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## VALLEY CREEK NEWS—Route Five.

Most everybody of this community killed hogs Friday and are enjoying eating fresh meat.

Singing at Joe Smith Sunday was well attended and all report a nice time.

George Denton, Jeff Tubbs, Buster Hight and Earnest Wagner went to San Angelo Saturday on business.

Larence and Harvey Bryan, Otto Hambright attended the box supper near Ballinger Saturday night.

Clarence Jennings, of New Norton, was a pleasant caller at the Pinkerton home Sunday.

Rev. Bedichek of Ballinger, preached to a good size audience at North Norton, Sunday at three o'clock.

Mrs. Wagner and family moved on Mr. Well's place Monday. This community is glad that they didn't lose this good family.

Joe Smith and family and San Little spent the day Sunday with Santa Hight and wife.

Miss Ella Jones, of Ballinger, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Zack Smyth.

Bob Bryan is having a nice bungalow built. When finished it will be the nicest home in this community.

## RED WING.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Guin and two little sons, of Wingate, were interviewing Santa Claus in Ballinger Wednesday.

## 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.

# "Another German Trick" Says The English

## MEXICO MUST ANSWER FOR AMERICAN CITIZEN

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The state department has entered formal protest and made strong representations to the Mexican government over the arrest of Ricardo Solis, the American citizen who was arrested at Matamoras, and carried to Victoria, Mexico, for a military trial. It is expected that the Carranza government will be held responsible for the safety of the Americans.

## NEW TRAFFIC RULE PREVENTS ACCIDENTS

San Angelo has just adopted a new traffic rule which has been tried out at other places and proven a success, and for the benefit of those who do a good part of their joy riding in San Angelo we reproduce the following extract from the new law:

"Where the paths of traffic intersect of where the route of one vehicle will for any cause cross that of another in such way as to threaten collision, drivers must yield the right of way in every case to the vehicle on their right."

"In other words the law says that in crossing the path of a vehicle going at right angles to your own, you must yield the right of way, provided the vehicle approaches from your right. If the car approaches from your left, the road is yours."

In order to familiarize all auto drivers with the new law, all cars in San Angelo have a paper arrow pasted on their wind-shield with the simple injunction "Traffic crossing your path from the right has the right of way."

This new traffic ordinance has been tried out at other places and proven a great success.

We have just received a car of pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, the same kind as handled by us last year. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 12-5td2tw

## NIGGER in de CANE PATCH.

## PRODUCING FOOD STUFF PROFITABLE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 13.—To speak of twenty-cent cotton or \$1.75 wheat in terms of dollars unless at the same time the money value of other things is considered is not sufficient, Clarence Ousley, director of extension of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College told the convention of the Oklahoma State Bankers' Association here today. "As a matter of fact 20 cent cotton has no more power in the purchase of other commodities than 12-cent cotton had a year and a half ago," said Mr. Ousley in discussing "Safe Farming as a Basis of Safe Banking." He went on: "The price tag does not indicate value by any means, but value by any means, but value is to be reckoned by the relation of a given commodity to other commodities. The farmer who raises cotton or who raises wheat exclusively or principally must buy all the other things needed for the maintenance of his family and the operation of his farm. If these simple rules are applied in making farm plans for 1917, it will appear beyond a shadow of a doubt that the farmer who derives his entire income from cotton will be no better off than he was when cotton was worth only half or even one third of its present money value.

"All the world facts and figures now prevailing and likely to prevail for another year indicate overwhelmingly that food and feed prices will remain high, unless the nation resorts to some such tyranny as an embargo on exports of foodstuffs. While the cotton supply for the current year is short of the demand, it is easily possible with a ten per cent increase of acreage and with normal weather conditions to produce more than 16,000,000 bales of cotton, which will be in excess of the world's demand for a year and will force prices downward accordingly. Not only that, but there is already evidence that high prices are curtailing consumption of British exports of iron and cloth are ten to twenty per cent less than they were for the corresponding period for 1913.

"Banking credit based upon all-cotton farming is a hazardous risk, but banking credit based upon food and feed farming is a safe risk. There is certain to be, at the close of the European war a reaction which will bring more or less distress to manufacturing industries and to commerce in general. The producing sections of the South and West have it in their power, by the exercise of the simplest business prudence, to escape the injury of that reaction and to insure a long period of remunerative prices for farm products. No single factor is so potential to this end as the country bank. It is hardly too much to say, that under these circumstances the attitude of the bankers of the South will determine whether we are to make permanent our present agricultural prosperity, or whether we are to relapse into the slavery of cotton which has kept us in bondage for fifty years. The bankers' responsibility is great, but his opportunity is glorious."

