## BEAVER BOARD

FOR BETTER WALLS & CEILINGS



### For Your New Home

Choose Beaver Board for the walls and ceilings of your new home and they will never crack. It is the choice that brings greater economy, greater beauty while it is giving you greater comfort.

Beaver Board provides lasting walls and ceilings. It speeds up building operations. Beaver Board is easy to get, too. We keep it in stock and are always prepared to deliver it. See us or write for circulars and prices.

Wm. Cameron & Co.

Lucy Deen Harbor, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Harbor, was painfully injured, and for a while thought to be seriously hurt, when a delivery car driven by an employe of a local firm struck her as she was crossing Eighth Street, near the school building Thursday afternoon.

From the best information obtainable it seems that the child was returning home from Central school, and was crossing Eighth Street, when the auto struck her. The fender of the car struck her in the breast, or about the shoulder, and knocking her down caused her head to strike the ground with such force that the child was rendered unconscious. She was hurriedly carried to the sanitarium by parties who were nearby, and after regaining consciousness she was carried to her home.

The injuries consist of a cut on the back of the head, and minor bruises on other parts of the body. Latest reports said that the injuries were not serious.

This should be a lesson to both drivers and children. It is a violation of the law to drive faster than twelve miles an hour when passing the school campus, but this law is not being observed. Certain hours in the day several hundred school children of all ages flock to and fro across the streets adjacent to the school campus, and unless the children are continuously cautioned to look out for cars, and unless drivers of autos use utmost care, it is only a question of time until the Ledger will be called on to chronicle an accident of this kind where an undertaker will be called on to play the leading role.

Safety first should be practiced here.

### Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cure of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

### LIBERAL HELP FOR UNFORTUNATE WOMAN

Citizens subscribed more than \$70.00 to help Mrs. Albina Dryer the Bohemian woman who became stranded here when her husband deserted her. Mrs. Dryer has three children, one of whom was the little girl assaulted by a negro last Tuesday. Theo. Kre was instrumental in collecting a relief fund for the unfortunate woman, and up to Thursday night he had collected \$70.80.

and knew of several others who intended to contribute to the fund. Mrs. Dryer will go first to Caldwell, where it is said she has a brother, and will probably remain there until she can get work to help support herself and three children. With tears in her eyes the woman expressed gratitude for the kindness and said she wished to thank all who contributed to her help.

Dr. C. E. McGuire, F. G. Sparks and Richard Cockrell returned home Saturday from a trip thru counties Northwest of Ballinger, visiting Snyder, Colorado, and other towns. Dr. McGuire was filling appointments made in looking after his optometric practice. Mr. Sparks is with the department of work being carried on for disabled veterans of the world war.

J. H. Ash, a Bronte citizen, had business in Ballinger Monday.

**DR. F. J. BROPHY**  
Dentist  
Office over Winters State Bank.  
Winters, Texas.

**CARSEY, the Boot and Shoe**  
man, will make you a pair of genuine hand made Cowboy Boots or Shoes, and guarantee perfect fit and satisfaction or money back. Forty years of boot making in West Texas.

A up to date repair department, that is the best in the city.

Call round for our prices or drop us a line.

**CARSEY, THE BOOT AND SHOE MAN.**  
(In old Zappe Building.)

**Land Bargains, Runnels County**  
200 acres, 3 miles West of Ballinger, 75 acres in cultivation, dandy set of improvements, \$25.00 per acre. Will give any kind of terms.  
103 acres, 3 1-2 miles North of Ballinger, 65 acres in cultivation, very good house, barn and well, adjoining creek, 50 acres susceptible to irrigation, only \$40.00 per acre, some terms.

**Trimmer, McCarver & Lynn**  
Abstracts, Insurance, Real Estate and Loans

## NOTICE

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

## ...A... BANK ACCOUNT

is a symbol of success, an expression of common-sense, and the badge of a business man.

The machinery of The First State Bank is adjusted to give 100 per cent perfect service to checking accounts.

**Your Checking Account Will Be Appreciated.**

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ROWENA, TEXAS  
A Bank for Everybody

## Put Your Car In Good Hands

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

### Rowena Garage

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IRISH LOSE ALL  
HONORS OF DEATH

LIGE WOOD IS  
ON COMMITTEE

### Banner-Ledger Want Ads

**FOR SALE**—All my household goods, farm implements, including double row planter and cultivator, two wagons, three horses, harness, one four gallon milk cow, two tons long staple big boll cotton seed \$1 per bushel, and other stuff. Phone 5831, R. D. Loika. 25-2d-2w.\*

I want your Furs. Market the same. Fur is better and bringing more money. Get my price before you ship. I. O. Wooden. 22-4td-4w

**FOR SALE**—Turkeys from prize winning stock. Toms \$9.00, Hens \$6.00. Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Phone 4003. 2-5tw

**WANTED**—Hides and Fur at highest market prices. I. O. Wooden. 1-4d-4w

**FOUND**—Coat on Ballinger-Crews road. Owner can get same by paying for this notice. 7-d&w-1t

Clerks, for Postal Mail and Government Field Service. \$125 month. Experience unnecessary. For free particulars of examinations, instruction, write R. Terry, (former Civil Service examiner) 776 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C. 7-2td-1tw.\*

**FOR SALE**—40 barrel galvanized tank. \$27.50. C. W. Evans. 6-1d-1w

**FOR SALE**—Fordson Tractor, triple disc plow, 14 disc grain drill, trail wagon-grain binder, row binder. This stuff goes at a bargain. J. W. Clampitt. 5-3d-1w.\*

### NEW WIRELESS TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE INSTALLED

by the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas. It is the best and most modern outfit obtainable from the Westinghouse Co., and has a guaranteed radius of 1200 miles. In ordinary weather it will pick up messages from all over the United States, and in clear cold weather it is possible to communicate across the Atlantic Ocean with the high-powered stations in Europe.

The news from the present International Conference on Disarmament is being sent out by wireless and in our opinion communication by wireless telegraph and telephone will eventually be as widely commercialized as Morse Telegraphy has been.

At this time a large number of wireless stations are being operated all over the United States, not only by the Government and by commercial concerns, but by individuals as well, and the demand for operators is rapidly increasing. Excellent salaries are paid.

Many young people have already realized this need and have inquired of us at different times why we did not teach this work. It is particularly appealing to young people because it is a comparatively new and unlimited field.

Our initial class will be limited to fifty. Naturally, those who first apply will be allowed to enroll first in this work. Our teacher is one of the very best to be had and our radio plant will always be in the charge of an operator licensed by the United States Government. Fill out the coupon below and mail immediately so that you can enter the first class that is now being organized.

Name .....  
Address .....  
Interested in wireless? .....

Tyler Commercial College,  
Tyler, Texas.

### POOR WOMAN GIVEN \$79.00

The Ledger was notified today that the entire amount of the cash donation made up for Mrs. Albina Dryer was \$79.00. Theo Kre was busy collecting money to help the poor widow along and in a short time raised the amount above stated, and it was turned over to Mrs. Dryer and she left for the home of some of her relatives.

Billie Nash came in from Andrews, Monday, where he has been looking after his telephone business, and found a fine baby boy to greet him when he arrived here. In fact the arrival of the boy is what brought the young father home.

### MAKES CHANGE FOR PROTECTION

EL PASO, Dec. 5.—The Mexican consulate in El Paso has gone into the money changing business to protect citizens of Mexico.

Numerous complaints were made to the consulate that illiterate Mexicans had been charged ten per cent or more to get their money changed from Mexican to American money. To stop this practice, the consulate has been offering to change money for the Mexicans free of charge.

The professional money changers are called "coyotes" by the Mexicans. The "coyotes" meet the Mexicans at the railroad station, the Mexicans charge, and tell them that if an attempt is made to take American money across the line the American officers will confiscate it. If the Mexicans are new arrivals in the United States they are told accepted in the channels of trade. So "spotters" lead their victims to the "coyotes," the Mexican officials charge.

Money is changed without charge at any bank and Mexican money is accepted for 50 cents on the dollar, a little above the market quotations in most business houses.

### CALOMEL USERS TAKE AWFUL RISK

Very Next Dose of Treacherous Drug may Start Terrible Salivation

The next dose of calomel you take may salivate you. It may shock your liver or start bone necrosis. Calomel is dangerous. It is mercury, quicksilver. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

Don't take calomel! It can not be trusted any more than a leopard or a wild cat. Take Dodson's Liver Tone which straightens you right up and makes you feel fine. No salts necessary. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and can not salivate.

### DOCTORS DESERT THE CITY TO GO HUNTING

If you have been figuring on getting sick you had better postpone the matter, as Ballinger's medical population has been cut by about one-half this week. Dr. W. B. Halley left for Waco to attend the grand lodge meeting of the Masons Monday. Tuesday morning Dr. A. S. Love, Dr. J. G. Douglass and Dr. O. R. Laster left for the game fields of Southwest Texas, where they go to spend a few days with wild deer and wild turkeys, and any other game which might cross their path. Ben Smith and Harry Jones accompanied the doctors on the hunting trip. Ballinger is declared to be enjoying a period of fairly good health and with the half dozen doctors left on the job illness should be kept at a low stage.

Be Wise and Advertise—  
Harwell Motor Company will guarantee that a Gates Tire will run further than any tire made. 20-d & w-tf

### BRADSHAW BOYS WIN OVER WINTERS

BRADSHAW, Tex., Dec. 3.—The two Bradshaw high school basketball teams gave the natives of Winters quite a surprise Thursday evening by walking off with the boys' game, and making the girls' game so close it was uncomfortable.

The girls' game came out 14 to 18 in favor of Winters, while that of the boys' was 5 to 12 for Bradshaw.

The Bradshaw boys' team has not lost a single game this season, and is open for games with any school team in Taylor or Runnels counties.

J. G. Elms, of the Talpa country, was among the traders here on First Monday.

### TURKEY TOM BRINGS \$13.86

\$13.86 cash for one Christmas turkey is not bad for turkey raising in this country. E. A. Jeanes & Company handled a turkey which netted that amount to the seller this week. The turkey came in a lot which was purchased by the Jeanes branch house at Winters and shipped to the packing plant here, and the name of the seller is not known. The big tom weighed 42 pounds and at the prevailing price today figures \$13.86.

The third car of dressed turkeys put out by the Jeanes packing plant this season will go out Thursday. The dressing plant is operating on full time at present and at the present rate of handling turkeys through the plant, the car load will be ready for shipment by Thursday.

"We are paying 33 cents today," said Mr. Jeanes, "but can't say what the price will be tomorrow, or after we have loaded this car." Turkeys went as high as 35 cents a year ago, but conditions are different today, and chances are not so good for the high market to be reached this season.

Mr. Jeanes stated that Ballinger had the best market today of any town in the country, and said he understood that turkeys were only bringing 28 cents on the Fort Worth market.

### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggist refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles, and you can get satisfaction after the first application. Price 50c.

### TO BUILD SCENIC ROAD NEAR AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Dec. 5.—A movement to construct a scenic roadway to Bull Creek near Austin has been launched in Austin. It is proposed to make this one of the most beautiful drives in the state.

Bull Creek is about 10 miles from the city proper and the road winds thru the historic hills of Travis county along Lake Austin and Mount Bonnell, the famous spot where Mirabeau B. Lamar, second president of the Texas republic, is said to have declared that "here shall be the future seat of an empire."

Bull Creek and Mount Bonnell are named often in the histories of early Texas.

The movement proposes to raise \$7,500 to beautify the highway.

Tanlac the celebrated medicine, is now sold by John A. Weeks.

### PROP. BUGG SELLS ELM HEIGHTS HOME

County Superintendent John J. Bugg has sold his home on Elm Heights to N. K. Freeman, cashier of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., for a consideration of \$2500. Mr. Bugg plans to build a home closer to the business district. Mr. Freeman will get possession as soon as Mr. Bugg can vacate. Mr. Freeman is at present living in the Lawrence Harris place North of the compress.

### BOY SCOUT PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Boy Scout Headquarters, Doose building.

Part I. Opening 7:15 p. m.  
(a.) General Assembly.

Part II. Business 7:25 to 7:55.  
(a.) Reading Minutes by Scout Scribe.  
(b.) Roll call and payment of dues.

(d.) Discussions and announcements.  
(e.) Assignment to Patrols.

Part III. Instruction 7:55 to 8:10.  
(a.) Drill, "School of the Scout."  
Part IV. Recreation, 8:15 to 8:50.  
(a.) Games.

Part V. Adjournment 9:00 p. m.

### 2 BANK YEGGS HURT IN FIGHT

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 6.—San Antonio detectives early today wounded two men in a gun fight near the city, following an attempt to rob the First National Bank of Bandera, Bandera county. The detectives apprehended the yeggs as they were trying to make their get-away.



**OUR 20% OFF BIG Money Saving Sale**

Will continue all next week and it will pay you to buy your every winter want now, as well as to buy useful and sensible christmas presents.

Note these values below! They are the best to be had at the price. Come in and compare the quality with other merchandise of equal price and you will agree with us. Buy now and you will profit much from our big sale.

#### Dry Goods

Now is the time to buy your every want while we are selling Silks, Woolens, Draperies, Notions, Hosiery, Underwear, Blankets and Comforts, Gingham, Domestic and staples of all kinds at 20 Per cent Off our regular price.

17 1/2 Bleached Domestic	14c
20c Bleached Domestic	16c
35c 36 inch Indian Head	28c
10-4 Bleached Sheetting	48c
9-4 Bleached Sheetting	44c
9-4 Brown Sheetting	40c
17 1/2c Outings	14c
20c Outings	16c
15c Cotton Flannel	12c
20c Cotton Flannel	16c
25c Cotton Flannel	20c
12 1/2c Cotton Checks	10c
20c Heavy Cheviots	16c
25c Heavy Cheviots	20c
20c Gingham	16c
25c Gingham	20c
30c Red Seals	24c
25c 36 inch Percales	20c

#### Woolens

98c Waterproofing	78c
\$1.00 Values	80c
1.25 Values	\$1.00
1.50 Values	1.20
1.95 42 inch Serge	1.56
2.50 Serges	2.00
2.75 54 inch Tricotex	2.20
3.25 54 inch Fancy Skirtings	2.60
3.50 Broadcloths	2.80
3.95 Broadcloths	3.16
3.75 54 inch Tricotex	3.00
4.25 Silvertone	3.40
4.35 Poret Twill	3.48

#### Silks

98c China Silks	69c
\$1.29 Poplins	89c
1.95 Satins and Taffetas	\$1.39
2.00 Georgettes	1.10
2.00 Crepe de Chenes	1.27
2.50 Taffetas	1.89
2.45 Pussy Willows	1.89
2.95 Satins and Charmeuse	1.95
24 inch Velvets	2.00
36 inch Velvets	3.00
42 inch Chiffon Velvets	4.60
42 inch Duvetyn	4.60

#### Blankets - Comforts

Special 54-74 Blanket	\$2.00
\$ 3.25 Blanket	2.60
3.50 Comfort	2.80
4.95 Blanket	4.00
6.00 Fine Comforts 72-90	4.80
8.50 Silkoline Comforts	6.80
13.50 Fine Wool Blankets	10.80
18.50 Fine Wool Blankets	13.70
21.50 Fine Wool Blankets	17.20

La Camille Corsets ..... 20% Off  
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All Notions ..... 20% Off  
Toilet Articles ..... 20% Off  
Trunks and Bags ..... 20% Off  
Men's and Boys' Pants ..... 20% Off  
Stylophus Clothes ..... 20% Off  
Stetson Hats ..... 20% Off  
Phoenix Sox and Hose ..... 20% Off  
All Men's Furnishings ..... 20% Off  
Ladies Hand-Bags ..... 20% Off

Phenomenal values in Ladies' Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Coats, Blouses, Middies, Millinery and everything Ready-to-Wear.

