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TAX BILL FIRST BEFORE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress came back into session today after the longest recess in many years.

With the opening ceremony at noon the big Republican majority which was rolled up in the Coolidge landslide of 1924, took the saddle in both the Senate and the House, but kept a weather eye on the Democrats and insurgents, who are again threatening coalition against some of the pet projects of the Coolidge administration.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The new revenue bill proposing a slash of \$325,726,000 in taxes during the next calendar year, and providing relief for virtually every federal tax payer, was reported to the House today as the first legislative business presented to the new congress.

In presenting the report, Chairman Green of the House ways and means committee, which drafted the measure during the seven weeks pre-congress session, served notice that he would ask the House to take up the tax reduction measure tomorrow, and work under a plan to send it to the Senate before the end of the second week of the new session.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—Facing a crush of legislation and many bitter controversies, the Sixty-ninth Congress assembled today for its first and long session.

Organization was the first work before the House, but the Senate machinery was ready to function, the organization having been perfected at the special session held last March.

The Republican slate in the House, with Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, as Speaker, and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut, as floor leader, had been selected months ago and waited only a formal vote of the membership for final approval.

After President Coolidge's annual message has been transmitted, probably tomorrow, the House will get down to work immediately, giving first consideration to the tax revision bill which it plans to send to the Senate before the Christmas holidays.

This measure is the major one with which Congress will deal at this session, but other important legislation will include farm relief, the Belgian and Italian debt funding settlements, disposition of Muscle Shoals, railroad consolidations, government reorganization, postal rates, branch banking, a public buildings bill and eleven annual appropriations bills supplying money for the conduct of government departments during the next fiscal year.

The senate has besides two important matters of foreign affairs on its calendar—the World Court which will be taken up on Dec. 17, and the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey. Both of these will meet with determined opposition, but ultimate ratification is predicted.

Politics will play its part in the session, which probably will continue until the Congressional campaigns get under way during the summer. The Republicans will seek to write a record on which they can ask the country to return them majorities in both houses for the last two years of the present administration of President Coolidge. The Democrats will seek to draw attention to what they will point to as shortcomings of the administration in the hope that they can regain control of the two houses, relinquished in 1919.

Several points of attack against the administration now loom, among them the coal situation and the conduct of the air forces by the Army and War Departments. The Mitchell courtmartial and the Shenandoah disaster will figure largely in the discussions of this

matter in the House and Senate. Secretary Wilbur and Secretary Davis are certain to become targets of Congressional orators and a number of western senators are preparing to bring a third Cabinet officer, Secretary Work, under fire. The assault on him will be because of the administration of the reclamation law with respect to relief of homesteaders in Western states.

The coal situation is one which has given concern to senators and representatives from a number of states, particularly New England and New York. It is expected to become an early subject of debate with demands that the government take some action as the severe winter months approach.

Another subject which will furnish the vehicle for much discussion and possibly investigation is the disagreement between President Coolidge and the Shipping Board over the method of management of the government merchant fleet.

The settlement made with Belgium and Italy for the funding of their war debts also will come in for disapproval in both houses, but administration leaders feel confident that they eventually will be approved.

During the session each house has three contests for seats to investigate and the Senate must give early decision on the seating of Gerald P. Nye, appointed by Governor Sorlie of North Dakota to succeed the late Edwin F. Ladd. Should the Senate hold the governor made the appointment without authority of law Mr. Nye would not be entitled to his seat.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—Amendments to the Federal land laws for the territory of Alaska to permit leasing of public lands for fox farming and reindeer grazing were recommended to the Secretary of the Interior today in the annual report of George A. Parks, Governor of Alaska.

With fox farming already ranking as one of the territory's chief industries, the report declared it was necessary that the government permit the use of public lands for this purpose in order to encourage the territory's development. Leasing of lands for reindeer grazing, it was added, would do much to protect the reindeer in their ranges.

A four percent increase in the value of the territory's fisheries, despite the government's curtailment of the fishing season, was noted in the report. A gradual resumption of mining, both placer and lode, was apparent in all the districts and gold production during the year exceeded that for the previous twelve months.

The territory looks with interest on the possibility of shipping reindeer to other countries as meat by use of the modern refrigerating facilities, the report said, adding that the barren portions of the country were adequate as grazing grounds for 4,000,000 reindeer.

The need for medical aid and hospital facilities in the Yukon district was emphasized, with the recommendation that a small motor boat be supplied as a floating clinic to supply medical relief to interior points. Other recommendations were

GOVERNOR REFUSES CALL EXTRA SESSION

AUSTIN, Dec. 8.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson will not call the Texas legislature to convene in extraordinary session. She issued a formal statement today in which she declared that she would not comply with the request of a petition signed by Speaker of the House Lee Satterwhite and forty-four other members of the House presented to her and asking that she call the legislature together.

Mrs. Ferguson said that there was no necessity for putting the people of Texas to this expense at this time, and at a time when she said that every effort should be made to hold the government appropriations within due bounds of economy.

Speaker Satterwhite, of Amarillo, is in Washington, where he went to appear before the committee for reduction of taxes. Before leaving for Washington he stated that he would issue a call for a special session of the legislature upon his return to Texas, if Mrs. Ferguson did not call the session. He is expected to return on December 15th or 16th.

If you are right inside, you can stand anything from the outside.

BAGS TWO BUCKS WITH THREE SHOTS

"Slim" Brashire, lineman for the West Texas Utilities Company, returned from a hunting trip Tuesday, and came home with two ten prong bucks riding on the running board of his car. Mr. Brashire was accompanied on the hunting trip by a party from Paint Rock, and they explored the Uvalde game region where they met with splendid success. The two bucks brought home by Mr. Brashire were killed with only three shots, and his friends believe that the third shot fired also brought down a deer, but he denies it as it would make him subject to prosecution under the game laws of the country.

for amendment of the present law which limits the number of trade and manufacturing sites that may be acquired by an individual or corporation, and:

Amendment of the homestead laws to permit surveys of boundary lines on other than cardinal courses.

That boundaries and land districts be changed to conform to judicial decisions.

Construction of an administration building in Juneau.

Allotment of a part of the revenues from the seal islands to a fund for the support and maintenance of the public schools.

Repeal of the law restricting the number of placer mining claims that may be located by an individual corporation.

Creation of a constabulary or territorial police responsible for law enforcement in the territory to replace the eight organizations now in existence.

Legislation that will authorize the issuance of patents for town lots to natives.

Allotment of funds for Topographic surveys under the act of February 27, 1925.

That the work carried on by the Bureau of Mines under the appropriation for mining investigations be continued and that authority be obtained for a cooperative agreement between the Federal government and the territory whereby the latter's funds for mining investigations may be expended by Federal agents.

TAX PAYMENTS SHOW INCREASE

County and state taxes are being paid more readily this year than last, according to Tax Collector W. L. Brown, who reports that his collections for November this year amounted to more than \$11,000 more than for the same month last year. Tax payers have the money and are coming in to pay their obligations to the government before the eleventh hour.

Automobile owners are also paying automobile registration fees and getting the new number plates which will carry them safely by the traffic officers for another twelve months, providing they comply with the other laws governing motor vehicle traffic.

Auto registrations for 1925 show about 800 increase over 1924. A total of about 5,400 motor vehicles have been registered this year, and of this number about 5,100 were passenger cars while the remainder were trucks and service cars. The total for last year of both trucks and passenger cars numbered about 4,600.

Mrs. W. B. Halley, Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Deputy Grand Matron of the order for this district, returned home Saturday night from a visit to a number of Eastern Star chapters in the Western part of the state. They visited Marfa, Alpine, Ozona, Fort Stockton, and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dunn and daughter, Miss Alice, came in Saturday night from Artesia, New Mexico. After a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black they will go to Belton for a visit with relatives, and from there to Texas City to visit Mr. Dunn's brother. Mr. Dunn is a brother of Mrs. Black, and Mrs. Dunn is a sister of Mr. Black. Mr. Dunn reports that Artesia is on somewhat of a healthy growth as a result of the oil development.

TEXAS LEADS NATION IN DIVORCES GRANTED

WASHINGTON, December 7.—More persons were untied by divorce and fewer tied by marriage in the United States last year than in 1923. The ratio of divorces was nearly one for every ten marriages.

The Department of Commerce which compiles these figures every year on a comparative popularity of the two institutions announced today that the total of marriages last year was 1,178,206, falling off some 3.7 per cent from 1923, the total for that year being 1,223,924. Divorces registered a grand total of 170,867, which was an increase of 3.5 per cent over 1923, when the figures amounted to 165,096.

Texas leads the states in the number of divorces granted last year, with a total of 15,375, which compared with 71,986 marriages for the year. This was an increase of 743 over 1923.

Illinois came second with 13,658; California, 11,258; Ohio, 11,946. New York only recorded 4,662, which was only a few more than the state of Arkansas.

RUNNELS SECOND IN COTTON YIELD TEXAN LEADS FIGHT ON TAX

DALLAS, Dec. 3.—Reports on cotton ginned by Texas counties up to November 14th, shows Col. lin county to have the largest ginnings with a total of 78,853 bales.

Ellis county ginned 65,997 bales up to November 14th, and Navarro county 58,545 bales.

According to figures compiled locally up to Saturday night Runnels county will probably occupy second place in the state. The above report was practically complete for the counties named, and Runnels has to its credit since the above report was tabulated 64,019 bales, with a probable total of 70,000 bales for the final report.

AMERICAN CARS SELL IN MEXICO

LAREDO, Dec. 8.—American made automobiles are becoming more popular in Mexico, customs brokers here declare.

The report for November shows a total of 128 carloads, or about 960 automobiles, were imported that month. October was the banner month of 1925 for exportation of American made cars into Mexico, and during that month 177 carloads crossed the border thru Laredo, while the second best month so far this year was March when 136 carloads were sent to Mexico.

Although November ranks third for the year so far, in the eleven months to date, 1,200 carloads, or 8,000 automobiles, have been imported by Mexico through Laredo compared with 737 carloads for all of 1924. It is expected that December will prove the banner month of 1925, since heavy orders have been placed for the holidays.

It is predicted that with the heavy importations to be made this month, the grand total of American-made cars imported in 1925 will be between 9,500 and 10,000.

Mrs. R. P. Conn, son C. B., and daughter, Miss Doris, of San Antonio, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Another drive for a flat repeal of the federal inheritance tax has been inaugurated here under the leadership of Speaker Lee Satterwhite of the Texas legislature.

In co-operation with the Tax Clubs of America and the Bankers League, Mr. Satterwhite has invited the speakers of several other state legislatures to meet with him here next Thursday to discuss the subject.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Enlargement of the research facilities of the Bureau of Education is highly essential if a sound method and policy is to be formulated, John J. Tigert, Commissioner of Education, declared in his annual report made public tonight.

He asserted that those responsible for school administration in the United States "are in great need of assistance in certain important fields," and that "no other agency can render such impartial and satisfactory assistance in the discovery of the necessary facts as a Federal agency in Education, such as the bureau."

"At the present time," he said, "adequate provision is being made for study in the fields of curriculum organization, school finance, building and construction, teacher training, and secondary education."

Expansion of the Bureau's work in Alaska was also urged on the ground that its service there at present is available to less than half the native population. The need for extended medical assistance there was declared to be "peculiarly great."

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The government's pension rolls showed a decrease of 13,002, Secretary Work was informed in the annual report made public tonight by Winfield Scott, Commissioner of Pensions. A total of 512,537 was enrolled as pensioners, on June 30 last.

The loss during the year was the result of death of 46,646 pensioners which was largely offset by the additions of 3,644 to the rolls.

Although the war of 1812 was brought to close 110 years ago, the names of 21 widows of soldiers who served in that war were on the pension lists at the close of the year.

The total payments for pensions decreased from \$229,994,777 in 1924 to \$217,150,612.

The commissioner estimated that a few of the soldiers who served in the Civil War would still be drawing their pensions in 1950, basing his estimate on the fact that one Revolutionary War soldier lived 86 years after the close of the war, and one survivor of the War of 1812 lived 90 years after the close of that conflict.

A man's good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners.

Own Yourself---

The lives of millions of people are ruined because they have never reached the point where they OWN THEMSELVES.

It is well to make money, but it is better to save money. Your earnings will count for little, unless you can manage to save a part of them.

You owe a debt to yourself, which can only be discharged by a persistent, consistent bank account.

Why not begin to OWN YOURSELF by starting a bank account at once? This bank will appreciate your account.

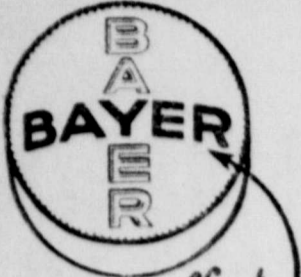
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Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians over twenty-five years for

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Each unbroken "Bayer" package contains proven directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Drug-gists also sell bottles of 24 and 100.

SUSPENDS MAIL FOR XMAS DAY

The postoffice department will not do any business on Christmas day this year. Postmaster J. A. Reese has already been notified to suspend all work at 12:00 o'clock on December 24th, and no mail except outgoing mail will be handled until Dec. 26th.

This is a departure from the old custom of observing a part holiday. Heretofore the office has remained open during certain hours Christmas day, and part of the delivery service maintained. All the works will stop this year for Christmas day.

This rule will be observed throughout the United States, and that being true patrons of the postal department should mail their packages in time to reach destinations and be delivered on Christmas eve, or before. Otherwise they will not be delivered until after Christmas.

Do your Christmas mailings early, and avoid the rush.

Sufferers of Skin Diseases

Hooper's Tetter-Rem is guaranteed for all skin diseases or troubles makes no difference of how long standing. If you are troubled with Eczema, Tetter, Itch, (any form) Ringworm, Pimples, Salt-Rheum, Dandruff, Cracked Hands, Poison Ivy, Old Sores, Erysipelas, or any other skin disease or trouble, secure a bottle of Hooper's Tetter-Rem and our positive guarantee to give you entire satisfaction or your money back. A liquid. Will not stain. A germicide. Two sizes, 7c and \$1.25. Mfgd. by Kovaline Medicine Co., Dallas, Texas. Sold and guaranteed by

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Prof. W. I. Hardy, superintendent of the Bronze school, was a business visitor in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Hardy reported the school work at Bronze moving along nicely with an enrollment of 205 pupils. He will come to Ballinger with his ten teachers to attend the institute which convenes here the week before Christmas.

ACHING LIMBS

And Many Other Common Ills
Relieved by Black-Draught.

Mrs. John Skaggs, residing near Lanes Prairie, Mo., on the Ozark Trail, says: "I have taken Black-Draught for a number of years, about fifteen, and it is about the only purgative medicine I ever take. It is the only kind that I've found that doesn't hurt me."

"I take Black-Draught for indigestion, for colds and headaches. I take it for aching in my limbs and shoulders. It helps this trouble. I take it for sour stomach."

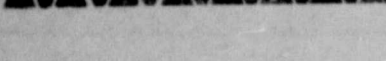
"We think Black-Draught is splendid and never are without it in the house."

"I suffered with gas on my stomach that affected my breathing, and Black-Draught helped this trouble."

"For such common complaints, I think Black-Draught is the best medicine a person can use."

For millions of others, Black-Draught is their favorite liver and stomach medicine.

Obtainable everywhere. C-314



"M" SYSTEM TO HAVE STORE HERE

Ballinger is soon to have an "M System" store as soon as the building can be put in shape and the stock of groceries installed after January 1st. This announcement was made Thursday by Sam Behringer, manager of the Piggly Wiggly.

A short time ago Mr. Behringer bought the right to operate a M System store in Ballinger from the company which owns the exclusive right in Texas, and he will open the new store in the building now occupied by the Currie Mercantile Co. soon after the first of January.

The Currie Mercantile Co. will move to the Jeanes building fronting the court house square on Seventh Street after Christmas, having recently purchased this building from E. A. Jeanes. As soon as the move is made workmen will begin remodeling the building now occupied by that firm and make it ready for the M System store.

The contract for remodeling the building calls for a new floor, new ceiling, new front and re-finishing of the walls, making the old building new throughout with a modern front and arranged especially for the fixtures of the new self-serving grocery.

While the M System store will be operated on a self-serving system, and somewhat similar to the Piggly Wiggly, it will be different from the Piggly Wiggly, carrying a different line of groceries, and made a competitor to the Piggly Wiggly, Mr. Behringer stated.

