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LANSING IS NOT TO BLAME FOR LEAKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Senator Stone, from the floor of the senate, exonerated Secretary Lansing from any blame for the "leaks" from the state department. Mr. Stone's speech exonerating Mr. Lansing came following a conference with the secretary.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The demand for an investigation of the leak on which was predicted the Wall street flurry set Congress on fire yesterday.

Thomas W. Lawson, who made the charge, admitted to Representative Henry that he could not give the names of any of the parties implicated.

Senator Stone of Missouri, denounced Lawson and his charges but in a sensational speech in the senate declared that things which concerned the "honor of the nation" were said to have leaked from the State Department.

The speech by Stone created a marked sensation in the senate. He said that if any public official had used secret information to further his own political interests, he is "an unscrupulous scoundrel" who "ought to be dismissed from office."

All Ft. Worth Meet Must Bear Stamps.

Fort Worth, Jan. 3.—Dr. LeRoy F. Thompson, chief meat inspector, announced today that the new ordinance requiring the stamping of all meats products sold in Fort Worth will be strictly enforced. The ordinance became effective Jan. 1.

Miss Dell Beare, of Eldorado, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Brown left Wednesday at noon to spend a day or two at home before going on to Kidd-Key college.

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NIGHT PHONES

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LENGTHY REPORT FROM GERMANY

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Ambassador Gerard sent a cablegram to President Wilson today, submitting a lengthy report following a conference between the American ambassador and Bethman Hollweg, the German chapeellor.

The contents of the report have not been given to the public, but it is understood that Ambassador Gerard and Chancellor Hollweg discussed among other things, the allies' unfavorable reply to the German note. The statement received from the American ambassador comes to Wilson authoritatively, and will show what the Germans think of the allies' reply.

SPREADING DISEASES INJURE OTHERS.

There are quite a number of cases of measles in the city, and scattered throughout the country. We regret to note that proper care is not being taken towards preventing the disease from spreading. Parents should keep their children at home until the danger of carrying the disease to others is past. There are several families of large children in the city where there has never been a case of measles and it would work a great hardship on them to be stricken, and the law should be enforced, even if it should ruffle some mother's feelings a little bit. Any man or woman who has no consideration for the welfare of their neighbor should be taught a lesson along this line.

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Coal Confiscation Before Commission.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—Texas and Pacific railroad official and members of the state railroad commission are conferring here today on the confiscation of commercial coal by the road. The discussion follows an order issued by the railroad, commission instructing the road not to seize any more coal intended for commercial purposes.

W. A. Frances, of the Walker-Smith Co., left Wednesday morning for Brownwood to look after the interests of his company a day or two.

Heaters Cook Ranges

248 Guests Registered at Hotel de Armstrong in 1916

There were 248 lockups during the year 1916 according to Jailor Armstrong's register, which he says is absolutely correct. Mr. Armstrong keeps a record of every prisoner placed in the local jail, giving his name and the charge for which he is arrested.

The register makes a bad showing for the white boys of this town in one particular at least. Of the 248 parties placed in jail only 29 were charged with being drunk. Of this 29 there were only four negroes and three Mexicans, 22 of the drunks being whites.

Of course the most of the 248 arrests represented in the jail register were made for misdemeanors, and the parties plead guilty to gambling, vagrancy, petty theiving, etc. The biggest arrival at the jail for one day was when the officers arrested 34 ne-

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE ON JANUARY 10TH?

The citizens of Ballinger—the tax payers, should be thoroughly convinced by this time that the city can't get the sort of service it ought to have under the present form of government. A report just made public by the City of Brownwood says, "Brownwood is gradually getting out of debt." A report from the City of Ballinger for the year just closed would no doubt say "Ballinger is rapidly getting in debt."

The most efficiently conducted business organizations in the world are the American corporations. The corporations are conducted strictly on business principles and with system. Ballinger is nothing but a corporation, and the business of the city will never succeed until the same principles that make for success the business organizations are applied. There is a board of directors to determine policies for the big corporations and there is a manager hired by the board to run the business. That means success from the beginning. The city government that is administered by elected politicians means failure.

The statement has been made that if the city was placed under the commission form of government with two commissioners and a mayor administering the affairs of the city, that the law gives the commissioners authority to fix their salaries at \$1500 per year. That may be true, but those opposing the adoption of the commission form failed to say that the law does not fix any limit for the salary of the aldermen, and the council is at liberty to fix the salary of \$5,000 per year if they chose to do so, or even higher.

The aldermen of this city have never drawn over \$5 per meeting and free water for their services, but that is too much. The plan of the commission is to elect commissioners who will serve without pay—on the same basis that the members of the school board serve the people. There are men in Ballinger who will accept the office without pay under the commission form, who would not serve for \$1500 per year under the present form of government.

A man who accepts the office of city aldermen in small cities like Ballinger for the mere salary that the office pays are not the men

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MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL ARRESTED

FEAR VILLA UPPER HAND IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The American members of the joint Mexican commission will present a report to President Wilson late this afternoon, leaving the path clear for the American government to withdraw the punitive expedition from Mexico without Carranza's signature to the protocol.

While taking steps to compose the troubled situation the administration officials privately express fear that Villa is fast getting upper hand of things in Northern Mexico and the Carranza regime is crumbling, and the de facto government will completely lose out unless quick action comes.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The American-Mexican joint commission last night came to the parting of the ways in its efforts to reach a settlement between the United States and the Carranza government. This government, after an all day session of the American commission, last night made public the terms of the protocol, indicating that negotiations had reached the conclusion that Carranza's refusal was final.

Ambassador Designate Acredondo departed yesterday for Mexico City announcing that he would return later.

Persons in close relations with President Wilson predict the early withdrawal of the Pershing expedition from Mexico in order to give Carranza a final chance to make good before taking drastic action.

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Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray kills bedbugs, ants, fleas, vegetable and plant insects so dead, and does it so quickly, that people exclaim, "They didn't turn over." It puts mosquitoes out of business just as quick. Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sedberry of Winters, came in Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witt and family a few days.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul general here, was arrested this afternoon charged with conspiracy to violate American neutrality and circumvent orders regarding the shipment of arms and ammunition in to Mexico. A consignment of munitions listed as hardware was seized in Galveston. Burns is being held on a \$10,000 bond.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

Tax Assessor Willie Steplens is on his job this week and is rounding up the assessments for the year 1917.

"Uncle" Johnny Ballew and J. T. Elms, of the Mazeland country, were business visitors to Ballinger Wednesday motoring down to the county site to pay taxes and spend a few hours meeting friends, and renewing acquaintances.

J. E. McAden, who recently moved from this neighborhood to Winters, was in Ballinger Wednesday and says they are now comfortably situated in their new home.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

If you don't pay your poll tax you should keep your mouth shut in public matters. You'll have no say coming.

As Germany has decided to fight to the last ounce of blood, the fighters will no doubt conserve the blood supply, and will not be as wasteful in the future as they have been in the past.

Even the Fort Worth Record has come out for the submission of the state wide prohibition amendment. The Record, like some of the other leaders in the wet ranks, perhaps read the handwriting on the wall and foresaw a political rebellion if the vote of the majority is not respected in this matter.

The continued talk of world wide and permanent peace does not appear to lessen the demand for warships for Uncle Sam's navy. Secretary Daniels has only asked congress for forty-two more battle ships, and all this after the big navy appropriation made last year. Perhaps Uncle Sam realizes that it is going to be his duty to help keep peace after peace is once restored.

The United States Government Engineer Geo. D. Marshall visited Brown county a couple of months ago and made a survey of the public roads of that county, and has just made his report. The engineer recommends in his report the grading and draining of nine roads out of Brownwood, covering a total distance of 174 miles at a cost of \$499,100. If the commissioners of Rummels county should talk about spending one-half that much on the roads in this county there would be some faints and fall backs. However, that much is needed, and more, and road work here will be patch work until a more extensive plan of building roads is adopted.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

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Frank Hoffman Died Wednesday
Frank Hoffman, one of the pioneer German citizens, who for many years has been living on the Colorado river below Ballinger, died Wednesday morning at five o'clock. Parties came to Ballinger Wednesday morning to arrange for the funeral and the remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Deceased had been in poor health for a long time, being a victim to cancer of the stomach. He often visited Ballinger, but during the past few months he has not been able to come to town and his friends knew that he could not live long.

Mr. Hoffman came to this county many years ago. He had never married and was the only son of his surviving mother. Two or three sisters also survive. The man had many friends in Ballinger and throughout the southern part of the country, who will regret to hear of his death.

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Bruce Creasy left Tuesday afternoon for Muskogee, Okla., and other points in that state in the interest of the Creasy rotary filer company.

John Reiley and R. E. Hickman, of Bronte and Sam Jones and John Ballew of the Mazeland-Wingate country, J. A. Weathersby and J. B. Carleton of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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.