## WANTS LEDGER FOR ANOTHER 12 MONTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tounget of the Miles country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday, and while here Mr. Tounget renewed with The Banner-Ledger for the coming year.

## NO ACTION TAKEN ON PEACE NOTE

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The administration is not planning to send Col. E. M. House abroad to represent the American government or do anything about Germany's peace move, so the United Press was informed today.

Col. House was the guest of President Wilson over night, and after a conference with Secretary Lansing this morning he hurried to New York, and this was responsible for the report that he was going abroad to represent the United States in peace work.

## 4 MILLION MEN LOST BY GERMANS

By United Press. LONDON, Dec. 13.—Official figures were made public today, showing the number of German soldiers killed and taken prisoners since the beginning of the war up to November 1st. The figures are given at 3,921,859.

According to figures based on the official casualty list, 946,027 of these were killed in battle.

## FOUR MURDER CASES BEFORE GRAND JURY

Special to The Daily Ledger. SAN ANGELO, Dec. 13.—The first work of the grand jury of this county when it convened Monday was the investigation of the Bibb murder case. M. H. Bibb is being held in jail charged with the murder of E. W. Stokes on the night of Dec. 6.

Mrs. Bibb was before the grand jury a good part of the forenoon Tuesday. She left the grand jury room about 11:30 wearing a dark blue veil and was deeply affected by having related the happenings on the night her escort E. W. Stokes was shot to death by Bibb. There are four men being held in the county jail on murder charges, and out of this number it is expected that several indictments will be returned before the week ends. The petit jury for the week was discharged Tuesday afternoon, and the trial of non-jury civil cases taken up.

Phillip Wilson, of Montera, Cal. is here on a visit to J. Y. Pearce and family and other relatives and friends in Ballinger for a few weeks.

L. L. Shields, one of the prominent business men, of Santa Anna, passed through Ballinger Wednesday in his auto en route to his ranch near San Angelo.

## 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.

By United Press. LONDON, Dec. 13.—England's new premier, David Lloyd George is preparing to answer Germany's peace proposals when he addresses the House of Commons next Tuesday.

England does not regard the proposals in any other light than that of "another German trick," if the comment of the British newspapers today are to be taken as criterions of British sentiment. It is conceded by the British that the Germans made a clever diplomatic play in making peace proposals at this time.

## SAYS GERMANY WILL NOT OFFER PEACE AGAIN

By United Press. BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The central empires will not take the initiative again to end the war if the allies reject the peace terms offered yesterday.

This appears certain after it became known today that the allies did not receive the proposals in good faith. German newspapers are not inclined to believe that the proposals will be accepted, but applaud the chancellor for taking the initiative in plans for bringing the war to a close.

Mrs. Steffens, of Brownwood, will sell blooming plants and ferns at the Miller Mercantile Co., Friday afternoon and Saturday, 12-3 td.

Judge J. H. Baugh of the law firm of Doss & Baugh, of Ballinger, is a visitor in Brownwood today, having arrived at noon. Conditions in the Ballinger country are flourishing, the visitor said, and a big business is being done by the several Ballinger merchants. While in Brownwood Judge Baugh is transacting legal business. He expects to return to Ballinger tonight. —Brownwood Bulletin.

## NIGGER in de CANE PATCH.

Arno Schawe came in a day or two ago to visit his parents and Ballinger friends during the holidays.

E. M. Setser, of Norton, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a business trip to Greenville, the past week.

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## SPRING HILL NEWS.

The 1916 crop is all gathered and farmers are making good progress preparing their land for another crop. There is considerable small grain and up to a good stand, but the acreage not large as last year.

King cotton seems to be the dominating factor for the next crop; the good price must be admitted is mighty stimulating when it brings in so many needed comforts to the honest efforts of the honest tillers of the soil, enabling many to buy homes and others automobiles and many improvements needed about the farms and improved farm machinery.

There is not many fat hogs in the county as last year but nearly every one has enough to run till next year's hog crop matures.