Dick Strawn, who has been with the Piggly Wiggly for some time, will be manager of the "M" store. Mr. Strawn has had experience in operating the self-serving stores, and will no doubt make the new store here a strong competitor of the Piggly Wiggly.

In addition to the complete line of groceries carried the new store will also maintain a market, carrying fresh meats, and a cold storage plant for handling perishable goods, and everything for the table can be purchased by the cash and carry system.

RUB RHEUMATIC PAIN FROM ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain right out with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil".

Stop "dosing" Rheumatism.

It's pain only, not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil" right on the "tender spot," and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. "St. Jacobs Oil" is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, neuritis, backache and neuralgia. Lumber up! Get a small trial bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" from a drug store, and in a moment, you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

COTTON GINS ARE SLOWING DOWN

Several gins in the county have closed down, while some others are operating only on part time. However, most of the gins are still steamed up and ready to serve the farmers at any time, and it will be several days before they go on part time schedules. During the scrapping the gins fix certain days on which to operate, cutting out the expense of full time service when the season is being brought to a close. By the end of the month the crop will be out of the field, with perhaps the exception of a few bales of bollies.

GIN FIGURES STILL ARE CLIMBING UP

The gins at Winters tied out 662 bales of cotton for the first three days of this week, notwithstanding that it is reported that the cotton fields are now bleak and barren.

Other gins throughout the county probably held up equally as well, running the total ginnings of cotton up to about 66,000 bales.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory came down from San Angelo for a Sunday visit with relatives.

MOTHER!

Child's Best Laxative is
"California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! Even a bilious, constipated, fussy child loves the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup" and it never fails to open the bowels. A teaspoonful today may prevent a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

HIGGINBOTHAM ENTERS WINTERS

Work of taking an inventory of the stock of goods of the Clements-Harwell Company at Winters will start Monday in carrying out a deal in which Higginbotham Brothers & Company buys the stock and takes over the business of this firm.

The Clements-Harwell Company have been doing a general hardware, implement and furniture business at Winters, carrying a large stock. The Higginbotham Company enters the Winters field through the purchase of this firm, and will continue the business in the stand now occupied by the retiring firm, adding undertakings to the line of business already carried. Dry goods and clothing will not be added to the business for the present, according to the manager of the Higginbotham firm. A manager for the Winters house will be announced later.

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CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A home-coming and golden wedding anniversary was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Clayton in the Benoit country Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were married on December 5th, 1875, in Paris, Texas.

Mr. Clayton came to Texas from Mississippi when he was fourteen years of age. Mrs. Clayton is a native of Texas. They have resided in Runnels county for forty-eight years, and are truly pioneers of this county. They have three sons and four daughters. The sons are Jim, Milton, and Lawton. Among those coming from a distance for the home-coming were: Mrs. J. L. Ray and Mrs. W. F. Dillard, daughters, who live in New Mexico. There were about 100 present for the celebration, including seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton.

Mr. Clayton has been engaged in the livestock business in Runnels county for many years, devoting special attention to raising sheep.

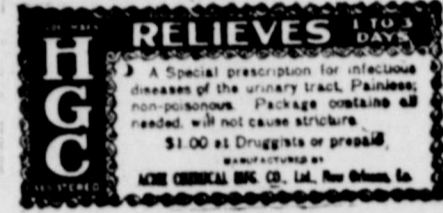
SCHOOL PLAY TO AID PIANO FUND

"Pickels," or "in Old Vienna," is the title of a play which will be presented in the new high school auditorium under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Howell, of Greenville, on December 19th and 11th Miss Howell arrived here this week, went into conferences with the school authorities and began at once for a week's rehearsal to make ready for the entertainment.

The play is a two-act musical comedy in which from 50 to 75 characters, all high school students, will take part. Miss Doris Horton will assist Miss Howell in directing the play. The ladies are with the Lone Star Producing Company, of Greenville.

This will be the first entertainment given in the new auditorium, and it is being staged for the purpose of raising a fund with which to buy a new piano for the auditorium.

The cast of characters and synopsis of the play will be announced within the next day or two.



GARAGE BUILDS IN AND OUT DRIVE WAY

An in and out drive-way cut into the corner of the garage building occupied by the Sykes-Overland Company on the corner of Ninth Street and Hutchings Avenue makes quite a change in that building, and all for the convenience of the public. The stone wall on both the side of the building next to Ninth Street and front the front on Hutchings has been cut back a considerable distance and a concrete drive-way built in making a double drive-way and the gas station installed at the proper place.

The Sykes-Overland Company have been receiving their share of new sales of Overland and W-K cars, and adding to the long string of rapidly increasing automobile owners in this county.

J. S. Reese, of the Benoit country, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

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Big stock of second-hand Clothes and Shoes Cheap.

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DAILY and SUNDAY **\$7.75**
- THE BANNER-LEDGER
- THE DALLAS NEWS
DAILY and SUNDAY **\$10.75**
- THE DAILY LEDGER
- THE DALLAS NEWS
DAILY except SUNDAY **\$6.50**
- THE BANNER-LEDGER
- THE DALLAS NEWS
DAILY except SUNDAY **\$9.50**
- THE DAILY LEDGER
- THE FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
DAILY and SUNDAY **\$8.50**
- THE BANNER-LEDGER
- THE FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
DAILY and SUNDAY **\$11.50**
- THE DAILY LEDGER
- THE FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
DAILY without SUNDAY **\$7.00**
- THE BANNER-LEDGER
- THE FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
DAILY without SUNDAY **\$10.00**
- THE DAILY LEDGER
- THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE
DAILY and SUNDAY **\$6.25**
- THE BANNER-LEDGER
- THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE
DAILY and SUNDAY **\$9.25**
- THE DAILY LEDGER
- THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE
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- THE BANNER-LEDGER
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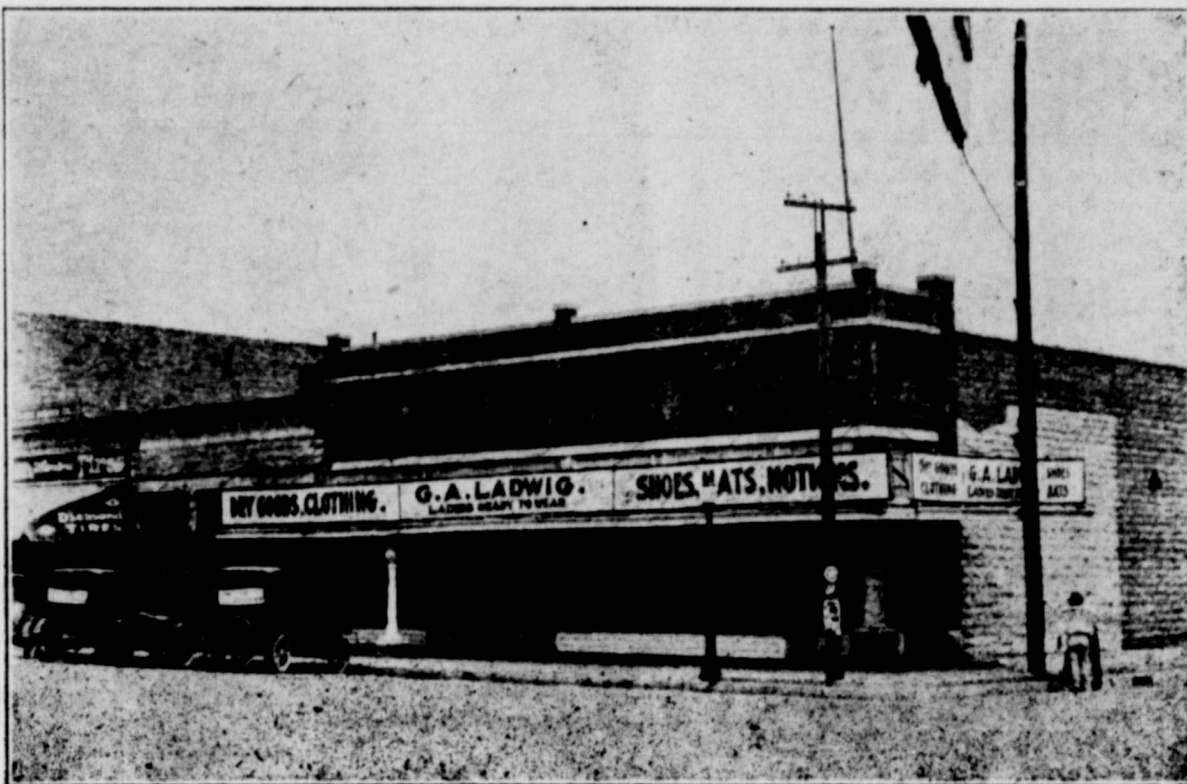
Dry Goods Ready-to-Wear Millinery

G. A. Ladwig opened a dry goods store in Ballinger on January 1st, 1920 in the building now occupied by the National Guard Armory. He continued there until December 1923 at which time he moved to his present location at the corner of Hutchings Avenue and 8th Street.

Mr. Ladwig had been in the dry goods business for many years before coming to Ballinger and the game was not new to him in any way, he being an old experienced man in the business and understanding it from beginning to end.

His present store is one of the best locations in Ballinger and also one of the prettiest. Large show windows on Hutchings Avenue are always beautifully decorated and draw much attention. All lines are carried by Mr. Ladwig in good, dependable merchandise and are well displayed. Efficient help is in charge of each department and customers always receive a real welcome at the Ladwig store when they enter.

Mr. Ladwig is highly elated over his business for the past few years and says that each year has seen a good increase in his business. He wishes to thank his patrons for their part in making his business a success and in the future this firm will strive even harder than in the past to make every business transaction one of complete satisfaction.



In making purchases for this store this fall Mr. Ladwig included many items for the holiday season. Many of these purchases are now in the house and others are arriving daily and being placed along with the rest of his large stock for the inspection of holiday shoppers. Gifts of the serviceable kind will be found here and the employes of this firm will take a genuine delight in showing you and assisting you with your Christmas gift problems.

Mr. Ladwig has taken a very active interest in the civic life of the town and has always been found at the front in helping to build a better town and county. He is a real asset to Ballinger and his store a beauty spot in the town where people can find dependable merchandise at prices that are always reasonable.

Everything to Wear for Men, Women and Children

<p>EVERYTHING TO WEAR G. A. LADWIG</p>	<p>You Cannot Equal an Exide Battery for the Same Money CAMERON'S GARAGE</p>	<p>KING-HOLT FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO. A Business with Personal Service Runnels County's Biggest Home Furnishers Ladies' Rest Room. Visitors Headquarters in City.</p>
<p>THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK "The Old Reliable" Established 1886</p>	<p>SYKES OVERLAND CO. for FINE MOTOR CARS</p>	<p>U. E. HARTMAN Clean Store and Low Prices</p>
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<p>FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK Boosting Ballinger and Runnels County.</p>	<p>Eat at the— AMERICAN CAFE Buy your Meat from L. L. STROBLE</p>	<p>STRAIN DRUG CO. "The Store of Personal Service" You Will Meet Your Friends Here. Phone 234</p>
<p>VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK Hardware Farm Implements</p>	<p>HICKS RUBBER COMPANY Dayton and Diamond Tires Texas' Largest Tire House Ballinger, Texas</p>	<p>NEW MODEL FORDS will arrive this week. Call and see the attractive designs in the NEW MODELS. Place Your Order Now! HARWELL MOTOR COMPANY</p>
<p>Get It at— HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO. Big Stock—Low Prices</p>	<p>QUEEN THEATRE Not Occasionally, but Always a Good Show. Telephone 167</p>	<p>A Genuine Gillette Safety Razor FREE with each pair of Carhart's Overalls, at— THE HUB</p>



All Hats Go at Two Sensational Prices
\$4.50 to \$7.50 HATS \$8.00 to \$16.50
\$1.98 \$3.98

All new shapes, many of them suitable for early spring wear. Such well known style originators as Gage, Samuel Ach and others at a mere fraction of original cost.

Just take your choice of any hat in the shop at these two sensational low prices, \$1.98 and \$3.98.



Good Shoes \$3.75

Our feature Shoe and Oxford for this sale—six new and desirable styles in both hi-cuts and oxfords—really serviceable, all-leather shoes at prices lower than you have ever paid before. If looking for a real bargain, here it is in all leather shoes at an extraordinary price

\$3.75

Commencing
Saturday, Dec. 12th
 8:00 a. m.

D. Reeder
DRY GOODS
TWO FRONTS - HUTCH
 BALLINGER, TEX.

Rise Early, Step Lively! The
December Clearance

A TIMELY EVENT bringing real savings to the family and the home. Christmas is only one purchase you need now, plan to select your gifts at these splendid savings. Cost has been entirely to clear our shelves before inventory and to make

Shop for Christmas Now! Save Money!
December Clearance and Christmas

Wilson Bros. Chain Knit Sox
 50¢ Grade, Never Before
35¢

Those who have worn this hose before will appreciate the value—others will realize later what real Hosiery values mean—a real silk and fibre hose that will wear long after price is forgotten 35¢



Direct from his workshop, new Toys for the holiday season. announce the formal opening of the than ever. Here you will find n make a visit to this wonderland i



Attention! Men and Boys
Need a Suit or Overcoat?

Here are the year's greatest values in high-grade clothing by such makers as Schloss Bros., Styleplus and others. Priced lower than we can replace duplicates in order to clear our racks for inventory. Many of the fabrics are suitable for spring wear and the two-pants suits will do double duty—one suit now and another for spring, the results of two trousers and such saving are seldom available.

\$35.00 2-pants Suits clearance price	\$24.50	\$17.50 Boys' 2-long pants Suits clearance price	\$13.50
\$45.00 2-pants Suits clearance price	\$31.50	\$13.50 Boys' 1-long pants Suits clearance price	\$9.50
\$50.00 to \$51.00 2-pants Suits clearance price	\$34.50	\$30.00 Sport Top Coat clearance price	\$19.50
\$20.00 to \$22.50 3-piece Suits clearance price	\$14.50	\$30.00 Knittex Coats clearance price	\$24.50
\$17.50 Boys Jask O-Leather Knicker Suits, clearance price	\$12.50	\$16.50 to \$22.50 Belted Overcoats clearance price	\$13.50
		\$15.00 Boys' Overcoats, sizes 8 to 17, clearance price	\$9.50
		All other Overcoats	ONE-THIRD OFF

**Many Useful Gifts such as Ties, Socks,
 Belts, Collars will be found here**



Clearance of Queens
 \$5.00 to \$7.00 Grades
\$3.75

The quality of this nationally known line every woman—every pair of Queen Quality S groups—pumps and straps of satin, patent, an oxfords in both brown and black. Clearance and

Reeder Y GOODS CO.

3-4 HUTCHINS AVE. & 8th ST.
BALLINGER, TEXAS,

Commencing
Saturday, Dec. 12th
8:00 a. m.

Finally! The Sale of Sales is Here! Clearance and Christmas Sale

Getting real savings for Christmas needs for yourself, Christmas is only a few days ahead, make a list of the select your gifts and other needs from our big stock has been entirely disregarded in many cases in order to buy and to make this the greatest sale in our history.

Now! Save Money During this Store-wide Clearance and Christmas Sale. Shop Early

Reeder's UP STAIRS BARGAIN ANNEX



Come to Toyland

from his workshop, just arrived by fast express, come the r the holiday season. With this advertisement we announce the normal opening of the Toy department, bigger and better Here you will find nothing but quality Toys at prices that to this wonderland imperative.



Clearance of Queen Quality Shoes

0 to \$7.00 Grades **\$3.75** \$7.50 to \$9.00 Grades **\$4.75**

of this nationally known line of fine Footwear for Women is well known by every pair of Queen Quality Shoes in stock is included in these two low priced and straps of satin, patent, and kid, in most fashionable styles; comfortable brown and black. Clearance of all at just two astonishingly low prices, \$3.75 and \$4.75.

All Wool Shirts

A special purchase enables us to sell these regularly at \$4.50, but they are really \$6.00 values; strictly all-wool in plaids and checks, generously cut and made by one of the world's foremost manufacturers; you can't miss on this special at

\$3.75

\$4.00 Corduroy Robes reduced to

\$2.75

A selection of three attractive shades in women's corduroy Robes, a most practical gift, priced to sell quickly, only \$2.75

SALE OF CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

Beautifully Boxed

Our section of boxed Christmas Handkerchiefs represents a very special purchase fully one-third below value and you will profit by making selections early. The variety is entirely too large to attempt description and prices, but substantial savings are assured until present stock is exhausted. Shop early.

