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## Predicts Will Strike Oil In Russell Well In 60 Days

Wednesday afternoon a number of oil enthusiasts were present at the spudding in of the first well for the Russell Production Company on the R. R. Russell ranch, fifteen miles South east of Ballinger. All material for the completion of the well was found to be on the ground and at the time that had been announced for the beginning Mrs. J. L. Chastain placed her hand on the big drill and wished it luck—the driller pulled the lever and the drill started on its downward course for oil.

The completeness of preparations for drilling was an interesting feature and worth the trip to the well, even to one not interested in oil production. Natural gas from Russell well No. 1 is used for fuel and lights, all the houses occupied by the crew have gas connections for household purposes. A pump station about three miles distant from the well pumps pure spring water to the oil field. Electric lights are furnished at the new well by a generator, and at night the whole field is bright with electric and gas lights.

Two crews began work Thursday morning and Driller Seale stated that he expected to complete the well in 60 days. The first showing of oil is looked for at 1995 feet and the next showing is expected at 2290, these points being about the same depths that oil was found in Russell No. 1.

After the hole was spudded in and the crowd had watched the drill for awhile, attention was directed by H. Giesecke, president of the company, to Russell well No. 1. As there were many present who had never seen a flowing oil well, this well was uncapped and after the gas had blown off for about ten minutes a stream of oil emerged which increased with the tremendous gas pressure for about

twenty minutes. The demonstration at No. 1 made believers out of some would-be doubters and they came back to town full-fledged oil enthusiasts, looking forward to the successful completion of the well, and further development of the field.

## GERMANS CAN'T PAY WAR DEBT

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The German government informed the allied reparations commission that it would be unable to meet fully the reparations payments due January 16 and February 15, it was officially announced this afternoon.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The German government announced today that it had informed the committee of guarantees that it was impossible to pay the reparations due the allies January 16, and consequently asks for a moratorium.

The German reparations installments due January 15th and February 15th amount to five million gold marks each. At the close of the recent meeting of the allied reparations commission it was semi-officially intimated that if Germany was unable to pay the installments she might be given respite for future payments, provided that the allies are convinced of Germany's sincerity in the matter that she is not actually able to meet the bill.

## USE "TEAR GAS" TO GET CRIMINALS

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 15.—The first use of "tear" gas in pursuit of criminals in Kentucky was today scheduled to be made by National Guardsmen, who are hunting for three members of a mob of mountaineers, who last Saturday attacked the Breathitt county jail, killing a man and fatally wounding a woman.

The gas, confined in hand grenades, will be thrown into a cave in which the trio is known to be hiding.

## GEORGE HORNSBY MUST HANG

News was received in Ballinger Wednesday late to the effect that George Hornsby, convicted at Belton for killing J. N. Weatherby at Brownwood on October 19, 1920, must hang as far as the Court of Criminal Appeals is concerned. The court at Austin Wednesday affirmed the ease, together with another murder case in which the death penalty had been fixed, that of O. J. Johnson, from Newton county.

The crime for which Hornsby must hang is fresh in the minds of the people of this country. He was arrested in Birmingham, Alabama, following the finding of the body of Weatherby by the roadside near Brownwood. It was after a long chase, and after Willie Carter, who was implicated in the crime, had furnished the officers with evidence against Hornsby, that he was captured and brought back to Brownwood for trial. The case was transferred to Belton, where the jury heard the evidence and fixed the death penalty as proper punishment for the deed.

**W. O. W. Take Notice**  
Very important all members be present at meeting in Woodmen Hall 7:30 Friday night, Dec. 16th. Do your best to be present. 15-2nd J. F. LUSK, Clerk.

## SHORT SKIRTS FOR HEALTH SAKE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—"Short skirts are hygienic if nothing else can be said in their favor," said Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton, of Kansas City, director in the World's and National Women's Christian Temperance Union, in addressing a group of school girls here late yesterday.

"It is only natural that girls should want to wear short skirts, but of course the length should be a happy medium," declared the modern mother.

