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2 CARS ALCOHOL TAKEN BY ROBBERS

30 KNOWN DEAD IN SNOW STORM IN EAST

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The Northeastern part of the United States was struggling to free itself from the grip of the most severe snowstorm of the present winter, one that lasted fully twenty-four hours and caused thirty deaths.

Eight people were killed in a building, the roof which collapsed under the weight of the heavy snow at New Britain, Connecticut. Eight lives were lost at sea when caught in the storm, and other deaths were reported from causes attributed to the storm in various cities.

Shipping and traffic is badly crippled and five ships are reported today as being in distress at sea and were calling for help.

MOSLEM WOMEN MUST NOT WED CHRISTIANS

(By Associated Press)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 5.—Moslem women are not allowed to marry Christians by the terms of the modified form of the Swiss Civil Code now before the Turkish national assembly for ratification. The law which prohibits polygamy and divorce by the mere whim of the husband declares as null marriages contracted with Christians.

MAKES LIVING SEWING FOR THE BACHELORS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 5.—Sewing on buttons for the city of London's helpless bachelors, is a business that is bringing a good living to two women who have hired one room near the Bank of England for the purpose. This discovered what many bachelors discovered years ago, that landladies are not keen on doing the necessary needlework for their lodgers.


MAN DIES IN TANK GASOLINE

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Feb. 5.—Overcome by gas fumes while working on a tank car near here today, Homer Lamb, age twenty-three, of Dallas, toppled over into the car filled with gasoline. He was dead before fellow workmen could reach him.

Be wise and advertise.

BILL BARBER SAYS

THESE ARE THE DAYS WHEN THE SODA WATER FOUNTAIN CEASES TO BE FIZZIBLE.



MAN BURNS WOMAN AS SHE SLEEPS

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Vincent Capani tried to burn his mother-in-law to death in their home in Brooklyn today, according to the police. While his mother-in-law, Mrs. Consuelo Gennusa, age 72, was asleep, Capani is charged with pouring gasoline on her and then setting her clothing on fire. The women will probably die from burns. Capani, the police said, confessed that he set fire to the woman as an act of retaliation in a domestic feud of long standing. The neighbors, smelling the smoke, called firemen who found the aged woman enveloped in flames.

JURY CHARGED IN ROAD CASE

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Feb. 5.—The defense attorneys asked for a pre-emptory instruction for all the individual defendants of the Hoffman Construction Company as a corporation, shortly after both sides had completed testimony in the case today. Judge Calhoun indicated that he would deliver his charge to the jury this afternoon. Judge Calhoun overruled motions made by both the state and defense for an instructed verdict.

The state brought this suit against the Hoffman Construction Company in an effort to recover \$21,000 alleged to be excess profits growing out of highway surfacing contracts which were awarded the company.

L. Jameson, of Talpa, who underwent an operation in the Halley & Love Sanitarium several months ago, was returned to the sanitarium again this week, and will undergo another operation Saturday. Mr. Jameson has been in bad health for some time and his friends will regret to know that he has not regained his health.

Associated Press News Bulletins

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—The Senate was called into session an hour earlier than usual today to fight out the question of repealing the publicity provision of the new income tax reduction bill. Opponents of the repeal of this feature of the measure are making a hard fight against its adoption.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—By a vote of forty-eight to twenty-eight, the Senate refused today to consider the Copeland resolution requesting President Coolidge to intervene in the anthracite coal strike.



The Nights Are Getting Shorter

Careless Control of Scarlet Fever Declared in Report

Dr. Primer, of the section of contagious diseases of the State Board of Health, was in Ballinger Thursday in conference with County Health Officer W. B. Halley, and went from Ballinger to Paint Rock. There has been quite a number of cases of scarlet fever in the rural communities, according to Dr. Halley. The disease has been prevalent in the Wingate, Crews, Winters and Oak Creek sections. So far these have been one death, and several of the patients have been quite ill and serious complications have resulted in a number of cases.

In the Crews community a patient suffered the complete loss of her hearing, while in the Winters country another patient suffered a facial paralysis. These unfortunate results might have been prevented had proper precaution been used in quarantining the first cases developing in the communities and checking the spread of the disease.

