

# THE BANNER-LEDGER

"I WILL WRITE to Black-Draughticine, as I have more than 18 years, from Mr. S. F. Minn..."

BALLINGER, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1922.

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## Let H. O. Rhodes Feed You

BEST PLACE TO EAT IN RUNNELS COUNTY

### 4 KILLED WHEN STREET CAR HITS AUTOMOBILE

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four persons were instantly killed this morning when a street car crashed into an automobile carrying workmen to the Texas Company plant here. The dead were: Emile Chaisson, Patrick Delano, Gerald Delano, and Mrs. Amanda Morreaux. One other occupant of the auto, a man named Hartman, was slightly injured.

The automobile was struck by the street car near the top of a grade. The machine and its occupants were caught in the crash and ground under the car wheels.

### HEARING MAN HELD FOR WRECK

AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—Representatives of the Southern Pacific railroad and the Interstate Commerce Commission today began questioning Joseph H. Smith, watchman, who is held responsible by the preliminary board of inquiry for the Humble train wreck last week, which cost 21 lives. Smith's story of the wreck will attempt to disprove his responsibility for the horrible holocaust, according to members of the family, who have heard Smith's account of the wreck.

### GUARD ON DUTY IN LOUISIANA

MONROE, La., Dec. 20.—Company G, Louisiana National Guard from Monroe was in camp at Mer Rouge, Morehouse parish, today. The company will remain on duty for several days, according to a message received from the commander, who said he was not prepared to mention the purpose for which the soldiers were sent to Mer Rouge.

The report was current through-out Morehouse parish that the bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards had been located in a lake. The report said the bodies were found weighted down with a wheel said to have been taken from a farmer's vehicle by a band of masked men who kidnapped five Mer Rouge citizens last August.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass returned home Sunday from a ten days' visit to San Antonio.

C. L. Haning, of San Antonio, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilde, South of Ballinger.

J. A. Weathersbee, of the Maverick country, was trading in Ballinger first of the week.

### COTTON PASSES 40,000 BALES

39,976 bales of cotton had been ginned in Runnels county prior to December 13th, according to the official government report. With only fourteen bales short of the 40,000 mark on that date, the total production of the county has passed the maximum estimate with a considerable remnant yet to be ginned. It is predicted by some that the total ginnings of the county will exceed 41,000, as farmers are still picking cotton in the North and Northwest parts of the county.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13th of this year amounted to 9,493,296 running bales, including 161,698 round bales, which are counted as half bales, and 26,613 bales of American-Egyptian cotton, and 5,255 bales of Sea Island cotton, the census bureau announced today.

The ginnings for the same period last year were 7,790,656 running bales including 22,649 round bales, 25,827 American-Egyptian cotton, and 3,062 Sea Island bales.

The ginnings in Texas for this year up to the above date amounted to 3,065,972 bales.

DENISON—A permanent organization known as a Civic Council has been organized here formed of all civic and charitable organizations in Denison. Advancement of the general welfare of the city will be the working policy of the organization.



### A Merry Christmas

WE wish we might greet in person each and every one of our friends, but as that is impossible, we send to them, to you, this silent messenger, to carry best wishes and to say a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## D. Reeder's DRY GOODS

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

Read the ads and profits.

**GREETING**

Everybody from our place, wishes for everybody at your place, a

**Merry Christmas**

And a Prosperous New Year.

**The Hub**

Everything to Wear.  
BALLINGER, TEXAS,

### 27 LIVES LOST WHEN BIG TUG CRASHES ON ROCK

SAULTE STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 18.—The tug Gray, searching for twenty-seven persons missing since the tug Reliance crashed on rocks off Lizard Island last Wednesday, reached the scene of the wreck this morning. The searching party found two overturned and battered lifeboats, but discovered no sign of the missing persons.

Officials of the Superior Paper Company, owners of the Reliance, fear that the twenty-seven missing lost their lives by drowning or by exposure. Only seven survivors have arrived here, and no trace of the others has been found since the call for help came and a report is current here that the Reliance had been crushed to pieces.

### PROHI OFFICER QUILTS HIS JOB

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—The resignation of David H. Morris, federal prohibition director for Texas, today was forwarded to the commissioner of internal revenue, to become effective at the convenience of the Washington officials, Mr. Morris announced. He stated that private business was the cause of his quitting the job.

### LONGER TIME FOR SECURITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The bankers' acceptance of six months maturity drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, are eligible for purchase or rediscount by federal reserve banks under the ruling promulgated by the federal reserve board, as a step in the direction of longer term credits for agriculture.

The agricultural paper formerly was eligible for rediscount for three months. The longer term is believed by officials to more nearly accord with the turn-over period required by farmers to market crops for which he borrowed money for production.

### 11 CONSULATES ORDERED CLOSED

VLADIVOSTOK, Dec. 18.—The soviet government of Vladivostok, which recently took over the administration of the city and surrounding territory, known as Primoria, has ordered the consuls of France and ten other countries, to close their consulates and leave Primoria within a week. The consulate of the United States has not been ordered to close.

### FRIENDS

There is nothing so valuable as friends, and nothing so necessary as to keep them. We desire to maintain co-operation with you during the coming year, and extend our wishes for a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

**The Winters State Bank**  
Winters, Texas



# "Lots for Your Money Brands" Should Not Tempt You—Use

## CALUMET

The Economy BAKING POWDER

That's What Millions of Housewives Do



—They know that Good Baking Powder can't be sold for less—that "more for the money" means bake-day failures, waste of time and money—that Calumet means economy.

The sales of Calumet are over 150% greater than that of any other baking powder.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST BAKING POWDER

### DEATHS

The news of the death of George Milliken spread in the city during the early afternoon hours Saturday. Mr. Milliken passed away at his home five miles Northwest of Ballinger about one-thirty Saturday afternoon. He had been in a critical condition since being stricken with paralysis about a week ago, and those who realized his condition were not surprised to hear of his death.

This death removes from the ranks of life another one of Runnels county's pioneers. Mr. Milliken came here in the early days of the county's development, and was well known among the early cowboys and stockmen of West Texas. In years gone by he was a familiar figure around the cow camps of this country, and was always on duty when it came to arranging barbecues in connection with celebrations. He was generally placed in charge of the barbecuing, and had a wide reputation for the splendid way in which he handled that part of the big celebrations held here for many years.

Mr. Milliken is survived by his wife. A son, Louis, preceded him to the beyond several years ago. His brother, Bob Milliken, died several years ago. The death of George Milliken will bring sorrow to many friends throughout the county and in adjoining counties.

No arrangements for the funeral had been announced up to four o'clock Saturday, but it is probable the funeral will be held Sunday and interment made in either the old Runnels cemetery or in Evergreen Cemetery here.

"Ever Gloss," the latest improved Varnish, makes old Cars new, on sale at the following: W. A. Nance's garage; Jno. A. Weeks drug store; E. J. Cathey's saddle shop; W. A. Talley's garage. Price \$1.00. J. A. NICHOLS, Sole Agent for Runnels and Tom Green counties.

Joe Eagan was in Ballinger this week visiting home folks and friends. Joe is district manager for a tire sales company, with headquarters in Dallas, and is doing a successful business.

### REVITALIZE!

There are thousands who are ailing just a little, who need a tonic to energize and revitalize, who should utilize the nourishing benefits of

### Scott's Emulsion

Your body does not require powerful drugs or stimulants, but does need nourishment vitalized with health-building vitamins, to help restore normal resistance.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

### BALLINGER MAN BUYS ANGELO DRUG STORE

A. R. Crews, son of C. R. Crews of this city, and up until about a year ago, making home in Ballinger, has purchased from Sam Jones, also a former Ballinger citizen, the Lone Star Drug Store No. 2, at San Angelo. Mr. Crews has associated with him in the deal E. E. Wright, a San Angelo druggist.

Sam Jones, who was also interested in Lone Star Drug Store No. 1, at San Angelo, has sold his interest in that business and has retired. Mr. Jones has contracted with the new proprietors to furnish them with milk and cream from his Jersey dairy, and announced that he would retire and take a rest of from three to six months.

### A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is 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. 60c.

### FRIEND-IN-NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED

The Ballinger Friend-in-Need No. 1, was organized in 1900. The death rate has averaged a little better than three per year for the 22 years. Cheapest insurance on earth. Only costs you \$1.10 when member dies, and your policy is good for as many dollars as there are members. Costs \$2.00 to join. We have 500 members at present. Help to make it 1,000. See or write W. S. Harmon, Ballinger, for application.

J. W. Powell, President; A. J. Voelkel, M. D. Chastain, R. D. Walker, J. McGregor and W. H. Rodgers, Winters, Directors. 3-9tw

### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE OPENS FOR THE WEEK

The Runnels County Health Association has the assistance of the Shakespeare Club and the Civic League in the campaign to convert Christmas seals into cash, and a dozen girls of the high school age are assisting in the sale. A booth will be maintained at the postoffice throughout the week, the ladies of the Shakespeare Club and Civic League having charge, each organization having agreed to be on duty on a division of time basis.

No package should be mailed from Ballinger without a Christmas sticker on it. They cost you one cent each, and add to the beauty of the wrapper containing your gifts.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by John A. Weeks.

## ANOTHER BOOZE MAKER CAUGHT WITH GOODS

One of the best equipped copper liquor stills discovered here in recent prohibition days, was hauled to the city by Sheriff Flynt Thursday morning. At the same time the sheriff brought along a Mexican by the name of Santo, placed him in jail and later turned him over to the federal prohibition officers. An enforcement officer carried the Mexican moonshiner to San Angelo, where he will be allowed bond, and held until he gets his decree from the federal court for violating the 18th amendment.

Sheriff Flynt has a scheme for locating liquor stills which he declines to disclose. It is his secret and is working nicely and greatly to the chagrin of bootleggers as the holidays draw near. It is

probable that before the ink which is telling this story is dry, he will have another still man in the lockup and his equipment in the junk heap which the sheriff is building in one corner of his office.

