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BALLINGER, BUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1916.

Why Not Buy
The Best Oil Stove

Perfection

Heaters
Cook
Ranges

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mac

The Colorado River May
BE DAMMED

But we haven't time to worry about that. Come in and get something good to eat right now, or a good hot cup of coffee or chocolate.

Moore & McKinley
Proprietors "The Limit."

SCHOOL APPRECIATES CIVIC LEAGUE WORK

"We appreciate the work of the Civic League," said Superintendent Fleming in reporting the installation of some new devices for the amusement and exercise of the primary children at Central ward school. The Civic League had an iron railing, made of three inch pine, and of sufficient length to accommodate a number of "see saws", placed on the campus of the school and on that part of the play ground allotted to the primary children. This has been equipped with the seats and the children are getting much pleasure out of the device.

There is some talk of enlarging the campus of the central and high school, and of providing other devices for the children. It is the right move at the right time, as real estate may increase in value as the years pass, and what can be purchased today at a very reasonable figure may cost a great deal more a few years later.

The Civic League is to be commended for their splendid work. Credit is due this organization for the added play ground the school children are enjoying at this time. A wilderness has been converted into an ideal play ground through the efforts of the ladies.

Painful Coughs Relieved.

Dr. King's New Discovery is a soothing, healing remedy for coughs and colds that has stood the test of nearly fifty years. For that cough that strains the throat and saps the vitality try Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams and mild laxative ingredients soon drive the cold from the system. Have a bottle on hand for winter colds, croup, grippe and bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

Weather Forecast.

Fair tonight, colder, cold wave coming, except North exas. Temperature from 16 to 30, Thursday fair and warmer.

"ALLIES ARE PURELY BLUFFING"

—GERMANS

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Germany regards the speeches of the British, French and Russian statesmen in commenting on the peace proposals as "purely a bluff." Germany believes the rejection of her peace proposals by the allies is nothing more than an attempt to impress Germany with their determination to fight longer. The impression prevails in Germany that the allies really want peace.

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

Mrs. Elmer Simpson and little son Master Newby, left Wednesday to visit relatives at Brownwood a few days.

GOOD DAY FOR OUR SUBSCRIPTION CREW

Notwithstanding that Tuesday was a very disagreeable day, and the country enjoyed a real West Texas rain, Messrs. Payne, McMorris, Gilbert and Benton did a good day's work for The Ledger, and turned in a lengthy list of readers.

These gentlemen are here for the remainder of this year and will give every one a chance to subscribe for their 1917 reading matter. They are making a special offer on the Fort Worth Record and the Banner-Ledger in a clubbing offer, or they can receipt you for either one of the papers separately.

Indications point to higher papers all along the line next year. The public will be required to do one of two things, pay a higher price or do without a paper. The print paper situation grows worse instead of better, and many of the smaller papers over the country have been compelled to suspend publication.

"DON'T COME IN ROLE OF VICTOR"

—BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In replying to the German peace note the British say, "here are our terms, take or leave them. It is your move next, but don't come to us for peace again in the role of a victor."

This is the general view of the British public after David Lloyd George's speech had been published throughout the country.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR U. S. SAILORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Through the efforts of the American Red Cross, who recently issued an appeal to Americans to remember the United States Marines in their Christmas giving, three thousand of the soldiers of the sea, now in the field in Haiti and Santa Domingo, are to receive holiday gifts, according to Mrs. Lelia Montague Barnett, who is chairman of the special committee of the Red Cross in this city.

Candy, tobacco, writing material, handkerchiefs and other gifts will be sent to the men who, on account of strenuous field service in the island republics, are forced to dispense with the comforts and small luxuries enjoyed by their comrades at home.

Although some of the necessary funds were contributed from other sources, the Marines stationed in the continental posts were first to answer the appeal, and it is largely through the latter's efforts that their over-the-sea brothers will receive remembrances at Christmas time.

ERROR IN THE NAME

The Ledger stated Tuesday that a thief visited the home of W. A. Francis and stole a couple of fruit cakes and some groceries. We should have said the thief visited the home of Will Stuart and did the dirty work. It is Mrs. Stuart and not Mrs. Francis that is short two fruit cakes and an order of groceries. Our informant gave us the wrong name in reporting the burglary.

10 per cent reduction on all auto mobile accessories for cash from now until January 1st. CITY AUTO WORKS. 18-6td

PROPOSE GAS LINE FROM ABILENE

Winters has taken the initiative in securing a supply of gas, and wants Ballinger to join in the proposition. The proposition was placed before a mass meeting at Winters early this week and discussed and the citizens expressed themselves optimistically, and with a willingness to help push the deal through. A committee was appointed to confer with Ballinger in an effort to secure this town's cooperation, and canvas is being made of Winters to ascertain how many citizens in that town will agree to use the gas for fuel in case it should be piped to that town.