The county health officer states that on the whole he has had the full co-operation of the doctors in the county in reporting scarlet fever cases, but in some instances mild cases have not been reported and hence no quarantine restrictions imposed. It is supposed that it was from these mild cases that such a wide spread of the disease has occurred. The county health officer reports that several grown persons have been victims of the epidemic and were seriously ill for a time. The doctor said that he would urge the parents having children with sore throats to keep them at home until the cause of the trouble is determined. He also urged that teachers in the various rural schools send all children home from school who are not feeling well, for often the spread of the disease is caused by children remaining in school after developing the disease. A scarlet fever epidemic has been raging in Concho county, it is reported, and Dr. Primer went from Ballinger to Paint Rock to investigate the report from that county.

News From Neighboring Cities

The Planters Gin Company will build a new gin at Melvin. The old gin turned out 2,873 bales for the season just closing.

Poll taxes to the number of 3,500 were paid in McCulloch county as compared with 3,519 for 1924.

The farmers have been called to meet at Brady on Feb. 13 to talk diversification, better seed, etc.

The advance in the price of crude oil is said to be responsible for revived activity in drilling in Brown county.

Leslie Phillips, a seventeen-year-old youth, was seriously injured when he fell from a wagon at Brownwood.

Banks of Abilene have joined in a movement to aid in buying good milk cows and hogs to be distributed among the farmers in an effort to encourage these industries.

Work on a city hall at Abilene to cost \$75,735 has been started. Many workmen are employed on the job. The contractors have 182 days in which to complete the building.

Two automobiles stolen at Abilene within the last few days

Train Held Up By Fifteen Armed Men; No Arrests

(By Associated Press)
PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 5.—Fifteen masked men held up a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific freight train near Henry, Illinois, forty miles North of this city, early today and escaped in trucks with pure grain alcohol estimated to be worth more than \$10,000.

The shipment of alcohol comprised the greater part of the contents of two freight cars. The men overpowering the train crew, stopped the train and loaded the alcohol on the trucks and drove away. Conductor Charles Somers and two railroad detectives who were on the train, were disarmed by the robbers.

RENEW EFFORTS FOR AIR CORPS FAVORS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AS HE GOES TO DIE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—The offensive for a separate air service was renewed concurrently before two congressional committees today by Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, and William S. Mitchell, once General Patrick's assistant. "A terrible mess," was the way Mitchell described the present status of the aviation service to the House military affairs committee.

Gen. Patrick, appearing before the Senate military affairs committee, declared that the recommendations of the president's air board did not go far enough, and the staff officer renewed his advocacy of the army air corps, separately organized and with an independent status, like that of the marine corps.

AUTHORESS SAYS HER PLAY NOT DIVORCE PROPAGANDA

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 5.—A world without divorce will be revealed in "Blind Alley," a new play by Dorothy Brandon which is soon to be produced in London by the authoress, who also wrote "The Outsider." Miss Brandon says her play is not a propaganda effort and that she really is not in sympathy with the church's opposition to all divorces, but that she believes marrying should be made more difficult before divorce is made easier.

George Humalong, of the Cicero Smith ranch, is recovering from a very severe attack of scarlet fever.

Dr. M. Kahn spent Friday in Ballinger on business.

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M'CARTY'S HORSE TO BUCK AGAIN

Special to The Ledger: FT. WORTH, Feb. 5.—Eddie McCarty's bucking horses will again be a feature of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 6 to 13, according to announcement made by rodeo officials this week.

There will be fifty "bad actors" in the McCarty string this year, according to the contractor. The famous collector of untamed and ungovernable broncs has been very busy during the past few months making additions to his string that will cause worry and discomfort to the rodeo stars who will appear in the arena here during the Stock Show.

Bob Tadlock, rodeo manager, announces that some of the best rodeo talent in America now is negotiating with the management to come here for the spring exhibition.

(By Associated Press) FT. WORTH, Feb. 5.—Secretary of Agriculture William Jardine, who several times has expressed a desire to visit Texas, will be extended an invitation to do so during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 5-13, it was announced by Ed R. Henry, secretary-manager.

Secretary Jardine already has indicated he will be in the city at that time as the guest of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, holding its 50th annual convention March 8-10. The invitation of the stock show association is to address a gathering of livestock men and to be present at the auction sale of registered stock.