#### Clothing

Our Men's and Boys' Clothing is of the better grades and represents exceptional values at the original pricings and when we offer them at these discounts they are doubly attractive. Get your SUIT or OVERCOAT NOW!

\$ 6.50 Boys' Suits	\$ 5.20
6.75 Boys' Suits	5.40
9.95 Boys' Suits	7.96
11.95 Boys' Suits	9.56
12.50 Boys' Two-Pant Suits	10.00
15.00 Boys' Two-Pant Suits	12.00
12.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats	10.00
13.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats	11.20
17.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats	14.00
21.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	16.80
26.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	16.80
26.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats	21.20
27.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats	22.00
30.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	24.00
35.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats	28.00

#### Shirts and Blouses

95c Heavy Work Shirt	78c
\$1.00 Heavy Work Shirt	80c
1.00 Dress Shirt or Blouse	80c
1.25 Dress Shirt or Blouse	\$1.00
1.50 Dress Shirt or Blouse	1.20
1.75 Dress Shirt or Blouse	1.40
2.25 Dress Shirt or Blouse	1.80
2.50 Dress Shirt or Blouse	2.00
3.00 Manhattans	2.40
1.50 Flannel Shirts	1.20
3.25 All-Wool Shirts	2.60
4.75 All-Wool Shirts	3.80

#### Winter Underwear

For Men, Woman and Children

\$1.25 Suits	\$1.00
1.50 Suits	1.20
1.75 Suits	1.40
2.00 Suits	1.60
3.75 Suits, Wool	3.00
4.00 Suits, Wool	3.20
60c Infants' Wrappers	48c
75c Infants' Wrappers	50c
85c Heavy Vests	68c
\$1.00 Heavy Vests	80c
1.50 Fine Outing Gowns	\$1.20
2.00 Fine Outing Gowns	1.60
2.25 Fine Outing Gowns	1.80

#### Shoes

For Men, Women and Children

75c Infants' Shoes	60c
\$2.25 Children's Shoes	\$1.80
2.50 Children's Shoes	2.00
3.00 Children's Shoes	2.40
4.00 Shoes	3.20
5.00 Shoes	4.00
7.50 Shoes	6.00
10.00 Shoes	8.00
12.50 Reynolds Shoes	10.00
13.50 Reynolds Shoes	10.80
11.50 brown Wiebert Oxfords	8.00
10.50 black Wiebert Oxfords	7.60

#### Hosiery

For Men, Women and Children

25c Hose	20c
35c Hose	28c
50c Hose	40c
85c Hose	68c
98c Hose	80c
\$1.25 Hose	\$1.00
1.50 Hose	1.20
2.25 Hose	1.80
2.45 Hose	1.96
2.95 Hose	2.36
3.25 Phoenix Hose	2.60

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### BIG CAMPAIGN FOR CORN FLAKES

What is declared to be the largest advertising campaign ever inaugurated by a food products company is about to be launched by the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Company. The first announcement to be made by this well known breakfast food house is due the last of this week, and simultaneously representatives are abroad in the land placing before the trade the biggest food proposition ever put on. G. H. Flynn, special representative for Kellogg's, is in Ballinger, and other representatives will arrive here as the campaign progresses. The Ledger has been awarded a big advertising contract for this popular brand of prepared food, and the advertising will begin to appear this week. It will appeal to the kiddies especially. The advertising agency handling the big advertising contract for Kellogg's declares that it is the largest campaign of the kind ever put on in Oklahoma and Texas. Kellogg's is the original prepared food, first coming in the form of wheat flakes, and later corn flakes and now other products. When this campaign ends the general public will know more of the value of the Kellogg package and Kellogg's will be a household word throughout the country. Watch for the "Jungle Family."

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

### HARDING TALKS TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Harding addressed congress today. He reviewed the country's problems and outlined the position of the United States in world affairs. The president stressed the party responsibility in working out the problems now confronting the administration. "It is very gratifying to me to have the privilege to come before congress with the republic at peace with all the nations of the world," said Mr. Harding, "and it is more equally gratifying to report to you that the country is not only free from every menace of war, but that there are growing assurances of the permanency of peace which we as a nation so deeply cherish." At the outset President Harding discussed the world conditions saying, "the world restoration program will have to be worked out by the nations more directly concerned." His message was delivered in person in the chamber of the House and in the presence of the delegates to the arms conference, and most of the diplomats regularly stationed at Washington were present.

Buy a Gates Tire from Harwell Motor Company; they guarantee them. 20-d&w-tf

### LANDIS RULES AGAINST BABE

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Babe Ruth's share of the world series profits of 1921 was declared forfeited and Ruth himself suspended until May 20th, 1922, by a decision rendered by Judge Kene-saw Mountain Landis today. This was the baseball arbiter's decision in fixing punishment for Ruth for participating in a post season demonstration tour after the close of the major league series last fall, contrary to the rules of organized baseball.

### COLDEST WEATHER SUNDAY MORNING

It was colder in Ballinger Sunday morning than it was Monday morning, according to the government record, notwithstanding that the ice crust was thicker Monday morning in some places. The government weather station here reported 25 degree weather for Sunday morning while minimum for Monday was 15. The forecast for tonight and today is for a rising temperature, with no promise of mois-

### WILLIAMS TALKS AT COLEMAN

COLEMAN, Dec. 1.—Fifty Coleman business men were in attendance Wednesday morning at the second "breakfast luncheon" of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce. The hour was devoted to a discussion of the road improvement situation, County Judge Matthews reporting that with the aid of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the State Highway Commission had been induced to rescind their decision, and give Coleman county \$76,950.00 in aid on their new hard-surfaced road system.

County Engineer Henderson reported on the survey made of Coleman's new water project, and stated that an earthen dam erected across Indian Creek four miles above Coleman, 1010 feet wide and 50 feet high, would impound 824,000,000 gallons of water in a lake one mile long and one-fourth of a mile wide. He stated that a bond issue of \$160,000.00 had already been ordered, which would cover the cost of the land, clearing, fencing the lake, power, pumping, dam construction, and pipe lines.

Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the Young Men's Business League of Ballinger, addressed the meeting, pledging Ballinger's co-operation in all moves for the good of this section, and congratulating the Coleman boosters on their renewed interest in commercial and civic affairs. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and a similar one is to be held each Wednesday morning.

Gates Tires are the best. Harwell Motor Co. 20-d&w-tf

### NEWLYWEDS HERE ON VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Haden Routh arrived from Andrews Monday, and are here for a visit to relatives. The young folks are newly weds, having recently married, and came to Ballinger for a few days visit. Haden is the grandson of Uncle Joe Routh, and is a Ballinger boy, altho he has spent most of the time away from Ballinger. His friends join in best wishes for the bride and groom as they journey along the path-way of life.

### STRIKERS STAGE FEW FIST FIGHTS

FT. WORTH, Dec. 7.—A petition enjoining the strikers at the packing plants here from picketing around the packing plants, or loitering near the plants, was filed in the district court here today by counsel for Arnous & Company. The injunction was granted.

FT. WORTH, Dec. 7.—This morning's quiet in the stockyards district of this city was broken only by a few fist fights. Groups of strikers gathered at five-thirty this morning at the gates of the plants and attempted to induce the strike breakers to give up their jobs and let the strike have its way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The strike of the union packing house employees in the large centers outside of Chicago appeared more serious than at first anticipated, as the third day of the strike began. Union leaders insist that the strike is one hundred per cent effective, while the packers, altho admitting that the work is hampered in some quarters, say that the production is slightly affected by the walk out.

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### BABY KILLED IN FIGHT OVER HOGS

SILSBEE, Tex., Dec. 7.—Will Jackson Jr., age four years, is dead with a load of buckshot in his brain, and Ben Carroway is dangerously wounded as the result of shooting on the Jackson farm yesterday. The shooting occurred, it is said, when Mrs. Jackson and her children were driving Carroway's hogs out of the Jackson field. The child was shot accidentally, being in the range of the load of buckshot fired at another party.

### 80 Men Arrested for Theft of Automobiles

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 6.—With the arrest of eighty men, and the recovery of several automobiles, many bearing Texas license numbers, at a ranch in the Arbuckle Mountains twenty miles Northwest of Durant, Oklahoma, the local police believe the wholesale theft of autos in Denison will end for awhile at least. For several weeks cars have been disappearing and the police have been working on several clues, one of which resulted in the wholesale arrest of men charged with the thefts. No less than a dozen cars, most of them new and high priced, have been stolen in Denison within the last two months, and cars from other North Texas towns have mysteriously disappeared.

### HOUSTON HONORS MARSHAL FOCH

HOUSTON, Dec. 7.—All of Houston's population and hundreds of visitors will give Marshal Foch a tremendous welcome when he arrives from the West at 5:30.

Simple but thorough plans for his entertainment during his stay of four and a half hours here have been perfected. A parade in the downtown streets with world war veterans in uniform will lead to the banquet arranged for 500 persons, after which Marshal Foch will leave for New Orleans. Patients at Camp Logan, who still bear the ill effects of the war will be given a place of honor from which to greet Marshal Foch, and it is expected that Foch will halt to pay them a tribute.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 7.—Marshal Foch was guest of this city for a time today. At the Alamo he gave to the people of San Antonio a message from the people of France and a plea for the same unity in peace that bound the two nations together in the world war.

A cold drizzling rain, typical of December weather in his native Argonne failed to dampen the ardor of the city's welcome to the general. The reception eclipsing all former greetings to notable chiefs was extended to the French military leader. It seemed as if all Southwest Texas had gathered here to bid the distinguished war hero welcome.

Rev. B. W. Bigham and son, R. B., returned home Monday from a trip to the Mason and Menard country, where they visited relatives. R. B. Bigham travels out of New York for a wholesale house, spending most of his time on the road. He is here taking a vacation with his father.

### WELDING THAT "STAYS PUT"

Welding that is as good as the things welded—that's our idea of first class work in this line. Either do it right or not at all, say we. So when you have an auto job to be welded, give it to us and rest easy. It will be done right, to suit you and suit us, also. And it takes a lot to please BALLINGER WELDING AND MOTOR WORKS. 112-7th Street Phone 76.



### FACTS OF JURY'S DELIBERATIONS IN ARBUCKLE CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Following are the salient facts and figures of the deliberations of the Arbuckle jury: Jury out 44 hours. Actually deliberated 15 hours. Took 22 paper ballots and numerous oral ballots. First ballot was: Not guilty 8, guilty 2, blank 1. Last ballot was: Not guilty 10, guilty 2. Five women and seven men on the jury. One man and one woman voted "guilty" on the last ballot, but the man had voted "not guilty" several times. Mrs. Helen M. Hubbard voted "guilty" from the start and never changed her vote. It was stated by several jurors that it was virtually a 11 to 1 jury, as the two "floaters" would have come over to "not guilty" if Mrs. Hubbard had changed her vote at any time.

### ANGELO VOTES \$150,000 PAVING BOND ISSUE

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 1.—This city authorized the issuance of \$150,000 street paving bonds in an election held Tuesday. The vote was 564 for the bonds and 313 against. The vote was the largest cast on any bond issue here in several years, and much interest was created due to the fact that certain factions were in favor of

issuing light and water bonds instead of street paving bonds, and due to the fight made on the present light and water company.

### RAISES MONEY FOR HELPLESS WOMAN

Theo. Kre circulated among his friends Thursday morning and in a short time raised about \$50 for Mrs. Albina Dryer, mother of the little girl assaulted by the negro Tuesday, and also the mother of two other children. The sympathizing public contributed to the aid of the woman who was working at a local hotel for \$1 per week and board for her three children, and trying to save enough money to pay railroad fares to Houston, where she hopes to get further aid from relatives. The woman was living with her second husband in Tom Green county up to a short time ago when a separation took place and the woman came to Ballinger seeking work.

C. W. Crockett, of the Winters country, passed thru the city Monday en route to Houston to attend the reception to be tendered Marshal Foch. Mr. Crockett is making his home with W. H. Arnold. He was in all the major operations of the American army in France and came home decorated with French and U. S. medals.

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### DALLAS WOMAN GIVEN \$200,000 HEART BALM

DALLAS, Dec. 7.—Judgment by default in the sum of \$200,000 was awarded Miss Rita Jaichner against R. L. Slaughter Jr., for alleged breach of promise in the district court here late yesterday.

Miss Jaichner testified that she toured Europe with Slaughter upon his promise to marry her, and which promise he failed to keep, and deserted her after they returned to America.

### PREDICTS HIGH PRICE FOR OIL

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Crude oil and by-products will cost more in the future than now, Frank Haskell, president of the Tidal Oil Company, told the American Petroleum Institute today. Haskell stated that the difficulty now experienced in getting at the oil would keep the price up.

### FALL KILLS HORSE; RIDER ESCAPES

Homer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, had a narrow escape Monday when a horse he was riding reared up and fell backwards. The young man escaped injury, but the horse was killed, breaking his skull as he fell backward striking his head against the ground.

Sheriff Flynt, Chief Pileiter and J. D. Perkins are among those called to Brownwood to attend the Miller trial. Mr. Perkins returned home Tuesday night.

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## TAX PAYING COMING SLOW

Only 85 1920 auto seals have been issued up to date, while the law provides that all must be paid by the last of the year. It will be a violation of the law to let your car appear in public without a 1922 breast plate after the Old Year rings out.

Tax Collector Brown reports that tax money is coming in slow. The tax payers seem to be content to wait and get in the rush which will come during the latter days of the month of January. Saturday was the best day so far reported, something like \$500 in tax revenue coming in on this day.

The recent improvement in the arrangements of the tax collector's office will make it easier to handle the large crowds which make the eleventh hour rush, but at best those who wait until that time will have to line up and wait their turn at the window.

The office formerly occupied by the sheriff has been made a part of the tax collector's office. Large windows between the two offices have been cut, and tax payers will receive their receipts through these windows, the office formerly occupied by the sheriff being used for a waiting room.

Remember, Mr. Married Man, that you can't get your poll tax without also paying your wife's poll tax, and she can't get her poll tax receipt without paying your poll tax also. This is the law as construed by the authorities, and enforcing it will double the voting strength of Texas.

## PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS BUSY

The Rannels County Public Health Association, working in conjunction with the state and national health associations plans the greatest educational health campaign ever before staged in this county.

Committees are being appointed throughout the county. Reports of their work will appear from time to time in the local papers.

The only support of these organizations is the Christmas Seal Sale and the county retains this year 45 per cent of the funds from this sale which amount will be used for a county public health nurse, or be used whatever way the organization deems most effective. This is the fourteenth year of this movement, and during the last ten years, through its work deaths from tuberculosis have decreased in the United States 30 per cent. Some states have decreased their death rate from tuberculosis 50 per cent.