The good price for poultry has pretty well cleaned up the country, especially all old stock and scrubs, only enough being retained to raise from of the better strains.

There will be some moving in our community about the first of the year. Most of the changes have been long time tenants on the places who are leaving but are moving on places they have bought. We regret to lose them, but we wish them success in their new homes and surroundings.

Our school is progressing nicely under the tutorage of our most esteemed teacher, Miss Duncan.

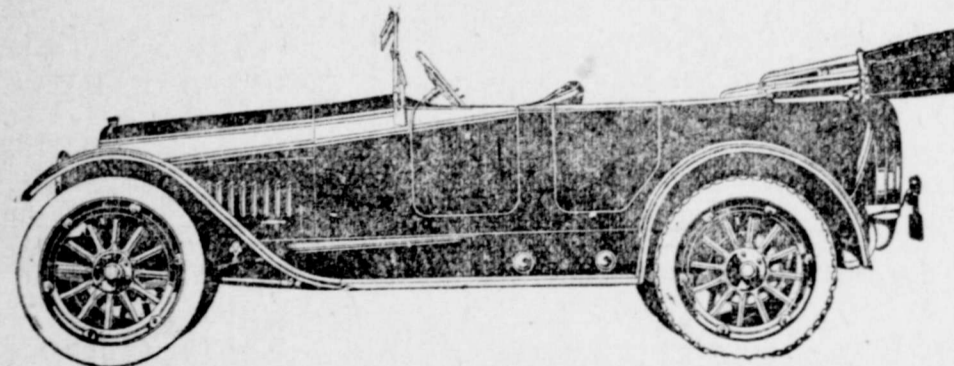
The year is now drawing to a close. Every one nearly has prospered in some way by good prices for farm products and every one should feel thankful and have the kindest feeling for his fellow man. KNOX.

## LEFT FOR SAN ANGELO.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Gustavus and two children, left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo where they will make their future home. Mr. Gustavus will be connected with his father-in-law, Mr. Gaines. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus will wish for them success in their new location.

Miss Lottie Gaines, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Gustavus the past few days, returned home with them today.

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A. W. Sledge, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dorsett of Norton, were among the shoppers in Ballinger Wednesday.

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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 grippy 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.

O. H. Dahlgren of Rowena, had business in Ballinger Wednesday between trains.

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**DECLINES TO OFFER FOR COMMISSIONERS**

In an interview given out this afternoon, R. A. Nicholson and W. C. Penn stated that under no circumstances would they accept the place of commissioners, or allow their names to go on the ticket to be voted on in the commission form election to be held on January 1th. "We have given this matter due consideration, and feel that it is for the best interests of the city that we decline this offer," said both of the gentlemen when asked if they would be candidates for the places.

"However," stated Mr. Nicholson, and also Mr. Penn, "we are in favor of the municipal ownership of the sewerage system and other public utilities. After making a thorough investigation," said the gentlemen, "we have found that the sewer is a paying proposition, and by all means the city should acquire it at the earliest possible time, and take advantage of the liberal offer made by the present owners of the plant."

This interview was given out after it had been reported that these two gentlemen had been slated for the ticket and that no other names would appear on the ticket. Their friends had insisted that they serve until next April when, if commission carries, it will be necessary to elect two new commissioners and a mayor. As the matter now stands no names have been offered for the ticket. It is to be hoped that two or more business men, or citizens competent to serve as commissioners, will agree to serve and that a good ticket will be put out for the voters to choose from.

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**SCROGGINS & SON SELLS OUT**

A deal was made last week and took effect this week in which R. L. Sides of Hatchel, buys the grocery stock and business of Scroggins & Son on Seventh street. Mr. Sides will continue to run the business where it is now located. Mr. Scroggins stated Tuesday that he would remain in Ballinger for awhile, but did not know just what line of business he would engage in later.

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Beginning next Monday, a crew of six men will be in the field soliciting subscriptions for The Banner-Ledger, our weekly paper.

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S. H. McPherson of Hamilton, came in Tuesday to visit friends and to look after business affairs a week or two.