The proposed plan is to get company supplying Abilene with gas to extend their line to Winters. At present Abilene is using gas brought into that city from the gas fields north of Abilene. If the company can be induced to extend their lines to Winters and Ballinger, it would be a great help in solving the fuel problem.

The matter has not been discussed at Ballinger, and no steps taken to push the proposition.

Announcing the Opening of our Columbia Grafonola Department

We have added to our general line of furniture and housefurnishings a complete line of Grafonolas and records. This department will be under the supervision of Miss Willie Lankford, and Miss Lankford will be pleased to have you call and hear the latest records played on this wonderful machine. Remember to hear this machine, is no obligation on your part, and we will be delighted to have you call at any time.

T. S. Lankford
Furniture and Housefurnishings

P. S. If it is new you will see it first at Lankford's.



ROBBERS WORKING IN OKLAHOMA

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 20.—The bank at Skiatook, ten miles north of here, was robbed last night. The bandits secured over twenty thousand dollars and made their escape. A posse is attempting to get on the trail of the robbers today, but without success.

Governor Gives Orders To Kill Bandits.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 20.—"Go out and kill them," is the message given to the people of northeastern Oklahoma by Governor Williams today. When the report reached him that the bank at Skiatook had been robbed, he advised the officers to get the bandits if it was necessary to kill them.

Banking Commissioner Lankford will recommend to the Oklahoma legislature a bill making bank robbery a capital offense and ask the lawmakers to pass the law.

25 BILLS IN BY TOM GREEN GRAND JURY

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Dec. 20.—After a seven day's session the Tom Green grand jury adjourned yesterday. The investigators returned 25 indictments, 24 of which were felonies, and six of the felonies being for murder. This is the largest number of indictments returned by any grand jury here for several years. The sheriff's department reported last night that eighteen of the felony indictments had been served and sixteen of the accused were in the Tom Green county jail.

In its report the grand jury opposed the move to remodel the old jail at what they claimed would amount to a cost of \$15,000.00. They recommended the issuance of bonds and the construction of a new jail.

APPRECIATES OFFERINGS.

Rev. Father Golbach says he very much appreciates the kind contributions toward the charity fund and says he believes "charity should begin at home" each town and county take care of its own charity work. He requests us to say that clothing, shoes, etc. will be appreciated and can be used to good advantage.

NEW TRIAL FOR SHE WHO KILLED

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—The court of criminal appeals handed down a decision in the Katherine Harrison murder case, appealed from Tarrant county, reversing and remanding the case. Katherine Harrison was convicted for shooting and killing W. L. Warren at Fort Worth on December 22, last year.

BANKS TO OBSERVE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25th; and New Year's Day, Monday Jan. 1st; will be holidays for the local banks, and the banks will remain closed throughout the two days. Parties having business with the banks should take notice and not be inconvenienced by waiting until the above dates.

Rugs make gifts which are appreciated, a big line at Lankfords.

INTERESTED WORLDWIDE PEACE PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States, with other neutral nations, will be interested in any world wide peace guarantee or disarmament discussion that may follow the present peace proposals. The department announced officially today that the States would be well represented at any peace conference called for the purpose of discussing permanent peace and disarmament plans.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Thursday St. Thomas Day, Holy Communion 10:30 a. m., No service tonight. W. T. A. LAN Priest in Charge

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NIGHT PHONES

Henry Jones
556

Mitchell and Dodge Cars

Ford Cut Outs put on \$1.75
Ford Oil Guages 15c. Champion X Spark Plug 35c
Robe Rail put on any car 50c
Pres-to-Lite exchange \$1.75

Storage batteries in stock for any make of car. We buy them direct from the factory and give our customers the advantage of it. We keep parts for every make of batteries and will give you the same price that you would get at the factory and we have a man that knows the battery business and we guarantee every job turned out. We have been here 7 years and our guarantee is worth something. We carry a stock of standard make of tires and will give you a 10 per cent off. Complete stock of supplies. Repairing done by men that know how. Parts in stock Maxwells, Fords and Mitchells.

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY

Court House Lawn.

Telephone Number 505

7 second hand cars to sell at any reasonable offer, one h.

