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126 Dead, 148 Seriously Ill from Poison Booze--Arrests are Made

Carranza Still Holds the Road to United States

By RALPH H. TURNER, United Press Staff Correspondent. LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Trade figures and present business conditions according to Americans in Laredo, argue that in at least one district of Mexico Carranza is in control.

They refer to the territory along the Mexican National Railway line which operates between Laredo and Mexico City. Shipments going south from here do not meet the slightest difficulty, the merchants here declare. Bandits and disorders, they say, are practically non-existent along the line to the Mexican capital.

The customs collector here substantiates the impression, gained by an investigator, that American trade with Mexico through this district is in a prosperous condition.

The United States is buying from Mexico today products that range from gold and silver bullion to pecans and parrots. To satisfy the demands of American bird fanciers 1,804 parrots, ready for instruction in any vernacular, were shipped thru this port in the three months ending September 30. Hides, fibre, cattle and rugs are other imports American merchants are buying today in large quantities.

Someone back in the "States"

started a series of "art" exhibits a few months ago, with Mexican pottery as the chief object of art. The result, today is that Mexican pottery is on the boom. There was a basket shortage in the United States. An appeal to Mexico followed. Now two or three cars of baskets pass thru here weekly, bound for the American consumer.

Chief among the American exports to the country "on the other side" are hardware, agricultural machinery and lumber. The Mexican government, to promote modern culture of the soil has placed several orders for tractors. These orders have gone to American manufacturers.

Figures may be boring, but they speak forcefully of American trade with Mexico. In the fiscal year which ended last June merchandise with a value of \$22,853,393 was shipped thru here across the Rio Grande. The amount represents 71 per cent of the total exports handled thru the 23rd customs district, which comprises Laredo, Eagle Pass, Brownsville, Del Rio and a few minor points.

In July and August, this year the exports thru Laredo totaled \$3,399,373, an increase of 8.8 per cent over the corresponding months of 1918.

But while these shipments are going into Mexico, unhindered, it is pointed out that Laredo's growth in Mexican commerce is partly due to the unsettled conditions in Chihuahua. Goods which normally would have been sent south from El Paso are now directed thru this point.

And while American merchants are shipping a volume of goods to Mexico, they are demanding, as a rule, cash payments. In the old days credits were extended. "C. O. D." is one mark left by the turmoil of revolution.

Another difficulty encountered today is that of rolling stock. American and Mexican cars do not cross the border with the freedom of the past. American cars are not allowed to move into Mexico unless a bond is given by the shipper. The bond is required whether the cars are merely crossing the Rio Grande for transfer of a load, or whether they are intended for passage into the interior of Mexico. The Mexican national lines, because of their

BAND CONCERT TOMORROW 3 P. M.

Favorable weather is promised for the municipal band concert which is staged for three o'clock Sunday afternoon. With bright sunshine making outdoors cheery, the band will assemble in the court house park for a concert.

The program is a good one, and the music lovers will be given a treat. If the weather should be unfavorable for an open air concert the band will play in the Queen Theatre and the doors will be open for all to enter and enjoy the music.

This is the first concert under the new band organization, and quite a number of new members will participate.

A. J. Tyree was in the city Saturday and winds up the old year by laying in a supply of reading matter, including The Ledger.

TAX MONEY IS COMING SLOWLY

The year will close with more than \$125,000.00 unpaid taxes on the rolls, according to Tax Collector Chastain. The people have plenty of money this year, and will pay before the delinquent line is reached but they have been too busy to pay taxes.

The collector's cash book shows that he collected \$28,056.45 during the month of December, and \$45,000 since the 1919 rolls opened.

Poll tax payments are coming just as slow as the big collection, less than 200 out of more than 2100 assessed having been paid up to date.

School money is also coming in slow, according to Mrs. L. D. Fitch, deputy collector, and the schools are being operated on a credit basis. It is expected that January will be a big month for the tax collectors and the delinquent list will be cut lower than usual.

shortage of equipment, do not permit their cars to go north on American roads.

