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**J. P. Martindale**

## FLEMING'S REPORT SHOWS BIG GAIN

In his monthly report made to the school board of the Ballinger Independent District at its regular meeting Friday, Superintendent Fleming recommended certain improvements that must be made in the Ballinger schools sooner or later, if the school maintains its standard and remains in a class with other schools of the state.

We publish Mr. Fleming's report in full and trust the patrons of the school will study it and will take a sufficient interest in the schools to keep themselves posted and co-operate with the board in bringing about the needed improvements:

Mr. President and Gentlemen: At this time our enrollment in Central and West Ward has been 597; in the High School 184; in the colored 28; making a gross enrollment of 809 on this side of the river. South Ward has enrolled to date 53. Making a grand total of 862 at the close of the third month.

Our work is hampered by the spread of 'chicken pox' and 'mumps.' According to our state health code, these are quarantinable diseases, but people generally seem to think them harmless and many never have a physician and insist on sending their children to school, saying: 'Well, they can't get it up there, so let the rest take what my children got.'

At present, twenty-three teachers meet classes. More seats are in actual use now than ever before in the period of my administration of nearly seven years. Some of the rooms are now over-run; were it not for the diseases above mentioned, we could not now accommodate all with a seat without making still further adjustments. The crowding is in the lower grades, chiefly in Miss Hattie Ladwig's work and Miss Caperton's work. Again this does not take into consideration those we have requested to remain out

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## Perfection

### CRISIS FELT IN GREEK SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The threatening situation in Greece reached a very critical stage today.

Mobilization of the Greek Royalist forces has been ordered by King Constantine's advisors. Reports of Teutonic negotiations with the Greek King following the departure of the entente allies subjects from Athens has started many rumors. Another fact that is giving concern is the concentration of allied troops near the capital.

The French and British war vessels which have been stationed in Greek waters, are still maintaining a strict blockade of all harbors.

### First Winter Concert Sunday

For the first time in several weeks the Ballinger Concert Band will give a public concert Sunday afternoon, either at the court house lawn if the weather is fair, or at the Carnegie Library if inclement. The following program of musical numbers is nearly an all-new list, only one number having been played here before by the band.

Most of the organization will be out tomorrow for the musical event, and only one man will be out due to sickness. Prior to the present meeting, a whole section of the band was knocked out on account of mumps and other contagious diseases.

Here is the program:  
March, "North Wind" Chambers  
Waltz, "Lan'e Hesitation".....  
.....Luthigan  
March, "Hercules".....Heed  
Overture, "Palowa Gavotte".....  
.....(Presented by Request)  
March, "The World in Arms".....  
.....Tecke  
Intermission  
March, "Empress".....Chambers  
Fox Trot, "There's a Little Bit of Bad in Every Good Little Girl".....Grant Clark  
Song, "Ireland Must Be Heaven for My Mother Came From There".....Mr. Simpson  
Fox Trot, (Hawaiian Number) "Yacki Hula Hieka Dula" by request.  
March, "Under Arms"....Sagler

## Heaters Cook Ranges

### DODGE BROS. WIN BIG SUIT FROM FORD

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 9.—A temporary injunction restraining Henry Ford, the auto manufacturer, from building a \$10,000,000 blast furnace on the river Rouge, was today granted Dodge Bros. of Detroit. Dodge Bros. are said to be heavy stockholders in the Ford company, as well as owning a motor car factory of their own.

### MEXICAN FACTIONS FIGHT AT FRESNO

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—Vilistas and Carrancistas are battling this afternoon for the possession of Fresno, Mexico, ten miles outside of Chihuahua City. This is the field where the Carrancistas were led into a trap by a clever trick of Pancho Villa.

### WESTERN UNION GETS NEW OFFICE FIXTURES

The Western Union Telegraph Company evidently believes in improving their property, and in improving their offices and installing modern fixtures. This has been carried out in the Ballinger office, and during the last few days two nice steel cabinets have been added to the better appearance and more efficient service of the office. One cabinet is to be used for a clothes-closet and the other is a filing cabinet, besides having a steel receptacle for letters.