The secretary's address is to be given in the new Livestock Auction Building, in which some of the largest livestock sales ever held in the South will be held, exposition officials say.

The new auction arena is one of several new buildings being completed for the 1926 show. The automobile show building has been finished and decorators are putting on the finishing touches. A large number of new livestock pens has been added.

The opening event of the exposition will be the pageant and coronation of the queen, which, for the first time in the history of the exposition, will be held on Friday rather than on Saturday night.

ICE SPORTS FOR SUNSHINE CITY

(By Associated Press) SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 5.—The North's great winter sports—ice skating and hockey—are finding favor in San Antonio, and while Iowa and Illinois tourists are tramping over the golf courses and forgetting the snow back home, natives of the South are learning to glide gracefully over the frozen water.

All the ice skating, of course, is done in a local rink where the ice is produced by artificial means, for even the recent cold weather was not cold enough to freeze lagoons and streams.

The interest in this sport manifested by San Antonians in a few weeks has been surprising, and, largely through army men stationed here the first ice hockey game ever played below the Mason-Dixon line has been played and has opened the way for a hockey league.

Three local teams are now playing each other—Second Division of the Army, Brooks Field of the Army Air Service, and the Crystal Palace Sextet. A third army team is being organized at Kelly Field by Lt. Col. C. C. Culver, commanding officer, and Lieutenant Vandenberg. When it is ready for play there will be a game probably every Tuesday and Friday nights. At present one contest is played, every Thursday evening.

A number of army officers who played hockey at West Point are on the rosters of the local posts. Major Ralph Royce and Lieutenant Greenlaw are two of the Brooks Field six who chased the puck while at the army school, and Lieutenants Kilpack and Jennings of the Second Division are other West Pointers.

Intense rivalry has arisen between the army teams. One afternoon both the Brooks Field and Second Division outfits appeared at the rink for practice at 5:00 o'clock. They were unable to agree to which team was entitled to practice, so they commenced an informal game.

Ice hockey is being recognized by the schools. The athletic director of Main Avenue High school found 15 boys who were eager to take up the game, and from them a team is expected to be formed. The San Antonio Military Academy is contemplating adding the ice sport to its athletics.

Handicapped a bit, as the hockey players are, by the size of the rink, they nevertheless put on a fast and exciting game. The rink is approximately 170 by 70, as compared with the standard size of 180 by 80 feet. This small difference tends to slow up the game and eliminate combination plays.

E. V. Bateman returned from a business visit to the lower plains section Wednesday. He visited Snyder and other places further North. Mr. Bateman declares the country where he visited is not in as good shape as the Ballinger country.

We are getting tired of war ourselves. It so seldom kills off the right people.—Tulsa World.

Says Pecan Growing Possibilities Rank First in the Southwest

(By Associated Press) HOUSTON, Feb. 5.—Of all the money-making possibilities in the South and Southwest, pecan growing ranks first, John W. Wilkinson, agricultural publicity agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad lines, said. He quoted R. O. Borekman, regarded as an international authority on horticulture and nut growing, as saying:

"There is no other enterprise that you can follow with such great profit and safety."

In course of an outline on the possibilities of the industry, Mr. Wilkinson has found that the value of an acre of five-year-old trees is \$20; sixth year, \$36; seventh year, \$64; eighth year, \$88; ninth year, \$168; tenth year, \$346; fifteenth year, \$1,000; and the twentieth year, \$1,800.

"When we consider that the pecan orchard is merely entering upon its most productive period at 20 years, and that the average annual yield of a tree during the second 20 years is estimated to be four times as great as the yearly average during the entire bearing period preceding the twentieth year, we realize why Mr. Borekman says:

"You can leave no better inheritance to your family than a good pecan grove. Whoever plants pecans, plants not for himself alone but for generations to come."

The pecan does best, Mr. Wilkinson has found, with dry head and wet "feet." Fertile land underlaid with a soft subsoil with regular moisture in the surface soil are some of the requisites for the best yields of high grade pecans. Much of the overflow lands along streams can be utilized for planting pecan trees.

"Interest in growing paper-shell pecans is increasing and the production of this valuable nut crop has become one of the leading industries of our country today, especially in the South and Southwest. This interest in Texas has found expression in the organization of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association, which has more than 500 active members. Texas also has the largest pecan nurseries in the country."