DOGS AND AUTOS HELP WIN THE WAR

By HENRY WOOD
United Press Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE VOSGES, Dec. 15.
(By Mail Jan. 3.)—With the return of heavy snow in the Vosges, Alaskan dog teams today are vying with the automobile drivers of the American Ambulance and the members of the Norwegian Red Cross Skii Corps for the honor of bringing in the greatest number of wounded.

The Alaskan sled dogs, gathered in the United States' most northwest territory, constitute the latest "war material" being supplied from America to France. Although the allies, through their supreme mastery of the seas, are able to gather war supplies in any and all parts of the world, the Alaskan dogs are conceded the honor of coming from the most distant point, and over the greatest distance, on which the Allies have yet been obliged to draw.

The original number of sled dogs brought to the Vosges from Alaska numbered about 500. These have bred and multiplied so rapidly that France now has at her disposal over 1,000 dogs with all of the sleds and material necessary for performing an incredible amount of transport service in the snow clad altitudes of the Vosges.

It is principally in the Vosges that the members of the American Ambulance have been assigned to duty. Their light, speedy cars not only enable them to scale all the peaks on which roads have been built, but even to leave the roads themselves in the direction of the first line trenches for the purpose of picking up the wounded.

In these Alpine regions, however, there are hundreds of places which even the light American cars with their absolutely fearless collegian drivers can not reach, and it is in these districts that the Alaskan dog teams and the Norwegian Red Cross Skii corps come in for the bulk of the work. The Norwegian Skii Corps, fully equipped for field ambulance work, volunteered its service to France, the same as the American Ambulance, and has already done valiant service.

The Alaskan dog service, however, was thought-out and organized by the French army itself, which sent experts to Alaska, Labrador and Canada to purchase the dogs. Owing to the fact that the Alaska dogs are nearly white they are comparatively invisible against the snow and can therefore approach within a comparatively short distance of the German lines for the purpose of picking up the wounded without being fired on. Seven dogs with one of the long Alaskan sleds and a single driver can pick up a wounded man, lay him at length on the sled, and bring him back to the dressing station with remarkable speed.

Ambulance work, however, is only a small portion of the duties assigned the dogs, and they are a considerable portion of the transport service of the French army in the Vosges. They carry munitions, food and water to all parts of the line with the utmost ease. The usefulness of the dogs does not cease with the snow in the spring. The French engineers are famous for their construction of tiny, narrow gauge railways and all the mountain peaks and ridges of the Vosges, now occupied by the French are lined with these

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Place of employment, Ballinger Texas. Place of examination, Ballinger, Texas. Date of examination, January 13, 1917.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on the date and at the place named above an open competitive examination will be held for the positions of clerk and city carrier in the post office at the place first specified.

Clerks in offices of the first and second classes, and carriers in the city delivery service, are divided into five grades, the salaries of which are \$800, \$900, \$1,000, \$1,100 and \$1,200 per annum, respectively. Clerks and carriers at first-class offices will be promoted successively, a grade at a time, to \$1,100 and clerks and carriers at second class offices will be promoted in the same manner to \$1,000.

Promotions of both clerks and carriers will be made at the beginning of the quarter following

the expiration of a year's service in the next lower grade. No promotion will be made except upon evidence satisfactory to the Post Office Department of the efficiency and faithfulness of the employee during the year. Clerks and carriers of the highest grade are eligible for promotion to the higher positions in their respective offices.

Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but not their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. The age limits are waived, however, in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service by reason of disability, resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty. Eligibles resulting from this examination who were under 21 years of age on the date of the examination will not be certified for filling vacancies in the position of assistant postmaster.

Male applicants must measure not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet. No male applicant who passes the examination will be eligible for appointment either as clerk or city carrier who does not weigh at least 125 pounds without overcoat and hat. It will be inadvisable for male applicants whose normal weight is less than 125 pounds to enter the examination. Female applicants are not required to be of any specific height or weight.

The Post Office Department has advised the Commission that no person who has any of the following named physical defects will be appointed to the position of carrier in the Post Office Service: Hunchback; defective hearing, sight, or speech; blindness in one or both eyes; asthma; loss of arm, hand, or leg; crippled arms or legs; flatfoot; hernia; congenital weakness of the abdominal wall, or such weakness caused by wound or operation. The defects will also debar a person from appointment to the position of clerk in the Post Office Service, except that deaf-mutes and persons with defective speech or hearing may be appointed to the positions of mail clerk, distributor, and directory and forwarding clerk, and persons suffering from flatfoot or weakness of the abdominal wall may be appointed to any position of clerk the duties of which they are physically capable of performing. Applications from persons who are not entitled to appointment on account of physical defects will be canceled. Other physical defects may debar persons from appointment when in the judgment of the Commission such defects would render them unfit to perform the duties of the position for which the examination is held.

Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of the examination a photograph of himself, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission card sent him after his application is filed. Tintypes or proofs will be accepted.

Married women will not be admitted to this examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to divorced women.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to fill existing and future vacancies.

For application blank (Form 1371) and "Instructions to Applicants," address the secretary of the board of United States civil service examiners at the post office at the place of employment or the place of examination above, or the district secretary at the address below.

No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the district secretary in time for him to arrange for the examination.

Secretary Tenth Civil Service District. Address room 330 Custom House, New Orleans, La.
Issued Dec. 13, 1916.

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Miss Edith Miller left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna and

will be the guests of Miss Shields and attend a dance in that city tonight.

Mood Hardin, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a visit to his mother at Huntsville.

Misses Willie Jones and Irma-gene Wade, of Paint Rock, accompanied by their fathers, came in Tuesday and left in the afternoon for Belton to attend Baylor College.

Eugene Kipp left Tuesday afternoon for Austin, where he will enter the State University.

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Luther Mangum of Ballinger is expected to arrive in Brownwood this week to enter Howard Payne college during the spring term. Mangum was a student of this college several years ago and at the time played on the fast baseball team of Howard Payne.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Miss Ada West, of Eldorado, who had been visiting Misses McElroy the past few days, returned home Wednesday.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, OR FIRST CHRISTIAN, WHICH?

At the co-operative service last night, "a census" was taken of the churches represented in the congregation. These two churches not only proportionately but in actual numbers far outnumbered all other churches. Quite a friendly rivalry exists today, each church striving to have the largest number present at the service tonight. The First Christian pastor said he will bring the largest number with him. The First Presbyterian pastor replied "I'm from Missouri." Of course other churches might possibly increase sufficiently to outnumber the Christian and Presbyterian churches, but the laurels tonight will probably go to one of these churches.

GOOD ADVICE

A Ballinger Citizen Gives Information of Priceless Value.

When you suffer from backache, Headaches, dizziness, nervousness, Feel weak, languid, depressed, Have annoying urinary disorders;

Do you know what to do? Some Ballinger people do. Read the statement that follows. It's from a Ballinger citizen. Testimony that can be investigated.

Miss W. B. Stamps, 205 N. Sixth St., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were out of order. I suffered from pains in the small of my back and felt dull and languid. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store and they proved very beneficial. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a good medicine and gladly recommend them."

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

DEPUTY STATE INSPECTOR

R. R. Rosa, of Houston, of the State Department of Agriculture, and Deputy Inspector of Orchards and Nurseries, was in Ballinger Tuesday and is inspecting the orchards of this county. His information along the line of fruit tree blight, bug and insect ravages will be of great benefit to our section.

THINKS PERKINS GOOD SHERIFF

Sheriff J. D. Perkins of Runnels county arrived in Brownwood last night, bringing with him a man wanted here in connection with a bootlegging case in Brown county. The party in all probability will be placed on trial at this term of court. After the trial here he is expected to be returned to Runnels county to be tried here on a burglary charge. Mr. Perkins is recognized as one of the best peace officers in this part of the state. He is well known in a number of counties in Central West Texas for his diligence.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Sure, Perkins is recognized as one of the best peace officers. If he had not been so considered the people of Runnels county would have "canned" him last July. There is no business in keeping a man on the job when he fails to make good. Too many other good men are ready to take the place. The man carried to Brownwood was Roy Phillips, held here charged with robbing the express office. It was boozed that got Phillips in bad here and judging from the charge against him in Brown county it was boozed in that county.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

Harold Saunders, of Sonora, came in Monday to visit home folks and Ballinger friends.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
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Miss Winnie Golden, who spent the holidays with home folks, left for Belton Tuesday to resume her school work at Baylor College.

MABEL TALIAFERRO AS AN IRISH LASS

Star Has a Captivating Role in "A Wife by Proxy."

Mabel Taliaferro, one of the most delightful stars of the screen world, will be seen early in the New Year in a new Metro-Columbia produc-



MABEL TALIAFERRO METRO STAR

tion called "A Wife by Proxy," from the pen of John E. Clymer and Charles A. Logue. The production has been directed by John H. Collins and Robert Walker, well known to Metro patrons, is prominent in Miss Taliaferro's support.