SOLDIERS ENTITLED TO A FREE VOTE

Soldiers who were discharged after January first of this year will be entitled to vote without payment of poll tax. Their discharge papers will take the place of poll tax receipts when offering to vote.

Women cannot vote without a poll tax receipt. Women will be allowed to vote only in the primary election, and they must be armed with a poll tax receipt if they enjoy this privilege.

The constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote in all elections, or in National elections, will probably become a law before next tax paying time, but in all events, a poll tax receipt is necessary.

Soldiers who were discharged before January 1, 1919, must pay their 1919 poll tax if they vote in 1920 elections.

POLITICAL POT SIMMERS A LITTLE

While there has been no one to throw their hat in the ring for county office, several of the county officers have expressed themselves, and it appears at this time that there will be a free-for-all with most of the old county officers out of the way.

When a Ledger reporter threw out a feeler Saturday morning and started some of the officers to talking, the impression was left on the reporter's note book that there would be vacancies in the judge's, the sheriff's and the tax collector's offices, and possibly one or two other offices.

"Unless I change my mind I will not be a candidate for reelection," said Judge Parish.

"I am in the same fix," said Sheriff Perkins, "and will not be a candidate for reelection unless I change my mind."

"I promised the people when I made my first race," said Tax Collector Chastain, "that I would only ask for the office for two terms, and I never promised a man anything that I did not live up to, and I will not be a candidate for tax collector." Mr. Chastain stated that he might make the race for treasurer unless he struck something that suited him better in private life.

It is reported that W. L. Brown, county treasurer, and who has been assisting Mr. Chastain in the tax collector's office, will be a candidate for tax collector.

County Clerk McCarver was not present and our feeler failed to reach him but it is rumored that he will be a candidate for county judge.

Superintendent Bugg has only been on the job one term and it is expected that he will ask for reelection.

District Clerk Coekrell says he "has never quit running," and expects to be re-elected without opposition.

"Under no circumstances will I be a candidate for county attorney," said County Attorney Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd stated that he was not a candidate two years ago, and if he was re-elected it would be by his friends, and that he would make no race for the office. There is nothing in the county attorney's office, and lots of free advice.

The tax assessor's office will no doubt be open, as Assessor Boyd has made no statement, and this job will perhaps have more seekers than any other.

While those in office have expressed themselves and in so doing have left the field almost free, candidates are few and far between. However, the retiring of most of the old officers will no doubt stimulate politics and the race will be a free-for-all.

Give Her



Johnson's
Norris' or
Elmer's
Chocolates.



Weeks Drug Store

Phones 12 and 13

Gifts Worth While---

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Toddler Toys Rockers
Tea Carts Rugs
Children's Furniture

Cedar Chests Hoosier Cabinets
Natural and Ivory Natural and White

Pathe Machines and Records

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The Store of Ideal Gifts

The Pathe plays all makes of Record

Nunnally's or Mary Garden

Are Top Notch Candies.

We have them in fancy Christmas boxes. Girls lead 'em by our show window—Sale. Two souls made happy.



J. Y. Pearce
Drug Co.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT

The highest grade apples and oranges now ready for the Christmas trade.

H. & H. MERCANTILE CO.

66—Phones—67

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—At least one hundred and twenty-six are dead, and one hundred and forty-eight are blind or seriously ill as the toll of wood alcohol poisoning since prohibition went into effect in the United States, according to reliable statistics gathered in various cities.

The total death list attributed to bootlegger booze is swelled by fifty-seven deaths during the last two days, including Christmas Day and Christmas Eve, that many deaths having occurred in four New England cities by poisoned whiskey.

The casualties by cities as shown by the statistics gathered by authorities who are investigating bootlegging places the figures as follows:

New York; 52 dead, 100 blind and ill.

Chicopee, Mass.; 35 dead, 7 ill.

Hartford, Conn.; 13 dead, 8 ill.

Holyoke, Mass.; 6 dead, 7 ill.

Chicago; 4 dead, 6 ill.