CLEARANCE OF 400 PAIRS OF BLANKETS

Prices Lower than Ever

An end-of-season purchase enables us to offer several hundred pairs of Blankets in both cotton and wool at most unusual prices—a most practical gift:

\$3.50 Cotton Blankets, large size, and heavy weight, both solid colors and plaids, clearance \$2.40

\$2.50 Cotton Blankets, generous size and weight, clearance \$1.95

\$5.00 wool-mixed Blankets, very large size, beautiful colorings and designs, clearance \$3.25

Exceptional array of all-wool Blankets at exceptional savings, the prices will be agreeably surprising; they must go during sale.

BAGGAGE—THE IDEAL GIFT

Wardrobe Trunks, Trunks of all kinds; Leather Bags and Suit Cases, Gladstones, Hat Boxes—they all go at—

ONE-THIRD OFF

We have never shown such an array of high class Baggage; no matter whether it is wanted for personal use or gift, a look will convince you that our prices are exceptional.



Out They Go---All

Coats and Dresses



Not only is this a great collection of Coats and Dresses here, but they are the very latest developments of fashion—garments that will be in perfect style for next season and at prices well below actual wholesale cost.

\$7.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$3.75
\$13.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$6.75
\$18.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$9.25
\$19.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$9.75
\$21.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$10.75
\$22.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$11.25
\$23.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$11.75
\$26.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$13.25
\$27.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$13.75
\$28.00 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$14.00
\$31.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$15.75
\$32.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$16.25
\$35.00 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$22.50
\$45.00 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$22.50
\$47.50 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$23.75
\$50.00 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$25.00
\$60.00 Coats and Dresses clearance price	\$30.00



Children's Coats and Dresses at Same Reduction

Many Beautiful Coats in this Sale



DR. W. B. CALDWELL
AT THE AGE OF 83

Your Laxative! Does It Regulate for Weeks?

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated men, women, children, and particularly old folks, had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

While he knew that constipation was the cause of nearly all headaches, biliousness, indigestion and stomach misery, he did not believe that a sickening "purge" or "physic" every day or two was necessary.

In Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which regulates the bowels. A single dose will establish natural, healthy bowel movement for weeks at a time even for those chronically constipated. Dr. Caldwell's

Syrup Pepsin not only causes a gentle, easy bowel movement but, best of all, it is often months before another dose is necessary. Besides, it is absolutely harmless, and so pleasant that even a cross, feverish, bilious, sick child gladly takes it.

Buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine and just see for yourself.

**Dr. Caldwell's
SYRUP
PEPSIN**

NAMES CAPTAIN FOR NEXT YEAR NEW CONGRESS ALTERS LINE-UP

A brief business session closed an entertainment given by Mrs. R. A. Nicholson in honor of the Ballinger high school football team Friday evening. Members of the football team were invited and privileged to bring a young lady, and invitations were also extended to the high school faculty. There were about forty-six guests present, including six teachers, and the evening was one of the most pleasant and a uniquely arranged program was carried out.

In the business session, Pete McKenzie was unanimously elected as captain of the 1926 team, and plans will be perfected for organizing the strongest team the local school has ever placed in the field.

The evening was spent in playing games, the games having to do with athletics, such as "field goal," "broad jump," etc. The splendid refreshment course made the evening replete and one long to be remembered by the Panthers and their guests with Mrs. Nicholson as hostess.

RED PEPPER HEAT ENDS RHEUMATISM

Red Pepper Rub takes the "ouch" from sore, stiff, aching joints. It cannot hurt you, and it certainly stops that old rheumatism torture at once.

When you are suffering so you can hardly get around, just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you will feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot, through and through. Pain and soreness are gone.

Ask any good druggist for a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

For free sample mail this advertisement to Whitehall Pharmaceutical Co., Inc., 598 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

His many friends will regret to know that G. W. Dunlap is ill and confined to his home on Hutchings Avenue again. Mr. Dunlap was quite ill several weeks ago, but had recovered sufficiently to return to his work.

HEALTH QUEST

The quest for a strong body often continues from childhood to old age. Nature builds health and a sound body best through nourishment.

Scott's Emulsion
of invigorating cod-liver oil is a dependable ally to those of any age in the quest for health and a sound body. Take Scott's Emulsion!

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 25-30

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Sweeping changes in some of the more powerful of the House and Senate standing committees will become effective with the convening of the new Congress next Monday.

Both of the committees dealing with railroad legislation will have new chairmen. Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, succeeds Senator Ellison D. Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, as head of the Senate interstate commerce committee, while Jas. S. Parker of New York, will replace Samuel E. Winslow of Massachusetts, as chairman of the House interstate and foreign commerce committee.

Senator Stanfield of Oregon, succeeds the late Senator Ladd of North Dakota, as chairman of the public lands committee, the famous Teapot Dome investigating body. With changes in the membership, administration Republican will be able to recapture control of this body, which may be asked to make other oil investigations at this session.

Other of the more important Senate committees which will have new chairmen are those on postoffices and on pensions, with Senator Moses of New Hampshire, replacing former Senator Sterling of South Dakota, on the former; and Senator Norbeck of South Dakota, succeeding former Senator Bursum, of New Mexico, on the latter.

House committees which are to have new chairmen include those on flood control, Indian affairs, insular affairs, merchant marine and fisheries, and military affairs. These chairmen are yet to be selected, but in the order of seniority they would be in the order named: Thomas F. Curry, California; Royal C. Johnson, South Dakota; Charles E. Fuller, Illinois; Frank D. Scott, Michigan; and John M. Morin, Pennsylvania.

Changes in the personnel of virtually all of the standing committees of both houses are made necessary by the decision of the Republican organizations of the two houses to treat insurgents within their party as non-Republicans and to assign them places at the foot of committees without party designation.

THIRTY-FOUR NEGROES ARE PLACED IN JAIL

The Coleman county jail was well occupied Sunday night. Every available suite was occupied and rooms with bath were in demand. Thirty-four negroes were taken in a raid of the flat and were incarcerated and charged with vagrancy, being drunk and gambling. Most of them paid off or made bond Monday and were released to make room for a waiting list.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Gus Nunn was able to return to his home the first of this week, after undergoing a second operation in the Halley & Love sanitarium. He was operated on for appendicitis several weeks ago, recovered and returned home, but went to work too soon and injured himself. He is reported to be getting along nicely.

Be wise and advertise.

CHASES THIEVES; RECOVERS TURKS

Two thieves had a close call Sunday night when they raided the turkey roost at the home of Jasper Smith on the Joe Routh place East of Ballinger.

Mr. Smith also had a close call in the loss of eight big turkeys, but with the aid of his dog and a shot-gun he saved his birds.

After the family had retired, and about 10:00 o'clock Sunday night, Mr. Smith was attracted by his dog charging back and forth towards the poultry house, and he soon discovered that something was wrong. Grabbing his shot-gun and in his bare feet, he hurried to the scene of commotion. The dog chased the thieves away, and Mr. Smith could not get sight of them nor get close enough to shoot.

A short distance from the poultry roost, Mr. Smith found six turkeys tied up in sacks, and following the dog he later found two more turkeys with their feet tied together. This indicated that he was on a hot trail of the thieves and caused them to drop their booty. He recovered the eight turkeys, which were all that were missing.

Mr. Smith says that he will return the sacks to the parties if they will call at his home. He stated that after chasing the thieves away and recovering his turkeys, he put in the rest of the night picking prickly pear thorns out of his feet. He will no doubt see that his dog gets turkey for Christmas dinner.

To Stop a Cough Quick

Take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVES O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Groves' O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c.

Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

CONSIDERABLE TRADING HERE ON FIRST MONDAY

The first Monday "trades day" which was established here more than twenty years ago, is still being observed, although not on such a big scale as in the pre-World War days. There was quite a crowd on the trades grounds here Monday and there was considerable horse swapping, buying and selling.

Business among the merchants was also pretty good Monday.

**MAY'S WONDERFUL REMEDY
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE**
ONE DOSE WILL CONVINCE
AT ALL DRUGGISTS

Jim Knight, of the Winters section, was among the farmers looking after business in Ballinger Saturday.

Three Things to Be Sure of In Building a Home

1. The Plan. Better safe than sorry. Be sure your plan is perfect in every detail before you build. Inconvenient and unsatisfactory arrangements, too little closet space, too few built-ins, etc., can prove a constant source of regret. They can be remedied only at considerable expense. We may be able to help you in planning your home.

2. Materials. Trying to save on first cost by using cheap, inferior materials, always proves costly in the end. It is the most unwise of all courses to take. Buy materials that will last.

3. Construction. A good contractor and skilled workmen offer the best insurance against being a victim of "the high cost of cheap construction." Improper construction is apt to result in constant expense, worry and dissatisfaction. We can put you in touch with reliable workmen.

When you build, build to last. Be sure of these three things. Bring your building problems to us. Let us tell you about our roof that lasts for fifty years.

Wm. Cameron & Co. Inc.

Phone 141

STEPHENS BUYS IVORY INTEREST

Willie Stephens will retire from the Currie Mercantile Company on January 1st, having sold his interest in that grocery company to W. B. Currie, the senior member of the firm. Mr. Stephens will immediately become associated with The Ivory, and will engage in the racket and novelty business. He has purchased the interest of Dr. A. S. Love in The Ivory.

In buying an interest in The Ivory, Mr. Stephens will be associated with his sister, Mrs. Odie Barrington, who has been one of the owners of the store for several years. Dr. Love is selling his interest in the business to Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Stephens has been engaged in the grocery business since the Currie Mercantile Company was organized, and has many friends and patrons of that business who will regret to learn that he is retiring, but will be glad to know that he is to remain in business here. He has been considering a change for some time, and it has been brought about by mutual agreement and what is considered for the best interests of all parties concerned.

The Currie Mercantile Company will move from their present stand to the new stand on Seventh Street on January 1st, and in the meantime they will inaugurate a special sale in order to reduce their stock of groceries.

LITTLE GIRL GETS REWARD OF \$100 FOR FINDING RING

(Coleman Democrat-Voice)

The \$1800 diamond ring Harry Thomson lost from his finger several weeks ago was recovered last Friday afternoon. It was found in an empty sack that had contained potatoes, purchased from the Self Save Grocerteria during a Saturday rush. It was found by one of Geo. Hipsher's little girls early Friday afternoon and delivered to the rightful owner later the same day. As soon as the ring was found one of the Hipsher children telephoned the news to Mr. Thomson. It furnished a thrill, but Mr. Thomson could not believe it was his ring. A few minutes later the finder appeared at the store and presented the found article. It was the ring and the little girl received the \$100 reward.

The history of the loss and search for the ring has been watched with interest by local people. It was thought that it had been slipped from the owner's finger by a Saturday purchaser. A party was suspected and search of a home was made by the sheriff's department. Later the accused was incarcerated in the local jail, but no confession was ever made. Still later a detective was employed and assigned to the case. A man and wife were placed in jail but refused to talk. While the detective was still at work on the case the ring was found, returned to Mr. Thomson and the reward paid.

TURKEY RUSH IS ON AGAIN

The Christmas turkey rush started Friday afternoon when the local wholesale market jumped to the highest point for the year. The announcement was made that Ballinger shipping plants were paying 30 cents per pound for turkeys and would do so until the close of the freight shipping season on December 10th.

Arthur Doose, manager of the Ballinger Poultry and Egg Company stated Saturday morning that the bought turkeys until 11:00 o'clock Friday night and began again at 4:00 o'clock Saturday morning. He also stated that he bought turkeys until time until the close of the freight shipments which would be on December 10th. Following that date all shipments will have to be made by express and he has not been furnished with a market yet for that final rush.

The Ballinger Poultry and Egg Co. have something over 5,000 pounds of dressed turkeys in their vaults now and will start their dressing plant to operating day and night, getting the birds ready for Eastern shipment. They expect to ship the first car Tuesday and hope to load three cars of turkeys for freight shipment before December 10th.

Poultry raisers are being urged to get their stuff in as fast as possible so there will be time for dressing before the shipping date closes.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms: Have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 6c per bottle.

BROWNWOOD MAYOR IN AUTO WRECK

Mayor Fred Abney, of Brownwood, was here Sunday en route home from the Northern part of the county, where he had been to look after some property interests. Mayor Abney left his automobile at Winters for repairs after being smashed into by another motorist, who turned him over and damaged the machine.

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A Good Position—a big salary is what counts on the road to success. We quickly train you for a good position in a bank, wholesale house, mercantile establishment and the like and secure position for you. Coupon will bring SPECIAL information Mail it today.
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Hair Beauty

Thick, Gleamy Hair in a Moment



Girls! Try this! When combing and brushing your hair, just moisten your hair brush with a little "Danderine" and brush it through your hair. The effect is startling! You dress your hair immediately and it will appear twice as thick and heavy, an abundance of gleamy, wavy hair, sparkling with life, incomparably soft, fresh, youthful.

Besides beautifying the hair, a 35-cent bottle of refreshing, fragrant "Danderine" from any drug store will do wonders, particularly if the hair is dry, thin, brittle, faded or streaked with gray from constant curling and waving which burn the color, lustre and very life from any woman's hair.

PEACE OFFICERS TO MEET IN COLEMAN

The West Texas Sheriff's Association will convene in Coleman next Friday morning, and about 150 peace officers from various counties in this part of the state are expected to attend. Luncheon will be served to the officers in the basement of the First Christian Church, citizens to aid the Coleman officers in entertaining the visitors.

Jap N. Adams, a former Ballinger citizen and business man, was here from Hico on business Saturday. Mr. Adams says Rinnels county looked good to him. He is in that part of the state where the drought out the crops short this year, and he says the conditions are the worst he ever saw in that part of the country.

Takes the Place of "Drastic" Calomel

Never take another dose of the old style "raw" calomel. There is a newer and more improved kind known as Peppermint Calomel. It does not tear through your system like a streak of lightning. People who are ill or suffering with biliousness, constipation, indigestion, and especially with backache, headache and torpid liver can secure immediate and complete relief with this new mild Calomel. Hereafter when you buy calomel, always demand the "peppermint" kind. It is better for you, for it is purer, milder and more beneficial to your entire system. In 25c and 50c packages. For sale by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

THIS BARGAIN BOOK

SEND TODAY for this wonderful book of savings. Its 500 pages are literally bursting with bargain prices on the world's best merchandise. Almost everything you need is listed among the 35,000 items pictured, described and plainly priced—priced at a very definite and substantial saving for you.



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CHANGE OF LIFE

Virginia Lady Improved After She Took Cardui.

"I had been going through the change of life and it seemed to me that everything got wrong," says Mrs. Dealia Hawks, of Bristol, Va. "I suffered from shortness of breath and I could not go up the steps without stopping to rest several times."

"When I would try to hoe in my garden I would soon give out. I could scarcely hoe two rows before my breath was coming in gasps."

"My sister-in-law had taken Cardui and she thought it might do me good, so she told me to try it. I got a bottle (of Cardui) and began to take it by the directions and I began to improve after a few doses. My general condition was so much better after the first bottle that I got another, and another, until I had taken six. Now I am a well woman."

"Cardui is a great medicine. Since I took it I feel like a new woman. I had had terrible trouble for years. I am glad to recommend to other women a medicine which has helped me."

At all drug stores. **CARDUI**
The Woman's Tonic

Obituary

Mrs. Amelia Johnson

Mrs. Amelia Johnson, wife of Gust Johnson, deceased, died at her home three miles Northeast of Ballinger at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. This death removes from the walks of life another pioneer woman of this county.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Denmark on February 27, 1855, and came to the United States many years ago. For a third of a century, or longer, she had been living in and near Ballinger. Her husband died in October, 1924.

The deceased is survived by several children, and two brothers.

Undertaker Crews embalmed the remains and they are being held pending messages from children at a distance. A son in California, and a daughter in Dallas, and two brothers in Tampico, Mexico, have been notified, and the funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as it is learned whether the relatives are coming or not. It is probable the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon with interment in Evergreen Cemetery, and Rev. S. L. Culwell, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the services.

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. 50c.

SCARLET FEVER CLOSES SCHOOLS

Editor Cope of the Paint Rock Herald was looking after business in Ballinger Wednesday and reported that his town was experiencing an epidemic of scarlet fever. Some time ago the schools were forced to suspend on account of the disease, but resumed after the epidemic was put under control. He stated that new cases had recently developed and was threatening to close the schools again.

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffer and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream into your nostrils and let it penetrate through every air passage of your head, soothing and healing the inflamed, swollen mucous membrane and you get instant relief.