Mrs. Middleton said that cigarette smoking and drinking got a flying start during the war and that things have not become normal yet, but conditions along this line are improving.

## Bed Room Dramas Are Immoral

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—"Bedroom dramas, sensational French plays, and other 'naughty' shows are all symptoms of a lower moral tone in metropolitan life," declared Dr. Howard Johnson, in addressing the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, today.

Dr. Johnson said that such plays were not only the production of immoral minds, but created immoral minds in many of those who witnessed such plays.

## QUIBBLING OVER CUT IN WAGES

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—Wage reduction conferences between officials and employees of the T. & P. railroad started here today for the purpose of reaching an agreement over the recent order for a cut in wages. The road recently posted notices that a general reduction of ten per cent, effective January first, would be made.

## ROUGH WEATHER FORECAST

After several days of spring style weather the weather man is threatening to send down upon this country some rough weather for Christmas shoppers to complain about. The forecast says tonight and Friday probably cloudy with local rains. Colder Friday.

## LITTLE FOLKS ARE GOODFELLOWS

George Kerley Jr., and little sister Madalene, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Kerley, called at The Ledger office early Thursday morning and left the fees which makes them real Goodfellow little fellows, and the wherewith which will help to make somebody's children happy on Christmas.

Just one more week and the Goodfellow Santa Claus will be about his business, visiting the needy homes of this city and dispelling gloom with Christmas cheer. It may be that you, dear reader, are in that class of philanthropist who does his charity work so as not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth, etc. If so, go ahead with your work, but if you are seeking a channel through which you may do a little charity work effectively, here's your chance to be a Goodfellow.

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A. D. Tally ..... 1.00  
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R. A. Nicholson ..... 5.00

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# WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The first step toward launching a campaign for creating an irrigation district and voting bonds for building the Colorado valley irrigation dam and the most gigantic irrigation system in the Southwest, was made at Rowena Wednesday afternoon, when Chief Engineer C. C. Holder, of the United States Geological Survey, stated in a preliminary report to four hundred enthusiastic farmers and businessmen that the project was entirely feasible.

The second annual meeting of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association was held at Rowena on this occasion, and citizens from the four counties—Runnels, Concho, Tom Green and Coke, were present in large numbers.

The old Lehr hall had been arranged for the meeting, but this soon filled to overflow, and it was necessary to adjourn to the Sons of Herman Hall, and four or five hundred men, and quite a number of ladies filled the hall and heard the report of the first year's work, and endorsed plans put on foot for continuing the activities.

The meeting was called to order by C. S. Guin, president of the association. Secretary S. L. Williams read his report, and the business of the association was dispatched with speed. After Mr. Guin made a brief report of the irrigation congress which he attended as a delegate at Salt Lake City, Chief Holder addressed the meeting. Mr. Guin stated that the thirteen states comprising the Western States Irrigation Congress had representatives at the Salt Lake meeting and that it was the opinion of the congress that irrigation projects underway in the Southwest could not rely on their state or federal governments for aid, and the only solution for financing the projects is by bond issue.

The feature of the meeting Wednesday afternoon was the report of Chief Holder. Up to this time Mr. Holder had made no report, or public statement as to the feasibility of the big project, but in his address to the association at the Rowena meeting he stated that the survey would be beyond a doubt show the proposition to be entirely feasible, and one which could be put over on a cheap scale, the magnitude of the proposition considered.

Chief Holder did not deal much in figures, and stated that the detailed capacity, cost, etc, would be shown by the map and report to be made up in the office of the Board of Water Engineers after he had completed his field work. It is expected that the field work will be completed about the first of February, and then Mr. Holder stated that it would require about five months to complete the office work.

On a basis of a 100 foot dam Mr. Holder stated that a lake of 23.7 square miles would be created, or 15,000 acres of land would be inundated by the reservoir. This will impound 406,500 acre feet of water.

"The capacity places it as the leading project of the United States," said Chief Holder, "and a dirt dam will hold the supply as well as a concrete dam if the dirt dam is properly constructed." He stated that the dam site offered a natural spillway which would carry the water around the dam for any flood which might ever come down the Colorado.

