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Majestic

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WILL SELL CAKE AND CANDY.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church will conduct a cake and candy stand on Thursday, Dec. 18th. The location of the stand will be announced later. Get your Christmas cakes and candy from the ladies. 11-3td

Dr. R. A. Dickinson returned home Thursday afternoon from San Angelo, where he had been at the bedside of his brother, H. E. Dickinson, who has been quite ill but we are glad to learn is much improved when the doctor left his bedside.

RELIEF FUND GROWING SLOWLY

Another shipment of clothes and bedding to the sufferers of South Texas, will be made this afternoon, the supplies going by express to the Hearne vicinity. A telegram received from H. W. Cummings, who is directing the charitable movements, by E. D. Walker, of this city, stated that all kind of clothing and bedding was needed by the sufferers, and that the residents of the immediate districts were acknowledging thanks for the beneficence of the Ballinger citizens.

N. F. Norris of the local charitable committee, stated today that it would be necessary to make four shipments of the supplies that the Ballinger citizens have donated to succor conditions in the southern portion of the state. The second forwarding will be made this afternoon via the Santa Fe by the Wells Fargo Express. A third will be made Saturday and a fourth on Monday. The Express Company has consented to carry the large boxes of clothing free of all charges.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Cummings in regard to the part that Ballinger is playing in the relieving of the conditions of the sufferers:

"Thanks; can use clothing, all kinds of bedding; need no food."

The Ballinger fund for the relief of the flood sufferers is growing, but growing slowly. It is earnestly desired by the committee and others interested in the affair that a large amount be contributed within the next few days that it may be sent to the sufferers while there is need for it. While the people are delaying their contributions, men, women and children in the stricken districts are shivering in the cold in need of clothing and bedding and sleeping in the open without shelter. A means must be provided for the erection of homes that were swept away by the torrents of water a few days ago. Money will be received and promptly acknowledged at the Ledger office or by E. D. Walker or by N. F. Norris.

The fund to date is as follows:
W. T. Padgett \$ 5.00
J. F. Mansker 1.00
Walter Parker 5.00

WEATHER FORECAST.

Unsettled tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.

WINTERS POULTRY SHOW CLOSING

Special to the Ledger.

Winters, Texas, Dec. 12.—The last day of the Second Annual Poultry Exhibit of the Poultry Breeders association is drawing to best fowls had not been made at a late hour this afternoon. J. C. Skaggs, who is acting as judge of the exhibit, failed to make any decisions this morning and continued to study the various breeds. It is believed that decision as to the best fowls will be made late this afternoon.

The second day of the show was much better than the first, there being more fowls on exhibit. The attendance from the country was better than on the previous day when many farmers were unable to reach the show on account of the bad roads. Thoroughfares, however, are rapidly drying so that travel can be made.

The exhibits are warmly housed and are free from the biting wind. Many breeders are attending the show in person and seeing that their stock is properly cared for, although the Winters fanciers are doing everything in their power towards keeping the fowls in as fine condition as possible.

ROAD QUESTION TO BE STUDIED

According to County Judge M. Kleberg, Jr., the county commissioners in the future will deal with the road problem in this county and leave many other matters that can wait, until this vexing question has been settled.

"The all important road question," said Judge Kleberg, "is demanding the time of each of the four county commissioners at the present time, as well as myself. The recent rains has made it imperative that something be done with the county's highways and this the court is going to attend to at once. Every one of the commissioners seems to be determined to have better roads in this section of the county and I feel assured that in the near future Runnels county will have better roads than it has ever had. My attention has been called to the fact that in many places over the county the roads are absolutely impassable. This is a fault which must be remedied and remedied as soon as possible."

At the last session of the county commissioners, the road question occupied the greater portion of the time of that body. Orders were made to improve the worst places in the highways over the county. It is very probable that the question will be continued at the next session of the court.

A CORRECTION.

In the special in a recent issue of the Ledger, in regard to the poultry show now in progress at that place, it was stated that a certain farmer sold 1133 turkeys for \$165.00, when it should have been 113 turkeys for \$165.00. Another farmer, the article stated, realized \$1555 from his chicken farm, when the amount should have been \$155.14. The dispatch was handled rather rapidly for publication and probably the correspondent or the transportation company bawled the dispatch up considerably.