Ah! how good it feels. Your nostrils are open your head is clear, no more hawking, snuffling, blowing; no more headache, dryness or struggling for breath. Ely's Cream Balm is just what sufferers from head colds and catarrh need. It's a delight.

500 TEACHERS COMING TO CITY

Ballinger will be the mecca for about 500 school teachers from ten counties this month, and they will begin gathering here on Sunday, December 20th for a three-day stay. Under special arrangements with State Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs the institute has been permitted to hold two night sessions and this will cut the term down to three days, the institute convening Monday morning, Dec. 21st and adjourning Wednesday night, Dec. 23rd.

A new county has been added to the group which has been holding the joint institute for the last several years and the following counties now make up the group: Runnels, Tom Green, Concho, Coke, Schleicher, Irion, Sterling, Glascock, Upton and Reagan. There are about 500 teachers in these counties, and they must either attend the institute at Ballinger or elsewhere.

Assisted by Secretary J. D. Motley of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, County Superintendent R. E. White is busy perfecting plans for the institute. Mr. White will be the general conductor for the institute. He will be assisted by some of the best talent in educational work in Texas, and some of the most prominent educators are on the program.

Miss Gertrude Earhart, training school director of the University of Texas, will be the supervisor for the intermediate section. Miss Nina B. Glass, supervisor of the primary schools of Waco, will have charge of the primary work in the institute.

Among the prominent educators who are billed to speak at the institute are: Dr. J. L. Henderson, of the University of Texas; Dr. H. W. Morelock, president of Sul Ross State Teachers College; Roy L. Bedichek, of the University of Texas. Dr. Morelock will give an illustrated lecture on the life of Robert Burns. The programs have been printed, and will appear in The Ledger.

The teachers will be here for at least three days, and it will require special accommodations to take care of them, and those who have spare rooms should get in touch with either Mr. Motley or Mr. White at once.

TOO MUCH ADVERTISING CAUSES PATRONS TROUBLE

"I wish you would take that ad out, they are about to run me crazy up here," said Mrs. Rosecoe DeMoyille over the telephone Thursday morning. Mrs. DeMoyille advertised an apartment for rent.

"Please don't run that ad again," said E. J. Keen, "for I haven't any more houses to rent." Mr. Keen advertised a house in South Ballinger for rent.

It is wonderful what a little two-bit classified ad will do, if you have a proposition of merit to offer.

Be wise and advertise.

COLDS

"Papa's Cold Compound" Breaks a Cold Right Up

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Papa's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.



LOCAL PRESS GETS BIG RUN

Manager W. B. Woody, of the local Texas Compress Company plant, reports that his press has handled this season 58,000 bales of cotton, with twelve or fifteen thousand bales yet in sight. It is estimated that the season's run will easily reach the 70,000 bale mark, or an amount equal to the total production of this county, with much of the cotton from the North end of the county going to another press.

This will be one of the best runs over made by the Ballinger press, and exceeds last year's run by about 20,000 bales. The total for last year was about 52,000 bales. The Farm Bureau cotton has been handled through the local press this season, most of it being pressed and shipped to Houston, where it is placed in storage and sold under the pooling system.

BRONCHITIS

At bedtime rub the throat and chest thoroughly with—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

G. W. Fry, general manager of the West Texas Utilities Company, was here from Abilene Thursday. Mr. Fry was making a trip to company plants in this part of the territory, and was en route to San Angelo. The utilities company serves more than forty towns, and Mr. Fry says the cream of the crop this year was in the Ballinger territory.

Judge R. B. Truly, of Eastland, stopped off here on business and to visit his old home town Wednesday, while en route home from Sweetwater, where he had been to attend court. Judge Truly was formerly an attorney of Ballinger and one of the pioneer citizens of this city.

Kirk Gregory was able to drive down town during the pretty weather this week. He was removed from the sanitarium to his home, the first of the week, after a five month's stay in the hospital.

CHARITY BOARD ASKS FOR FUNDS

R. W. Bruce, secretary-treasurer of the Ballinger Charity Board, has asked The Ledger to state to the public that a list has been prepared and placed at each of the three banks in Ballinger and anyone who cares to give any amount of charity work here is requested to call at one of the banks and sign, giving the amount opposite the name. Citizens are also requested to deposit charity donations in the bank of choice to the account of the Charity Board, and this will save the board the work of looking up individuals to get pledges.

The present board of A. B. Legate, chairman; R. W. Bruce, secretary-treasurer; and L. L. Stroble, was named at the Thanksgiving service and a small collection was taken at that time but it will not care for the work that the board will have to do during the coming year.

Many transients have come to this country during the cotton season and it is to be expected that when the season is over many will be left here stranded and the demands on the board will probably be heavy all the winter.

It is probable that some plan will be inaugurated within the next few days by some organization for the carrying on of the regular Christmas work among the poor. This scheme will be operated later, and will only be for the benefit of the kids at Christmas and will not take care of cases of sickness or stranded, hungry families that we are sure to find in our midst.

The Charity Board will not make any campaign for subscriptions. They feel that this is a work that everybody who health and a position should want some part in, and they request that you sign one of the lists, at some bank and leave your donation there for the charity work.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) It stops the cough and headache and works off the food. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES

Brown county has on another road bond campaign. It is the third effort within recent months. Perhaps the third time will be a charm.

Adjutant General Mark McGee, who tendered his resignation a short time ago, says his retirement is indefinite. He is waiting for the governor to name his successor.

The Blue Devil Band will make music for the district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Coleman on the 18th of this month. The name of the band is not to be taken seriously, because it comes from a church college at Brownwood.

The speaker of the Texas legislature has mailed a letter to each

member of the House asking them to pay their own expenses in attending the called session of the legislature, provided the governor refuses to call the session. In that event the members will probably earn their salary.

J. N. Key, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Friday.

INDIGESTION, GAS, UPSET STOMACH

Instantly! "Papa's Diapepsin" Corrects Stomach so Meals Digest

The moment you eat a tablet of "Papa's Diapepsin" your indigestion is gone. No more distress from a sour, acid, upset stomach. No flatulence, heartburn, palpitation, or misery-making gases. Correct your digestion for a few cents. Each package guaranteed by druggist to overcome stomach trouble.

Cotton Seed

Mr. Farmer we want to buy your Cotton Seed.

See us in exchanging meal for seed.

We handle in car lots Cotton Seed, Cotton Seed Meal, Cake, Cotton Seed Hulls, Maize Heads, Oats, Alfalfa, Hay, and Oklahoma Prairie Hay.

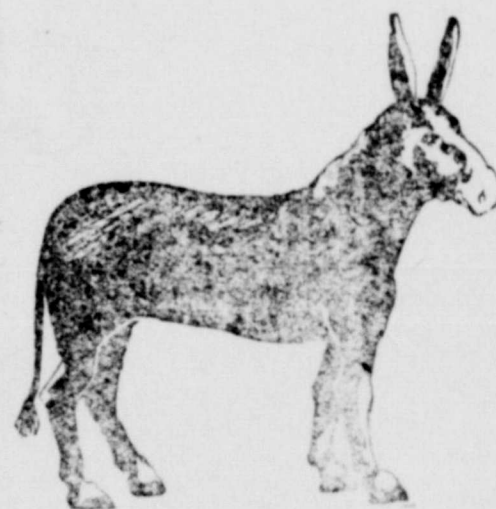
For prices see or phone

Vaughn Grain Co.

FRIDAY IS EYE DAY

DR. B. KAHN, OPTOMETRIST

In the C. A. Dooze Building, Eyes examined, glasses fitted. We understand eyes.



AUCTION SALE

Monday, Dec. 21st

Mules, Horses, Mares, Percheron Colts

130 head of Mules, Horses, Mares and Percheron Colts. Some broke to work, all halter broke. This stock all raised by us and is in fine condition, free from disease and accustomed to this climate.

We will also sell at auction Farm Machinery of all kinds: engines, feed mills, row binders, single and double row plow tools and planters.

Terms given responsible parties.

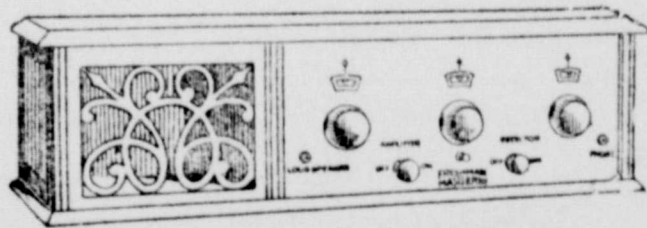
Sale starts promptly at 10:00 a. m., Monday, December 21st, 1925, at our Ranch three miles Northwest of Paint Rock.

Dinner served on the grounds by the ladies of the Paint Rock churches.

You will save money on teams and tools if you wait for this sale.

D. E. SIMS & SONS

Bob Bailey AUCTIONEERS A. W. Strube



Price \$60.00 Less Accessories

RADIOS

On Easy Payment Plan

Arrangements have been completed whereby this firm can sell radio sets on the monthly payment plan.

This puts radios in reach of everyone.

A small payment will install a set in your home and small monthly payments can be arranged to suit your convenience. You can actually buy a radio set and pay for it without missing the money. Let us explain our easy payment plan.

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Brownwood is being threatened with an oil boom.

If we can't get oil, a few more big cotton crops will do the work in Runnels.

A man was sent to the penitentiary from Robert Lee this week for horse stealing.

Vacant houses are an index to a dead town. There is a demand even for garages in Ballinger.

The teachers institute this month and the poultry show next month are the next two big events for Ballinger.

Mrs. Edith Wilkins, of Dallas, has announced as a candidate for governor, and promises that if elected she will not marry during her term of office.

Prosperous conditions which prevail in this country should create a demand for Christmas seals.

Ballinger people should keep open house during the teachers institute. Remember the five hundred teachers will return to their work to direct the thoughts of fifteen thousand children.

A prominent Eastern college has fitted up a smoking room for girl students. That may be an inducement to some parents to enroll their children in this college.

This nation, or some parts of it, observed Golden Rule Week last week, and Sunday was designated as Golden Rule Day throughout the nation.

Coleman's oil development is enlarging her gas field, new wells being brought in. We will be much obliged if the drillers will run the supply up to where Ballinger can at least get on the gas line.

Persons seated in the galleries of an Austin theatre shouted "Hurrah for Dan Moody," when Gov. Ferguson and her husband entered a box at the theatre.

The Travis county grand jury and the members of the Texas legislature are both howling at the governor's heels.

Telegraph reports Friday announced that snow was falling in the Panhandle, but that has nothing to do with the pretty sunshine which is beaming down upon Ballinger today.

There are many cities in Texas further away from the gas fields than Ballinger, and by all means we should get on the gas line by next winter.

Brady has let a contract for an extension of her sewerage system. Ballinger's sewerage system is not covering the territory it should, perhaps because it is privately owned.

The world may not be getting any better, but to say the least of it the church people throughout Texas are going strong on new churches.

more money is being raised for religious work than ever before in the history of the country.

Russia tried prohibition for some time but recently passed a law allowing the manufacture of vodka with forty per cent alcohol and establishing open saloons.

With a jail practically vacated, it is extremely quiet for the local peace officers at this time.

We are waiting for the former Runnels county citizens who sold out here and chased the rainbow further North to report on their success.

At the Baptist convention being held this week at Mineral Wells Rev. J. Frank Norris attempted to have his delegates seated, but was promptly flattened out by the Baptist steam roller.

Joe Burkett, who recently resigned from the highway commission, addressed the highway meeting at San Angelo Thursday.

A race was recently had at Portland, Oregon of fifty miles between smokers and non-smokers. The winner, a non-smoker, made the trip in less than eleven hours.

Special elections have been called in a number of districts in Texas where the office of representative in the state legislature has been vacated by resignation or otherwise.

Texas received some very undesirable advertising throughout the nation during the last gubernatorial campaign.

STREET PAVING

The city of Coleman has let the contract for paving the main street through the residence district of that city.

We maintain that Ballinger is a better city than Coleman, and should pave the street through the residence district connecting the Ballinger-Winters highway.

Street paving is the best investment this city can make, bringing to the public a greater benefit than perhaps the expenditure of city funds for any other purpose.

Be wise and advertise.

BITING THE HAND THAT'S FEEDING HIM

Jim Ferguson has fallen out with the Texas newspapers because they declined to publish libelous interviews given out by him for his wife.

Perhaps Mr. Ferguson does not realize that he is biting the hand that has been feeding him because without newspaper publicity, in which he could tell his side of the story, the ex-governor would have been greatly handicapped.

Only two days ago the daily papers of Texas carried almost a page story from the former governor in which he attempted to defend the action of the highway commission and attack the attorney general for interfering with their plans.

It is a mighty poor boycott that does not cut going and coming, and if Ferguson wants to refuse newspaper reporters interviews, the papers of Texas can no doubt continue to go to press without a message from the governor's husband.

"Stop That Itching"

No matter how hopeless your case may seem, nor how long you have suffered from Eczema, Ringworm, Cracked Hands, Itch, Poison Oak, Old Sores and Sores on children, or any other skin disease, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy, on a guarantee.

Weeks Drug Store

Ross Black is ill at his home on Broadway and is unable to be at his post of duty with the Reeder dry goods store.

COTTON REPORT SENDS MARKET DOWN \$5 BALE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—The government's cotton report today proved larger than was expected by the leaders in cotton markets, and prices showed a drop immediately of 105 points, or more than five dollars a bale.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Cotton production this year will amount to 15,603,000 bales, exclusive of linters, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

The last estimate of 15,298,000 bales was made from condition reports compiled on November 21st.

Last year's crop totaled 13,627,936 bales. The abandonment of acreage is estimated at 4.6 per cent and the December revised estimate of acreage of cotton for harvest this year is 45,945,000 acres.

The total lint cotton per acre on the area for harvest is estimated at 162.30 pounds.

The total production in Texas is estimated in the forecast given out today at 4,100,000 bales, and acre abandonment is estimated at 3 per cent.

Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 1st amounted to 13,857,696 running bales, counting round bales as half bales, and exclusive of linters. For the same date last year the ginnings amounted to 12,237,659 bales.

Up to December 1st, 3,661,010 bales of cotton had been ginned in Texas.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Representatives in congress from the cotton producing states have reached an agreement, Representative Aswell, democrat, of Louisiana, said today, on a proposal which would require the department of agriculture to conduct an actual census of cotton acreage in each county, beginning on May 1st.

HOW'S THIS?

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. It consists of an ointment which quickly relieves, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus restoring normal conditions.

J. A. Patterson and daughters, Thelma, Clara and Edna, of Valley Creek; and E. W. Patterson and daughter, Hallie, of Winters, recently attended the annual wedding anniversary celebration of the Patterson brothers' father and mother at Adamsville, Texas.

Mrs. Ed Richards, of Utica, New York, came in Thursday night for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conda Wylie. Mrs. Richards was Miss Maurine Wylie before her marriage a few months ago.

Let Us Help You Make Christmas Shopping Easy

Asa Corbell's Bargain Table—you will miss a treat if you fail to see these bargains.