New Christmas telegram blanks gaily colored in red and green, with a suggestive holiday scene, have been received by local manager, Mrs. A. H. Wigle. These blanks will doubtless give an added zest to Christmas and New Year messages from this office and will likely increase the volume of business transacted. Another new innovation commenced by the Western Union is that of sending presents by wire—that is, the order is sent to the address at the other end of the line and the gifts are bought and delivered by uniformed messengers. This practice has proved very popular in wiring candy and flowers, and the extension of this service should prove acceptable.

All operators and employees of the Western Union, who have been with the company more than two years, according to Mrs. Wigle, will be presented with a 7 per cent bonus of their year's salary for a Christmas present. This announcement was made shortly after the Santa Fe railroad had announced their Christmas bonus for long time employees.

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-dtf.

Ike Honig returned home Saturday morning from a short business trip to San Angelo.

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 rick's Red Pepper Porus Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

### DALLAS SALESMAN SHOOTS EX-ASST. COUNTY ATTORNEY

70,000 ROUMANIANS  
LOST SINCE DEC. 1

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Seventy thousand Rumanian troops have been taken prisoner since December first, according to a statement from the German war office. The dead and wounded are in about the same numbers.

### FOOD COST PROBE BEGINS NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Federal grand jury's investigations into the high cost of living will start simultaneously at New York, Chicago and Detroit next week. It was stated today by high government officials that a searching probe would be made.

### BIBB IS COOL AFTER TRAGEDY

According to the San Angelo Standard, the body of E. W. Stokes, who was fatally shot by W. H. Bibb in that city Wednesday night, will probably be buried at Fort Chadbourne Sunday afternoon. Stokes is survived by three daughters and one son. Mrs. John McDoran and Mrs. Etta Rawls, daughters of the deceased are said to be living at Maima, Arizona, and El Paso, Texas, respectively. Mrs. Sam Lueky another daughter, is thought to reside at Bisbee, Ariz. Plennie Stokes, the only son, who has had quite a sensational career himself, lives in Oklahoma, to the best available information received by the San Angelo paper.

M. H. Bibb, who formerly held the office of night watchman for the city of Ballinger, had surrendered to the officers, but had not been given an examining trial up to Friday at noon. Bibb is said to have remarked that "there was no hurry about the matter." Bibb was very cool after the shooting, and when his wife attempted to take his gun away from him, told her "Don't do that honey. That's a borrowed gun and I'll have to return it."

On lookers to the tragedy state that two shots were fired by the assailant, with only one shot reaching its mark. The other shot went wild, and smashed a pane of glass in a furniture store across the street.

**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 can't get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

**Weather Forecast**  
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### GALVESTON SHIPS ALLIES SUPPLIES

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 9.—War munitions for the entente allies are moving through this port today. This is the first time any war supplies have been routed through Galveston, and is due to the congested condition of the Eastern ports.

### 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.

### Supply of November 10ths Not Yet Exhausted.

New England, N. D. Dec. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mortensen's three children were born Nov. 10, 1914, Nov. 10, 1915 and Nov. 10, 1916. They were married Nov. 10, 1913.

Settle the question of a present for wife, let me order a Columbia Grafanola, the standard talking machine. The Fair. 7-3d-1w.

### Ferguson's Mail On the Increase

A little news item to the effect that Chas. Ferguson was making some real money on turkeys on his farm near Ballinger, was the cause for Mr. Ferguson renting an extra lock-box at the post office to hold all his new correspondence.

Mr. Ferguson spent \$12, so he alleges, in the purchase of some turkeys, and a few months later the crop sold for over \$100. The Ledger published the story, and it was carried also, in several Dallas papers, as well as other state papers. Now the mail clerks have begun to fill the Ferguson box with letters from various parts of the world, from farmers who want to know how he did it.

A letter came Friday from an address in Arkansas, and many have come from farmers in Texas towns.

Only a few days left to order a Columbia Grafanola and get here for wife's Xmas present. better hurry. The Fair. 7-3d-1w.