Newark, N. J.; 5 dead.

Springfield, Mass.; 3 dead, 5 ill.

Cleveland, Ohio; 3 dead, 15 ill.

Syracuse, N. Y.; 2 dead.

Richmond, Va.; 1 dead.

The deaths are said to be due to poisoned concoctions sold for booze during the Christmas holidays by bootleggers. Several arrests have been made and others are expected, the parties arrested being charged with manslaughter.

Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Thos. S. Barends, the Presiding Elder of the Brownwood District.

Community service at the First Christian church and the First Baptist church at the evening hour.

Let all the people attend church and Sunday school tomorrow.

J. B. CURRY,

Pastor.

Eastern Star Meeting

Call meeting of Chapter Monday evening 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of initiation.

The District Deputy Grand Matron will make her official visit.

Members are requested to be present and visitors are cordially invited.

Mrs. Virginia Douglass, W. M.

Wm. S. Gloyer, Secy.

Send the school children to Ballinger Printing Co. for theme paper.



Better Washwear Appeals to Mothers.

Just pick up Tom Sawyer Washwear at your dealer's. You'll notice the cloth is stronger and more durable. Patterns are new—the kind real boys like. The colorings are rich and even and fast. The finer points of tailoring, too, will delight you. Hems are deep, edges are finished. Every garment fits, yet is roomy—with reinforcements where strains come. Yokes are double. Waistbands are strong; buttonholes don't tear out. Collars "set" right, sleeves hang properly with cuffs that fit the wrist. The good looking buttons are extra strong and sewn on to stay.

HIGGINBOTHAM BROTHERS & CO

Tom SAWYER WASHWEAR for Real Boys

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GIANT TREE CIVIC CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The Christmas season here was marked with a curious mixture of riotous spending and strictest economy. Merchants said people bought luxuries of the most expensive sort. Furs, silks, jewelry and other luxurious gifts went at a far better rate than the less expensive articles.

With a continuation of the ship yard troubles, however, thousands of workmen were forced to cut down on the purchase of toys they wished to buy the kiddies.

The city's celebration revolved about a giant Christmas tree in the civic center.

Should Be Quarantined

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you will find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

Now it is said that the public will absorb the miner's increased pay at the rate of 30 cents a ton. Who ever thought that anybody but the public would absorb it? And who doubts that this will be the last time for many a year that anything like that will be put over the government!

Whooping in the lungs indicates that pleura is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Sanger Bros. of Dallas distributed only \$125,000 in Christmas bonuses to their employees. This is the same firm that not long ago gave \$25,000 to the Y. W. C. A. as a business investment. Sanger's is a right smart change of a store, as they would say in Arkansas.

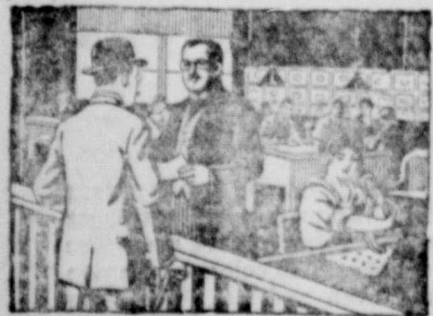
Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Although we have succeeded in plugging up the alcoholic sewers and cutting off the supply from a drunkard's grave, it will be just like devil's posterity to open up 47 new avenues in hell we never dreamed existed. The serious of reform are numerous and continuous.

An Oregon hen has been insured for \$5,000. And we will bet the company will have to pay too. An insurance company that insures a hen for \$5,000 will soon part with its money.

The United States attorney general promises an early reduction in food prices. We endorse that program, and though we do not appear impatient, we would like to hear of a sweeping reduction in pants.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.



Printing Brings Clients

Not every business has a show window. If you want to win more clients, use more printing and use the kind of printing that faithfully represents your business policy. You save money and make money for your patrons. Do the same for yourself by using an economical high grade paper—Hammermill Bond—and good printing, both of which we can give you. If you want printing service and economy—give us a trial.