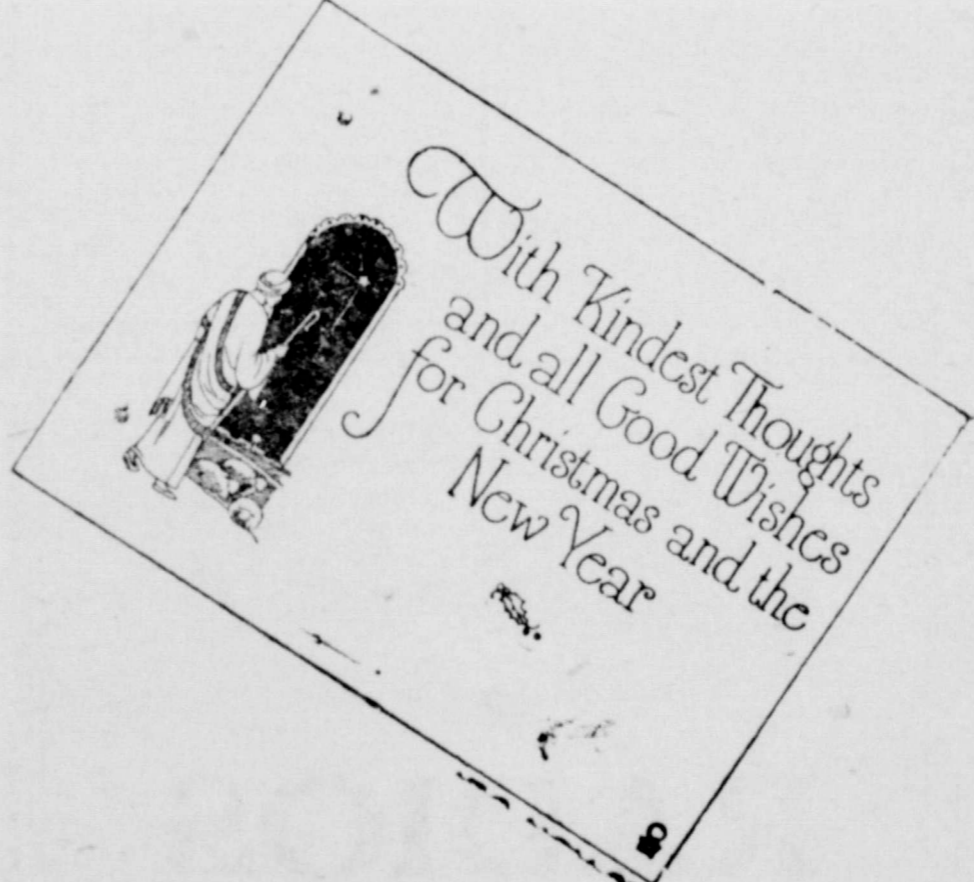
- Whiting & Davis Mesh Bags \$10.00 bags at \$5.00 \$7.50 bags at \$3.00 \$6.00 bags at \$2.75 \$20.00 Sterling Silver Mesh Bags on sale at \$7.50 Real nice mahogany 8-day Clocks, cathedral gong, \$12.50, at \$7.50 Conklin Gold filled Pen and Pencil Set, a really valuable present, worth \$9.50, at \$6.50

Beginning today we are placing four Watches in our window—two gents' watches and two ladies' watches—each day until Dec. 24th, we will run these special watches. You'll be surprised at the price. If you need a watch take advantage of these bargains. These watches will be sold at this price only while they are being shown in window.

PLAINVIEW—100,000 acres of wheat have so far been planted in Hale county according to estimates of the Harvest Queen Mills here. This represents an increase of 20 per cent over last year's plantings.

STAR PARASITE REMOVER. Kills lice, ticks, fleas, mites, and all other parasites. It is also a wonderful positive tonic. Sold by druggists for over 40 years. P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Jeanes Company

We are Now Booking Orders for Christmas Cards



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REMOVAL SALE

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 12th to 24th

January 1st we will move our stock of Groceries in the building with the Economy Mills on Seventh Street. It is necessary that we reduce our large stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries before moving. We are giving you an opportunity to buy your winter's supply of the best well-known brands of merchandise the market affords, at a great saving. We can only give a few prices here, but invite you to come and see for yourself.



Flour		Coffee		Syrup	
48lb Jubilee Flour the sack	\$2.40	Canova, 2 1/2lb can during sale	\$1.35	Edminston Bros. Pure Ribbon Cane, per case	\$4.35
48lb Light Crust Flour the sack	\$2.35	Hills Bros. 2lb can during sale	\$1.20	Dixie's Best Syrup, during sale per case	\$5.90
48lb Live Oak Flour the sack	\$2.25	White Swan 3lb can during sale	\$1.80	Plato, Red Label Syrup, the gallon	60c
25lb Cane Sugar the sack	\$1.60	Chase & Sanborn's 3lb can during sale	\$1.60	Plato, Blue Label Syrup, the gallon	55c
		16lb Pinto Beans during sale	\$1.00	Betsy Brand Syrup, during sale the gallon	60c
				Morris Skinned Ham, per pound	27c
				Dry Salt Bacon, per pound	19c

All Items at Sale Prices Strictly Cash

CURRIE MERCANTILE CO.

Phones 66 and 67

Ballinger, Texas

TORPEDO EXPLODES IN LITTLE BOY'S MOUTH

Alvie, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Pippen, was painfully injured, and suffered a close call when a torpedo exploded in the child's mouth about 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The child was playing in front of the Pippen home near the Carnegie Library, when it found the torpedo and placing the miniature bomb in his mouth the little boy bit down on it, the concussion causing the explosion, and the explosion tearing out the child's mouth, leaving wounds which it was necessary to sew up. In addition to taking several stitches, the attending physician had to pick particles of the torpedo from the wounds, and there is danger of infection which so often follows such accidents. The little boy was reported to be getting along as well as could be expected later in the day.

CAN'T GET HOUSE; PLAY POSTPONED

On account of being unable to get possession of the building, the school play advertised for Thursday and Friday nights, has been postponed until Monday and Tuesday nights of next week.

For some reason the contractors have not turned the new building over to the school board, and the play "In Old Vienna," is to be given in the new auditorium. The school board was in session Wednesday.

Be wise and advertise.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Insurance Policies, Notes, Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages and Heirlooms are rarely safe at home or in your office desk.

It would be costly to replace some of them—loss of others would be irreparable.

Our boxes are so constructed that two keys are necessary to unlock them—the owner's key and the master key held by our bank.

This is the cheapest form of insurance against loss of your valuables.

Rental only \$3.00 a year.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF BALLINGER
Since 1886

SETS EXAMPLE EGG PRODUCTION

Two hundred and ninety-eight seven-months-old English White Leghorn pullets yielded 440 dozen eggs, or a total of 5,280 eggs, for E. A. Jeanes during the month of November, and Mr. Jeanes says they promise to do better than that this month. The output for last Sunday amounted to 220 eggs, and they are averaging around 200 per day.

The above figures when worked out in dollars and cents mean that Mr. Jeanes received more than \$175 from his poultry pen in eggs for the month of November, and with the increased production and Christmas prices prevailing the cash receipts will exceed the last month by a considerable amount.

All this rolling in of eggs comes from a 20x60 foot poultry pen at the home of Mr. Jeanes on Ninth Street, and right in the heart of the residence district of Ballinger. What Mr. Jeanes has done, others can do, if they will follow the directions. They are very simple.

Mr. Jeanes cares for his fowls and feeds them on a scientific basis. He keeps the poultry pen clean, with plenty of clean water for his birds, and feeds them proper proportions of rough feed and egg laying mash, which is sold by the Economy Mills, a local institution. The big egg crop is coming from incubator chickens, hatched out by a commercial incubator and raised by a brooder.

The little poultry pen brought Mr. Jeanes almost six dollars a day for the month of November, and will crowd ten dollars a day for the month of December.

Six tons of cranberries were burned in a New-York fire. It would take a bride three weeks to burn this many cranberries.

In Paris, a man and woman were married twice in the same day; the strange part being they married each other both times.

ALL READY FOR COLEMAN GAME

Plans have been perfected for the post-season football game between a team of former college and independent players of this city, and an independent team at Coleman next Friday. Robert Bruce is manager of the team organized here for the game. Coleman is to play a return game at Ballinger on New Year's Day.

The Ballinger team will use uniforms furnished by the Winners High School team, the Winners team having very kindly

loaned their equipment to the local players for the game, showing a neighborly feeling which Ballinger appreciates. Quite a number of local fans are planning to accompany the team to Coleman, and the delegation will leave Ballinger immediately after lunch. The game is scheduled for 3:00 o'clock.

The football eyes of West and North Texas are focused on the Cisco-Cleburne game which will be played at Cleburne Friday afternoon. Cisco is the champion of the West Texas district and Cleburne champion of the North Texas district, and according to the "dope" one of these teams will have to go in the field later

with Waco for further elimination in the state contest.

It pays to be honest. It pays even more than it costs.

DANDRUFF CAUSES THE HAIR TO FALL OUT—AND THE HEAD TO BECOME BALD

Dandruff is a germ disease and known as a scalp form of Tetter or Eczema. This microbe lives on the oily substance of the skin and robs the hair of its proper nourishment, causing it to fall out and the head to become bald. Get rid of dandruff before it is too late. Wash the scalp well with hot water and soap, dry with a soft towel and apply Hooper's Tetter-Rem (Don't Scratch), rubbing it in well. Then steam the head with hot towels. Ask your barber for Hooper's Tetter-Rem scalp treatments. Hooper's Tetter-Rem is positively guaranteed for all scalp and skin diseases. Two sizes, 75c and \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by

Weeks Drug Store

You've Everything to Gain By Good Appearance

Good clothes never kept a man back—they never hindered his progress or hurt his opportunity for success. Most men show respect for the man who shows respect for himself—that's human nature everywhere.

Your outer garments should be thoroughly cleaned and pressed at regular intervals. Our modern cleaning plant and up-to-date methods are a proven success. Highly trained employees in every department. Prompt deliveries anywhere in the city.

Have Your Hat Cleaned and Blocked.

Cleaning and Pressing

J. L. Hardin & Co.

Next Door to City Hall

Phone 196



American Legion Leases Library for Thirty Years

The Pat Williams Post American Legion was presented with a nice home for a Christmas present Monday. In substance that is what a deal between the Carnegie Library Board and the executive board of the American Legion amounts to.

In detail, the library board has leased the library building to the American Legion for a term of thirty years, at which time the charter of the library board expires. The library was chartered for fifty years, and twenty years of the period has elapsed.

It will be remembered that Jo Wilmethe donated the lot upon which the building stands, a choice piece of ground 70x100. The deed to the lot carried a proviso in which the land was to revert back to the donor in case the building ceased to be used as a library building. This obstacle has been removed by Mr. and Mrs. Wilmethe signing a quit claim deed to the property, cancelling this provision in the deed.

Under the terms which Andrew Carnegie donated \$17,500, or thereabouts, with which to build the library, there were also certain provisions which have been handled in such a way as to make it possible for the library board to act as they have acted in the premises herein set forth.

The lease contract entered into between the library board and the American Legion provides for the payment of one dollar per year lease by the Legion. The contract also provides that the local post must maintain the library feature, with a librarian and janitor in charge. One room in the building has been set apart for the use of the Shakespeare Club, and among the other provisions is one obligating the American Legion to keep the property insured for \$9,000.

Also under the terms of the contract the American Legion is to make certain improvements. Missing windows are to be replaced, the woodwork revarnished, and other repairs made. The auditorium is to be seated by the local post and will be open for use of public gatherings, entertainments, etc., under the proper rules governing such matters, and when it does not conflict with the Legionnaires' activities. As has been their policy in the past the American Legion will make their home somewhat of a community center, the building being thrown open for public entertainments.

The seats to be installed in the auditorium will not be stationary, but will be put in in sections, so they can be moved to one side, and the hall converted into a banquet room when the occasion demands.

The American Legion will remodel the ground floor and a portion of this part of the building will be used for club rooms. The Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will move from their present quarters on Seventh Street to the new home about January 1st. All the fixtures, furniture, etc., now in use in the club rooms will be moved to the library building.

As rapidly as the work can be financed, the American Legion will add new features to their home. A motion picture machine will be installed, and educational films will be shown from time to time, and when such programs are scheduled here the auditorium will be available for this purpose without interfering with the local movie theatre programs.

In a way this deal relieves the library board of quite a responsibility, but it will be necessary to maintain a regular organized board, and as provided for under the by-laws of the organization, a board will be elected from year to year to carry out their part of the contract and to see that the American Legion complies with its part of the contract. In case the American Legion should become "defunct," and for other reasons, the library is to revert back to the library board, and the American Legion will be responsible to the library board for the upkeep of the property, etc.

It is hardly possible that anyone will criticize the board for leasing the building as above stated. The building has been a "white elephant" to the community, as the city has never

have an entire change of program each night. Their travesty artists, in fact the combined cast of players and musicians have never been excelled by any company playing here.

The opening play will be Chas. Harrison's latest success "The Only Road." As an introductory method ladies will be admitted free on Monday night, that is, each lady accompanied by a gentleman holding a paid ticket.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

RAY HOWELL PLAYERS IN BALLINGER ALL NEXT WEEK

The above named company makes its first appearance in Ballinger on next Monday night, December 14th, under the auspices of the "Turkey in the Straw" Band. Many good reports have already been heard of this company—they were in Coleman last week—and excellent notices from the press at large are shown by the agent. The following is from the Cross Plains Review:

"The Ray Howell Players are playing here this week to unusually large crowds; their tent was crowded Monday night for their opening play and standing room was at a premium after all seats were filled.

"Ray Howell, comedian, is no doubt one of the best on the road—or anywhere else—his comedy is original, and his antics are sure to make you laugh, so if it hurts you to laugh, you had better not hear him, or see him—that is, with his stage make-up. Ray is fine looking, but when you see him as a comedian, you just can not believe it's him.

"As the week progresses the big tent is filled each night. They

LEGION HOLDS BIG MEETING

The regular meeting of the local American Legion post held Monday night at the club rooms was one of the most enthusiastic ever held by that organization. A large crowd from all parts of the county was present and much important business was attended to at the meeting. J. McGregor was present and explained to the Legionnaires all that had been done in securing the Carnegie Library building as a home for the Legion, explaining in detail the various clauses of the contract. At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. McGregor was warmly thanked for his part in helping the post.

A committee of five men will be named within the next few days to look after improving the building, remodeling, etc., and will have the house in shape to move into on January 1st.

All committees were named to carry on the show work and a whirlwind advertising campaign and seat selling drive will start next week and every effort made to sell both matinee and night houses out. Much of this money will be used in putting the new home in shape, painting, varnishing, and other needed repairs on the library building.

Auxiliary Elects Officers
This was the closing meeting of the year for the Ladies' Auxiliary and much of the evening was given over to hearing reports on activities of the different committees. The reports showed that the unit had carried on a great work during the year and finished in good financial condition.

The following officers were elected for the year 1926, and will take their seats at the next regular meeting: Mrs. Troy Simpson, president; Mrs. Alex McGregor, vice-president; Miss Griffee Atkins, secretary; Miss Anna Jean Sharp, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Cameron, historian. All standing committees will be ap-

pointed by the chair at the next regular meeting of the unit.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shepperd, of San Angelo, were visitors to Ballinger Sunday afternoon. Mr. Shepperd was formerly employed by The Ledger, and is now with the San Angelo Standard as linotype operator.

Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Swindell returned home Saturday night from Mineral Wells, where they attended the general convention of the Baptist Church. Dr. Swindell was named as a member of the state executive board of the Baptist Convention of Texas.

QUEEN Theatre

Friday and Saturday
Big Double Program
Pictures and Vaudeville
Henrietta Straw

and Her Famous
Melody Boys
Red Hot Jazz—Singing and Dancing

ON THE SCREEN—



ZANE GREY'S thrill-shot romance of the taming of the West. Told in the forceful language of the Six-Shooter!



Also Roaring Two-Reel Comedy

Ballinger

1 Week Beginning Monday, Dec. 14

Under the Classiest Tent Theatre in America

The

RAY HOWELL



After Players

Under the Auspices of the "Turkey in the Straw" Band

The Best Plays, Players and Vaudeville Features ever seen under canvass. The Big Jack Latham Band, Ray Kinkle's 9-piece Orchestra. The Famous Sutherland Saxophone Quartette.

MONDAY NIGHT—Charles Harrison's Latest Success

"The Only Road"

PRICES—Adults 30c; Children 12 years or under, 10c; Reserved Seats 20c extra.

Ladies Free Monday Night

That is each Lady accompanied by a Gentleman escort holding a paid 30c ticket.

Doors Opened 7:00 p. m. when the nightly Band Concert Starts. Overture at 8:00 o'clock, and the curtain rises at 8:15 p. m.

This Tent is Heated by 5 Mammoth Wood-Burning Stoves

Fifth Annual

AMERICAN LEGION SHOW

"A Full House"

A Farce Comedy in 3 Acts

Side splitting comedy with those fun makers,
A. R. Jones and Mrs. Vic Paul leading the way
for fourteen comedians

MONDAY, DEC. 21

Matinee and Night

Reserve Seats for Night Show on Sale at Weeks.
School children will be admitted to Teachers Matinee 25c.

Music By 12 Piece Orchestra

High Class Vaudeville Between Acts

**Coming to
SAN ANGELO AND ABILENE
Dr. Mellenthin**

**SPECIALIST
in Internal Medicine for the past
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DOES NOT OPERATE

Will be in San Angelo on Saturday,
December 2, St. Angelus Hotel
And in Abilene on Sunday and Mon-
day, Dec. 13 and 14, at the
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Office Hours 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.
**TWO DAYS ONLY IN ABILENE
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No Charge for Consultation
Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate
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He has to his credit wonderful re-
sults in diseases of the stomach,
liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves,
heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting,
catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism,
sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ail-
ments.

