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Local People To Star In Cast.

Mr. J. E. and A. P. Burgert from Los Angeles, Cal., have been engaged by the management of the Queen Theatre to produce a local talent photoplay in Ballinger.

The leading characters selected are Misses Nell Kipp, Catherine Jones, Messrs. Frank Pearce, Jno. Weeks and Roy Sharp.

The producers have selected one of their best comedy scenarios for Ballinger, entitled "Getting the Best of Father," which is full of punch and action and is nicely adapted to the cast of local talent players.

This will be Ballinger's first real photoplay, and with professional producers, excellent cast and pretty scenes to be had here, the play promises to be a great success. The film being developed, printed, titled and assembled here, it will be ready for projection by next week.

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**STANDARD OIL
KING DEAD**

By United Press.

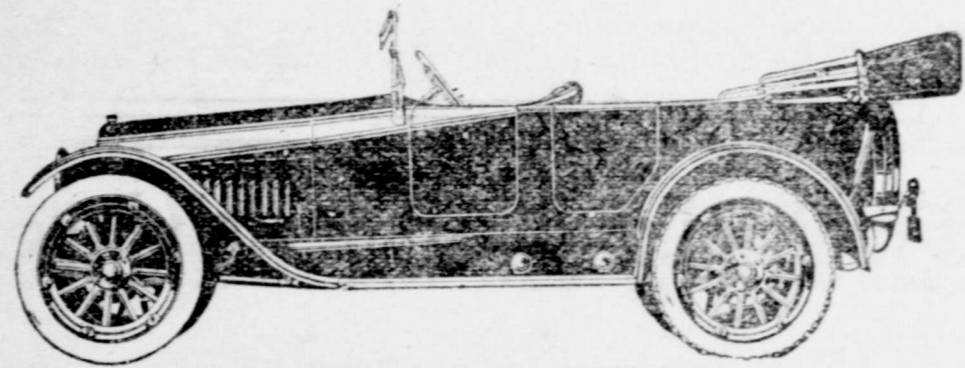
TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 5.—John D. Archibald, a multimillionaire and head of the Standard Oil Co., died here this morning.

Archibald, known at the "oil king" was operated upon for appendicitis about two weeks ago. A relapse caused him to pass away suddenly.

C. G. Killingsworth returned home Monday afternoon from a short business trip to Rowena.

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Women Put Question to Wilson While He Reads His Message

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Wilson appeared in person before a joint session of Congress at one o'clock promptly this afternoon, and at one minute after one he began delivering his message.

While the President was reading the message a group of women in the House gallery unfurled a banner with a blazing inscription reading "Mr. President, What Will You Do for Woman Suffrage?"

The page of the House promptly tore the banner down and removed it from the hall and the President continued reading, apparently paying no attention to the demonstration the women attempted to start.

Two of the principal recommendations made by Mr. Wilson was control of the strike trouble, and the regulation of the expenditure of election campaign funds.

In one of the shortest messages ever sent to congress President Wilson urges that early action be taken to complete his program of "settlement and regulation" recommended at the last session. The message in full is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Congress: In fulfilling at this time the duty laid upon me by the constitution of communicating to you from time to time information of the state of the Union and recommending to your consideration such legislative measures as may be judged necessary and expedient I shall continue the practice, which I hope has been acceptable to you, of leaving to the reports of the several heads of the executive departments the elaboration of the detailed needs of the public service and confine myself to those matters of more general public policy with which it seems necessary and feasible to deal at the present session of the congress.

I realize the limitations of time under which you will necessarily act at this session and shall make my suggestions as few as possible. But there were some things left undone at the last session which there will now be time to complete and which it seems necessary in the interest of the public to do at once.

The Railroad Problem.

In the first place, it seems to me imperatively necessary that the earliest possible consideration and action should be accorded the remaining measures of the program of settlement and regulation which I had occasion to recommend to you at the close of your last session in view of the public clam-

ors disclosed by the unaccommodated difficulties which then existed and which still unhappily continue to exist between the railroads of the country and their locomotive engineers, conductors and trainmen.

I then recommended: First, immediate provision for the enlargement and administrative reorganization of the interstate commerce commission along the lines embodied in the bill recently passed by the house of representatives and now awaiting action by the senate in order that the commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and thoroughness which are, with its present constitution and means of action, practically impossible.

Second, the establishment of an eight hour day as the legal basis alike of work and of wages in the employment of all railway employees who are actually engaged in the work of operating trains in interstate transportation.

Third, the authorization of the appointment by the president of a small body of men to observe the actual results in experience of the adoption of the eight hour day in railway transportation alike for the men and for the railroads.

Fourth, explicit approval by the congress of the consideration by the interstate commerce commission of an increase of freight rates to meet such additional expenditures by the railroads as may have been rendered necessary by the adoption of the eight hour day and which have not been offset by administrative readjustments and economies, should the facts disclosed justify the increase.

Fifth, an amendment of the existing federal statute which provides for the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present by adding to it a provision that, in case the methods of accommodation now provided for should fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted and completed before a strike or lockout may lawfully be attempted.