The chairmen for the committees for Ballinger are as follows:

- Sales committee; Mrs. Elmer Shepperd.
  - Booth committee; Mrs. Sim Cottelle.
  - Publicity committee; A. W. Sledge.
  - Church committee; Mrs. Dan Moser.
  - School committee; Mrs. E. C. Baskin.
  - County organization; Mrs. C. R. Stephens.
- Each of the three colored churches also have committees for this work.

## CLEAN DOCKET COMING COURT

District court will convene in Ballinger on January 2nd with the cleanest court docket in many years. Aside from a couple of minor criminal cases, in which no arrests have been made, and a couple of booze cases, in which the defendants have been punished in the federal court for the same offense, and will probably be dismissed by the state court, there is not a criminal case on the docket, with little in sight for the grand jury to work on. Fitchett brothers, charged with assault and attempt to murder at San Angelo, will be arraigned for trial here on a change of venue.

This is the second term of court since the new law went into effect which gives Ballinger, and other places in the district, three courts each year instead of two, and whether the bringing close together the workings of the grand jury has anything to do with it or not, Ballinger can boast of a clean court record.

Only a few cases have been filed in justice court and passed up to await the action of the grand jury, and unless the court sees fit to push the grand jury into investigating the recent lynching of a negro here, the grand jury will have to work hard to find anything to do.

The civil docket is also a light one for new business. Only nine cases have been filed since the last term of court and four of these are for parties who have grown tired of living together as man and wife, and are petitioning the court to untie the knot. Quite a number of old civil cases are on the docket, but some of these have been on the docket for months, for various causes, and will not probably be disposed of at the January term.

With a clean docket the jury commission only selected a jury for two weeks, a petit jury being drawn for the first and second week. The grand jury has been called to meet at one-thirty on January second, and following are the names of both the grand and petit jurors drawn for the term:

### Grand Jury

- W. H. Arnold
- H. J. Askins
- W. T. Baker
- Edgar Jayroe
- Sam Baker
- W. A. Halameick
- Maek Wilson
- J. B. Bass
- C. Black
- W. H. Boozer
- W. L. Poe
- J. W. Bright
- Milton Clayton
- Dick Barnett
- F. E. Baley
- M. B. Barrow.

### Petit Jury, First Week

- Aug. Seipp, M. B. Wardlaw, A. J. Watson, T. M. Glaze, B. F. Godwin, J. D. Good, Sam Gray, C. C. Gray, R. M. Grimes, W. W. Hall, J. C. Hamilton, C. T. Hancock, W. F. Killermure, J. B. Kevil, Bert Low, S. M. Mackey, Ross Martin, Roy Mathis, J. O. Phelps, T. B. Poe, W. L. Perch, W. L. Pratt, L. S. Proctor, W. T. McKee, R. N. McGuire, O. B. Price, W. F. McShann, V. H. Kincannon, W. P. Pritchett, Frank McElroy, H. N. McDonald, B. A. Meadows, C. P. Prewitt, J. F. McMillan, W. B. McCaughn, T. E. Martin.

### Petit Jury, Second Week

- H. O. Rhodes, E. W. Rainwater, W. H. McKown, A. P. Luckett, S. A. Mathis, Homer McKinley, W. C. Meadows, C. H. Ray, R. W. Lloyd, Ira McNeill, J. L. Kennedy, A. F. Kemp, D. R. Reams, Geo. M. Sewell, W. F. Weatherly, W. G. Wash, S. T. Polk, W. A. Mayo, S. D. Pinkerton, H. T. Hardegree, Henry Glenn, H. O. Jones, W. A. Hale, J. R. Hamner, C. L. Green, Ed W. Jones, W. P. Jordan, W. A. Griffis, M. G. Justice, C. A. Harper, S. M. Gooch, W. E. Jones, W. C. Harkins, J. L. Hambricht, Joe Kirby, A. M. Gregor.

Just received a large shipment of the wonderful remedy, Tan-lae. This is the great medicine you have been hearing so much about. The remedy that's made such a wonderful reputation and which has accomplished such remarkable results all over the United States and Canada. Get your bottle now at John A. Weeks.

J. A. Ostertag was among the witnesses going to Brownwood Monday to attend the Miller murder trial.

## TO SPUD IN RUSSELL WELL SOON

The Russell Production Company will spud in its new well on the Russell ranch fifteen miles Southeast of Ballinger Thursday or Friday of this week, according to H. Giesecke, who came in last week from San Antonio, where he had been spending a few days with home folks.

The contract for the drilling of this well was awarded to an experienced and successful driller about two weeks ago. The rig and material is about ready and the well will be spudded in the last of this week and active drilling put underway with ample financial backing for completing the test.

This is considered the best bet in the wildcat fields of West Texas. The well is only a short distance from Russell No. 1 drilled by the Gulf Production Company, and which is the only well in West Texas which gushed when first brought in at a depth of about 2500 feet. This well is now the property of the Russell Production Company together with lease holdings on ten thousand acres. Gas from No. 1 is being used for fuel, and the well continues to cut ugly capers when the pressure is turned on and several gallons of oil spouts out. One shipment of oil has been made from this well, but on account of the distance from a railroad transportation overcomes the profit, and the output is not yet sufficient to justify the laying of a pipe line.

The drilling of the new well will be watched by oil men all over the country, and the work will be carried on with the most optimistic conditions.

### Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. T. Hodge and son Homer, of Abilene, arrived here Sunday, and left Monday for the Devils River country on a hunting trip. They were accompanied by W. D. Seales, manager of the Mae roy Theatre.

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## IRISH LOSE ALL HOPES OF PEACE

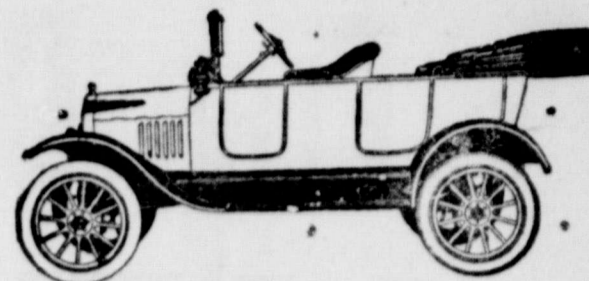
LONDON, Dec. 5.—Irish peace negotiations have broken down, according to statements issued from responsible quarters today. The Dail Eireann delegates are expected to return to Ireland tomorrow or Wednesday without any hopes of obtaining for Ireland what they claim is justice, and no end of the Irish trouble is in sight.

Read the ads and profit.

## LIGE WOOD IS ON COMMITTEE

AUSTIN, Dec. 5.—Senator A. E. Wood, of Granger, has been appointed as a member of the committee of nine to investigate Texas institutions of higher education. Senator Wood is a practicing attorney of Granger, formerly living at Ballinger, Texas, and son of W. B. Wood. He was elected to the state senate at the last election.

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Cod-liver oil is the best thing in the world for rickets.

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FOR INDIGESTION

## CONGRESS BACK TO WORK FOR INDIGESTION, GAS, SOUR, ACID STOMACH TAKE "DIAPEPSIN"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Congress convened today after a two weeks' vacation from the rigorous special session and will enter upon their duty which is expected to occupy their time for the next seven months.

"Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest, surest relief for Indigestion, Gases, Flatulence, Heartburn, Sourness, Fermentation or Stomach Distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief and shortly the stomach is corrected so you can eat favorite foods without fear. Large case costs only a few cents at drug store. Millions helped annually.

## HORSE FALLS WITH MAN; BREAKS ARM

Clarence Routh had the misfortune to get his arm broken between the elbow and wrist Friday afternoon. Mr. Routh was at work with cattle in the Paramore pasture and while riding his horse at a rapid pace the horse stepped into a dog hole and fell. The injured man was brought to town and the broken limb set, and he is getting along as well as could be expected. He sustained other bruises and was fortunate in not being more seriously hurt.

Miss Kate Coekrell has accepted a position with Doss & Baugh as stenographer.

# Grand Balloon Ascension

And Another

## Free Distribution of Merchandise SATURDAY, DEC. 10th

*To show you our appreciation of the wonderful business you have given us during the first days of our GREAT AND GLORIOUS CUT PRICE SALE we have decided to have a grand Balloon Ascension, with prizes attached to each Balloon, and also to again throw merchandise FREE, ABSOLUTELY FREE, into the street in front of our store.*

This great event will take place in front of our store between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday morning, Dec. 10th. Don't fail to be on hand.

The Big Sale continues to draw unheard of crowds from far and near—BEATS RINGLING BROS. SHOWS "ALL TO HOLLOW."

If you have been to the sale we are sure you'll come again—if you haven't don't fail to come. Many people have been here almost every day of THE SALE. You don't often get an opportunity of this kind, so don't let anything keep you away from the Greatest Money Saving Event ever held in this part of Texas.

**Many New Items and New Prices Go on Sale Saturday Morning. Don't Wait---Come--- Just a Few Days Left!**

*We will again throw from awning of store building into the street---absolutely free---many, many items of merchandise. DONT FAIL TO BE HERE!*

**Grand Balloon Ascension!**

*Between 10 and 11 o'Clock*

**Saturday, Dec. 10, in front of Store**

*Three Balloons to go up—and a \$2.50 Prize Ticket attached to each one—good to any one who brings the ticket to us.*

*Higginbotham Bros. & Co.*  
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**BALLINGER, TEXAS**

## Army Nurse Says "Had to Shoot" Negro Assaulter

### WACO WHITE MAN LYNCHED BY MOB

WACO, Dec. 14.—Mayor Richards started a rigid investigation today as a result of the storming of the city prison last night and taking therefrom a white man, Curley Hackney, who was hanged by the mob three miles out of town.

Hackney was placed in an auto by the mob last night and rushed out of town following the attack on a little girl by Hackney. Three members of the mob were permitted to enter the prison by the turnkey. While they were inside the crowd closed in on the prisoner and carried him from the jail.

The turnkey said that he was unaware that a mob was waiting outside when the three men appeared and asked permission to see the prisoner.

The little girl, eight years old, who was the victim of the man, was not badly injured, according to physicians who made an examination.

Deputy Sheriff Burton went to the scene of the hanging at one o'clock this morning and cut the man down and brought his body to an undertaker here.

DALLAS, Dec. 14.—News of the lynching of Curley Hackney at Waco last night was received here early this morning. He was the second white victim of mobs in Texas in recent years, and is the third man lynched in Texas this week, and the fourth lynched in the state this month.

## TROOPS CALLED HANDLE WOMEN

PITTSBURGH, Kans., Dec. 14.—Soldiers are coming into the coal fields of Kansas again to handle the strike situation. Sheriff Gould today called upon Gov. Allen to aid in handling the situation resulting from rioting among women marchers. The mobilization of three National Guard companies for immediate entrainment to Pittsburgh has been ordered by the governor.

One thousand women, including wives and female relatives of the strikers, marched upon the mines this morning.

## 66,000 VOLTS FINALLY KILLS

DALLAS, Dec. 14.—Jesse M. Nickelson, through whose body passed sixty-six thousand volts of electricity when he climbed a wire tower here Saturday, died today at a local hospital. Attending physicians said it was remarkable that the man's life was prolonged following the accident.

## NORTH IRELAND FIGHT FREE STATE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Ulster's intention is to stand aloof from the Irish Free State, as provided in the treaty of Great Britain and Southern Ireland, expressed in a letter from Sir James Craig to Premier Lloyd George, is the report according to a Belfast dispatch received here today.

DALLAS, Dec. 14.—Miss Jeannie LaMoore, a nurse in the local National Guard armory, who shot and killed "Ras" Cooksy, a negro janitor in the Federal building here last night, was still held at city detective headquarters early today. The officers investigating the shooting said, however, that they had fully substantiated the statement made by Miss LaMoore to the effect that she "had to shoot" when the negro attempted to attack her in the ladies' restroom at the postoffice.

After making her statement to the police last night, the young woman ate a hearty meal brought her and said "I sat upon the body of a dead German soldier and ate my breakfast once. I guess I can eat my supper now."

## PROPOSE CHANGE SANTA FE TRAIN

The Santa Fe is out with another proposed change in its schedule on this branch of the road. It will be recalled that an effort was made some time ago by the Santa Fe to cancel passenger train No. 70, operating out of this place East at 4:10 a. m., and running thru to Temple, connecting with the North and South bound main line trains, and also to take off the night train coming West. This move met with stiff objection on the part of the public, and it seems that the move was not pushed by the railroad.

A. C. Ater, of Houston, traveling passenger agent for the Santa Fe, visited San Angelo Monday and submitted a proposition to the board of city development of that city in which it was proposed to cancel the morning train known as No. 70, and replace the train which operated out of San Angelo before the war on a later schedule, leaving that city at 8:00 o'clock and running only to Brownwood. No action has been taken on the proposed change. This would serve local travel between Brownwood and San Angelo which already is confined largely to auto travel, and the local train will not be of much service to the public. It will not even serve as a makeshift for the present schedule, and if the through train is canceled the Santa Fe had as well go the full length and cut off the local, and leave the people on this branch with only one train each way a day, which will be going backward some for a big railroad company and a country which is trying to develop a big irrigation project, and at the same time trying to start an oil boom.

## WEBB CALLS MEETING

FT. WORTH, Dec. 14.—Atticus Webb, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, today issued a call for a state wide convention on law enforcement in Fort Worth, January 17th and 18th, 1922.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kunze returned from San Antonio last night, bringing with them as a guest, Miss Ferda Edgecombe, daughter of W. J. Edgecombe. The latter will be remembered by some in Ballinger as secretary of the State Retail Merchants Association.

Mrs. Chas. Tibbs and baby came in from Itasca, Tuesday, and is here for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Arch Crews had business in San Angelo Wednesday.

Robt. Knierim and W. L. Hayley, of Bronte, were here Wednesday en route to Rowena to attend the irrigation meeting.

## FOCH SAILS HOME WITH MANY GIFTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Marshal Ferdinand Foch sailed for France today after one of the most successful tours and series of royal receptions ever tendered a visitor from another country by the American people. Bearing with him every honor that America could bestow upon one of an alien citizenship, Marshal Foch bade farewell to cheering throngs. In his baggage Foch is carrying back to France with him six great cases filled with gifts from the people of this continent.

## HOUSEWORK IS A BURDEN

Woman's job is a weary one at best. But with backache and other distressing kidney ills life indeed becomes a burden. Doan's Kidney Pills have made life brighter for many suffering women. Read what Mrs. J. A. DeMerville, corner Cedar Avenue and Broadway, says: "About a year ago there was soreness and lameness in my back and when I did a little hard housework would tire out quickly and would have to lie down and rest. I suffered from pains of a drawing kind and had attacks of nervousness. My kidneys were irregular in action, too. I used Doan's Kidney Pills which I bought at the Pearce Drug Co., and I can gladly say that Doan's gave me fine results. I think this medicine should be used by other kidney sufferers."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. DeMerville had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, New York.

## REID BUYS SIXTEEN SUITS AT ONE TIME!

With prices at existing levels, how many men will buy sixteen suits of clothes at one time? As far as can be learned, Wallace Reid is the only man who enjoys this unique distinction. His mark of sixteen suits at one order is said to be the record in this respect. It was just part of his preparatory work in connection with the filming of Cecil B. DeMille's latest Paramount picture, "The Affairs of Anatol," which will be the special feature at the Marroy Theatre next week, on Dec. 21st and 22nd.