Miss Zelma Lewis, of the Crews country, after a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Lewis, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Austin, where she is attending the State University.

Miss Louise Schawe, after a pleasant visit to her parents and Ballinger friends, left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas to resume her music school.

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.

Lonnie Baldwin of Winters and his brother, Judson Baldwin of Clyde, Texas, were greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Notice of Final Account No. 294

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

Warren Williams, survivor in community of the Estate of Susan C. Williams, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Susan C. Williams, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are Hereby Comanded, That by publication of this Writ for twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Runnels you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February Term, 1917, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said county in the City of Ballinger, on the fifth day of February, A. D. 1917, when said Account and Application will be considered by said court.

Witness W. C. McCarver, clerk of the County Court of Runnels County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in Ballinger, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) W. C. McCarver,
Clerk C. C. Runnels, County.
A true Copy, I certify:
J. D. Perkins,
Sheriff Runnels county.

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Mrs. Aug. Spill and daughter, Miss Emma, of Winters, were visiting in Ballinger Wednesday.

Arthur Hoffman of the Benot country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

B. E. Jeanes had business at Miles between trains Wednesday.

W. B. Kelsy and Grover Murphy of the Norton country, and E. W. Stone of Denton county, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Stone is a brother in law of Mr. Kelsy and is visiting in this section with the view of locating permanently.

Mrs. E. L. Jefeont and daughter Miss Allie left Tuesday afternoon for Mt. Pleasant to visit relatives.

Preston McKinley, of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

E. H. Voelkel of Rowena, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Smarting, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

HOW APPENDICITIS CAN BE PREVENTED.

Ballinger people should know that a few doses of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc mixed in Adler-i-ka, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. This simple mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. Adler-i-ka has a easiest and most thorough action of anything we ever sold. The Walker Drug Co.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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Phone 97

Start the New Year Right!

The man who looks ahead will live in the sun-flushed valley of the land of no regrets. Regret brings remorse, unhappiness is unnatural. Start the new year right by the power of might—money is power—little savings make large fortunes. Where there's a will there's a way. An account with this bank will be the right start because our officers and directors are interested in your success.



HERE FOR KEEPS.

Will Legg and W. P. King of the Crews country, were in Ballinger Wednesday and Mr. Legg has just sold Mr. King 257 acres of improved land adjoining the town of Crews. Mr. King had just returned from a short stay in New Mexico and said that county did not suit him, so he is in Rannels for good this time.

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J. W. POWELL,
Mayor of the City of Ballinger,
Texas.

SELLS VELIE TO J. K. HUTTON

The Velie auto agency closed a deal Tuesday afternoon and delivered to J. K. Hutton a Velie Six, the latest model. This is the second Velie sold here since this car was placed on the Ballinger market by a local agency, the first car going to J. C. Lathem

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

W. O. W. UNVEILING SUNDAY

The W. O. W. lodge will hold unveiling ceremonies for the purpose of unveiling the monument of W. W. Wooten Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. All the members of the local camp are requested to meet at the hall at three o'clock and visiting Woodmen are invited to take part in the ceremonies.

O. P. Dorscy, C. C.

How to Check That Cold

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Women Fighting High Cost Living

Fort Worth, Jan. 3.—The executive committee chosen by a mass meeting of housewives several weeks ago will meet today and plan the organization of leagues in each ward of the city to combat the high price of food stuffs.

The following are members of the committee: Mmes. Bacon Saunders, H. F. Foree, Charles Schreiber, H. D. Vinnege and R. H. Buck.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

New Light Franchise for Dallas

Dallas, Jan. 3.—The second reading of the new street railway and lighting franchises to be granted by the city began here this morning at 11 o'clock, before the city commission. Five hours are required to read the franchises. Opponents of the grant will be permitted to speak at the public hearing on the franchise before the city commission this afternoon.

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.

Rains and Crop Prospects for 1917

By A. A. Halbert, Coleman, Texas.

It is human nature to unveil the future. Many imposters thrive up on this pretended gift. I have no axe to grind except to serve my class. Neither am I a pessimist or calamity howler. Yet I never shirk the truth, as I see it, to predict things pleasant. Hence this message to my brother farmers to prepare for a very dry year. The rains will be light and scant, especially the growing season and little moisture to begin with and that little will escape rapidly as the season advances. Hence plant early and risk a late frost, rather than wait too long and not get your crops up. There will be sufficient showers to make some cotton and drouth resisting feed stuff if once up and that little moisture conserved.

This prediction is not a whim but based upon a profound study of natural laws and especially those pertaining to the weather. I began this study when a farm boy, in felling giant trees to make rails and rive boards in old Washington county, Texas, and upon the information gained from the heart of these oaks, from tradition handed down by my father and from my own experience after I came old enough to farm and observe for myself, I unhesitatingly say that for over 100 years, that every year that terminated in the digits 6 and 7 have been dry years in Texas. Seven the driest from an accumulated drouth; that is we will have as much rain in 1917 as we had in 1916, but no underground moisture to begin with.

I hope that I may be mistaken or rather that 1917 may be an exception to the rule that has prevailed for over 100 years. I much prefer to risk the punishment awarded false prophets in the Bible than see my prophecy come true. Yet to be fore-warned is to be fore-armed and if the danger does not come we are none the worse off by being prepared.

I expect heavy to excessive rains to begin from the 19th to 21st of July and break the prolonged drouth, possibly it may be delayed until about same date in August. This will still give ample time to make some forage crops and partly recover from the disastrous drouth, if it prevails as I predict. The good crop years will advance rapidly from the lowest ebb of the years ending in 7 until we reach the years ending in 6 as 1920, which are always the best crop years for that decade.

With all due respect to our friend Halbert's prediction, we can not place much confidence in the forecast. However, Mr. Halbert's warning to the farmers to be prepared is good advice. We should be prepared at all times and Mr. Halbert is correct when he says to be "fore-warned is to be fore-armed."

Mr. Halbert says that for over 100 years, that every year that terminated in the digits 6 and 7 have been dry years in Texas. That may be true when Texas is referred to as a whole, and we can not deny that claim because we haven't the figures for over 100 years, but we do know that Mr. Halbert is mistaken as far as his statement applies to Rannels county. The rain record shows that more rain fell in Rannels county in 1906 than for any one year in the last twenty-two years, and may be for any one year in the last hundred years. The average rain fall in Rannels county for the last twenty-two years is 23.99. For the year 1906 the rain fall amounted to 37.82.

And then, how about the Indian sign? If every fog that has formed over this country during the last few weeks represents a rain for the future months of the year, the country will certainly be flooded several times before the farmers can make a crop.

Worry less and work more would be our advice to the farmers, many of whom are now putting in more time worrying about when and how much it is going to rain, than they are in getting ready for the rain when it does come. You can't make it rain, but you can be ready to get the full benefit of it when it comes.

There was perhaps never a time before when the farmers of Rannels county had their land in better shape for the coming crop than at this particular time. There are few fields where the land has not been plowed, but in most fields, and especially where the farmer owns his land, the land has been well plowed and is ready for rain.

Intensive farming has increased prosperity in this county. Diversified farming has added to bank accounts until today there are more farmers with bank accounts than were ever known before, hence the bank deposits are the greatest in the history of the county.

What has been accomplished in this county has caused other counties to wake up, and diversified farming is taking the place of the one crop plan which brings bankruptcy and breeds discontent among the people who must look to the soil for everything they gain of this world's goods.

The farmer who makes the following resolutions for his New Year plans and lives up to them will not be howling about the high cost of living, or hard times when the 1917 crop has been harvested and the dollars counted:

RESOLVED, that I will conserve the fertility of my soil by stopping the land from washing through terracing and other methods of proper drainages; by planting winter corn crops in land subject to washing; by rotating crops; by plowing under at least as much vegetation or barnyard manure as will replace plant food taken out of the soil by crops.

That I will prepare my soil by deep, early fall breakage in order to give opportunity for rain and freeze to provide suitable seed beds.

That I will plant the best seed obtainable.

That I will produce my own requirements of vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat, etc., and in fact, will produce as much of all the necessities of living as it is practically possible for me to do.

That I will endeavor, through the cow, hen and hog, to provide a regular weekly or monthly in-

come sufficient to meet current expenses of living, so that in the event of necessity I will not be compelled to sacrifice my year's harvest on an unfavorable market.

That the livestock which I keep will be the best stock I can secure registered stock if possible.

That I will take an annual inventory of everything of value on the farm, so as to know the value of my investment.

That I will keep a system of farm accounts, showing me which of my farming operations were most profitable.

That I will strive to increase my knowledge of my business.

That I will regard my business more as a business and less as a gamble; not depending on any one crop.