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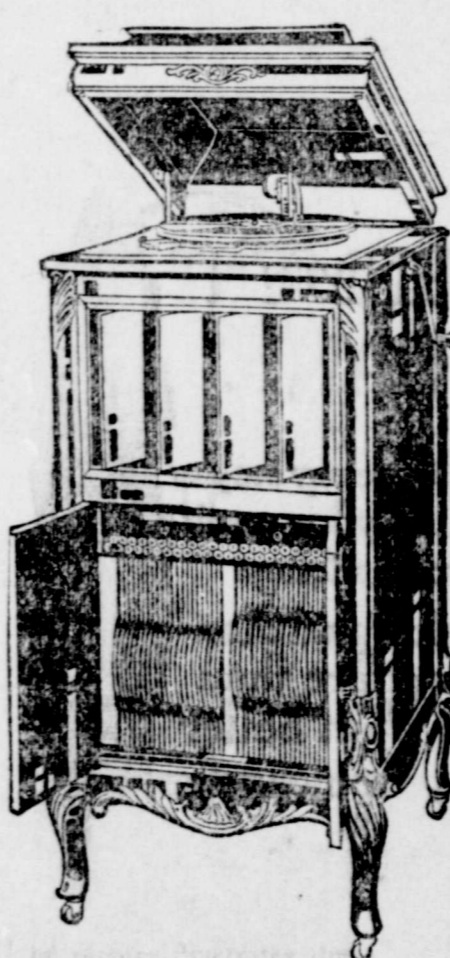
means just that:

You can't always decide as conveniently here as at your home which instrument and which records (if any) will suit you.

We make the matter easy by sending a complete

COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA

outfit wherever you say, so you can take your time about it.



The picture illustrates the \$110 Columbia model. Its appearance is dignified and artistic; the shapely cabinet is mounted on casters, and in all the details of finish, this is an exemplary sample of what the best American craftsmanship can produce. It is equipped with the Columbia Individual Record Ejector, the last word in the many exclusive features possessed by all Columbia Grafonolas. Other models as low as \$15.

T. S. Lankford

Furniture and Housefurnishings

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...ROOKS' AUTO LINE

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...4 trips daily—2 big Stude-
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...Passengers called for and delivered to
...any part of the city. Business appreciated
...Phones 12 and 135

...FIRE INSURANCE
...The Best Companies
...PROMPT SERVICE
...Your business solicited.
...MISS MAGGIE SHARP
...Upstairs in old Fidelity
...Credit Co's Office. Phone
...215. See Me.

...St. Charles Hotel
...Waco, Texas
...Eight in the Center of the
...Business District. On the
...main street.
...Modern Equipment.
...Headquarters for all of
...Waco's Visitors.
...Gentlemen with their fam-
...ilies especially welcome.

ADDS NEW LINE TALKING MACHINES

T. S. Lankford has just added a new line of Columbias and a stock of records to his business on Eighth Street near the postoffice. Miss Willie Lankford will have charge of this department of the Lankford furniture store and will give special attention to the selection of choice records and keep in stock a supply of the latest records for the different machines of this kind, including the higher priced "Grafanolas."

The Columbia has launched a publicity campaign in connection with the appointment of a local agency and the ad will appear in this paper from time to time. The Columbia is put out in the different sizes and a special installment proposition will be made on new machines. Several of the machines have been received and you have an opportunity to buy one for Christmas.

Constipation Causes Bad Skin
A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c.

W. A. Esmond, of the Valley creek country, came in Wednesday to meet his son, Graden, who came in from San Marcos, where he had been attending the normal.

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.

CLEANING PRESSING AND REPAIRING



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.

Scotch
PAUL C. SOLAK, dailymen, Texas
Phone 97

MANY DONATE FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

C. R. Crews, secretary and treasurer of the Charity Committee made his first round since putting out the Christmas cheer boxes last Friday, Tuesday afternoon and collected from the boxes \$53.98. The boxes had only been out three days, and the committee is well pleased with the way the people have contributed to the fund by making this voluntary contribution.

The boxes contained coins, checks, and currency, and ranged from one cent to \$20. The boxes will remain out until Saturday night before they are emptied again, and there are many in this city, and visitors to Ballinger who should help Christmas cheer by dropping in a part of their prosperity.

The committee appointed to solicit funds for the charity committee have not completed their work, and those who have not contributed will be called on in a few days, and efforts made to put enough cash in the treasury to carry on the work for the coming year.

Clothes Needed
Those who have clothing they can contribute should send them to Mr. Crews at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. Many no doubt have clothes they do not need and will not use again. There are families in Ballinger who need these badly and who will appreciate them. The committee can use all sizes.

TROUBLE-SOME 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.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST
List of letters advertised, Dec. 16, 1916.
Bidr, Smith
Brown, C. B.
Bosts, Thos. E.
Burekhardt, W. S.
Crisp, Mrs. Annie
Fudge, Roy
Goodwin, O. C.
Jones, Mrs. M. G.
Johnson, Dave
Johnson, Mrs. Dycia
Knox, John
Moore, S. W.
Roger, Mrs. Lillie
Virden, Mrs. Lillie. (2)
When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised," and give the date of this list.
After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead-Letter office.
James J. Erwin, P. M.
Sloan's Liment for Stiff Joints.
Rheumatic pains and aches get into the joints and muscles, making every movement torture. Relieve your suffering with Sloan's Liment; it quickly penetrates without rubbing, and soothes and warms your sore muscles. The congested blood is stimulated to action; a single application will drive out the pain. Sloan's Liment is clean, convenient and quickly effective, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis, of the Bethel neighborhood, were in Ballinger Wednesday to meet relatives, who came in from the East.
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Pritchard, of Corsicana, came in Wednesday at noon to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. A. ally and family.
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-dit
A. H. Clary of the Novice country and his son G. A. Clary of the Golsboro country, were trading in Ballinger Wednesday and both ordered the Banner-Ledger for a year.