Mr. Reid plays the part of "Anatol" in the all-star cast, which includes Gloria Swanson, Elliott Dexter, Wanda Hawley, Bobe Daniels, Monte Blue, Theodore Roberts, Agnes Ayres, Theodore Koshoff, Raymond Hatton, Julia Faye and Polly Moran. "Anatol" is a young man-about-town, of considerable means and carelessly fashionable in his attire. The screen wardrobe for this role included sixteen suits of clothes.

This collection includes a number of business suits, hunting clothes, motoring clothes, fashionable afternoon, dinner and evening clothes, golf clothes and several less important costumes. Practically all of the suits are of distinctive cut and pattern and cannot be used again for screen wear.

P. H. Martin, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

**Sweet Sauces.**  
It is usual in England to serve what American housewives call "soft sauce" with the Christmas plum pudding, but the delicious "hard sauces" which we ourselves affect, make a nice change. Soft sauces take the form of a thin hot custard, which will be all the more creamy if a few spoonfuls of condensed milk are stirred in after the custard is made in the ordinary way. Another favorite sauce is made by adding sugar to melted butter.



**AS USUAL**  
"I suppose you've finished your Christmas shopping?"  
"Yes, and it's finished me."

**The Portable Lamp.**  
The cheapest and most generally useful electrical appliance and at the same time the one most seldom taken advantage of in the ordinary household is the portable lamp. This simply consists of a few yards of flexible insulated wire, at one end of which is fixed an ordinary plug to screw into a wall or chandelier socket and at the other a lamp socket. The cost is very little.



## Charming, Very Acceptable and Economical

This is a year when practical gifts may carry broadcast happiness. That boy may be far more delighted with a new suit of clothes than a s expensive toy. That man may thank you heartily for a box of nice shirts or socks.

That girl may have many times as much joy over a new dress as she would have over something more fancy, and what woman wouldn't rather have a new coat or blouse than some frivolous gift?

So it is a good year for the giver to think, and to buy earlier than ever, so as to have broad variety to pick from; for many of these useful things will be in much smaller supply a week from today than they are now.

Pay our big store a visit everyday from now until Christmas. It is much easier to select gift-things than it is to think them up, when there is nothing but blank space before the eyes. And our Christmas Sales will make your dollars do double duty.



## A Charming Negligee

Will surely delight wife, mother, sister, aunt, or any intimate woman friend. What could be more pleasing than a hand-made piece of SILK UNDERWEAR that might be, perhaps, just a little more handsome than the recipient might buy for herself.

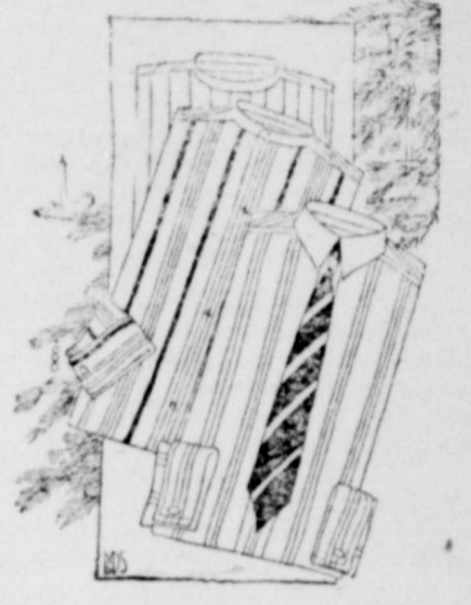
We have a most wonderful collection of luxurious silk underwear and our sale prices make them anything but prohibitive.

See them before you make your gift decision.

**LADIES' SILK HOSE**—A most cherished gift. Oh, how she loves to have plenty of them and how she welcomes such Christmas gifts. And PHOENIX are the kind she hopes to get. Priced at 98c to \$2.66 the pair, tax included.

**LADIES' GLOVES**—Are a graceful gift. Christmas dollars can scarcely buy so much delight, invested in any other way. Buy her a pair of CENTEMERRI'S two-button kid ON SALE for \$2.40.

**WOOL STOCKINGS**—Back to safety, comfort and good looks. The smart hosiery for winter street wear and a very thoughtful gift.



## Give Him a Shirt

And it will be just what he most wants. You know his size; here are the shirts he will like best—MANHATTANS. The choice of patterns includes most every color combination, the materials are of but one standard—the highest. And you'll find the prices to your liking from \$1.00 to \$6.00.

**SALE OF MEN'S NECKWEAR**—This is your opportunity to fill several names on your gift list. They are always very desirable and the reasonable prices makes the giving of several an easy matter on the purse strings. You'll find several hundred to select from and the pricings are from 52c to \$1.60.

**MEN'S OVERCOATS**—Why not bunch your gift for dad or brother and let it be a good warm overcoat? They are on sale at \$10 to \$28.

**BUY HIM A STETSON HAT** in one of our new advance spring styles and he will love you for life.

**XMAS UNDERWEAR FOR MEN**—Ordinary yes, but every man welcomes a really good suit of underwear among his Christmas gifts.



## Dress Length of Beautiful Silk—A Glorious Gift

What a blaze of color and silken lustre, the moment the gift box is opened! And always a SAFE gift, for an intimate woman friend; for she may have the dress made up in any style she desires and at any time she needs it—a fine piece of Dress Silk is a treasure to have in a bureau drawer that will gratify most any woman.

A splendid collection is here to choose from and OUR BIG SALE PRICES make them doubly attractive.

**SILK COVERED QUILTS AND WOOL BLANKETS**—The moment you look at them, you realize that no gift could be more beautiful, more impressive, on a crisp Christmas morning—luxury for years to come.

**LINEN TOWELS, TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS**—What housekeeper does not just love beautiful additions to her linen treasures? This is the time to present wife or mother with more lustrous linens than economy would permit her to buy.

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The speed laws in Ballinger are  
not being enforced.

Wait a few days longer to do  
your shopping and you will have  
the cut-backs to select from.

The irrigation boosters will try  
to knock a little of the drouth  
out of Rowena next week.

Chief express exports from  
this place at this time are skunk  
hides and cream. Anything to  
get the money, you know.

San Angelo is selecting her  
1922 fair workers. Ballinger  
1922 fair workers are already at  
work on a county show that  
will attract the natives.

A conservative estimate places  
Russell county's 1921 turkey  
output at \$50,000, with a turkey  
dinner for every family in the  
county. Some gobblers.

Why hurry to do your Christ-  
mas shopping? Wait until the  
eleventh hour and get the goods  
the early shoppers have kicked  
aside.

No, there is plenty of time yet  
in which to do your Christmas  
shopping. Don't hurry, let the  
other fellow have the pick of the  
presents.

The calendar makers failed to  
cheat the people out of the great  
holiday, which according to  
reports people throughout the  
nation will observe on the Mon-  
day following Christmas.

There is always a clear sky be-  
hind a dark cloud. Just think  
what a good time cotton choppers  
will have here next spring, if it  
ever rains so the farmers can  
sow the county down in cheap  
cotton.

"I would help your Goodfellow  
fund," said a prominent citizen,  
"but I am afraid the money will  
be wasted." Squeeze to your  
coin, brother, don't waste it, and  
when you pass in your check see  
if it is honored.

We are approaching the season  
of the year when a little cash  
saved during the year comes in  
handy. Another reason why you  
should have a savings account.  
Lay up something for a dry day,  
you know.

Speaking of the injustice of  
the federal census reports, the  
town of Mexia is given credit  
for only 3,500 people in the 1920  
census count, while that burg is  
now claiming 12,000 people. Just  
another oil boom.

Wading out of bloody butcher  
pens in demanding higher wages,  
packing house employes through-  
out the country are resorting to  
bloody methods for enforcing the  
rule of might makes right. In  
this day of world peace and dis-  
armament demands such tactics  
will not work in a civilized coun-  
try.

The postoffice department has  
rescinded its order forbidding  
postoffice phone numbers from  
being printed in the directory.  
Hereafter where a postoffice has  
a phone the number will go in  
the directory, but the receiver  
will kick back in your ear when  
you call the postoffice and ask if  
there is a letter there for John  
Jones, or a parcel post package  
for Sallie Sims.

Governor Neff is developing  
into a real man, according to  
press reports. He is going hunt-  
ing and learn how to shoot a gun,  
and by next spring may learn to  
bait a hook. This should place  
the governor in good standing  
with those who opposed him be-  
cause he was lacking in such  
qualifications. Be that as it may  
the fellow who runs against Pat  
Neff next year will only get a  
little publicity for his money.

"If I was running a news-  
paper I would rip the city up for  
not fixin' the streets," said a  
would-be philanthropist. The  
remark was perhaps made for  
the benefit of the editor, who is  
not in the ripping business. How-  
ever, we sometimes furnish space  
for the fellow who wants to do  
a little ripping, and if the rip-

per feels that he can get any-  
where with such a policy, we will  
furnish the vehicle to get his  
message to the people. What we  
need is more people to back the  
city in any move they see fit to  
start for street paving, and not  
quite so many to knock. Maybe  
the city will get on the street im-  
provement job when the streets  
become impassable.

W. J. Cunningham, district at-  
torney, of Abilene, has thrown  
his hat in the congressional ring  
of the Seventeenth District, and  
says he will be a candidate re-  
gardless of how many other can-  
didates are in the running. An  
Eastland man, a Sweetwater man,  
are also after Blanton's place,  
and rumor has it that a man  
from the Southern part of the dis-  
trict will be in the running. If  
Congressman Blanton does not  
make the race for the Senate, he  
will in all probability be in the  
race for re-election to Congress,  
and the race will be a sweepstake  
from the first lap to the last.

**STYLES FROM PARIS**  
Women who like short skirts  
nurse resentment at the style  
makers who have started long  
skirts traveling westward.

Who are the style makers? Us-  
ually designers and textile man-  
ufacturers, seeking to stimulate  
their sales.

Not so, in this case. Long skirts  
return because the head of the  
Paris police force posted, in all  
cars, an order forbidding trans-  
portation of "persons dressed in  
an improper or annoying style."

When the Paris police start  
blue laws, the world certainly is  
changing.—San Angelo Standard.

For many years the men of  
America have objected to Paris  
setting the pace for styles, and  
this latest effort of the French  
to interfere with the American's  
"prerogative" is going to bring  
down a greater wrath upon the  
heads of the Parisiens. But, af-  
ter all is said on this subject, it  
must be admitted that skirts are  
cheaper than hose.

**In Hard Lines**  
"I could not work at all and  
had to take to my bed with a  
high fever due to intestinal indig-  
estion, gases in my stomach,  
and pain in my right side. I had  
spent my last cent for doctors  
and medicine, which gave me no  
relief. I was in despair. A  
Judge brother gave me a bottle of  
Mayer's Wonderful Remedy, and  
the first dose relieved me. Thanks  
to this medicine I am now in  
the best of health." It is a  
simple, harmless preparation that  
removes the catarrhal mucus from  
the intestinal tract and allays the  
inflammation which causes prac-  
tically all stomach, liver and in-  
testinal ailments, including ap-  
pendicitis. One dose will con-  
vince or money refunded. At  
druggists everywhere.

**LISTEN! SANTA  
CLAUS IS COMING**

A Christmas fruit free for the  
little folks and lunch served all  
over 60 years of age will be  
given next Tuesday afternoon at  
five o'clock. All who will help,  
please have every child's name  
and every one over sixty years  
of age remembered at Mrs. E. L.  
Sargent's at the above time.  
Phone 448 and a car will call for  
those who are not able to walk  
and have no way to come. Help  
us chase away the shadow and  
make the joy bells ring in every-  
body's heart on Christmas.  
Phone in all donations to 448  
not later than Saturday morn-  
ing.

MRS. E. L. SARGENT,  
403 Strong Avenue.

Tanlac, the remarkable rem-  
edy that everybody is talking  
about, is sold by John A. Weeks.

**STREET VENDORS CHANGE  
COLORS ON THEIR CARTS**

EL PASO, Dec. 13.—Street  
vendors who passed up and down  
the streets of El Paso this sum-  
mer selling ice cream and crush-  
ed ice flavored and colored red,  
to small boys and occasionally a  
grown-up, carried their supplies  
in a white, open, cool looking  
cart. Now that winter has come,  
the vendors have changed their  
business.

They have painted their carts  
a deep red, indicating warmth,  
and now sell hot tamales.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baker were  
here from the Winters country  
Monday to bring Mrs. Baker's  
sister, Miss Mollie Crockett to  
the train. The young lady was  
going to Gause. She had been  
making her home with Mr. and  
Mrs. Baker for the past two  
years.

**A Holiday  
Romance**

By T. B. ALDERSON

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**T**WO feet deep of  
snow. Why, it's a  
regular Christmas  
gift for me!" ob-  
served Rolfe Dar-  
ton hopefully, as he  
awoke from a night  
of profound slum-  
ber and glanced out  
through the street  
window of the chill  
bleak lodging house where he was one  
of wanderers who had no other home.

As he descended to the well-heated  
office room of the institution he paid  
little attention to the lounging crowd  
of idle and battered men. He paused  
only to address an old man with a  
pair of crutches by his side. He  
slapped him in a friendly, familiar  
way on the shoulder.

"If I can only get a snow shovel,"  
he observed, "I will see to it that your  
meals and lodging are well provided  
for over Christmas."

"Bless you, my friend!" murmured  
the other gratefully. "You have been  
very kind to me," and Darlon left him  
with a genial good-by and started  
forth for a day of hard, earnest work.

Darlon was passing some cottages  
adjoining one another when the door  
of the nearest one was opened and a  
pleasant faced lady beckoned to him.

"You look as if you were seeking  
work," she said. "Would you clean off  
this sidewalk and a path to the coal  
shed for half a dollar?"

By the end of an hour he had his  
task completed.

"You must come in and share our  
lunch, if you will," invited the young  
lady. Chancing to glance through the  
window he noticed in the next yard a



Springing Free of the Roof.

young girl battling with the heavy  
snow with a frail broom.

"She doesn't make much progress,"  
he observed to his hostess. "If you  
will lend me your shovel I will soon  
clear a path around the house for her."

He lifted his cap politely, explaining  
his purpose. Alice Brill, young, frail,  
grateful, bestowed a winning smile  
upon the friend in need. She an-  
nounced frankly that they could not  
afford to pay for the service offered.

"You needn't worry about that," he  
declared lightly. "It will make me feel  
the better for doing a little act of  
kindness, so near to Christmas."

Darlon regarded Alice Brill with  
more than ordinary interest. He had  
heard the girl and her father in the  
next house discussing their neighbor.  
It seems that the father of Alice had  
sold some store property in the town  
for over four thousand dollars, repre-  
senting about all he had in the world.

He had hidden it in his bedroom  
some one forced open the window and  
Brill awoke next morning to find his  
little fortune gone.

Darlon worked steadily at sidewalk  
and garden paths and had pretty near-  
ly completed his task when Alice came  
out on the rear step.