The still captured Thursday was discovered at Santo's house on what is known as the Max Zieschang place, about six miles East of the city. The equipment consisted of a copper kettle, about thirty feet of copper coil and other vessels for holding mash. The ten gallon copper kettle was the first of its kind confiscated in this county.

The officers express the opinion that Santo had just disposed of a load of booze. In fact they know where he sold it, but are unable to get the proof.

## KANSAS PLANS TO KEEP OUT KU KLUX KLAN

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 16.—Kansas will not drive the Ku Klux Klan from that state by force but will expel it by refusing to permit it to do business within the state's boundary, Governor Henry Allen declared in an address prepared for delivery today before the governors' conference here.

Gov. Allen said that a writ was being sought in the Kansas Supreme Court for that purpose. He said that his opposition to the Klan is based on the fact that it operates under the protection of a mask and through a process of terrorism and violence.

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

### BIG BUSINESS RUSH HERE LAST SATURDAY

Saturday was a red letter day for the present season in Ballinger. The streets were crowded and auto parking extended to the far ends of the business district, and the sidewalks were jammed with people who either came to trade or spend the day with the crowd. It was a big day in Ballinger's commercial life. Practically every line of business was taxed to its capacity, and gift shops were overrun with customers.

Many farmers came here from the distant points of the county to attend the auction sale of horses and mules, and the county's livestock value was added to as a result of the sale. Many good horses and mules were bought at the auction and carried to the farms. Business for the present week bids to be good, and merchants who have been advertising, not only say they are well pleased with results, but have a good week ahead of them before the holiday rush is over.

Ledger want ads work for you

### IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

Says Backache often means you have been eating too much meat.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it may mean you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. An excess of meat may form uric acid, which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and laggish. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus often ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia water drink. Drink lots of soft water.

Miss Anna Walker, daughter of E. B. Walker of the Hatchell section, is getting along nicely in the Halley & Love sanitarium following an operation performed for appendicitis last Monday. The six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Holliday, and a grand daughter of Mr. Walker, was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday, and she was not getting along as well as Miss Walker. Mr. Walker has just about recovered from an operation for appendicitis a few months ago, and the two operations this week make three appendicitis cases in the Walker family.

### PRO OFFICERS NOW CARRY A SPONGE

EL PASO, Dec. 15.—Federal officers have had a lot of trouble with men who were carrying liquor, and who broke the bottle to destroy evidence. They have found a way to get the evidence in future cases, even if a man

shatters the bottle and the liquor wets the ground. They carry sponges!

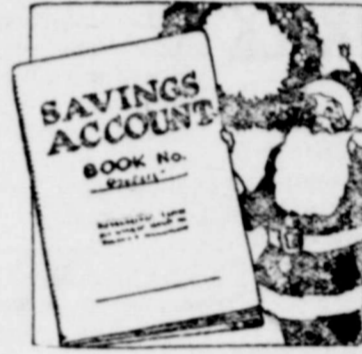
Each officer is equipped with a sponge with which he will soak up a part of the liquor with it, put it in an empty bottle and swear to how he got it. It stands in court.

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

TO our friends and customers who have been instrumental in making this closing year successful and satisfactory, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation. We shall strive by a strict adherence to our policy of store service, honest merchandise, and giving highest quality and best values, to merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.

May all your wrinkles be pressed out.

**HARDIN and CARR**  
Tailors of the Better Class



## A Merry Christmas A Happy New Year

WITH the advent of the Holiday season, and the coming of the New Year, it is our great pleasure to express to our friends and customers the real appreciation we feel for their helpful patronage, which has had a share in our success.

Here's wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS**  
**BALLINGER STATE BANK (TEXAS)**

## Merry Christmas

We extend to you a MERRY CHRISTMAS

and during the year that is at hand —May it be for you 365 Precious Gems —Each Gem a Perfect Day.

## Trimmier, McCarver and Lynn

Real Estate Loans Insurance

## Christmas Greetings

Our business relations have been most pleasant and we take advantage of the present season to send you best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

## HARBER GROCERY CO.

Ballinger, Texas



### "Our Family Medicine"

"I WILL WRITE you in regard to Black-Draught liver medicine, as I have been using it more than 18 years," says a letter from Mr. S. F. Mintz, of R. F. D. 2, C. "I keep it in my medicine. When we feel feverish or sluggish, we take a dose of Thedford's Black-Draught and the trouble is soon over. I mostly buy a dollar package at a time, and it has saved me many a bill."

purely vegetable remedy, acting on the liver, stomach and bowels. It is made from selected herbs and roots, and contains no calomel or other mineral drugs. It has been found of great value, in indigestion, stomach trouble, sick headache, constipation, and lazy liver, helping to relieve the symptoms caused by these troubles, and to put the digestive system into proper working order. Get a package of Black-Draught liver medicine from your druggist or dealer, today. Be sure to get the genuine—Thedford's.

**Thedford's**  
**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine

### WORLD OBSERVES PEACE SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Demanding that the governments of the world find other ways to settle disputes than by war, the Federal Council of Churches today issued a Christmas call to 100,000 congregations to observe December 24th as World Peace Sunday. The message asks for concerted action not only at Christmas but also for persistent effort during the year towards the attainment of an eventually warless world through international cooperation.

Christians in 27 countries throughout the world will observe World Peace Sunday. This was agreed upon at the Conference of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches in Copenhagen last summer.

The call of the Federal Council of Churches is signed by Dr. Robert E. Speer, its president; Dr. John H. Finley, chairman of its commission on international justice and goodwill, and Bishop Charles H. Brent, vice-chairman of the commission. Bishop Brent is chaplain of the A. E. F. in the war.

**When You Are Constipated**  
To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the stomach, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupefied feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

### PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS AT BAPTIST SUN. SCHOOL

1. Assembly as usual at 9:45.
  2. Sunday school lesson.
  3. Christmas tree for Primary and Junior departments.
  4. General Assembly at 10:45.
  5. Song, "Joy to the World," No. 128.
  6. Reading, "Announcement to the Shepherds" from "Ben Hur," (Wallace), Mamie Ray Preston.
  7. Reading, "The Wise Men," (Matt. 2:1-12), Mamie Gene Hale.
  8. "Story of the Shepherds," Wix Currie.
  9. Reading, "O! Little Town of Bethlehem," (Phillips Brooks), Horace Gustavus.
  10. Song, "Dear Little Stranger," (Chas. H. Gabriel), Primary Department.
  11. Christmas Talk, by Pastor.
  12. Church offering; special music by orchestra.
  13. Benediction.
- The entire service will last from 9:45 to 11:30.

**RELIEVES**  
A Special prescription for infectious diseases of the urinary tract. Painless, non-poisonous. Package contains all needed, or will cause stricture.  
\$1.00 all Druggists or prescribers.  
ACME CHEMICAL CO., 144, San Antonio St.

and Mrs. Harry Sharp arrived from El Paso Sunday afternoon, and will spend the holidays in Ballinger with their parents, Mrs. M. B. Sharp, and Mr. Mrs. T. J. Starkey. Miss Tommy Starkey, who has been in El Paso for several months returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Sharp.

### SCHOOL PLAY PLEASURES PEOPLE

A more successful home talent play was never presented to the public in Ballinger than that staged by the Senior Class under the direction of Miss Edith Miller Monday afternoon and night. Those responsible for the splendid entertainment express themselves as being well pleased with the patronage, and the patrons indicated by their applause and words of commendation that they were equally as well pleased.

Miss Miller deserves credit for the time and patient work she put in on the rehearsals, and each member of the class forming the large cast for the play deserve credit for their untiring efforts in training and for the manner in which each member played their part.

The music was good and the play served to bring out some of the talent which goes to make up the personnel of the 1923 class. The two act operetta made up a program of solos, duets, quartets, and choruses, with comedy here and there which was well carried by those assigned to that part of the play. Miss Maggie Underwood was at the piano and assisted the class in presenting the play.

Each member of the company deserves special mention, for all had a hand in presenting the good program, while those playing the leading parts acquitted themselves more prominently before the footlights. Perhaps the best character was depicted by Herbert Preston as a Jew. Durward Hill, Miss Beulah Young, Maurice Gressett, Linton Clark, Miss Maurice Weathersby, Frank Flynt and Miss Zella Stroble played the leading parts in the operetta, supported by a chorus of about thirty boys and girls.

While presenting a program which pleased those who attended the show, the affair was a success financially, the class netting about \$250.

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

### NO TRACE OF BANDITS FOUND

DENVER, Dec. 19.—A search by federal, county and city officers had failed this morning to reveal any trace of the bandits who robbed the federal reserve bank truck of \$200,000 after a gun battle in front of the United States mint here yesterday in which Charles Linton, one of the guards on the truck was fatally injured.

Six suspects have been rounded up and brought to police headquarters for questioning. A description of the four desperados, who are said to have participated in the holdup was broadcasted from the radio station to distant police last night.

### A BAD COLD BREAKS IN A FEW HOURS

"Pape's Cold Compound" Acts Quick, Costs Little, and Never Sickens!

In a few hours your cold is gone, head and nose clear, no feverishness, headache, or stuffed-up feeling. Druggists here guarantee these pleasant tablets to break up a cold or the grippie quicker than nasty quinine. They never make you sick or uncomfortable. Buy a box of "Pape's Cold Compound" for a few cents and get rid of your cold right now.

### HALF DOZEN DOLLS FOR GOODFELLOWS

Mrs. E. Shepperd left a half dozen dolls at The Ledger office Monday to be used by the Good-fellow Santa Claus, together with a lot of doll clothes. The dolls will be placed in homes for children where Santa Claus would otherwise perhaps forget to leave dolls for the little children.