GLAD TO TESTIFY

Says Watoga Lady, "As To What Cardui Has Done For Me, So As To Help Others."

Watoga, W. Va.—Mrs. S. W. Gladwell, of this town, says: "When about 15 years of age, I suffered greatly... Sometimes would go a month or two, and I had terrible headache, backache, and bearing-down pains, and would just drag and had no appetite. Then... it would last... two weeks, and was so weakening, and my health was awful.

My mother bought me a bottle of Cardui, and I began to improve after taking the first bottle, so kept it up till I took three... I gained, and was well and strong, and I owe it all to Cardui.

I am married now and have 3 children... Have never had to have a doctor for female trouble, and just resort to Cardui if I need a tonic. I am glad to testify to what it has done for me, so as to help others."

If you are nervous or weak, have headaches, backaches, or any of the other ailments so common to women, why not give Cardui a trial? Recommended by many physicians. In use over 40 years. Begin taking Cardui today. It may be the very medicine you need.

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MAKING THE NATION PLUMB BONE DRY

The following story came out of Peoria, Ill., on Christmas Eve:

"Peoria's 'gin special,' valued at \$7,543,800 started eastward at midnight heavily guarded by armed men headed for the seaboard in a race against time. The special conveys twenty-seven cars of the liquor and will shatter all previous records established by whisky specials between this city and New York. Bonds on the liquor expire on Jan. 4, and it must be outside of the three-mile zone prior to that time. The shipment is bound for Havana, Cuba, via New York. The shipment is made up of twenty-seven cars, each valued at over \$250,000.

"It is expected that the train will reach Gotham early Friday morning. A good-sized crowd gathered about the distillery warehouse to witness, and pay a fond farewell to the large quantity of Peoria's 3,000,000 gallons of liquor in storage here."

And the following story came out of Fort Worth on Christmas Day:

"Plans for meeting every possible issue and emergency that

may arise out of the enforcement of the national prohibition law in Texas are being formulated, according to Clifford G. Beckham, federal prohibition director for the state. He said recommendations had been forwarded to Washington for the appointment of a woman as one of the five inspectors allotted to Texas.

"Answering a question as to whether he would be 'hard boiled' in enforcing the dry laws, Mr. Beckham said:

"If 'hard boiled' means enforcing the law and upholding the duties of my office, then I guess I am going to be hard boiled. It will not be a matter of discretion or sympathy with me. We plan investigation of every reported violation of the law and I will force quick prosecution and severe penalties. No discrimination will be made and we plan to go after the 'big ones' with the same relentlessness as the small ones."

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.



WILL CHECK CRIME WAVE IN BELL CO.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 27.—Vigorous steps to combat a crime wave that has been sweeping over Bell county in the last few weeks have been taken by the officers of the law. In the past seven days 63 criminal complaints have been filed in the county and district courts involving 46 persons. Gambling, burglary, felony, forgery, petty theft, false swearing, and receiving stolen property are the chief charges. Much loot has been recovered, ranging from a live colt to house paint, smoking tobacco and oats.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Sold by John A. Weeks.

E. D. Fitch left for Ardmore, Okla., Friday afternoon, where he will be for the remainder of the cotton buying season.

Feb McWilliams returned to Coleman Friday afternoon, after spending Christmas with home folks.

Judge T. J. Gore of Chicago, is visiting his niece, Mrs. Frank Penree, during the holidays.

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are the bathrooms installed by us. We have every plumbing convenience and necessary that goes to make life more livable. We shall be pleased to submit an estimate for materials and work. You will be agreeably surprised to learn how little it will cost to transform your bathroom.

D. J. BREWER
The Plumber Phone 53

THEY ALL COME FROM THE FARM

The milk and cream, and butter, and eggs which form a part of our daily food. Our creamery handles only the best of these farm products, and if you will leave your order with us, you need never give another thought as to the freshness of what we send you.