"It has been found the pecan does unusually well in irrigated sections. The amount of moisture it can profitably handle determines a soil's capacity for production. Its soil food must be in complete solution before it can be taken up by the roots of the pecan tree to best advantage. With favorable climate, good soil and plenty of pure water, the pecan orchard can be made a veritable gold mine, especially along streams and in irrigated districts."

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SUPERVISOR REPORTS ON LOCAL SCHOOLS

A copy of the supervisor's report on the Ballinger school has been received by the school board and superintendent of the city schools, and the report speaks quite highly of the schools, at the same time making some recommendations.

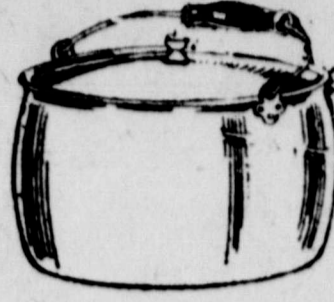
W. W. Knox, of the state department of education, recently visited the local schools, and inspected them. In his report he lists under four items as follows:

1. That a minimum of \$25 worth of library books be placed in each room of the elementary grades.
2. That the school be commended for its excellent administered organization. A separate building is used for housing the junior school. This modern unit of the system has been well organized and is doing efficient work. Improvements have been made in the high school course of study on a sound basis. The additional courses offered are practical and make the school more and more valuable to the community.
3. That Ballinger be congratulated on the attractive and carefully planned new high school building just completed.
4. That all material submitted for accrediting receive careful consideration. The community has just cause for being proud of the progress made in its school system during the past year.

Among the items listed as overlooked by the average married man is: "Wife's relatives."—Little Rock Democrat.

It will soon be the case that only the ultra rich will have such luxuries as spare tires.—Savannah Press.

Otto Dierschke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dierschke, of the Olfen community, is convalescing from a severe spell of pneumonia.



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2. Materials. Trying to save on first cost by using cheap, inferior materials, always proves costly in the end. It is the most unwise of all courses to take. Buy materials that will last.
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<p>BILL NO. 4 1lb Breakfast Delight Coffee; 4lb pail Mrs. Tucker's Shortening; 12lb sack Gold Medal Flour; 1 bottle Heinz Ketchup; 5 bars Crystal White Soap; 3 packages American Beauty Macaroni; 1 package Saltine Flakes; 1 bottle Paramount Salad Dressing; can No. 5 Country Maid Syrup; 1 pound Brach's Chocolate Candy.</p> <p>Your Choice Fresh Meat 75c</p>	<p>BILL NO. 5 4lb pail Mrs. Tucker's Shortening; 12lb sack Gold Medal Flour; 1lb can Sunset Coffee; 1 bottle Heinz Ketchup; 5 bars Crystal White Soap; 3 packages American Beauty Macaroni; 1 package Saltine Flakes; 1 bottle Paramount Salad Dressing; 1 can Gold Bar Melba Halves Peaches; 1 pound Brach's Chocolate Candy; 5lb can Honey.</p> <p>Your Choice Fresh Meat 75c</p>	<p>BILL NO. 6 1lb Breakfast Delight Coffee; 12lb sack Gold Medal Flour; 4lb pail Mrs. Tucker's Shortening; 1 bottle Heinz Ketchup; 5 bars Crystal White Soap; 1 pound Brach's Chocolate Candy; 3 packages American Beauty Macaroni; 1 bottle Paramount Salad Dressing; can No. 5 Country Maid Syrup; 1 package Saltine Flakes.</p> <p>Your Choice Fresh Meat 75c</p>	<p>BILL NO. 7 12lb sack Gold Medal Flour; 1lb can Sunset Coffee; 4lb pail Mrs. Tucker's Shortening; 5 bars Crystal White Soap; 3 packages American Beauty Macaroni; 1 pound Brach's Chocolate Candy; 1 package Saltine Flakes; 1 bottle Paramount Salad Dressing; 1 bottle Heinz Ketchup; 2 cans Gold Bar Melba Halves Peaches.</p> <p>Your Choice Fresh Meat 75c</p>	

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A negro at San Antonio has been sentenced to the electric chair in two cases of criminal assault. With two death sentences hanging over his head, the law will probably be enforced, unless the pardoning power should be brought into play.