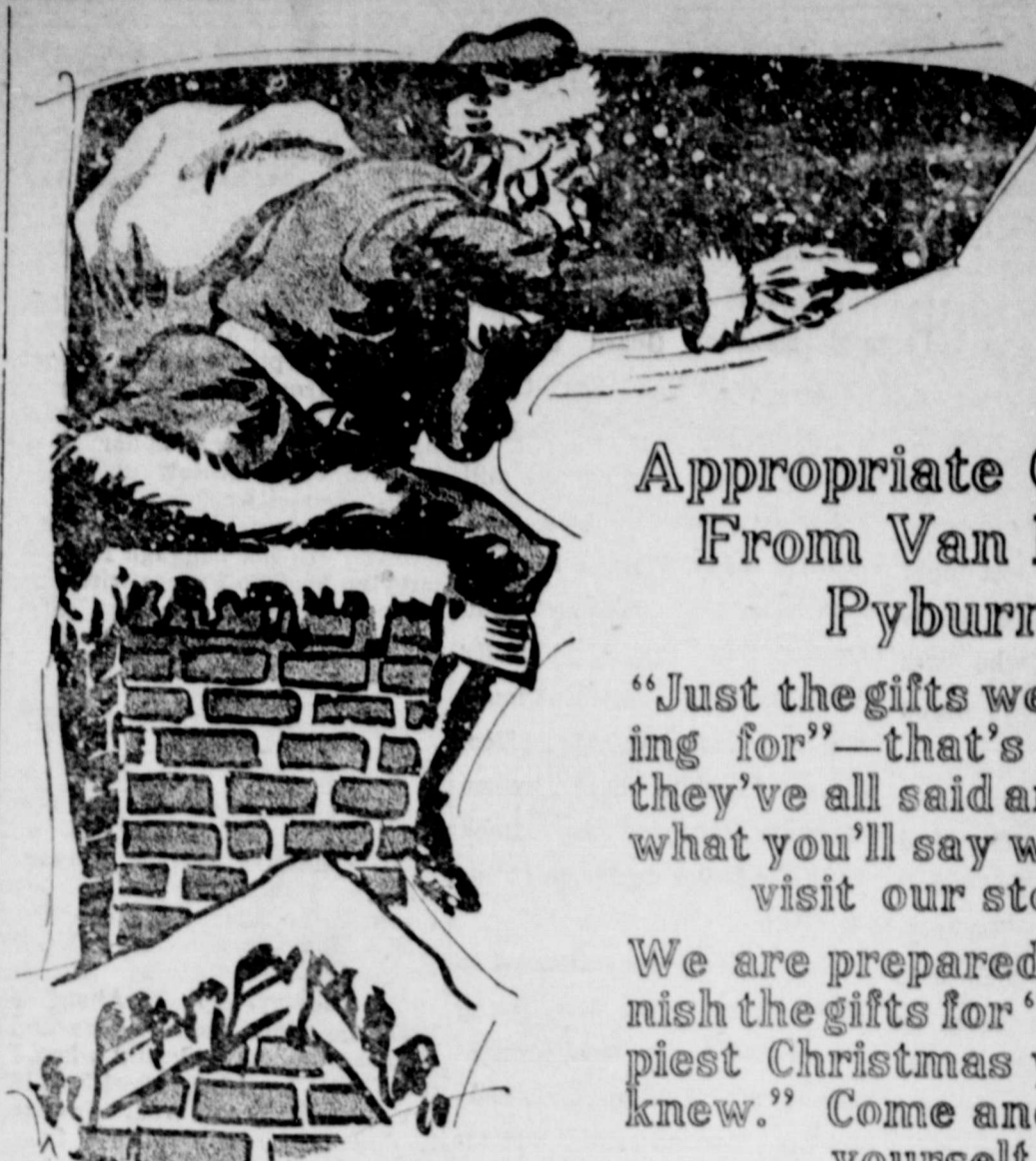
"I wonder if it would be too much  
to ask you to get the ladder and climb  
up to the kitchen roof and push off  
the massed snow there."

Darlon was only too glad to grant  
the request. He was pushing the last  
shovel of snow over the eave troughs  
when he startled Alice, who had come  
out again to watch the progress of his  
work, by springing free of the roof,  
waving a dark object in his hand.

"I found it lodged in the gutter  
spout, where it must have fallen from  
the hand of the thief," he announced  
breathlessly. "It is a pocketbook  
filled with money."

Just that it was, and Rolfe Darlon,  
a welcome spectator to the wild de-  
light of the Brills, lingered long in  
the house, blessed by the gratitude of  
Mr. Brill and his beautiful daughter.  
What more natural than that they  
should invite this cherished guest to  
Christmas dinner, for a royal one they  
were sure of now, but Darlon sur-  
prised them and congratulated him-  
self in appearing neat, trim and in a  
new suit, for at the lodging house  
that evening he found an unexpected  
letter from his estranged uncle con-  
taining a liberal remittance and ask-  
ing him to return to the home roof  
and forget that they had ever quar-  
reled.

Merry Christmas, indeed it was for  
that little group, and when Rolfe Dar-  
ton had Alice Brill good night after  
a day of rare enjoyment and happi-  
ness, he wondered if the ardent hope  
of his soul might become a reality be-  
fore another yuletide celebration in  
his winning of a Christmas bride.



**Gift  
Ideas**

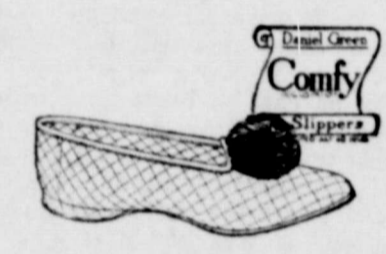
**Appropriate Gifts---  
From Van Pelt-  
Pyburn**

"Just the gifts we're look-  
ing for"—that's what  
they've all said and that's  
what you'll say when you  
visit our store.

We are prepared to fur-  
nish the gifts for "the hap-  
piest Christmas you ever  
knew." Come and see for  
yourself.

**FURS—**

The gift of gifts. Gladden her heart with a beautiful  
Fur. We're offering our entire stock of Furs for the  
balance of this week at extremely low prices. Make  
your selection now. They're priced from \$9 to \$75.



**SLIPPERS**

For Christmas Giving

They're always welcome at Christmas time and this  
store has provided an unusually complete assortment  
for convenience of Christmas shoppers—they're Daniel  
Green, too. Colors: Blue, Old Rose, Red, Pink, Black,  
Lavender.

**GLOVES**

Every woman appreciates pretty Kid Gloves. We're  
offering several leading makes until after the holidays  
at greatly reduced prices.

**Dresses and Coats**

Why not give her a Dress or Coat for Christmas? Your  
choice of our entire stock for exactly HALF PRICE.

We could suggest hundreds of useful  
and appropriate gifts from our store---  
in fact any article in our stock would  
be appropriate.

**COME NOW---WE'LL HELP YOU  
MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS!**

**VAN PELT-PYBURN**

Next door West of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

**HANGING UP THE STOCKING**

Time-Honored Christmas Custom Dates Back to the Days of St. Nicholas of Padua.

FROM Italy comes the legend from which we are supposed to get the time-honored custom of hanging up the Christmas stocking.

Good old St. Nicholas of Padua used to throw long knitted purses tied at both ends, into the open windows of the very poor people. These purses were made of yarn not unlike a footless stocking. Finally it became the custom of the people to hang them outside of their window on the night before Christmas, so that St. Nicholas could put a gift into them as he passed by. By and by, when coin became scarce, toys were put in for the children, and useful presents for grown people. In the North country where it was rather chilly at Christmas time, the purses were hung on the mantelpiece, and it was believed that the good old saint would come down the chimney and fill them. When these purses were out of use, stockings were substituted and have been used ever since.

**CHRISTMAS TIME IN FRANCE**

Yuletide Season Great Time for Display of Green Plants; Houses Filled With Decorations.

IT IS the Le Petit Jesu that brings gifts to the French children at Christmas time. He never forgets a good child and is sure to slip something into the wooden shoe of the child if it is left at the door. He has, however, been known to leave pebbles in the shoe of one who has been naughty.

To the French, Christmas is the great time for greens. Everywhere one sees the brilliant poinsettia flower displayed. The houses are filled with mistletoe and holly, and half the fun of Christmas consists in getting the greens and decorating the houses. The houses are then ready for le Jour de l'An, or New Year's day, which is the gayest of the two festivals.

**The Hodening Horse.**

ABOUT the middle of the Nineteenth century it was the custom in Kent for the male farm-servants to go on Christmas eve from house to house with the hodening horse, which was an imitation of a horse's head, life size and made of wood, and fastened on a stick about the length of a broom handle. The lower jaw had hinges and was arranged by means of a cord so that it would open and close. The strongest of the lads was selected for the horse. He stooped and supported himself by holding to the stick. Then he was covered with a horse cloth, and one of his companions mounted him, and such a kicking, rearing and gnashing of teeth as there was! They made the rounds of the houses begging a gratuity.

**Wandering Jew's Christmas.**

There was a common belief in some countries that the spirits of the lost had rest on Christmas night, and that when the hour comes that ushers in the holy season, the wandering Jew rests his weary feet, and with sad, upturned face gazes in the direction of Jerusalem where he struck the Savior in the time of his trial. A lamp or candle must not be permitted to burn to its end on Christmas, as that forbodes a death in the family during that year. For the same reason a live coal must not be taken out of the home on that day.

**Celery Soup.**

Take the coarse outer stalks of a bunch of celery and scrub them well. Cut into small pieces; cover with boiling water and boil until tender in an uncovered saucepan. Drain and save the water. Mash the celery through a colander, return to water and boil for ten minutes. To each cupful of celery water add a cupful of hot milk, two level tablespoonfuls of butter and one level tablespoonful of flour rubbed together. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of each bowl and serve with croutons.



**START NOW**  
Try to save a little  
From the cost of livin';  
Christmas time is coming,  
With its cost of givin'.

**Christmas in Peru.**

A midnight mass is generally held the night before Christmas in Peru. Christmas day is generally celebrated by a huge spectacular bull fight, and after this has taken place, a religious procession follows, at the head of which usually is held a statue of the Virgin. When this ceremony is over people are free to enjoy themselves as they choose for the rest of the day.

**Christmas Merry Thoughts**  
By Christopher G. Hazard

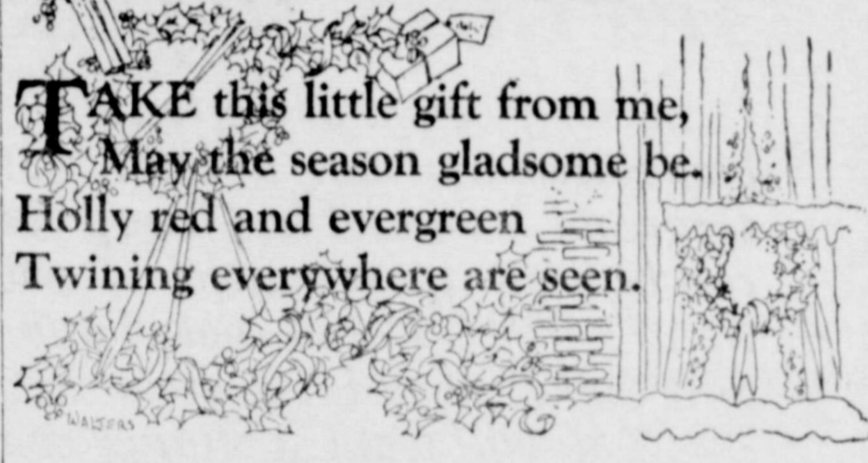
WHO can speak of Christmas save Merry thoughts are everywhere: From the chimney nook they run With a smile for everyone.

GOLD is good for Christmas Day. Boys and girls care more for play. Fun is good for girls and boys, Happy fun and joyful noise.

OH the Christmas and the snow! And the ruddy winter glow! Heap the table and the fire, Christmas joy should never tire.

GIVE your heart with all you give, Then your gifts with love will live. Love can live when gifts are small, Love himself is best of all.

TAKE this little gift from me, May the season gladsome be. Holly red and evergreen Twining everywhere are seen.



**MISSING MAN FOUND**

Mr. M. McAllister was found yesterday afternoon and is doing nicely today.

Mr. McAllister, who disappeared in that city last Wednesday.

Mr. McAllister formerly was Wooten manager in San Angelo. —San Angelo Standard.

Sam Behringer, local manager of the H. O. Wooten Grocery Co., this afternoon received the above telegram from O. M. Burt, of San Antonio, brother-in-law of

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We invite all, especially the visiting teachers, to come in, look around and make yourselves at home. All kinds dolls, games, books, doll furniture, stationery, fireworks, etc. Also nice line of Rugs, Art Squares, Aluminum and Chinaware. Our grocery line is complete. Don't fail to see our new Robe Blankets—they make desirable Gifts.

**The Globe Store**

**12 STARS APPEAR IN THIS PICTURE**

Twelve stellar players and a supporting cast of unrivalled quality—that's the record set by Cecil B. DeMille's latest Paramount masterpiece "The Affairs of Anatol," which will be shown at the Maeroy Theatre two days, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21st and 22nd. The roster reads like screenom's who's who. The phrase, "all star cast" is a much abused one but it adequately describes a cast that includes Wallace Reid, famous Paramount star; Gloria Swanson, Elliott Dexter, Bebe Daniels, Monte Blue, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts, Agnes Ayres, Theodore Kosloff, Polly Moran, Raymond Hatton, and Julia Faye.

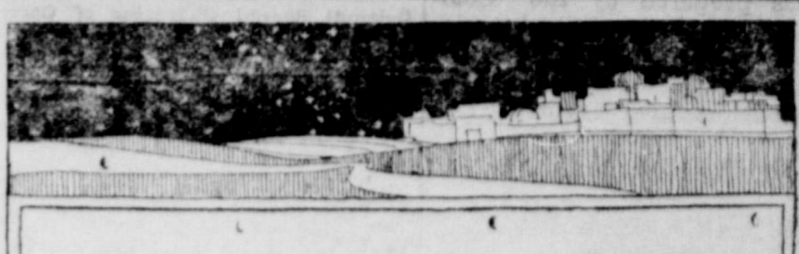
Nothing like this cast in the way of aggregate talent has ever been assembled before. The drawing power of almost any of the names on the roll has been sufficient to awaken interest of the discriminating public. Here, for the first time, they are appearing in a single production under the direction of a master producer—Cecil B. DeMille.

"The Affairs of Anatol" was written by Jeanie Macpherson, author of many notable Cecil B. DeMille productions. Her story was suggested by Arthur Schnitzler's scintillating comedy of the same name.

The same quality that is featured in the cast of principals and in the authorship has been carried through every phase of production work. The supporting cast includes such capable actors as Guy Oliver, Charles Ogle, Clarence Geldart, Maude Wayne, Ruth Miller, William Boyd, Lucien Littlefield and others. The beautiful settings are the work of Paul Iribe, famous French artist, designer and decorator.

El Paso in the annual kite flying contest. Kites from three inches to nine feet in height were flown on the mesa overlooking the city. Girls competed, but not with the boys. Negroes had a contest, but it was separate. Ten classes of

kites were listed and beauty, artistry, pulling power and other points were graded. A score of prizes were offered to boys and girls by the school board, teachers and principals to the pupils who had the finest specimens.



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Fountain Pens,  
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Pickard China.

**J. Y. PEARCE DRUG CO.**



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  - ★ Elliott Dexter
  - ★ Monte Blue
  - ★ Theodore Roberts
  - ★ Theodore Kosloff
  - ★ Raymond Hatton
  - ★ Gloria Swanson
  - ★ Bebe Daniels
  - ★ Wanda Hawley
  - ★ Agnes Ayres
  - ★ Polly Moran
  - ★ Julia Faye



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A picture recording in scenes of unrivaled beauty the exploits of a lover of love. A dashing riot of color and luxury, warm with the life of real world men and women.