Below are the names of a few of
his many satisfied patients in Texas.

Mrs. B. A. Rust, Avery, gall stones
Emil Hausmann, San Antonio,
nerve trouble.

T. V. Watts, Lamesa, appendicitis
and nerve trouble.

Mrs. H.G. Hill, Big Spring, eczema.

Mrs. D. D. David, Hebronville,
female trouble and backaches.

M. T. Bantan, Dundee, ulcer of
stomach.

M. G. Blankenship, Westover, stom-
ach and bowel trouble.

Walter Stolte, Marion, heart
trouble.

Remember above dates, that con-
sultation on this trip will be free and
that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accom-
panied by their husbands.

Address: 211 Bradbury Bldg., Los
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**BUREAU SHIPS
3 CARS TURKEYS**

The Farm Bureau began load-
ing three carloads of turkeys
Wednesday morning, expecting
to ship out two cars Wednesday
and a third car Thursday.

The turkeys were sold f. o. b.
cars at Ballinger to St. Louis
packers for 32 cents per pound
on foot. The Ballinger State
Bank assisted the farmers in fin-
ancing the deal.

The three cars will contain
about \$10,000 worth of turkeys,
or about 31,000 pounds. The tur-
keys will be placed on the Christ-
mas market in St. Louis and
other cities by the packers.

Local packers were also busy
this week on rush shipments for
the holiday trade. Many turkeys
are being dressed and shipped out
on cold storage by the local
plants.

**WARNS OF CARBON
MONOXIDE DANGER**

AUSTIN, Dec. 8.—Warning
against closing one's garage
while working on a car with the
engine running is issued by the
state board of health, which points
out the danger of carbon monox-
ide poisoning.

"Running the gasoline engine
in a small closed space for any
considerable period is extremely
dangerous," the board says. "In
tests of the exhaust of a small 23-
horsepower automobile engine, it
has been found that it discharged
about 25 feet of cubic gas a min-
ute, samples of which gave an av-
erage of 6 percent carbon monox-
ide, or 1.5 cubic feet of deadly
carbon monoxide gas a minute.
This is sufficient to contaminate
the air of a small closed garage
to the danger point in about three
minutes.

"An attack of carbon monox-
ide poisoning comes on insidi-
ously and consciousness is grad-
ually lost. Even though the
victim may become aware of the
danger, he is often unable to es-
cape from it because of the quick
loss of motive power. Death
comes from respiratory paralysis.
"This is also the time of year
when we begin to hear of deaths
caused by asphyxiation, which
are due to carelessness in the care
of gas stoves."

Try working instead of wish-
ing.

**CAN'T AGREE ON
AIR PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON, December 9.—
The House aircraft committee, be-
fore which Colonel William S.
Mitchell initiated his criticism of
the army and navy air adminis-
trations, is being delayed in
drafting its report by conflicting
opinion among its members.

There is a general agreement
among the members that aviation
has failed to receive proper
recognition from the war and
navy departments, but the mem-
bers of the committee have de-
bated through several long ses-
sions without an agreement as to
what steps should be taken for
reorganizing the national air de-
fense.

The report must be filed with
the House by next Monday.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—
Efforts by the prosecution to
question the authorship of part of
Col. William Mitchell's book,
"Winged Defense," failed today
before the court martial trying
the officer.

Major Allen Guillion, assistant
judge advocate, sought to bring
the subject before the court
through the testimony of Captain
Thomas Hart, navy officer, and
to prove that Mitchell had delib-
erately "cribbed" some passages
of the book, but the court held
that it would not be advisable to
open up such a phase of the con-
troversy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Work
on the country's rivers, harbors,
and waterways during the year
beginning July 1 next, will re-
quire \$65,980,065, in the opinion
of the War Department.

Recommendations for appro-
priations for the various projects
were made to Congress today by
Major General H. Taylor, chief
of engineers of the Army, under
whose direction this work is car-
ried on, in his annual report sub-
mitted with the Government's
1927 fiscal year estimates.

Expenditures for the last fiscal
year amounted to \$69,882,028,
and for the current year Congress
made a lump appropriation of
\$40,000,000, of which \$35,070,085
has been allotted.

The report shows that harbors
under improvement during the
last fiscal year numbered 199,
rivers being improved, 284, and
canals and waterways, 53. The
commerce reported amounted in
the aggregate to 453,700,000 tons,
valued at \$22,115,000,000, and the
transportation of 322,565,379 pas-
sengers.

For general river and harbor
work for the coming fiscal year,
which begins July 1, 1926, the
chief of engineers says \$55,062,065
can be profitably expended. The
remaining \$10,918,000 asked for
is to go for flood control, surveys,
and other specific purposes.

The Mississippi river is recom-
mended for the largest share.
For that river, including the work
of the Mississippi River Commis-
sion, a total of \$13,965,800 is asked.

New York harbor and the waters
in its vicinity require \$8,211,000,
the Ohio River \$6,830,000, Phila-
delphia and the Delaware River
\$4,515,000, the Missouri River
\$1,646,850, the Hudson River in
the vicinity of Albany and Troy
\$1,400,000, the Louisiana-Texas
Intracoastal waterway between
the Mississippi River and Galves-
ton Bay \$2,000,000, and the
Sabine-Neches waterway \$1,411,
000.

Harbors for which the large
appropriations are asked include:
Boston \$200,000, Norfolk \$529,000
Savannah \$654,960, Miami \$662,
000, Mobile \$555,000, Galveston
and vicinity and the Houston ship
canal \$1,145,000, Freeport, Tex.,
\$575,000, Port Aransas and the
channel to Corpus Christi \$1,225,
000, Milwaukee \$850,000, Muske-
gon, Mich., \$225,000, Frankfort
Mich., \$511,500, Chicago \$129,000,
San Diego, Calif., \$149,000; Los
Angeles \$1,600,000, San Francisco
\$110,000, Oakland \$310,000, Hum-
boldt \$538,000, Coos Bay, Ore.,
Hilo \$600,000, Nawiliwili \$400,000
Honolulu \$49,500, and San Juan, P.
R. \$127,485.

J. O. Phelps, one of The Led-
gers' good friends from the Win-
ters country, was looking after
business in Ballinger Monday. He
reported that he still had a bale
or two of cotton to pick.

William B. Fox, age 65, jumped
in a well at Bonham and was
drowned. Deputy Sheriff Robin-
son shot himself through the hand
while making a liquor raid at
Bonham.

**Former Mayor of Wichita
Withdraws Case on Appeal**

**"DEAD" LANGUAGES
GAIN IN POPULARITY**

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 9.—Greek
and Latin may be dead languages,
but they show surprising vigor in
resisting efforts to have them
shoved off the college curriculum
in favor of "practical" subjects,
says H. V. Canter, dean of the
College of Liberal Arts and
Sciences, University of Illinois.

Reports from widely separated
sections of the country, he states,
indicates a steady increase, both
in the secondary schools and in
the colleges, of students taking
these courses.

Coincident with this, is an
urgent call for teachers of class-
ical subjects and an inadequate
supply of prepared teachers to
answer the call.

"Last year," Dean Canter con-
tinues, "the demand for such
teachers could not be met in New
York, Missouri, Texas, Indiana,
Iowa, Illinois, and Ohio."

Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, who re-
cently purchased a lot near the
home of Oscar Pearson on Ele-
venth Street, has her plans well
perfected for the construction of
a new home, and work on the new
residence will begin at an early
date. The new home is to cost
in the neighborhood of \$10,000,
and will be the latest in the word
modern.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker re-
turned home Friday from a few
days honeymooning with rela-
tives at Breckenridge. They
were married at Ballinger Tues-
day night, surprising their
friends.

**SPECIAL MEETING TO
TALK NEW CHURCH**

AUSTIN, Dec. 9.—Frank Col-
lier, former mayor of Wichita
Falls, and who was sentenced to
three years in the state peniten-
tiary from Wichita county for
manslaughter, for killing his son-
in-law, Elzie ("Buster") Robert-
son, will probably serve the sen-
tence, accepting the court's sen-
tence and going to the pen.

Collier appealed his case follow-
ing trial in the Wichita courts,
but today in the court of criminal
appeals where the case was pend-
ing, Charles Francis, attorney for
Collier, appeared and told the
court that there was no ground
for a reversal of the case, and
that the sentence of the lower
court should be affirmed.

**SPECIAL MEETING TO
TALK NEW CHURCH**

Rev. S. L. Culwell, pastor of the
Methodist church, has announced
a special congregational meeting
for Wednesday night, at which
time the matter of building a new
church will be discussed. The
building program has been under-
way for some time, and is pretty
well in hand, but with a change in
pastors, it will probably be
necessary to revive the campaign
and complete the work. All the
members of the church are urged
to be present at the meeting Wed-
nesday night.

Rev. M. C. Golden, Mrs. Hill
Jackson, Mrs. N. J. Morgan, Mrs.
Mattie Holliday and Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Bridwell were among those
returning home from the Baptist
convention at Mineral Wells Sat-
urday.

**BROCK SELLS HOME
AND BUYS ANOTHER**

A. F. Brock sold his home on
Ninth Street Saturday to E. F.
Batts. Mr. Brock immediately
purchased the Pritchett house on
Broadway next door to the Mike
Boyd residence, and plans to
move to his new home at once.
Mr. Batts will occupy the Ninth
Street place as soon as Mr.

Brock vacates.
Mr. Brock stated that he would
do considerable improving at his
new home and that he expected
to make it an ideal home when he
had completed the work he in-
tended doing.

Civilization is just a slow pro-
cess of learning to be kind.
Difficulties overcome the weak,
but strengthen the strong.



The busy shopping season is here—everyone
looking for sweet treats. We wish to remind you that
ALL THE SWEET TREATS OF THE SEASON are
pleasantly and temptingly on display at PIGGLY
WIGGLY.

Saturday Specials

Come let us serve you a cup of that
good Folger's Vacuum Pack Coffee Free.
Specially priced, if you care to buy.

Heinz Products

will be served all day Saturday. Eat a
Sandwich with us.

Pt. Bottle Heinz Cat- 28c
chup extr special

Qt. Jar Jelly 32c

Dromedary Dates Two for 35c

2 lb. Fruit Cake \$1.50

BUY YOUR FIREWORKS NOW!

FRESH OYSTERS

More people trade every day at—

PIGGLY WIGGLY

LISTEN
TO ME
FOLKS!



The Time is
Short—Come
Now and Get

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have many Christmas Cards in stock from 5c to
25c, besides the cards to be printed. Come quick before
the actual rush is begun.

Ballinger Printing Co.
Telephone 27

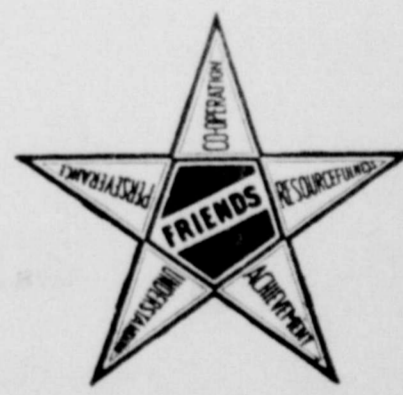
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WILL**

One of the most val-
uable of the assets this
bank possesses is the
confidence and the
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positors.

We invite accounts of
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**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS**

STRICTLY A BANKING INSTITUTION



What is Thrift

The true definition of Thrift is to spend a little less than
you earn; to live simply, work diligently, spend judiciously;
save consistently.

Thrift is merely common-sense applied to spending. It de-
prives no one of rightful pleasure or comfort, but is rather the
answer to all things worth while.

Start a Thrift Account at this Bank.

**Ballinger State Bank
"Guaranty Fund Bank."**

HIGGINBO GREEN TICKET

A Real Honest-to-C

not in name only but a Selling Campaign to unload for C

\$50,000 Worth of Se

We must reduce our Enormous Stock before we take our annual inventory which begins Decem
Look for the Green Ticket—it tells the price. The good news of this Great Money Saving Event will fl

Read the prices—they tell the tale. Don't listen to talk—saying "they can't sell at those prices"

Store will be closed all day Friday to put on Green Tickets and mark the stock DOWN for this

We haven't space to quote prices on everything but the following will give you an idea about th
the price.

Our doors will be thrown open to the Greatest Bargain Feast ever known in this section promp
DAYS OF BUYING that will mean a saving of Hundreds of Dollars to the people of ~~3~~annels and adj

Don't let Cold, Rain, Sleet, Snow or anything else keep you away from this THE GREATEST A
Section of Texas.

Sale Begins Saturday,

Wanted

Wanted 25 additional Sales People. Apply at
Store, Saturday, December 10th.

Don't Ask us to Charge Anything at Green
Ticket Sale Prices

Don't think you Can't get Waited on—we'll have
lots of Extra Help and will do our very best to keep
you from waiting very long.

Store Closed Friday

Don't come to Ballinger Friday, December 10th.
Our Store will be closed to mark stock Down for
Green Ticket Sale.

LOOK HERE—WHAT ABOUT THESE?

The Green Ticket Tells the Price—the Saving
is Big

Men's heavy Brown Overcoats	\$5.95
Men's heavy Blue Bell Overalls, the pair	\$1.00
A dandy good Sweater Coat for men	\$1.95
About 20 only Men's \$10.00 Sweaters; get yours quick, they won't last long at	\$7.95
Men's heavy ribbed Underwear, a garment	75c
Men's heavy Corduroy Suits, as long as they last for	\$11.95
Men's heavy Whip Cord Suits	\$8.95
Men's \$22.50 Suits at	\$16.75
Men's \$25.00 Suits at	\$19.95
Men's \$30.00 Suits at	\$23.95
Men's \$35.00 Suits at	\$29.75
Men's \$45.00 Suits at	\$39.75

These are the greatest values you have
ever seen in Men's Clothing.

Boys' Knee Pants Suit at Just **Half-Price**
Men's Leather Coats and Sheep Lined Coats at
Green Ticket prices. Values are Great—sav-
ing is Big

Men's heavy Munsing Union Suits,	\$2.50
grade at	\$1.75
Men's heavy ribbed Union Suits	\$1.50

Stetson Hats—Get 'em Now

\$7.50 Hats go at	\$5.95
\$10.00 Hats go at	\$7.95
\$12.50 Hats go at	\$9.95
\$15.00 Hats go at	\$11.95
All Hats and Caps go at Green Ticket Prices!	

DRY GOODS AND PIECE GOODS SECTION

Extra heavy Outing, yard	15c
32-inch Dress Gingham	20c
Humming Bird all-silk Hose, most all colors, guaranteed special at	\$1.35
Other Silk Hose, pair	89c
All Silk Chiffon Hose, good assortment of colors, at	\$1.95
36-inch bleached Muslin, yard	15c
36-inch unbleached Muslin, yard	12½c
36-inch satin stripe Madras, worth regularly 65c to 75c, Green Ticket price, yard	45c
54-inch wool Dress Goods, Green Ticket gets it at, yard	\$1.95
54-inch Kasher Cloth, plain colors, \$3.50 value, the yard	\$2.59
54-inch French Flannel	\$2.49
Good quality Corduroy, good assortment of colors, yard	89c
36-inch Garza Pillow Cases, 21x36, as long as they last, go at	35c

**These are just a few of
of bargains that are**

GREEN TICKET PRICES ON FURNITURE AND HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Prices in this department are always low
—but look at these Green Tickets—they tell
you of Savings that will make buying a real
pleasure.

Double Cane Seat Chair	\$1.00
Congoleum Rugs 9x12	\$13.85
Linoleum Rugs 9x12	\$16.85
Walnut Dresser, \$40.00 value, at	\$29.75
5-piece Decorated Breakfast Suite	\$33.75
4-piece Sun Parlor Suite, \$85.00 value go at	\$59.75
40-lb. Cotton Mattress	\$5.95
45-lb. Carded and Felted Mattress, \$12.50 value, at	\$9.95
All steel 2-inch post Beds	\$7.75
Free Sewing Machine, \$85.00 grade	\$63.75

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Come to this Great Sale and save

Green Ticket Sale
Opens Saturday, December 12th

Higginbotham B

BOTHAM'S GREEN TICKET SALE

Best-to-Goodness Sale

Campaign to unload for Cash—

of Seasonable Goods

which begins December 26th. The Most Wonderful, Stupendous Stock Reducing Sale of the year. Key Saving Event will flash over Runnels and adjoining counties like a Prairie Fire on a Windy Day!

can't sell at those prices"—but just come on and get the merchandise JUST AS ADVERTISED.

stock DOWN for this Great Sale!