Control by the Executive. And, sixth, the judgment in the hands of the executive of the power, in case of military necessity, to take control of such portions and such rolling stock of the railroads of the country as may be required for military use and to operate them for military purposes, with authority to draft into the military service of the United States such train crews and administrative officials as the circumstances require for their safe and efficient use.

The second and third of these recommendations the congress immediately acted on: It established the eight hour day as the legal basis of work and wages in train service and it authorized the appointment of a commission to observe and report upon the practical results, deeming these the measures most immediately needed, but it postponed action upon the other suggestions until an opportunity should be offered for a more deliberate consideration of them.

The fourth recommendation I do not deem it necessary to renew. The power of the interstate commerce commission to grant an increase of rates on the ground referred to is indisputably clear, and a recommendation by the congress with regard to such a matter might seem to draw in question the scope of the commission's authority or its inclination to do justice when there is no reason to doubt either.

The other suggestions—the increase in the interstate commerce commis-

**OPERATION OF RAILWAYS
SHALL NOT BE STOPPED**

To pass a law which forbade or prevented the individual workman to leave his work before receiving the approval of society in doing so would be to adopt a new principle into our jurisprudence which I take it for granted we are not prepared to introduce. But the proposal that the operation of the railroads of the country shall not be stopped or interrupted by the concerted action of organized bodies of men until a public investigation shall have been instituted which shall make the whole question at issue plain for the judgment of the opinion of the nation is not to propose any such principle. It is based upon the very different principle that the concerted action of powerful bodies of men shall not be permitted to stop the industrial processes of the nation.

tion's membership and in its facilities for performing its manifold duties, the provision for full public investigation and assessment of industrial disputes, and the grant to the executive of the power to control and operate the railroads when necessary in time of war or other like public necessity—I now very earnestly renew.

New Legislation Necessary.

The necessity for such legislation is manifest and pressing. Those who have entrusted us with the responsibility and duty of serving and safeguarding them in such matters would find it hard, I believe, to excuse a failure to act upon these grave matters or any unnecessary postponement of action.

Not only does the interstate commerce commission now find it practically impossible, with its present membership and organization, to perform its great functions promptly and thoroughly, but it is not unlikely that it may presently be found advisable to add to its duties still others equally heavy and exacting. It must first be perfected as an administrative instrument.

The country cannot and should not consent to remain any longer exposed to profound industrial disturbances for lack of additional means of arbitration and conciliation which the congress can easily and promptly supply. And all will agree that there must be no doubt as to the power of the executive to make immediate and uninterrupted use of the railroads for the concentration of the military forces of the nation wherever they are needed and whenever they are needed.

This is a program of regulation, prevention and administrative efficiency which argues its own case in the mere statement of it. With regard to one of its items, the increase in the efficiency of the interstate commerce commission, the house of representatives has already acted. Its action needs only the concurrence of the senate.

To Safeguard Industrial Processes. I would hesitate to recommend, and I dare say the congress would hesitate to act upon the suggestion should I make it, that any man in any occupation should be obliged by law to continue in an employment which he desired to leave.

To pass a law which forbade or prevented the individual workman to leave his work before receiving the approval of society in doing so would be to adopt a new principle into our jurisprudence which I take it for granted we are not prepared to introduce. But the proposal that the operation of the railroads of the country shall not be stopped or interrupted by the concerted action of organized bodies of men until a public investigation shall have been instituted which shall make the whole question at issue plain for the judgment of the opinion of the nation is not to propose any such principle.

It is based upon the very different principle that the concerted action of powerful bodies of men shall not be permitted to stop the industrial processes of the nation, at any rate before the nation shall have had an opportunity to acquaint itself with the merits of the case as between employee and employer, time to form its opinion upon an impartial statement of the merits, and opportunity to consider all practicable means of conciliation or arbitration.

I can see nothing in that proposition but the justifiable safeguarding by society of the necessary processes of its very life. There is nothing arbitrary or unjust in it unless it be arbitrarily and unjustly done. It can and should be done with a full and scrupulous regard for the interests and liberties of all concerned as well as for the per-

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ALL WELL IN MEXICO SAYS MESSAGE

By United Press

EL PASO, Dec. 5.—Charles Elmdorf, who at various times since the Villa attack on Chihuahua City, has been reported killed, wire relatives here today announcing that he was safe.

The brief message stated "all well in Chihuahua City."

Officials here after being informed of the receipt of the message stated that they believe all Americans in Chihuahua City are safe, and this message is accepted as good news from the Mexican city.

E. M. Setser and daughter Miss Myrtle, of Norton, came in Monday and Mr. Setser left for Greehville to look after land interests and Miss Myrtle will go to Shreveport to visit relatives a month or two.

Prof. Wells and Mr. Lindsey, of Miles, were among the number in Ballinger Monday and remained over for the "Birth of a Nation" at the Queen Theatre.

FRESH FISH TONIGH'

We have made arrangements to receive a new shipment of salt and fresh-water fish every day. Drop in tonight and eat fish cooked to suit your "personal" taste.

Moore & McKinley
Proprietors "The Limit."