JACKSON DAIRY

IT PAYS TO READ ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements are news.
Good news—timely news—helpful news.
News of the great world of business.
News of the best places to buy.
Heralds of the world's improvements—builders of homes.
News of the latest styles.
News of comforts unknown when father was a boy.
News that is handy to your eye.
News that you can't afford to hurry by.
News that will save you money.
Don't miss the advertisements.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made, under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Just Received New Shipment

American Beauty Flour
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It Cost More, But Worth It.

L. B. Stubbs
Phones 93 and 94

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Imitation "Ford" parts are being sold by many mail-order houses and garages to unsuspecting Ford owners as "Ford" parts. But they are not Genuine Ford parts, made by the Ford Motor Company. They are made by concerns who have no connection whatsoever with the Ford Motor Company. These imitation parts are not even made from the same grade of steel, or under the same formulas used by the Ford Company. They are counterfeit parts. Tests have shown them to break when the genuine Ford parts didn't even bend and they generally are from thirty-five to one hundred per cent lower in quality.

The Authorized Ford Dealer is your protection. As such, we handle nothing but the Genuine Ford parts. They are made from the famous Ford Vanadium Steel and deach part—according to its use—is heat-treated in the way that will give it the longest wearing qualities.

Harwell Motor Company

Make your Home Attractive by its Lights
It Won't Cost much and helps the looks of any home.

Now that the school year is open and your children are studying at night, don't let them ruin their eyes studying by a poor light. A MADZA lamp gives you more and is smoother and restful to the eyes.

Ballinger Electric Light, Power & Ice Company

Does it Catch You in the Back?



It may be that you are mysteriously attacked by pain in back (lumbago), or limbs, "neuritic" pains—shooting anywhere. Backache of any kind is often caused by kidney disorder, which means that the kidneys are not working properly. Poisons matter and uric acid accumulate within the body in great abundance, over-working the sick kidneys. Perhaps you have become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish, irritable, have spots appearing before the eyes, bags under the lids, and lack ambition to do things. The latest and most effective means of overcoming such trouble, is to drink plenty of water between meals, and take a single Anurie (uric) Tablet before each meal for a while, or until recovered.

Simply ask your favorite druggist for Doctor Pierce's Anurie Tablets (double strength).

Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package.

YORKIN, TEXAS.—"After using different kinds of medicines for kidney and bladder troubles, I will say that I have given Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets a fair trial and was greatly benefited, and do hereby cheerfully recommend Anurie to all persons suffering from kidney and bladder troubles."

Route 4, Box 138.

In discussing strikes the Hon. Thomas Riley Marshall shows his feet keep close enough to his mouth to drop in occasionally.

The United States post office department ought to change the name of Milwaukee to Bolshevville.

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

Undertaking Goods
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The Best Companies
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Your business solicited.
Upstairs in old Fidelity
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in
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N. PASSUR
Watch Me Grow

Second Hand Goods.

Bought and Sold
Guns Cleaned, Oiled
and Repaired.
Bicycle Repairing a
Specialty.

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SMITH'S
SECOND HAND STORE

NEGROES PLAN OWN POLITICAL PARTY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—New York state will soon have a new state political organization, composed entirely of negroes. Whether the organization will oppose or join with either of the old line parties has not yet been determined. The purpose of the organization is primarily to protect and advance the interests of the colored man in the state.

According to J. W. Thompson, of this city, who is heading the movement, there will be 300,000 negro voters in the organization, and an unofficial convention will be called next May.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated, give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect.

Brighton, Eng.—The first real "flying machine" was pulled off when the "House of Peril" company flew by seaplane from the Eastbourne pier theatre over sea to the pier theatre here.

W. H. Dees returned to his home at Sulphur, La., Friday afternoon, after a visit to C. B. Armstrong and family. Mr. Armstrong accompanied Mr. Dees as far as Houston, as he was sick.

Splendid Cough Medicine

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lung, a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

Used 40 Years

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

P. G. Tucker and family left Friday afternoon for Abilene, where they will make their home, having purchased a home in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker recently retired from the hotel business in Ballinger.