### Where Will Dorothy Spend Her Christmas this Time?

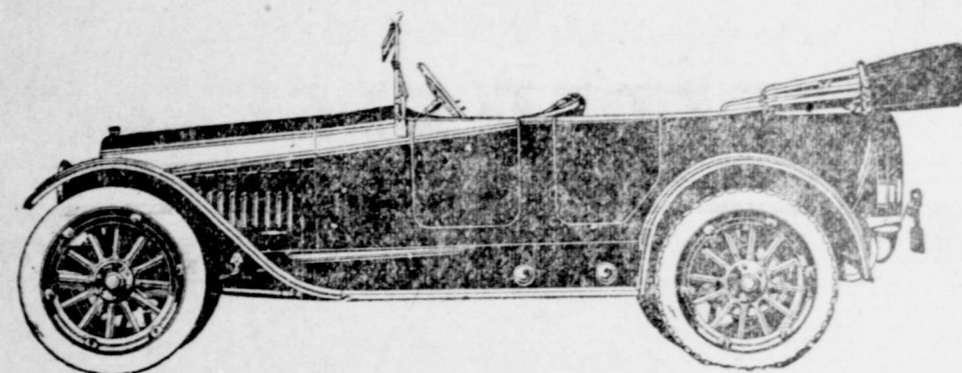
ARDMORE, Dec. 9.—Dorothy Slaughter, eleven years old, known as the "most kidnapped child in the country" doesn't know where she is going to spend Christmas.

Little Dorothy thought she would spend the holidays in Amrillo, Texas, with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Okes. Mr. and Mrs. Okes recently won a suit to get the custody

of the child in a local court, but now a new trial has been granted Dorothy's father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Slaughter of Dallas. So Dorothy won't know where she's going until after the new trial has been settled.

The "Dorothy Slaughter case" developed its latest kidnapping when Grandpa W. B. Slaughter stole the girl from her mother, Mrs. Carrie Slaughter here.

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J. W. ATWOOD,  
Minister.

**Methodist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45 for all ages. A. K. Doss, Supt. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Curry. Subject for the morning hour: "Christ, the Light of the World." Subject for the evening hour, "Choice." The church where a welcome awaits you.  
J. B. CURRY, Pastor.

**Church of Christ**  
Attention, read this: We wel-

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**THE FIRST STEP**  
Usually the first indication of a lowering of health is found in the bowels and liver. Something goes wrong—we eat too much, or work too hard—and the bowel action weakens or the liver is sluggish. That heavy feeling on arising in the morning, dryness of the throat, with bad taste, a slight headache, dull eyes—all show that food has fermented in the intestines, and that the body is manufacturing poisons instead of good blood.  
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E. A. BEDICHEK,  
Pastor.

**First Baptist Church.**  
Sunday school at regular 9:45 hour. Morning services at 11:00 o'clock. Sunbeams meet at 2:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. Evening services at 7:15. Visitors are invited to attend any or all of these services.  
T. C. JESTER,  
Pastor.

**Ninth Street Baptist Church.**  
Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 o'clock, subject, "Isaiah and His Bride." Sunbeams at 3:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock. Preaching at 7:00, subject "Can Our Civilization Save Us," or "Man's Day and It's End."  
J. W. MILTON, Pastor.

**First Christian Church**  
(Located on Tenth Street)  
Bible School 10:00 a. m. Scott H. Mack, Supt. Communion and sermon 11 a. m., sermon subject "Good Tempered", seventh element in "Analysis of Love" series. Called meeting of official board at 4:00 p. m. Evening service: 7:00 p. m. Sermon subject "The Good-Man the Only Possible Mediator Between God and Man." This will be a study of the great question of "The Atonement," or "The Reconciliation," in which we hope to show the peculiar fitness of Jesus, the World's Redeemer, as the only possible "Reconciler" between God and man, whom the "Deceiver" had estranged and put in an attitude of enmity toward each other.  
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J. Frank Montgomery,

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the morning hour at this church. There will be no preaching at the evening hour. Sunday School meets promptly at 9:45. Christian Endeavor meets at six o'clock. You are invited to attend all these services.