**STATE CAPITAL TO
VOTE DECEMBER 21**

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 5.—The filing of a petition with 1,000 signatures of Travis county citizens, after investigation by the county court, has resulted in the call for an election to be held December 21, to determine whether licensed saloons may exist in this county any longer.

The petition is credited as one of the direct results of the Ham-Ramsey meeting which has been in progress in this city for several weeks, and those back of the move are confident there will be no trouble in carrying the election.

**HENRY FORD WILL
HEAD SECOND TRIP
OF PEACE MAKERS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford has announced that he will leave for Europe within the next thirty days on his second peace mission.

Walt Harvey of Abilene, came in Tuesday at noon to visit relatives and friends and will do some plastering at the First Baptist church while here.

Boy Murders Father; Burns Him Under Car

(By United Press.)

TAYLOR, Tex., Dec. 5.—Calvin McLauren, age sixteen and Harry McBride, age twenty-one and a cousin of the first named boy, it is alleged have made a complete confession to the murder of McLauren's father, Frank L. McLauren, age forty-six, on the night of Nov. 28th.

McLauren's charred remains were found in a ditch near the roadside under his wrecked and burned car on the morning of Nov. 29th. It was at first presumed that he lost control of his car and ran into the ditch and the car catching fire, burned him up.

According to the alleged confession of the son of the dead man and McBride, the two boys waylaid McLauren and shot him to death as he came by in his auto, and afterwards threw his body in the ditch and pushed the automobile off the bridge onto the body and set fire to the wreck to make it appear that it was an accident.

The finding of Calvin McLauren's bloody shirt in possession of Jim Pollard, a negro employed on McLauren's farm, led to the discovery of the murder. The shirt was given to the negro by the boys for disposal.

Mrs. Carrie McLauren, mother of Calvin McLauren, divorced wife of the murdered man and aunt of McBride, was arrested last night and is being held in jail charged with complicity in the murder. The woman has been employed in a local hospital. She was divorced from McLauren ten years ago. It is understood that McLauren was to have been married to a woman in a nearby town at an early date. Several attempts had been made to assassinate the man during the past year.

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A. W. Sledge, Editor

"The Birth of a Nation" calls to mind days that have passed. It would be better if they could be forgotten.

The commissioners are hobnobbing here this week. We trust they will start something in matters of road building.

Only one claim to the diamond ad in a turkey's crop by a Chicago lady has been made. A Cuero man says it "might be his."

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.

FINGER BITTEN OFF. J. T. Billups, of the Truitt county, was in the city Monday and had his arm in a sling from the fact of a wild mule biting off one joint of his finger, a day or two ago.

The mule became unruly and Mr. Billups was taking the rope halter off when the animal suddenly snapped off his finger and took with it the leader up the arm for several inches.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cox of Red River county, who had been visiting relatives near Ballinger the past several weeks, passed thru the city Monday en route home.



A TEXAS WONDER
The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 228 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 9

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WOOD and COAL for sale. Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co. Phone 312. 1-4fd

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FOR SALE—One Jersey cow, fresh in milk, also young bulls of registered type. Phone 577 or see me. W. R. White, Ballinger. 1-12td 2twpd.

FOR RENT.
FOR RENT—My five room house, close in, modern conveniences. Phone 148. Mrs. Emma Godwin. 2-6td

LOST.
LOST—One pair of eye glasses, gold frame, in black leather case. Finder please deliver at this office and get the Daily Ledger for one month free. 5-1td

FOUND
FOUND—Medicine case. Owner can come to Ledger office, get case and pay for this notice. 3td

FOUND—on Eighth street, good shoe, worth the price, and then some. Owner call at Ledger office and pay for this ad. If the shoe fits you, you can have it.

TRESPASS NOTICES
All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, or otherwise trespass upon my Pecan Mott farm, or upon any and all other properties owned or controlled by me in this (Runnels County.)
C. A. DOOSE

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Massey of Concho, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

THE WENDORF BUSY SHOP—has just received a new line of Winter auto and buggy lap robes. Come and see them. H. L. Wendorf, the Saddle and Harness man. d&w-tf.

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Our cleaning and pressing department is the best in the city. All of our work is guaranteed to be first class. When your suit, silk dress, sweater, portiers, rugs, gloves, satin or kid slippers, etc. need cleaning phone 97 and we will call. Free auto delivery.

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Phone 97

JAS. F. HOLIDAY SELLS TO ENNIS SHEPPARD

A deal was closed Wednesday whereby Jas. F. Holiday sells his insurance and loan business to Ennis Sheppard, Mr. Sheppard to take charge January 1.

Mr. Holiday will begin work on that date for a loan company, and his home will be at Abilene.

Mr. Sheppard has been with the Winters State Bank for three years and has made good. He has also learned enough about matters to convince him that he can do better if he owns a business of his own, hence is investing his money in one of the best business enterprises in the city and he has hundreds of friends in Winters and elsewhere who wish him all the success possible in his new venture.—Winters Enterprise.

We learned Tuesday that Mr. Sheppard had gone to Rosee, and on Wednesday will be married to a prominent young lady of that city. He has many friends in Ballinger who will wish him well.

Cough Medicine for Children.
Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

W. T. Nichols of the Bethel neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Meridian Texas, to look after business affairs and visit old friends a few days.

