

HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS MADE A PLEASURE IN OUR STORE. WE HAVE THE GOODS

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TONIGHT

A Feast for Picture Seekers

Picture Program

THE MESSAGE TO THE HEADQUARTERS.
Thanhouser Three Reel Feature.

NOT A PICTURE OVER 30 DAYS OLD.

Admission 10c

ANOTHER FIRE OF MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN

A house, the property of W. D. Samsome, and occupied by Mrs. Boyington, located in the Northern part of the city was destroyed by fire about ten thirty Sunday night. The house is what is known as the Legate place. Mr. Legate sold it to Mr. Samsome some time ago, and moved into the Louie Boyd place. Mr. Samsome lives on the Dean irrigated farm up the river, and had the place rented to Mrs. Boyington, of the Maverick country, who was sending her children to school. She and the children returned to the Maverick country and remained over Sunday every week, and only occupied the place during the school days. They left Ballinger last Friday and as far as we have been able to learn no one had been in the house since that time, and how the fire was started is a mystery.

The house was insured for \$600 with the Chastain agency, but there was no insurance on the contents, which we understand did not amount to a great deal as Mrs. Boyington was only living at the place temporarily. No other buildings are near the house that was destroyed, and how such a fire could occur is another mystery that perhaps will never be solved.

Second Alarm Turned In.

The fire at the Samsome place blazed up again about three o'clock Sunday night, and the second alarm was turned in. The fire boys thoroughly soaked the remains of building the first time they were called out, and it was thought the fire had been put out. It was a long run for the fire-team up hill and the quick time made shows that Ballinger has as good fire team as there is in any town in Texas, and one that our citizens should feel proud of.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM FLOOD SUFFERER

Heartz, Texas, Dec. 19, 1913.
Messrs. Norris, Melton, Walker, Committee.

Gentlemen: I am writing you in behalf of our relief committee to express to you, and through you, to the people of your city, our thanks for the packages sent to us for the relief of those who suffered here during our recent flood disaster.

We have used great care to judiciously and equitably distribute this stuff, with that received from other places, and can assure you that it has been of great benefit to those here who lost their personal effects as well as other property.

Yours very truly,
H. W. CUMMINGS.

For Rent—My residence on 8th street. Apply to Malcomb Wardlow. 22-61d

\$20,000 TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS HERE

Ballinger is to have one of the best and most modern telephone systems in Texas and a plant that will equal that of any town in Texas. Such is the statement made by F. W. Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co. of Brownwood, who was in Ballinger for a short while Monday.

Mr. Greber was here conferring with the local manager, A. W. Woods, and arranging for the receiving of new material and laying plans for carrying out the work which will begin January first. Mr. Greber stated that the new material and equipment for the plant was now en route to Ballinger and that the hands would be here and the work started after the holidays, and it is the purpose of the company to complete the improvements and give Ballinger an altogether different service by March 1st.

"We are building for the future," said Mr. Greber, and it is in an anticipation of what we expect our business to reach at this place that we are going to the expense of reconstructing our entire plant at this place. We have coming a modern switch board and the system we are installing will be what is known as the Central energy or flash light system, and central will be called automatically—no more ringing for central. In anticipation of the future growth of our business at Ballinger we are stringing 12,000 feet of new cable. It is the intention of our company to keep just a little ahead of the times in the future, and if the big irrigation project goes through or with a big crop here this year we realize that our foresight will be worth a great deal to the town and will enable us to give good service in keeping with "The System Reliable."

In carrying out this work the West Texas Telephone Co. are fulfilling the plans laid and the promise made by W. T. Stromeyer, deceased, who was manager of the

company at the time the short rain period struck this country. At that time the company figured on building a home here, and purchased a lot on Eighth Street. The building will not be constructed at present, but the company has rented the entire front of the second floor of the First National Bank building, and will occupy about two-thirds of the second floor of that building. The new switch board will be installed in the new office, and the new plant installed in such way that the public will not know it until they observe the improvement in the service. It will not require over thirty minutes to cut in on the new switch board when everything is made ready and this will be done at some hour when Ballinger is asleep. After the new flash light board is installed the old phones will be replaced with new phones and all that will be necessary for you to get central will be to place the receiver to your ear. To make this improvement in its plant at Ballinger the West Texas Telephone Co. will expend between \$18,500 and \$20,000.

