

Let Us Help You Make the "High Cost of Living"
Cost You Less During 1914.

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PRINCESS THEATRE

"The Mutual House"

TONIGHT

Always the
latest and best
at the Princess.

Mutual Pictures

The Official Goat Protec-
tor—Thathouser.

The original Will—Re-
liance.

A Slight Misunderstand-
ing—Majestic

Watch for a Multiple
Reel Feature coming
soon. Not just a split
reel expanded but a
Real Put-Across.

Admission 10c

AMUSEMENT COMPANY HEADED THIS WAY.

The Southwestern Amusement Co., have a man in Ballinger today for the purpose of arranging with the city officials for the coming of that show. This company is composed of a number of attractions, ridding devices, etc., and it is their desire to open for a week's business here in about two weeks. They are in Fort Stockton this week, will be in San Angelo next week. We failed to learn whether satisfactory arrangements were made or not.

Weather Report.
Tonight and Sunday clear.

E. C. Horn of Maverick, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

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."

COUNTY CANDIDATES GETTING BUSY

Three candidates for county offices have expressed their intention of making their formal announcement in the Banner-Ledger next week, and have requested us to not let them forget this important matter before we issued the next issue of the paper. Next week's issue of the paper will be the second issue of this paper for this year, and while it is a little early in the campaign year many papers over the state are carrying as much as a half column of announcements.

It has been customary for this paper in years past to give each candidate announcing for office a complimentary write-up, and giving various reasons why such candidate should be elected, setting forth his qualifications for the place he might be seeking. This rule has been discarded, and in the future each candidate will be expected to make his own announcement, using his own language, and the copy for publication turned in to the office ready for the paper. Any reasonable amount of space will be allowed to each candidate to make his claims and announce his platform. Our reason for adopting this rule is very simple. Where there is fifteen or twenty men in the race for office, and all of them good men, which is generally the case, it is no small undertaking to give each one a "boost" without in a way saying practically the same thing about each man. Candidates will please write their announcements or have some friend to write same, and have their copy in the office by Tuesday afternoon of the week in which they desire the announcement to appear.

Names will be arranged in the announcement column in the order in which they reach this office, and will be carried regularly in both daily and weekly papers until the primary election. Our columns are open for any statement you wish to make and our rates are reasonable.

CHANGE IN ABSTRACT OFFICE HERE.

We failed to make mention of the changes made in the position of H. M. Josey and E. P. Scarbrough on the first of the year. Mr. Josey who has been with the Security Title Co. for a number of years, has accepted a position with H. Giesecke and E. P. Scarbrough who has been with the Ballinger Loan Co., accepted the position made vacant in the Security Title Co.

MOTHER HELPS DAUGHTER ELOPE

What came near being the most romantic wedding ever performed in Ballinger was nipped in the bud about three o'clock this afternoon by the refusal of County Clerk Parish to issue the necessary license. The young couple were accompanied by the mother of the would-be-bridal and notwithstanding that the mother assured the clerk that everything was alright the clerk solemnly shook his head when the answer to the age question came and the pretty girl stated that she was seventeen. The boy looked to be only a little older, and they both plead with clerk for the license, and their pleadings were added to by the mother's consent. The bridal party spent some time in the clerk's office and it was only after being convinced that they could not marry here without the consent of the father that they cranked their auto and left in the direction from whence they came.

Mr. Parish stated that the law forbids him issuing marriage license where the lady is under eighteen years of age without the consent of the father, and he did not care to take any chances even with the mother's consent. The party in a way admitted that the father objected to the match, and this accounted for the attempt to elope and wed. The people are wealthy and among the most prominent society people in a neighboring town.

If You Want Maize

—SEE—

Rasbury & Lynn

COW DRAGS LITTLE BOY TO DEATH

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cannon were shocked at the news of the tragic death of their little son Robert, which occurred on Christmas Day. As near as we can ascertain the particulars are as follows: In company with a neighbor boy he was driving his father's gentle milk cow to water. The boys tied a rope to the cow's horns and it appears she became frightened at the Indian suits the boys were wearing and began to run when Robert became entangled in the rope and was dragged some one hundred yards and terminated by his being thrown against the fence, crushing his skull. The cow also became entangled in the rope and fell upon him. The accident happened about six o'clock in the evening and death relieved him about one—Menard Messenger.