That I will belong to the community club in my neighborhood, and work for the business, social and civic improvement of my community.

Moving To New Location.

I am moving my saddle and Harness and shoe repair shop to Eighth street next to Ballinger Light and Power Co., and I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage.

H. L. WENDORE,
The Busy Shop.

Ragsdale Pace, who had been visiting at San Angelo was the guest of his cousin Will Durlap and family a day or two this week and left Tuesday afternoon to enter the State University at Austin.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Indigestion, Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take one or other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, or 25 cents wrapper. Best, Satisfying, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Miss Eva Lee Guthrie left Tuesday afternoon for Lampasas, where she will enter school the balance of this school year.

CO-OPERATIVE MEET GROWN IN INTEREST

The union service being held by the various churches of the city is attracting interest as the week passes. The Tuesday night's service brought out a larger attendance than the first night, and the program carried out was a good one.

Rev. Bost was substituted for Rev. Bedicheck, who is out of the city. It was Rev. Bost's duty to discuss "Relation or Duty of Church Members to the Unconverted." Rev. Bost handled his subject in such a way as to cause considerable comment the next day. He did not mince words in condemning worldliness in the church, and when the other ministers present failed to say "amen" to his remarks, Rev. Bost said "Amen" himself, and turning to the other preachers said that he knew they would like to say what he was saying but were afraid they would lose their jobs. Rev. Bost's remarks were well received, and no doubt many things he said were endorsed by the christian people present.

Judge R. S. Griggs spoke on the "Relation or Duties of Church members to each other." Rev. J. W. Atwood was the leader for the Tuesday night's service. The song service consisted of old familiar songs, and was an enjoyable feature of the evening's service.

The services begin tonight promptly at seven-thirty and the following program has been announced: Wednesday Night; Leader, Rev. T. C. Jester.

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Dr. Buckner 84 Years Old Today

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 3.—Dr. R. C. Buckner, known to thousands of Baptists all over the south as "Father Buckner," founder of the Buckner Orphans' Home, of Dallas, is 84-years old today.

He is enjoying excellent health, and still retains the active management of the home, which has 500 inmates. He will spend the day receiving hundreds of friends who call annually on his birthday anniversary, to express congratulations.

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-D-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po-D-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all druggists, 50c.

Important To Poultry Growers

The poultry packing plant will soon close for this season and the market will likely be lower. So we advise all that have turkeys to sell to bring them in at once while the price is good. We pay the highest market price in cash for all country produce.

JEANES PRODUCE CO.

Found a Sure Thing

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

Peter Lehnert, one of the Ledgers friends of the Rowena country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

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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.

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

LOST.

LOST—One light colored full leather hand bag, containing ladies wearing apparel, including a pair of shoes. Lost between Talpa and San Angelo. Return to Ledger office and get reward. 1-3td11w

TRESPASS NOTICES

POSTED—My place located 16 miles south of the river, known as the Blocker ranch, is posted. I will prosecute anyone hauling wood, hunting, camping and fishing. G. B. NIXON. 3mo-d&wpd

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 (Rannels County.)

C. A. DOOSE

Miss Margie McRae, who had been visiting her uncle R. A. Williamson and family during the holidays, left Wednesday to assume her school duties at the Daniel Baker college at Brownwood.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Queen Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM

Billie Burke in 2 episodes "GLORIES ROMANCE."

Joker Comedy "Beans and Bullets" featured by Charles Conklin, Lillian Peacock, Milburn Moranti, Jack Francis, Wm. Franey and Gale Henry.

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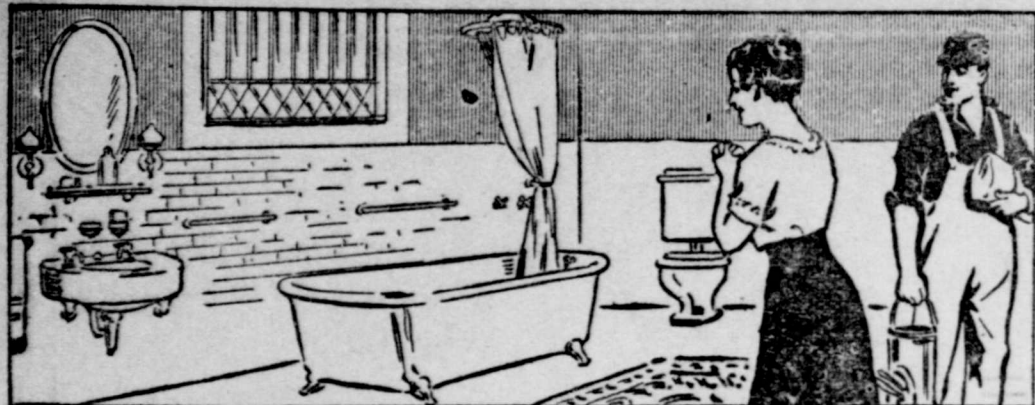
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Get Your Bread at the Store---

Our bread wagon has been discontinued until the hot weater.

Those holding bread tickets can bring them to store for bread or they will be redeemed in cash.

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Of course you want your plumbing installed with careful regard to convenience of arrangement. That is our first thought when we undertake the work.

But it isn't all. We use particular caution not to mar the walls or floors of your home. We aim to leave the finished work as neat and tidy as possible.

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Repairing done promptly and efficiently.

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AMERICAN GIRLS WED ITALIANS NOW SAD ATTENDANCE GAINS AT UNION SERVICE

By JOHN H. HEARLEY.
United Press Staff Correspondent.
ROME, Dec. 13.—(By Mail to New York, Jan. 4.)—Italy's war today lies heavily on the hearts of many American girls married to Italian noblemen. Some of these girls have given their husbands, others their sons to Savoia's cause.

Princess Buoncampagni, who was Miss Draper of Boston and Washington, is spending a lonesome honeymoon here. Her husband had to rejoin his regiment immediately on his arrival in Rome.

Count Dentico del Frasso is one of the General Staff's motorcycle messengers. His wife was Georgiana Wilde of St. Louis. She is the stepdaughter of Henry Seigel, the one-time American merchant prince.

Princess Allesandro Ruspoli has two sons under arms. One is in the army and the other in the navy. She was formerly Eva Broadwood.

Countess Telfener, who was Ada Hungerford, has a son in the army.

Edward Kingsland, who became an Italian citizen after his widowed mother married Prince Camporeale, has been dangerously wounded at the front. He is a cavalry officer and was decorated for gallant conduct in both the Libyan war and this war. Princess Camporeale originally was Mary Bemel, a celebrated New Jersey belle.

The son of the Duchess Luigi Lante della Rovere is serving with the Italian troops in Macedonia. He is called Don Luigi Lante della Rovere. The Duchess was known to American society as Mathilde Davis.

One of the sons of Princess Poggio Suaso Ruspoli is an aviator. The other is in the automobile service. She was formerly Josephine Curtis of New York.

All of these titled Americans are also doing their own bit for their adopted country. Red Cross nursing and caring for widowed and orphaned children are the most popular services. But the military sewing rooms and the food stations attract their quota.

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For Wednesday night's service the choir was the best for the week and the singing of course was an inspiring feature of the evening's program.

Rev. T. C. Jester was the leader for last night's services. Speaking on the subject of "Secret Sins" Scott H. Mack represented the laymen on the program. Mr. Mack proved himself equal to the occasion and after his splendid practical talk, one of the ministers present suggested that the preachers should put some of the laymen up to preach for them some time.

Rev. J. W. Atwood spoke on the "Nurture of the Secret Life." Rev. Atwood put secret prayer above everything else in devotion to God and second to prayer he placed the daily reading of the Bible.

As the week passes the union service grows in interest, and the New Year will begin as it never began before for the churches of Ballinger. The program tonight is as follows, and the services begin promptly at seven-thirty: Thursday Night; Leader, Rev. J. W. Bost.

Subject, "The Christian Home," (1) 'The Christian Home in the Church,' A. W. Sledge; (2) 'Christ in the Home,' Rev. J. B. Curry.

Rev. Atwood announces that following the union service tonight Dr. Wallace, will address the congregation of the First Presbyterian church and any others who wish to remain for the address. Dr. Wallace will talk on the Home Mission work in the Brownwood Presbytery.

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Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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Misses Riggs and Needham of San Angelo, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Batts, of South Ballinger, left from this point Wednesday afternoon for Brownwood where they are attending Howard Payne college.