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**MAYOR GETS \$360 ON BACK SALARY**

The Ledger has been accused of not giving the full proceedings of the city council, and our attention has been called to two errors made in reporting the meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday morning. We stated that the mayor's salary had been increased from \$15 to \$30 per month for the ensuing year, or term, which was correct, but we should have also stated that the increase dates back to the beginning of the present term or for the past two years. For the past two years the mayor has only been receiving \$15 per month, and Alderman Penn made the motion that carried with Nicholson and Coekrell voting with Mr. Penn for the mayor to receive back salary to the amount of an increase of \$15 per month for the past two years. Aldermen Garlington and Collins voted against the motion. By such action the council has authorized the mayor to draw a warrant for \$360 back salary.

Alderman Penn also made the motion to cut the salaries of the aldermen from \$5 per meeting and free water, to free water only, and the motion to cut the city marshal's salary to the fees of the office.

The other errors made in making note of the change in salaries of the city officers was that we stated the city marshal had been receiving \$50 per month and the fees of the office, when as a matter of fact the marshal had only been receiving \$50 per month, and was required to turn all the fees of the office into the treasurer. His salary remains the same until the April election.

In discussing the increase in the mayor's salary with a Ledger reporter, Alderman Penn stated that he thought it was nothing but just and proper that the mayor

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receive reasonable pay for his service and he did not think that \$15 per month was sufficient. Mr. Penn also stated that he thought the aldermen should serve the city on the same basis as the trustees serve the school—without pay.

Alderman Garlington said, "I voted against the payment of any back salary, because I do not think the present council has any authority to turn back and raise a salary after the mayor had served at the salary fixed for him."

Mr. Garlington stated further that the city attorney would be called on for an opinion concerning this matter.

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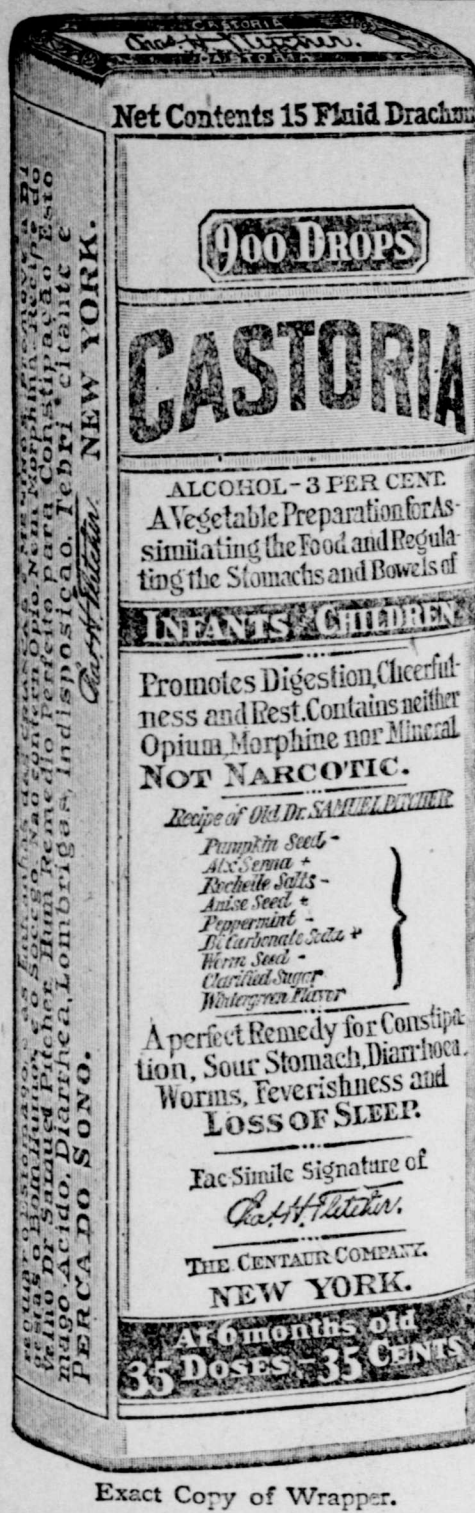
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AUSTIN, Dec. 13.—Despite the high cost of foodstuffs, the University of Texas cafeteria served 41,053 meals to University students during the month of October at an average cost of thirteen and one-third cents per meal.

With the single exception of sweet milk which was raised from 3c to 4c per glass, the prices remain the same as they were last season. The average cost of board per month per student, was \$12.07, ranging from a minimum of \$7 to a maximum of \$19 per month. The cafeteria is run under the management of the Business Manager of the University for the sole purpose of furnishing meals to students as cheaply as possible. No profit is made. In addition to the furnishing of cheap meals, twelve boys and one young lady, all University students, are employed to do the work of serving the meals and thereby earn their board and from \$3.50 to \$12.50 per month in addition. The boys work about one hour at each meal time.