"We have mapped 160,000 acres," said the engineer, "and will have mapped 210,000 acres by the time we have completed the field work," and he stated that what he meant was that there would be that amount of irrigable land.

"The Miles and Rowena country offers the best territory for irrigating," said Chief Holder, "as there is not so much rough

country, and the rolling land will make it easy to carry the canal along the high places and feed the land from both sides of the canal by gravitation."

In some cases Chief Holder said that it would be necessary to lift the water to the land which can not be reached by gravity feed from the main canal, but he pointed out that this should not make the cost any greater to the farmer who had to lift his water than to the farmer who irrigated by gravity flow as there would be sufficient water power to take care of this additional expense which could be figured in the general running expense of operating the plant.

Chief Holder stated that as far as he could see the proposition was an ideal one. "You own the land," said the engineer, "and have here an ideal condition. You can build the project in two years time and all of the district be under ditch." He pointed to the loss sustained this year by the farmers in not having water at the proper time for irrigating their crops. He stated that in addition to doubling the value of the land many times, the revenue from the fertile earth would be hard to estimate when the land was under ditch, and in twenty-five years the project would be paid for and passed up to the coming generation.

"It is no longer a question of feasibility, but how quick can you put it through. It is the cheapest in the country," said Mr. Holder in concluding his brief address.

Mr. Carnegie, a farmer from Miles, injected enthusiasm into the meeting when he jumped to his feet following Chief Holder's talk and stated that he "had water in his system. Water, water, water," said the Miles man, "give me water." He said he had been in this country many years, helped to build the courthouses at Ballinger and Robert Lee, and had seen many drouths but he could now see an opportunity to plant cotton wood trees along the big ditch and build "lovers' lanes" all over the country.

C. S. Miller, "the father of Rowena," was called to the platform and made a short talk, but to the point and full of facts. Mr. Miller reviewed the time that he brought the first settlers to the Rowena country, what was then known as the Nichols' land, and how he planted a colony there which had prospered despite the drouths, but which would triple with irrigation and he urged the people to get busy and not let the opportunity slip. "If you don't want irrigation, don't stand in the way of the fellow who does want irrigation," said Mr. Miller, and he reminded his hearers that if they wanted to continue to farm dry land that they could sell their irrigated land for many times what it is worth today and buy dry land elsewhere.

Prof. Tinsley, agricultural agent for the Santa Fe, made a short talk on irrigation, and pictured what the transformation would be when the big project was put in operation. It had been reported that the people of the Rowena country would oppose the irrigation proposition, but they were out in large numbers at the meeting, and manifested a keen interest, and many expressions of approval were heard. Officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: H. W. Robinson, Miles; John Simecek, Rowena; Harvey Allen, San Angelo; W. R. Knierim; Hervey Humlong, R. C. Gollibar, Bronte; C. S. Guin, S. L. Williams, and Will Doose, Ballinger. Mr. Guin was elected president, and Mr. Knierim

vice-president, and Mr. Williams secretary.

The dues for the coming year were fixed at \$4, and it was announced that a membership campaign would be launched to raise \$750 which is needed for carrying on the work of the association.

## CITIZENS FAVOR CHANGE IN TRAIN

A canvass of the business district Wednesday afternoon by A. C. Ater, traveling passenger agent for the Santa Fe, and J. J. Beck, local Santa Fe agent, disclosed the fact that a large majority of the business men and citizens interviewed were in favor of restoring the pre-war train service on this branch of the Santa Fe in lieu of the present service.

The proposed change would cancel the early morning train to Temple and restore the train to Brownwood which will operate out of Ballinger at about nine o'clock a. m. The present schedule for the night train and the afternoon train would be maintained.

It was pointed out that since the Santa Fe has inaugurated a through Pullman service from Temple to points South, including San Antonio and Austin, that better service is offered on the afternoon train through passengers, and the through morning train is running empty.

The morning train leaves this point too early to catch local travel, passengers going to points between San Angelo and Brownwood taking chances on catching an auto rather than get up two or three hours before day.