EXAMS TO BE HELD SOON

The first half of the high school term will terminate very soon and pupils of this institution are preparing themselves for the examinations which will be held during the last week of the term. Already the midnight oil is being burned in many homes where the children attend the public schools, the students preparing themselves for the exams which will mean so much to them. The tests will begin probably Monday Jan. 12th and last thru the week.

We want your job work.

SOCIALISTS WILL PUT OUT TICKET

There is considerable activity among the socialist leaders of this county, and we have been informed that the socialist party will have a full county ticket in the field, and in some of the precincts a prominent socialist stated will have precinct candidates. In that his party expected to elect every officer in the Crews precinct and they are hopeful of slipping some of the county officers this year.

It is their plan to hold precinct conventions some time the last of this month, perhaps the last Saturday in this month. Later a county convention will be held and men selected to make the race for every county office. On account of vacancy in the county organization made by some of the officers moving away, the first work will be to elect new officers and perfect a county organization and this will be done as soon as the precinct organizations are perfected.

W. P. Vaughn, the Crews gin man, was winding up New Year's business affairs in Ballinger Friday and remembered the Banner-Ledger while here. Mr. Vaughn says, "I can't do without my county paper and you are now giving us one of the best papers the county has ever had." We are glad our friends appreciate our efforts to give them a good weekly newspaper.

S. S. Grantham, of the Norton country, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Tuesday afternoon.

Uncle Warren Williams came in from Miles Friday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

42 DEATHS, 203 BABES 176 MARRIAGES

The vital statistic records for Runnels County make a splendid showing for the health of this county, and according to the records there were only 42 deaths in the county during the year. The population of the county, as given by 1910 census is 20,858, and this is less than one-fifth of one per cent, and we doubt if there is another county in the state that can make as good showing.

Births.

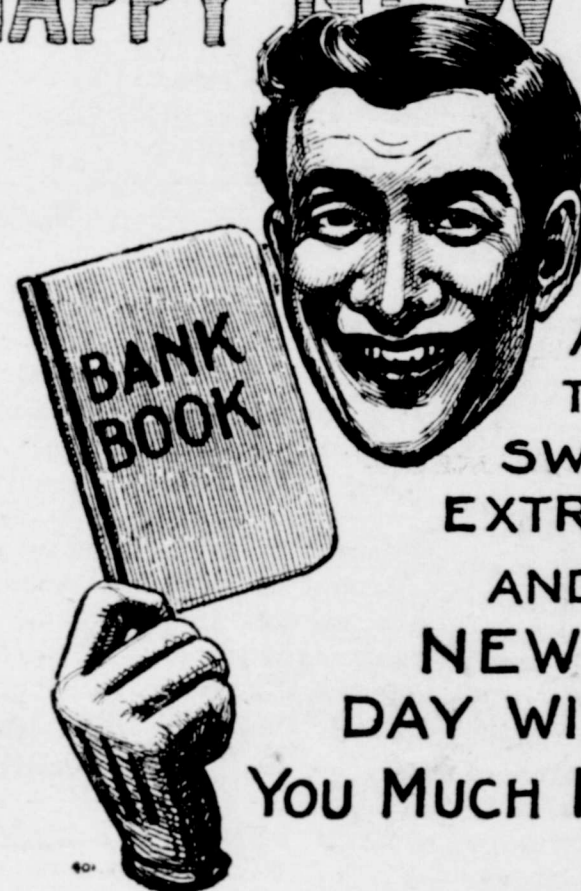
While the death rate is very low, the birth rate is also low, population considered. Out of the 20,858 people in the county there has been only 203 babies born, as shown by the statistics kept in the clerk's office. We can not say that these records are complete, but if they are not some of the physicians of the county are not complying with the law and are subject to punishment as the law requires that all births and deaths be reported to either the city or county clerk, and the above figures cover both offices.