Miss Pauline Wherry serves as cashier, and is one of the most popular students in the University. She is a junior academic student and is at present Vice-President of the Woman's Council, the second highest office within the gift of the students under the system of student self-government. During the month of October Miss Wherry handled \$5,501.04, and although practically every ticket called for penny change, she came within 71 cents of a balance.

## ONE WAY TO BEAT HIGH COST OF LIVING

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—"Raise chickens in your back yard if you would cut the high cost of living," said Theodore Howes, secretary of the Poultry Show which opened here this afternoon.

"The increase in the price of dressed poultry has not yet equalled that of pork or beef and it is a commodity that can be produced at home," he added. "A few fowls in the back yard, fed largely from the waste from your table, not only produce delicious meat, but supply fresh eggs, a luxury which few can afford when they must buy them."

## HIGH LIVING COST MAKES LITTLE CHANGE IN SALARY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The United States government now pays its employes \$100 a year less than it did 62 years ago. Ethelbert Stewart, chief clerk of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, an authority upon the subject, declared today.

This decrease comes at a time when the cost of living has soared two-fold and three-fold from the levels of 1854.

The salary scale of the government clerks was fixed by act of 1853. Prior to this there had been no regular graduations in pay for employes. A certain number would get, for instance, \$813 per annum, another \$837, others \$869.50 and so on. The work of including so many scattering items in the appropriations bill vexed the committee who decided in that year to put all of these in a lump appropriation at \$840. This is an example of the plan that was followed in the fixing of the rates of governmental pay to its employes.

These classes have not changed since that day save by the creation of lower grades of pay. There were not \$720, \$650 or \$540 per annum employes of the government at that date, as there are now.

In 1854 no clerk listed as such got under \$1200 a year. Now clerks are listed at \$840.

There are higher positions today than there were in 1871 but these are comparatively few and are occupied mostly by experts. The chief increase in the number of government employes in the District is shown by the statistics to have been in the lower grades of the service.

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## SOCIETY

### Six O'clock Dinner for Fidelis Class.

To compliment the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church, of which she is the teacher, Mrs. T. C. Jester gave a six o'clock dinner last Thursday.

The class colors, yellow and white, formed the basis for a lovely scheme of decoration—an especial feature of which was the central decoration of the dinner table, a quaint little church in yellow, lighted with candles. The place cards were yellow Fidelis flags tied with black.

The six courses consisted of the following delicious things to eat, viz: pineapple cocktail, cream of tomato soup, turkey with dressing, cranberries, celery, creamed potatoes and English peas in timbale cases, chicken salad with wafers, orange ice, chocolate lady fingers, and coffee with yellow mints.

The members of the Fidelis class enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Jester were: Misses Norma Glass, Helen Williams, Zula McKay, Nadine Currie, Stephens, Beatriz Kipp, Willie Hutton, Eloise Allison, Mae and Myrtle Bridwell.

### Needle Workers' Club

The Needle Workers' Club met at the home of Mrs. C. J. Lynn on Thursday evening with Mrs. Walter Parker as hostess.

The hostess furnished fancy work sufficient to keep the guests busy throughout the afternoon and quite a number of Christmas gifts were finished.

Sliced peaches with whipped cream and cake were served for refreshments. Besides the club members Mesdames Audiee Reese and Will McCarver enjoyed this club session.

### The J. U. G. Club Meets.

Hot tea and sandwiches was the refreshments served by Misses Lula and Mae McElroy to the members of the J. U. G. club at their regular meeting last Thursday afternoon.

The Christmas spirit prevades the meetings at this season and the daintiest of gifts are being constructed at these pleasant gatherings.

The members present were: Misses Mildred Herring, Lelia Collins, Mae and Lula McElroy and Mesdames Ike Lane, Wesley Reese, LeRoy Nicholson and Hobart Nicholson.

### Club Meets With Mrs. Hagan

Some thirty guests responded to invitations to a meeting of the Forty-two Club with Mrs. E. L. Hagan on Fifth street.

Six tables were arranged for the players who enjoyed eight lively progressions. There were also a number of guests who did not join in the games.