Do You Feel 100 Per Cent Today?
A torpid liver reduces your efficiency; a slow working liver makes a slow working mind. Coated tongue, muddy complexion, biliousness and constipation all point to an inactive liver. Po-Do-Lax is Nature's remedy for quickening the flow of bile and stimulating the action of the liver. That chronic draggy, grouchy feeling will give place to the lively step, cheery smile and bright eye of your healthy neighbor. Don't put off getting a bottle at your nearest druggist, 25c.

A. T. Stokes, the Winters hotel man, came in Tuesday to meet his nephew, Joe Hudson and family, who came in at noon from their home in Alabama.

C. N. Craft, who had been attending the commissioners' court, left for home Tuesday.

City Hall Moved.
We are requested by City Secretary J. R. Lusk to inform the public that the city office is now moved from 7th Street to the new location next to the Fire Station on Railroad Avenue. Remember the change. 2-6td

W. H. Manerief, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and informed us that he would move in a few days to his new recently bought home near Wingate.

Mrs. Kimmoman and daughter, of McGregor, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Embury and family, left for their home Monday.

Children take Ballard's Horehound Syrup willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness, and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

W. B. Ray left Monday afternoon for points east on a short business trip at Brownwood, Lometa and possibly Lampasas.

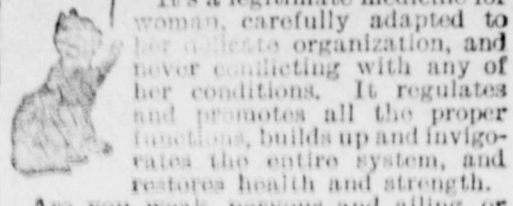
G. W. Hannah, of Paint Rock, A. B. Leggett of Ballinger and J. M. Jennings of Norton, were among the number who attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. at Waco this week.

WANTED—Extra stenographic and typewriting work. Apply The Ledger. dtfdh

Luther Long returned home Monday afternoon from a short business trip West.

Mrs. Aug. Spill Sr. and daughter, Miss Emma, of Winters, motored over to Ballinger Monday to do some shopping here a few hours.

AT AN END—the "female complaints" and weaknesses that make woman's life a misery. They're cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. For all the derangements, disorders, and diseases peculiar to the sex, this is the only remedy certain to benefit.



It's a legitimate medicine for woman, carefully adapted to her delicate organization, and never conflicting with any of her conditions. It regulates and promotes all the proper functions, builds up and invigorates the entire system, and restores health and strength.

UNITED CHARITIES IS PLACE TO GIVE

At a meeting of the pastors of the city held Monday of this week, the preachers discussed the charity work of the city, and it was the sense of all the pastors that all cases of charity be referred to the United Charities Committee, and in this way the work of helping the unfortunate can be carried on without working an imposition on any one, and with out the people who desire to help in the charity work being imposed upon.

At this particular time, and for some time in the past, one family in this city has been imposing on the public and have developed into professional beggars. This family was helped time and again by the charity committee during the past several months, and at the same time were "working" the public under the disguise of "looking for work," and by putting an innocent child to the forefront have been able to appeal to the sympathy of the public and help has been rendered to the detriment of the worthy objects of charity.

A committee is now canvassing the city soliciting funds for the charity committee, and those who wish to help in this work should subscribe and then when appeals come to you for help send them to the charity committee who will investigate and help where help is needed.

Of course there are cases where individuals wish to help certain families or members of certain families who they know are worthy, and where great good is done in this way by giving food, clothing and sometimes money, but all professional beggars should be referred to the charity committee.

It is the desire of the committee to raise a fund sufficient to handle the work during the next twelve months, and you should be prepared to come down with a liberal subscription when the soliciting committee calls on you.

Sloan's Liniment for Neuralgia Aches

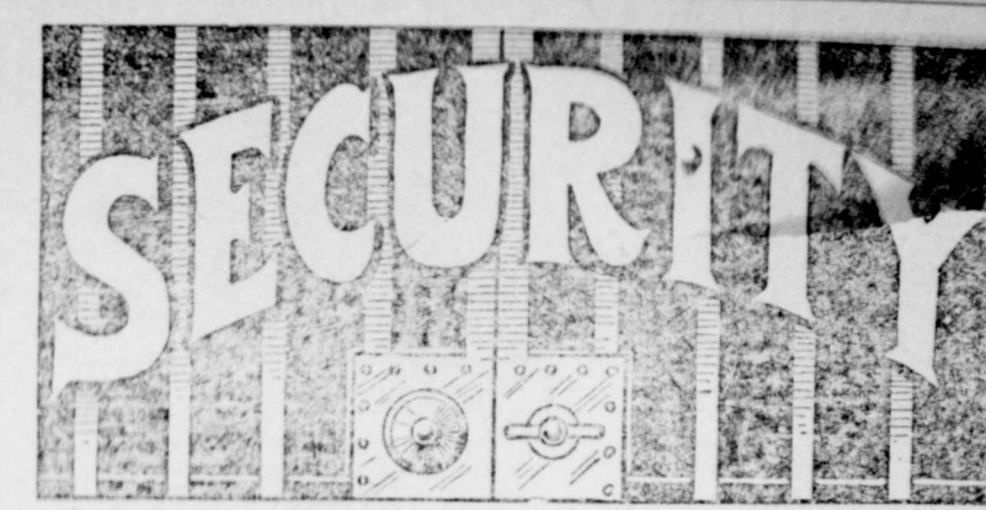
The dull throb of neuralgia is quickly relieved by Sloan's Liniment, the universal remedy for pain. Easy to apply; it quickly penetrates without rubbing and soothes the sore muscles. Clearer and more promptly effective than mussy plasters or ointment; does not stain the skin or clog the pores. For stiff muscles, chronic rheumatism, gout, lumbago, sprains and strains it gives quick relief. Sloan's Liniment reduces the pain and inflammation in insect bites, bruises, bumps and other minor injuries to children. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.