The year just closed was a good one for weddings, and County Clerk Parish issued license for 176 couples. Of this number 32 were issued during the month of December, making it the best month for marriages in the history of Runnels County.

J. R. Harwell and family came in Friday night and are now comfortably domiciled in the H. Giesecke old residence and are full pledged Ballinger citizens. Mr. Harwell is manager of the Harwell Allen Ford Auto Co. of our city.

F. Bloomintritt and Henry Weaver, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



START
A
BANK
ACCOUNT
THIS YEAR
SWEAR OFF
EXTRAVAGANCE
AND NEXT
NEW YEARS
DAY WILL FIND
YOU MUCH HAPPIER.

Happy New Year to you. This means everybody. Our friends in particular and the whole community in general. Next New Year will be here as surely as this is. If you put money in the bank all this year NEXT New Year's day will find you happier and better satisfied. Each succeeding year should find each of us better prepared for OLD AGE, which we should enjoy in comfort.

Make OUR bank Your bank.

The First National Bank
Of Ballinger

THE DAILY LEDGER

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Tomorrow is the first Sunday in this year. Start the year by attending Sunday school and preaching at the church of your choice.

The post office receipts for 1913 show an increase over 1912, and yet some will say this country is not going forward. Prove it.

A good lady phoned The Ledger today and asked what she could do to help the family of the unfortunate stranger who was operated on at the sanitarium yesterday. Of course the world is getting better.

The Temple Telegram says that two days have past and lots of swearers-off are still riding the water wagon. Its different in Ballinger. All efforts on the part of some to fall off the water wagon fail.

The Ledger acknowledges receipt of a beautiful calendar put out by The First National Bank. The picture is a bird's eye view of the Panama Canal, and the calendar leaflets are large and the dates can be seen at considerable distance. The calendar is one of the best office calendars that ever graced our office.

Callan's Cracks at the Crowd in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram never missed an issue during the holidays, and some of the boys are wondering how it happened. That's easy, a Christmas supply (of cracks) were arranged in advance and the stuff you read today was hung on the hook before the big celebration came off. And another thing perhaps you had not thought of: Fort Worth is in dry territory for about nine hours out of each day—from nine-thirty to six.

A device has been patented that will enable any one to tell whether an egg is fresh without breaking the shell, whether it is what is called a yard egg or one that has been kept a long time in cold storage.

But there is another way of determining whether an egg is fresh which is said to be effective without the employment of any patented device and that is as simple as it is reliable.

All that is needed for the test is a glass of water in which to place the egg and a long time ago an old lady who had great confidence in the test is said to have declared that if the egg were fresh it would either sink or swim, she had forgotten which. According to the theory, which is vouched for by the New York American, a fresh egg, placed in a glass of water will sink and rest on its side. If three weeks old it will incline slightly, with the small end down. If three months old it will stand on the small end and if older it will float, with the large end out of the water.