Mr. Ater received endorsement of the proposed change, and the Santa Fe will no doubt announce a new schedule for the morning train at an early date, and the change will meet with the approval of the public.

## WILSON PROUD TO BE COMRADE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"I am proud to regard myself as a comrade of all men in the expeditionary forces," are the words former President Wilson used in replying to a letter from J. Bentley Mulford, National Vice-President of the Rainbow Division Veterans, in extending New Year's greetings. The message from Mulford was delivered to Mr. Wilson, who immediately acknowledged receipt of it.

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Between oil and irrigation development in Runnels county, Ballinger is keeping before the footlights, despite the drought.

County officials at Fort Worth ordered a tree, which has been the scene of two lynchings, cut down. Ft. Worth negro rapists are now safe?

Getting away from the custom of buying toys for children at Christmas time, and spending money for the more useful gifts, may be the wise thing to do, but it is robbing children of the joys most of the old folks enjoyed. Many old heads forget their childhood days too quick.

The man who owns land in the irrigated area and blocks the game because he does not want to cultivate irrigated land, should remember that he can sell his irrigable land for several times what it will cost him to buy dry land elsewhere. It is the opportune time for land owners to realize a big profit on the purchase investment. Many can sell land for enough to retire from the worry and work of making a living. They will have it made.

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Don't stay gray! Look young! Either prepare the recipe at home or get from any drug store a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," which is merely the old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients. Thousands of folks recommend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully, besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous, and you appear years younger.

**HAS QUARTER MILLION PLANTED IN RUNNELS**

Geo. Lennert, attorney and capitalist of LaGrange, Texas, is here looking after his investments in this county. Mr. Lennert has strong faith in Runnels county securities, for he has been planting his money out here for 15 years until he now has invested in this county more than \$750,000.00. Mr. Lennert is or has been a "globe trotter," as some ten years ago he toured Europe on a bicycle and had many interesting experiences he still takes pleasure in relating. H. Giesecke is Mr. Lennert's agent in this county and looks after his large interests.

**A GIFT WITH A MEMORY FOR YEAR**

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Walter Boswell was here from Paint Rock on business Wednesday.

**CONGRESS QUITS FOR CHRISTMAS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate today adopted a resolution calling for congress to adjourn for the Christmas holidays on December 22, with a recess until January 2. The resolution goes to the House where it is expected to be acted upon favorably.

**WILL NOT PROSECUTE UNFORTUNATE WOMAN**

Ed O'Kelly and Jess Harris, who carried Mrs. Will Mabry to San Angelo, where it is alleged she passed a half dozen or more bogus checks, stated that they experienced no trouble with the woman, but had to promise her that they would bring her back to Ballinger, before she would become reconciled to a stay in that city. The officers stated that the woman would probably not be prosecuted for the alleged offense of passing bad checks, but would be placed under treatment.

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**BRITISH DISCUSS IRISH AGREEMENT**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The House of Commons this afternoon resumed the debate on the Anglo-Irish agreement. The feature of the proceedings today was an address by former Premier Asquith heartily commending the treaty for acceptance by the parliament.

Remember—every music box is not a Victrola. Get the genuine at J. Y. Pearce Drug Company. 12-tfd

**TROOPS RESTORE ORDER IN STRIKE**

PITTSBURGH, Kans., Dec. 15.—With the arrival of three troops of National Guard cavalry here this morning, things are quiet in the Kansas coal fields today.

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Jake Stubbels was in the city Thursday from Norton. The Mayor of Lampasas, has accepted a position as pharmacist with the J. Y. Pearce drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tegal, of the Rowena country, were looking for Santa Claus in Balinger Thursday and spent a while watching the printing machinery operate in The Ledger office.

Arch Crews and D. F. Eaton went to San Angelo Thursday morning. Mr. Eaton was scheduled to address a better farming meeting which was held at that place, being invited to talk on the pecan industry.