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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-tdf

TRESPASS NOTICES

POSTED—My place located 16 miles south of the river, known as the Blocker ranch, is posted. I will prosecute anyone hauling wood, hunting, camping and fishing. G. B. NIXON. 3mo-d&wpd

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

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants State Bank

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 27th day of December, 1916, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 4th day of January, 1917.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$264,891.57
Loans, real estate	13,250.00
Bonds and Stocks	4,000.00
Real estate (banking house)	39,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	128,234.22
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	13,522.68
Cash Items	2,082.83
Currency	23,505.00
Specie	5,614.67
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	4,890.94
Other Resources as follows:	43.91
TOTAL	\$511,635.82

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	16,031.70
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	4,687.94
Individual Deposits, subject to check	372,670.19
Demand Certificates of Deposit	3,478.85
Cashier's Checks	1,534.98
Other Liabilities as follows:	7,232.16
TOTAL	\$511,635.82

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss

We, H. Giesecke, as president, and A. C. Homann as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. GIESECKE, President.
A. C. HOMANN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of January, A. D. 1917.

(Seal) H. M. JOSEY, Notary Public
Runnels County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, J. L. Chastain, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$278,141.57
Bonds and stocks	4,000.00
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	46,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	4,890.94
Bills of Exchange	43.91
Cash and Exchange	173,559.40
TOTAL	\$511,635.82

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	22,031.70
Total Deposits	389,604.12
TOTAL	\$511,635.82

Start the New Year Right!

The man who looks ahead will live in the sun-flushed valley of the land of no regrets. Regret brings remorse, unhappiness is unnatural. Start the new year right by the power of might—money is power—little savings make large fortunes. Where there's a will there's a way. An account with this bank will be the right start because our officers and directors are interested in your success.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

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Our bread wagon has been discontinued until the hot weater.

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LANSING IS NOT TO BLAME FOR LEAKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Senator Stone, from the floor of the senate, exonerated Secretary Lansing from any blame for the "leaks" from the state department. Mr. Stone's speech exonerating Mr. Lansing came following a conference with the secretary.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The demand for an investigation of the leak on which was predicted the Wall street flurry set Congress on fire yesterday.

Thomas W. Lawson, who made the charge, admitted to Representative Henry that he could not give the names of any of the parties implicated.

Senator Stone of Missouri, denounced Lawson and his charges but in a sensational speech in the senate declared that things which concerned the "honor of the nation" were said to have leaked from the State Department.

The speech by Stone created a marked sensation in the senate. He said that if any public official had used secret information to further his own political interests, he is "an unscrupulous scoundrel" who "ought to be dismissed from office."

All Ft. Worth Meet Must Bear Stamps.

Fort Worth, Jan. 3.—Dr. LeRoy F. Thompson, chief meat inspector, announced today that the new ordinance requiring the stamping of all meats products sold in Fort Worth will be strictly enforced. The ordinance became effective Jan. 1.

Miss Dell Bearee, of Eldorado, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Brown left Wednesday at noon to spend a day or two at home before going on to Kidd-Key college.

LENGTHY REPORT FROM GERMANY

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Ambassador Gerard sent a cablegram to President Wilson today, submitting a lengthy report following a conference between the American ambassador and Bethman Hollweg, the German chancellor.

The contents of the report have not been given to the public, but it is understood that Ambassador Gerard and Chancellor Hollweg discussed among other things, the allies' unfavorable reply to the German note. The statement received from the American ambassador comes to Wilson authoritatively, and will show what the Germans think of the allies' reply.

SPREADING DISEASES INJURE OTHERS.

There are quite a number of cases of measles in the city, and scattered throughout the country. We regret to note that proper care is not being taken towards preventing the disease from spreading. Parents should keep their children at home until the danger of carrying the disease to others is past. There are several families of large children in the city where there has never been a case of measles and it would work a great hardship on them to be stricken, and the law should be enforced, even if it should ruffle some mother's feelings a little bit. Any man or woman who has no consideration for the welfare of their neighbor should be taught a lesson along this line.

1 Maxwell 1916 model, good value \$340.00. See us at once for bargains in second hand cars. Ballinger Auto Co. 2-tfdw

Coal Confiscation Before Commission.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—Texas and Pacific railroad official and members of the state railroad commission are conferring here today on the confiscation of commercial coal by the road. The discussion follows an order issued by the railroad, commission instructing the road not to seize any more coal intended for commercial purposes.

W. A. Frances, of the Walker-Smith Co., left Wednesday morning for Brownwood to look after the interests of his company a day or two.

248 Guests Registered at Hotel de Armstrong in 1916

There were 248 lockups during the year 1916 according to Jailor Armstrong's register, which he says is absolutely correct. Mr. Armstrong keeps a record of every prisoner placed in the local jail, giving his name and the charge for which he is arrested.

The register makes a bad showing for the white boys of this town in one particular at least. Of the 248 parties placed in jail only 29 were charged with being drunk. Of this 29 there were only four negroes and three Mexicans, 22 of the drunks being whites.

Of course the most of the 248 arrests represented in the jail register were made for misdemeanors, and the parties plead guilty to gambling, vagrancy, petty thieving, etc. The biggest arrival at the jail for one day was when the officers arrested 34 ne-

groes for gambling during the crop harvest season. Most of these were transients.

The population of the county considered, we believe that the moral record of Runnels county will compare favorably with any county in the state. A great majority of the petty crimes filed in the courts of this county show to be against strangers—transient people who are here only for a short time, and most all of the felony charges filed were against people who were professional "crooks," and who claimed home wherever they could carry on their crookedness.

At present there are six prisoners in jail. Four of these are being held on felony charges, two on misdemeanors, and the jailor is taking care of one man who is invalid and under the care of the county.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE ON JANUARY 10TH?

...The citizens of Ballinger—the tax payers, should be thoroughly convinced by this time that the city can't get the sort of service it ought to have under the present form of government. A report just made public by the City of Brownwood says, "Brownwood is gradually getting out of debt." A report from the City of Ballinger for the year just closed would no doubt say "Ballinger is rapidly getting in debt."

The most efficiently conducted business organizations in the world are the American corporations. The corporations are conducted strictly on business principles and with system. Ballinger is nothing but a corporation, and the business of the city will never succeed until the same principles that make for success the business organizations are applied. There is a board of directors to determine policies for the big corporations and there is a manager hired by the board to run the business. That means success from the beginning. The city government that is administered by elected politicians means failure.

The statement has been made that if the city was placed under the commission form of government with two commissioners and a mayor administering the affairs of the city, that the law gives the commissioners authority to fix their salaries at \$1500 per year. That may be true, but those opposing the adoption of the commission form failed to say that the law does not fix any limit for the salary of the aldermen, and the council is at liberty to fix the salary of \$5,000 per year if they chose to do so, or even higher.

The aldermen of this city have never drawn over \$5 per meeting and free water for their services, but that is too much. The plan of the commission is to elect commissioners who will serve without pay—on the same basis that the members of the school board serve the people. There are men in Ballinger who will accept the office without pay under the commission form, who would not serve for \$1500 per year under the present form of government.

A man who accepts the office of city aldermen in small cities like Ballinger for the mere salary that the office pays are not the men

for the place. Every man owes a duty to his city, and the man who is the best capable of solving the problems that are for the best interest of the city is the man who should gladly serve one or two terms as commissioner without pay. We know that Ballinger has such men.

We refute the insinuation that the commissioners to be elected would graft on the city by voting themselves a handsome salary. This charge is being made for no other reason than to defeat the commission form of government. The directing board under the commission form of government, to be composed of two commissioners and a mayor will not cost the city as much as the present board of aldermen and mayor are costing. The salary of a manager would be in keeping with his ability to earn that salary, and if failed to make good it would be the understanding to begin with that he would be let out by the commissioners who employed him. If the commissioners, for any reason, should fail to make good there is a remedy for them also.

The effort to create the impression among the voters that somebody would steal the entire city government and run off with it if the business was taken out of the hands of the board of aldermen and the mayor is a joke. Who would have it? What is there to steal? Isn't there a law to prosecute for "crookedness" just as much under the commission form of government as there is under the present aldermanic form of government.

If the City of Ballinger was on easy street, and if the city was not bankrupt, there perhaps would not be any reasonable excuse for making a change in the plan of handling the affairs of the city, but conditions are such that a doctor is badly needed. Will the opposition offer something better than the adoption of the commission form and the placing of the affairs of the city in the hands of competent business men who will serve for the glory they get out of it? The people turned down the commission form nearly two years ago, and where is the man who will say the city is in better shape after two more years of aldermanic rule? In fact matters have gone from bad to worse.

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MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL ARRESTED

FEAR VILLA UPPER HAND IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The American members of the joint Mexican commission will present a report to President Wilson late this afternoon, leaving the path clear for the American government to withdraw the punitive expedition from Mexico without Carranza's signature to the protocol.

While taking steps to compose the troubled situation the administration officials privately express fear that Villa is fast getting upper hand of things in Northern Mexico and the Carranza regime is crumbling, and the de facto government will completely lose out unless quick aid comes.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The American-Mexican joint commission last night came to the parting of the ways in its efforts to reach a settlement between the United States and the Carranza government. This government, after an all day session of the American commission, last night made public the terms of the protocol, indicating that negotiations had reached the conclusion that Carranza's refusal was final.