GROWING DEMAND FOR GOOD ROADS

Special to the Ledger.

Winters, Dec. 12. — There is a good roads movement on foot here, and it is very probable that the February term of the Commissioners Court will be petitioned to order a bond issue of at least one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of building permanent roads.

Many roads leading into this place are almost impassable and have been for two weeks. It is working a great hardship upon the farmers who have produce that they are anxious to market before the holidays. The attendance at the poultry show here has been greatly reduced on account of the bad roads.

This precinct would join in a county election for good roads bonds, but unless a united effort is made on the part of the citizens of the county, the voters of this precinct will take the matter up and order a precinct election. The people throughout this territory realize that the present method of road work is nothing but patch work, and is money wasted as it is work that amounts to nothing when the heavy rains come.

STANLEY IN THE CITY.

Col. Stanley who is promoting the giant irrigation project up the Colorado river, is in the city attending to business matters. Mr. Stanley reports conditions in the Bronte vicinity as being fine, and irrigation being the principal talk, despite the fact that abundant rains have fallen recently.

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Handsome, practical—he can use it in his work every day.

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It Fills Itself in 4 seconds by one simple thumb pressure Like This

In handsome Christmas boxes. Exchangeable after Christmas if point doesn't suit.

Walker Drug Co.

W. H. Ransbarger of Coleman county, who had been here to attend the funeral of his cousin, John Ransbarger at Concho, left for his home Thursday afternoon.

Nothing makes a more appreciated gift for Christmas than Pickard China. Pearce's Drug Store. 8-d-6t

L. Levy, who had been visiting his brother, A. Levy and family, the past week, left Thursday afternoon for San Saba.



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Some aspiring musicians went serenading with their wind instruments a few nights ago. Many people heard the boys talking.

Irrigation seems to be a small item these days with the farmer who makes trips to town regularly through mud that comes up nearly to the axle.

Some one has made this statement: "Because a bell rings all day over a store is no sign that the young lady clerks have bells on their toes."

Those Chicago postal clerks who were put on roller skates to accelerate movements in the office in the handling of mail, should not fall for the sweet scented letter from the female species, even on a cement floor.

Because the Noble peace prize was conferred upon Senator Elihu Root is no indication that that gentleman will not fight for his side if there should arise a dispute in the next election.

Mr. Bryan is credited with saying that man's earning capacity is one million dollars. Of course a man has a right to think anything in this country but we must state that some men do believe in heavy subjects.

The Mexican situation has been shoved off of the first page of the state papers and the more vital at-home news substituted. The flood news beats all the Mexican troubles, and the life of one American who lost his life in the high river waters is worth the whole population of Mexico, including the tamala vendor.

On account of bad roads, the Ledger staff correspondent says in one of his dispatches, not very many entries have been made in the Winters' chicken show. A chicken cannot stroll in mud on such roads, we know, but it does seem like she could get shod in the latest boots that come six inches above the knee.

Christmas is only thirteen days off, yet there are a lot of people who have not done their Christmas shopping, judging from the stock which the stores still have on hand. Of course, there is the probability of the business concerns having purchased too much goods this year, but we prefer to think the former reason the more reasonable, since the foreman of our mechanical department has not made his buyings.

The conditions in South Texas where the high waters of three rivers have worked disastrously upon the populace of the territory, are far beyond the comprehension of the majority of persons living in this section of the state. It is hard for one to realize that a river can rise to such a height in

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

a city that the inhabitants cannot reach a point of safety. Yet, there are the illustrations in the papers to bear out the press dispatches.

HOT AIR BLOWN BACK.

In Ballinger, last year, just \$3 worth of Red Cross Seals were sold. When the attention of the citizens was called to this fact each one resolved that nothing like that should be allowed to happen this year. Finally some genius happened upon the idea of auctioning off the first seal to the sold in the town this year, and when it was done \$5 was realized. The indications are that Red Cross Seals will find a ready sale in Ballinger this year.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We are reminded every day of the importance of home people co-operating and working for the interests of each other. For the last few days all kinds of business has been almost at a standstill on account of the heavy rain and the bad roads. The merchants have been losing money every day because their expenses go on in bad weather just the same as good weather, whether they do any business or not. A mail order representative was here and he secured orders for goods that cost just as much and were no better than the same class of goods carried in stock by the local business houses. We, know, because we were solicited by Mr. Mail Order House Agent, and investigated the goods and the price. Ninety per cent of the money sent out of Rannels county never returns.—Ballinger Ledger.

