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### PRINCESS THEATRE

TONIGHT

Pictures that cure the "Blues"

### Picture Program

The Land of Dead Things  
—Two Parts—Broncho.

Love Me Love My Dog—  
Apollo.

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OVER 30 DAYS OLD.

Admission 10c

### XMAS PRESENTS FOR MR. AND MRS. COLQUITT

Austin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Gathering at the Governor's Mansion at 11 o'clock this morning the state officials associated with the administration presented to Governor O. B. Colquitt a three-carat diamond ring and presented to Mrs. Colquitt a beautiful dinner ring. Ex-Governor Joseph D. Sayers, and now chairman of industrial accident board made the presentation.

The party that went to the mansion consisted of nearly all of the officials who hold office by virtue of appointment, and other officials were present. Mr. Sayers' speech was along the lines of appreciation of the administration and especially he emphasized the harmony between the various departments and the state executive. He said, however, that gifts were given and prompted by the Christmas spirit and the love the state employes have for the governor and his wife.

It has been the custom of the state employes under the Colquitt administration to give the governor and his wife each Christmas a present.

### DANCE AT CLUB ROOMS.

There will be a dance at the Club Rooms tonight and splendid music will be rendered on this occasion.

Mrs. Pierce, of Coleman, who had been in our city on a visit to her son, Jo Hardin and family, left Friday at noon to visit at Paint Rock a few days.

### CHILDREN SHOW

#### RIGHT KIND SPIRIT

So far as known there has not been a single accident due to fireworks in Ballinger this Christmas. From all indications, the children, assisted by their parents, have spent a very sane season of holidays up to date. There are several more days before the season closes, but the greatest portion of the discharge of fireworks was Christmas evening.

In all portions of the city, from six o'clock until after midnight, the skies over Ballinger were illuminated by skyrockets, Roman candles and other species of fireworks, but it was noted by many that the amount used this Christmas was much smaller than that of other years. It may be that the children were saving their Christmas rockets and candles for nights later in the week, but last night's discharge was much smaller than the corresponding nights of other holiday seasons, according to many citizens who noted the youngster's sport.

"One of the most noticeable things about the present Christmas is the manner in which the children have remained clear of the so-called Roman candle fights," said a prominent citizen today in commenting upon this year's celebration of the holidays. "I have noticed only a few fights between the older boys but the number is much smaller than what I expected, knowing how the boys 'battled' a few years ago with fireworks. I am glad to see the young people celebrating in a sane manner and I am sure that the greater portion of the Ballinger citizen's are with me in wishing that it might continue so in the years to come."

### RECEIVES AUTO FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Oscar Pearson is celebrating the Yuletide by taking lessons in auto driving. Mr. Pearson presented her with a nice five passenger Overland, and it is numbered among the prettiest cars in Ballinger.

Frank Pearce is at home from Galveston to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Ballinger friends.

T. W. Whidden, who lives east of the city, was among the Santa Claus shoppers in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### JOYOUS OCCASION

Stimulated by a stiff breeze out of the north with the sun shining down throughout the day, Ballinger celebrated one of the most joyous Christmas days in the history of the city. The day was an ideal Christmas Day, lacking only the traditional snow to make everything lovely for all concerned. The cool breeze was bracing and freshening to many, however, and made the day all the more pleasant for those who admire winter time.

Quite a number of citizens left the afternoon previous to Christmas to spend the day with relatives and friends in other cities, and as many arrived here from their homes to spend the day with relatives and friends who reside in Ballinger.

Christmas trees were given at each of the churches. Not a youngster, as far as known, was slighted. The little things which are necessary to bring joy to the children who have been looking forward to the day of Santa Claus' coming and longing for that gentleman's early arrival, were at each of the homes in Ballinger, poor and rich, and made many hearts happy.

Many spreads of the very best that land can supply were enjoyed, and at the City Hall the Nazarene Church, assisted by a number of the citizens of the town, fed a large crowd. To be exact 190 came to the hall for their dinner, and dinners for about one hundred were sent out to those who preferred to remain at home. The spread consisted of turkey, chicken, and all those things that generally go with a Christmas feast, and after every one had been served much food remained on the table and in the baskets and the people were invited back to supper, and about fifty accepted the invitation. The committee found that they had more good things to eat than they could feed to the crowd, and the day after Christmas this was distributed out among the people of the town, who are in a position to appreciate the kindness. The day for this spread was very successful. A splendid program was carried out both in the morning and in the afternoon, and it is a day long to be remembered by those who were present.