If our friends had reported to us the arrival and departure of relatives and friends during the holidays, there would have been more personal items in this paper. The irregularity of the trains makes it impossible for our local reporter to meet all trains. Phone 27 when you have some one visiting in your home.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and 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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

J. M. Pyburn and Miss Bertha Van Pelt are at home from New York, where they went to buy goods for the new store which they will open in Ballinger about February first.

In view of recent events, it is safe to say that Cuba will never ask to be annexed to the United States. She is going to be an island overflowing not with milk and honey, but with flicker and money.

The Boston teachers are to get a raise of \$384 each. The day of jubilee is coming, little schoolmarms. The American conscience isn't dead; it's merely chloroformed.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstruction, and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

It is said Baltimore still holds about 5,000,000 gallons of bonded booze. And we suspect Baltimore would hit anybody who tried to take it outside the city limits.

Now they say General Pershing is a candidate for the republican nomination for president. Doesn't anybody but Bryan want our nomination, for goodness sake?

Walt Allen is at home from Ft. Worth, and is carrying his hand in a sling as the result of an accident while roping cattle at Spur recently. He had the misfortune to break his hand.

If you only knew

what pleasure can be derived from a new pair of Glasses, accurately fitted. For Mother, Father, Aunt, Uncle, Sister, Brother, Grandmother, Grandfather or Friend; you would buy them a pair for Christmas.

Call and let us explain how you can do this in a manner that will be a perfect surprise.

Dr. McGuire, Optical Specialist, F. & M. Bank Bldg. will be in the office every day except Tuesday at Winters during the Holidays. Phone for engagements. Residence phone 446, Office phone 40.

Our Wish

'Tis Christmastide and nearing a new year. So we wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Prosperous New Year, and may you gather Force and your Light east its beams further along your chosen pathway before another year shall have come to pass.

Yours for Better Eyesight.

DR. MCGUIRE

Optometrist
F. & M. Bank Building, Ballinger, Texas.



Different Colors of Paper

Many business men have a system of using different colors of paper for different printed forms, thus distinguishing each form by its color.

We can work this system out for you, using

HAMMERMILL BOND

the Utility Business Paper, and you will find that it saves you time and money. Let us show you the advantage of standardizing your paper and your printing

We can PRINT Checks that can't be "Raised" on HAMMERMILL SAFETY

HAMMERMILL COVER
PRINTED Booklets and Circulars will Sell Your Goods Come to Us

HAMMERMILL BOND and Our Good PRINTING Will Save You Money

E. Roper, of the Norton country, was here Saturday looking after business.

Baptist Church
Just one more Sunday in this year for you to go to Sunday school if you have not attended much this year.

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. on "Some Thoughts for the Year's Last Sabbath."

At 7:15 p. m., Rev. R. T. Phillips will preach at the Baptist church.

ALVIN SWINDELL

Miss Lillie Clayton and brother Roper went to Talpa for a visit Friday afternoon.

Ed Gentry is down from Abilene to look after his farming interests in the Marie country.

J. N. Wells and wife, of the Wingate country, were here Saturday.



WE DESIRE TO THANK OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FOR ALL BUSINESS ENTRUSTED TO US, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO RENDER A MOST SATISFACTORY STATEMENT.

"Make Our Bank Your Bank"

THE First National Bank
ESTAB. 1886 OF BALLINGER, TEXAS ESTAB. 1886

THE BANK OF DEPENDABLE SERVICE

BOY GOES TO JAIL TO EARN LIVING

MANDAN, N. D., Dec. 27.—The North Dakota Training School here is perhaps the only reformatory in the country with a voluntary inmate—a sixteen year old boy committed by his own request.

A chance to earn an honest living—to specialize in a trade—was what this orphaned boy of Cass county wanted. His only opportunity seemed to be the industrial school of the state reformatory, and he sought admission thru the juvenile commissioner. His plea was granted and he was enrolled, the term to expire at any time he wishes.

"People must learn to think together," says a Harvard philosopher. Oh, it might be better, but we believe they prefer to strike or to wrangle.