ADMISSION: 25c and 50c, plus war tax  
**MATINEE AND NIGHT**

## HOW IRRIGATION WILL HELP YOU

(This is the eighth of a series of articles prepared by the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, based on the figures of the U. S. Reclamation Service in its Eighteenth Annual Report, 1919.)

By Stuart L. Williams

### MONTANA, MILK RIVER PROJECT

Water for use on this project is stored in the Sherburne Lakes and the St. Mary Lakes, diverted thru a 29 mile canal, carried 216 miles thru Canada, thence back into the United States, and stored again in the Nelson Reservoir.

In 1919, the project was less than half completed, but the results obtained up to that time were astounding.

In four years, the number of farms had more than doubled. The number of irrigated farms had been increased 500 per cent. The population of the district had increased from 2400 to 25,400. Six new towns had been created. Bank deposits had made an amazing increase from \$600,000.00 to \$5,300,000.00, and their depositors had increased in number from 1800 to 17,600.

Grain occupied 35 per cent, alfalfa 11 per cent, forage crops 52 per cent and miscellaneous crops, 2 per cent of the area cropped under irrigation in 1918.

This project when completed will irrigate 180,000 acres, and will cost about \$7,000,000.00 (estimated) or about \$40.00 per acre.

This project compares favorably in size with the proposed irrigation system along the Colorado River in Coke and Rannels counties, Texas, where plans are being made to irrigate 200,000 acres, bonds being issued against the land to finance the cost of the improvements. It is not expected however, that the final cost will be nearly so great. An earthen dam, practically as large as the proposed irrigation dam near Bronte, was built by the city of Abilene for about \$250,000.00. A hollow, reinforced concrete dam is being built by the city of Cisco at a cost of \$900,000.00. Other cities are building similar dams, and the cost in no instance is as great as that on some of the western irrigation projects covered in this series of articles.

### COUNTY ROAD BONDS FOR SALE

The Commissioners' Court of Rannels County will receive bids until 2:00 o'clock p. m., January 9, 1922, at the office of the County Judge, Ballinger, Texas, for the sale of \$40,000 worth of Road District Bonds. Bonds are thirty year, serial, bear five and one half per cent interest, payable semi-annually and are dated August 1, 1921. Certified check for \$500.00 to accompany bid. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Further information may be obtained from U. Stephens, County Engineer, Ballinger, Texas. J-16 23-30-37w

### HOW MOVING PICTURES TO THE PRISON INMATES

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 13.—Diversion is offered the convicts in the Texas state penitentiary at Huntsville in a number of forms.

Motion pictures are shown to the prisoners each Sunday afternoon, while religious and song services are held each Sunday morning in the prison chapel.

Music is played frequently throughout the week by the prison band, both in the chapel and in the outdoor handstand.

Athletic contests form a large part of the prisoners' recreation. There is some outdoor gymnasium equipment in the prison yard, such as swinging trapeze and rings. The men have boxing elevas and sometimes have boxing contests, with roped off ring, referee and timers. The contests are fought by rounds and according to rules recognized by the sport.

The prisoners also play croquet, dominoes, pitch rings and play "catch." There is not sufficient room for a ball game in the grounds, though such games are held on different farms of the Texas prison system during the season.

A. Heidenheimer is arranging to retire from business in Ballinger, and will move his stock of goods from here to Anson, where he has a store.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

Music and Song Always Associated With the Yuletide.

Original Sacred Character of Carols Was Almost Lost Sight of in Thirteenth Century.

MUSIC and song have always been associated with Christmas. In Roman Catholic countries, as early as the Third century, it became the custom to usher in the Christmas festivities with musical masses.

The practice of singing carols or canticles was supposed to recall the "In Excelsis Gloria" of the angels and the song of the shepherds on the first Christmas night.

A very old carol, published in 1521, gives an amusing description of church revelries:

A wooden child in cloths on the altar sat,  
About the which both boys and girls do  
dance and timely let,  
And carols sing in praise of Christ.  
The priests do roar aloud!  
And round about the parents stand,  
To see the sport, and with their voice  
Do help them, and with hand.

At first, carols were generally religious in character, and were written with Latin and English words in alternate lines, or with a Latin refrain. The well-known carol

When Christ was born of Mary free  
In Bethlehem, that fair cite,  
Angels sang with mirth and gloe  
In Excelsis Gloria,  
and another with a chorus,  
Christus natus hodie,  
The babe, the son,  
The holy one  
Of Mary.

are good examples of this class.

When the tendency to ribaldry became marked, some of the carols got to be very peculiar in subject and language. Joseph is treated with a great want of respect, for one carol runs:

Joseph was an old man,  
An old man was he,  
When he wedded Mary,  
The Maid of Galilee.

Another relates the story of the shepherds watching their flocks by night:

A shepherd upon a hill he sat,  
He had on him hys tabard and hatt,  
Hys larch, hys pipe and hys flageatt,  
Hys name was called Joly-Joly Watt.

Having been informed of the birth of Christ, the shepherd sets off for Bethlehem, and on arriving says:

Shout I off These my Pipe,  
My skyrte, my taceck and my scrype,  
Home to my fellows now will I skrype,  
And loke unto my shepe.

In the Thirteenth century the sacred character of these Christmas songs was almost entirely lost sight of. The Puritan parliament abolished Christmas and carols altogether, but feasting and revelry returned with the Restoration.

Carol singing, which had fallen into disuse, was revived by a collection of carols published by D. Gilbert, in 1822, but caroling, which was formerly ushered in by the chiming of church bells and the saluting forth of choirs which chanted their way round villages until their throats were hoarse and their noses red from cold and friendly Christmas potatoes, is now almost a thing of the past.—T. H. H.

### CUSTOMS AND THEIR ORIGINS

Numerous Yuletide Ideas Are Relics of Pagan Observance, Especially Those of Druidism.

MANY Christmas customs are relics of pagan observances, especially those of Druidism, the religious system of the ancient Gauls and Britons. Groves of oak were their chosen retreat, and today the acorn is found as a Christmas symbol on some Christmas greetings, although it is not used as much as formerly.

Druidism considered mistletoe most sacred, and when growing on an oak tree, parasite as it is, it was cut with a golden knife by a priest clad in a white robe and two white bulls were sacrificed on the spot.

The Yule log in England is a relic of Druidism. Its name is considered a corruption of "wheel log," a wheel in Druidical symbolism typifying the march of the sun. The lighting of the Yule log harks back to the sacred fires kindled by the Druids at mid-winter in the round towers which yet remain in many parts of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Spain. The use of the Christmas tree has descended from the German Druids. The dressing of the tree with candles and presents was a feature of their mid-winter festival.

Ivy is not used for Christmas decorations, as it was once sacred to Bacchus and constituted almost the sole leafy adornment at the Roman saturnalia. The early Christian clergy, desiring to wean the people from their pagan practice as far as possible, forbade the use of ivy, and the precedent still obtains.

In medieval Europe a peacock was the favorite dish for Christmas dinner. After being skinned carefully the bird was cooked. Then the skin with the plumage intact was replaced, and the bird served in a manner as nearly as possible resembling real life.

Mince pies are first mentioned in 1296 as in common use at Christmas times. Authorities in the matter then said they might be eaten as early as December 14.

## COST OF WISDOM IS MIGHTY CHEAP

After working the Coleman merchants on several bad check deals, a check "artist" visited Ballinger this week. The local Retail Merchants Association received warning, and immediately notified all its members to look out for the young man who played his crooked game in the neighboring town. In due course of time the gentleman appeared in Ballinger, and the first news of his presence was given in a worth less \$14 check which turned up at a bank.

The check was passed on a local firm which is not a member of the Retail Merchants Association, and of course received no tip to look out for the check swindler. The moral to the story is that the amount lost on the check would have more than paid dues for one year in both the Young Men's Business League and the Retail Merchants Association.

Gates Tires are the best. Harwell Motor Co. 20-d&w-tf

### HAS SCHEME TO BEAT POOR WORKING GIRLS

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—A new scheme for defrauding working girls of their savings is being practiced in Eastern cities by a man claiming to be the auditor of a Chicago paper box factory, according to an announcement by the Illinois Bankers Association.

He first appeared in Philadelphia early in October, then moved to Pittsburgh, and from there to Providence, R. I.

According to Edward Arentz, head of the bankers' association protective bureau, the man advertises for girl office employees, and asks applicants, among other things whether they possess bank accounts. If the girl has an account he gives her a \$4000 draft on this state bank, bearing the forged certification of a former cashier of the bank, to deposit in her bank, and then asks her to cash a check for immediate expense money. The checks cashed so far range from \$150 to \$250 in value. Eleven girls in the three cities have been victimized in two months, according to Arentz.

RANGER, Tex.—Ranger has been offered a free camp site in the Capitan mountains of New Mexico, by the chamber of commerce of Roswell, N. M. The United States forest service is desirous that cities of Texas and New Mexico take advantage of the opportunity to secure free municipal camp grounds in the mountains, the Roswell organization said.

Be Wise and Advertise—

### TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

On December 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Vogelsang will celebrate their "golden wedding" anniversary. Mr. Vogelsang is making arrangements now and expects every member of the household to be present for Christmas and the following day on which they will all be together and celebrate with a big dinner which is in honor of their 50th

year of wedded life. Mr. Vogelsang states that a majority of his children were coming in cars and that he expected them all to reach here before Christmas eve as the only delay likely would be caused by wet weather, and that he was not anticipating that to keep them away. Mr. and Mrs. Vogelsang are old settlers in this part of the state and have friends all over West Texas who will join in wishing them the happiest Christmas

of their lives and many more to follow.

AUSTIN, Tex.—Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, of Texas, will speak at the annual convention of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association in Chicago Dec. 13, according to an announcement received in Austin. Congressman Blanton, who is advocate of the open shop, will speak at the association's annual banquet.



## Welcome, Teachers

You are interested in the best methods of teaching, also the very best thing to be taught, just so we are interested in the best methods of cooking and the very best utensil with which to cook

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Is the very height of perfection. It is the very best Range that can be built. It is made of Charcoal Iron and has every convenience that can be built in a range. Food cooked on a MAJESTIC is well cooked and palatable and well cooked food is a great health producer.

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## Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack



# Holiday Suggestions

## JEWELRY GIFTS FOR THIS CHRISTMASTIDE!

.....and they came bringing gifts of gold....."

*This new Christmas which we unite to observe can be made more beautiful and more durable by a selection of just the right Jewelry Gift. For jewels are gifts eternal, answering well the eternal question of what to give*

### Every Article in the House Sold at 25% Discount and Below

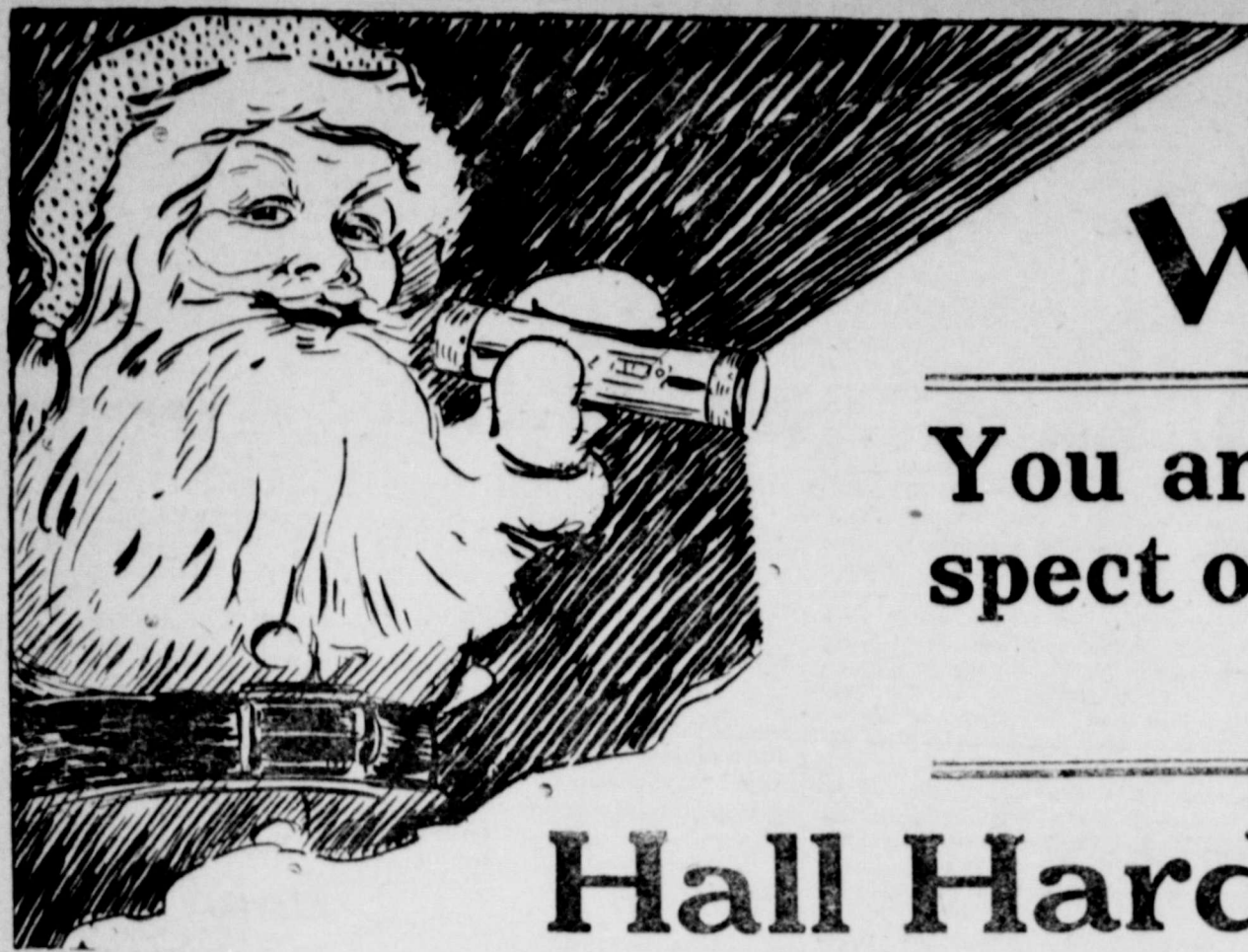


Our stock is complete and you can find just what you want for anyone, regardless of age or regardless of how particular. Don't be a late shopper—

*Make Selections Early*

## ASA CORDILL





# VISITING TEACHERS Welcome!

You are Cordially Invited to Inspect our complete stock of useful Christmas Gifts!

## Hall Hardware Company

### Goodfellow Committee to Accompany Santa Claus

A committee has been selected to accompany Santa Claus on his trip to the needy homes of Ballinger on Christmas Eve, and all that is necessary now to make Santa's visit to the poor children, and poor helpless old folks, is for the more fortunate to furnish the finances.

At the proper time Mike Boyd, Mrs. J. W. Blasdell and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes will canvass the city, locate all those deserving of a visit from St. Nicholas, and that includes every child where the jovial old gentleman would not otherwise visit. These three have agreed to see that Santa Claus does his work well in expending the Goodfellow fund.

The entire amount in the Goodfellow fund will be turned over to the committee to be used in making the needy children of the city happy, and if there is a balance left after Santa Claus makes his visit, it will be turned over to the United Charity Board.