**FOR BLUE BUGS**—And other blood sucking insects on poultry feed Martin's Blue Bug Remedy to your chickens. Kill bugs in home and hen house with Martins Liquid Bug Spray. Money back guarantee by your druggist or dealer. w3m-d26

EL PASO—A production of between 4,000 and 5,000 bales of cotton in El Paso county will be made this year, according to an estimate made by the United States Department of Agriculture. Altho cotton is in its experimental stages in this section of Texas, it is declared, a yield of two bales an acre is not uncommon, the report said.

be celebrated Feb. 17, 1923. The Texas legislature incorporated the city of Fort Worth in a special act which was finally passed and approved on Feb. 17, 1873. The population has shown growth as follows: 1880, 6,683; 1890, 23,075; 1900, 28,668; 1910, 73,312; 1920, 106,428.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. E. Meadows will leave Thursday afternoon for Ladonia, Texas, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

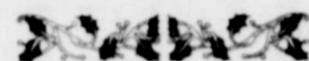
FORT WORTH—Fort Worth's golden birthday anniversary will

Again—  
We wish you a

## Merry Christmas

And a Prosperous New Year.

May we express the hope that we will continue to merit your patronage and good will, in the future as in the past.

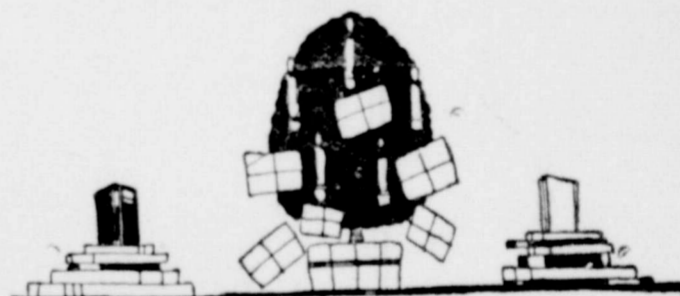


## Maeroy Theatre

## Compliments of the Season

With the hope that this Christmas finds you enjoying a day filled with gratitude and pleasure and that the New Year holds in store for you the fullest measure of Health and Happiness, we extend to you one and all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

## City Light Plant



## Christmas Greetings

We are happy indeed to offer today, our greetings both warm and sincere; also to wish in the heartiest way a year of good luck and good cheer.

## BALLINGER AUTO CO.

## Merry Christmas

May Christmas morn usher in for you, and those most dear to you, an era of gladness and joy. —is the sincere wish of

## VAN PELT-PYBURN

Ballinger, Texas

The sort of happiness Christmas inspires is far above the material. It is spiritual in nature, and therefore the only real happiness one can experience. It is this happiness, this feeling of "Peace and Good Will Toward Man" that we wish for you, today and every day hereafter.





## FARM BUREAU ELECTS OFFICERS

The Runnels County Farm Bureau met in annual session Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, at which meeting officers and directors for the coming year were elected.

Lynn Stokes was re-elected president; F. L. Harper, vice-president; and B. M. Batts was elected treasurer.

The following were elected directors: J. E. Fowler, Ballinger precinct; W. B. Cobb, Miles precinct; H. B. Marks, Winters precinct; and J. W. Rhodes, Wingate precinct.

T. J. McCaughan was unanimously elected delegate to the State Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting which convenes at Dallas, Texas, Jan. 17th. Several other farmers volunteered to go on this trip to Dallas so that Runnels county will have a good representation at this meeting.

There were some sixty farmers at this county meeting from all points of the county and all were enthusiastic and loyal to the state bureau and to the cotton association, and unhesitatingly expressed it as their belief that everything was making satisfactory progress in the way of co-operative marketing and other phases of farm bureau activities.

Runnels county has more than four hundred members in the Farm Bureau and more than five thousand bale of cotton has been handled thru the local press this season for the state co-operative. Also two carloads of melons were handled for growers aside from this a carload of wool was marketed thru the melon and wool co-operatives.

J. K. Hutton offers fifty one dollar packages Reefers Morage Tonic absolutely free. Buy 100 pounds chicken feed and you get one full sized package—no extra cost. Remember just fifty go this way. J. K. Hutton, 19-2d-1w

Ledger want ads work for you



## A Merry Xmas

May the joys of the season be with you and may the coming year carry through to its end.

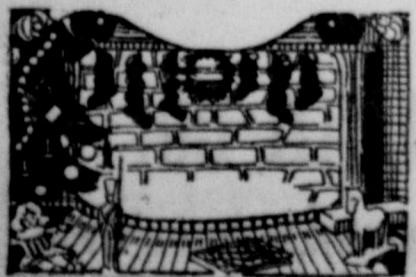
## Prosperity, Health

And their Blessings.

We wish you and yours a

## Merry Christmas

## Weeks Drug Store



## Nazimova



Madame Nazimova is recognized as one of the most distinguished "movie" actresses. She was born in Russian Crimea, in a small town called Yalta. At twelve she played the violin in public, later taking up stage work. As leading woman of a Russian stock company she played nearly 200 parts in a wide variety of productions, in most cases learning her new roles on the day of the night it was to be played.

## The Friendly Path

By Walter L. Robinson

### THE PESSIMIST

IF ONE must be a pessimist, let him keep his pessimism to himself.

It is sufficient to make one's self unhappy without leading gloom on the others in the world. There always are more reasons for gladness than for sorrow, and if one cannot find happiness for himself he's an ungrateful and unkind individual if he tries to take the gladness away from his fellow men.

In a big city rooming house, a life-weary man, previous to trying suicide, penned a note in which he said:

"The world has grown corrupt. It is no decent place to live in. One has to be a thief, a whisky runner or inebriate else he is no good any more."

A poor excuse to remove himself from this life of sunshine and gladness. But he had even less excuse for unloading his pessimism to disturb the lives of thousands who are finding this a pretty good old world in which to "carry on."

The man didn't succeed in removing himself from this life, and when he recovers it is quite probable that he'll prize his breath and the privilege of "living more than he ever did before. But he'll only do so when he engages some of his time and attention in the task which belongs to everyone—that of making the world better, more beautiful and its inhabitants more happy and thankful to their God.

No one can answer the question without a lengthy thesis as to how fast the world is growing better. But no one can delve into history even a little without admitting that most people abhor sin and are more ashamed of sinning than people were not very long ago.

Thomas Edison, while camping with Henry Ford and H. S. Firestone recently, said that "every man will revert to barbarism if given half a chance." But he contended that civilization is gaining, though he estimated that 15,000 years would have to pass before man "will have reached such a high point of civilization where he cannot, or will not want to go back to the barbaric life."

So you see we're moving in the right direction and following the right path. Then let us forget our complaining and not block traffic for others with foolish pessimism. For there is need of more optimism to bring the chariot of happiness through successfully, even though we're engaged in a tortoise race.

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## GOODFELLOWS TO USE OLD CLOTHES

In canvassing the charity situation in Ballinger the pastors' conference has discovered that there are quite a number of families where second-hand clothes for children will be very acceptable, and several cases where clothing is badly needed.

Rev. E. D. Messer, a member of the committee, requests that all those wishing to donate clothing for children "do a good deed by bringing the clothing to the Young Men's Business League office, where he will take charge of it and see that it is placed where it will serve in keeping comfortable the bodies of children who are now thinly clad.

There are families where the children have outgrown their clothes, and the surplus supply could be used to a good advantage if placed in the hands of the Goodfellow committee.

The six ministers of this city who have in charge the distribution of the Goodfellow funds in caring for the poor children on Christmas, worked throughout the day Tuesday and Wednesday, canvassing the city, and taking an inventory of the situation.

The ministers divided the city into three districts, and two ministers worked in each district. They will meet at one o'clock Thursday to complete the program for carrying out the work. "We found quite a number of homes," said one of the preachers, "in our district where the children will not only be overlooked by Santa Claus, but where there is poverty bordering on suffering."

In some homes apparently the children are being neglected, but the mission of the committee prompted the Santa Claus spirit, and parents will provide for their

children in a way that perhaps they would not have done. The committee will strive to help where help is needed, and avoid imposition of unscrupulous parents who are able to provide for their own children.

The Goodfellows of Ballinger have been very liberal, but the money in hand is not sufficient to do the job right, and will not go far when it comes to supplying those things which the dependent and needy children of this city must have or suffer during the remainder of the winter.

The Ledger will receive Goodfellow donations up to Saturday, and there are many who should have a hand in this work. C. S. Guin notifies the committee that he has five bushels of sweet potatoes for the Goodfellow Club, and they will be placed to a good advantage.

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

8th Street Church of Christ Xmas services at the Eighth St. Church of Christ, Dec. 24. Bible school 10.00 a. m. Communion 11.50 a. m.

The Yuletide discourse at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "The Christ Babe, the Christ Boy, the Christ Man, the Christ Redeemer."

7:15 p. m. At this hour Brother Jimmy McKinney, who is one of Ballinger's boys of the days ago, will do the preaching.

A hearty invitation is extended to all, to come and hear of God's wonderful goodness to man, and how we should show our appreciation for this great love.

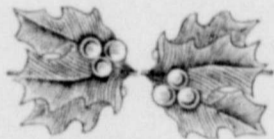
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## A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

This is the wish that we wish for everyone on the earth today and more especially for our friends and patrons. May this Christmastide bring many joys to those that are dear to you and may the New Year bring added prosperity.



## POTTER PRODUCE CO.

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Accept our grateful thanks for your good will and patronage in the past and we will endeavor by all honorable means to continue in your good graces and confidence.

## Ballinger Steam Bakery

## Greetings

At this the close of 1922 we wish to stop long enough to wish our many friends and customers the compliments of the season, coupled with best wishes for a

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

—and may the coming year bring you all the joys you anticipate with good measure thrown in.