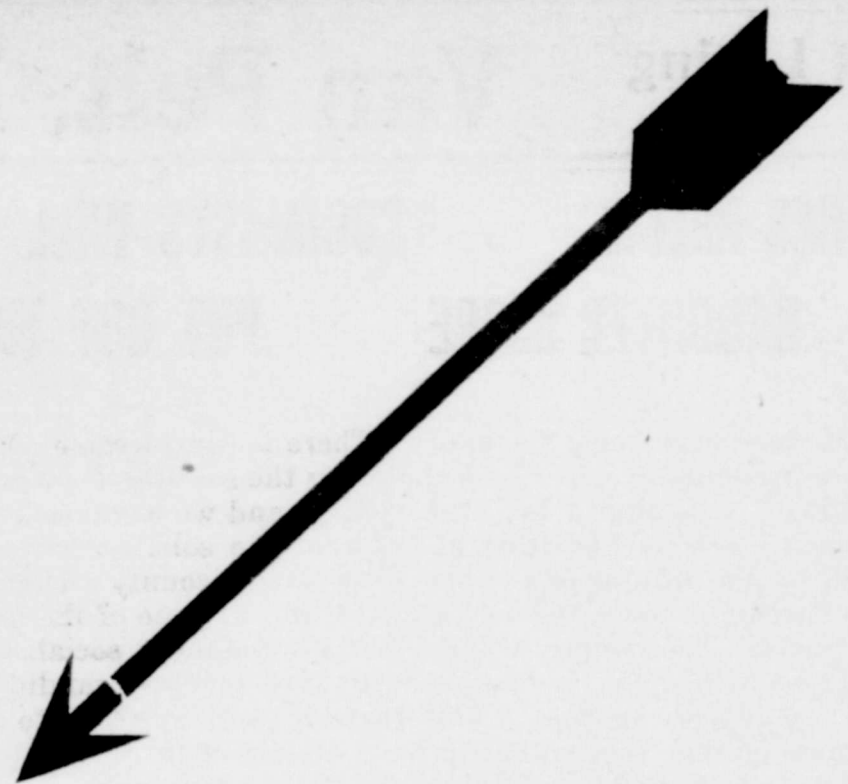
The dealer may not go to the trouble of subjecting all the eggs he buys or sells to such a test, one might sometimes avoid an embaras by one but the careful housewife

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

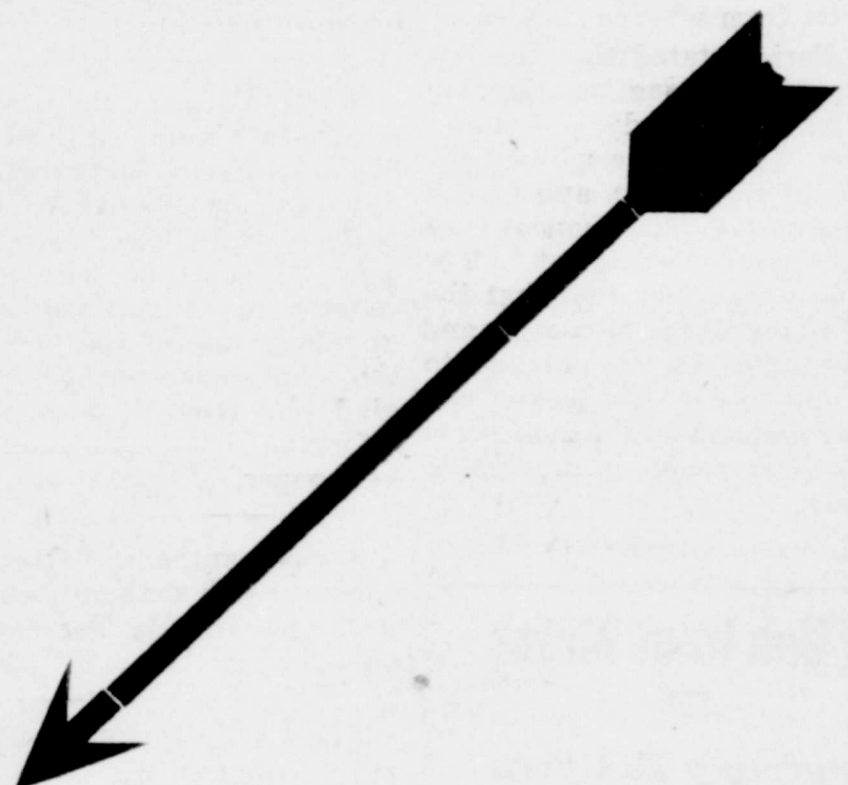
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Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

How's Your Business Rated?



CHEAP shoddy looking stationery indicates a cheap business, a careless way of doing things. Let us help you avoid this by printing the job just like you want it in a way that is in keeping with a well conducted business. Our job printer knows his business, and we guarantee every job we turn out. Phone 27.



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sing situation by assuring herself of the freshness of this high-priced table delicacy before preparing it to be served.

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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

TWO THOUSAND STUDENTS.

We have just been informed that the slogan of the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas for 1914 is 2,222. It's record for 1913 passed the 2000 mark.