Mr. Greber is very optimistic over the future outlook of Ballinger and says it is hard for any one to realize what the future will bring with the completion of the big irrigation project. He stated that despite the short crops and the depressing business conditions of the past three years the people are talking more than ever and the number of phones at this place has almost doubled. Three years ago there were 450 phones in use, and the directory just issued shows over 700 numbers and orders for new phones are coming in almost daily.

We feel that Ballinger people will appreciate the new improvement to be made and that they will at all times do the right thing by any public utility corporation that meets them half way.

PREFERS BALLINGER JAIL LIFE TO LIBERTY IN BROWNWOOD

A man about fifty year of age, giving his name as L. P. Hughes, appeared at the jail in Ballinger Sunday afternoon and asked the jailer to please lock him up in jail. When asked what he had done the man replied that he was not guilty of any crime, but wanted to get in the jail. The jailer started the man out to hunt the officers and tell them his troubles. Hughes soon located the officers and told of his desire to be placed in jail. The officers investigated and found the man with out money, and they complied with his request, and he was given a warm bed in the jail and something to eat, and Monday morning he was given employment on the streets. Ben Allen is grading and cutting down Sixth street and he is working a bunch of men and teams and this stranger was given a place on the works.

Its nothing except a case of a stranger stranded and with a freezing night rapidly approaching caused him to appeal for help in this way. Nothing is known of him further than the name he gives and the story he tells of having come all the way from Brownwood, where liberty is free, and requesting to be placed in the Ballinger jail.

SHOOT AT PASSENGER TRAIN

Bronte Enterprise: Some dastard fired into a passenger train at Fort Chaddbourne Monday night and narrowly missed two gentlemen on one of the seats. A party was seen running away, but the rain coming before Sheriff Hickman could reach the scene he found it impossible to discover any trail. If the sheriff has any clue, he is keeping it to himself, and that is well enough. It is dangerous for any such person to run at large, for he has the spirit of a maniac or an anarchist.

The sheriff and his deputy, Natt Sanders, have also been engaged this week assisting Nolan county officers in the effort to capture a trio of bootleggers. As the story reaches us, two were captured at Blackwell and juggled, managed to escape. A third one hit the grit hard for the mountains of Coke, and it was rumored he had been located, but if he had been captured the fact had not been given out when the paper went to press.

We get the impression that the bootleggers were from Coke, and that is why the Nolan county officers called for help down here. At any rate, it is hoped this incident will stir our officers up to vigilance along this line.

The Ideal Xmas Gift.

Gift making is as old as the world.

The presentation of a gift is a voluntarily act inspired by a sense of respect, high regard of affection for the recipient.

An event when gifts are especially due by custom as well as thru affection is now at hand.

No gift exactly may take the place of CUT GLASS

It fills a niche of it's own in regard of refined people.

The limpid clarity and brilliant cutting of "KOHINOOR" cut glass should be placed at the head of the list of those gifts to be most desired and appreciated.

The Walker Drug Co.

RESIGNS POSITION WITH BIG STORE.

S. L. Bird, who has been at the head of the bookkeeping department of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., for the past several years, has tendered his resignation to take effect about the first of the coming year. He will go to his home in McCulloch county, and after a month or two vacation and rest, it is probable that he will locate in Dallas.

Mr. Bird will be succeeded by R. E. George of the Ballinger State Bank. Mr. Bird has many friends here who will regret to see him leave Ballinger and will join The Ledger in best wishes for his success wherever he might cast his lot.

Weather Forecast.

Tonight, fair and freezing; Tuesday fair.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL BEST FOR YEARS

On account of the heavy holiday travel the Santa Fe on its Ballinger line is taxed to its capacity to handle the many passengers and heavy express haul. The west-bound train Sunday was run in two sections the first section reaching Ballinger over two hours late and the second section coming two hours later. Both trains brought many people to Ballinger some stopping here to visit relatives and others passing through en route to different places in the county. The outgoing trains were also well loaded with people going to spend Christmas at other places.

The local express office is "swamped" with business and big truck loads of express is being handled in and out of Ballinger for every train. The low rates for the holiday travel did not go into effect until Saturday, and the next few days will be the heaviest for many years, is the opinion of the men who are watching such matters. The heavy travel and the bad condition of the roads, on account of the heavy rains over the state will cause all trains to be late and will of course work a hardships and inconvenience on those visiting and those being visited.