Novel Christmas Tree Decorations. Effective Christmas tree decorations can easily be made at home. Take candy sticks and dress them up in crepe paper and ribbons and thus convert them into novel candy dolls. Gilded nuts, acorns hung from the branches with colored ribbon and balls of cotton sprinkled with diamond dust, as well as rings of tiny gum-drops strung on white thread, make effective trimming.

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You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve, muscle or brain cell than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts—as you should. They gained a training in our college that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you. Whenever your eye turns, you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no better general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to enter our college for a business education, and who is today forging ahead and leaving behind those who thought special business training unnecessary. It is as necessary as medical training for a doctor or law training for a lawyer.

You should not think of success as something which will some day come to you while you sleep. Success is achieved only by well directed effort.

You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision now. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring your entering our college now.

The object of this appeal is to set you to thinking of your future. If we have done this, we feel that you owe it to yourself to investigate what America's largest business university can do for you. Thousands have already entered this year.

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Every reader of novels knows Mme. Elinor Glyn, author of "Three Weeks" and other novels of international fame. She wrote the story of "The Great Moment," in which Gloria Swanson stars, and during the filming of Cecil B. DeMille's Paramount production of "The Affairs of Anatol" which will be shown at the Maeroy Theatre for two days next week, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21st and 22nd, Mme. Glyn was induced to permit herself to be screened with others in a society scene of which there are many in this remarkable all-star photoplay.

The celebrated author is seated with Lady Parker, wife of Sir Gilbert Parker, at a fashionable tea given at the home of Anatol DeWitt Spencer, the hero of the story. Only a momentary glimpse of the two ladies is given and those who desire to study their faces must look sharp. Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson, Elliott Dexter, Bebe Daniels, Monte Blue, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts and Polly Moran have the leading roles in this great picture production.

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LAST OF THE "TWELVE DAYS"

Epiphany, Originally, Was Celebrated Rather Than Christmas, According to Some Authorities.

EPIPHANY is the last day of the "Twelve Days" of which Christmas is the first. Authorities on this subject tell us that originally it was Epiphany which was celebrated rather than Christmas.

For some time the two events were celebrated together on January 6. Gradually the western church began to stress the physical birth, and eventually the two events were celebrated separately.

Such in bare outline is the story of the spread of Christmas as a separate festival.

THE GIFTS OF THE SEASON

Christmas Customs, Wrapped in Dim Traditions, Bright With Happiness and Beauty.

BESIDES the presents wrapped in crackling white tissue paper, bright with scarlet ribbon that will be put into eager hands from Christmas trees, there are countless other gifts of the season.

Christmas carols have come to us from the Holy Land itself, the Christmas tree from the East via Germany.

The First Christmas Card.

The exchange of greeting cards, though now such a recognized part of Christmastide ceremonial, is a custom of quite recent origin.



WHAT DID SHE MEAN

Tom—I'm going away Christmas. Alice—is that so? Won't that be nice?

Old-Fashioned Doughnuts.

One pint of sugar, one-half cupful of butter, two eggs, one pint of fresh milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water, half a teaspoonful each of salt, nutmeg and cinnamon, flour enough to make a stiff dough.

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"Indeed, Cousin Jack, we owe you a great deal for helping to decorate the room for our Christmas party."

For Youngsters.

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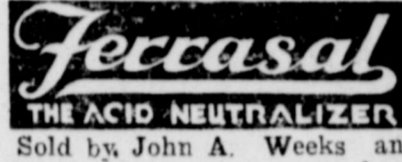
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MILES HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Last week was a very hard week for us, as we lost two hard fought and interesting games. On Friday our girls motored to Paint Rock and played. This was a very close game.

Our boys lost to San Angelo Saturday in a very interesting game. Their school was represented by more than a dozen enthusiasts and ten lively men in regular uniform.

The game was played in quarters; the first and last quarters were outs, scoring 4 to 3 and 2 to 1; the second and third quarters were easy for them, but they fought for it and had to use four subs to get it.

Messrs. Ernest Coleman, Ray Holmes, Roy Brooks and Misses Hayden Hanton and Alta Brooks were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

Misses Eldera Baugh and Ernestine Farmer were in Rowena Saturday for their weekly music lessons.