Give you an idea about the Stupendous Reductions we are making. Look for the Green Ticket—it tells

you in this section promptly at 8:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, December 12th. Then will follow 10 miles of Runnels and adjoining counties.

is THE GREATEST AND GRANDEST MONEY-SAVING SALE ever known in this section—the Best

Saturday, December 12th

Get a few of the thousands that are here for you.

FURNITURE	New Home Machine, \$75.00 grade	\$59.75
KS	\$28.50 Kitchen Cabinet at	\$23.75
always low	Sellers Master Craft Cabinet	\$54.75
—they tell	Big values in Davenport at \$29.75 and	\$39.75
ing a rea	\$47.50 Axminster Rugs 9x12, for	\$37.50
	\$57.50 Axminster Rugs 9x12, for	\$47.50
	GREEN TICKET PRICES WILL MAKE	
	LIVELY BUYING IN HARDWARE	
	Hot Blast Stove, \$18.00 value	\$13.75
	\$25.00 Cole's Hot Blast Stoves	\$19.75
0 value	No. 1 Wash Tubs go at	65c
	\$4.50 Reo Lamps go at	\$3.25
	\$1.50 4-quart Aluminum Kettles go at	89c
ess, \$12.50	High speed Washing Machine, worth \$22.50,	
	and a \$5.50 Wringer, all for	\$21.75
	2-gang 14-inch Sulkey Plow for	\$69.00
	Plain White Plates, per set go at	89c

Save and save a few dollars for Xmas

SHOE BARGAINS—GET 'EM QUICK Green Ticket Prices Make Shoe Buying a Pleasure

200 pairs of Ladies' and Girls' Oxfords and Strap Slippers, values up to \$7.50, go at	\$1.95 and	\$2.95
100 pairs Ladies' high top Shoes go at		\$1.00
25 pairs Black or Tan Pumps, regular value \$8.45, go at a Green Ticket price of		\$4.45
Green Ticket price on Children's Shoes will make you want to double your saving by buying two pairs each for all the children, only	\$1.95 and	\$2.95
Misses Hiking Boots at		\$5.95
Ladies' Hiking Boots at		\$8.45
Children's Rubber Boots, pair		\$1.95
Ladies' Rubber Boots, pair		\$2.45
Good stock of J. & K. Shoes for women, new styles, E to AA last, very smart for particular women, all priced at		Green Ticket Prices
All Men's Shoes go at		Green Ticket Prices
50 pairs of Bostonian Shoes and Low Quarters, \$10.00 grade, go at		\$5.95
Edwin Clapp calf-skin Low Shoes, for young men, very smart, pair		\$9.95
Dandy Good Bootees for Men at		\$5.75

BIG REDUCTION ON READY-TO-WEAR AND MILLINERY

Look for the Green Ticket—it Tells the Price

One lot of Silk Dresses at	HALF-PRICE
\$6.75 Dresses for	\$3.37½
\$10.00 Dresses for	\$5.00
Dandy lot of House Dresses, Percales and Gingham, worth double the price go at	\$1.00
6 Only, all-wool Serge Middy Suits; the cloth in these is worth double the price asked for the suit, during sale	\$4.95
Great values in Crepe Satin and Satin Back Crepe Dresses at \$12.75, \$16.75 and	\$18.75
Ladies' Slip-over Wool Sweaters, as long as they last, special at	\$2.95
Children's Wool Dresses, \$7.50 values, these are dandy dresses, go at	\$3.75
Big Reduction on both Cotton and Silk Petticoats.	
One lot of Ladies' Hats, values \$5.00 up to \$8.75, at	\$2.50
One lot Ladies' Hats, values \$10.00 and up to \$13.75, go at	\$4.95
Green Ticket Prices on all Silk Underwear.	

Wanted

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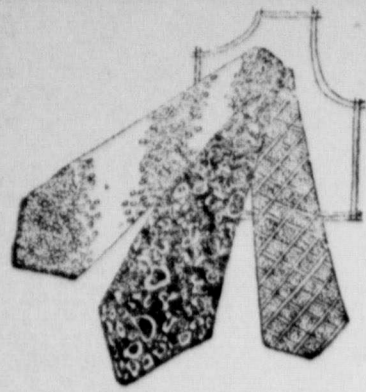
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Botham Brothers & Co.

Green Ticket Sale
Opens Saturday, December 12th

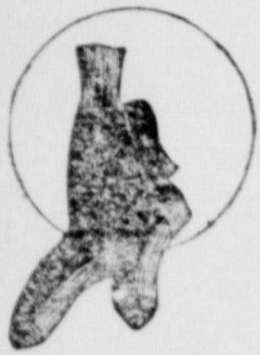


"Every Little Bit Added to What You've Got—"

Of course, appearance is not the only thing, but it's one very important factor in a personality.

That's the reason we maintain that better wearing apparel pays.

A New Necktie—especially one of these new silks at \$1—will be "a little bit added."—sox to match can be found here also.



Cleaning and Pressing Buy that O'Coat Now

Thorp & Cohen

Phone 63

NEW PRESIDENT FOR STATE BANK

E. D. Walker has been elected president of the Ballinger State Bank, succeeding R. W. Bruce, who retires from the bank as president, and also retires as a member of the board of directors and stockholder in the institution. Mr. Bruce recently sold his stock in the bank, and the change in the official line-up is a result of the sale. Sam Baker has been elected cashier, succeeding Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker has been vice-president and cashier of the Ballinger State Bank since last spring, when he retired from the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of this city. Sam Baker has been assistant cashier of Ballinger State Bank for several years. No other changes in the personnel of the official board of the Ballinger State Bank were made at this time. The vacancy on the board of directors will be filled later.

ANGELO CALLS FOR BALLINGER HEARSE

Higginbotham Brothers & Company received a call from San Angelo undertakers Tuesday for a loan of their hearse. A driver left at once for San Angelo with the funeral vehicle. The message did not state why it had become necessary for the neighboring undertakers to call for help.

London to Have its First Women's Turkish Bath Club LONDON, Dec. 8.—London is to have a Turkish bath exclusively for women, the first in the history of the city. It will be in the West End and will be run along the same lines as the bath club for men.

Rev. Ims Q. McCorkle and wife, Mrs. Horace Strain and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh attended a conference of the Christian Church at Abilene Thursday, remaining over for the night session of the district meeting.

Laxity of Reform Leaders Hurting Prohibition Cause

METHODIST PREACHER "BEATEN" BY FLOCK

The Rev. S. L. Culwell, new pastor of the Methodist church, and his family, were given a severe beating by his congregation Tuesday evening. While the pastor is able to be on the streets today there are unmistakable signs of the severe "drubbing" received the night before. The pastor and wife are smiling and bearing with fortitude and even keen delight the "pounding." While Rev. Culwell and wife were at the church Tuesday evening a large crowd gathered at the parsonage and took possession, loading the dining table with various kinds of good things to eat. After the crowd had about all gathered a messenger was sent to notify the preacher that he was wanted at home at once. He and his wife hurried home expecting to find someone wanting to get someone sick, but were surprised to find his congregation had taken charge of the house and loaded the place with good things to eat.

An hour was spent in social enjoyment, talks of welcome and appreciation were made by Dr. Fowler and Judge Doss, and responded to by the pastor. After singing several songs and prayer that this might be the greatest year in the history of the Ballinger Methodist Church the happy crowd dispersed leaving behind good cheer and a surprised but very much delighted family in the parsonage.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

"I have just read in The Ledger an article to the effect that the Legion had leased the library, and that there would be a remodeling of same, and among the changes that are to be made is to cut out the band practice and I desire to tell you that is the finest piece of news to me and mine since the Armistice was signed. It has been one of the most annoying and undesirable neighbors that it has ever been my lot to contend with. It has been torturing its inflictions on the neighborhood for nearly two long years—day and night, and caused tired and sleepy people to sit up and take notice—especially those who owned their property and could not sell and move.

"I have made known to the city authorities on several and sundry occasions of the necessity of their assistance. I have advised the city marshal on various occasions, and have never received any relief. I have offered several attorneys \$25.00 to assist me in unloading the white elephant and could get no help.

"To conclude, it would not be in keeping with my modesty in not telling you that I rejoice to know that you have made it possible that the writer and his family will soon be the recipients of a termination of so gigantic a sight irregularity.

"In consideration of the above outlinings I will say that the \$25 I have offered to different attorneys I will appropriate to the Legion, and when you get them out it is awaiting you.

"Very truly,

"I. N. ROARK."

WASHINGTON, December 9.—Blame for laxity in the enforcement of the prohibition law can not be placed solely upon the government, but partially it must be assumed by the reform leaders who slowed down and let themselves be put on the defensive when they should have advanced on all fronts. Dr. Clarence Wilson, general secretary, declared in his annual report which was read today before the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Wilson's report endorsed the remarks of President Coolidge in his annual message to congress on the Eighteenth Amendment, and upheld the enforcement policy adopted by the secretary of the treasury. The report also attacked the men with great fortunes who the report said are doing all they can to break down the authority of the laws to which they owe their lives, their fortunes and their safety.

WEDDING BELLS

Lange-Smith Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Walter Lange and Miss Margarette Smith were quietly united in marriage in the manse of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Alvin O. Rue performing the ceremony.

Mr. Lange is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lange, a prominent family of the Benoit community. Miss Smith is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Smith, who reside near Ballinger, and is a graduate of the 1924 class of the Ballinger high school.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lange left for San Angelo. After their honeymoon they will make their home on Mr. Lange's ranch. The many friends of this happy young couple extend congratulations and very best wishes for the future.

Green-Ward Saturday afternoon Rev. Rue spoke the words which made Hollis L. Green and Miss Lovell Ward, of San Angelo, man and wife. They appeared at the manse in an auto and requested the minister to perform the ceremony.

A CORRECTION

The Ledger stated Monday that the Ballinger football team would meet the Coleman team here at Fair Park next Friday afternoon. This was an error as it should have been stated that the game would be played in Coleman next Friday.

The management of the local team stated that the first game was arranged for Coleman and a return game will be played here on New Year's day.

CHINESE REVOLT IS GOING GOOD

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—The latest dispatches received by foreign officials declare that the army of General Kuo, former henchman of Marshal Chang, Manchurian warlord, is expected to enter the Mukden capital tomorrow. Chang is reported to be retreating toward Kirkin.

SEEKS DISTRICT W.T.C.C. MEET

When the district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convenes at Coleman on December 18th an invitation will be extended to the builders of this country to hold their next meeting in Ballinger. A large delegation from Ballinger will attend the Coleman meeting.

Within a few days reservations will be made for the trip to the Coleman meeting, and among those going over for the day will be the Ballinger band. Secretary Motley is perfecting plans for presenting Ballinger's claim for the next meeting of the W. T. C. C. of this district.

These meetings bring together a large crowd of the leading citizens in the commercial development of the district, including the officers of the W. T. C. C., and matters of interest to this section of the state are thrashed out.

COOLIDGES RETURN TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, December 8.—President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to Washington from Chicago today, where President Coolidge yesterday addressed a meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

STEALS RADIATOR BUT LEAVES CAR

A thief entered the garage of E. Rayburn Sunday night and stole the radiator from his Ford car. The thief, it is believed, was forced to work probably an hour to get the radiator off.

Aside from stealing a bundle of laundry in the car and the radiator the thief did not molest anything else.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Caskey were here Thursday from Childress visiting relatives. Mr. Caskey stated that he is moving from Childress back to Winters and will make his home there.

Unmarried Turk Brings Reforms to Girls' School CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8.—Emine Bey, a young unmarried Turk, has become director of the Normal School for Girls here, a position which a few years ago only a bearded patriarch could have held.

Many radical reforms have been instituted by the new director. Traditional lattices have been removed from windows and now the rooms are flooded with sunlight and air. The old white head covering worn by students has been banned and they now attend classes bare-headed.

Tennis, basket and volley ball courts and other athletic grounds have been provided for the 320 girls and no longer is attendance at religious services compulsory.

LONG DISTANCE LOVE AIDED BY PHOTOGRAPH

EASTLAND, Dec. 8.—Photography has annihilated distance between Eastland and the far is-

land of Mytelene, off the coast of Greece. Ernest Halkais fell in love with a photograph and married the original of the picture, Miss Diamond Karatonis.

The young woman sent her picture to her brother, who showed it to Halkais, and the dart struck home. The marriage took place on the island of Mytelene and the couple are now enroute to Texas to make their home.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The appointment of Senator Berenger as France's ambassador to the United States was approved today by the council of ministers.

The old awning of the Harbor grocery store and Creasy Rotary Filer plant on Hutchings Avenue is giving away to a drop awning. The improvement is well under way and will add greatly to the appearance of that part of the Walker-Smith block.

TO THOSE who are bereaved of loved ones, no service is so essential as that of the funeral director!

To be assured of an efficient service, rendered in a sympathetic manner, is a consolation and relief.

Fortunately, it is not often that the funeral director is needed, but when that time comes, he is indeed a very necessary factor.

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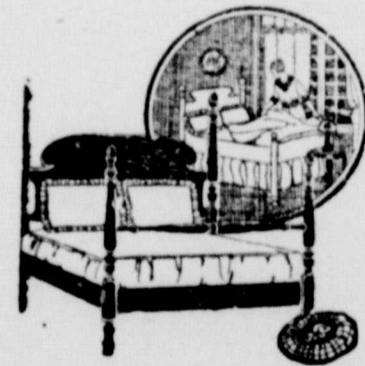
It is only natural when you have something worth while for people to know about for you to tell them about it.

We want the people of this section to know that never before in the history of our business have we been in better position to supply the demands of the Christmas shoppers than at this time. Besides the wonderful variety of Useful Gifts that can be found in our store the Christmas shoppers will be given the advantage of real values.

Only as a suggestion we mention below a few items which are among many others to be found in our store which will make Gifts that will be the most appreciated.

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- Huguenot Walnut
- Birdseye Maple
- Ivory and Oak



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All the latest designs in all-over with "Mohair," Jacquard Velours, Cane Suits, Printed Velours, Duofold Suits, Fibre Suits, etc.

Dining Room Suits

American Walnut, French Walnut, Shaded Walnut, Huguenot Walnut. In fact we can complete your Dining Room to suit you.

Breakfast Suits, Hoosier Cabinets, Cook Stoves, Art Squares, Small Rugs, Floor Lamps, Smoking Stands, Baby Jumpers and Swings, Kozy Cars, Rockers and High Chairs, Baby Toddlers, Sewing Machines, Radios—the Best, Phonographs, Lane Cedar Chests—none better.

Regardless of all be sure to visit our Picture Department, the most attractive display of its kind ever shown in Ballinger.

A visit to our store will cause you to appreciate the many items and Values that We have to offer.

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One gallon Brooksdale Solid Pack Peaches	54c
One gallon Brooksdale Solid Pack Apricots	63c
2 1-2lb. Hillsdale Table Peaches @	18c
100lb Mill Run Bran @	\$1.70
90-day Sugar Cured Columbia Bacon Squares @ pound	30c

Everything good to Eat at "Live and Let Live" Prices.

1926 KITCHEN CONTEST RULES

The 1926 "improved kitchen" contest which is to be conducted in this county promises to create much interest among the ladies. In order that all may understand the plans of the contest, Miss Eula Key, home demonstration agent, has issued the following statement:

Aims of the Contest

"It is the aim of the improved kitchen contest to influence Texas farm women in regard to four particular matters:

"1. To give the original kitchen, that is, the kitchen at present, the greatest amount of time and thought looking to its improvement.

"2. To make the kitchen as sanitary as possible and to finish or refinish the floors and walls so that they may be easily kept and yet attractive.

"3. To procure at the smallest outlay of money possible the best furnishings and labor saving devices for the kitchen.

"4. To so group and arrange the kitchen furnishings that the woman's work may be done with the greatest saving of time and energy; in other words, that her head may save her body.

Contest Plans

"1. The improved kitchen contest will be under the direction of the Extension Services of the A. & M. College of Texas and the United States Department of Agriculture co-operating, and the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

"2. This contest is to be conducted by the Extension Service of the Texas A. & M. College, the home demonstration agent having direct charge in her county, including the selection of the county committee or judges.

"3. The Semi-Weekly Farm News will offer prizes for the contest.

"4. Registration must be made with the County Home Demonstration Agent on or before January 10, 1926.