Ambassador Designate Accredited departed yesterday for Mexico City announcing that he would return later.

Persons in close relations with President Wilson predict the early withdrawal of the Pershing expedition from Mexico in order to give Carranza a final chance to make good before taking drastic action.

DIDN'T TURN OVER

Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray kills bedbugs, ants, fleas, vegetable and plant insects so dead, and does it so quickly, that people exclaim, "They didn't turn over." It puts mosquitoes out of business just as quick. Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sedberry of Winters, came in Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witt and family a few days.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul general here, was arrested this afternoon charged with conspiracy to violate American neutrality and circumvent orders regarding the shipment of arms and ammunition in to Mexico. A consignment of munitions listed as hardware was seized in Galveston. Burns is being held on a \$10,000 bond.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effectual.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

Tax Assessor Willie Stephens is on his job this week and is rounding up the assessments for the year 1917.

"Uncle" Johnny Ballew and J. T. Elms, of the Mazeland country, were business visitors to Ballinger Wednesday motoring down to the county site to pay taxes and spend a few hours meeting friends, and renewing acquaintances.

J. E. McAden, who recently moved from this neighborhood to Winters, was in Ballinger Wednesday and says they are now comfortably situated in their new home.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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If you don't pay your poll tax you should keep your mouth shut in public matters. You'll have no say coming.

As Germany has decided to fight to the last ounce of blood, the fighters will no doubt conserve the blood supply, and will not be as wasteful in the future as they have been in the past.

Even the Fort Worth Record has come out for the submission of the state wide prohibition amendment. The Record, like some of the other leaders in the wet ranks (perhaps read the handwriting on the wall and foresee a political rebellion if the vote of the majority is not respected in this matter.

The continued talk of world wide and permanent peace does not appear to lessen the demand for warships for Uncle Sam's navy. Secretary Daniels has only asked congress for forty-two more battle ships, and all this after the big navy appropriation made last year. Perhaps Uncle Sam realizes that it is going to be his duty to help keep peace after peace is once restored.

The United States Government Engineer Geo. D. Marshall visited Brown county a couple of months ago and made a survey of the public roads of that county, and has just made his report. The engineer recommends in his report the grading and draining of nine roads out of Brownwood, covering a total distance of 174 miles at a cost of \$499,100. If the commissioners of Runnels county should talk about spending one-half that much on the roads in this county there would be some faints and fall backs. However, that much is needed, and more, and road work here will be patch work until a more extensive plan of building roads is adopted.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

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Frank Hoffman Died Wednesday

Frank Hoffman, one of the pioneer German citizens, who for many years has been living on the Colorado river below Ballinger, died Wednesday morning at five o'clock. Parties came to Ballinger Wednesday morning to arrange for the funeral and the remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Deceased had been in poor health for a long time, being a victim to cancer of the stomach. He often visited Ballinger, but during the past few months he has not been able to come to town and his friends knew that he could not live long.

Mr. Hoffman came to this county many years ago. He had never married and was the only son of his surviving mother. Two or three sisters also survive. The man had many friends in Ballinger and throughout the southern part of the country, who will regret to hear of his death.

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 musky 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.

Bruce Creasy left Tuesday afternoon for Muskogee, Okla., and other points in that state in the interest of the Creasy rotary filer company.

John Reiley and R. E. Hickman, of Bronte and Sam Jones and John Ballew of the Mazeland-Wingate country, J. A. Weathersby and J. B. Carleton of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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.

DOGS AND AUTOS HELP WIN THE WAR

By HENRY WOOD
United Press Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE VOSGES, Dec. 15.—(By Mail Jan. 3.)—With the return of heavy snow in the Vosges, Alaskan dog teams today are vying with the automobile drivers of the American Ambulance and the members of the Norwegian Red Cross Skii Corps for the honor of bringing in the greatest number of wounded.

The Alaskan sled dogs, gathered in the United States' most northwest territory, constitute the latest "war material" being supplied from America to France. Although the allies, through their supreme mastery of the seas, are able to gather war supplies in any and all parts of the world, the Alaskan dogs are conceded the honor of coming from the most distant point, and over the greatest distance, on which the Allies have yet been obliged to draw. The original number of sled dogs brought to the Vosges from Alaska numbered about 500. These have bred and multiplied so rapidly that France now has at her disposal over 1,000 dogs with all of the sleds and material necessary for performing an incredible amount of transport service in the snow clad altitudes of the Vosges.

It is principally in the Vosges that the members of the American Ambulance have been assigned to duty. Their light, speedy cars not only enable them to scale all the peaks on which roads have been built, but even to leave the roads themselves in the direction of the first line trenches for the purpose of picking up the wounded.

In these Alpine regions, however, there are hundreds of places which even the light American cars with their absolutely fearless collegian drivers can not reach, and it is in these districts that the Alaskan dog teams and the Norwegian Red Cross Skii corps come in for the bulk of the work. The Norwegian Skii Corps, fully equipped for field ambulance work, volunteered its service to France, the same as the American Ambulance, and has already done valiant service.

The Alaskan dog service, however, was thought-out and organized by the French army itself, which sent experts to Alaska, Labrador and Canada to purchase the dogs. Owing to the fact that the Alaska dogs are nearly white they are comparatively invisible against the snow and can therefore approach within a comparatively short distance of the German lines for the purpose of picking up the wounded without being fired on. Seven dogs with one of the long Alaskan sleds and a single driver can pick up a wounded man, lay him at length on the sled, and bring him back to the dressing station with remarkable speed.

Ambulance work, however, is only a small portion of the duties assigned the dogs, and they are a considerable portion of the transport service of the French army in the Vosges. They carry munitions, food and water to all parts of the line with the utmost ease. The usefulness of the dogs does not cease with the snow in the spring. The French engineers are famous for their construction of tiny, narrow gauge railways and all the mountain peaks and ridges of the Vosges, now occupied by the French are lined with these

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Place of employment, Ballinger Texas. Place of examination, Ballinger, Texas. Date of examination, January 13, 1917.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on the date and at the place named above an open competitive examination will be held for the positions of clerk and city carrier in the post office at the place first specified.

Clerks in offices of the first and second classes, and carriers in the city delivery service, are divided into five grades, the salaries of which are \$800, \$900, \$1,000, \$1,100 and \$1,200 per annum, respectively. Clerks and carriers at first-class offices will be promoted successively, a grade at a time, to \$1,100 and clerks and carriers at second class offices will be promoted in the same manner to \$1,000.

Promotions of both clerks and carriers will be made at the beginning of the quarter following

the expiration of a year's service in the next lower grade. No promotion will be made except upon evidence satisfactory to the Post Office Department of the efficiency and faithfulness of the employee during the year. Clerks and carriers of the highest grade are eligible for promotion to the higher positions in their respective offices.

Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but not their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. The age limits are waived, however, in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service by reason of disability, resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty. Eligibles resulting from this examination who were under 21 years of age on the date of the examination will not be certified for filling vacancies in the position of assistant postmaster.

Male applicants must measure not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet. No male applicant who passes the examination will be eligible for appointment either as clerk or city carrier who does not weigh at least 125 pounds without overcoat and hat. It will be inadvisable for male applicants whose normal weight is less than 125 pounds to enter the examination. Female applicants are not required to be of any specific height or weight.

The Post Office Department has advised the Commission that no person who has any of the following named physical defects will be appointed to the position of carrier in the Post Office Service: Hunchback; defective hearing, sight, or speech; blindness in one or both eyes; asthma; loss of arm, hand, or leg; crippled arms or legs; flatfoot; hernia; congenital weakness of the abdominal wall, or such weakness caused by wound or operation. The defects will also debar a person from appointment to the position of clerk in the Post Office Service, except that deaf-mutes and persons with defective speech or hearing may be appointed to the positions of mail clerk, distributor, and directory and forwarding clerk, and persons suffering from flatfoot or weakness of the abdominal wall may be appointed to any position of clerk the duties of which they are physically capable of performing. Applications from persons who are not entitled to appointment on account of physical defects will be canceled. Other physical defects may debar persons from appointment when in the judgment of the Commission such defects would render them unfit to perform the duties of the position for which the examination is held.

Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of the examination a photograph of himself, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission card sent him after his application is filed. Tintypes or proofs will be accepted.

Married women will not be admitted to this examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to divorced women.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to fill existing and future vacancies.

For application blank (Form 1371) and "Instructions to Applicants," address the secretary of the board of United States civil service examiners at the post office at the place of employment or the place of examination above, or the district secretary at the address below.

No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the district secretary in time for him to arrange for the examination.

Secretary Tenth Civil Service District. Address room 330 Custom House, New Orleans, La. Issued Dec. 13, 1916.