L. C. Tomlinson was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger for a year to his address on Route A out of Ballinger.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Rev. R. R. Rives left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo and will go north over the Orient to look after church work a few days.

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STRENGTH SERVICE

Deep seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a Her-

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LET US DEMONSTRATE THEM to YOU

IS YOUR HOUSE WIRED? If not we still have time to wire it before Christmas. Let us make an estimate on the cost.

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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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Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY

W. F. Tuckey, who is with the Ballinger cotton oil company, at Rowena, came in Tuesday morning to look after home affairs a day or two.

Ballinger first Monday and renewed with The Banner-Ledger for another year.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. Clark Graham left Sunday for Goldthwaite to visit her parents a week or two.

J. M. Garlington spent a few days at home and left for points east Tuesday to look after his collecting business.

N. K. Freeman, the Rowena banker was a visitor to Ballinger Monday.

D. E. Sims and W. O. Schultz, of Paint Rock, and Eden, respectively, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

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Wants His Children to Become Partners in Anti-Tuberculosis Fight.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, is an enthusiast in the use of Red Cross Christmas Seals. A year ago, when he was still Mayor of Cleveland, he wrote to the Anti-Tuberculosis League of that city as follows: "I enclose my check for \$1.75 for this year's Seals and also my order for Seals for 1916. No other one thing means so much to life, health and happiness of the people of Cleveland as the fight against tuberculosis. The League is offering a great privilege to the people of Cleveland in giving them this opportunity to join their forces in a great cause. "Please send twenty-five Seals to each of my children. Address them Betty, Jack and Peggy Baker, respectively, at my house, 1851 Crawford Road. I want them each to put seals on each of their Christmas presents so that they will learn that they, too, are partners in the community burden and share the community opportunity."

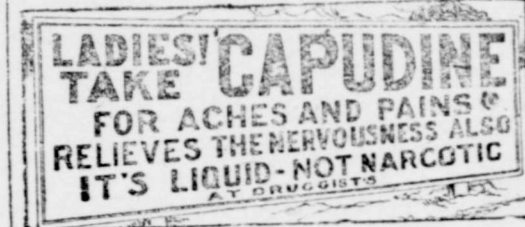
Have you bought your Red Cross Seals and shouldered thereby your share of the community burden and opportunity?

SCHOOL BAZAAR NEXT SATURDAY

The teachers who have arranged a benefit play and will hold a bazaar at the Library next Saturday, announce that everything is being made ready for the event, and the patrons of the school and the public in general is expected to co-operate with the teachers in making the affair a success.

The teachers have been working overtime during the last few weeks training the children for the entertainment and also getting together a lot of valuable articles to be sold at the bazaar. The patrons of the school and friends are invited to contribute any article for sale that they might wish to donate.

The money to be derived from this work will be used in purchasing a musical instrument for the Central school building. A "talking machine" with a nice selection of records will be purchased and will be used by the different rooms in the school from time to time.



Mrs. Estes Lynn and baby returned home Tuesday morning from a short visit to San Angelo.

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AFTER SHOW FOR BIRTH OF A NATION

Some of the Ballinger fun makers staged an after show for the visitors to the city to attend "The Birth of a Nation" spectacle, and just to amuse the members of the organization who are here with the wonderful picture play. The after show was nothing more nor less than a genuine Ballinger badger fight and after the fight was successfully pulled off under an are light in the street immediately following the showing of "The Birth of a Nation."

Several hundred people witnessed the fight, and as usual, those who backed the ferocious badger cleaned up a nice sum of money.

The first dog was a little light for the job and betting was far from even on the badger, but after being impressed with the fact that the fight was unevenly balanced the owners of the badger, consented for the owners of the dog to get a larger dog and betting immediately switched to odds in favor of the dog.

The badger was an unusually large and ferocious animal, as has been stated. He had been confined in the crockery department of a local hardware store for some time, and had the backers of the dog been able to size the badger up in his true likeness before the animal was pulled from his lair under a barrel, no doubt the fight would have been postponed indefinitely.

With nearly every one in the crowd betting either on the dog or the badger some difficulty was experienced in getting a man to

Our Christmas Club Distributes this Week.