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**MANY CLAIM STOLEN CARS**

SHERMAN, Tex., Dec. 18.—Sheriff Craig with several deputies and ten citizens, left this morning for Madill, Oklahoma, to attempt to locate ten automobiles which were stolen here recently. Officers at Madill report that they are holding forty cars on the belief that they were stolen property.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
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**A WOMAN WANTS BLANTON'S PLACE**

The political slate makers are now figuring that the seventeenth congressional district, now represented by Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, will present a lively scrap program two years hence, because a woman has shied her bonnet into the ring and promises to make even old-timers sit up and take notice. Rumor has it that Mrs. Genie Griffin DeWolf, of San Saba, will announce at the proper time and will carry her campaign into every part of the district.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Hemstitching and Piecing Attachment; superior device; fits any sewing machine; attaches firmly; easily adjusted. Price \$3.00 delivered, with complete instructions and samples of work. Orders filled promptly. Superior Hemstitching Attachment Co., 509 Starr St., Corpus Christi, Texas. 21-1f-w

**WILL PROSECUTE PATENT INFRINGERS**

I have the county rights for Rannels county for making, selling and operating the W. L. Leach patent seed sander No. 1124036, and I will prosecute all parties infringing on such patent rights, either in making, selling or operating said machine. Parties violating this right are hereby given fair warning. I will be glad to grade seed for all farmers who wish to plant pure seed. J. W. EDWARDS, Winters, Texas. 3-Stw.\*

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**NOTICE**

My entire stock of Dry Goods must be sold by December 30th. This stock will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

SALE STARTS FRIDAY, DEC. 15TH.  
Auction Starts each Afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

**N. PASSUR**

"Watch Me Grow"

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS, WHICH CONVENES IN JANUARY, 1923, FOR A SPECIAL AGT.**

The undersigned will apply to said Legislature for a special act authorizing the Galveston & Western Railway Company to sell to the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company, and the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase from the Galveston & Western Railway Company all railroad tracks, real estate, rights of way, street franchises, railroad material, other property and rights now owned or hereafter acquired, of the Galveston & Western Railway Company situated in the City of Galveston, County of Galveston, West of the East line of Thirty-eighth Street, or any part or parts thereof, including the assignment by the former company to the latter company of all ordinances of the City of Galveston now existing or hereafter passed relating to rights or franchises in the streets of said city West of the East line of said Thirty-eighth Street, and authorizing the Galveston & Western Railway Company to abandon its line of railroad and to relinquish its rail and track materials to the City of Galveston on Ninth Street and on Avenue N East of the East line of Forty-third Street or East of the East line of Thirty-eighth Street. GALVESTON & WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY By John Adriance, President. GULF, COLORADO & SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY. By F. G. Pettibone, Vice-President & Gen. Manager. 8-5tw

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**IS SERIOUSLY ILL WITH ERYSIPELAS**

Chas. Turnbull, who travels for a wholesale house, and who has been making headquarters here for the last two or three years, is in a serious condition at his home on Fifth Street. Mr. Turnbull is suffering with erysipelas in a very serious form. The family made their home on Eighth Street, occupying one of Mrs. Nash's houses until a few months ago when they moved to the home of Mrs. Neely on Fifth Street. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull's little girl was down with typhoid fever for several weeks last summer. The good people of Ballinger should see that they do not need for help in nursing the sick.

**GINS COMPLETE 40,000 BALES**

The gins in Rannels county will pass the 40,000 bale mark this week, with scattering remnants yet to gin. The cotton reporter will make his last report within a few days, and the next government report will show more than 40,000 bales for the 1922 cotton crop in this county.

Up to last Saturday night 39,929 running bales had been tied out in the county. This would represent a great deal more than 40,000 five hundred pound bales, and represents considerable more than \$4,000,000 in cash, not including the seed, which alone brought the farmers more than a half million dollars in cash.

The crop turned out much better than many expected and considering the light rainfall during the crop growing period, was one of the most successful cotton crops ever produced in the county.

The prospects are promising for next year. Farmers are busy preparing land and getting ready for next year's work, and with a good season at this time, it is declared that conditions here were never better.

**To Stop a Cough Quick take HAYES' HEALING HONEY**

A box of GROVE'S 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 Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough. Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

**LITTLE GIRL IS PAINFULLY BURNED**

Helen, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thomson, was painfully burned Sunday afternoon while playing at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Fowler. The little girl was playing with a toy lantern when in some way her clothing caught on fire. Fortunately Mrs. Fowler was near and extinguished the flames before the child was seriously burned. The injuries consist of a burn on the side and smaller burns about the body. Mrs. Fowler's hands were burned in extinguishing the flames.

If Hens Don't Lay feed "Martin's Egg Producer," and get more Eggs or your money back. Cure and Prevent Disease with "Martin's Roup Remedy," guaranteed by your druggist or dealer. 29-13tw

**WALLACE REID AT DEATH'S DOOR**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, motion picture star, is on the verge of death, and for several days has not been expected to live, according to Reid's wife, Dorothy Davenport, in an interview today in the Los Angeles Examiner. The statement of Reid's condition is corroborated by physicians, according to the Examiner. The doctors say that Reid is suffering from either exhaustive condition or from influenza. The physicians said his illness has no connection with over indulgence in alcohol or narcotics, although such indulgences have undoubtedly undermined his system and strength.

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You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost over night if you get a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old famous Sage Tea Recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, are sold annually, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful.

This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound tonight and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.

**EARLY MORNING BARN FIRE CREMATES HORSE**

S. C. Royalty lost his delivery wagon horse, a quantity of feed stuff and other property, when his barn on West Broad Street was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The alarm was turned in about one-thirty and the fire company made the run and prevented spread of the flames to other buildings. The barn was practically burned down when discovered and the horse was cremated. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Miss Willie Sue Sawyer of Brownwood, is visiting Miss Lola Belle Holloway. Horace Hager, of North Carolina, is here visiting his uncle, Chester Cherry.

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Be sensible in your giving and  
you will get more for your money.

Let us hope that the sidewalk  
building will be extended to the  
residence district also.

There are times when it would  
help the rising generation to  
come down a peg or two.

Changes in the soviet regime  
make it difficult to tell vitch is  
vich.

The treasury department uses  
power presses for printing cur-  
rency, but even then they can't  
begin to supply the demand.

It may be a practice for some  
folks to get up at five o'clock,  
but they are practicing something  
they don't like to do.

Pocketbooks make nice Christ-  
mas presents, but a pocketbook is  
something few people have any  
use for after Christmas.

He who doesn't hesitate before  
crossing a street is just a com-  
mon every day fool hearted jay-  
walker.

The man who has the most in-  
fluence in a community is the  
man who is not standing around  
bragging about it.

A lecturer on Europe is enter-  
taining crowds around over the  
country. It is getting so a per-  
son will listen to most anything.

When Ballinger gets her streets  
paved, she will be in a position to  
talk to the country people about  
good roads.

A bunch of boys at Tulsa, Okla-  
home, stole a hearse in which to  
go joy riding. Yes, we are living  
in a different age.

The Turks are ready to join the  
League of Nations, but unless they  
mend their ways they will be  
black balled.

People who kick about their  
grocery bills, might find consol-  
ation in reflecting on the food  
riots in European cities.

Santa Claus usually knows how  
to take a hint, and this is the  
season when there is considerable  
hinting.

The day seems to be approach-  
ing when the main requirements  
for college presidents will be a  
good football record.

There is more or less selfishness  
in the make-up of every human  
being, but some people take more  
delight than others in meddling in  
other people's business.

What has become of the old time  
doctor, who did a rushing busi-  
ness about this time of year in  
writing prescriptions for bad  
colds!

Brownwood citizens are casting  
ballots to determine who is the  
most useful citizen in that city.  
There are so many useful citizens  
in Ballinger that such a question  
could not be settled by voting.

Free from boll weevil and with  
cotton selling at two bits per  
pound, why shouldn't Rannels  
county become a poor man's  
paradise? But we should not  
forget that we can't eat the  
stuff.

Of course many people are not in  
as comfortable circumstances as  
they would like to be, and very  
few have as much money as they  
want, but there is no evidence  
now that this country ever experi-  
enced a drouth or made a short  
crop.

**SLEEPING-ON OUR RIGHTS**  
The people of Texas should  
wake up and get on the good  
roads move with all their might.  
Texas laws must be remedied to  
meet the situation, or Texas will  
lose federal aid. It seems that  
some people can't understand  
what the loss of federal aid will  
amount to in road building in  
Texas. In short it means a com-  
plete let up, because there are  
few counties in the state where  
this work can be carried on with-  
out outside help. The Texas mile-

**Broadcasting—Station XMAS**



age is too great and tax values  
too light to meet the situation.

It should suffice to call atten-  
tion to what Rannels county has  
received in federal aid, and this  
county has not started the road  
work. Only two or three proj-  
ects have so far been put over,  
and the state and federal govern-  
ments matched our dollars on this,  
or went even better. The Colo-  
rado River bridge was construct-  
ed out of state and federal aid  
money, or a larger part of it was  
furnished from outside agencies.  
Rannels county is now about to  
get dollar for dollar in a con-  
struction program on the Ballinger-  
Coleman highway.

In announcing a system for  
selecting roads for federal aid, the  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
lists Texas with the highest mile-  
age of any state in the union,  
showing that 10,655 miles have  
been designated in Texas. This is  
3,000 miles more than any other  
state will receive aid on, and yet  
Texas stands in danger of losing  
federal aid altogether, if our road  
laws are not changed, and if  
Texas does not comply with federal  
requirements.

Texas is receiving four or five  
times more road aid than the  
state is spending out of its road  
fund, and it will be highway su-  
icide to permit this to stop by  
failing to meet the requirements.  
Every pressure possible should be  
brought to bear on the next legis-  
lature to cinch the proposition  
and place Texas on a real high-  
way.

**RANNELS COUNTY GOLD  
DIGGERS**

The following editorial appeared  
in the Wichita Falls Record-  
News of Dec. 10th. It is talk  
which counts and is the kind of  
talk all citizens should make for  
their home county when they are  
away from home:

"There is a Ballinger banker  
who says there is no place like  
Texas and he should know. He  
was born in Alabama and he  
frankly says that up to the time  
he was 21 he had never been the  
possessor of five dollars at any  
one time in his young life.

"He deserted Alabama for  
Texas and now he is a prosperous  
banker, a leading citizen and one  
of the builders of West Texas. He  
isn't a gray beard either. He is  
on the sunny side of 50 and would  
starve to death in Paradise. He  
was a visitor to the state capital  
the other day and he told of some  
of the glories of Rannels county.