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Mrs. J. D. Norwood and little daughter returned home Wednesday afternoon from a visit to relatives at Santa Anna.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Miss Edith Miller left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna and

will be the guests of Miss Shields and attend a dance in that city tonight.

Mood Hardin, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a visit to his mother at Huntsville.

Misses Willie Jones and Imogene Wade, of Paint Rock, accompanied by their fathers, came in Tuesday and left in the afternoon for Belton to attend Baylor College.

Eugene Kipp left Tuesday afternoon for Austin, where he will enter the State University.

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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
THE First National Bank
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figure 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

Let Us Print It Now

You can get better service if you place your order for stationery before your present supply is exhausted. Take stock and see what you need and phone our solicitor to call. He will make prices that will be from ten to fifty per cent cheaper than the out-of-town printer. We guarantee the work to please you. Then why send your printing away from home. Telephone 27.

Ballinger Printing Co.

Luther Mangum of Ballinger is expected to arrive in Brownwood this week to enter Howard Payne college during the spring term. Mangum was a student of this college several years ago and at the time played on the fast baseball team of Howard Payne.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Miss Ada West, of Eldorado, who had been visiting Misses McElroy the past few days, returned home Wednesday.

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. B. W. Hall, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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- 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.
- *****

Going to Winters?
BROOKS' AUTO LINE
One Way 75 Cents
4 trips daily—2 big Studebaker's. Steam heat and foot warmer in cold weather
Passengers called for and delivered to any part of the city. Business appreciated
Phones 12 and 135

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, OR FIRST CHRISTIAN, WHICH?

At the co-operative service last night, "a census" was taken of the churches represented in the congregation. These two churches not only proportionately but in actual numbers far outnumbered all other churches. Quite a friendly rivalry exists today, each church striving to have the largest number present at the service tonight. The First Christian pastor said he will bring the largest number with him. The First Presbyterian pastor replied "I'm from Missouri." Of course other churches might possible increase sufficiently to outnumber the Christian and Presbyterian churches, but the laurels tonight will probably go to one of these churches.

GOOD ADVICE

A Ballinger Citizen Gives Information of Priceless Value.

When you suffer from backache
Headaches, dizziness, nervousness,
Feel weak, languid, depressed,
Have annoying urinary disorders;

Do you know what to do? Some Ballinger people do. Read the statement that follows. It's from a Ballinger citizen. Testimony that can be investigated.

Miss W. B. Stamps, 205 N. Sixth St., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were out of order. I suffered from pains in the small of my back and felt dull and languid. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store and they proved very beneficial. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a good medicine and gladly recommend them."

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

DEPUTY STATE INSPECTOR

R. R. Rosa, of Houston, of the State Department of Agriculture, and Deputy Inspector of Orchards and Nurseries, was in Ballinger Tuesday and is inspecting the orchards of this county. His information along the line of fruit tree blight, bug and insect ravages will be of great benefit to our section.

THINKS PERKINS GOOD SHERIFF

Sheriff J. D. Perkins of Runnels county arrived in Brownwood last night, bringing with him a man wanted here in connection with a bootlegging case in Brown county. The party in all probability will be placed on trial at this term of court. After the trial here he is expected to be returned to Runnels county to be tried here on a burglary charge. Mr. Perkins is recognized as one of the best peace officers in this part of the state. He is well known in a number of counties in Central West Texas for his diligence.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Sure, Perkins is recognized as one of the best peace officers. If he had not been so considered the people of Runnels county would have "canned" him last July. There is no loss in keeping a man on the job when he fails to make good. Too many other good men are ready to take the place. The man carried to Brownwood was Roy Phillips, held here charged with robbing the express office. It was boozed that got Phillips in bad here and judging from the charge against him in Brown county it was boozed in that county.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

Harold Saunders, of Sonora, came in Monday to visit home folks and Ballinger friends.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Little*

Miss Winnie Golden, who spent the holidays with home folks, left for Belton Tuesday to resume her school work at Baylor College.

MABEL TALIAFERRO AS AN IRISH LASS

Star Has a Captivating Role in "A Wife by Proxy."

Mabel Taliaferro, one of the most delightful stars of the screen world, will be seen early in the New Year in a new Metro-Columbia produc-



MABEL TALIAFERRO METRO STAR

tion called "A Wife by Proxy," from the pen of John E. Glynn and Charles A. Logue. The production has been directed by John H. Collins and Robert Walker, well known to Metro patrons, is prominent in Miss Taliaferro's support.

Miss Zelma Lewis, of the Crews country, after a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Lewis, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Austin, where she is attending the State University.

Miss Louise Schawe, after a pleasant visit to her parents and Ballinger friends, left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas to resume her music school.

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.

Lonnie Baldwin of Winters and his brother, Judson Baldwin of Clyde, Texas, were greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Notice of Final Account

No. 294

The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

Warren Williams, survivor in community of the Estate of Susan C. Williams, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Susan C. Williams, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are Hereby Commanded, That by publication of this Writ for twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Runnels you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February Term, 1917, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said county in the City of Ballinger, on the fifth day of February, A. D. 1917, when said Account and Application will be considered by said court.

Witness W. C. McCarver, clerk of the County Court of Runnels County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in Ballinger, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) W. C. McCarver,
Clerk C. C. Runnels, County.

A true Copy, I certify:
J. D. Perkins,
Sheriff Runnels county.

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Mrs. Aug. Spill and daughter, Miss Emma, of Winters, were visiting in Ballinger Wednesday.

Arthur Hoffman of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

B. E. Jeanes had business at Miles between trains Wednesday.

W. B. Kelsy and Grover Murphy of the Norton country, and E. W. Stone of Denton county, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Stone is a brother in law of Mr. Kelsy and is visiting in this section with the view of locating permanently.

Mrs. E. L. Jefecoat and daughter Miss Allie left Tuesday afternoon for Mt. Pleasant to visit relatives.

Preston McKinley, of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

E. H. Voelkel of Rowena, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Swelling, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c

HOW APPENDICITIS CAN BE PREVENTED.

Ballinger people should know that a few doses of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc mixed in Adler-ika, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. This simple mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. Adler-ika has easiest and most thorough action of anything we ever sold. The Walker Drug Co.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic, Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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 WOOLEN MILLS
Paul C. Sulak Ballinger, Texas
Phone 97

Start the New Year Right!

The man who looks ahead will live in the sun-flushed valley of the land of no regrets. Regret brings remorse, unhappiness is unnatural. Start the new year right by the power of might—money is power—little savings make large fortunes. Where there's a will there's a way. An account with this bank will be the right start because our officers and directors are interested in your success.



HERE FOR KEEPS.

Will Legg and W. P. King of the Crews country, were in Ballinger Wednesday and Mr. Legg has just sold Mr. King 257 acres of improved land adjoining the town of Crews. Mr. King had just returned from a short stay in New Mexico and said that county did not suit him, so he is in Rannels for good this time.

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 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 within 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 the 9th day of December, A. D. 1916.

J. W. POWELL,
Mayor of the City of Ballinger,
Texas. 9-1mod

SELLS VELIE TO J. K. HUTTON

The Velie auto agency closed a deal Tuesday afternoon and delivered to J. K. Hutton a Velie Six, the latest model. This is the second Velie sold here since this car was placed on the Ballinger market by a local agency, the first car going to J. C. Latham.

Hearthburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

W. O. W. UNVEILING SUNDAY

The W. O. W. lodge will hold unveiling ceremonies for the purpose of unveiling the monument of W. W. Wooten Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. All the members of the local camp are requested to meet at the hall at three o'clock and visiting Woodmen are invited to take part in the ceremonies.

O. P. Dorsey, C. C.

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.

Women Fighting High Cost Living

Fort Worth, Jan. 3.—The executive committee chosen by a mass meeting of housewives several weeks ago will meet today and plan the organization of leagues in each ward of the city to combat the high price of food stuffs.

The following are members of the committee: Meses. Bacon Sauer, H. F. Foree, Charles Schaubert, H. D. Vinnege and R. H. Buck.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

New Light Franchise for Dallas.

Dallas, Jan. 3.—The second reading of the new street railway and lighting franchises to be granted by the city began here this morning at 11 o'clock, before the city commission. Five hours are required to read the franchises. Opponents of the grant will be permitted to speak at the public hearing on the franchise before the city commission this afternoon.

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 stationery needs is the other half of our mission. tfd

Rains and Crop Prospects for 1917

By A. A. Halbert, Coleman, Texas.

It is human nature to unveil the future. Many imposters thrive up on this pretended gift. I have no axe to grind except to serve my class. Neither am I a pessimist or calamity howler. Yet I never shirk the truth, as I see it, to predict things pleasant. Hence this message to my brother farmers to prepare for a very dry year. The rains will be light and scant, especially the growing season and little moisture to begin with and that little will escape rapidly as the season advances. Hence plant early and risk a late frost, rather than wait too long and not get your crops up. There will be sufficient showers to make some cotton and drouth resisting feed stuff if once up and that little moisture conserved.