Edward Giesecke returned home Sunday from the A. & M. College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke and Ballinger friends.

J. E. McAden, of the country southwest of Ballinger, was among the visitors in the city Saturday afternoon winding up his cotton crop for this season.

LIBERAL HARTED STORE MAKES OFFER

The firm of Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., is offering to play Santa Claus for every child in Ballinger and Runnels County whose parents or guardians are not able to buy the little things that make happiness for the children. They have a notice in this paper, which says that all parents and guardians who are not able to provide gifts for their children will be cared for if they will call in person at that store. The parents or guardians must come and not the children. This certainly shows a liberal spirit in this store, and the men behind the move deserve credit for their kindness and consideration of others.

Santa Claus may be a poor man in some homes this year, but it should make him feel good to know that he can get help, and that there are those who so kindly remember the needy children during the hours which are supposed to be the happiest in the lives of every one.

With the united efforts being made all over the country, and the organized forces working for the elimination of the poverty demon, the coming Christmas promises to be the best for the little fellows all over the land. The Good Fellow is getting in his work, and thousands of dollars will be collected for the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sims, of Pony creek, came and left Saturday afternoon for points in the East to visit relatives during the holidays.

Miss Louise Schawe came in from Dallas Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Will Your Children Have a Santa Claus?

If there are any parents or guardians in Ballinger or Runnels County who are not able to provide Christmas gifts for their children, if they will come to our store, all such children will be provided for. Parents or guardians must apply in person, and call for R. T. Williams.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Here's To You.

A Merry Christmas to you all—Whether Customer or not. May cheerfulness and happiness And gladness be your lot. And if you're not our customer We add this wish right here That you'll enrol yourself with us Within the coming year.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"Fathers and Mothers Bank."

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Runnels county has the best Christmas gift that it has had the pleasure of enjoying for many Yuletides past—the good season to the very bottom of the earth.

If you want to get the best that can possibly come from any holiday, just go out on Christmas morning and find some child that has been neglected by Santa Claus and make the little heart happy.

The best Christmas gift for mother is the coming home of her children who have been scattered

out over the country and away from her for the past year. Mother may receive numerous little tokens of remembrances from friends and loved ones, but her greatest pleasure will be to have with her the children for whom she has often suffered and made sacrifice.

Ballinger citizens never do things by halves, and if there are any in our midst who are not provided through the coming holidays, it will be due to neglect on the part of the charity inclined and not because their hearts are not in the right place. No worthy object of charity can suffer in Ballinger if the people know it. At the same time there is no excuse for any person who is able to work to be dependent on charity in Ballinger, for there is something for every one to do, and at fair wages.

WE ARE PROMISED A SOBER CHRISTMAS

The East Texas papers are now wondering how it happened that the folks up there and over there are not going to have their regulation eggnog. The truth of the matter is that East Texas has just about lost all the romance and legend that it ever possessed in this respect, but we don't know that anybody is sorry as a result thereof.—Brenham Banner.

ELIMINATING PRIMARY TALK

Judge W. A. Walker, chair-

man of the executive committee in charge of Dr. Rankin's proposed prohibition primary, says he believes all the pro candidates will submit their names to the prohibition voters of Texas thru the plan to trim the midown to one in a hill. It is probable that Cullen Thomas will announce and he is the man that is "itching" for the test to be made of the strength of himself, W. P. Lane, and Lieutenant Governor Will H. Mayes. Mayes is not seeking the endorsement of any faction, and he has refused to line up with any particular wing of the democratic party, and says if he is elected he will go into the governor's office with his hands free and under no obligations to any man or set of men. The man that will question Mayes' sincerity on the prohibition question will question the truth. You can't go in Brown county where Mr. Mayes has lived for the past thirty years and find a man that will question his sincerity on the liquor question. He has fought the anti early and late in that county. We do not believe that Mayes will enter the proposed primary, but it is very probable that his friends will have his name mixed up in the affair, and if they do he will beat the whole "kit and biden."