CHURCHES COOPERATE FOR NEW YEAR WORK

The first week of 1917 will be observed by the various churches in Ballinger with special services twice each day. This was announced following a meeting of the ministers of the city Tuesday afternoon.

The plan calls for each church to hold services in the afternoon and at night all the churches will meet at the Methodist church in a union service, and the first union service will be held beginning with the New Year and continue for one week.

It has been the plan in the past for the churches to hold union prayer meetings for one week during the early part of the year. This year the plan calls for a program that will no doubt attract more people and the various services will no doubt be well attended.

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.

FROM VALLEY CREEK ROUTE FIVE

Health of this community at this writing is good.

Mr. Zack Smyth is the proud possessor of a new Chevrolet car.

Singing at Mrs. Loyd's Sunday night was well attended and some fine music rendered.

The Box Supper at Norton Friday night was a grand success and the boxes brought \$47.90. The money will go to build the teacher's house.

S. D. Pinkerton and son, young Sam Hight and David Little attended preaching at Wilmett Sunday morning.

Mitchell Denton, of Hill county, is visiting his brother J. H. Denton.

Orwill, May and Albert Hight, left Saturday for Hill county to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Little entertained the young folks with a forty-two Saturday night.

Mr. Pinkerton and wife and Mrs. Sam Little went to Ballinger Thursday shopping.

Miss Ruth Greer spent Sunday night with Vera May Hight.

Bertha Smyth spent the day Sunday with Mrs. O. Z. Smyth. "RED WING."

WICHCHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Largest and Best. Buy them for Colic, Cholera, Indigestion, Headache, Stomach Trouble, Diarrhoea, and all other ailments of the bowels. Take one or two pills three or four times a day. Sold by all druggists everywhere.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Prof. and Mrs. James visited Mrs. James' sister in Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

W. E. Branch had business in Abilene Saturday.

W. H. Brown and family left Monday for their new home four miles west of Winters. They will be greatly missed by all.

Robert Lowry has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and will ship from Dallas to San Francisco, Cal., where he will take up his duties.

The Literary and school will have a joint program Friday night.

We are sorry to report that E. Ballou is not improving.

The singing at Rad Brown's Sunday night was well attended and all report a pleasant time.

Miss Doris Pagals returned home Friday from Victoria, where she had been visiting her sister the past few weeks. "Elberta."

10 per cent reduction on all auto mobile accessories for cash from now until January 1st. CITY AUTO WORKS. 18-3td

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bales, of the Hatchel country, left Wednesday for Knoxville, Tenn., and other points in that state to visit relatives during the holidays.

New goods arriving daily, you will find something for every member of the family at Lankfords. 18-3td

T. J. Riddle, of the Bethel neighborhood, came in Wednesday to meet his sister, Mrs. R. W. Hopkins, of Milan county, who came in to visit her brother and other relatives.

Children Cry for Fletcher's



The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. 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.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of



In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

B. F. Guin of Winters, and S. C. Guin and sisters of the Hatchel country, came in Wednesday to meet their sister, Miss Florence Guin, who came in at noon from San Marcos, where she had been attending the normal.

10 per cent reduction on all auto mobile accessories for cash from now until January 1st. CITY AUTO WORKS. 18-6td

Cedar chests and Utility boxes at Lankfords. 18-3td


Mrs. Hugh Simpson of Gainesville, came in Wednesday at noon to visit relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. A. K. Doss and two children left Wednesday at noon for

San Angelo to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ransbarger and children of the Pony creek country, were interviewing Kris Kringle in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. R. T. Jones of South Ballinger, left Tuesday afternoon for Cleburne to visit relatives a week or two.



OUR MILK
belongs in your family circle. It's rich, wholesome purity will appeal to you at once. It will safeguard your health and that of your children. It is the product of cows that are housed and milked in a sanitary manner and it is sealed for your safety in sterilized bottles. Let us 'phone for your order.
JACKSON DAIRY
Phone 5903

It Is Economy to Buy the Best

You can't afford to eat inferior groceries. It's poor economy to buy cheap groceries. We carry the best and we can convince you that the best is the cheapest. No substitutes, but the standard line at our store.