### Weather Forecast.

Tonight increasing cloudiness; warmer; Saturday, colder.

### NOBODY AT HOME;

#### HOUSE BURNS

The home of Jack Nichols on 12th street was destroyed by fire about twelve o'clock Christmas Eve night, and it is another mysterious fire and makes three that has occurred in Ballinger within the last ten days.

Mr. Nichols and his family left about noon the day before Christmas for a visit in Concho County. It is not known whether they left a fire burning in the house or not, as they have not returned to Ballinger up to the time this is being written. However, the fire that destroyed the building did not occur for over twelve hours after they locked the house and left it, and it does not look reasonable that a fire would originate from a stove or other fire carelessly left in the house after that length of time.

The building was aflame all over when discovered and the building burned down before the fire company could reach it. The building was insured for \$750 and the contents for \$400 with the Chastain agency.

Naturally those who are interested in the prevention of fires are suspicious and it is probable some action will be taken to investigate and see if there is any grounds for incendiary origin.

### DANCE CHRISTMAS NIGHT A LITTLE TROUBLE

A dance was given in the Wilke building near the Ostertag Furniture Co., on Christmas night. Quite a number of pleasure seekers attended and whiled away the evening by dancing. The affair passed off very quietly and only one party had to be called down by those in charge, and with the exception of a broken glass window the damage was light.

E. D. Futch, the cotton buyer, who spent Xmas with home folks, left Friday afternoon for Winters where he is buying cotton this season.

Mrs. Lee Sparks, of Temple, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stoks, left Friday at noon to visit relatives at Miles before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray, of Sweetwater, who had been visiting their son W. B. Ray and family during the past two weeks, left Friday at noon for their home.

We Have One For You

OUR CALENDERS are ready for distribution—it is a picture worth coming after. All our friends and those not our friends can get one by calling at our store.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Company

### SAFE AND SANE CHRISTMAS PREVAILS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Champions of "Safe and Sane" Christmas in the south tonight were jubilant because of the apparent success of their efforts.

Reports generally indicated that the celebration had not been attended by the loss of life and property, which frequently in the past has characterized the observance of the day.

In most southern cities rigid regulations governing the use of fire works and firearms in connection with Christmas celebrations have been enforced with the result that accidents were comparatively few.

At New Orleans a campaign against the careless use of fireworks brought good results. A similar campaign at Birmingham, Alabama resulted in the quietest Christmas that city has ever seen.

Reports of an exceptionally quiet Christmas came from virtually every city in Texas. At Dallas there were no serious accidents. Snow, Atlanta's "Safe and Sane" a white Christmas unmarred by disorder or serious catastrophe. Louisville, Ky., in the throes of a sleet and snow storm, reported a Christmas singularly free from accidents. Atlanta's "Safe and Sane" campaign resulted in the quietest Christmas ever observed here.

### CLABE ARMSTRONG REMOVED HOME.

Clabe Armstrong, who has been in the Halley & Love sanitarium since he sustained a broken leg nearly a month ago, was carried to his home Friday afternoon. He stood the trip splendidly and is getting along as well as could be expected. Mr. Armstrong has had quite a time from his accident, and on account of being large and heavy he has suffered a great deal. His friends will be glad to learn that he is improving and in the course of time will be himself again.

Elo Mechaelis, one of the prominent young ranchmen of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

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 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.

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What are you going to do about those resolutions?

Let optimism hold full way in your conversation through the coming year, and it will be the best year you ever lived.

While the rivers of Central South Texas were on rampage, and thousands of acres of land under water, the streams in Alabama were so low that boats and barges were stranded on sand bars and rock ledges for several weeks.

Three homes in Ballinger destroyed by fire within ten days while the occupants were away from home look a little suspicious and is causing some comment. It is dangerous for a man to leave his home when the fire bugs are at work.