**Weekly Letter to Church Members**  
Let each one of us ask himself or herself this question, and over and over again and then some more:  
What kind of a church would my church be if every member were just like me?  
Stop right now as you read this, and do some tall thinking. What use are you to the church anyhow? Were you to shake "the mortal coil" would your church be very much the worse? Or would you be sorely missed? To use a business term are you "an asset" or a "liability"? You are a help or a hindrance to your church. A dead weight or a "jack"; a blessing or a bane. You are a credit or a shame to your church. May be you are a booster, encouraging and making your fellow members glad because of your sunshine and smile; maybe you came off the crab-apple tree, a kind of vinegar type. You may be an officer or leading member, going to have your way or "bust"; or you may be the same, with a desire to yield gracefully and without holding a resentment. You may be going around with a chip on your shoulder, itching for some one "to hurt your feelings"; or you may have a "hide like an elephant." But we come back to the verse. May it take such possession of you that it will ring every day in your ears.  
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**FLEMING'S REPORT SHOWS BIG GAIN.**  
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until the second term to begin their duties. In short, if this attendance were to remain constant, our immediate task would be either to provide a way to put them in South Ward where we still have two available rooms, or to secure another building, which ought to be constructed with reference to the particular needs of all the little children on this side of the river, either on or adjacent to the present Central grounds. If our population remains anything like constant, taking into consideration the natural increase in schoolages, such a building is not a mere dream of a theorist but is a practical necessity. In your planning for the future accommodation of our children, the situation should be calmly studied and appropriate measures begun to relieve this congestion.  
"Growing young town have many problems to meet. For many years your anxiety has been to provide sufficient funds to secure the needed teachers and to defray the operating expenses of such a plant as we have.  
"To do this, you have been com-

pelled to cut out many things that we have actually needed, and that other schools have, but now pressure from without is being applied throughout the state on schools such as ours is to bring about this needed improvement on the matter of adequate reference books, a full supply of modern dictionaries, an ample equipment in the matter of the English Classics that schools of the first class must have personal knowledge of upon entering even our State Normal schools, plus work on Science and Mathematics to enable pupils to become familiar with the commonest things in the world about them, yet not contained in the textbooks, which at best, are but beginners' outlines when compared with the whole subject.  
"These items are just as much a part of the necessary equipment of a school as the carpenter's tools or the lawyer's library or the physician's well equipped operating room and his works on medical research. Some think we should secure these by plays and entertainments. If our citizens will give the plays, I would welcome the receipts for such a purpose. But so great is the amount of work in each grade that ought to be more thoroughly gotten up by the pupils than it is, that I am unalterably opposed to securing equipment at the tremendous sacrifice of time and lessons essential to anything like success.  
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**Stop That Cough**  
A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the anti-septic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist. 50c.

Miss Murphy of San Angelo, came in Friday afternoon to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt a few days.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Beware, avoid with Blue wrapper. Take no other. Buy only the Diamond Brand Pills, for 25 years known to be safe. Always reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Mrs. Robert Bailey and her mother, Mrs. Gee, came in from Fort Worth Saturday at noon to visit Mrs. Scott Mack and family a few days. Mrs. Bailey is the mother of Mrs. Mack.

**THE WEAVER'S BUREAU**  
has just received a new line of Winter coats and baggy lap robes. Come and see them. H. L. Wendol, the Saddler, and Harness maker.

Carl Rayburn, of Norton, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to San Angelo on a short business trip.

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured**  
with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh 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 Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

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

Eddie Pape, of the Flag Branch country, was transacting business in Ballinger and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up to 1918.

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.

Fred Prusser, S. C. Guin, L. M.

**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 yuletide 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.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS**  
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

Bales and C. G. Seibel, of the Hatchell country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Osear Lykes of Norton this week and Mr. Lykes

was greeting friends in Ballinger Saturday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to keep him posted on the local news from his old home county.

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

Mrs. Clark Graham returned home Friday from a visit to relatives at Goldthwaite and Lometa.

Our Home Talent Photo Play  
**"A Ballinger Romance" or "Nell Gets the Best of Father"**  
**Monday**

**Tuesday — Wednesday**

WEDNESDAY MATINEE  
DECEMBER 11, 12 AND 13

**FEATURING:**

- Nell Kipp } - - - The Lovers
- Roy Sharp } - - -
- John Weeks - - - The Irate Father
- Kathleen Jones - - - The Flirt
- Frank Pearce - - - The Minister

**Ballinger's First Real Photo Play, Full of Comedy Punch and Action**

**See** The Thrilling Fire Run, The Heroic Rescue of Nell from the burning building, The Exciting Flopement, The funny scenes through Ballinger streets, over hills and around Elm Creek. The comic troubles of the irate father. The flirt's wink that gets father into all kinds of trouble, etc. etc.

In addition to this special local feature our regular program will also be shown and changed daily.

PRICES: Adults 15, Children 10c  
**THREE DAYS**  
**Queen Theatre**  
"Where The Crowd Goes"

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

Give us a trial—that is all we ask.