"REPORTER."

There is more Catarrh than all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable.

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BRITISH FAVOR ABOLITION SUB FOR WAR USE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Premier Arthur Balfour, head of the British delegation, gave notice today that Great Britain would propose to the arms conference a total abolition of submarines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The French delegation to the arms conference has presented a proposal for so great an increase in the strength of the French navy that the British declare that such a program, if carried out, would upset the whole plan of the "35-31" naval ratio reduction.

Although not yet entirely revealed by the British it is understood that the French plan provides for the construction of ten super-dreadnaughts of 35,000 tons each in ten years subsequent to 1925.

Italy is said to have told the conference if France constructs ten such ships that she must carry out a similar program.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness.

BOY SCOUT PROGRAM

(Troop No. 1.) Program for meeting Friday night, Dec. 16, 1921.

- Part 1, opening 7:15 p. m. Part 2, Business, 7:25 to 7:55. (a.) Reading of minutes by Scout Scribe. (b.) Roll call and payment of dues. (c.) Discussions and announcements. Delivery of membership certificates to all charter members. Part 3, 7:55 to 8:15. (a.) Drill—School of the Scout, Facing, Position of Attention, Salute, Scout Sign, Right Dress, Instruction by Patrol leaders. Part 4, 8:15 to 9:00. Recreation—Drill by Patrols, Games.

Note: All Scouts are urged to study pages 84, 85, 86 and 87 in the Handbook for Boys. Tests in the requirements for qualifications of Tenderfoot Scouts will be held by the Scoutmaster from 8:15 to 9:00 o'clock.

When You are Constipated. To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

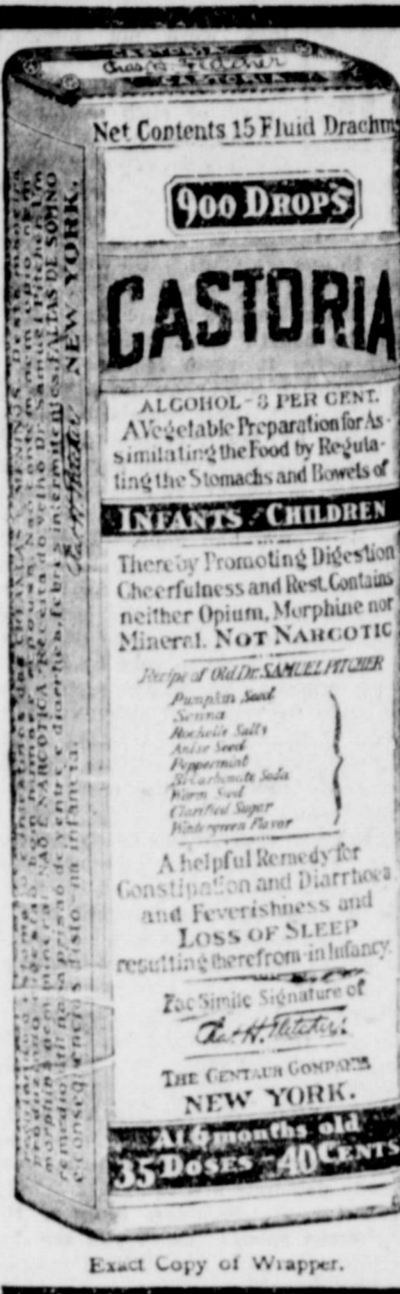
Dr. O. R. Lasater and Henry Jones, members of the doctors' hunting party who left Ballinger about a week ago, returned home Tuesday, leaving Mrs. Love and Douglass and Ben Smith in the jungles below Junction still looking for deer. The party went as far as the border without finding a deer, according to the men returning, but had good turkey luck. The other members of the party will return home Thursday.

Standard Theme Paper, 10¢ per package. The Ballinger Printing Co. tfd

Christmas trees—get them at Jeanes & Co. Any size you desire. 8-tfd

Mrs. W. S. Boswell, of Paint Rock, was here Wednesday shopping and visiting friends.