MILLER MERCANTILE CO.
TWO PHONES 66 AND 77

Electricity for the Holidays

We are now receiving our holiday goods—something for each member of the family.
Toasters, Roasters, Percolators, Shaving Machines, Curling Irons and all the other appliances come to the modern home—all operated electrically.

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.

BALLINGER ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER
Phone 31

WOOD and COAL—Phone 312

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR BANK

You'll never accumulate any surplus
—you'll never establish your credit
unless you bank your money.
What more watchful guardian
of your individual welfare than
your Government. What better
or surer place for your money than



YOUR GOVERNMENT'S BANK

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PURE GEORGIA RIBBON GANE SYRUP

Not a Factory Product

Made On the Plantation

Nothing Added, Nothing Extracted

This brand represents absolutely the best grade of syrup produced in this or any other country.

Our Guarantee Will Always Hold Good
MONEY BACK IF NOT SATISFIED

For Sale by All Good Grocers

THE FALL OF A NATION SHOWS HERE XMAS.

Two shows for the Thomas Dixon-Victor Herber spectacle, "The Fall of a Nation" will be given at the Queen Theatre on Monday of next week.

This great picture is said to be Mr. Dixon's most artistic story,

and carries a thundering message of the need of preparing against war. Some very marvelous battle scenes have been constructed, although the picture is not primarily a war film. Arthur Standring interprets the leading role to a nicety that equals the work of Henry B. Walthal in "The Birth of a Nation." Others in the cast are splendid and the picture as a whole will set a new standard for special releases. The picture took 300,000 feet in the photographing, but in its complete assembled form it shows with 2,000 feet. A complete musical setting has been prepared by Victor Herber, and an orchestra will produce the lyric effects here.

Many people from out of town are expected to be here to see the big spectacle and a good big number from Winters have already asked for reservations.

This Dixon spectacle will probably be the last "big" feature for the month and year, but some other "super-specials" have been secured for the first of next year.

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.

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 to determine whether said City of Ballinger shall adopt the commission form of government as provided in Article 1070, Vernon's Sayles Civil Statutes of 1914.

And whereas, I, the said J. W. Powell, Mayor as aforesaid, did, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1916, order that said election be held as provided by law.

Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Article 1070, I, J. W. Powell, mayor as aforesaid, do hereby give notice by posting at three public places in said city of Ballinger, and by publishing this notice in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper published in said City of Ballinger, that an election will be held with in said city on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1917, being on a Wednesday, to determine whether or not the commission form of government shall be adopted in said City of Ballinger. At said election there shall also be two commissioners elected for said city, to serve until the first Tuesday in April, 1917.

The polling place for said election will be at the City Hall in said City of Ballinger.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1916.
J. W. POWELL,
Mayor of the City of Ballinger, Texas. 9-1mod

Mrs. D. L. Wilson, nee Miss Hamilton of Cameron, came in Monday night to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton, and Ballinger friends during Yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. George Koekermann and little son of the New Home neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday to visit with relatives at San Antonio during the holidays.

Spruce Christmas trees. Place your order early. SCHAWZ GROCERY. 20-1td

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hudson and children of the Winters country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Falls county to visit relatives during Christmas.

H. E. Dickinson came in from his ranch in Reagan county Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

John H. Goetz of the Rowena country, was among the number in Ballinger Tuesday who renewed with The Banner-Ledger and placed his figure up into 1917, paying two years ahead.

D. L. Baker, of Coldwater, Kansas, will receive The Banner-

Ledger for the ensuing year as a Christmas present from his father.

Miss Neil Guion returned home Monday from East Texas to spend the holidays with her father Judge Jno. I. Guion and family and Ballinger friends during the holidays.

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.

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

Profit by Past Experience - JOIN TODAY!

-Do you find yourself cramped just now to meet the extra Christmas expenses? Begin now to eliminate unpleasant experience by joining our

1917 Christmas Saving Club

-The Christmas Club is no longer an experiment. It does much more than to provide money for many people now have substantial saving accounts as a result of the THRIFT HABIT formed while a member of the club.

-Don't wait until after Christmas—come TODAY. Initial payment made now, there will be no more payments until January, although you may make as many payments as you desire.

-A CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION: Open an account in some relative's name, make the initial payment and give it as a Christmas Present.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

W. P. Wood of the Winters country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Fort Worth and Dallas on a short business trip.

S. L. Eason of Wingate, passed thru Ballinger Monday to attend a meeting of his phone company.

Mrs. Vance Wilson of Lubbock to visit relatives during the Christmas.

Roy Bates, of the Winters country, was going and looking after Ballinger Tuesday after

Biggest Combination Offer Ever Made In Runnels County Buy Your 1917 Reading Matter Now and Save Money

Through a special arrangement we are enabled to make the subscribers of The Daily Ledger and Weekly Banner-Ledger one of the best offers that was ever made to the citizens of Runnels County.