Merchants have agreed to make special prices on fruits and candies in providing Santa with these things, and it is expected that special prices will be made on shoes, stockings, etc., where Santa Claus finds that such articles are needed, and the money made to go as far as possible in relieving gloom.

Mrs. P. C. Straley's Sunday school class sends five dollars to headquarters for a membership in the Goodfellow Club, and others gradually drop in to swell the fund which will be used in furnishing the motive power for Santa Claus' high powered car to stop in front of the gate of every home in Ballinger where Santa would perhaps not otherwise find time to stop.

The names of those selected as a committee to accompany Santa Claus on his trip will be published in this paper tomorrow.

Why don't you be a Goodfellow?

Since the committee has been named, and as the time is growing short, Goodfellows should come in thick and fast. Be a Goodfellow and help to make some child happy.

Previously reported	\$49.50
Lawrence Pape	2.00
J. J. Beck	2.50
Dr. J. W. Blasdell	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Blasdell	1.00
Mrs. Harp McFarland	1.00
J. J. Fox	1.00
A. J. Voelkel	1.00
G. P. Teague	1.00
Mrs. Straley's Sunday school Class	5.00
Mrs. Ollie Midgely	2.50
James Clayton	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Routh	1.00

### SETTING UP THE TREE

AT ALMOST every corner grocer's stands can be purchased very cheaply that will hold the Christmas tree firmly in position.

The simplest of these consists of a crosspiece of wood raised a little from the floor by wooden supports and having a hole in the center to insert the trunk of the tree.

More elaborate ones take the form of a wooden square, painted a bright red and surrounded by a low wooden railing.

Country dwellers who cannot purchase these trees at the corner store, but have to cut them in the nearest wood lot, must devise some other way of holding the Christmas tree in position.

The easiest way to do this, if the tree is not too large and heavy, is to insert the trunk into the hole through the bottom of a wooden box, and either paint this box green or red or cover it with green or red paper.

A starch box will hold up a small tree perfectly, but a somewhat larger box must be chosen for one of larger growth. If, in spite of all precautions, the tree seems too heavy and is inclined to wobble, weight the box on either side with heavy stones. Sometimes the box is filled with sand, the trunk planted in that, and then the wooden cover nailed in place to make all very solid.

If one has any talent for carpentry, even of the roughest sort, an effective support can be made by nailing two pieces of wood in the shape of a square cross, holding the tree upon this and nailing cleats to both tree and support until it stands firmly.

A very pretty effect can be obtained by covering the support of the tree and the floor directly around it with white cotton batting on which silver tinsel, called "rain" in most shops, has been sprinkled. This makes the tree look as if it were growing in a bunch of snow glittering in the sun.

#### Ginger Cookies.

Cream together one cupful of sugar and one cupful of shortening. Add two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one teaspoonful of ginger and a whole egg well beaten. Stir two teaspoonfuls of soda in half a cupful of boiling water. Stir in a teaspoonful of baking powder with enough flour to make a soft dough. Roll out and bake far apart so they will not run together.

#### Lemon and Sardines.

A little lemon juice is an improvement to the sardine mixture.

### FATHER'S DEATH FOLLOWS SON'S

DALLAS, Dec. 14.—F. F. Miller Sr., father of Elliott and F. F. Miller Jr., who were fatally shot at Wortham, Texas, Saturday, died suddenly at his home in Frederick, Oklahoma, this morning. The elder Miller's death is said to have been caused from excitement attending the death of his two sons, according to private telegrams sent to Dallas friends today.

CORSICANA, Tex.—Farmers of Navarro county have practically suspended farming because of the crusted condition of the land, according to reports here. This section has experienced an extended drought, which also has made stock water scarce.

### ASK N. Y. INTERESTS TO COLONIZE LAND

SEMINOLE, Tex., Dec. 9.—New York interests controlling more than half of the total area of Gaines county have been appealed to by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce to colonize their lands and thus help settle up the county. Also efforts are being made to prevail upon the trustees of the State University lands to dispose of same to actual farmers. It is believed that if these things are done, the Midland & Northwestern Ry., which now bisects the county, may be made a paying proposition and induced to extend from Seminole thru Loving, New Mexico, to Roswell, thus tapping the heart of the Pecos Valley of New Mexico.

A. G. Seluhmann, a citizen of the Rowena country for several years, is moving to Copeland, having ordered his mail sent to his new address.

### Rumors of Union Men to Strike Causes Gloomy Talk

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—New York's industrial horizon assumed a more pessimistic outlook today. Three great strikes which would involve more than one hundred thousand men in the metropolitan area appeared against the background of three important labor disputes which are already in progress.

Rumblings of wage disputes flow in from three different quarters. The coal miners are already in turmoil, while the railroad maintenance of way and shop craftsmen, and building trades are contesting efforts for wage reductions and the threat of general strikes grows larger as the question is passed up to the workers.

Instead of submitting to the reduction in wages the railroad

men state that their position in regard to the proposed cuts resulted in an unanimous vote demanding an immediate increase of seventeen per cent in wages.

PITTSBURG, Kans., Dec. 13. Militant women marchers in the Kansas coal fields went into action again before daylight today and stopped the miners from working in three mines. The women marched in a violent manner this morning and several motor cars were wrecked in the melee which followed and several persons were injured.

J. W. Berry, who has been living on Route A. out of Ballinger, has moved to the Northern part of the county and now gets his mail on Route 3 out of Winters.

### PROMOTION FOR KILLING BANDIT

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Chief of Police Fitzmorris today threatened to suspend from service any policeman who captured "Lucky" Tommy O'Connor alive, and promises promotion to the officer who kills him. O'Connor, who was to have been led to the death cell in the Cook county jail today, where he would await hanging next Thursday for killing a policeman, but instead of being led to the death cell the prisoner is today leading the combined force of three thousand police and deputies in a merry chase after his sensational escape from the jail last night.

The jail break has been characterized by Fitzmorris as a "frame up" between O'Connor and jail officials.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Tommy O'Connor, manslayer and under sentence to hang Thursday, escaped from the Cook county jail today. He took three other prisoners with him.

O'Connor emulated Tom Slaughter, the Arkansas bandit, who held up the Little Rock penitentiary officials last Thursday. The authorities believe he planned his escape after reading of Slaughter's daring adventure.

County Superintendent Bagg went to San Angelo Tuesday, where he conferred with County Superintendent Armstrong of Tom Green county regarding plans for the institute here next week. The teachers are coming in large numbers Sunday and it is expected that more than three hundred will answer to roll call when the institute convenes next Monday morning.

### GORGEOUS GOWNS WORN IN "AFFAIRS OF ANATOL"

Cecil B. DeMille productions are famous for the ultrafashionable wardrobes of the feminine players, but it remains for "The Affairs of Anatol" the latest DeMille Paramount production which comes to the Maeroy Theatre next week, Dec. 21st and 22nd, to set a new mark in this respect.

An important contributing cause to the general effect is the remarkable assemblage of feminine players who appear in this production. Gloria Swanson, Wanda Hawley, Bobe Danils, Agnes Ayres and Julia Faye, are all famous for their fashion sense both on and off the screen. The first named trio wear gowns in this picture that rival the latest Parisian creations. The other three shine by contrast because of type of roles which they portray.

### IF STOMACH IS BAD LET DIAPEPSIN END GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" has proven itself the surest relief for Indigestion, Gases, Flatulence, Heartburn, Sourness, Fermentation, or Stomach Distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief and shortly the stomach is corrected so you can eat favorite foods without fear. Large case costs only few cents at drug store. Millions helped annually.

Mrs. R. A. Henshaw, of Madill, Okla., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. DeWitt.

Tanlac is a splendid tonic and system purifier, now selling at the rate of almost Ten Million bottles a year. John A. Weeks.



LET THE KIDDIES' DREAMS COME TRUE IN TOYLAND

It is the most beautiful, gleaming, thrilling Christmas place that you ever saw.

All the toys that kids long for and dream of, and hundreds of others they've never even thought of are making our Toy Section the gayest place in town. 'Tis a magic world, because everybody who comes here, no matter whether they are very little or very grown-up, cannot look at the wonderful dolls, the enchanting anim-als and fascinating games without feeling like a delighted child.

If you have not been a visitor yet to our toy revels, you are missing a great deal of fun.

## The Fair



CHRISTMAS TOYS

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FOR SALE—Turkeys from prize winning stock. Toms \$9.00, Hens \$6.00. Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Phone 4003. 2-5tw

WANTED—Hides and Fur at highest market prices. I. O. Wooden. 1-4d-4w

FOR SALE—Bronze Turkeys, from prize winning stock. Toms \$9.00, Hens \$6.00. Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Phone 4003, Ballinger, Texas. 3-3tw\*

FOR SALE—About 75 tons ensilage, in good condition, party desiring this feed may feed same on place themselves or I will feed for them. Write Elgin Davidson, Winters, Texas, Rt. No. 1. Phone Wilmeth exchange. 14-2td-1tw.\*

LOST—Strayed or Stolen, one yellow Collie dog with white ring around his neck. Had leather strap around his neck. Will give liberal reward to finder. R. L. Boothe, Phone 3940 Rural. 14-1tw-2td.\*

WANTED—FUR. I will buy yours. I will sell mine. If we can't trade, I will furnish sacks, twine and tags, free and you can ship to anyone that suits you. I. O. Wooden. 15-4td-4tw

Prices reduced on half soleing for Friday and Saturday from \$1.50 to \$1.25. Ballinger Shoe and Harness Co., opposite post office. 14-2d-1w.\*

### Annual Statement of Runnels County Warehouse Co

This report was compiled at close of business November 1st, 1921, and covers one year's activities.

The present company assumed control and management one year ago by agreement.

In the meantime the organization has secured a charter from the State and has been licensed to operate under Federal laws as a bonded warehouse.

The new company is now delivering \$14.50 plus a 6 per cent dividend which will total \$15.37 in value which entitles them to three new shares and \$37 cash for an old share.

All new members will be issued stock to the value of their subscription paid in.

The association has been able to pay a 6 per cent dividend to all stockholders and set aside the amount required by the constitution as a sinking fund after all outstanding indebtedness has been paid and all unfinished business of the old organization closed up.

Running Expenses:  
Labor ..... \$2291.72  
Incidental ..... 391.70  
Insurance ..... 1164.86  
Refund for error ..... 112.00  
Damaged cotton ..... 20.00  
Two lots ..... 500.00

Total ..... \$4180.28  
Cash collected ..... \$5981.06  
Reserve fund ..... 198.00  
\$4678.24

Balance ..... \$1002.78

From which taxes, income and dividend must be paid.

Bring or mail all stock to the County Agent and receive new stock. All new stock will be mailed out to new members.

LYNN STOKES, Mgr.  
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### REQUESTS ARE FILED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Thirteen recommendations, including legalization of co-operative marketing, combinations to lower freight rates on agricultural products, and the establishment of agricultural attaches to American embassies in European capitals, as set forth in the report of the joint congressional commission of the agricultural inquiry, was filed today by the Senate.

# 2 Important Developments Working in Runnels County

Two important development projects occupied the time and attention of quite a number of Ballinger and Runnels county citizens Wednesday afternoon.

Ballinger is more fortunate than any other West Texas town in that she has two chances for developing natural resources, either of which will make a city on short notice a metropolitan center. Both projects are being watched by thousands of investors all over the country, and it is up to local citizens to support each to their very limit, and leave nothing undone which will speed up their success.

## Big Irrigation Meet at Rowena

At three o'clock Wednesday afternoon a large crowd from Runnels, Concho, Coke and Tom Green county gathered at Rowena to attend the second annual meeting of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association. Quite a number from Ballinger also went out to attend this meeting.

Every day for the past year, or since the irrigation association was organized at Miles one year ago, has brought renewed optimism which promises to develop into one of the largest agricultural areas under irrigation in the Southwest. The magnitude of the scheme is such that many are yet skeptical, but despite that skepticism the government is backing certain local citizens in making the survey, expending about \$30,000 in determining the feasibility of the project, and the work has advanced to that stage where the engineers do not hesitate to say "it looks good."

## MANY WORK WAY THRU SCHOOL

AUSTIN, Dec. 14.—That boys are not the only ones who make part or all of their expenses while attending the University of Texas as demonstrated by the large number of girls who do work outside of school hours. The majority of these positions are obtained thru the University Young Women's Christian Association, others through individual efforts.

Some of the girls are skilled stenographers, and either do odd jobs or are regularly employed by the different departments or the Stenographic Bureau, others are engaged in the state department of education. Some are assistants in the various departments of the University or do private coaching. One girl makes money in her own room by selling hair nets, Hershey's, mints and chewing gum. Superannuated work in the public schools furnishes employment for a few, as does the clipping bureau of the University. Others work in homes in exchange for room and board or care for children by the hour, or work in the beauty parlors of Austin. Some read to blind students, and one girl cleans, patches and mends clothes.

In spite of the large number which is occupied, however, there are many others seeking to obtain work thru the Y. W. C. A. Twenty-two of these will not be able to remain in the University after Christmas unless they find work; seven need work which will pay one-half of their expenses. The work sought is that in exchange for room and board, dining room work, driving a car, library duties, coaching, sewing clothes for children, care of children, stenographic work, and the making of artificial flowers. Every effort is being made to place them in positions before the holidays, in order that they may return and continue their school work.

### NAVAL RATIO IS TAKEN UP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The "5-5-3" naval ratio and the Shantung question are now the two overwhelming issues at the arms conference. Both are at a crucial stage today.

"Eighty-five Ways to Prosperity" is a new book girls will welcome.

## Russell Well Is Spudded In

At two o'clock the Russell Production Company oil well on the Russell ranch, fifteen miles South east of Ballinger, was spudded in, and quite a crowd left the city shortly afterward for the Russell field to witness the spudding in of what promises to be an opener for a big oil field in this part of West Texas.

Driller Sole, who has operated successfully in the big fields of Texas, and in other states, including the Pennsylvania fields, has the contract to sink this well, and no well was ever spudded in under preparations more perfectly planned. Every detail for carrying on the work without delay was worked out before the word "go" was given, and drilling with a night and day shift will put the hole down in a hurry.

## FIGHTING OVER BANDIT'S BODY

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14.—The body of Tom Slaughter, the noted bandit who was killed by one of his number while escaping from prison a few days ago, which was buried in the presence of thousands of curious spectators yesterday, may be disinterred.

Gov. Meade announced last night that he was in receipt of a long distance telephone message from G. D. O'Brien, at Dallas, Texas, brother-in-law of the bandit, protesting against the funeral services being held here, and denouncing the woman known here as Mrs. Myrtle Slaughter, supposed to be the outlaw's widow, of Eldorado, Kansas.

## Candles and Yule Log

CHRISTMAS gifts were "common in Medieval times. Accounts tell of the chandlers' guild sending out gratis to everyone a special sort of big, flat candles which were burned with the Yule log to light the houses for the coming of a supernatural Christmas visitor. The bakers also sent out "Yule cakes," or "Yule babies," which were little images of Christ. This custom, in fact, seems to be even older, it being recorded on the old Roman calendars that on the Vigil of the Nativity little images of the Christ Child were made in great numbers and presented to the fathers in the Vatican.

Gradually the sentiment of "Peace on earth, good will to men" and the celebration of the spirit by general gifts seems to have spread through the other guilds, and finally to have become general.