The lady who wrote "The Wind" should return to West Texas and write "The Sunshine," and then probably some of her West Texas critics would forgive her. The criticism has made the book a good seller, and verifies the old saying that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

A Kentucky court only consumed sixteen minutes time in trying a negro for attacking a white woman, and the jury assessed the death penalty. Now if the jury's verdict is carried out without a lot of red tape and delay, judge Lynch will receive a big set-back.

Practically every paper we pick up has something to say about diversification and is preaching to the farmer the abstracts of planting something besides cotton. It is an old subject, but seems to be one which must be revived from time to time in order to get the farmers to help feed the world. Common sense judgment should teach the farmer to produce that for which there is the greatest demand and for which he can find the most ready sale at the highest price.

"I have no objection to a thirty cent road tax if we get a thirty cent job," remarked a prominent tax payer. Of course the p. t. p. did not realize how his remark sounded, but that old common expression we have so often heard, "it looks like thirty cents," did not enter his mind. What the tax payer was trying to emphasize was the question of getting value received. Taxes are a just obligation, and we would have less complaint from the tax paying public if the tax money was properly expended. It is the waste and graft which brings the howl.

HAULING MAIL BY FREIGHT

The bulk of the mail received at Ballinger from the North comes over the Abilene & Southern railway. The same is true with all points between Ballinger and Abilene, a very rich and thickly populated territory.

At present only one train each day is operated on this route, and it is a freight train. The schedule depends on the amount of work the train crew has to do between Abilene and Ballinger, and at best the time is made in from four to five hours when it should be made in two hours.

It was good news to the mail patrons in the territory served by the A. & S. when it recently became known that a representative of the postoffice department visited Ballinger with a view of establishing a motor mail route between Ballinger and Abilene. Hauling mail by freight is a

step backwards, and the A. & S. should either be required to deliver the mail here within a reasonable time, or should surrender the mail contract and force the postoffice department to provide other means of transporting the mail.

BRING JOY TO THE BLIND

There are times when radio oversteps its bounds of entertainment and education, and becomes a veritable angel from heaven. Los Angeles county, California, maintains a school for blind children.

Those little ones have but two sources of contact with the outside world, touch and hearing.

Then into their lives came radio. What a change. Expressionless faces became animated. The world of broadcasters lay all their pleasures at their door.

One of the older boys had been blindly tinkering for months to contrive a radio. It worked, but only one child could listen at a time.

Then the head of a firm distributing radios heard their case. He gave the school a single dial receiving set which is so simple to operate that even a blind child could tune it. There was only one dial to turn and it could be tuned as easily without sight as with it.

If persons able to make such gifts could see the expression of joy on the faces of these children, radio sets would be given to every orphan's home, blind school, children's hospital or similar institution in the land.

In addition to giving entertainment the radio will be used to teach music, history, horticulture and current events at the school.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

Tells How To Get Quick Relief From Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

The firm which sent paddles to college fraternities as an advertisement will never sell anything to the freshmen.—Indianapolis Star.

Environment is crazy stuff. Enough of it will make you think anything is right or wrong.

Colds Fever Grippé Be Quick-Be Sure!

Get the right remedy—the best you know. So quick, so sure that millions now employ it. The utmost in a laxative. *Pronto-Quinine* in ideal form. Colds stop in 24 hours. La Grippe in 3 days. The system is cleansed and toned. Nothing compares with HILL'S.

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- For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMER
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- For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN, G. W. DUNLAP
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD
- For County Superintendent: R. E. WHITE
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 1: R. J. DEENS
- For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 1: ROY HIGGINBOTHAM, TOBE LITTLE, W. T. NICHOLS

LETTERS to the Editor

Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 4, 1926.

Mr. I. N. Roark, Ballinger, Texas, Dear Sir:

Having read with interest the article which was published in the Ballinger Daily Ledger of February 3rd, appearing over your name and under the caption "Our City Government and What About It," my sense of fairness demands that I make some reply to the contents of your article, by reason of the fact that you and other citizens and tax payers of Ballinger have a right to expect a first class city administration which I believe Ballinger, being one of the best towns in West Texas, is only entitled to.