London.—Engaged for 24 years, William Wright, farmer, of Earlwood, changed his mind about marrying Florence Annie Hunt, local postmistress. It cost him \$1,750 for breach of promise.

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7 p. m., Community service at which Rev. Curry, pastor of the M. E. church will deliver the address.

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Notice
The first quarterly conference for the present conference year will meet this evening at 8:30 in the office of Doss & Baugh. Rev. T. S. Bares, our Presiding Elder, will be present. Let all the officials be present.

J. B. CURRY,
Pastor.

London.—A pair of Oliver Cromwell's gloves was sold at Sotheby's auctions for \$275.

SAYS GOPHERS EAT GRASSHOPPERS.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 27.—That the fight for extermination of gophers has been a mistake, was the contention of one North Dakota legislator who vainly tried to put through a law forbidding poisoning of gophers, which he said, helped destroy the grasshoppers that were a menace last year in some parts of the state and are expected to be a greater evil next year.

Deep seated coughs that resist or dinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by John A. Weeks.

QUEEN PRESENTS NORMA TALMADGE ON MONDAY

Monday of next week promises a rare treat for the patrons of the Queen Theatre in a motion picture way. On that night, Miss Norma Talmadge will be offered in a character role of exceeding magnitude, in which Miss Talmadge takes the principal part in "The Forbidden City," an Oriental story of the Mikado's court.

In this feature Miss Talmadge is seen in her first character role in several months, that of a Chinese girl in the first part of the picture, and as a Chinese-American girl in the latter part. It is a dual role and one which is very difficult to portray. The story is by George Scarborough, author of several Miss Talmadge's big successes.

One of the most picturesque and spectacular scenes in the picture is the Hall of Flashing Spears, a secret chamber in the Chinese Emperor's palace where young girls who refuse the emperor's love are killed. The scenes are all laid in the Orient. The first part of the story takes place in Peking, while the closing scenes are laid in Manila.

Among the dramatic personae with Miss Talmadge are: Michael Rayle, A. E. Warren, Thomas Meighan, L. Rogers Lytton, Reid Hamilton and others of equal fame. The scenario is by Mary Murillo, and the direction is by Sidney A. Franklin.

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DECEMBER WEDDINGS BREAK THE RECORD

County Clerk McCarver issued forty-nine permits to wed during the month of December. This is perhaps a record breaker for this county for any one month, as recent records fail to show a greater number of weddings for any one month.

The idea that two can live as cheap as one seems to have overcome the high cost of living complaint, and it was a busy month for cupid.

The big rush for the month came on Christmas Eve and the day before when the clerk issued ten marriage licenses, as follows:

- W. N. Sellers and Miss Martha Audrea.
- A. C. Tipton and Miss Eva Jones.
- J. N. Lawrence and Miss Vonie Mae Lynn.
- B. E. Cartwright and Miss Ha Street.
- Ray Powers and Miss Clyda Smith.
- Jasper H. Drake and Miss Edith Taff.
- Walter Clay Rayburn and Miss Marguerite Laura Mapes.
- Yates Boatwright and Miss Beatrice Holland.
- Clay C. Bedell and Miss Stella Richardson.
- Houston Williams and Miss Bertha Frederick.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—Second hand lumber and galvanized sheet iron. Must be in good condition and a bargain. C. W. Evans. 27-2d.*

FOR SALE—3 room dwelling, boxed, weatherboarded and ceiled, lot reserved. Want to move it off by Jan. 10th. Price \$150.00. E. Shepperd. 27-2d

WANTED—To rent on the halves a farm of about 200 acres. W. J. MILLAM, Ballinger, Texas. 27-4d-1tw.*

LOST—Somewhere on streets of Ballinger, old overcoat and coat. Finder leave at Ledger office or Texas Oil Co. 27-1d.*

FOUND—On Ballinger-Paint Rock road some distance from the Colorado bridge, a ladies' blue coat. Owner call at Ledger office and pay for ad to receive the coat. 27-3d