"Rannels county cotton growers  
produced and picked and ginned  
40,000 bales of cotton this year.  
They raised large crops of feed-  
stuffs and have a large surplus to  
sell to the people in counties  
which failed to produce a bumper  
crop. They have more than three  
million dollars in Rannels or ad-  
joining counties. First there came  
a two-inch rainfall; a week later  
there came another two-inch rain-  
fall which lasted 48 hours and  
every drop of moisture that fell  
was absorbed by mother earth.  
Not in 20 years has there been  
as much moisture in the earth as  
now and the prospects for 1923  
are the best since Rannels county  
was organized.

"Who said all this? R. W. Bruce  
of Ballinger, banker and man of  
affairs, who never handled five  
dollars at any one time before he  
was 21 years old back in Ala-  
bama and who came to Texas and  
carved out his own career.

"Now, just why should a hard  
young American, who has health  
and pluck and endurance go to  
Alaska in quest of gold when  
there is gold everywhere in the  
soil of Texas to be won by the  
asking.

"Farmers of Rannels county are  
gold diggers, successful gold dig-  
gers. They panned out lots of  
gold dust in 1922 and now they  
are getting ready to make 1923

another winning year for the gold  
digger family who know how to  
till the soil of the Lone Star com-  
monwealth.

"Yes, this is what Banker Bruce  
told the writer and Banker Bruce  
is in a position to know whereof  
he speaks."

**BUILD MORE HOMES**

Greater protection for holders  
of second mortgages and the es-  
tablishment of more loan associa-  
tions as means to encourage home  
building, is being urged by the  
Retail Lumbermen's Association.  
The obvious self interest of lum-  
bermen in promoting these proj-  
ects should not be given too much  
weight, for the appeal for home  
building is addressed to the ob-  
vious best interests of the indi-  
vidual and the community.

It is upon the home that gov-  
ernment is based, and around it  
community life turns. Pride of  
ownership increases self-respect  
and is conducive to good citizen-  
ship. There is real patriotism at  
a meeting of owners of property.  
Self-interest often is translated  
into service, for in seeking to bet-  
ter his own condition, the indi-  
vidual unites with others to gain  
benefits for all.

Home owning should not be a  
luxury, but the right of every  
person who is willing to work and  
save. It is that now, but economic  
conditions are such that newly-  
weds often must live in boarding  
houses, apartments, or furnished  
rooms for many months before  
they can accumulate enough to  
buy property. Houses will be put  
within the means of more people  
by increased building and price  
stabilization.

Property ownership is not with-  
out its responsibilities and those  
have been increased to such an ex-  
tent that purchasing a home fre-  
quently is merely the beginning of  
difficulties. Taxes are high, re-  
pairs are costly and labor is  
scarce. It is important that  
means be found to make home  
purchasing easy, and it is essen-  
tial that the inducement to buy be  
strengthened, if the community is  
to progress.

**A 1923 MOTTO**

Roger W. Babson, prince of  
statisticians, talks like a football  
quarterback: "All together, now;  
one, two, three—snap the ball.  
Let's go." Mr. Babson suggests  
as a 1923 motto: "Bite off more  
than you can chew—then chew  
it." Prosperity depends not on  
chance, but on individuals, he  
says, in helping to make the  
chance and then taking advan-  
tage of it. The gods help those  
who help themselves. Put your  
shoulder to the wheel, and don't  
look back to grieve about your  
errors of 1922.

The speaker, Mr. Babson, the  
man who sees things of the world  
through figures which do not lie,  
sees prosperity ahead. He finds  
the crop situation distinctly bet-  
ter than for many years, with a  
demand to make prices look up as  
we go forward to supply the  
world. He says monetary condi-  
tions are favorable, the merchan-  
dise situation healthy, and the  
basic industries of this country  
well liquidated and in strong  
condition. He says that he is basing  
also his conclusion, or guess, that  
good times are ahead, on his  
knowledge of the American capa-  
city for work.

Discussing the labor situation,  
he says high wages never hurt  
any community. What is needed  
is production and more produc-  
tion, so that there will be more  
to divide among the producers. It  
is important that the workman  
enjoy the labor he is doing, Mr.  
Babson says, in order to get the  
best results, and people are learn-  
ing more not to work alone for  
the dollar that the working brings  
to them.

"Bite off more than you can

chew—then chew it," is a good  
working rule for everybody.  
Faith and hard work will do the  
rest. The world may owe you a  
living, but you must do your own  
collecting.

**CRITICS ACCLAIM NEW  
RAWLINSON PICTURE**

Herbert Rawlinson, Universal  
star and leading interpreter of  
crook roles and underworld char-  
acters of the silent drama, is at  
the Fotosho Theatre Friday and  
Saturday of this week in "Confid-  
ence," directed by Harry A.  
Pollard.

The popular Universal star has  
a role that is seldom portrayed in  
motion pictures, for there are very  
few people who can analyze the  
strange mechanism and define the  
mysterious personality of our  
typical American traveling sales-  
man. Not only is Rawlinson said  
to have adapted himself perfectly  
to the role of drummer, but critics  
who have seen this, his latest Uni-  
versal starring vehicle, say that  
he scores even more brilliantly  
than he did in his two previous  
outstanding successes "The Black  
Bag," and "Don't Shoot."

Most of the scenes of the story  
are laid in a remote hamlet of  
Western Pennsylvania where  
hitching posts are still in vogue  
and bobbed hair is just coming  
into style. Written especially for  
the star, and adapted to the  
screen by Raymon L. Schrock,  
"Confidence" is said to be just  
the kind of story that has helped  
to make Rawlinson famous.

**Y. M. B. L. NOTES**

The work of paving and light-  
ing the business district of Bal-  
linger, the Y. M. B. L.'s major  
project of the year, is progressing  
rapidly, but the organization is  
not resting on its oars while these  
badly needed improvements are  
being completed.

Action is being taken toward  
securing transportation service  
from this city to San Antonio thru  
the bus line which runs from San  
Antonio to San Antonio. A repre-  
sentative of the Union Bus Co.  
will be in Ballinger soon to inves-  
tigate road conditions and out-  
line their policy of service.

Correspondence is being carried  
on with the National Stone Tile  
Co., of San Francisco, with refer-  
ence to locating one of their  
plants in this city.

Representatives of the Monroe  
Business College will be in Bal-  
linger soon to look over this field  
as a location for a commercial  
school.

Ballinger was represented at the  
annual banquet of the San An-  
gelo Board of City Development  
by the Secretary, who addressed  
the assemblage on the recent de-  
velopments in the Colorado Valley  
irrigation project.

A special article outlining Bal-  
linger's development during 1922  
along agricultural, industrial and  
economic lines and plans for  
1923 was prepared for the Fort  
Worth Star-Telegram.

The Ft. Worth Chamber of Com-  
merce has been extended a special  
invitation to include Ballinger in  
the itinerary of their West Texas  
trade trip, and to learn of what  
is being done in this section, es-  
pecially in connection with irriga-  
tion.

Advance information on a tent  
show which recently played this  
city was forwarded to 50 West  
Texas towns as a part of the Lea-

gue's program for clean amuse-

ments.  
A meeting of secretaries of  
West Texas fairs will be arranged  
soon to prepare a schedule of  
dates for next year's expositions,  
at which time a date for Rannels  
County's Third Annual Fair will  
be set. Work has already started  
on securing attractions for  
Fair, and in preparing an attra-  
ctive program of entertainment.

**Notice**

All trespassers, and especially  
hunters and trappers are hereby  
warned to stay off my place, 9  
miles East of Ballinger. All par-  
ties caught trespassing will be  
prosecuted to the limit.

Mrs. Mary Spreen.  
21-2d-4w.\*

**A. Levy, Optometrist**  
of San Antonio, Texas, is in Bal-  
linger at Edwards Hotel. Dr.  
Levy has been visiting Ballinger  
for the past 20 years and has  
given entire satisfaction. If you  
need specks call at Edwards  
Hotel. 1w

Wardlaw McCamey left Mon-  
day afternoon for Dallas, where  
he will attend school.

*We Wish You  
the Old Wish  
A Merry Xmas  
and a Happy  
New Year  
The Ledger  
Force*

**First National Bank of Ballinger**  
Established 1886  
Ballinger, Texas

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

As we approach the end of another year of service our thoughts very naturally turn to those whose confidence, friendship and patronage have been the means of our success.

We hope that our co-operation and such service as we have been able to render have been of the sort to cement this relationship and equal to every expectation and requirement, and it is our desire to increase our usefulness the coming year.

It being the custom of our Bank for a number of years and having had so many requests, it is our desire to give each and everyone a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat, serviceable 1923 CALENDAR for your home. Until our supply is exhausted, they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not. Our Calendar is a reproduction of the famous painting, "The Prime of Summer Time". CALENDAR cannot be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian. Calendars will be distributed, commencing January 2nd, 1923.

We wish for you and the members of your household a Very Merry Christmas and trust that the New Year may be generous in its blessings.

Yours very truly,  
The First National Bank of Ballinger



## PREACHERS TO BE GOODFELLOW'S SANTA CLAUS

The request of The Ledger Pastors' Conference of this city will play Santa Claus for the Goodfellow Club. The proposition was put up to the pastors in the weekly meeting Monday morning, and they very kindly agreed to take hold of this endeavor and canvass the situation and see just what is needed among the poor children of the city, and will then go on the job as Santa Claus next Friday and Saturday.

The pastors have divided the city into three districts, and they will go in pairs, two preachers visiting each district and locating objects of charity among the children. The pastors will meet in conference Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, compare notes, take stock and arrange to supply just such things as are necessary to make a merry Christmas for the needy children of the city.

The pastors will go out to serve as Santa Claus for the Goodfellow Club in looking after the needs of the poor children of the city, irrespective of race or creed. Where they find a family of poor children with no provision having been made to brighten their lives on Christmas, they will see that such children are remembered by supplying them with the more substantial things of life, where such items are needed, and with other things in the way of fruit, candy, nuts, etc., that go to make up the Christmas spirit among children.

The Goodfellow Club furnishes a means of handling such cases, and carrying happiness to the homes of the unfortunates of our city. It works where the charity board cannot work on account of the limited funds of the charity board, and carries a helping hand to those who are deserving and dependent.