The festive air of those who share in the annual distribution of accumulated funds in our Christmas Club is enough, we think to incite others to think about joining the new club just forming. It is a fine thing to have money for vuletide gifts simply for the asking. You'll not miss the little it takes each, week 25c and up and when the glad day returns next year there'll be no fear of ample funds for remembrances to relatives and friends. Glad to tell you more about it, face to face.



disturb the badger by suddenly jerking his pot-like tail from his hiding place under the barrel and bringing him in combat with the dog.

However, after every one had almost given up hope of getting anyone in Ballinger at the time to pull the badger, Mr. Frank Febbo, a member of "The Birth of a Nation" orchestra, and who plays oboe, volunteered to fill the place that is considered the most dangerous in a badger fight. He displayed his nerve notwithstanding that some of his fellow members of the company advised him not to take the risk. E. Cuechi, also a member of the company, and who plays first horn, was very persistent in trying to get Mr. Febbo from taking any part in the fight,

and to insure his own safety Mr. Cuechi took refuge behind a nearby are light post.

With a death grip on the rope Mr. Febbo performed his task well when the signal was given, and a more successful fight was never pulled off in Ballinger or West Texas, the badger winning by big odds, and those who lost their money on the dog claimed they got their money's worth.

Both Mr. Febbo and Mr. Cuechi have fully recovered and we understand will be able to fill their place in the orchestra at the Queen Theatre tonight.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson returned home Monday night from an extended visit to Waco, Moody and other points in that section.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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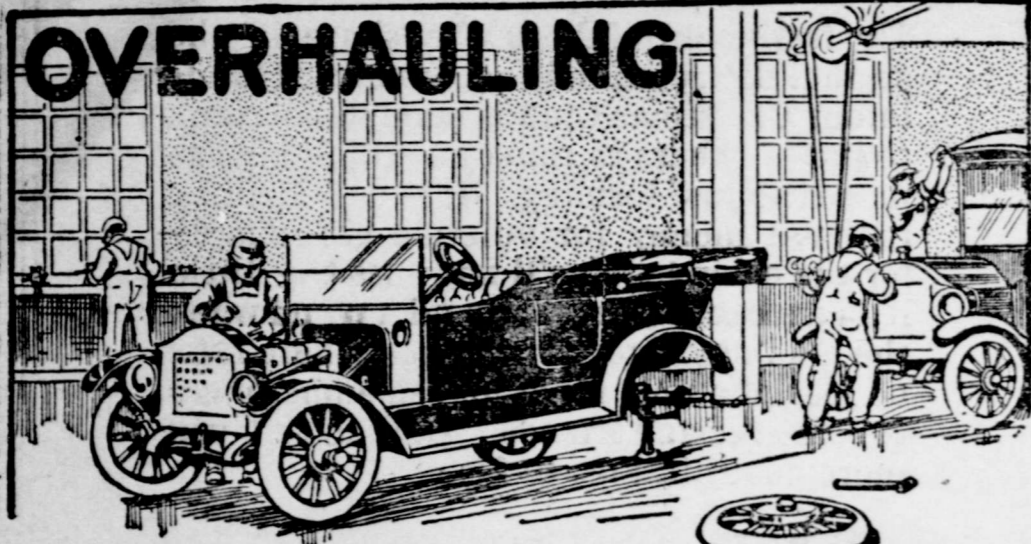
as we deliver them to you, and, in quantity and quality you will always find our groceries just as they ought to be. We cater to the kind of trade that comes back to us through being satisfied with our service in every particular. We handle only the best and freshest goods and we charge only reasonable prices

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We gladly welcome an investigation on both of these points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the business methods that will more than satisfy all who investigate.

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City Auto Works

H. C. Howard, Mgr. Phone 69

Mrs. Shelton, of Abilene, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to Brownwood and was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Simpson while in this city.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your photograph. One dozen nice sepia photos will make twelve very appropriate Xmas gifts. Just phone 507 and arrange with me for a sitting. I do the work in your own home, no studio troubles. W. E. BARTLETT, the home photo man. 4-dif.

GONE AFTER BIG GAME

R. G. Erwin, Dr. J. G. Douglass, C. R. Stephens and P. Dunn left Tuesday morning for the wilds of Southwest Texas where they go prepared for fighting it out with the big game. This is the annual hunting trip for these parties and they generally meet with splendid success.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND
Largest and most famous of all pills in the world.
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OFF ON HUNTING TRIP

Charlie Hetrick and E. V. Bateman left Tuesday morning for the Menard country, where they will spend several days on a hunting trip.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTING AND CAMPING TRIP

R. P. Kirk, R. L. Harwell, David Gregory and Calvin Kirk returned Sunday night from a several days hunt in the mountains southwest of Menard. They report a pleasant outing and the bagging of some nice game.

Mr. Kirk says Mr. Harwell learned almost as much about the Billie Goat as he knows about the Ford while on the trip, and as the story goes, the hunters pitched camp on a goat ranch, where Mr. Harwell was left to herd the goats while some of the ranchmen joined in the hunt, and the goats became very much attached to the Ford.

The two young men Kirk and Gregory bagged their first big game on this trip, and after bringing down a big turkey Tom young Gregory was missing for some time and later was found hid out behind a thicket by his uncle Bob, and after recovering from the shock he returned to camp.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Heberline 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.