When great rival corporations engage in business in the same territory they make a specialty of knowing what each other are doing. When the local merchant comes into competition with the mail order houses he should keep posted on what is going on. The writer of these comments has spent some money with the people who sell goods by mail—he could not resist the allurements of their advertisements. Those advertisements get him every once in a while and he is always pleased with his purchases. He would prefer to buy the goods from the local merchants but the claims and the pictures in those advertisements get him hypnotized, mesmerized and enticed and he can't be happy until he gets it. He is an advocate and believer in the doctrine of trading at home, but when the call of the ad comes to him just right he has to have his little spree of buying by mail. We trust that our friends will forgive us this weakness, for fraility is the name of the man that looks upon the advertisement which is red.—Temple Telegram.

The Old-Timers.
Ballinger Ledger: "We heard a man kicking today about the delay of trains and mail matter. He perhaps has forgotten the time when the citizens of this country only received mail semi-occasionally—perhaps once a week, and when their kin folks came to see them they had to wait a week for the stage to arrive."

Yes, he has forgotten the good old days when a week more or less was inconsequential, a period of time that nobody complained if the the mail lingered that long on the way. In the pioneer days when everybody was happy—according to the recollection of the oldest inhabitant—it was all right to wait three or four months for a reply to an important business letter. And as far as getting the returns from a presidential election six weeks was plenty soon enough to hear who was the successful candidate. A little farther back in Colonial days, that blessed epoch renowned in song and story, it was customary for the potentate who desired to build himself a big house to send back to England for the bricks. It was believed that good bricks could not be made in America, therefore to build a real quality house one must import his burnt clay. For that reason, it used to take years, sometimes, to complete one of those loose-joint-

ed old mansions that adorned many lovely spots along the Atlantic coast and bred rheumatism into the bones of several successive generations. While they were sending back to Britain for more bricks the mortar would freeze; and if the ship foundered and went to the bottom of the sea with its precious burden of building blocks the owner and architects and masons would begin over again. Oh, those were patient days. There was no need of a speed limit. The stage coach was looked upon with awe by reason of its haste and the driver who sat upon the box and hit the grit at the rate of nine miles an hour was a regular daredevil. Oh happy days, oh, leisurely days, oh, days of rest and summers of doice farmiente! Your like will never be seen again on this earth. In one hundred years the minds of men have sped further forward than in all the ages that preceded. No more for mankind the ancient inertia nor the primitive state of mind. Whether for better or for worse man has chosen to hurry and never again will he be content to sit in the shadows of organized superstitions and dream dreams while digestion performs its perfect work on the wild game dinner within him.—State Press, Dallas News.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured.

with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggist, price 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Miss Maggie Parrott of Valera, was shopping in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

Aman in British West Indies writes: Wherever I am I find Hunt's Lightning Oil in dispensable. It is truly a wonderful remedy for pains, etc. you should just try it and be convinced. Your druggist sells it.

A boy arrived at the home of W. A. Nance and wife, Friday evening.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Sold. Always Reliable.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Judge A. K. Doss is rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl, born at his house a few days ago.

Hunt's Lightning Oil.

This is the liniment which has caused so much talk. So many people are telling how it has relieved them of pain that one can no longer doubt that it is truly a wonderful remedy. Every druggist handles it.

You will find the Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubbs. 6tf

Nice oak wood, sizes and length to suit. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Phone 312 tdf

Who Suffers Pain?

Those who suffer pain should try Hunt's Lightning Oil, the world's greatest liniment. It is the finest thing for Rheumatic Pains, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Backache, etc. All druggist sell it.

You will find the Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubbs. 6tf

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The Opportunity of Proving to You the Benefits and Advantages of Forming Relations With

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"Fathers and Mothers Bank."

NINETEENTH WINTER IN COUNTY JAIL

Denver, Col., Dec. 12.—Society from the county jail:

"Otto Robinson has returned from his summer travels and is spending his 19th season at the county jail. The jail has no more enthusiastic admirer in the county than Mr. Robinson, who tries always to be the first of its winter's sojourners."