After the playing a refreshment of sandwiches, olives, potato chips and chocolate was served.

### IT IS SERIOUS

Some Ballinger People Fail to Realize the Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back,

The weariness, the tired feeling,

The pains and aches of kidney ills,

May result seriously if neglected.

Dangerous urinary troubles often follow.

A Ballinger citizen shows you what to do.

J. D. Knox, N. Ninth Street, Ballinger, says: "I had such trouble with my back that I couldn't get up or down, owing to the pain and soreness. My sight blurred and I had awful dizzy spells. The kidney secretions also passed too freely and annoyed me a lot. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., and they relieved this trouble and put my back in good shape."

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

### Notice of Election.

Whereas, I, J. W. Powell, Mayor of the City of Ballinger, have had presented to me a petition in writing, signed by more than ten per cent of the qualified voters of the City of Ballinger, requesting that an election be ordered in said City of Ballinger to deter-



## All the music of all the world for Christmas—that's what the Victrola brings

—Brings it right to your home for all the family to enjoy.

And practically all you have to do is to stop in and tell us you want a Victrola—you'll never hesitate a second when you hear our terms.

With the coming of your Victrola a new world of pleasure will open to you. Your best-loved music always at your touch! The greatest artists of the world yours to command!

Why not see us today? Victrolas, \$15 to \$400.

When buying a talking machine you should get no other than the VICTROLA, as the REAL ARTISTS, such as Caruso, Gluck, McCormack and Tetrassini sing ONLY for the Victrola.

On display and For Sale By

J. Y. Pearce



## THWARTING THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

What some people claim to be "good politics" often proves the undoing of those who participate in the defeating of the will of the people. By all rules of fairness the legislature of Texas is bound to submit the question of Constitutional Prohibition to the voters of Texas in 1917. A majority of those voting on the proposition so declared themselves and it will be an evil day for every man who engages in defeating the will of the voters who thus voted. There is not an officer in Texas who would

not have gone to court and fought for his rights had he received the same vote and the courts of Texas would have sustained the contestant. There is no doubt about the majority of the Legislature being favorable to submission, but there is some doubt about a two-thirds majority and that is necessary. If it is found that the will of the majority is to be ignored and that it is possible for an election upon constitutional prohibition to be called there should be no hesitancy by the majority of the legislators who favor prohibition calling a constitutional convention and reaching the desired end in that way. The majority of the voters of Texas are favorable to constitutional prohibition. They should be allowed to vote upon the question in 1917.—Abilene Reporter.

The lawmakers are the servants of the people. When the servant refuses to carry out the instruction of his master the master generally applies the remedy.

## PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER PRESIDES OVER MEET

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—With talks by Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter; Percy Mackay, poet and playwright; and Dr. Henry E. Jackson of the United States Bureau of Education; the twelfth annual convention of the American Civic Association opened here today.

Miss Wilson presided at the afternoon session, which was devoted to a discussion of the use of the schools as a community center. She made no extended talk however. Dr. Jackson, of the Bureau of Education, discussed the same topic at length.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Service 7:15 p. m. Choir practice after service.

W. T. ALLAN,  
Priest in Charge.

### MANY IN BALLINGER TRY SIMPLE MIXTURE

Many Ballinger people are surprised at the QUICK action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. This simple remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowels, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. A few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-i-ka is astonishing. The Walker Drug Co.

The customer naturally feels more at home when trading in a store that advertises—invites you to come.



## Check the Goods

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

Give us a trial—that is all we ask.

Then you'll buy here regularly.

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Phones  
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L. B. STUBBS  
Grocer and Baker

## OUR FIRST CAR OF NEW NIGGER in de CANE PATCH

PURE GEORGIA RIBBON GANE SYRUP

The cane from which this syrup is made is grown on W. B. Rodenberry's sandy land farm near Cairo, Ga.

No Sugar is Extracted.  
No Glucose is Added.  
It Has No Equal.

It Can Be Bought at All Grocers

Try a can, and if you don't like it return it and get your money. This is our guarantee. It is up to you.

## GLAD TIDINGS

The safety of your funds, co-operation of our officials, promptness and courtesy of our employees and friendly interest in your welfare are all points that this bank invites you to consider when choosing the institution you will bank with. We solicit small as well large accounts—both will have our equally careful attention.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS  
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS



# INVENTORY SALE

## 15 Days Absolute Bargains

Complete stock to be cleaned up. Every yard of goods to be sold at about **One-Half** real value. We discontinue all piece goods after January first. This is in order to give us room for our new Ready-to-Wear.