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Women Put Question to Wilson as He Reads Message

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maient interests of society itself. Three matters of capital importance await the action of the senate which have already been acted upon by the house of representatives—the bill which seeks to extend greater freedom of combination to those engaged in promoting the foreign commerce of the country than is now thought by some to be legal under the terms of the laws against monopoly, the bill amending the present organic law of Porto Rico and the bill proposing a more thorough and systematic regulation of the expenditure of money in elections, commonly called the corrupt practices act. I need not labor my advice that these measures be enacted into law. Their urgency lies in the manifest circumstances which render their adoption at this time not only opportune but necessary. Even delay would seriously jeopard the interests of the country and of the government.

Immediate passage of the bill to regulate the expenditure of money in elections may seem to be less necessary than the immediate enactment of the other measures to which I refer, because at least two years will elapse before another election in which federal offices are to be filled, but it would greatly relieve the public mind if this important matter were dealt with while the circumstances and the dangers to the public morals of the present campaign funds stand clear under recent observation and the methods of expenditure can be frankly studied in the light of present experience. And a delay would have the further serious disadvantage of postponing action until another election was at hand and some special object connected with it might be thought to be in the mind of those who urged it. Action can be taken now with facts for guidance and without suspicion of partisan purpose.

Enlarging Our Export Trade.
I shall not argue at length the desirability of giving a freer hand in the matter of combined and concerted effort to those who shall undertake the essential enterprise of building up our export trade. That enterprise will presently, will immediately assume,

REGULATE EXPENDITURE OF ELECTION MONEY

Immediate passage of the bill to regulate the expenditure of money in elections may seem to be less necessary than the immediate enactment of the other measures to which I refer, because at least two years will elapse before another election in which federal offices are to be filled, but it would greatly relieve the public mind if this important matter were dealt with while the circumstances and the dangers to the public morals of the present method of obtaining and spending campaign funds stand clear under recent observation and the methods of expenditure can be frankly studied in the light of present experience

has indeed already assumed, a magnitude unprecedented in our experience. We have not the necessary instrumentalities for its prosecution. It is deemed to be doubtful whether they could be created upon an adequate scale under our present laws. We should clear away all legal obstacles and create a basis of undoubted law for it which will give freedom without permitting unregulated license. The thing must be done now, because the opportunity is here and may escape us if we hesitate or delay.

The argument for the proposed amendments of the organic law of Porto Rico is brief and conclusive. The present laws governing the island and regulating the rights and privileges of its people are not just. We have created expectations of extended privilege which we have not satisfied. There is uneasiness among the people of the island and even a suspicious doubt with regard to our intentions concerning them which the adoption of the pending measure would happily remove. We do not doubt what we wish to do in any essential particular. We ought to do it at once.

Legislative Annals Enriched.
There are other matters already advanced to the stage of conference between the two houses of which it is not necessary that I should speak. Some practical basis of agreement concerning them will no doubt be found and action taken upon them.

Inasmuch as this is, gentlemen, probably the last occasion I shall have to address the Sixty-fourth congress, I hope that you will permit me to say with what genuine pleasure and satisfaction I have co-operated with you in the many measures of constructive policy with which you have enriched the legislative annals of the country. It has been a privilege to labor in such company. I take the liberty of congratulating you upon the completion of a record of rare serviceableness and distinction.

DISTRICT MEETING FARMERS UNION 20TH

Preparations are being made rapidly for the called meeting of the Pecan Valley District Union, No. 26, composed of farmers of fifteen counties of this section of the state. Today Louis Garms of Bangs, who is president of the association, and Mr. H. J. Guyer, who is secretary-treasurer, were in Brownwood arranging with the Chamber of Commerce for the gathering of possibly a hundred farmers of the Central West section of Texas.

Mr. Garms stated today that a number of prominent warehouse men and farmers' union friends have been invited to attend the meeting, among the number being H. N. Pope, president of the union S. C. Weinert, manager of the warehouse department D. E. Lyday of Ravena, Texas; W. P. Young of Blossom, Texas; J. W. Beard, and R. D. Bowen, of Paris. All of the above mentioned speakers have signified their intention of being present at the meeting with the exception of Mr. Pope, a reply from him being expected daily.

The warehouse problem, the rural credits bill, the farm loan measure and similar topics will be discussed at the gathering. The committee composing the district are: Brown, McCulloch, Menard, San Saba, Mills, Comanche, Hamilton, Eastland, Stevens, Taylor, Nolan, Coleman, Rummels, Tom Green and Lampasas.

The last regular meeting of the district union was held in Brady.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The regular meeting of the Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union will be held in Ballinger next year, the committee having accepted an invitation to meet here, and efforts will be made to make that the largest meeting in the history of the association.

Stop the First Cold

A cold does not get well of itself. The process of wearing out, a cold wears you out, and your cough becomes serious if neglected. Haacking coughs drain the energy and sap the vitality. For 47 years the happy combination of soothing antiseptic balsams in Dr. King's New Discovery has healed coughs and relieved congestion. Young and old can testify to the effectiveness of Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs and colds. Buy a bottle today at your druggist, 50c.