In connection with this item it is interesting to note that Mr. Robinson has the record of sojourning at the jail. The jail was built twenty years ago and the second year Mr. Robinson was numbered among its visitors. He liked it so well that he returned the next winter and the next. If he missed one winter at the jail would be a lonesome place and inquiries would be sent abroad to learn his whereabouts.

He always makes his appearance about this time of the year, and in some way manages to get a sentence of 90 days. At the end of 90 days if the weather is still cold he pleads with the judge to give him another 90 days.

He knows every nook and cranny of the jail, being more familiar with it than any of the guards.

"Oh, you don't have to tell me where to go," he said airily to a guard on his last arrival. "I know more about this place than any of you fellows."

Robinson is 58 years of age and has never had a day's illness in his life. He says that work sends a man to his grave before his time.

Something Fine for Headaches.

If you know how quickly the pain is eased with Hunt's Lightning Oil, you would always have it on hand. It is also splendid for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts, Brns, Sprains. Ask your druggist

Mrs. Will Voss and babe of Miles, came in Thursday afternoon on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. B. Wade, and family, a few days.

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

J. L. Schoolers of Loving county, came in a day or two to visit his parents and brought with him a car load of fine young mules to sell out in our section.

We will sell you your winter hat at a much cheaper price than any other millinery in town. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 263. 26td

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We carry a full line building material at all times. Oak for Coupling Poles, Tongues and Etc. Let us save you some money on your bill.

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It's our business to furnish your table with the Best Groceries. Our deliveries are prompt—our goods are first class.

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QUICK DELIVERIES.
Good Milk is Our Motto
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H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

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Don't cost much but add greatly to the convenience of the housewife and gives her many an hour of recreation. Don't put the matter off; but **See to it at once.**
Phone 15.
Ballinger Electric Light Plant
Ballinger, Texas.

Christmas Clothing
should now be made ready, and you will do well to follow Santa Claus' lead and have your garments cleaned and pressed in honor of the festive day. At our shop you will find our facilities for doing this work of the very best, as our skill in cleaning all kinds of gentlemen's and ladies' garments bear witness.
W. H. ROARK
The Tailor Telephone 290

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Give me your orders now for potted plants, holly wreaths and holly by the pound, cyclamers, primroses, ferns and all kinds of potted plants and beautiful cut flowers. Accordion pleating done. Phone 131
MRS. EDWIN DAY

MAIL VOLUME NEARLY AT ITS HEIGHT

With the holiday shopping season at its full height, the volume of mails received and sent out of Ballinger postoffice has more than doubled in the past two weeks and indications are that it will again be as large as it is at present, before many more days. The clerks and carriers are working like beavers from early morning until late at night in receiving and dispatching letters, cards and parcels, without delay, that they might reach their destinations before Christmas.

No record is kept of the number of parcels mailed out of Ballinger each day but it is believed that over one hundred are sent each day. This is for parcel post alone and does not include the letter mail and the mail similar. This is the first holiday season that the parcel post has been in effect and it is meeting with great success.

The increased business has reached such proportions that it has become necessary to add one more carrier to the already large list for a town the size of Ballinger. The carrier will assist in the carrying of mail to Ballinger people, who are receiving their parcels for Christmas. No new clerks will be added to the force but it is almost a certainty that the ones to occupy their time from now on working now will find something to do until the holidays have passed.

The postoffice department has relieved the holiday strain on the postoffice clerks to some extent in the new ruling, by which employees are forced to stamp the parcels sent during the holidays. By the clerks stamping the same, much mail matter that would have been sent wrong, is dispatched in the right manner. All packages must be securely wrapped and tied or they will not be received.

The postal clerks are surprised over the number of letters and parcels sent from Ballinger that contain the Red Cross Christmas Seal thereon. The number is far greater than that of last year and is very pleasing to every person who is helping the Red Cross people in their fight against tuberculosis. Seemingly all persons are, this year aiding in the elimination of the great White Plague from the list of dreaded diseases of this nation.