### Staple Goods

- Very best oil cloth, yard ..... 15¢
- Best prints, blues, gray and all colors ..... 5¢
- Balance stork outing ..... 7¢
- Best brand percale, all colors, per yard ..... 7½¢
- Our 12½¢ ginghams ..... 7½¢
- 50¢ table damask, yard ..... 25¢
- Full stock up to \$2.50 per yard
- Complete stock dress goods at about ½ value.
- Ladies' and children's suits, coats and furs, big assortment for half price.
- Shoe special—8 inch boots, blacks and colors, \$5.00 values here for ..... \$3.00
- Bath robes and house slippers—complete stock for Holidays. See them.
- Lace and embroidery clean up—two tables lace and embroidery, about 20,000 yards, sold at 10¢ to 25¢ per yard, choice of lot for ..... 2½¢
- Complete stock Holiday novelties at special prices.

### Men's and Boys' Clothing

- Regular \$15.00 suits ..... \$7.50
- Regular \$20.00 suits ..... \$10.00
- Boys' suits at half price.
- Men's overcoats, values to \$12.00, during this sale ..... \$6.00
- Men's overcoats, values to \$15.00, during this sale ..... \$7.50
- Men's overcoats, values to \$20.00, during this sale ..... \$12.00
- Complete stock boys' overcoats at half price.
- MACKINAW AND RAIN COATS**
- Big showing boys' mackinaws, worth \$6.00, for ..... \$4.00
- A full line of sport coats, \$3.50 up to ..... \$12.00
- Regular \$5.00 rain coats ..... \$3.50
- Overalls and jumpers—clean up values to \$1.25 ..... 75¢
- Big reduction on dress and work pants.
- Clean up on ribbon—all our 20¢ to 35¢ per yard ribbon, choice at ..... 10¢

Buy early. No stock reserved or charge tickets made.

# D. REEDER

### Free

A good linen handkerchief and a perfume sprinker bottle free with the purchase of one ounce of THELMA perfume, at the regular price of \$1.00. Thelma is one of the choice domestic perfumes with an unusual fragrance and lasting quality. This offer is a means of having it known more thoroughly. The Walker Drug Co. 13-3td

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS

Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take one or two with Hot Water. Take no other. Buy your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 22 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.

Messrs. Weaver and Metcalf of May, Texas, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route home from Bronte.

### ATEXAS 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. 2

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Evans left Tuesday afternoon for San Saba to visit a few weeks with the view of locating in that section.

Just received all sizes in E. Z. Union Suits for children at MELTON DRY GOODS CO. 13-2td

G. H. Hays of the Bethel neighborhood, was marketing pork and other country produce in Ballinger Wednesday.

### 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.

Judge A. K. Doss had legal business at Miles between trains Tuesday.

### NIGGER in de CANE PATCH.

Mrs. Walter Parker left Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives

and friends at Goldthwaite a few days.

### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

Otto Hurlchel of Fayetteville, who had been visit relatives and friends in our county, left from this point Tuesday afternoon for his home.

Did you buy our syrup last year? You know what it is. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 12-5td2tw

Guion Gregg of Ft. Stockton, spent the time between trains with Ballinger friends and left for the east in afternoon Wednesday on a short business trip.

When you are in need of carbon paper or second sheets, type-writing paper, letter heads, and other such supplies, come to the Ballinger Printing Co.'s office. Printing and supplying your stationary needs is the other half of our mission. tfd

### NIGGER in de CANE PATCH.

### HATCHELL WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Hatchell Camp W. O. W. met in regular session on December 9th and elected the following officers: J. P. Wissels, P. C.; M. F. Lett, C. C.; W. H. Cain, A. L.; P. B. Cox, Banker; E. D. Bowen, Clerk; O. B. Bradshaw, escort; S. V. Hahlis, sentry; L. W. Hinniger, watchman; D. B. Thornton, D. P. Holiday, and E. Graves, managers; Dr. J. W. Blasdel and Dr. F. M. Hale, camp physicians. The camp meets each second and fourth Saturday nights. There will be a joint installation of the W. O. W. and W. C. officers on the night of the first regular W. O. W. meeting in January. It will be a public installation and everybody is invited to attend.