HAS 20 APPLICATIONS TO RENT HOUSE.

"Please take the little want ad out," said Mrs. Emma Godwin over the phone to The Ledger office Tuesday morning. Mr. Godwin stated that she had about 20 applications to rent her home near the Methodist church as the result of a little classified ad run in The Ledger for a couple of days.

Jack Pierce, of Winters, rented the place, and will move to Ballinger to make his home. There is a tremendous demand for rent houses here, and all that is necessary is to let the people know that you want to rent a house, and there is no better way than thru The Ledger. It's cheap too.

Catarrah Cannot Be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrah Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrah Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrah conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Master Newby Simpson returned home Tuesday from a visit to his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Newby of Brownwood.

Good for Constipation.

Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

BLANTON GOES TO CONGRESS MCH. 4

Judge Thomas L. Blanton, congressman elect from this district to succeed Congressman Smith, is holding his last term of district court at Brackenridge this week, and will retire from that office, in speaking of Judge Blanton's plans for taking up his work at Washington the Abilene Reporter says:

"District Judge Thomas L. Blanton will close his work as Judge of the 42nd District this week at Breckenridge and will practice law in Abilene during the interval between the closing of court at Breckenridge and March 4th when he will enter upon his duties in Congress. Judge Blanton has served the district eight years as judge and is perhaps known to more people in the district than any other man residing in that territory. He is a lawyer of splendid ability and a worker through and through."

TROUBLESOME FLIES

Don't allow them to hatch. Spray garbage cans, stables, etc., with Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray. It kills the larvae. To prevent mosquitoes, spray lightly on pools of water, rain barrels, and in cellars. To disinfect the home, spray lightly two or three times a month. Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

MAJESTIC RANGE SHOW BIG SUCCESS

L. A. Phillips, representing the Majestic Range, is here for the week and is in charge of the demonstration being held at the store of Van Felt, Kirk & Mack local dealers for this most popular range. The demonstration attracted many people throughout the day on Monday when the crowd was unusually large in the city, and Tuesday was a good day for the free eats being served by this firm. A committee of ladies were in charge of the serving of hot coffee, biscuit, butter and Crockett & Weil's pure ribbon can syrup. Peace Maker flour was also featured in the demonstration as well as Club Lake coffee.

As a result of the demonstration and the special offer of an \$8 set of granite and copper ware free to every purchaser of a range during the demonstration, three ranges were sold on the first day, and three homes in this county will be fitted up with the valuable ranges.

The first sale was made to Jake Bender, of Rowena. A. J. Tyree, and W. F. McShann, who live near Ballinger, both carried out new ranges. The show will continue until Saturday. The usual contest for the young folks in which presents and souvenirs are given away is being conducted in connection with the demonstration.

NOTICE TO LEDGER SUBSCRIBERS.

The subscription price for The Daily Ledger is 40 cents per month now. It will be 50 cents per month after January 1st. \$1 pays a three months subscription now. It will take \$1.25 to do it after January 1st. \$3.50 pays for a year now. It will take \$4.50 to do it after January 1st. The price of blank paper has more than doubled during the present year. Any reasonable man could not expect us to continue sending the paper at the old price. You can subscribe for a year now, or renew your subscription at the old price and pocket the saving. This is fair and a notice to all. Imod Ballinger Printing Co.

G. F. Crim who lives near Ballinger and recently moved from the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

Don't Neglect Your Cold

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McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

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I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

Theford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

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Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day. N. C. 3

ON VISIT TO SICK MOTHER

Rev. J. W. Bost and family left overland in their auto for Hunt county, Monday, where they will visit Rev. Bost's mother who is in very poor health. Rev. Bost announced before leaving that he had arranged for his pulpit to be filled during his absence, and there will be preaching as usual at the Nazarene church.

Notice to Our Friends.

We have sold our garage and auto business, known as the City Auto Works to Howard & Halstead, and we retired from the business on December 1st. We wish to thank those who have patronized us and bespeak for our successors a continuance of your business. We expect to remain in Ballinger and will engage in business here, and will in the future as in the past, do the best possible to please our customers. We appreciate your patronage and will show our appreciation with the best service, regardless of what line of business we engage in. 1-6dlw ELDER BROTHERS.

TEXAN MAY HAVE LOST DIAMOND STUD FOUND IN CHICAGO TURKEY'S CRAW

Cuero, Tex., Dec. 5.—The first chapter of the recent story from Chicago telling of the finding of a \$150 diamond stud in the crop of a turkey may have started when County Democratic Chairman Tom Lovett of Cuero started on a duck hunt about two years ago. Lovett decided to carry a wounded duck home. Drawing from his neck his necktie, from which he forgot to remove a diamond stud valued at \$150, he hobbled the bird and placed it in the rear of his conveyance. A few minutes later a flutter attracted his attention, and turning in his seat he saw the duck flying off with the necktie dangling from one foot. Cuero is the center of a big turkey producing section.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET TOMORROW

Every member of the Civic League is urged to meet at the Library at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The league is undertaking the work of co-operating with the city in civic work, and questions of importance will come before the meeting.

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