From Now to January 1st, 1917.

A crew of men under the direction of W. C. Payne, are in the field soliciting subscriptions for The Daily Ledger and The Banner-Ledger. The men in the field are: W. H. McMorris, Jake Benton, Thomas R. Gilbert and W. C. Payne. These men are prepared to offer attractive prices on almost any paper published, and as samples of what you can do in making up your list of reading matter for the coming year note the following clubbing offers.

Clubbing Offer No. 1

Ft. Worth Record, Daily and Sunday	\$7.00
Ballinger Daily Ledger one year	3.50
McCall Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Today's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Womans World, one year	50
Total	\$12.00

Our Price \$8.25
Without Magazines \$7.75

Clubbing Offer No. 2

Ft. Worth Record, without Sunday one year	\$6.00
Ballinger Daily Ledger one year	3.50
McCall Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Today's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Womans World, one year	50
Total	\$11.00

Our Price \$7.25
Without Magazines \$6.75

Clubbing Offer No. 3

Ft. Worth Record Daily and Sunday, one year	\$7.00
Ballinger Weekly Banner Ledger, one year	1.00
McCall's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Today's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Womans World, one year	50
Total	\$9.50

Our Price \$6.00
Without Magazines \$5.50

Clubbing Offer No. 4

Ft. Worth Record without Sunday, one year	\$6.00
Ballinger Banner-Ledger weekly one year	1.00
McCall's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50c
Today's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50
Womans World, one year	50
Total	\$8.50

Our Price \$4.75
Without Magazines \$4.25

Clubbing Offer No. 5

Ballinger Banner-Ledger weekly one year	\$1.00
McCall's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50c
Today's Magazine with Pattern, one year	50c
Womans World, one year	50c
Total	\$2.50

Our Price \$1.50

Cut out and mail at once with your check or P. O. order

Texas
December 1916
Ballinger Printing Co. Ballinger, Texas
Gentlemen:
Enclosed find _____ to the amount of \$ _____ for which please send me your clubbing offer No. _____
Name _____
Post office _____
R. F. D. or Street _____
Be sure and see that you get the right clubbing number

The Record devotes exclusively one entire page to market quotations namely cotton, grain, live stock, produce and finance. Features: Sunday, Polly and Her Pals, and Buster Brown. Daily, Goldberg Cartoons and Polly Her Pals, by the famous cartoonist Cliff Sterrett.

Every indication points to higher prices for paper after January 1. Practically all the newspapers are giving notice of an increase in subscription price beginning with the New Year. This makes it important that the public take advantage of bargain day offers and lay in a supply of reading matter for the coming year. These gentlemen will treat you right, or you can call at this office and place your

The Ballinger Printing Co.



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 to Dr. B. W. Hall, 222 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 4

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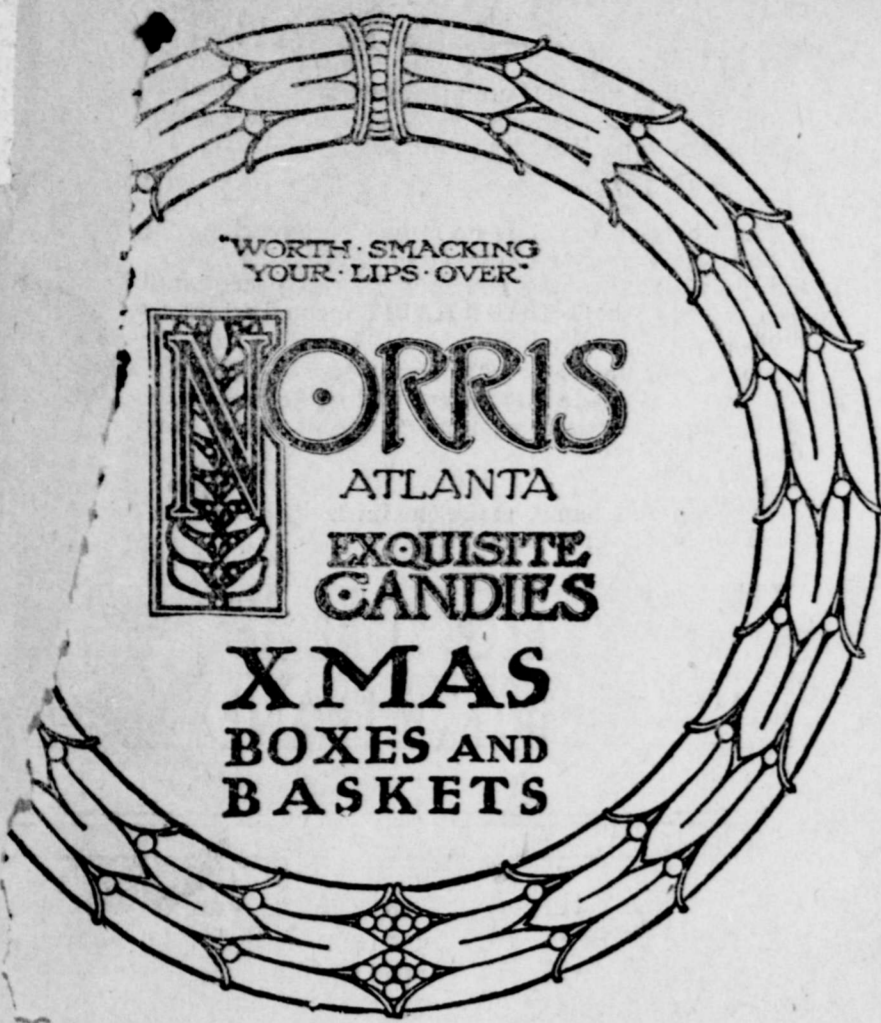
as we deliver them to you, and, in quantity and quality you will always find our groceries just as they ought to be. We cater to the kind of trade that comes back to us through being satisfied with our service in every particular. We handle only the best and freshest goods and we charge only reasonable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