It would be no small task for The Ledger to give the names of all those who visited in Ballinger during the holidays, or to give the names of those who went to other places to visit. It was a regular home coming, and many former Ballinger boys and girls were here to spend the Yuletide with parents.

The coming New Year will be the wettest (water) in many years and the farmers of this section never had cause to make a stronger pull for a great year. The small grain crop in great. In fact some say it is too good to be true. The old argument that a wet winter insures a good crop will be thoroughly tested out.

The overflow has already had a depressing effect upon some of the holders of Brazos bottom land and a sale on two has taken place in consequence. That is to be expected, though it is safe to say that if any bargain comes floating along there will be plenty of takers about here.—Novasota Review.

If the money that was burned in the fire in Texas last night was placed in one pile it would make Rockefeller's cash pile look like a mole hill. Yes, bring the folks closer to home, if that burned in Ballinger alone had been spent for one year's pay value in this county would be the talk of the town. The only feature of the whole business is the money goes North and the Southern people get in—exclusion, maimed limbs, black eyes.

*Whose name is your tailor?*

**WALKER**



FINANCING RAILROADS

The Fundamental Elements in Securities.

BY JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, Executive Head of Southern Pacific.

THE financing of a railroad is a function which the people, through their servants, the Railroad Commissioners and the Legislators, have never attempted, but it is a most important problem, especially to sections of a State where new railroads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads.

The immediate determination of what earnings the railroads shall be permitted to receive and what burdens it shall have put on it is in the hands of the other servants of the public—the Legislators and the Commissioners.

Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a government where the money is raised by taxation. When the expenditures, for good reason or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increased. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have almost no control over their incomes, their rates being fixed by public authorities.

There is not a railway manager in the country today who is not fearful that under the press of increasing demands the transportation systems of the country will, in a few years, break down, unless the railroads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to build it up. There are vast sections of the country, especially in the West, where more railroads are needed and they cannot be built unless the railways raise new capital.

People invest money in order to make money, and they are skeptical as to whether they can make money by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must be made more attractive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings that will enable them to meet the increased capital charges.

and in many cases help to fill the cemeteries.

In 1907 there were 37 people killed by autos in the city of New York. For the first eleven months of the present year the number of deaths from the same cause in that city totaled 177. While there has been a big increase in the use of the cars the increase does not justify the number of deaths. According to the man who compiled the figures in his report that the majority of the deaths are due to carelessness. We are a careless nation and if it was not for the guiding hand of Providence, or as some might say luck, many of us would be at the end of the race before we reached the first quarter stake.

On January 1st the limit of weight for packages through the parcel post in the first and second zones will be increased to 50 pounds and in the third to the eighth zones as high as 20 pound packages will be admitted. This is a great thing for the man who lives in the country and gets his mail every day from the rural carrier, but when a package is mailed Uncle Sam does not guarantee to deliver it unless you pay extra for insurance, and if it is damaged you have no come back. The express companies guarantee to deliver the goods, and if broken you are paid for same. Just this much to keep you posted and then you can take your choice.

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.

R. A. Nicholson left Thursday morning for Hamlin, Texas where he is buying cotton this season.

New oak wood, sizes and lengths to suit. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Phone 312

RED CROSS SEAL REPORT SOON

The various committees in charge of the sale of the Red Cross Seals have not made their report to the chairman, Mrs. W. S. Fleming, and it will be several days before the final report is made. In the meantime the seals will be gladly furnished to those who want to use them, and have a hand in aiding in this great work. A Red Cross Seal is not out of place when placed on the back of a letter or package any day in the year and in sending out your New Year mail you can't go wrong if you will place one of these little stickers on your letters.

While the sale has been very satisfactory we understand that there are quite a number who have a supply of the stamps on hand that they regret to have to report unsold. Ballinger should occupy a top place in the list of towns using the seals, and if you will use a few of your left over pennies during the next two or three days a good showing will be made in the final report. You know doubt have had a most joyous Christmas and you could not close out the old year in a more fitting way than to have a hand in this worthy work so when the report is made you can read it, and say, "I helped to make it what it is."

Heartburn 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.

RURAL TELEPHONES. Peter Radford, in discussing modern facilities for the farm, said:

The telephone is one of the most profitable business agencies that the farmer can employ. It affords him facilities for keeping in constant communication with the markets, provides a sitting room for the community where the families can assemble and discuss the events of the day without the inconvenience of travel or loss of time, and in sickness and emergencies, it renders a divine service.