Revs. Alvin Swindell, E. D. Messer, Alfred Crager, Jess. Mitchell, E. W. Bridges and Pleasant J. Taylor, will have the work of

playing Santa Claus in hand. It is probable they will call on others to help them, and anyone knowing of a needy family of children should report to any one of the ministers or report names to The Ledger office.

### Writes Check for Goodfellow Club

Graham Fowler, the little son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Fowler, called at The Ledger office Saturday afternoon with a check, drawn on his own bank account, written in his own handwriting and signed by himself, for one dollar, and said that he wanted to be a Goodfellow. Graham may spend money for other things in supplying his Christmas wants, but he will spend no dollar that will bring him as much pleasure as the dollar he contributed to the Goodfellow fund to help the unfortunate children of the city.

His face was aglow with the sunshine of happiness and the little fellow seemed to realize fully what he was giving the money for and after fulfilling his mission he left The Ledger office laughing. A lesson of charity taught to the children is a lesson many parents neglect.

Previously reported -- \$102.20  
Judge Parish S. S.

Class	10.00
Graham Fowler	1.00
M. C. McBride	1.50
James Clayton	1.00
Edwin Day	1.25
American Legion	5.25
Mrs. Edwin Day	1.00
First National Bank	10.00
R. G. Erwin	2.50
A. O. Bartlett	1.00
J. Whit Patterson	1.00
A. D. Tally	1.00
H. F. Demmer	1.00
W. W. Killam	1.00
Miss Myrtle Killam	1.00
J. H. Price	.50
G. O. Tinnon	1.50
Miss Louise Orgain	1.00
Dora May Freeman	1.00
Mrs. L. L. Stroble	1.00
Chester Cherry	1.00
Ray C. McAllister's Sunday school class	4.00
Catherine Cline	2.00
Stuart L. Williams	2.00
E. B. Stubbs	2.00
C. J. Lynn	1.00
George Kemp	1.00
Verda Nell Trail	2.00
L. E. Bair	1.00

L. L. Stroble	1.00
Mrs. D. C. Simpson	2.00
E. P. Talbott	2.00
Dr. J. W. Blasdel	1.00
D. C. Underwood	2.50

## COURT SAYS TWO MUST DIE FOR MURDER

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—Two death sentences were affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals today. One was against G. W. Stephens, of Bexar county, convicted for the murder of T. A. Finuane; and the other was against Manuel Sagu, of Williamson county, convicted for the murder of S. O. Wolford, on a train between Bartlett and Granger.

Paul Taylor surprised his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Pleasant Taylor, Tuesday evening, when they returned home and found him in bed asleep. The young man is attending the Christian College at Abilene, and was due home for the holidays the last of the week, but was released from school duty earlier and arrived home on the stage line Tuesday evening while his parents were away from home for an hour or two.

John Jansa was in the city Wednesday from the Rowena country, laying in his Christmas supplies.

W. A. Lisso, of the Rowena section, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Ledger want ads work for you.

## LEGION FAVORS STATE BONUS

The American Legion, Pat Williams Post No. 8, met in an enthusiastic meeting Sunday afternoon, and a program of activities outlined which will keep hte ex-service men busy for the ensuing year.

The post went on record as favoring the state compensation bill, and the representative from this district will be asked to lend his support to a measure providing a state bonus for men who saw service in the world war.

An extensive county-wide drive will be launched for new members. The present membership will be divided into two teams and an aggressive campaign put on, and every ex-service man in the county will be asked to become a member of the organization and lend his aid to working for the interest of the soldiers.

It was decided to put on the annual entertainment some time in January and the boys will begin rehearsals at an early date for the big minstrel.

The post also took up the charity question, and voted unanimously to aid in the Goodfellow movement in the city. An assessment of 25 cents per member was levied and a committee appointed to get out and collect the assessment and turn it over to the Goodfellow Club.

The Pat Williams Post, American Legion reported the largest membership in the 17th Congressional District this year, and they plan to go to the state meeting next year maintaining that rec-

ord, and the drive for new members will be carried on.

Mrs. Willard McMillan left Monday afternoon for Rogers in response to a message stating that her brother, Clarence Bradshaw was dead. Mr. Bradshaw, it will

be remembered, was here until about two months ago, when he was carried to his home at Rogers to die, being a victim of tuberculosis.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

WITH grateful appreciation of all the favors received by us from you and for that priceless though intangible asset, your Good Will, which we prize beyond measure; we seek to merit your continued confidence and aim to serve you faithfully in the future.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

## Underwood News Co.

Ballinger, Texas

## A Price That Can't Be Touched!

Quality considered—there isn't a low-priced battery on the market that can come near the value of the CW Battery (Wood Separator). Quality plates—selected cedar wood separators—workmanship and material A-1 in every detail. All sizes.

Price: for 6-volt, 11-plate, \$16.70

## Ballinger Auto Co.

Phone 505

Representing  
**Willard Batteries**  
(THREADED RUBBER INSULATION)  
and **CW Batteries**  
(WOOD SEPARATORS)



## "That Telephone is Out of Order"—

The "outside plant" of the telephone exchange is largely exposed to the weather, even the best maintained of modern plants yield to the elements—and to accidents—at times.

The lead sheath of the aerial cable—covering hundreds of tiny copper wires wrapped with paper—crystallizes; microscopic cracks or perforations appear; a driving rain penetrates to the paper insulation—and fifty or a hundred telephone circuits are "crossed up."

Sleet and ice gather on the wires and drag them down; the unusual weight may snap a pole—the telephones on that "lead" are "dead."

Twisted-pair "drop wires" to the subscriber's house become water-soaked and "crossed;" a tree or limb is blown across a line; a runaway truck breaks a pole; lightning or current from a broken power wire "blows" fuses; a down-town fire destroys a distributing pole—

Just a few samples of the many things that happen; that precaution cannot prevent. Is it any wonder that your telephone "goes dead" occasionally?

"At Your Service"

WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO.

## First Local Limited Benefit Association of Ballinger, Texas

	Classes of Members:		
	16-36 yrs.	36-46 yrs.	46-56 yrs.
Death Assessment	A \$1.50	B \$1.75	C \$2.00
Average No. deaths per year	5	6	6
Cost per year	\$9.00	\$10.50	\$12.00
Annual dues	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total cost	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00

(For \$2,000 Insurance.)

Amount of surplus accumulated on 6 deaths, \$9,000. Limit of surplus \$200,000.

In addition to giving you the insurance we loan you money in amount up to \$2,000 at 5 per cent interest and pay off deaths with the interest.

We also give you \$50 for fractured limb; \$100 for broken limb; \$200 for loss of one eye; \$300 for loss of one arm; \$400 for loss of one leg; and in event that you lose both eyes, both hands, or both feet, you get the \$2,000.

We give you more for less.

Office at Lane's Insurance Agency

Ballinger, Texas.

## FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

"Where the Best Pictures are Shown"

SATURDAY  
Continuous from 1:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m.

Herbert Rawlinson in

## "Confidence"

A breezy story of a live-wire, who cracked old man opportunity for a home-run—and won a fortune and a girl!

Lee Moran in

"FOOLISH LIVES"

A Century comedy

Admission 10c and 17c

Christmas Day—  
"FREE AIR."



On the first Christmas morning the Three Wise Men from the East, led by the Star of Bethlehem, found the infant Messiah in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. And they fell down and worshipped Him, and they offered unto Him precious gifts.

On this latest Christmas morning the Wise Men and Women of the present generation, and even the little children, led by the Star of Faith and Hope and Love, are seeking after the Saviour of the world. They are worshipping Him and serving Him by doing those things which He bade Christians ever to do and perform. They are offering unto Him their souls and bodies, and in this sacrifice the Wise ever find the truest happiness.

This is the real Christmas spirit—the giving of ourselves to His service. By so doing, we too become saviours and the world becomes a better and happier place in which to live.

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

BALLINGER, TEXAS



**If You Are Too Tired to Eat**

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla. A well-known Justice of the Peace in Indiana says Hood's Sarsaparilla makes "food taste good." After taking three bottles he eats 3 hearty meals a day, works hard and sleeps well. A grateful woman writes: "I earnestly recommend all women who wish to be made new, or who are troubled with that tired feeling, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It wonderfully relieved me of sour stomach, distress and belching." Get Hood's, and only Hood's.

**ANGELO MAN WAS MURDERED BY BANDITS**

(San Angelo Standard)

Hylton Nason of San Angelo, reported Thursday to be "dead or badly injured at Stillwell crossing on the Rio Grande" was killed in Mexico by bandits late Tuesday afternoon. His body had not been recovered early Friday afternoon. This information was received in a telegram to Mrs. Jim Nason, mother of Hylton Nason, from her husband, who was then at Marathon, ready to leave for the border, over 75 miles South, to join in the search for his son.

It confirmed a report by telephone late Wednesday evening from Aubrey Williams of San Angelo, who was with Nason when he was killed. Mr. Williams was wounded in the hand and sustained numerous bruises from falls in escaping. He was at Fort Stockton Wednesday night when he talked to Mrs. L. C. Goodwin, proprietor of the Landon Hotel dining room here. Mrs. Goodwin was attempting to get into communication with Dr. G. W. Worthington at Marathon.

According to Mr. Williams he and Mr. Nason crossed the Rio Grande to hunt and had almost reached the river crossing returning to the American side, when attacked by Mexicans. It was then nearly sundown. The number of men in the band was not stated, but it is presumed that the two Americans were hopelessly outnumbered, for they began running. The attackers pursued closely, opening fire which was not returned. Mr. Williams said that darting in and out of the brush he became separated from Mr. Nason, and looked back to see if his companion was coming.

Just at that moment, Mr. Nason cried "Oh, God" and crumpled to the ground. His body rolled down the bank of the river on the Mexican side and was lost to view. Mr. Williams was shot, but managed to ford the river to safety. He wandered aimlessly about until about 10 o'clock when found by Americans, presumably river guards. He was taken to Marathon, from which place he telegraphed to San Angelo Wednesday morning, and then continued to Fort Stockton.