Ed O'Kelly and Jess Harris went to San Angelo Wednesday to accompany Mrs. Will Mabry, who will be handled by the authorities at that place, and either be sent to an asylum or otherwise restrained. Gates Tires are the best. Harwell Motor Co. 20-d&w-tt



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## NEWS CARRIER KILLED BY TRUCK

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—George Bengener Jr., driver for the San Antonio Daily Express, was killed early today on the Austin-Granger road a few miles out of this city. Bengener was en route to nearby points with a truckload of this morning's issue of the Express, and his truck tumbled down an embankment, overturning and piling the young man underneath the load of newspapers.

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are constive, when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low-spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is decidedly the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels, and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, Special Agent.

## OFFICERS MUST WORK TOGETHER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The governors of several states will be asked to call a conference of federal district attorneys and state prosecuting attorneys, with a view of bringing about a greater co-operation between the federal and state legal agencies in putting down crime, and especially bootlegging, the attorney general's department announced today.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

## LEDGER RECEIVES A NEW FOLDING MACHINE

The Ballinger Printing Company is installing a new folding machine. The order was placed a couple of months ago, and the new machine arrived Thursday, and will be installed at once. The new folder will be rigged up to operate by individual motor and will handle four, six, eight, twelve and sixteen page folds, and the mailing department and carrier boys will be able to handle their work in much faster time with the new machine.

## Daily Ledger Want Ads

LOST—Suit case containing ladies' clothes on Ballinger-Creves road; finder notify or return to D. L. Brevard, Rt. B., Ballinger. 15-2td-1tw.\*

FOR SALE—About 75 tons ensilage, in good condition, party desiring this feed may feed same on place themselves or I will feed for them. Write Elgin Davidson, Winters, Texas, Rt. No. 1. Phone Wilmet exchange. 14-2td-1tw.\*

LOST—Strayed or Stolen, one yellow Collie dog with white ring around his neck. Had leather strap around his neck. Will give liberal reward to finder. R. L. Boothe, Phone 3940 Rural. 14-1tw-2td.\*

WANTED—FUR. I will buy yours. I will sell mine. If we can't trade, I will furnish sacks, twine and tags, free and you can ship to anyone that suits you. I. O. Wooden. 15-4td-4tw

Pieces reduced on half soles for Friday and Saturday from \$1.50 to \$1.25. Ballinger Shoe & Harness Co., opposite post 14-2td-1w.\*

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Bird's-eye Maple Phone Mrs. red's rooming 9-dtt

## Story of the Christmas Stocking

**Y**EARS and years ago stockings were not hung on Christmas eve as we hang them now. No one ever heard of such a thing as hanging up a stocking for Christmas gifts. And if children had thought of such a thing they would have said, "What a foolish idea! A stocking wouldn't hold half the things we want." So the children throughout the world placed crocks, big brass basins, and copper kettles on the hearth on Christmas eve and left notes in them telling Santa to fill them to the brim. Each year the children left larger vessels to be filled, children left larger vessels to be filled.

Up in the great white north Santa's reindeer no longer pranced and pawed, impatient to be off on Christmas eve, as they once had done. They hung their heads and a tired look came into their big brown eyes, for they remembered how heavy the loads had grown and how many more trips they were forced to make year by year.

St. Nicholas no longer rested now through the summer months as he once had done, but labored every day throughout the year, and often he built toys late into the night, for a great many gifts had to be made to fill the baskets that the greedy children left. The twinkle left his merry eyes, and he no longer sang about his work, for he was sad and thought of the time that would come when he could no longer build enough presents to go around.

Late one December day St. Nicholas stepped from his workshop into the deep snow. Facing the south, he stretched out his tired arms and called: "Hear, oh hear, children of the earth, my loved ones, can you not see you are becoming selfish and that your greedy demands are too great a task, even for St. Nicholas, King of the Christmas spirit? Can't you see, my children, that you are killing the spirit of Christmas?"

His chin sank upon his chest and tears glistened in his kindly eyes. A soft white snowflake fluttered down and nestled against his cheek, and a tiny voice whispered into his ear: "Santa, I will help you."