Rube Field, the Missouri mathematical wizard, died at the county farm in Johnson county, Thanksgiving morning. He was about 70 years old. Field lived for many years near Fayetteville, Jackson county and was well known there. If you gave Field the distance by rail between two cities and the dimensions of a car wheel he would tell you almost as soon as the statement left your lips how many revolutions of the wheel would be necessary to travel from one place to the other. If you call any number of columns of figures down a page he would tell you the sum as soon as you reached the bottom. If you gave him the number of yards or pounds of an article and the price, he would immediately return the total cost. He could keep up the performance all day apparently without fatigue. In addition to his mathematical gift, Field possessed the power of telling time. It is positively asserted that when he was awakened from a deep sleep, he could instantly tell the exact hour and minute of the night. The thing was tested often with him in the day time. Your watch might be a little different from what time he gave you. In that case, your watch was wrong and that was a good time to set it. If you told Field how far off your watch was, and you asked him again the next day what time it was, he would tell you first the correct time and then the time by your watch. How Field did these things was a mystery to mathematical experts. Salisbury, (Mod. Press.)

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.

Miss Myrtle Bridwell who teaches in Midland, is spending a few days with home folks.

Quality counts. Our quality is the standard in Ballinger. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 253, 261

C. C. Thomas, of the Valley creek country, left Saturday afternoon for Dallas and will be joined by his brother and together they will spend the holidays at New Market, Tenn, with relatives and friends.

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 druggists sell it.

Mrs. Ed Jones and baby left Saturday afternoon for Madisonville, Lovelady and other points in that section to visit relatives during the holidays.

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

FORMER PASTOR REMEMBERS BALLINGER

In a letter to a writer of this paper, Father J. B. Frigon, formerly pastor of St. Mary's church, Ballinger, now of the Sacred Heart parish, Brownsville, has much to say favorably concerning Ballinger and Ballinger citizens.

Father Frigon was stationed at this place for several years and was much beloved by not only his parishioners but also non-Catholics who knew him. He was succeeded here last month by Father Lavioie.

In part Father Frigon says, "The Daily Ledger is a source of great pleasure to me, and no matter how busy I always take time to read the news from dear old Ballinger."

"Though I have traveled considerably, your little city from every point of view is the best I have seen, and I was really very much attached to the town and to its good, courteous, broad-minded people. I am coming back some day."

"You would do me a great favor by conveying to my excellent friends, and I presume every citizen I know was in that category, my cordial wishes for a Merry Christmas and a bright, happy, prosperous New Year."

Father Frigon was moved to Brownsville by a direct communication from the Pope to the Bishop of Dallas. A new church was recently built in Brownsville and Father Frigon was designated to take charge of the same. It is probable that he will visit Ballinger next summer and still later on, take charge of the Catholic Church at this place.

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 your DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 cents known in Best. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

WILL LOWERY VERY LOW.

Will Lowery is lying at the point of death at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. A. Massey. He has been in bad health for some time but during the last few days he has been rapidly growing worse, and there is no hopes for his recovery. He is one of the pioneer settlers of Ballinger and his friends regret that he must leave us.

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.

Miss Willie Mae James came in from the west Saturday afternoon to spend the vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. B. James. She is teaching school at Sonora.

Eight pounds real Holly for \$1 to close out. Higdon-Melton Jackson Co. 20-d3t

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

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.

THE BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

FIRE INSURANCE The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE Your business solicited. Miss Maggie Sharp. Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co. Office. Phone 215. See Me.

SURPRISE MANY IN BALLINGER

The quick action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis is surprising Ballinger people. Many have found this simple remedy drains so much foul matter from the system that a single dose relieves constipation, sour stomach and gas on the stomach almost immediately. Adler-i-ka is the most thorough bowel cleanser ever sold. The Walker Drug Co.

Little Miss Valen Voelkel, of San Saba, who had been visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel of South Ballinger, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

We give the highest cash price. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

Misses Lalla Batts and Dovie Pinkin came in from the west Sunday morning to spend the holidays with home folks. They are teachers in the public schools in Tom Green county.

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, Bruis, Sprains. Ask your druggist.

Mrs. H. L. Blackburn and son and daughter, Gordon and Winnie left Saturday afternoon for Pasha, Texas, to join Mrs. Blackburn to visit relatives and friends during Christmas.

Miss Tate, of Comanche, who had been visiting her aunt Mrs. W. B. Dunlap and family the past several weeks left Saturday afternoon for her home.

MRS. M. BARBEE SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. M. Barbee is seriously ill at her home in South Ballinger and her death is expected. The relatives who have been called to her bedside are the children at present, except one son, Wade who is expected to arrive today.