The farmers should encourage the building of telephone lines. Local co-operative companies can be formed and country lines built at small expense.

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ALCOHOL 3 PER CENT.  
Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

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Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.

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**35 DROPS - 35 CENTS**

Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act.

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Use For Over Thirty Years

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GOLDEN EGGS.

Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the egg famine and many plans devised for the purpose of restoring this barnyard product to its normal price. Uncle Sam investigated the cold storage monopoly and the housewives the nation over have organized boycott leagues, but the purchasing price to the ultimate consumer continues to increase.

Eggs are a commodity whose value is fixed in the hen house and not on the breakfast table nor at the cold storage plant. When Queen Bidly is properly fed and housed, the laying season will be every month in the year and the barnyard will become the distributing center for the world's greatest food product.

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.

Bud Miller left Wednesday afternoon to visit relatives at points east during the holidays.

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

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon to take Christmas dinner with her father Wm. Moore 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

Judge J. W. Powell left Wednesday afternoon to join his family at Lampasas on a visit to relatives and friends during Christmas.

If you want Xmas money sell me your secondhand clothing and furniture. C. A. Freeze. Phone 381. Always pays the best prices. 18-126t

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones, of the Valley Creek country, left Wednesday afternoon for Ft. Worth to spend the holidays with friends.

**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.

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Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call at my office.

**H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.**

**OTTO DAVIS No. 113,492**

MY—

REGISTERED JERSEY BULL IS LOCATED AT THE UNION WAGON YARD IN BALLINGER. FEE \$2.50 CASH WITH COW. RETURN PRIVILEGE FREE. PHONE 235.

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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

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**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.**

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Ballinger, Texas.

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**Wants to sell you milk. Prompt service. QUICK DELIVERIES.**

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**The Ballinger Dairy. Phone 210**

**W. R. BUSHONG**

THE FREIGHT MAN

Always on the Dot at the Right Time

Nothing too Heavy

Nothing too Small

Phone City Drug Store for Orders

**Purely Personal**

Oscar Talbott left Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays with his family at San Angelo.

**LADY WANTED** — To make mattress ticks for Ballinger Mattress Factory. Phone T. S. Lankford, No. 82. 26-2td

Earl Collins, of Waco, came in Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents and Ballinger friends.

**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. tfd

Miss Franc Baker left Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends at San Angelo.

**LOST**—Two black pigs six weeks old near compress. Liberal reward for return to City Meat Market. 24-3td

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown left Wednesday on the late train for San Angelo and Mrs. Brown went on to Eldorado to spend Christmas with her parents.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn left Wednesday to spend Christmas day with her sister, Mrs. Arch Holman and family at San Angelo.

Amos 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.

Pasehal Armstrong came in from California Wednesday to visit his father R. B. Armstrong, of Valley creek during the holidays.

**GRIP LOST**—Between Talpa and South Ballinger, canvass Teles come containing clothing and dry goods and a doll. Finder please return to E. E. STARK or leave at Ledger office. 1td lw

Joe Nash, who has been visiting his mother and other relatives in Ballinger since Wednesday returned to Dallas this afternoon.

**TRESPASS NOTICE**

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides. w1mo-d1mo Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Crews and children, of San Antonio came in Wednesday afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives and friends in Ballinger.

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.

W. E. Weibusch, the Wingate gin man, came in and left from this point Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays with relatives and friends east.

For Rent—My residence on 8th street. Apply to Malecomb Wardlow. 22-6td

**LOST**—Between town and Santa Fe railroad on Winters-Ballinger road, a fur muff. Finder will confer favor by returning same to Mrs. H. Vandevanter or leaving at Ledger office.

**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."

**Opera House**

**Saturday Dec. 27**

**The Marie Williams Stock Company in a Comedy Drama of the Northwest**

**"The Straight Road"**

The kind of Western Play everybody likes.

We are here to stay. The Marie Williams Stock Co., will play a new and high comedy a drama every other night. The second play of this company will be a society drama entitled The Defaulter.