All hope has not been abandoned here that Mr. Nason was wounded, not fatally, and was rescued. The Big Bend country is so rugged and sparsely settled that a man seriously wounded might be cared for at an isolated camp or ranch house for two or three days before word reached the outside world. In some quarters, however, it is feared that the body either rolled into the river and was swept away, or was stripped by the bandits and thrown in the stream and will never be recovered.

**OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH**

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffling, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed up and miserable. Relief is sure.

Sheriff Bob Miller, of Concho county, was a visitor to Ballinger Saturday.

**SCHOOLS TO GET MEXICANS HURT WEEKS HOLIDAY LABOR CONDITION**

The Ballinger schools will give one week, plus New Years, for the usual Christmas holiday season. The schools will dismiss Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, and reconvene Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

Teachers residing at other places will leave Friday afternoon for their homes to spend the holidays, and pupils living at other places will also be at home for the recess, while some of the home folks will probably visit at other places during the week's holiday.

The schools have worked up to holiday season with a successful program, despite the crowded condition and some disadvantages under which the faculty and pupils have had to work. Reports indicate that most of the members of the Senior Class have been coming up with their work, and the term promises to end next spring with the largest graduating class in the history of the schools.

**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. A Very Pleasant to Take. 50c per bottle.

J. W. Lancaster was in the city from the Marie country Friday, and was among the callers at The Ledger office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Measures to control what is said to be a vast body of alien Mexican unskilled labor in the United States, was recommended to Secretary Davis today in a report by special agents of the department of labor.

The report sets forth that alien Mexican laborers illegally in the United States are a menace to American labor and American communities. Mexicans have been crossing the border and the Rio Grande and entering Texas illegally until there is an oversupply in that state, and serious results will follow if some steps are not taken to return them to Mexico or control the problem.

Recommendations for meeting the situation include a system of registration and a more rigid mental and physical examination and a system of selective immigration regulation through rigid examination before entry into the United States, and immediate deportation and punishment for entering this country illegally.

The recommendations suggest that such provisions be placed under a "border patrol." Co-operation of state and municipal authorities is also suggested in the enforcement of immigration regulations and judicial distribution of Mexican labor which is legally admitted to this country.

**MAY ASK FOR STATE BONUS**

A questionnaire has been submitted to the officers of the Pat Williams Post No. 8, American Legion, to ascertain the will of the local Legionnaires on the introduction of a bill in the next session of the Texas Legislature for adjusted compensation or bonus for men who served in the army, navy and marine corps. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the local post, to be held Sunday at 2:00 o'clock p. m. Every effort is being made to have a full representation of the post at this meeting, and the officers urge every American Legion man to be at the hall and with his "buddy."

The state department of the American Legion will compile returns on this vote, and if favorable for the compensation, will see that such measure is offered in both House and Senate. Many new faces will be found in the next Legislature, and it is known that a number of ex-service men were elected. If you are opposed to a bonus, you will be allowed to have your say, and if you favor the measure you will have your say, so be present and vote on this important matter.

Several other matters of vital importance will also be brought up at the next Sunday's meeting of the post, in which each man should have his say, the officers state.

**GOOD SALE HERE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS**

With the Shakespeare Club in charge of the Christmas seal booths Saturday, and with a dozen young ladies canvassing on the streets, the campaign for placing the little health stickers on packages going out from this city opened with a successful day's run. More than eighty dollars were realized from the first day's sale, and the sale will continue throughout the week. During this week the booth at the postoffice will be opened from one o'clock until five in the afternoon, a member

of the Shakespeare Club and a member of the Civic League being in charge of the booth. In addition the seals are on sale at a number of dry goods stores, the jewelry stores, drug stores, in city, and the stamps are within easy reach of everyone who wishes to have a hand in helping to carry on in other precincts of the county, and the sale promises to be the best in the history of the Runnels County Health Association.

Stamp Stamps.—The Ballinger Co.



Ed. Y. Price & Co. © 1928

**How to Buy Good Clothes**

You buy a car on the strength of its reputation—your confidence in the maker and in the man who sells it. Buy your clothes the same way.

*E. Y. Price & Co.*

is the choice of the man who considers lasting quality, individuality in style and accurate fit more important than the price.

We're proud to represent these great tailoring experts in Ballinger.

*Whose name follows?*

**Weinberg & Wardlaw**

Ballinger, Texas



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

At this season our thoughts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you happiness and prosperity.

No matter what you may give or receive; no matter the size of your bank account, or the prosperity of your business, our best wish for you at this Christmas time, is that down deep in your heart, you may wish

**"Peace on Earth"  
and that you may feel  
"Good Will Toward Man"**

*Higginbotham Bros. & Co.*  
of Texas  
CAPITAL \$1,500,000.00

*When you want the best to be had in*

**Groceries**

*go to*

**Currie Mercantile Company**

*We also want to buy your Poultry, Eggs and Cream*

**NOTICE**

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



## BIG BOX SUPPER AT GROENWALD

Some two hundred men, women and children met at the Groenwald school Friday, Dec. 15th, for the purpose of celebrating the great annual holiday in a very appreciative program rendered by the pupils of that school directed by their able teachers, Misses Angie Johnson and Buell Farmer.

No more appreciative or better rendered program has come under the writer's observation in years and it did you good to see the eager and enthusiastic reception by parents and friends.

The writer must mention the very active trustees of this, one of the leading two-teacher schools of the county, Messrs. Joe Halubec, J. F. Kudulueck and A. F. Faltick, who have supplanted an old shack that used to shed the children with a modern school building that really and truly houses the children and the pride of the whole community was readily shown by the number of cars parked on the ground and the beautifully decorated interior and stage in preparation for the night's program.

The sale of the boxes and contests incident thereto was very ably conducted by County Supt. Jno. J. Bagg, the writer rendering assistance in the pinches. The net proceeds were well over one hundred dollars which will go toward providing certain very useful and necessary equipment for this school.

It is very evident that this community is well abreast of the times and that the one evident need above all other needs realized is to educate their children.

"REPORTER."

## COUGHS

Apply over throat and chest  
swallow small pieces of—

# VICKS

Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

## WIDOW THANKS KLAN FOR HELPING HER

Mr. Editor:

Permit me please thru the columns of your paper to express my deep and heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown to the wife and children of our late departed husband and father, J. P. Pogue. We are thankful for the large and respectful attendance, the beautiful floral offering, the words of sympathy, and especially do we desire to thank the white robed and hooded messengers of the Ku Klux Klan for their Christmas offering of \$198. I am glad that my husband was a member of this distinguished order that stands for the protection of the home, the school and the country, and which comes to us in this time of need. God bless them and their noble work.

d&w Mrs. J. P. Pogue.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McKinney send the Banner-Ledger to their mother, Mrs. E. R. McKinney, at Thomason, and it will be like a letter from home.

## DEATHS

Mrs. W. C. Penn

At a few minutes after nine o'clock Wednesday morning the death angel visited the home of W. C. Penn on Fifth Street and removed from that home the Christian wife and mother, bringing to a close the life of one of Ballinger's best women.

Mrs. Penn had been in ill health for many months. All that money, skilled physicians, trained nurses and friends could do for her was done, but the love ones were made to realize some time ago, that death would prove the victor. It was announced several days ago that death was at hand and the report went out that Mrs. Penn was dying. She rallied and lingered until Wednesday morning when her soul took flight to the world where no sorrow and suffering is known.

Before her marriage to W. C. Penn deceased was Miss Kate Thomson. She grew from childhood in Rannels county, having resided at Old Rannels with her parents before coming to Ballinger. During her early life, and on up through her married life, until ill health prevented, Mrs. Penn was active in church and social life of the city. A host of friends, although realizing that she could not recover, are made to sorrow on account of the death angel's call.

Besides the sorrowing husband, three children, Katherine, Dorothy, and Tom, one sister, Mrs. W. W. Fowler, and three brothers, Frank, Harry and Thad Thomson, and other relatives survive.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home on Fifth street. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Doss, and interment made in Evergreen Cemetery.

The active pall bearers will be Dan Moser, J. F. Currie, John A. Weeks, George Holman, Ralph Erwin, S. B. Raby. Honorary pall bearers chosen are Conda Wylie, R. W. Bruce, J. Y. Pearce, Whit Patterson, J. McGregor and C. P. Shepherd.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Pettis and children, of El Paso, spent a day or two in Ballinger this week, while en route to Fort Worth to spend Christmas with relatives. They were traveling in a Dodge sedan. Mrs. Pettis was a former Ballinger school girl, and before her marriage was Miss Anna Kelly, daughter of J. H. Kelly.

Miss Nan Kevil, who has been working in Ranger for several months, is at home for the holidays.

John Goetz and John Book, Miles-Rowena country citizens, were among the traders in Ballinger Tuesday.

Ledger want ads pay.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL IS MOVING FAST

The patrons of the Ballinger postoffice are profiting by the new rule of keeping the office open from eight until six o'clock, and the new rule is working nicely for those who are sending Christmas packages.

As far back as memory runneth it has been the custom to close the office upon the arrival of the mail trains and all business suspended while the mail was being distributed. When Postmaster Guin went on the job he adopted the new rule, and arranged the work so each department could serve the public at all hours from eight a. m. to six p. m. This eliminates long waits and sometimes inconvenience to transients passing thru the city, changing cars here.

Especially is the new rule proving popular during the holiday rush. Under the trained service of the efficient employees, the Christmas mail is being handled without delay, and so far there has not been the least congestion. "We are right jam up," said Postmaster Guin, Wednesday, "and everything is moving out and in without delay." A new innovation at the local office is a new parcel post scales, which calculates the rates and indicates same when the package is thrown on it, eliminating much time and preventing error.

Mr. Guin said that plans for handling the holiday rush had been made, and while the prosperous condition of the country was being felt in heavy Christmas business at the postoffice, he did not anticipate any congestion. The parcel post business is unusually heavy, but the dispatch and distribution of Christmas mail is moving without any delay, and patrons mailing out packages are receiving their receipts without having to stand in line and wait at considerable length.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Druggists refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. 60c.