Mrs. Barbee came to Ballinger when the town was in its infancy and she is numbered among the best women in this county. The family have a host of friends who extend sympathy during the trying hours.

Transfer Agent J. P. Miller was in Ballinger Saturday and left on the afternoon train for Huntsville where he goes to take Roy Wilcox and Nutt to the penitentiary, who had been in the Ballinger jail since their convictions.

Give us a chance before you sell your hens, friers and turkeys. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

W. R. Little, of Maverick, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and his son Prof. Little who has been teaching the Waltham school, accompanied him home for the holidays.

WANTED—To lease or rent a secondhand piano. Apply to Ivan Hamilton, Ballinger. 19-3td

Mrs. Parnell and children left Saturday afternoon for Stephenville to spend Christmas with her parents and friends.

Miss Winnie Warren, who teaches in the Crews school, passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route east to spend the holidays with relatives.

Grady Chastain left Monday afternoon for San Angelo to visit a few days.

What's Your Talk? ELIMINATING PRIMARY TALK. Judge W. A. Walker, chair-

Hall Hardware Co. Everything in Hardware. Competent Plumbers Always Ready to Attend to Rush Orders. Your Business Solicited. Hall Hardware Co.

NOTICE Now is the time to make your application for land loans. 1 on money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and cash vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and change no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call at my office. H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

Electrical Conveniences 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.

The Ballinger Dairy Wants to sell you milk. Prompt service. QUICK DELIVERIES. Good Milk is Our Motto. The Ballinger Dairy. Phone 210

GUNTER HOTEL Absolutely Fire-proof, Modern, European. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Rates \$1.00 to \$3.00 Per Day. A Hotel Built For The Climate. SAN ANTONIO HOTEL CO., Owners, PERCY TYRRELL, Mgr.

Xmas Presents--- 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

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

DON'T FORGET H. L. WENDORF, the Saddle and Harness Man. Wants your business however large or small. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas.

You Eat to Live and Live to Eat It's our business to furnish your table with the Best Groceries. Our deliveries are prompt—our goods are first class. Phone 66. Miller Mercantile Company

It is with the greatest of pleasure that this Bank desires to express its gratitude to its patrons for the favors it has received during the past year and to further assure them that it will assist them in every way possible so that when another year has rolled around they will have increased most substantially their savings through the efficiency of this Bank, and in other ways materially furthered their welfare. We appreciate their patronage and invite them to make use of all the facilities of this Bank during the coming year.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Mrs. D. N. Cox and children left Monday morning for Talpa to spend a few days with relatives.

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

J. H. Wilke spent Sunday with his family and returned to Coleman Monday morning where he recently purchased a stock of general merchandise.

Fred Machotka, one of the Rowena merchants, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

"THE OLD RELIABLE"
PLANTEN'S
REMEDY FOR MEN
AT DRUGGISTS OR TRIAL BOX BY MAIL 50c
FROM PLANTEN 82 HENRY ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS

H. W. Robinson, the banker and F. Bloomthritt, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday between trains.

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. I 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.

Miss Kathleen Jones came in Monday morning from Alpine to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Lusk and family. Miss Kathleen is governess for a family near Alpine, where she has been the past fall months.

Miss Lutie Lankford, who is attending the Weatherford Female College, came home Saturday night to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

LOST—Broach set with seventy-two pearls and diamond center. Reward if returned to Mrs. Audrey Gustavus. 20-d2t

Chas. S. Miller, W. W. Farmer and Jo Wilmet returned home Monday from a short business trip west.

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

Joe Summers, of the Rowena country, had business in Ballinger Monday between trains and renewed with The Banner-Ledger for another year.

Nice oak wood, sizes and length to suit. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Phone 312. 1d

R. J. Deens, the livery man, left Monday morning for Rising Star to visit his sister and family a few days.

We handle everything in our line, The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

A. B. Lindle, one of the Ledger's friends of the Miles country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides. w/mo-d1mo Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

Alex McGregor, who is attending Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, came in Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor and family.

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

C. C. Schuchard, of Winters, spent Sunday in Ballinger with his family and Ballinger friends and returned to Winters Monday afternoon.

See the Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co., for best prices on eggs poultry of all kinds, and butter. d&w-tf

Bill Gee, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger a few hours.

We are closing out our Christmas supply of real Holly. 8 pounds for \$1. Higdon-Melton Jackson Co. 20-d3t

Wade Barbee, of El Paso, came in Monday morning to be at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill.