In England today there is a survival of the ancient custom practiced by landowners of setting big sacks of grain or other products outside the gate that whoever came might help himself. It is said that an extra Christmas eve feed is also still given to the cattle.

## DADDY SAID SANTA WOULD SOON BE HERE



AUSTIN, Tex.—Gold medals depicting the insignia of the Thirty-Sixth and Ninetieth divisions will be presented to Marshal Foch when he reaches San Antonio. An order for the two medals was placed with a local jeweler by Wayne Davis, State Commander of the American Legion.

## CIVIC LEAGUE TO MAKE INSPECTION

Committees from the Civic League will make a tour of inspection of the city Thursday to check up on the results of the "Clean Up" campaign in progress this week.

Splendid co-operation is being received from progressive citizens throughout the city, and clean alleys, and back yards in every part of town testify to the civic pride of our property owners. Smoke columns ascending in every part of the town bear testimony that piles of trash, leaves, brush, etc., are in the process of cremation.

The campaign is being conducted jointly by the Civic League and the Young Men's Business League, and is an annual affair instituted by these organizations.

It is to be hoped that every one will have their premises in

clean, spotless condition for the teachers' meeting and the holiday season.

AUSTIN, Tex.—Employees in 24 establishments in Waco, increased during the past year, 171 being added, according to the state department of labor. A total of 1315 persons were employed by the industries in November 1921.

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## HUSBAND MUST PAY WIFE'S POLL

The State Comptroller has sent out a letter to every tax collector in the state following a ruling by the attorney general's department on the question of poll tax payment by husband and wife. Many men do not understand that they can not pay their property tax without paying both their own and their wife's poll tax. Neither can the wife pay the property tax without paying her own and her husband's poll tax. The poll tax of both must be paid when the property tax is paid. The poll tax can be paid without paying the property tax, but the property tax can not be paid without both polls are paid.

In view of the fact that very few poll taxes have been paid up to this time, and the rolls show more than 5,000 assessed in this county, it will be practically impossible to issue them during the last few days of the tax paying season, and those who wait will have to wait longer when they line up at the tax collector's office at the eleventh hour.

The laws of this state now levy a poll tax against a woman the same as against a man, and the payment of the women's poll tax is just as obligatory as that of the man, and the community property can be held for the payment of both taxes. The state's lien against the community property can not be avoided by making a separate assessment of the poll taxes.

If not residing in a city of 10,000 inhabitants or more, either the husband or the wife, may, by written order, authorize some other person to pay one or both poll taxes, but in each instance the receipt or receipts must be sent to the husband or the wife.

Article 7630, revised statutes 1911, reads as follows:

"All real and personal property held or owned by any person in this state shall be liable for all state and county taxes due by the owner thereof, including taxes on real estate, personal property and poll tax, and the collector of taxes shall levy on any personal or real property to be found in his county to satisfy all delinquent taxes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

## CALOMEL SALIVATES EVEN WHEN CAREFUL

Tracherous Drug can not be Trusted and Next Dose may Start Trouble

Calomel is dangerous. It may salivate you and make you suffer fearfully from soreness of gums, tenderness of jaws and teeth, swollen tongue, and excessive saliva dribbling from the mouth. Don't trust calomel. It is mercury, quicksilver.

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you will be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great. No salts necessary. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and can not salivate.

## MEETING TO FIX DATES FOR FAIRS

STAMFORD, Tex., Dec. 13.—Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the Runnels County Fair Association, has requested the Exhibit Bureau of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to call a meeting of the West Texas fair secretaries and managers to be held at Abilene in January.

The purpose of the meeting is to arrange dates and discuss special fair amusements for the 1922 season.

During the fair season just closed, many of the counties had some trouble and unnecessary expense in getting attractions, due to conflicting dates of some of the fairs.

E. F. Krebs will leave in a few days for San Diego, California, where he goes to spend the remainder of the winter with his sister, who lives at that place, and whom he has not seen in about twenty years.

## WOMAN CARRIED TO SAN ANGELO

Acting on a warrant from San Angelo Sheriff Flynt placed Mrs. Will Mabry under restraint Wednesday morning, and carried her to San Angelo, where she is wanted on a charge of passing bad checks.

The woman was detained for a time here Monday, when it was made known to the sheriff's office that she had been passing bad checks at San Angelo and also at Ballinger. As soon as the San Angelo Retail Merchants' Association learned of her presence here they sent an officer after her, Deputy Sheriff Wayne Green coming down to carry the woman back to San Angelo. The officers here declined to turn her over to the Angelo officers, holding her for further developments in the case. Later she was released, J. A. Weeks, upon whom the woman passed a worthless check for \$3.50, declining to prosecute her when it became known that she was a "dope fiend," and said not to be responsible for her deeds. It was then that the Angelo officers requested that she be detained for them.

The woman passed seven or eight bad checks in San Angelo about a month ago, and since then she has been drifting from place to place, according to her own statement. She denied ever being in San Angelo, however, but the checks passed there corresponded with the name used in Ballinger and the description of the woman working there also fit the woman arrested here.

Such cases are problems for the officers to deal with. The woman can not be dealt with under the law as insane, and yet being addicted to the drug habit she can hardly be held accountable under the criminal laws for the charges filed against her. She has no funds, or relatives, she says, and is not able to pay expenses for being treated for the habit from which she is suffering.

Joe Ostertag, Jim Flynt and J. D. Perkins returned home Wednesday night from Brownwood, where they were witnesses in the Bob Miller trial.

## THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY

What's the matter, young man, young woman? Why are you letting opportunity slip through your fingers? What are your plans for the coming year? Do you intend to qualify for a greater success? A small investment now, accompanied by earnest endeavor and a few months of solid study in our school will qualify you for a position, promotion, an increased bank account and greater satisfaction all through your future life. Why hesitate? Don't you know that the business office is calling for young men and women trained as Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Telegraph Operators and Secretaries? How much longer will you stand aside and make excuses?

You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve, muscle or brain cell than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts—as you should. They gained a training in our college that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you. Wherever your eye turns, you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no better general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to enter our college for a business education, and who is today forging ahead and leaving behind those who thought special business training unnecessary. It is as necessary as medical training for a doctor or law training for a lawyer.

You should not think of success as something which will some day come to you while you sleep. Success is achieved only by well directed effort.

You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision now. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring your entering our college now.

The object of this appeal is to set you to thinking of your future. If we have done this, we feel that you owe it to yourself to investigate what America's largest business university can

do for you. Thousands have already entered this year.

When may we expect you? Our classes will continue through the holiday season. Write or wire for reservations, or ask for a catalogue.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

## LEGION BOOKS BRUNK'S COMEDY

Brunk's Comedians will erect their big tent opera house here on January 2nd to play an engagement under the auspices of the American Legion.

This announcement was made by the local Legion post Monday, and will be good news to the show-goers who have seen the Brunk show.

In looking these entertainers the local Legionaires wish it understood that they are not making a practice of bringing tent shows to Ballinger, but have no hesitancy in recommending the company which is coming for this engagement.

The Brunk company has played here before, and the company carries one of the best equipped tent theatres in the country, having a splendid heating system, a good orchestra, opera chairs, etc., and special scenery for each performance. Harley Sadler, the well known comedian is still in charge of the laugh making end of each performance of this show.

Get rid of that nervous, fretful feeling. Brace up. Take Tanlac and you will look everybody in the face with a smile. Sold at John A. Weeks'.

## Card of Thanks

We take this means of thanking the people of Ballinger and also the people of our community, for so generously helping us to replace our household goods and clothes recently destroyed by fire. Words cannot express our gratitude. May God's richest blessings be with all of you the coming New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson. 14-1td

J. A. Reese returned to Brownwood Sunday afternoon, coming up Saturday to spend Sunday with home folks.

## STATE GIVES \$15,500 TO OAK CREEK BRIDGE

BRONTE, Tex., Dec. 13.—The Commissioners' Court of Coke county has received advice from the State Highway Commission at Austin that the Commission has issued an order appropriating not to exceed \$15,500 as the State's part for a new and modern steel bridge across Oak creek, on the Del Rio-Canadian Highway, between this place and Blackwell. The Highway Commission also pledges its co-operation with the Commissioners' Court in the work in everywise that the Highway Commission

can be of assistance. The decision of the State Highway Commission to co-operate in this work is most acceptable to all West Texas, for it means that the Commission is seeking to give a square deal to every part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Turner are here from Lamesa, visiting and looking after business. Mr. Turner is the son of W. J. Turner, deceased, a pioneer stockman of this county and at one time owner of the Turner ranch near Wingate.

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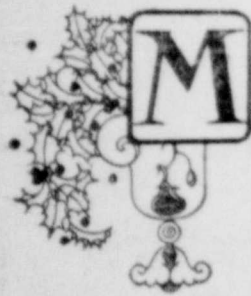
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### The Plum Pudding

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER



MARIAN had never before cooked at all to speak of until she had married Bert that summer. She had made a great success of it, but she was a little nervous afterward when she realized that she had invited all of Bert's family and near relatives for a Christmas dinner. And that they had all accepted.

"Now Marian dear," Bert had said, "just have a simple dinner. Don't bother about the frills. Our ordinary Sunday dinner will do beautifully. Anyone who gets our usual Sunday dinner is getting a fine meal."

"Well, I guess that is about all I can do--and for so many, too," Marian said.

"You're a wonder to attempt it," Bert said admiringly. "But don't think you have to overdo it."

For days and days Marian planned her Christmas dinner. She salted oats, she made cranberry sauce. She ordered a fine young turkey. She wasn't nervous about the turkey--that was just about as easy as chicken.

Yes, she was planning to have the old-time Christmas dinner. She wouldn't tell Bert. She would surprise him. And then, if she did tell him, she might be more nervous about the things she had planned to do, feeling that he was going to be so proud of her that she couldn't fulfill his expectations of her success.

So she worked and planned and schemed.

And that Christmas eve when Bert kissed her good-night she smiled to herself as she heard him say:

"Well, it's quite true. People have always eaten too much at Christmas

time in past years."

Bert's family all arrived in due season for Christmas dinner.

"Well, were you nervous over your first turkey?" asked Aunt Emilina. And how happy Marian was that she could say that she hadn't been nervous and that it was going to come out all right, she thought.

"I bet it was a job making your first plum pudding," said Uncle George, and Bert looked angry and grieved. He didn't want anyone to make his Marian feel uncomfortable. And now his own family were doing it.

"Uncle George," Bert said, "we meant to tell you. We're not going to have one of those old-time dinners. We think that people have always felt wretchedly at Christmas, and after Christmas--indigestion and all. So we're just going to have a nice simple dinner."

Marian had left the room now. But she could hear the defending note in Bert's voice, and at the same time a note of sadness that their dinner was going to be so simple.

She wanted to rush in now and tell them all that it wouldn't be so simple, and to put her arms around Bert's neck and kiss him. He was standing up for her. And they were all trying to be critical. And she had invited them all to her house. This was the way they were accepting her hospitality!

"But, following a number more similar remarks on how did she get along with her mince pie, and did she burn herself salting the nuts, she at last announced that dinner was quite ready.

Admirably, increasingly admiringly, the guests ate and ate and ate. There was nothing that had ever been a part of a Christmas dinner that Marian did not have.

And Bert grew prouder and more boastful of her by the moment! How Bert loved to boast of what she could do!

At last came the dessert--mince pie and apple pie and plum pudding, too. How Bert's eyes opened wide with surprise when he saw the pudding.

"What did you mean when you said you were going to have a new kind of a dinner without any of the Christmas trimmings?" asked Uncle George.

"My wife likes surprises," Bert beamed. And after they had all gone,

Bert said:

"They behaved atrociously, but oh! How proud I was of you. And Marian darling--"

"Yes, dear?"

"The plum pudding was the best that has ever been served at any Christmas dinner at any time I know."

"I think it was a success," Marian smiled.

### THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Vice President Coolidge Places Construction on the Greatest Event in Human History.

CHRISTMAS has but one meaning--the Nativity, writes Vice President Calvin Coolidge, in the New York Evening Post. The goodness, the justice, but also the mercy, the helping hand of God. This, the greatest event in human history, has a spiritual meaning. The Savior came to minister to the spiritual nature of man. He showed the true glory and importance of man--and helping him showed the duty of helping one another. Endowed with the power, yet He did not bestow material blessings or set up an earthly kingdom. But to follow Him gave the power to command all those.

To get the world to see the true meaning of things, that is the redemption. The creation was all declared good. It can be perverted. The enemy forever strives "out of good still to find means of evil." The material welfare of men does not come first--to make it first makes it to be destroying and destroyed. Christmas is not instituted for the purpose of earning the reward of gifts, but for giving them in their true significance. "The wage of sin is death, eternal life is the gift of God."

### GUIDES BABE OF BETHLEHEM

Lighted Candle in Window on Christmas Eve Will Bring Happiness, an Old Tradition.

AN OLD tradition has it that "a lighted candle set in the window on Christmas eve will guide the Babe of Bethlehem to your home, that He may bring you happiness." In some countries it has long been the custom so to mark the coming of Christmas, and John H. Stedman of Rochester, N. Y., has originated a movement to spread it in this country. In a pamphlet urging all to light the "Christ-candle" on Christmas eve he says:

"The Irish will tell you that the Christ-candle was always lighted in

their home, in the Emerald Isle as it has been for years and years in Norway and Sweden. Boston has had it for a decade. In Rochester 1910 was only third celebration--the first year a few houses shone--the second over a thousand--the third nearly every one; and it has spread to town, village and country over a 40-mile radius. Many far-away homes, Wisconsin, Maine, California, Florida, kindled their candles from ours, and when you have lighted yours you will appreciate why."

### The Truer Things of Life.

We stand together at another fullness of time; perhaps it is a fullness in which material things, the man-made things, bulk largest. Perhaps it is a time in which confidence in the human seems to excel confidence in the divine. It is becoming increasingly evident that there must speedily come to men the visions of life and real values as they find their finer and larger interpretation of him whose birth the world celebrates at Christmas. There is a tragic, if inarticulate, appeal being made today for a return to the homelier, stronger and truer things of life; we are looking for a new birth of goodness that shall restore our lost peace and bring back again to earth the deeper satisfaction of the human heart--James E. Freeman.



CHRISTMAS IN PIGVILLE  
Papa Pig--My how the children will appreciate this nice bag of mud!

### Christmas Cookies.

Cream together two cupfuls brown sugar and one-half cupful butter. Add one well-beaten egg, eight tablespoonfuls sweet milk, one saltspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful soda dissolved in one-eighth cupful boiling water, one-teaspoonful cinnamon, 2 1/2 cupfuls rolled oats, two cupfuls flour. Mix all together and let stand for an hour, then drop a teaspoonful at a time on greased tins. Press a fat raisin on the top of each and bake in a moderate oven. This amount makes about four dozen cookies.

### ALSUP CASE IS AFFIRMED

AUSTIN, Dec. 14.--The Court of Criminal Appeals today affirmed the case of Fisher Alsup, who was fined two thousand dollars by the McLennan County Court on a charge of criminal libel. Alsup in a published article is alleged to have made un-

true and libelous statements about Governor Pat Neff, in connection with a controversy as to the governor's age.

Dick Johnson, of Strawn, was here this week. Dick is a Ballinger boy and came to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

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