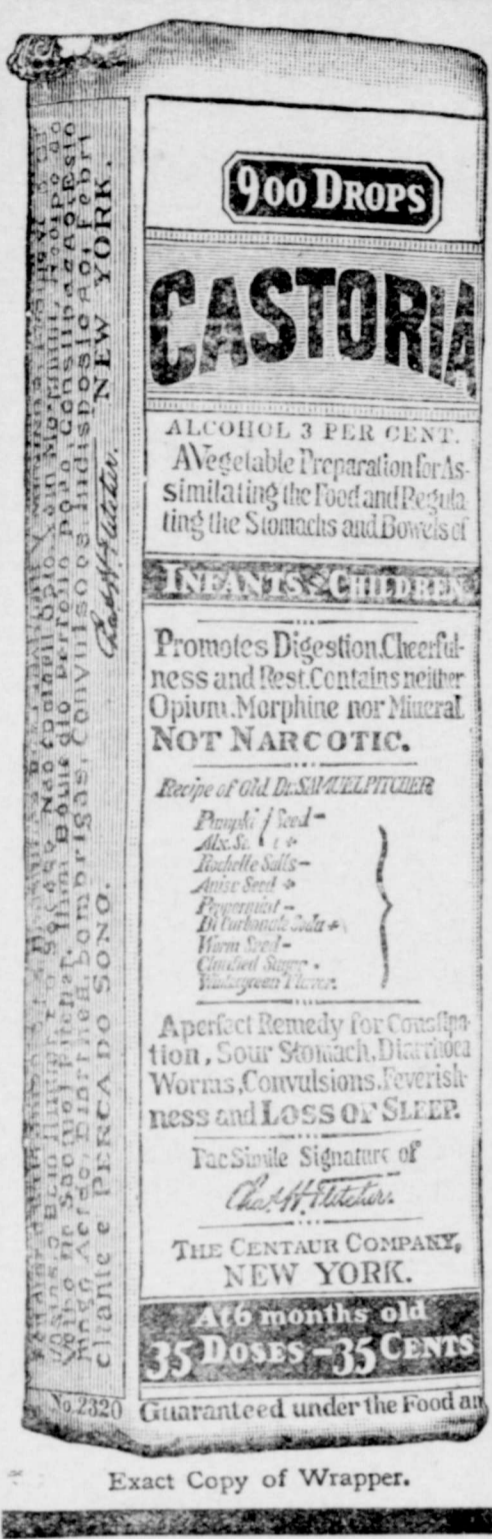
The postoffice instructs that these stamps be placed on the back of the letters instead of the side used for the address. When sending second class mail the sender should be careful to see that the stickers are not pasted in such a manner as to seal the package. This will make it first-class. It also instructs that the stickers should not be used as seals for gifts inside the package, for this too, will make the package first-class.

The department has sent out warnings which are being posted in the lobbies throughout the country about tying and addressing the packages. Each year thousands of gifts go astray and wind up in the dead letter office because they have not been properly wrapped and addressed. If these instructions are followed, few, if any packages, will fail to reach their proper destinations.

A TEXAS WONDER
The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

FOR SALE.
Good Jersey milk cow. F. F. Moore, phone 204. 44t.

You will find the Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubbs. 64t



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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of
Dr. J. C. Welch
of
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Charlie Dean, who is with the West Texas Phone company, at Brownwood, left Thursday afternoon for that place after a few days visit with his family in Ballinger.

WANTED—Salesmen for SKAT Soaps. Don't miss this opportunity to secure the selling right for these well known soaps. Experience not necessary. You can devote your entire time or handle as a side line. Write for our offer. Address SKAT, Hartford, Conn. 14d

LOST.
One pair of shoes from the outside window of F. & M. Bank in Ballinger. Shoes were wrapped up ready to be sent by parcel post to another place. 10-31 d

Phone 263 and allow us to show you our new hats for ladies. They are the cheapest and as good as the best. Breedlove and Meadows. 26td

Mrs. A. Spill, Sr., has returned to her home in Winters, after visiting her son, Joe Spill, and daughter, Mrs. Louie Afflerbach.

See those new Japanese baskets at Pearee's Drug Store. 8-6td

How about a Victrola for the whole family? It makes music for you the whole year around. See them at Pearee's Drug Store. 8-d-6t

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. 14d

Buy your Christmas candies at A. J. ZAPPE'S. 14w 14d

Quality counts. Our quality is the standard in Ballinger. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 263. 26td

SANTARY COUCH for sale Almost new. See Rev. Fred Carter 45t

"Parisian Ivory" is the new fad in manicures, brushes, puff boxes, etc. See the elegant line at Pearee's Drug Store. 8-d-6t

Cash Prices for Old Rags
The Ledger will pay cash for old rags. They must be clean. Bring them quick.