J. H. Wilbourn is rejoicing over the arrival at his home Monday afternoon of a fine young lady photographer. Both baby and mother are doing nicely.

CASH FOR XMAS.

We pay spot cash for all second hand clothing and all kinds of Furniture. Now is the time to get cash for Xmas needs. We pay the top prices on secondhand goods. See us before you sell. Phone 381, C. A. Freeze, the Second-hand man. 18-d26t

Jesse Stacy, who is attending the Peacock Military School at San Antonio, came in Saturday night and spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. A. Doose and family and left for his home at Stacy to spend the holidays.

Our hats are the best and the cheapest. Allow us to show you our new line. Breedlove and Meadows. Telephone 263. 26td

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman and children left Sunday morning for Brownwood. Mr. Freeman returned home on the night train and Mrs. Freeman will spend the holidays with her father John Chaillette and family.

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

Kerney Mayes, one of the pioneer stockmen of Bronte, was in Ballinger Monday visiting.

If you want Xmas money sell me your secondhand clothing and furniture. C. A. Freeze. Phone 381. Always pays the best prices. 18-d26t

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cobb and little daughter came in Monday at noon from the east. Mrs. Cobb has been visiting at Brownwood and was joined by Mr. Cobb to spend a few days in Ballinger.

F. W. Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co. of Brownwood, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

George Eskridge, left Monday at noon on a short business trip to Miles.

Mrs. Peyton returned home Monday at noon from a visit to relatives and friends at Dallas.

W. A. Perry and two little sons of Sweetwater, who had been here to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Walter Cordill left Monday afternoon for Miles.

Sam Holland, of Eldorado, who had been here with his wife at the bedside of her mother Mrs. M. Barbee, left Monday for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary, of Colorado City, came in Monday on a visit to his aunt Mrs. Frank Gressett and family.

W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer, left Monday at noon on a short business trip.

Lynn Stokes, of the Rowena country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

C. C. Blanchard, of Amarillo, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger the past day or two, left Monday for San Angelo en route home.

Miss Annie Goetz, of Rowena, was here Monday to meet her sister, Mrs. F. Gerhardt, of Crews and together they returned to Rowena on the noon train, to visit Mrs. Gerhardt's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. Goetz and friends Xmas.

Fritz Hanz, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

J. W. Rogers, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route west on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Knox left Monday at noon for Bronte to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and family during Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drennon, left Monday at noon to visit their son and family at Sonora during the holidays.

Miss Mattie Thomas, of Valley creek passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from a visit to Winters.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS

List of letters advertised, Dec. 20, 1913.

Burchard, Mr. and Mrs. H. H., Franklin, T. B.
Jones, Sid.
Spezzer, Miss Jean.
Tate Miss Minnie

When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.
James J. Erwin P. M.

J. L. Bailey, of the Bradshaw country, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Runnels.

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in me as trustee, named and appointed in a certain deed of trust, recorded in volume 13, pages 390 and 391, deed of trust resords for Runnels County, Texas, executed and delivered to us on the 16 day of January, A. D., 1913, by R. Rutherford, for the better securing the payment of one promissory note of date January 16, 1913, in the principal sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars, fully described in said deed of trust, said note executed by R. Rutherford and payable to the order of John W. Clappett, at Ballinger, Texas, said note due and payable on the 1st day of September, A. D., 1913, bearing interest from date until paid at the rate of ten per cent per annum, said note providing in its face that in the event said note be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection upon default of payment of same upon its

maturity, the signer should pay 10 per cent additional upon the principal and interest of said note as attorneys fees.

And whereas, said note bears credits as follows: January 20, 1913, \$30.00; April 15, 1913, \$36.10; and there is now due on said note in principal, interest and attorneys fees the sum of \$883.30.

And whereas, the said J. W. Clappitt, owner and holder of said note and beneficiary under said deed of trust has been forced and compelled to pay out certain premiums for policies of fire insurance on the property conveyed by said deed of trust, to protect him, the said John W. Clappitt, against loss or damage by fire to said property, said premiums having been so paid since the execution of said deed of trust by said R. Rutherford, and the said R. Rutherford having failed and refused to so insure said property against loss and damage by fire in favor of said John W. Clappitt, and to pay said premiums, said premiums being in the sum of \$47.50.