**Remember Your Night**

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barton and baby, came in from Reagan county Friday morning to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days. Mrs. Barton was formerly Miss Susie Abernathy, well known in our city.

**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.

Prentiss Gregg, of Belton, came in Wednesday night to join his wife and baby here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward and family during Xmas.

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

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

Mrs. Louis Alexander came in from Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stone and other relatives and Ballinger friends.

**Foolish Question**

NO. 92,769,531

*Whos Your Tailor?*

**W. H. ROARK,**  
The Tailor  
"OF COURSE"

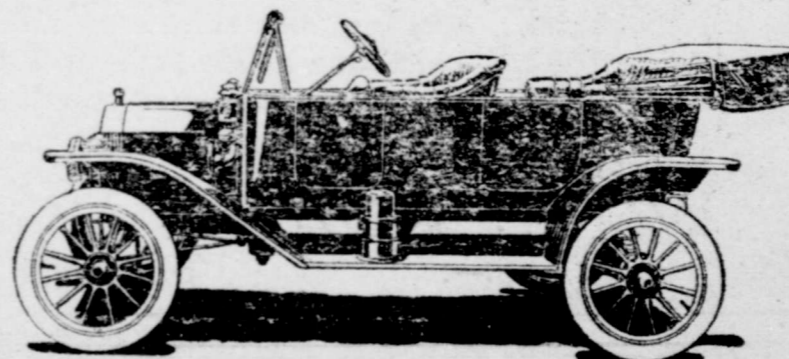


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Model T **\$595**  
Touring Car

Get particulars from Harwell-Allen Ford Co. Ballinger, Texas.

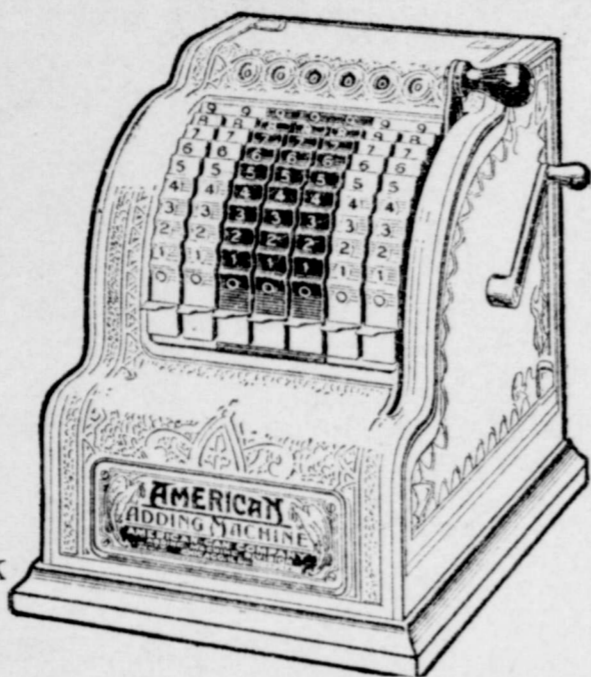
A car load just received, come in and see them.



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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-listener—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 .....  
State .....

Each copied number is shown up for checking before the adding is made. The machine will add, subtract and multiply. With very slight practice anyone can compute a hundred figures a minute and the machine never makes mistakes. Countless offices, large and small, are getting from these machines the highest class of service.

Manufactured and Guaranteed by  
**AMERICAN CAN COMPANY, CHICAGO**  
Sold in Ballinger by T. S. Lankford.

Mrs. W. A. Breedlove left Friday at noon to visit relatives at Miles a few days.

### 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.

Condy Wylie spent Christmas with home folks and left Friday at noon for San Angelo en route to their Coke county ranch.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

Mr. and Mrs. Malcomb McGregor, of San Antonio, came in Wednesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor and family.

### 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, Bruises, Sprains. Ask your druggist.

Ed Ramsey, of San Angelo, who visited J. A. Williams and family during Xmas, left for home Friday at noon.

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

Judge W. D. Jennings, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

## CREST OF MAIL ARRIVED YESTERDAY

The crest of the heavy mail of the holidays has arrived and been distributed to the persons to whom the letters and packages were addressed. This morning there was a great amount of mail in the office but a majority of it arrived yesterday and was not carried out to the owners on account of the Christmas holiday. This morning the clerks of the local post office were down early with their sleeves rolled up, each ready to dive into the stack and do the necessary distribution without delay.