"5. Any farm woman who has not won first, second or third place in a previous county, district or state improved kitchen contest, may enter the contest by registering her name with the county home demonstration agent and working under her direct supervision.

"6. The contestant may enter one of two classes, namely:

"Class I. The kitchen making the greatest improvement for the least amount of money. (Cost not to exceed \$25.00).

"Class II. The kitchen making the greatest improvement in proportion to the expenditure. (Cost exceeding \$25.00.)

"a. In both Class I. and II. the scoring shall be done on the basis of the greatest accomplishment in proportion to the cash expenditure.

"b. A woman must register in Class I. or Class II. at the beginning of the contest. As her plans develop, if she finds the expenditure will be greater or less than that prescribed in the class which she has registered, she may transfer to another class by making application to the county home demonstration agent.

"7. Each contestant shall make a list of the following to be handed to the county home demonstration agent at the time of the final county judging:

- a. Voluntary labor performed, (no expense need be recorded)
- b. Use of material on hand
- c. Gifts and value of each
- d. Each improvement made
- e. Cash expenditures.

"8. In case where a new kitchen is to be built during the contest, the contestant may be allowed the following items without considering the cost:

- a. Bare room
 - b. Bare floor
 - c. Unfinished wall
 - d. Any equipment used previously.
- (Any additional must be counted at exact cost.)

"9. The county home demonstration agent will offer suggestions for improvement if contestant so desires.

"10. The Semi-Weekly Farm News will offer suggestions for improvement.

District Prizes

"Four prizes will be offered for each district by the Semi-Weekly Farm News as follows:

"Class I. For the kitchen making the greatest improvement in the allotted time for the least money. (Cost not to

exceed \$25.00.)

First prize—\$5.00 in cash.
Second prize—One year's subscription to the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

"Class II. For the kitchen making the greatest improvement in the allotted time in proportion to the expenditure. (Cost exceeding \$25.00.)

First prize—\$5.00 in cash

Second prize—One year's subscription to the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

"Eight prizes will be offered by the Semi-Weekly Farm News as follows:

"Class I. For the kitchen making the greatest improvement in the allotted time for the least amount of money. (Cost not to exceed \$25.00.)

First prize—\$25 in cash

Second prize—\$15 in cash

Third prize—\$10 in cash

Fourth prize—One year's subscription to the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

"Class II. For the kitchen making the greatest improvement in the allotted time in proportion to the expenditure. (Cost exceeding \$25.00.)

First prize—\$25 in cash

Second prize—\$15 in cash

Third prize—\$10 in cash

Fourth prize—One year's subscription to the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

"So far there has been one woman who has registered for the contest, but I would like to have not less than twenty-five women enter. No doubt you will make some change in your kitchen this winter and spring, so why not enter the contest and all work together and see just what we can do to our kitchens. If you decide to come into the contest, let me know and I will come out and register your kitchen that you may begin your improvement at once. The earlier you begin the more time you will have to put in on it."

Robert B. Bigham, of New York, is here on a visit to his father, Rev. B. W. Bigham, and sisters, Mrs. Oscar Gurley and Mrs. Ollie Lewis.

Rev. J. R. McCorkle, the Baptist missionary for Rummels county, attended the Baptist convention at Mineral Wells last week.

AMERICANS BUY MUCH INSURANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Americans now are buying as much life insurance in seven weeks as they bought in a year a quarter century ago, Chairman William A. Law, of Philadelphia, declared in opening the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here.

As an index to the condition of the country, he called attention to \$15,400,000,000 of new insurance paid for this year—a new record. This represents a gain of \$2,200,000,000 over the previous high mark of 1924.

"American business expansion of the past quarter-century is amazing, and becomes more so as we project the picture backward to the beginning of this 'yet comparatively young nation,'" he said. "With our modern financial, commercial and manufacturing machinery, dare we use definite figures in attempting predictions for the next quarter-century.

"The vast growth of our urban population accompanying our commercial expansion, the organization of business on a large scale, the urgent demand for higher and higher living standards, and the rapidity of communication, all tend to emphasize the inter-dependence of our population, the extent of our future problems, and the need of broad-minded co-operation in their solution."

Robert W. Huntington, of Hartford, Conn., told the members that life insurance companies this year are making a further loan of \$1,000,000,000 to American people.

"This additional loan has been used to finance homes and farms, industry, transportation and commerce and makes an investment record for life insurance companies," he said. "Never before has the net increase in life insurance investments in a single year reached \$1,000,000,000. The total invested assets of the United States life insurance companies will amount to \$11,500,000,000 by the end of the current year."

W.T.U. CO. WILL ENLARGE STORE

Work will begin in a few days, and completed early in the new year, in which the West Texas Utilities Company will double the size of its store and office building on Eighth Street. The building will be extended the full length of the lot, an addition of sixty feet being added.

Manager Earl Morley says that this has been made necessary by establishing the district store at Ballinger. That part of the building which is now used as a work shop will be included in the store room, and the work shop will occupy a part of the new addition.

The W. T. U. Co. building is perhaps one of the best constructed buildings in the city, being built of steel reinforced concrete. The addition to be made will be in keeping with the present structure. The rear wall of the present building will not be torn out, but the large windows will be removed and the openings converted into large doors opening into the new addition.

The West Texas Utilities Company has just completed the construction of its office building and store house at San Angelo, and a formal opening of the new building will be held next Friday and Friday night. Several persons from Ballinger will go over to attend the opening.

W. B. Ray is here from Corpus Christi looking after business and meeting old friends. Mr. Ray formerly lived in Ballinger. He reports that the coast country is in good shape, notwithstanding the cotton crop did not come up to standard this year. Mr. Ray's friends here will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely. In speaking of farming plans for next year he stated that he had a thousand acres of land ready to plant in cotton. The farmers begin planting cotton about the middle of February in the coast section.

Don't worry about your big feet. When you buy shoes you get more for your money.

DOUBLE MAIL SERVICE SOUTH

While only pouch mail is carried, the change in the schedule of the morning train South on the Santa Fe gives this city double daily mail service to points South. Letters mailed here after 4:30 p. m. and before 7:00 o'clock p. m. are dispatched on the 5:36 train South each morning.

Heretofore this train has only been making a schedule between San Angelo and Brownwood, while under the new time table it runs through Temple, connecting with the main line Santa Fe trains North and South. The change also serves the traveling public in that passengers can make daylight runs either North or South on the main line.

Heretofore the mail for the afternoon train has been made up at 4:00 o'clock, while under the new schedules patrons of the local office have until 4:30 in which to get their mail in the post office. The pouch closes at that hour.

H. C. Hedges, of the Tennyson country, was looking after business in Ballinger Saturday, and took advantage of The Ledger's clubbing offer, subscribing for the paper for a period of five years. Mr. Hedges says he is going to have the paper, and saves by taking of a five-year subscription.

The grand jury at Brady adjourned Thursday, after a four-day session, and returned nine bills, four felony and five misdemeanors.

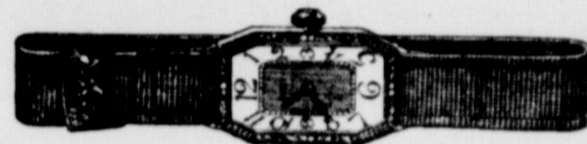
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We will continue to sell cars on the monthly payment plan as heretofore.

On December 9th, 1913, twelve years ago we opened for business in Ballinger and during those twelve years we have the people of this trade territory to thank for a satisfactory and prosperous business.

Our business has now grown until some of the principles which we have had in force will have to be changed.

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LOST—Dayton casing, 35x5 on rim. Somewhere on Wingate road. Leave at Ledger office. Suitable reward. 8-2d-1w

LANDS—Improved lands for sale, or trade. Also unimproved land for small cash payment. C. B. Williams, Box 308, Littlefield, Texas. 8-5d-8w*

FOR SALE—My farm consisting of 150 acres. One hundred acres in cultivation, 6 miles east of Ballinger. Good house and barn. Possession given at any time. B. E. Kelley. Ballinger Texas 3td-2tw*

FOR SALE—Jersey Cows, fresh in milk. R. T. Williams or J. S. Selden. 7-1fd-1fw

FOR SALE—White Leghorns \$1 each. From Johnson's special matings. \$4 per setting for eggs. Mrs. C. G. Allison, Route A, Ballinger. 11-8w

WANTED—Eight tons of headed Maize. Phone A. Berry, Norton, No. 272L. 11-1w

FOR SALE—150 acre Farm, close in. Next 15 days will sell at two-thirds value. Good terms. See D. Reeder. 11-2w

FOR SALE—Two span of unbroken mules. \$100 per span. L. C. Tomlinson, Norton, Texas. 11-3w

WANTED TO TRADE—See and hand Deleo Light plant for second hand Ford truck. Apply Ballinger Electric Co. Phone 7. 4-2w*

FOR SALE—Good work mules, horses, mares, disc plows, cultivators, planters, all in good condition. Calvin Roberson. 4-4w*

WANTED—at once—1,000 dull Discs to roll out to a thin edge, at Clark's Blacksmith Shop. Where we can save you money on blacksmithing. Opposite court house lawn. 26-4w*

FOR SALE—160 acres fine land 3 1/2 miles Southwest of Ballinger, where new brick school is building. \$40 per acre and

long time on part. Dr. J. F. Nooe, Boerne, Texas. 30-8w*

FOR SALE—Registered Hereford Bulls, 2 year old, big bone kind. T. A. Shultz, Paint Rock. 20-4w*

Notice to Livestock Owners When in need of veterinary services, phone Dr. Richard F. Zedlitz, Nos. 12 or 13, Ballinger. 9-wtf.

FOR SALE—Dry mesquite wood at my place on Valley Creek five miles West of Ballinger, \$3 per cord. L. E. H. Barnett. 29-tfw

FOR SALE—Three row Stalk Cutter on exhibition at John's Shop or phone 6102. Lee Evans. 1-4td-4w*

WINTERS LIONS FEED FARMERS

About one hundred farmers were the guests of the Lions Club at Winters Tuesday night, and at which time R. Q. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker.

The banquet was held in the basement of the Methodist church at Winters, and was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever staged in our neighbor city, according to J. D. Motley and C. W. Lehnberg, of Ballinger, who attended the banquet.

Bert Low, cashier of the First National Bank of Winters, was the toastmaster for the occasion, and among other speakers was County Agent Lehnberg. Mr. Lehnberg made a most interesting report on a survey he made of the county showing the sources of revenue in Runnels county aside from that realized from the cotton crop. Figures compiled showing other products of Runnels county were amazing, and within the near future The Ledger will ask Mr. Lehnberg to furnish us with a copy of this report for publication.

Clarence Harter, of the Wingate country, had business in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Harter reported that the farmers had considerable scrapping of cotton to do yet.

You can't blame all of the hot air on the weather man.

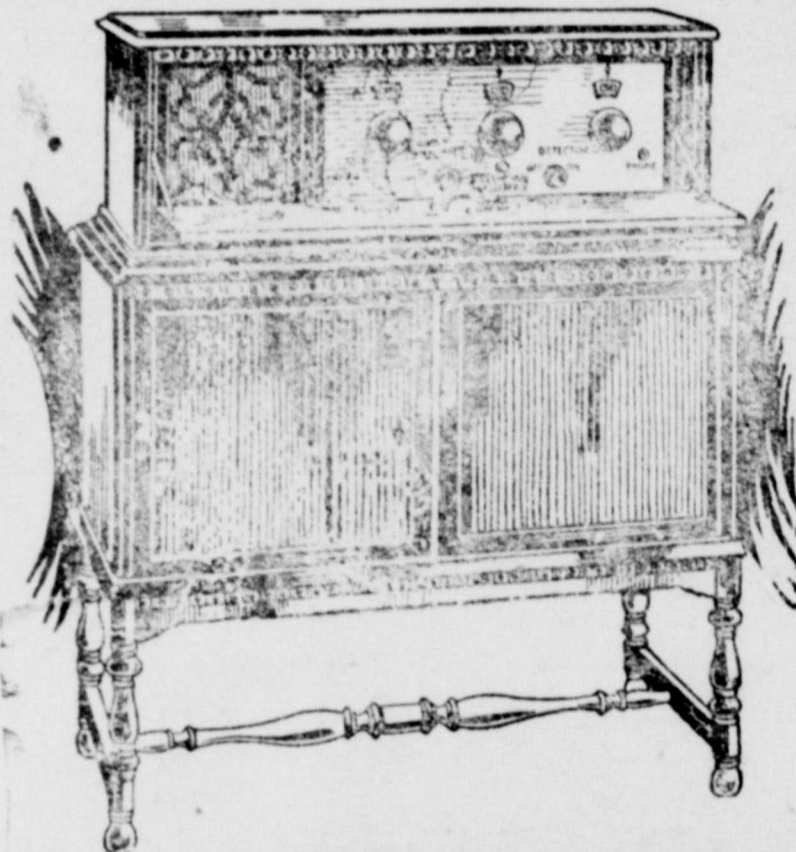
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The Freshman Masterpiece five tube radio receiver is known all over the world as the "WONDER SET." Its ease of operation, its distance getting ability and mellow tone have spread happiness and education in hundreds of thousands of homes in every part of the globe.

People who could easily afford to spend three and four times the cost of a Masterpiece for a radio receiver, have signified, in no uncertain terms, their decided preference for one of these "WONDER SETS." To satisfy this insistent demand we were induced to encase them in cabinets of rare beauty—fine enough for the most exquisite home.

The Franklin Model, illustrated above, is the pride of the Freshman line. This receiving set, with built-in loud speaker, is encased in a heavy five-ply genuine mahogany cabinet. The front cover opens in desk-like fashion, a most convenient and attractive arrangement. As a result you have the **WORLD'S GREATEST RADIO RECEIVER**, with built-in loud speaker, in a charming piece of furniture all for only **Seventy-Five Dollars.**

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TO PROSECUTE CHIROPRACTORS

Charges against chiropractors pending in the Runnels county court will stand, and the cases will be reset for trial, according to County Attorney C. P. Shepherd. One case was recently postponed pending a decision in an injunction suit filed at Fort Worth. The injunction was dismissed, and the latest statement given out by Attorney General Dan Moody is to the effect that his office will assist in every way possible in prosecuting the cases.

A statement given out by the attorney for the chiropractors in a Fort Worth case was somewhat confusing to the county attorneys over the state. The Fort Worth attorney quoted the attorney general as having agreed to a postponement of prosecution of chiropractic cases pending an appeal of the Fort Worth case.

In an interview given out by the attorney general Tuesday, and in a statement to Dr. C. N.

Rosser, president of the State Medical Association, the attorney general denied having made any kind of an agreement with the chiropractors' attorney to suspend prosecutions, and declared that he had not promised anything.

"I am in heartiest sympathy with the movement to enforce the medical practice act," said Mr. Moody, "and I am certainly not the origin of any statement that might be construed that the chiropractors are safe on appeal, nor of other reports that a temporary restraining order had been handed down to prevent my office and district and county attorneys from prosecuting chiropractors for practicing medicine without proper legal and scientific qualifications."

Mr. Moody is quoted as saying further: "Enforcement of the medical practice act is not discriminatory except in favor of brains and training. This act has been to the highest court, the United States Supreme Court, and held constitutional." The attorney general said that he was furnishing help from his office whenever it was needed to help

prosecute illegal practice.

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TWENTY-FOUR HOUR FREE AIR SERVICE

The Ballinger Auto Company has installed a new pump-air machine, and inaugurates a twenty-four hour free air service. The air is supplied day and night, including Sunday, the pump working automatically, keeping the pressure up to a standard gauge all the time. Motorists can drive up to the station and air up regardless of whether the garage is open or not.

J. W. Borders, of the Maverick country, was among the framers trading in Ballinger Wednesday.

It's easy enough to take a day off. The trouble is you can't put it back.

May Peterson, popular prima donna, and popular with American Legion members, will appear at Brownwood on December 11th under the auspices of the Brownwood post. Miss Peterson will also sing over Station WFAA, Dallas News, next week.

Oscar Routh went to Fort Worth Tuesday morning with a shipment of calves which he and his father will put on the Fort Worth market.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stephens returned home Monday from Austin, where they had been for a visit with relatives. Mr. Stephens says that the capital is in somewhat of a turmoil as a result of the recent unpleasantness between the governor and attorney general's department, and many reports are in circulation.

A fine girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gurley Tuesday afternoon. All the family are reported to be getting along nicely.

Women auto drivers in Paris will form their town club.