### Hatchell Grove Elects Officers.

Hatchell Grove No. 1614 met Dec. 5th and elected the following officers: J. R. Harris, P. G.; Mrs. Ione Gill, guardian; Mrs. Anna Lett, A. L.; E. D. Bowen, secretary; Mrs. Mary Thornton, banker; Mrs. Massie Harris, Att.; Mrs. Lola Gill, Chap.; M. F. Lett, I. S.; A. L. Kerley, O. S.; E. D. Bowen, Lola Gill and Mrs. D. B. Thornton, managers. The Grove meets each first Tuesday evening and fourth Tuesday night. All neighboring Groves are invited to attend. E. D. BOWEN, Clerk.

### 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.

### SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Ruth Eason, of Winters, returned home Monday after a few days visit to her friend, Miss Kathleen Hinde.

Sam Hutcherson and family are moving to Rowena this week, and we regret very much to lose these people.

Mrs. Linecum of Miles, who had the misfortune to get her home and contents destroyed by fire this week, visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Black, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carrol, from San Saba county, arrived this week to make their home with their mother, Mrs. M. C. Hood.

Miss Emma Pagles is at Olin nursing a patient.

Robert Lowery is able to be up after a week's siege of la grippe. "ELBERTA."

### 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.

Mrs. M. C. Sheffy left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

We are handling pure Ribbon Cane Syrup again this season, carload just received. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 12-5td2tw

Mrs. A. E. Wagoner and Miss Celia Geringross of Rowena, were shopping in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

## SAY MADAM Your Husband's Present Came in Last Night

Just the thing for husband, father, son or sweetheart. A beautiful bath or house robe. Terry cloth in new Oriental and domestic designs.

\$4 to \$7.50

Blanket robes in Navajo and fancy patterns

\$3.50 to \$6.00

House robes in wool and velour

\$15.00

Smoking jackets

\$6.00 to \$7.50



Clever belts of real Morocco and walrus with sterling buckle and silver front . . . \$2 to \$5

**Christmas Ties 35c, 3 for \$1.00**

Several hundred ties in an exceptionally good quality silk, neat and attractive patterns. The rest of this week and all next week 35c, 3 for \$1.00

Holeproof and Hose of Luxite 35c and 50c

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co. BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

### BROKEN RAIL DISCOVERED DERAILMENT PREVENTED

Derailment of a Santa Fe train was averted Sunday morning when John Skiles, employe of the Wells Fargo Express company here, noted while walking along the track east of town that a section of rail had been broken out. Skiles ran back up the track and stopped a train drawn by two engines, preventing a bad derailment. Skiles was out hunting when he

noticed the broken place in the rail. It is thought that the last train which passed over the track broke out a piece of the steel, and the engineer of the next train probably would not have noticed it because of the small piece of rail that was missing.—Brownwood Bulletin.

### 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.

That same good old pure bon cane syrup is on sale at our store again this season. Just received ear direct from the farm. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 12-5td2tw

### RATES FOR Classified Ads

IN THE BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion. Black face type double regular rate.

Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us. Call Telephone No. 27.

### WANTED

WANTED TO BUY—A number one mile cow. Don't call on me unless you have a good one. Jno. I. Guion. 13-3td1tw

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—scholarship for complete course of cotton classing, shorthand, or steno-typewriting, or bookkeeping, telegraphy, or business administration and finance, in Tyler Commercial College. First come gets scholarship at bargain. Ballinger Printing Co., Ballinger, Texas.

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.

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

FOR SALE—Pianos, phonographs and records. Nice line late records and instruments on hand at my home 400 Broadway. Mrs. L. H. Bacon. r 1-tfd

### FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Three room house on Seventh street. J. W. Clam-pitt, phone No. 366. 13-dtf.

### 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 proprietors owned or controlled by me in this (Runnels County.) dwt C. A. DOOSE

## Queen Tonight

### PICTURE PROGRAM

Miss Billie Burke in her romance — "Gloria"—ous Billie.

Carter de Haven in a 2-reel comedy "Fame at Last."

Also last time here for the HOME TALENT PHOTO-PLAY.

7,000 feet, 10 & 15 cents.

Tomorrow — Red Feath photoplay "The Bla Sheep of the Family."

Friday Little Ella Hal the best blue Bird of season.