You may take the editor's word for it that our young people could not do better than to spend from \$90 to \$100 for board tuition and books, completing a course of shorthand, bookkeeping or telegraphy in this famous institution or better still, spend about \$75 for two of these courses. What young person can place a hundred or two hundred dollars and three to five months time to a better advantage than to invest it in a thorough business training that will bless this community, who a few years ago borrowed the money to at-

tend this institution, are today out of debt and on the road to success as a result of having the courage and determination to make an effort to do something to be somebody and add further proof to the old saying, "Where there is a will there is a way." There is plenty doing for those who are prepared. Be ambitious. Be one of the 2,222 to enter this famous institution during 1914 that you may go into a good salaried position or into a business of your own with some assurance of success.

No institution could attain such a wonderful enrollment and lead all other American business training schools, unless it merited it. It cost no more to attend the best school with a nation-wide reputation, than it does the next best.

Write today for free catalog. They will gladly send you one.

For Cold on Lungs.

Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold in lungs is dangerous often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggists everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles.

W. P. Jones, of the Valley creek country, came in Saturday at noon from a visit to Fort Worth.

For the next 30 days I want to buy \$500 worth of second hand furniture. Will pay the top cash price. See or phone me at C. A. Freeze, phone 381. 31-26td

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.

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Good Milk is Our Motto

The Ballinger Dairy. Phone 210

WITH THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian Church

The usual services will be held at this church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody cordially invited.

Rev. R. M. Hammock, Pastor.

Episcopal Church.

Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. All are invited to attend.

Nazarine Church.

Services as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Evening subject "Woman's Right to Preach." Everybody is invited.

E. W. WELLS, Pastor.

Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 and 7:30.

Rev. J. H. Stewart, Presiding Elder, will preach at morning hour. At the evening hour there will be a public installation of the officers of Woman's Home Mission Society. Sermon by pastor on "Consecrated Womanhood." Special music. Everybody invited. Quarterly conference tonight at 7:30.

W. H. DOSS, Pastor.

Catholic Church.

9-00 o'clock a. m. Sunday school.

10 a. m. Mass with a short instruction.

7:45 p. m. Rosary, Sermon, Benediction.

The subject of the sermon will be, "How Have We Spent the Year 1913, Before God, and How We Have to Spend the Year 1914."

N. B. A most cordial welcome is extended to all and to every one.

FATHER J. B. LAVOIE, Rector.

Ninth Street Baptist Church

Morning theme, "Looking Forward."

Evening "Everyday Religion." Sabbath school at 10 a. m.

Teacher's Training Class 3 p. m. Boy's Brigade 4 p. m.

W. BION ADKINS, Pastor.

First Baptist Church.

Dr. J. A. Tolman, a prominent layman, of Abilene, will occupy the pulpit at this church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 in the evening. President J. D. Sandefer, of Simmons College, was to be here on this date but on account of other engagements he

could not come. Everybody is cordially invited to attend both services.

8th Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:45.

Preaching at 11 and 7:30. Morning subject: "The New Man."

Evening subject: "Life's Jerusalem."

Every member of the Sunday school is urged to be present at hear special announcement. This is the first service in the New Year and with the new pastor, and it is our desire that every member who possibly can be present and visitors are most cordially invited.

A. C. SMITH, Minister.

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

Phone 312 tdf

Foolish Question

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BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

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PROMPT SERVICE

Your business solicited.

Miss Maggie Sharp.

Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's Office. Phone 215. See Me.

NOTICE

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.

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The name at the bottom of this ad will answer that question. I want your cleaning and pressing because I can please you. I want to order that next suit for you, tailored-to-measure by

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I am their only representative in the city.

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The Tailor

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A Hotel Built For The Climate
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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
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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.

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THE FREIGHT MAN

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Nothing too Heavy

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Phone City Drug Store for Orders

Purely Personal

J. A. Freeman returned home Friday night from Brownwood where he had been on a visit with his family the past few days.

For Skin Diseases.

Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run no risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist.