In making any kind of reply I could only express an opinion that I feel would be only fair to the tax payers and myself, and that is for all elected officers to tender their resignations, and turn the \$2,000,000 corporation back to the people who own it, that they might be given a chance

to take such steps as may be necessary to "eradicate the deficiencies" that our city may not "perish by its own weight."

I give expression to this opinion because I am thoroughly convinced that under conditions as they now exist nothing can be done harmoniously for the betterment of Ballinger.

As a patriotic citizen therefore I am ready to do my part whatever that may be to co-operate with the citizens of Ballinger to remedy the unsatisfactory condition.

J. M. GARLINGTON.

A Correction

An ad in a recent issue of The Ledger is causing the clerks at The Ivory some trouble. The ad left the impression that The Ivory was handling dry goods, and numerous calls have come in for this line, when the variety store does not handle dry goods.

In setting the ad the words "Dry Goods and Notions" were used without punctuation when it should have said "Dry Goods Notions, etc." The omission of only a comma did the injury. The Ivory does handle notions, but does not handle dry goods.

In a little while now, big sister's things can be passed on to her younger brother.—Duluth Herald.

The coast of Southwestern California has been in the grip of a destructive tide for several days. A great many houses along the beach of Santa Monica have been destroyed by incoming waves and some lives lost.

Sometimes we think everybody is wrong about everything, but we know we are wrong about that. Don't be silly. Develop a little will power by wearing your Christmas neckties.

Time to Re-Tire Get a Fisk Sykes Overland Co.

Alert to Serve

You are invited to avail yourself of our years of grocery experience. Our facilities are cordially tendered to all worthy people.

We carry the most complete assortment of Fresh Vegetables in town.

Include in your next order one of our

Hostess Layer Cakes

L. B. STUBBS
GROCERIES

QUALITY — COURTESY — SERVICE

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THE FUNCTION

that the funeral director performs is a delicate one—service hard to render, yet absolutely necessary. He must be thoughtful and considerate, systematic and thorough—a silent but competent manager. We offer reasonable rates, and are able to render the best service that modern equipment and professional experience can furnish. We make an especial feature of service to clubs, churches, and similar institutions.

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E. E. KING and J. A. OSTERTAG
King-Holt Furniture & Undertaking Co.

SERVING THE PEOPLE IS THIS BANK'S HIGHEST AIM

The service of The First National Bank of Ballinger is consistently courteous, friendly and helpful.

It is never inattentive, listless nor half-hearted, but always sincerely interested and co-operative.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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Since 1886

PIGGLY WIGGLY

SATURDAY SPECIALS

4lbs. Seedless Raisins 50c
Market Day Brand

No. 10 Miss Lou Syrup 79c
100% Pure Ribbon Cane

2 lb. Fruit Cake \$1.00

4 Pkgs. Theme Paper 25c
King Kotton Brand—Loose Leaf—150 Sheets

5 lb. Pure Honey 83c
Pail

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Helps Those Who Help Themselves

We Hold the Financial Affairs

of each individual customer in strict confidence.

This one feature has gained us many friends.

Make OUR Bank YOUR Bank!

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

STRICTLY A BANKING INSTITUTION

CHILL IT!

you can still cream it easily



Mrs. Tucker's Shortening

Fringed Tiers Trim This Evening Gown



GERTRUDE OLMSTEAD

SIMPLE in line and treatment, with but a fringed tiered skirt is this charming frock which Gertrude Olmstead, Metro-Goldwyn Mayer star, is shown wearing. Many of the new frocks this Spring come trimmed with fringe, either in the graceful tiered effect worn by Miss Olmstead, or in more novel treatments. Note the square neck on this frock, which is one of the newer necks on evening gowns for Spring.

ASTHMA
No cure for it, but welcome relief is often brought by
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Typewriter Ribbons 75c, all the time—think it over. Ballinger Printing Co.

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Special Attention Given to
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BETTIS-STURGESS BUY CALDCLEUGH

J. C. Sturgess and R. H. Bettis arrived in Ballinger Friday and opened the R. E. Caldcleugh store and assumed management of the business. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgess will be here with the local ladies' store as managers, and Mr. Bettis will return to his home at May as soon as the stock has been checked over and some improvements made.

Mr. Bettis stated to a Ledger reporter that the interior of the building would be remodeled and new merchandise added as soon as same could be purchased and shipped here. The business will remain an exclusive ladies store, but piece goods, shoes and other lines will be added to the stock already on hand. The firm will be known here as Bettis & Sturgess and the same firm operates stores at Brownwood and Comanche under the firm name of Bettis & Gibbs.