## FATHER GOLLBACH PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

Father Gollbach visited our office today and ordered a year's subscription to the Ledger to Rev. Father V. S. Kloseck of Olfen as a Christmas gift.

He used the opportunity to thank Mr. F. W. Hunter for the assignment of ten acres of oil land, which is to be used for charity, in case the land should prove of value. The happy owner of these leases is very proud of the gift and considers it as a cash proposition, as he is confident that Ballinger will be some day a prosperous oil town. He is keeping with great care the little flag yet, which was drenched with the first Rannels county oil, flowing 20 feet over Russell derriek No. 1. This flag alone brought him over \$100.00 already for the poor. He claims to be the first man who brought the news to the city, that the oil was flowing and he thinks to be witness when the Safety First will flow so strong that no one can stop it. You cannot talk to him, that the land is worth nothing, and he is ready to accept other donations like the Hunter gift.

Father Gollbach also dropped a few remarks concerning his work among the poor and said that last week only he spent \$84.00, not considering a good quantity of second-hand clothes and substantial food from the country homes. He thinks he is the richest man, owning the hearts and pockets of many good people and is proud of it, that he never had to turn down a single charity case in this community.

He did not state how much money he has received for his Christmas work, but said that the Goodfellows might reach him, if it is kept going fast.

Rev. Gollbach is very much pleased with the "clever idea" of the Ledger in appointing all the pastors of the churches as Santa Claus and will lend his heartiest co-operation to the pastors in charge of the Goodfellow Club fund. Floreant, crescent!

Misses Susie Hale and Marthyle Bridwell are at home from Baylor College, Belton, to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. W. J. Wilke and daughter, Maurine, came in from Wichita Falls Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives. Brendon Wilke also came in from Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke.

Mrs. Ludie Bailey has accepted a position in the postoffice and is helping handle the holiday mail rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones returned home Monday night from McGregor, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton died Saturday and was buried Sunday. Mrs. Jones had been with her mother for the last week or two, having gone to McGregor in response to a message stating that her mother was very low.

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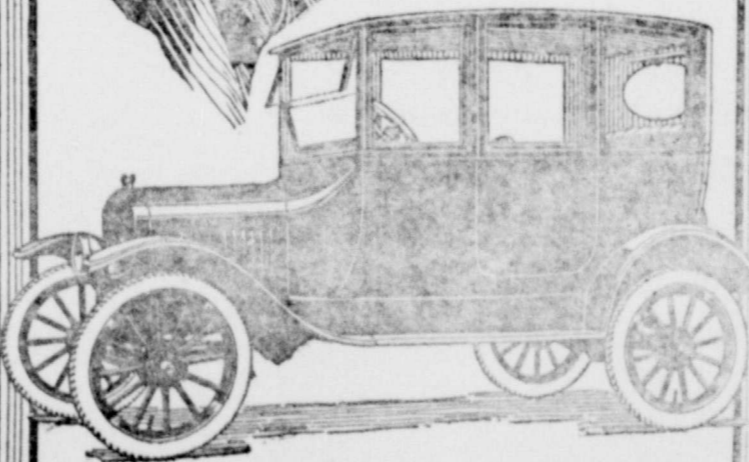
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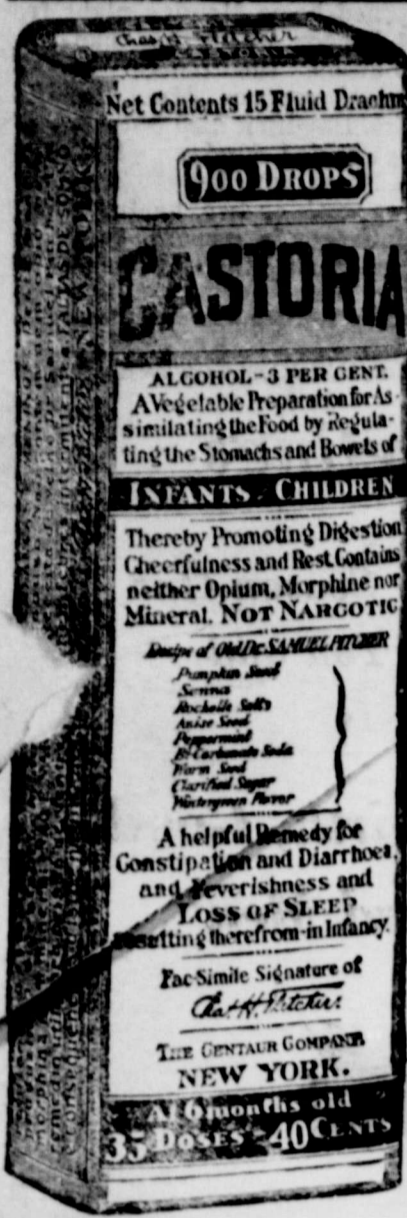
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**ERROR MADE IN DATES OF COURT**

In drawing the jury for District Court recently an error was made in dates, and the grand jury and petit jury for the first week of court were summoned to appear on January 8th, when they should have been notified to appear at one o'clock on January first.

The sheriff is busy sending out notices correcting the error and summoning the veniremen to appear on New Year's, the date set for convening of the January term of District Court at this place.

While the docket is clean, and no criminal cases are slated for trial, there are quite a number of cases pending for grand jury investigation, the parties having been held on charges filed in the justice court, and are either in jail or out under bond to await action of the grand jury. In case of indictments being returned it is probable that some of the new cases will be docketed and called for trial at the present term of court.

Aside from the cases filed in justice court it is not expected that the grand jury will work up much new business, if any. The sheriff and county attorney's department have kept the work well in hand and compiled testimony for the grand jury to work on and this will make it possible for the grand jury to return bills in cases filed in the justice court without delay.

Mrs. Mann came in from Sterling City Saturday afternoon to be with her son, Bartlett Mann, who is here at the home of Dr. E. R. Walker, his father-in-law, recovering from injuries sustained by a horse kicking him.

J. F. Valliant went to Houston Saturday afternoon, where he will bid on a paving contract in that city.

J. S. Jones was called to McGregor Saturday by a message stating that his mother-in-law was dying. Mrs. Jones went to McGregor to be with her mother about two weeks ago.

**COUNTY B.Y.P.U. ORGANIZED HERE**

The Rannels County Baptist Associational B. Y. P. U. was organized at a meeting of the B. Y. P. U.'s of the county held at Hatchell Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Notwithstanding the cold weather and the fact that many Hatchell people attended the funeral of George Milliken, a large crowd assembled at the Hatchell Baptist church and perfected the organization by the election of officers, and the outlining of a county B. Y. P. U. program of work.

The following officers were elected: E. E. King, Ballinger, president; Mrs. Joe Baker, Miles, secretary; Miss Myrtle Chumley, Bronte, vice-president; Rev. Scott W. Hickey, Miles, vice-president; Miss Oeta Crowson, Winters, corresponding secretary.

The new organization will hold its next meeting at Hatchell on the third Sunday in March.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley arrived home Sunday from Dallas, where they stopped while en route from a thirty day's tour of the North, spending the time in New York, Washington, Baltimore Philadelphia and other places.

**OIL LAND FOR POOR PEOPLE**

The United Charity Board holds a lease on a ten acre block of land near the Safety First oil well. F. W. Hunter assigned ten acres of his holdings to the charity organization Monday, and at the same time made an assignment of ten acres to Father G. Gollbach to be used for charity, in case the land should prove to be of any value.

"I have no money to give to charity," said Mr. Hunter in transferring the acreage to the charity organization, "but I give of what I have, and if oil is found the land will be of some value towards doing charity work. The land will either be worth several thousand dollars, or it will be worth nothing."

Development on the Allen hold-

ings are at a standstill at present, or at least equipment is being assembled to clean out a cave in and recover the bailer which was lost a short time ago. Work will be resumed after the holidays.

**G. O. P.'S NOT SATISFIED WITH ELECTION COUNT**

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—Plans are being considered by the republicans for a complete recount of the vote for United States senator and for governor, in the last election, according to reports here today.

Luther Nickels, one of the attorneys for the republicans in the pre-election litigation, refused to discuss the reported steps looking to a recount, or say what the republicans expected to gain by such a count.

**FRAMING FARM RELIEF BILL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Hearings on rural credit legislation before the senate banking committee was near conclusion today. Members of the committee predicted a comprehensive bill embodying features for several farm relief measures now pending, and stated that it was expected that the bill would be ready to report to the senate early next week.

C. Marsh, who said that he presented a league composed of progressive farmers and labor organizations, today declared that the solution lay in the passage of the Norris government corporation bill, rather than the extension of further farm credits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Woodruff, republican from Michigan, told the House judiciary committee which is investigating the impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty today, that it would be unnecessary to go into his charges against Mr. Daugherty for alleged fraud to prosecute war fraud because he said Daugherty had taken the necessary action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House today took up for consideration an amendment designed to prohibit further issuance of exempt securities.

**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, Rockport, N. Y.

**PRICE WAS QUOTED TOO HIGH IN AD**  
Last week's edition of the Banner-Ledger carrying a large ad for Van Pelt-Pyburn, quoted a price on pairs of LaFrance silk hosiery at \$2.75 when it should have been only \$2.25. This reduction is in effect at this exclusive ladies' store.

DALLAS—Suit for divorce was filed recently by a Dallas man here, who alleges that his wife sold all of the household furniture between the time he could go down town for business and return in the afternoon. He said the first he knew of the transactions of his wife was when he saw the men with the moving vans carting his furnishings away.

Mrs. C. A. Doose returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to Brownwood.

Lynn Stokes went to Dallas Monday afternoon on business for the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. W. C. Penn, who has been in bad health for several months, has been very low for two or three days, and death is expected at any time. It was reported Saturday night that she was dying.

A. H. VanPelt went to Comanche Saturday afternoon in response to news that his grandson, Dan VanPelt, was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Claunch, of Kerrville, are here for the holidays and are the guests of Mrs. Claunch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. VanPelt.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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