Give us a trial—that is all we ask.

Then you'll buy here regularly.

Two Phones 93 and 94

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And you should buy for one you love, or for

MORRIS' EXQUISITE CANDY
The greatest ideal of fastidious lovers of rich satisfaction is realized in Morris' Candies. The one that lingers. We are exclusive agents.

Walker Drug Co.
Business For Your Health
Two Phones 12 and 13

LAW FOR MATERNITY REST FOR MOTHERS

By United Press
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—Colorado women are completing plans to day to force through the legislature next month Judge Ben Lindsey's bill providing maternity benefits and entitled "Horses Rights for Women." The bill, the first of its kind in this country, provides that a working woman expecting to become a mother may receive state aid for a period both before and after maternity.

Thousands of women and girls work till within a few days of becoming mothers," Judge Lindsey said this afternoon, "and then return to work while still weak. Their health and often that of their children is permanently injured. My bill would simply provide that the state give them the same periods of rest that any wise and humane farmer gives a horse or a cow at such a time.

"At present we take better care of our cattle than we do of our mothers. I believe such a bill as 'Horses' Rights for Women' would do away with this evil. I feel that if we can get it adopted in Colorado other states will soon fall in line and it will become a national reform."

IS BALLINGER SATISFIED?

The Evidence is Convincing. The Testimony Open to Investigation.

Before a statement can be accepted here, it must be supported by local testimony—by the evidence of someone residing in Ballinger. Statements from unknown people in remote places may be true, but we cannot prove them. Here is a statement by a Ballinger resident:

W. F. Street, stock dealer, 1001 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "About a year ago I had an attack of kidney complaint. I had dull pains in the small of my back and the kidney secretions passed irregularly. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., relieved all this trouble."

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

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Webb, of the Pony creek country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Crockett, Texas, to visit friends at their old home during the holidays.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Pritchard*

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clayton and little son of the Benoit-Talpa country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

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

MAINE'S RICH COUNTY DUE TO POTATOES

By United Press
HOULTON, Maine, Dec. 20.—Aroostock county today is the richest county in the United States. The northernmost county of Maine snatched the crown from Los Angeles county, California.

The humble potato did it. Potatoes that sold for 75 cents a barrel a few years ago now bring \$4.75 and farmers here are holding much of their crop for \$5 a barrel.

As a result of this unprecedented prosperity, Houlton is now the second richest town in the country, ranking next to Brookline, the richest in the world.

Fifty-four car-loads of automobiles, not flivvers, are on their way here.

It is estimated that \$100,000 is coming into this county daily from the potato crop alone.

This is no real estate boom, for you can't buy enough ground to bury a potato to its eye.

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.

BUYS GROCERY BUSINESS IN ANGELO.

The Angelo Grocery Co., 30 West Beauregard avenue, has been sold by J. W. Lamney to M. N. Gustavus of Ballinger and J. C. Gaines of this city. Announcement of the deal was made Tuesday morning.

Lamney will continue in the employ of the company, but Gustavus and Gaines will be its sole owners. Gustavus until recently has been a member of the firm of Gustavus & Son, Ballinger dry goods and grocery house. He has moved here with his family and is now residing in Angelo Heights, corner of North Madison and Rio Grande streets.—San Angelo Standard.

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.

J. W. Carr, of the Bronte country, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Dimmer and family Tuesday, while shopping in the city.

BRYAN AGAINST OWNERSHIP BY THE GOVERNMENT

Gives Newlands Committee His Views on Railroad Control.

COMPETITION PREFERABLE.