INVITES OLD TIMERS TO BIRTHDAY DINNER

C. A. Doose invited in a few of the old timers to enjoy a birthday dinner at his home on Thursday evening. Of course Mr. Doose did not disclose his age, but among the guests on this occasion were some of the old timers who had known him since he was a barefoot boy and he is credited with having passed the half century mark by one year, and the greater part of his life has been spent in Rimmels county.

A most sumptuous repast was served to the guests with Mrs. Doose in charge of the elegant service, after which the evening was given over to reminiscences of the past, with a radio program and music furnished by the Edison.

Mr. Doose, as stated above, came to Rimmels county when a mere lad, and has figured conspicuously in the development of the county, having been instrumental in bringing more farmers to this county than any other one individual. He has experienced the ups and downs of the county, weathered the storms, and shared in the prosperity and reverses, so to speak, and his friends wish him at least another half hundred years of life and happiness.

STRICKEN SUDDENLY WITH APPENDICITIS

R. W. Earnshaw, of the Weeks drug store, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis in the Halley & Love Sanitarium at 9:00 o'clock Thursday night. He was reported to be getting along nicely late Friday.

Mr. Earnshaw was stricken suddenly with appendicitis. He was complaining some Wednesday, and felt a little badly during the early part of the day Thursday, but did not become ill until about 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. It soon developed that he was suffering with acute appendicitis, and a hasty operation advised.

Yellow typewriter paper 90c per 500 sheets. No more at this price, after present stock is exhausted. Ballinger Printing Co.

Old people can always remember when it was colder.



ANYONE CAN CUT HAIR

All one needs is a pair of scissors. But to cut hair so as to bring out the full beauty of your features is another thing. Our trained persons, such as those at this shop can do this properly. They know the latest modes in hair dressing. And they know how to bring out your particular beauty.

THOMAS' BARBER SHOP
8th Street

BUILDING NOTES

W. A. Nance is placing the material on the ground for construction of a new modern stucco bungalow. The new home will cost about \$10,000 and will occupy the site of the old home, the old house to be razed for the new one.

Work is progressing nicely on the new home of Dr. A. S. Love, near the sanitarium. The brick walls of the structure are up and a portion of the roof put on. This will be one of the most modern bungalows in the city.

Good headway is being made on construction of a new modern \$10,000 residence for Mrs. R. A. Dickinson on Eleventh Street. Mrs. Dickinson has been living in the Western suburbs of the city for several years. She will occupy the new home as soon as completed.

Jess Jones has just completed running the concrete which adds greatly to his residence on Broadway by the addition of curbs and sidewalks.

L. L. Stroble has let the con-

tract for concrete sidewalks and curbs on the side and fronting his residence on Broadway.

The new building for a grocery store which is being constructed by Frank LaMotte on Hutchings Avenue, North of the Cameron lumber yard, is well underway. The building is being constructed of hollow brick tile.

Edwin Day is building a new two story garage in his yard on Broadway. The upper story will be used either as servants' quarters or as a reading room.

Work is rapidly progressing on the five-room bungalow being erect by L. E. Bair on Ninth Street.

BOY BREAKS ARM CRANKING FLIVVER

Raymond McShan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShan, suffered a broken arm while cranking a Ford Thursday afternoon. The lad was driving an old Ford when it went dead on him, and he and some other boys were trying to start it when the accident occurred.

Typewriter Paper \$1.00 per ream. Ballinger Printing Co.



DR. W. B. BIZZELL.



Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tyson are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl born to them on February 3rd. The young lady gets the name Elizabeth.

INSTALLS TEXAN AS PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press)
NORMAN, Okla., Feb. 5.—With educators from virtually every section of the United States in attendance, Dr. W. B. Bizzell, today was formally inaugurated here as president of the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Bizzell was formerly president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, coming to the Oklahoma university from Texas last year. He has been in charge of the state university here since last July.

VISITORS COMING FOR M. W. A. MEETING

R. J. Viller, state deputy of the Modern Woodmen of America; and W. G. Gilroy, lecturer of Canton, Ill., will be here Saturday and will be guests of the local Modern Woodmen camp at a meeting Saturday night. All members of the order are urged to be present at the meeting.