"Who are you?" asked St. Nicholas. "I am a snow fairy," answered the tiny voice. "As my sisters and I have danced about the air we have often swirled about your sleigh on Christmas eve, and have seen the great loads you have always carried and how tired you have looked."

"What, O what, shall I do?" asked Santa.

"Just go about your work as usual," answered the fairy. "I and all my sisters will help you."

"Oh, thank you—thank you," cried St. Nicholas. And the fairy floated out among the other snowflakes.

As the children went about the snowflakes whirled around them, and it seemed as if they heard the chanting of tiny voices, and as the snowflakes nestled against their ears they seemed to sing: "Just a stocking—hang a stocking up on Christmas eve."

"Just a stocking—just a stocking," rang through the hearts of the children on Christmas eve. And in place of leaving the great vessels as they once had done they just hung up their stockings.

Some children were too selfish to hear the song of the snowflakes and left the great baskets as they always had done. But when they saw the great joy the unselfish children had in their gifts and how contented and happy they were these selfish ones were ashamed, and they, too, began to hang up only their stockings when Christmas eve came round.

When St. Nicholas found stockings in place of the great baskets and barrels the twinkle came again into his laughing eyes, his cheeks grew red, and he sang as he drove through the merry sea of snowflakes.

With just stockings to fill St. Nicholas had time to rest, and he grew strong and well, and the spirit of Christmas lived. So this is why nowadays we hang up our stockings on Christmas eve. All this we are told by a writer, who learned it from a Christmas fairy.

## Santa Fetched Her



## "IT CAN BE DONE" IS MOTION PICTURE THAT SHOULD PLEASE

Earle Williams is sure to continue in popularity with such a vehicle as "It Can Be Done," which will be shown at the Fo-to-sho Theatre today.

In this production he assumes the role of an author who attempts to live one of his stories. The action is humorous in places and at times assumes intensely dramatic proportions. It is a sort of detective story, full of mystery, suspense and action. The love interest has not been forgotten by the author and it completes a well rounded story that will appeal to the average person.

Elinor Fair plays opposite the star, who is supported by a cast of screen favorites. The film was directed by David Smith.

## Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. W. M. Baker, of Waxahachie, superintendent of Home Missions for the Presbyterian church, was here Wednesday and went to Norton to look after church work at that place.

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## ELINOR GLYN IN "THE AFFAIRS OF ANATOL"

Every reader of novels knows Mme. Elinor Glyn, author of "Three Weeks" and other novels of international fame. She wrote the story of "The Great Moment," in which Gloria Swanson stars, and during the filming of Cecil B. DeMille's Paramount production of "The Affairs of Anatol" which will be shown at the Maeroy Theatre for two days next week, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21st and 22nd, Mme. Glyn was induced to permit herself to be screened with others in a society scene of which there are many in this remarkable all-star photoplay.

The celebrated author is seated with Lady Parker, wife of Sir Gilbert Parker, at a fashionable tea given at the home of Anatol DeWitt Spencer, the hero of the story. Only a momentary glimpse of the two ladies is given and those who desire to study their faces must look sharp. Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson, Elliott Dexter, Bebe Daniels, Monte Blue, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts and Polly



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## PRYOR OUSTED FROM OFFICE

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—W. G. Pryor, suspended prison commissioner was ousted from his office this morning by order of Judge Cooper Sansom, of the 26th District Court, of Travis county. Judge Sansom ordered Pryor's suspension, which was ordered some time ago, be made permanent, and when no objection came from Pryor's attorney, John T. Mathis, of Houston, Pryor was automatically removed as prison commissioner. Walker Sayles has been appointed to permanently replace Pryor, it was immediately announced.

James Baron was here from Wingate Wednesday to meet his son Dr. Baron, who came in from the navy for a visit with home folks.



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| Radishes       | Hot Peppers        |
| Beets          | Cabbage            |
| Spinach        | Turnips            |
| Green Onions   | New Irish Potatoes |
| Cauliflower    | Old Irish Potatoes |
| Carrots        | Yams               |

### FRUITS

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