And whereas, the said John W. Clappitt is now the owner and holder of said note, and the said R. Rutherford has made default in the payment of said note and the same is now long since past due and unpaid, and the aggregate of indebtedness of said note, principal, interest and attorneys fees and said fire insurance premium is of the total amount of \$930.80.

And, whereas, I, R. G. Erwin trustee, under and by the terms of the said deed of trust, have been requested by the said John W. Clappitt to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale, between the legal hours thereof, to-wit, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., at public auction to the highest bidder, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D., 1914, the same being the 6th day of the month, at the Court House door in the town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in and to lots Nos. 6, 7, and 8 and 9 in Block No. 26, original town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as the same appears on the map of said town made by Thomas King, Engineer, and now in file in the office of the County Clerk of said County, to which reference is here made, together with an undivided one-half interest in that certain gin plant and all property and all property of every description whatsoever located on said lots or any of them, and together with all personal property of any description owned by the said R. Rutherford and constituting any part of said gin plant, together with all of the rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Witness my hand, at Ballinger, Texas, this 15th day of January, A. D., 1913.

R. G. ERWIN,
Trustee.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Kleberg Entertains.

One of the most beautiful planned entertainments ever given in Ballinger was that given by Mrs. Kleberg Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. K. Hutton on Eighth Street.

The handsome reception suite on the first floor was artistically decorated in cut flowers, Jackson vines, ferns and tropical plants, the color motif of red and green being attractively featured and many poinsettias were used in the window boxes and floor vases.

The guests were received in the drawing room, where "42" was

greatly enjoyed during the afternoon. After playing a number of interesting games the following menu was served.

MENU:

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Those who were fortunate to be present were: Mesdames Will Allen, Ben S Long, Jno. Lovelass, Frank Miller, J. K. Hutton, R. W.

Bruee, H. Giesecke, C. S. Miller, John Hopkinson, Tom Gardner and J. Y. Pearce.

Mrs. Kleberg was charming in a red mesaline combined with lace.

Club Meeting.

Miss Lena Belle Doss entertained the members of the Thirteen Club Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated in mistletoe vines and red crepe paper suggesting the Christmas season.

Music and sewing were enjoyed during the afternoon after which a delicious salad course was served.

Those who enjoyed the afternoon were: Misses Bertha Ras-

bury, Conway, of Brownwood, Etta Hutton, Ada Allen, Lois Crews, Bettie Miller Hattie Hutton, Lena Belle and Louise Doss. The club will meet next Saturday with Miss Hattie Hutton at three o'clock.

Beau Nots.

Miss Hattie Hutton was hostess Tuesday afternoon of a delightful meeting of the Beau Not Club at her home on Eighth Street. The hours were very pleasantly spent in playing "500" which was played at two tables. During the afternoon delicious refreshments were served on the card tables to the following members:

Misses Bettie Miller, Hattie and Etta Hutton, Winnie Trail, Bertha Vae Pelt, Lois Crews, Mrs. Harold Tucker and Miss Florence Westbrook. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by her sister Miss Etta Hutton.

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A little black run-about car, driven by W. A. Nance and Will Roark, quit the street and crawled upon the side walk and butted through the front of the I. O. Wooden building occupied by the City Meat Market on Eighth Street Monday afternoon. The panel in the side of the building where the lunch stand is located was knocked out and the glass shattered into a few thousand pieces, but the car was not damaged nor to one hurt.

It all happened when Mr. Nance who was driving the car released the steering wheel and was in the act of exchanging the seat with Mr. Roark, who was going to drive the car. Mr. Nance let go the wheel thinking that Mr. Roark had hold of it, and in exchanging seats the wheel was suddenly turned and the car jumped across the side walk and through the front of the building before the car could be placed under control. The car was traveling along at a moderate speed but fortunately was not going fast. The impact killed the engine and the accident only resulted in a little excitement and a demolished window.

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DIIED.

Miss Lizzie Stubbs died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stubbs, 202 Sixth Street, Saturday evening at nine o'clock. Deceased was about 62 years old and had made her home here with relatives for some time.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, and the remains interred in the Ballinger cemetery. The Ledger joins the friends of the family in sympathy.

R. J. Queen, of the Crews country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Holiday Fares



very low this year

Tickets on sale between all points in Texas, December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for return.

Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Memphis Tennessee, December 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for final return.

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