This prediction is not a whim but based upon a profound study of natural laws and especially those pertaining to the weather. I began this study when a farm boy, in felling giant trees to make rails and rive boards in old Washington county, Texas, and upon the information gained from the heart of those oaks, from tradition handed down by my father and from my own experience after I came old enough to farm and observe for myself. I unhesitatingly say that for over 100 years, that every year that terminated in the digits 6 and 7 have been dry years in Texas. Seven the driest from an accumulated drouth; that is we will have as much rain in 1917 as we had in 1916, but no underground moisture to begin with.

I hope that I may be mistaken or rather that 1917 may be an exception to the rule that has prevailed for over 100 years. I much prefer to risk the punishment awarded false prophets in the Bible than see my prophecy come true. Yet to be fore-warned is to be fore-armed and if the danger does not come we are none the worse off by being prepared.

I expect heavy to excessive rains to begin from the 19th to 21st of July and break the prolonged drouth, possibly it may be delayed until about same date in August. This will still give ample time to make some forage crops and partly recover from the disastrous drouth, if it prevails as I predict. The good crop years will advance rapidly from the lowest ebb of the years ending in 7 until we reach the years ending in 6 as 1920, which are always the best crop years for that decade.

With all due respect to our friend Halbert's prediction, we can not place much confidence in the forecast. However, Mr. Halbert's warning to the farmers to be prepared is good advice. We should be prepared at all times and Mr. Halbert is correct when he says to be "fore-warned is to be fore-armed."

Mr. Halbert says that for over 100 years, that every year that terminated in the digits 6 and 7 have been dry years in Texas. That may be true when Texas is referred to as a whole, and we can not deny that claim because we haven't the figures for over 100 years, but we do know that Mr. Halbert is mistaken as far as his statement applies to Rannels county. The rain record shows that more rain fell in Rannels county in 1906 than for any one year in the last twenty-two years, and may be for any one year in the last hundred years. The average rain fall in Rannels county for the last twenty-two years is 23.99. For the year 1906 the rain fall amounted to 37.82.

And then, how about the Indian sign? If every fog that has formed over this country during the last few weeks represents a rain for the future months of the year, the country will certainly be flooded several times before the farmers can make a crop.

Worry less and work more would be our advise to the farmers, many of whom are now putting in more time worrying about when and how much it is going to rain, than they are in getting ready for the rain when it does come. You can't make it rain, but you can be ready to get the full benefit of it when it comes.

Farmers Make Resolutions For Increase Prosperity

There was perhaps never a time before when the farmers of Rannels county had their land in better shape for the coming crop than at this particular time. There are few fields where the land has not been plowed, but in most fields, and especially where the farmer owns his land, the land has been well plowed and is ready for rain.

Intensive farming has increased prosperity in this county. Diversified farming has added to bank accounts until today there are more farmers with bank accounts than were ever known before, hence the bank deposits are the greatest in the history of the county.

What has been accomplished in this county has caused other counties to wake up, and diversified farming is taking the place of the one crop plan which brings bankruptcy and breeds discontent among the people who must look to the soil for everything they gain of this world's goods.

The farmer who makes the following resolutions for his New Year plans and lives up to them will not be howling about the high cost of living, or hard times when the 1917 crop has been harvested and the dollars counted:

RESOLVED, that I will conserve the fertility of my soil by stopping the land from washing through terracing and other methods of proper drainage; by planting winter corn crops in land subject to washing; by rotating crops; by plowing under at least as much vegetation or barnyard manure as will replace plant food taken out of the soil by crops.

That I will prepare my soil by deep, early fall breakage in order to give opportunity for rain and freeze to provide suitable seed beds.

That I will plant the best seed obtainable.

That I will produce my own requirements of vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat, etc., and in fact, will produce as much of all the necessities of living as it is practically possible for me to do.

That I will endeavor, through the cow, hen and hog, to provide a regular weekly or monthly in-

come sufficient to meet current expenses of living, so that in the event of necessity I will not be compelled to sacrifice my year's harvest on an unfavorable market.

That the livestock which I keep will be the best stock I can secure registered stock if possible.

That I will take an annual inventory of everything of value on the farm, so as to know the value of my investment.

That I will keep a system of farm accounts, showing me which of my farming operations were most profitable.

That I will strive to increase my knowledge of my business.

That I will regard my business more as a business and less as a gamble; not depending on any one crop.

That I will belong to the community club in my neighborhood, and work for the business, social and civic improvement of my community.

Moving To New Location.

I am moving my saddle and harness and shoe repair shop to Eighth street next to Ballinger Light and Power Co., and I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage.

H. L. WENDORF.
The Busy Shop.

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Ragsdale Pace, who had been visiting at San Angelo was the guest of his cousin Will Dundlap and family a day or two this week and left Tuesday afternoon to enter the State University at Austin.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take as directed. Buy at your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Sweet, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Miss Eva Lee Guthrie left Tuesday afternoon for Lampasas, where she will enter school the balance of this school year.

CO-OPERATIVE MEET GROWN IN INTEREST

The union service being held by the various churches of the city is attracting interest as the week passes. The Tuesday night's service brought out a larger attendance than the first night, and the program carried out was a good one.

Rev. Bost was substituted for Rev. Bedicheek, who is out of the city. It was Rev. Bost's duty to discuss "Relation or Duty of Church Members to the Unconverted." Rev. Bost handled his subject in such a way as to cause considerable comment the next day. He did not mince words in condemning worldliness in the church, and when the other ministers present failed to say "amen" to his remarks, Rev. Bost said "Amen" himself, and turning to the other preachers said that he knew they would like to say what he was saying but were afraid they would lose their jobs. Rev. Bost's remarks were well received, and no doubt many things he said were endorsed by the christian people present.

Judge R. S. Griggs spoke on the "Relation or Duties of Church members to each other." Rev. J. W. Atwood was the leader for the Tuesday night's service. The song service consisted of old familiar songs, and was an enjoyable feature of the evening's service.

The services begin tonight promptly at seven-thirty and the following program has been announced:

Wednesday Night; Leader, Rev. T. C. Jester.

Subject, "The Secret Life;" (1) "Secret Sins," Scott H. Mack; (2) "The Nurture of the Secret Life," Rev. J. W. Atwood.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Dr. Buckner 84 Years Old Today.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 3.—Dr. R. C. Buckner, known to thousands of Baptists all over the south as "Father Buckner," founder of the Buckner Orphans' Home, of Dallas, is 84-years old today.

He is enjoying excellent health, and still retains the active management of the home, which has 500 inmates. He will spend the day receiving hundreds of friends who call annually on his birthday anniversary, to express congratulations.

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-D-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po-D-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all druggists, 50c.

Important To Poultry Growers.

The poultry packing plant will soon close for this season and the market will likely be lower. So we advise all that have turkeys to sell to bring them in at once while the price is good. We pay the highest market price in cash for all country produce. tdtw JEANES PRODUCE CO.

Found a Sure Thing

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

Peter Lehnert, one of the Ledger's friends of the Rowena country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

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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.

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CORN FOR SALE—Car shelled corn just received and is now on track. \$1.20 per bushel, or \$1.17 where purchaser furnishes the sacks. Greer & Taylor, phones 219 and 3302. 3-2td1tw

FOR SALE—My orchard and irrigated garden in South Ballinger. Also nine acres sandy land well located. See me for price and terms. E. M. Eubank. 2-2td2w

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

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.

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

LOST.
LOST—One light colored full leather hand bag, containing ladies wearing apparel, including a pair of shoes. Lost between Talpa and San Angelo. Return to Ledger office and get reward. 1-3td1tw

TRESPASS NOTICES
POSTED—My place located 16 miles south of the river, known as the Blocker ranch, is posted. I will prosecute anyone hauling wood, hunting, camping and fishing. G. B. NIXON. 3mo-d&wpd

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 (Rannels County.)
C. A. DOOSE

Miss Margie McRae, who had been visiting her uncle R. A. Williamson and family during the holidays, left Wednesday to assume her school duties at the Daniel Baker college at Brownwood.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Queen Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM
Billie Burke in 2 episodes "GLORIES ROMANCE."
Joker Comedy "Beans and Bullets" featured by Charles Conklin, Lillian Peacock, Milburn Moranti, Jack Francis, Wm. Franey and Gale Henry.
The Eel' an Imp 2 reel drama. A crook play that thrills and thrills. One of the best surprises in months

7000 feet of extra good pictures 10 cents.

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Get Your Bread at the Store---

Our bread wagon has been discontinued until the hot weater.

Those holding bread tickets can bring them to store for bread or they will be redeemed in cash.

L. B. STUBBS