Rev. J. H. Stuart, of Brownwood, came in Saturday at noon and will hold quarterly conference and preach at the M. E. Church to night and Sunday.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pumphrey passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from Goldthwaite, where they had been on a visit to relatives.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

Mrs. Curfman, of the Dry Ridge country, returned home Saturday from a visit to relatives in East Texas during the holidays.

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, Hardford Conn. tfd

J. D. Coulter and two little daughters, left at noon for San Angelo to visit relatives and look after business affairs a few days.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean the fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Ellis Furgason and two children left Saturday at noon for Fort Stockton to join Mr. Furgason for a few weeks.

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

Dick Thorp returned home Friday night from Round Rock, where he had been visiting relatives during the holidays.

"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-

Miss Ella Henniger, of the Winters country passed through Ballinger Saturday at noon en route to Bronte where she is attending a music school.

LOOK HERE.

If you want a sewing machine I will sell you a Singer for cash or time on any kind of terms desired. C. A. Freeze, agent, Ballinger. 31-26td

Frank Pearce, who spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, left Friday afternoon for Galveston where he will finish his course in Pharmacy this term.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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TEXANS HEAVY TOBACCO USERS

D. E. Sims and son Orland, of Paint Rock, came over Saturday to look after business affairs a few hours.

J. T. McCaughran and Richard Turner, of Norton were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

OLD MIRRORS.

Re-silvered and damp-proof backing put on, making them as good as new. All work guaranteed. Maxie L. Phillips, phone 299. 13-each Sat d&w-5

Mr. and Mrs. Sid McKandlas, of New Mexico, who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Ebb Cathey and family, of West End, the past few weeks, left Friday morning for their home via Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. D. Norwood and two little daughters left Saturday morning to visit relatives at Santa Anna a few days.

OF LOCAL INTEREST. Some People We Know, and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event. It took place in Ballinger. Not in some faraway place.

You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word.

To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home

Is more worthy of confidence. Than one you know nothing about.

Endorsed by unknown people. R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas, says: "My kidneys were out of order and I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions. I had a dull pain in my back, over my left kidney, and a cold or stooping made it worse. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., rid me of the annoyance."

Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Rutherford had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Billie Gustavus, who spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus and Ballinger friends, left Friday afternoon for Bryan where she will enter upon her duties as teacher in the public schools of that city for the ensuing term.

Tobacco raising in Texas is still in an experimental stage. Experts of the Federal Government claim that there are 500,000 acres of land in East Texas suitable for tobacco culture, but according to the latest reports of the United States Department of Agriculture, only 200 acres are planted to this product. The production in 1912 was 140,000 pounds, which had a value of \$24,000.

Texans, as a rule, are heavy users of tobacco and last year spent for this weed two and one-half million dollars, practically all of which went outside the State. We consume more than 100 times as much tobacco as we produce, and statistics show that the demand is ever increasing, while the production at the present time is less than that of 10 years ago.

The manufacture of snuff, chewing and smoking tobacco is limited in Texas, although cigarmaking has developed into an important industry. The latest Federal Census Reports show 67 cigar factories operating in this State, employing 500 persons and turning out products valued at \$509,000 annually. Nearly a half million dollars is invested in this line of industry and the yearly payroll of the employes amounts to \$160,000.

Cigars made in Texas, from Texas raised tobacco have become popular among smokers everywhere, and although the supply is limited, they find a ready market in all parts of the country. Practically all of the tobacco grown in this State is made into cigars of fine quality. Raw material consumed by the Texas factories is grown principally in Cuba, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

The cultivation and use of tobacco are of such antiquity that authentic history does not record their origin. The claim of certain European and Asiatic countries to an acquaintance with the plant prior to the discovery of America by Columbus is not supported by accepted history nor satisfactorily demonstrated by the researches of the antiquarian. It is generally accepted that tobacco is indigenous to the Western Hemisphere and that the aborigines practiced its cultivation and use from remotest times, and spread their knowledge to the rest of the world. It is not definitely known when the first tobacco was planted in Texas, but its first propagation on a commercial scale was attempted in Nacogdoches county during the past decade.

Did you ever stop to think what kind of world this would be if every man could have his way?