You will find the Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubbs. 64t

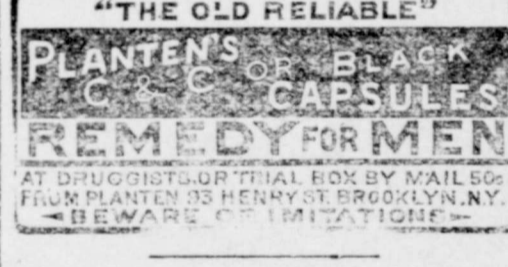
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RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS
One cent each and thus aid in the movement to secure a County Hospital and Dispensaries in this County for the care of the sick and afflicted. Every Seal you buy helps to provide hospitals, dispensaries and visiting nurses for the care of the sick and the prevention of disease.

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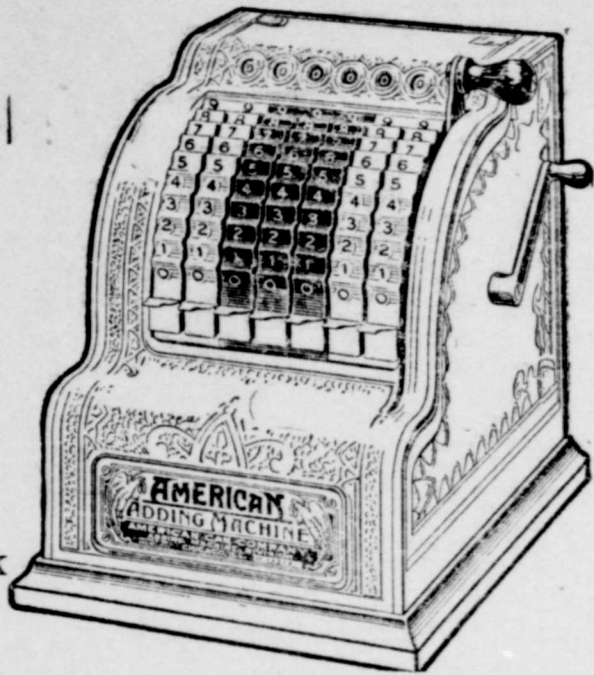


A headline reads, "Silver Is Seized." We do not believe it. We cannot perceive of any person living under or over the sun or even in the big middle of that shining light, who would be so measurably and niggardly, display such rascality and brutality, be so ill-bred and unmannered, as to seize anything that even resembled a cold buck, daytime or nighttime

Foolish Question
NO. 92,769,531
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W. H. ROARK,
The Tailor
"OF COURSE"

The American Adding Machine

The Latest Adder
Costs But \$35
See our exhibit—ask
for 10 days' trial



Here is a new price on a competent Adder. On a machine that is rapid, full-size and infallible.

The very latest machine, built by men who know, in one of the largest metal-working shops.

It is an individual Adder, to be placed on one's desk close to one's books and papers. To take the place of the central machine requiring skilled operators.

It is also intended for offices and stores where costly machines are a luxury.

The price is due to utter simplicity and to our enormous output. Seven keys do all the work.

Now we make this offer so that offices everywhere may learn what this machine means to them.

Ten Days' Trial

We will gladly place in any office one American Adder for a ten days test.

There will be no obligation, and charges will be prepaid.

Compare it with any non-lister—even the costliest. Let anyone use it. See if any machine can serve better than this.

Just send us this coupon and we'll send the machine.

Please send us an American Adding Machine for ten days' free trial.

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
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TAX COLLECTOR LEAVES TO COLLECT.

County Tax Collector W. T. Padgett left early this morning for Maverick where he will spend Friday collecting taxes from the residents of that section of the county. Saturday Mr. Padgett will visit Marie and there spend the day with the property owners surrounding that postoffice.

After the trip to these two places has been completed, Mr. Padgett will have finished the rounds over the county. He has seen a great many of the tax payers but still there is a large number from whom he will collect. He expects those who have not paid to call upon him at his office at the court house. Mr. Padgett was accompanied on his trip this afternoon by Mr. C. C. Cockrell, circulation manager of the Banner-Ledger, who will meet the farmers of Maverick and Marie with Mr. Padgett.

Hearthburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears in stantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine vigorous, and cheerful. Price 50c Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

NO EVIDENCE FOR STATE

Fort Worth, Dec. 12.—County Attorney Baskin refused to introduce any evidence before District Judge Marvin Brown when an application for an habeas corpus filed by attorneys for J. Frank Norris came up for hearing in the Brown court. Norris is charged with burning the first Baptist church and parsonage.

Baskin declared that the evidence already had been heard by a court of competent jurisdiction and the defendant bound over in the sum of \$1000 to await the action of the grand jury. Then he said that the defendant was released by another court.

Lame back came from over-work cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

FIRE MARSHALL ISSUES WARNING

City Fire Marshal Elmer Shepperd has received a bulletin from State Fire Marshal English, in which he warns the people of Ballinger to be very careful in the matter of touching off fireworks, displaying holiday goods, and holding other Christmas festivities.

Marshal Shepperd asks that all Ballinger citizens be as careful as possible in handling fireworks of all descriptions.

The following warning against holiday fire dangers was issued by the State Fire Insurance Commission:

The custom of merchants decorating places of business for the holiday trade is a most hazardous one, from a standpoint of fire. The decorating of churches and school houses for Christmas trees and other means of entertainment is also dangerous. The promiscuous use of fireworks is at all time a menace to life and property.

For the purpose of trying to impress upon the public the need for care throughout the holidays, attention is called to the following:

Stores, churches and bazars: holiday fires occurring in these while filled with people are usually holocausts. Light, inflammable decorations make fires easy to start and easy to spread. A match, a gas flame or an electrical effect may do it.

Watch cigar, cigarette and pipe smokers. Do not permit them to light up inside of the buildings. Do not make the slightest change in electrical wiring without consulting an electrical inspector.

Warning for the home: Every year in America many children are burned to death by fire from Christmas candles. Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material, metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable materials only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for the things cannot turn it over. Do not use cotton to represent snow.

If you must have a row, use asbestos fiber.

Do not permit children to light or relight candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead; and the tree itself will burn when the needles have become dry. Do not leave matches within reach of the children at holiday time. Candles are meant to be lighted and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

A house of merriment is better than a house of mourning.

These suggestions are considered most timely, and they are offered for no other purpose than to arouse the public to a point of alertness that will prevent as far as possible a repetition of fire losses that have heretofore marked Christmas celebrations.

Every city and town in the state that has not enacted an ordinance strictly prohibiting the use of fireworks should do so at once.

GRIPPE PREVALENT

How to Restore Strength After a Severe Attack.

With so much gripe prevalent this winter a few words of advice regarding its cause and treatment will not be out of place.

Gripe is an infectious disease easily taken when the system is in a run-down or tired condition.

The best means of prevention are to keep the blood in a good healthy condition, and if the system gets into a weak run-down condition, take Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic.

A lady from Long Branch, N. J., says: "Gripe left me a nervous, weakened, run-down condition. After taking three bottles of Vinol I am better and stronger than I have been for years, and I cheerfully recommend Vinol to all who have suffered from Gripe and need strength."

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P. S.—If you have any skin trouble try Saxo Salve. We guarantee it.

CREST REACHES THE GULF

Archer, Texas, Dec. 12.—The crest of the flood wave reached here at 11 o'clock this morning. Ever since midnight Tuesday two life saving boats under the command of Captain J. P. Steinbart have been scouring the Brazos bottoms from Thompson's to this point and have saved the lives of over fifty persons found marooned on the roofs of houses.

MAY BE RESTORED.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, replaced as superintendent of the public schools yesterday by Assistant Superintendent John D. Shoop may be restored to her office again by a wave of popular demand, as she was last July.

Mayor Harrison's office was besieged by representatives of the women's clubs today protesting against the loss of Mrs. Young to Chicago's educational system. The mayor promised to aid their efforts in every way possible. He said that he would force the resignation of a number of the members of the school board who voted against Mrs. Young in the session yesterday and brought about her resignation.

Mayor Harrison was outspoken in denunciation of the board members who voted against Mrs. Young. He said that he had the hesitations of six of them placed in his hands when they took office.

The flood waters in Texas have receded to such a degree that the inhabitants of the inundated districts have discontinued their studies of the marine dictionary.