The local authorities of Uncle Sam feel elated over the manner in which the Christmas mail was handled. It is believed that not a single piece of matter was lost through the local office despite the fact that thousands of pieces arrived and thousands were dispatched here. This is a very unusual case, so say the clerks who are familiar with the preceding year's business.

Today's trains brought in quite a large amount of mail for Ballinger people, and this was rapidly handled in the local office. Many packages that were either delayed or mailed late arrived today.

This is the first year the parcel post has been given a try out and from all indications, the system has been a marked success. On the last few days before Christmas many packages were dispatched from the office to all parts of the world. It is estimated that during the three days prior to Christmas Day at least a thousand packages were mailed here.

The local postoffice has been in better condition, according to the clerks and officials of the station, and has experienced less confusion this year than in previous years when the parcel post system was not in use.

It is predicted that the incoming mail will be heavy until New Year's Day, when it will take a decided slump. In most cases the packages which arrive between now and the first of the year have been mailed late or have been delayed en route, due to the enormous amount of matter dispatched through the postal department during the holiday season.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metal 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, Safest, Always Reliable.  
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

CLASSIFIED ADS STRICTLY CASH.

After Jan. 1st we will not accept want ads without cash accompaniment copy for the ad. We are adopting this rule to save the work and expense of carrying so many little accounts on our books. The average want ad runs from 20 to 50 cents and in many cases this amount is the sum total spent with this paper by some people in an entire year, and to keep books on such small accounts is worth more than it comes to. Our rates on this class of advertising is one cent per word for the first insertion, and beginning on Jan. 1st, we will not insert the ad unless the cash is turned in with the copy. This rule will be strictly adhered to and it applies to every one.  
The Ballinger Printing Co.

### 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

J. O. Roots, of Winters, was among the Christmas visitors in Ballinger this week.

## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I had taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-48

Mrs. Scott Mack left Friday at noon for San Angelo, to visit her parents, Col. and Mrs. Robert Bailey a few days.

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

Guy Middleton, of San Angelo who visited relatives and Ballinger friends Christmas, left Friday at noon for his home.

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.

Little Miss Ludric Stroble desires to thank her many friends who made it possible for her to receive the big doll given away at The Fair Christmas Day. She appreciates the gift greatly.

### 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

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

Carl Guinn joined his family here to spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford and Ballinger friends.

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

John and Ira Thurman left Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays with their parents at Glen Cove, Texas.

"THE OLD RELIABLE"  
**PLANTEN'S C & C OR BLACK CAPSULES**  
**REMEDY FOR MEN**  
AT DRUGGISTS OR TRIAL BOX BY MAIL 50c FROM PLANTEN 93 HENRY ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.  
—BEWARE OF IMITATIONS—

Wesley Davis came in from Dallas Wednesday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis and Ballinger friends.

The farmers' friend—The Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co. d&w-tf

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Allen and baby left Wednesday afternoon for Georgetown, Texas, where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Nellie Rutherford came to from Temple Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

## 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.



### 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

## 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.

A New Method of Baking Cakes

Mrs. Nevada Briggs, the baking expert, says:

"There is just one way to make your cakes rise high and evenly—give them time to rise before a crust is formed and the batter is stiffened by cooking."

"If using a gas, gasoline or oil stove, light your oven when you put the cake in and keep the flame low until the cake has doubled in bulk; then increase the heat until it is evenly browned and will respond to the pressure of the finger. If using a coal or wood range, leave the oven door open until the cake is in; then turn on the drafts and by the time the oven is at baking temperature, the cake will have raised sufficiently."

For rich, moist, feathery cakes Mrs. Briggs always recommends

## KC BAKING POWDER



It is double acting and sustains the raise. You can open and close the oven door, turn the tin around in the oven or do anything else necessary, without any danger of making the cake fall.

Try your favorite cake next time with K C Baking Powder and see how much higher it will rise. Make it just as you always do, with the same quantity of baking powder. While K C is less expensive than the old fashioned baking powders, it has even greater leavening strength and it is guaranteed pure and healthful.

Try a can and be convinced