Federal Regulation Should Not Be Allowed to Exclude Exercise of State Authority, He Contends—Thinks Railroad Stocks Should Represent Actual Value and Be Stable as Government Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 11.—William J. Bryan, who started the country ten years ago by advocating government ownership of railroads, appeared before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce last week in support of the claim that the states should be allowed to retain authority over the regulation of all transportation lines within their borders. Mr. Bryan explained that he had long regarded government ownership as inevitable, but only because of railroad opposition to effective regulation.

Against Government Ownership. "Personally I cannot say that I desire government ownership," he explained, "because I lean to the individual idea rather than to the collective idea; that is, I believe that government ownership is desirable only where competition is impossible."

Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee, previously had presented before the members of the Newlands Committee as one of his reasons for urging a better balanced and more systematic regulation of railroads the argument that this is the only alternative to government ownership. Calling attention to the restrictions imposed upon the transportation lines by conflicting state laws and regulations, to the practical cessation of new construction and to the impossibility under existing conditions of securing the new capital needed for extensions and betterments of railway facilities, he warned the Congressmen that unless they provided a fair and reasonable system of regulation that would enable the railroads to meet the growing needs of the country's business the national government would be compelled to take over the ownership of the lines with all the evils attendant upon such a system.

Preservation of Competition.

Mr. Bryan, on the other hand, holds that the further extension of federal authority over the railroads would be a step in the direction of government ownership. He advanced the view that the centralization of control in the hands of the national government would impose too great a burden upon the regulating body, would offer strong temptation to railroads to interfere in politics and would encourage the general movement toward centralization of power in the federal government at the expense of the states. He said that he did not object to consolidations of railroad lines so long as they did not destroy competition, that he knew of no complaint against great railway systems because of their size and that he believed that the preservation of competition was the test to be applied to all consolidations.

Regulation of Securities.

Mr. Bryan declared himself in favor of national regulation of railway stock and bond issues, but added that he saw no reason why that should exclude the states from acting on the same subject as to state corporations. "I would like to see the stock of a railroad, as long as it is in private hands, made as substantial and as unvarying as the value of a government bond," he asserted.

He suggested that railroad capitalization be readjusted to equalize it with actual valuation of the property represented, making due allowance for equities, and that when this was done the roads should be allowed to earn sufficient income to keep their stock at par and to create a surplus. The latter, he tentatively proposed, might be allowed to amount to 25 per cent of the capital.

Railway Earnings Low.

This subject of railroad capitalization and the amount of railroad earnings received, further attention from the committee during its recent sessions. In answer to questions by Senator Cummins, Mr. Thom submitted figures showing the net earnings of the roads in recent years. These figures show that during the five years from 1905 to 1910 the average net earnings were 5.25 per cent of the net capitalization, while for the five years from 1910 to 1915 the average was only 4.56 per cent. The total earnings on the stock, computed by adding to the net operating income the income from the securities owned and deducting bond interest, were for 1910, 7.09 per cent; for 1911, 6.17 per cent; for 1912, 4.97 per cent; for 1913, 5.94 per cent; for 1914, 4.06 per cent; for 1915, 3.44 per cent, thus showing an almost continuous decrease throughout this six year period. It was announced that Halford Erickson, formerly chairman of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission, would submit more complete information on this subject to the Committee at a later date.

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FOR SALE—Six room house on Tenth street. Will sell cheap if sold before January 1st. A. J. THORP at First National Bank. 14-6td.

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

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

FOR SALE—Pianos, phonographs and records. Nice line late records and instruments on hand at my home 400 Broadway. Mrs. L. H. Bacon. 1-4td

LOST.

LOST—Cameo and diamond ring. Return to Malcom and receive reward.

LOST—Cap off gasoline tank. Mitchell auto. Finder please return to Ledger office or to Dr. F. M. Hale. 19-3td

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.)
C. A. DOOSE

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ford of the Oak creek country came in Wednesday to accompany her father, F. S. Brewer who was en route home to Brownwood.

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

Mrs. J. B. Curry left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna to spend the holidays with relatives. Rev. Curry, her husband, the new Methodist pastor will join her there for a reunion during Christmas.

Spruce Christmas trees. Place your order early. **SCHAWA GROCERY.** 20-1td

If it is furniture, and if it is new you will find it first at Lankfords. 18-3d

Queen Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM

Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance."
Laemee Photo Play "The Injustice of Justice."
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6000 feet for a 10c

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We Can Help You
Secure the bill when you get ready to make the needed improvements around your home. Our lumber and paint stock is select and complete.
Ballinger Lumber Company

The Christmas Spirit

One look at the assortment of candies, nuts, novelties, etc., will convince you that the Christmas spirit predominates here. Come around today or time before Christmas and let us show you our line of **Candies for the Children, Candy in Nice Christmas Boxes, Mixed Candy and Assorted Nuts.** If you haven't time to call, just phone and we will send you what you

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