FORT WORTH PLAYER IS VISITOR HERE

Walter Salm, first baseman for the Fort Worth Panthers, Texas League, was a visitor in Ballinger Thursday and part of Friday. Salm is selling fruit cakes for a concern of Corsicana and is ripping with the merchants of West Texas with the soaked sweetness.

While in the city Salm called upon Willard Wooden and talked over baseball with the Ballinger youngster. He had heard of Wooden long before he drifted into the city and had heard nothing that wasn't for the best of the youngster who had been putting the torches to college baseball.

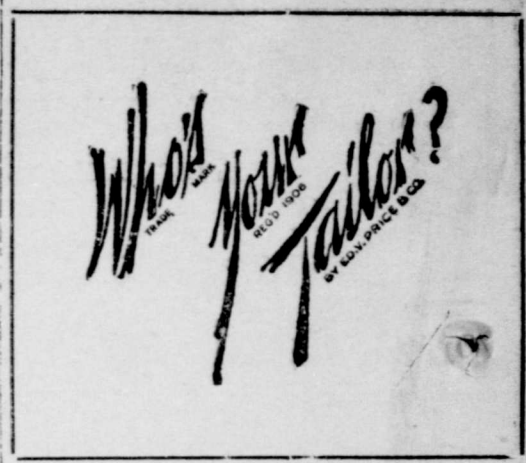
"Where can I find Willard Wooden?" was the first question Salm asked after he had registered at the hotel. He even forgot his fruit cake peddling. Salm, the drummer, had been lost in the winds, and Salm, the crack first baseman of the Fort Worth team had been found.

It didn't take the old veteran long to find the college pitcher. Immediately the two dived into professional baseball gossip and before the winter league game had been brought to a close, Salm had promised to send Wooden a contract to sign up next year. Salm is one of Walter Morris' right-hand men in directing the affairs of the Panthers and he is going to give the local lad a chance, if he desires it. Wooden reserves the privilege of signing or not signing the contract when he gets it. The spring training season in the Texas League opens March 15th, and Wooden can report on that date if he will only let Morris know in time of his intentions.

And then Wooden can report any time in the season. He has not made up his mind as yet whether he will try himself out with the Fort Worth delegation or not. He said today that he would like to go to school after Christmas and hang around with his old college chums at Howard Payne during the spring term when baseball is in full blast.

Salm took a particular liking to Wooden and didn't hesitate in saying so. He is beating his way back to Fort Worth and as soon as he reaches that burg he is going to get in communication with Walter Morris, manager of the Panthers, and see what can be done with Wooden. Salm is anxious to have Wooden sign up with the Fort Worth club, for he has been assured by old heads, who know a good one when they see him, that he can deliver the goods in the Texas League.

Salm in speaking of the Fort Worth club for next season stated that the Panther's chances for getting away with the heavy end of the percentage column were better than ever before. Many of the old heads are coming back besides several new ones that are being touched by Morris' scouts now.



WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT POULTRY SHOW

That the poultry show that is being gotten up by the Ballinger lovers of fine feathered stock is attracting more than the interest of the local breeders is evidenced by a letter which was received recently by B. P. Kirk from a gentleman of Comanche, who desired to know when the exhibit would be held in this city. The Comanche man is N. A. Palmer, city secretary of that city.

Mr. Palmer states in his letter to Mr. Kirk that the poultry enthusiasts of his city are very desirous of exhibiting their fowls in Ballinger at the coming show and desire to know the dates for the same. Comanche is not going to hold a show this year according to the letter.

Mr. Kirk has replied to the letter and stated that an effort was being made by himself and other poultry men to have an exhibition here in January, at which time fowls will be on exhibition from every portion of this section of the state. The matter of a chicken show was broached some time ago but through a misunderstanding it relapsed and nothing further was heard of it until recently. Lately the spirit for a show revived and it is very probable that one will be held in the near future.

Mr. Palmer is a poultry breeder of fame, he having established a reputation in the whole of the United States as a lover of fine chickens and turkeys. He was once vice president of the National Buff-Plymouth Rock association, an organization which is known by every first rated breeder of fowls. In his official capacity he became an expert in the line of poultry and has used his influence in bettering the breed of chickens ever since.

It is hoped by the Ballinger breeders that the move for an exhibition for this city will go through. The fact that breeders located in towns over a hundred miles from Ballinger are interested in the meet here, will encourage the movement, Mr. Kirk thinks.

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