BARGAIN—10 Minorea hens, pure bred from finest pens in America. \$25.00 if sold before Jan. 1st. R. E. TRULY, Ledger office. 27-2d.*

FOR SALE—New Ford with starter, and second hand Ford in good condition. C. M. Gibson, Benoit. 26-5d-2w.*

FOR SALE—Hogs from one pound to whole hog, dressed or on foot. N. J. Wardlaw. 26-6d

FOR SALE—Bundle cane and maize and feterita. Close to Ballinger, see or telephone me at 4012 Rural, J. P. Clifton. 23-5d-1tw.*

FOR SALE—Brand new Ford. See A. O. Bartlett, Santa Fe station. 24 1d

325 acres 6 miles North of Winter for sale at \$29 per acre if sold now. 90 acres in cultivation. All mineral rights go with land. See Chas. S. Miller. 23 7d

FOR SALE—Sewing machine in good condition at a bargain. Phone 27. 18-4-1f**

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WANTED—Man to cut and haul wood. Work close to town and good pay. Apply at Ledger office. 11-4d

FOR SALE—Schultz piano, practically new, cheap if sold at once, will trade. Phone 18, Ballinger, Texas. 26-2d-1v

FOR SALE—One 1917 D-45 six cylinder Buick; one 1918 90 Four cylinder Overland. These cars are in A-1 shape and right prices. Also one new one-ton Oldsmobile truck, the best light truck on the market. See M. P. Ward, at Central Hotel. 26-1fd

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OZONA RANCHMAN SHOT TO DEATH

OZONA, Tex., Dec. 26.—One of the most sensational killings in recent years in the Pecos river country occurred Wednesday morning just over the Val Verde-Crockett county line in Val Verde county when Jack Kirkpatrick, prominent Ozona ranchman, was shot to death. Three brothers—Buster, Boy (or Boyd) and John Babb, were taken into custody and escorted to Del Rio. A Mexican in the employ of Kirkpatrick also was held, probably as a witness.

The first news of the shooting reached Ozona Wednesday shortly after the noon hour. Walter Babb telephoning to Sheriff Chas. Williams of Crockett county that his brother, Boy Babb, had killed Kirkpatrick. A party composed of John Bailey, Roger Dudley, T. A. Kincaid, Ben Ingham and Deputy Sheriff Eugene McSparraan, all of Ozona, left immediately for the scene of the killing, about forty or fifty miles away.

Arriving there about 3:30 p. m., they found Kirkpatrick's dead body on the ranch of Mrs. R. L. Caruthers of San Angelo, located about a mile and a half inside the Val Verde county line. Kirkpatrick lay on his back with three bullet wounds in his body. Any of them, in the belief of physicians, would have caused death. One bullet penetrated the neck and came out the lower part of the left jaw; another plowed thru the body from side to side, and a third went directly into the abdomen. All were fired from a rifle.

The dead man lay on his back with his right hand stretched above his head. The hand clutched a Colt's revolver, containing empty shells that gave evidence of having been fired only a short time previously.

The supposition would be that Kirkpatrick fought until his ammunition was exhausted.

Deputy Sheriff Dan Murrat, of Val Verde county hurried from

Del Rio to the Carruthers' ranch Wednesday and took the three Babb brothers and the Mexican into custody. Boy (or Boyd) Babb is reported to have made a statement corroborated by his two brothers, to the following effect:

He and Kirkpatrick had had a dispute over the possession of a well on the ranch, both men claiming it.

Wednesday morning Babb and Kirkpatrick met on the ranch a short distance from the well and a quarrel began, which had not ended when they reached the water hole. There Babb joined his two brothers. Shortly afterward, no settlement of the argument having been made, one of the three brothers said, "Let's go."

"No, I am going to kill you first," Kirkpatrick is declared by the three brothers to have stated. Whereupon the Ozonan drew his revolver and began firing, the statement further adds, Boy (or Boyd) Babb says he ran about twenty steps to his horse, and, unstrapping his thirty-three calibre Winchester, returned the fire Kirkpatrick fell dead.

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