Then you'll buy here regularly.

**Two Phones 93 and 94**

**L. B. STUBBS**  
Grocer and Baker

**LADIES! TAKE CAPUDINE**  
FOR ACHEs AND PAINs. RELIEVES THE NERVOUSNESS ALSO. IT'S LIQUID—NOT NARCOTIC.

Louie Voelker, of the Hatchell country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

**ANSCO**  
CAMERAS & SPEEDEX FILM

**GIVE** that boy or girl an AnSCO Vest-Pocket Camera. It can be carried in the pocket, is always ready to snap, and takes sharp, clear pictures that can be enlarged successfully. Several styles and sizes, \$7 up. Come in and see our line of AnSCO Cameras—priced from \$2 to \$55.

Walker Drug Co.  
Phones 12 and 13  
The Retail Store





# Give Furniture for Christmas

WHAT shall I give for Christmas?

There are a million things—the gifts that last a day, the gifts that are tucked away in closets, the gifts that are forgotten and—

## The Gift of Furniture

Furniture lasts forever—is forever a reminder of the giver and forever of service to the recipient. It is forever useful and forever beautiful.

And it costs no more than the silly little gifts that die. A dollar or two will buy Furniture here—or many hundreds of dollars, according to what you choose to make it. You are invited to inspect our Christmas Assortments. You need not buy—but you will.

There Should Be Music in Your Home this Christmas



Let us demonstrate the wonderful phonograph to you.

An  
**Aeolian-Vocalion**  
The Ideal Christmas Gift

Don't Miss Our—

Extraord

In Charge of  
Special Bargain  
**SHOP EARLY**

WE will hold  
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Plenty of extra  
To Shop Early

**Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.**

*Ballinger's Greatest Store*

Give a Globe-Wernicke for Christmas



**Eastern Star Meeting Monday Evening.**

Every member is urged to be present Monday evening, December 11th. Visitors cordially invited. 9-2td Georgie Parker. Sec.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN** come from healthy mothers. And mothers will certainly be healthy if they'll take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Nothing can equal it in building up a woman's strength, in regulating and assisting all her natural functions, and in putting in perfect order every part of the female system. It lessens the pains and burdens, supports and strengthens weak, nursing mothers. It's an invigorating, restorative tonic, a soothing and bracing nerve.

Mrs. BETTIE FLEMING, of 1225 Clinton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, says: "I had been in bad health and the doctor would get me up for a while. Two years ago I was in very bad health, had womanly trouble. Had tried several different things and at last I began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and to-day I weigh 172 pounds, then I only weighed 133. I praise your medicines to every suffering woman, and tell them the good it has done and does till to-day for me."

W. H. Rogers and C. Korneyay, of Winters, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

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

W. L. Lollar, C. C. Carter and little son, and Wm. Forbus, of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

A nice present for wife and home—a Columbia Grafanola for price. The Fair. 7-3td-1w

Sheriff Puett and son, of Paint Rock, came in Friday afternoon to accompany W. M. Mathews, a lunatic, en route to the asylum at Austin. Mrs. Mathews and baby accompanied them to Austin.

W. H. Stagner, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Friday evening.

route to the Bennett country, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Huffman and family a few days.

**Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain**  
Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than mussy plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that trippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Aken and two children, of the Pumphrey country, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon for Hico to visit relatives a few weeks.

A. J. Wiley of Heidenheimer, who had been looking after land interests in Rannels county left Friday for his home.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hathcock*

Miss Maurine Weeks left Friday afternoon to visit relatives at Coleman a few days.

**Nervous Women.** When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. Also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Charles Hetrick and E. V. Bate man returned home Friday afternoon from a few days hunting trip out west, and reports plenty

game killed and very pleasant outing.

**How to Check That Cold**  
When it is painful to breathe and fever sends shills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c.

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

**LADIES' CAPUDINE**  
FOR ACHE AND PAINS  
RELIEVES THE HEAVY DRESS ALSO  
IT'S LIQUID—NOT NARCOTIC

You Should Feel 100 Percent Today.

You cannot meet the day's work cheerfully feeling bilious. Dull headache, coated tongue, bad breath are signs that indicate your liver is overworked or loafing. In either case you need Po-Do-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po-Do-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all druggists, 50c.



**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 in 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