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SALES 2', TIMES THOSE OF ANY OTHER BRAND

"M" SYSTEM STORE TO OPEN HERE SATURDAY

Sam Behringer, manager of the new "M" System store, announced today that everything is in readiness for the grand opening of the grocery store at 9:00 o'clock, Saturday morning, February 6th. The store will swing its doors open at exactly 9:00 a. m., and will remain open until 9:00 p. m.

Many novel features have been planned for this opening and one of the largest crowds that ever visited a store opening in Ballinger is expected to inspect the new cash-and-carry establishment on the first day of its existence. An orchestra has been engaged and will assist in entertaining the visitors all day and many special demonstrators will be on hand to show and sample their wares, which will be sold by the "M" store. Among the special demonstrations to be conducted will be that of Armour & Company with Star brand products; Falger & Company will serve Golden Gate coffee; J. E. Young & Company will serve Paramount products; W. K. Kellogg & Company will give a bear with every purchase of two packages of their goods; and the "M" store itself will

have a wonderful offer of the E. J. Brach & Son candies. The store will also have plenty of souvenirs for the children who come to the opening.

One of the big features of the day will be the giving away absolutely free of seven \$5.00 bills of groceries. When you visit the store this plan will be explained to you and you will have the same chance to win as anyone else and no one will be obligated to buy anything in order to share in this distribution.

A special sale of bananas will be offered that will attract many and a special salesman from the Abilene Fruit & Vegetable Company will be in charge of the sale. An elaborate display of other fruits and vegetables from this firm will be in the water-sprayed rack for inspection.

At 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning the first fifteen women entering the store when the doors swing open will be given five pounds of pure cane sugar free.

A conscience is a handy thing. You can think the fear of being found out is your conscience hurting.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN RULER'S DAUGHTER HEAD RED CROSS

(By Associated Press) PRAGUE, Feb. 5.—Miss Alice Masaryk, the daughter of the president of Czechoslovakia, has become one of the ruling forces of progress in social and welfare work in that country. Her gifts of organization and leadership are attributed to her American training. She has a degree from the University of Chicago.

Although Miss Masaryk is the head of the National Red Cross, her work extends to every variety of social advancement.

OUCH! BACKACHE! RUB LUMBAGO AWAY

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 35 cent bottle of old, honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and the soreness and lameness is gone.

In use for 65 years, this soothing, penetrating oil takes the pain right out, and ends the misery. It is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.



Ledger want ads pay

"M" SYSTEM IS DECLARED TO BE 'STORE BEAUTIFUL'

The new "M" System Store will be one of the handsomest stores in Ballinger and the attractive furniture and cleanliness will no doubt attract many people to the establishment to purchase groceries and meat. All the fixtures in this new store are snow white trimmed in black, giving it a neat and attractive appearance.

The "M" store is operated on a cash and carry basis. The customer enters through the turn-gates that revolve both ways, looks through the stock and selects his own goods and passes out by the cashier's desk where he pays and gets his goods wrapped. Every item is marked in plain figures so that one can keep account of his bill as he goes on. The store derives its name from the design of the interior, being built in the shape of an "M," which is a convenient way to display goods and is also easy of access to the customer in shopping.

To the left of the front entrance is the meat market, where an experienced meat cutter will always be ready to wait on the trade. This is convenient in that the customer is not required to go through the rest of the store in order to purchase a piece of meat or any other article from the market. The market, as well as the large refrigerator in this store, is kept cool by electric refrigeration, using no ice whatever. This system is said to maintain a more even degree of temperature.

Another feature of the new store is a patented vegetable rack. The rack is connected to the city water mains and so arranged that a fine mist is continuously sprayed over the vegetables, keeping them fresh at all times. Opposite the market at the front of the store are the large candy and cigar cases.

Sam Behringer, proprietor of

the "M" Store, is very anxious that everyone visit the new store on opening day to see the wonderful arrangement of the stock he has placed on display for the grocery buyers. The management urges that everyone come thru the turn-stiles whether they buy or not for many special articles have been purchased in order that the store would look its best on formal opening date. Competent and courteous clerks will be on hand to assist the customer in any way and special demon-

strators will be ready to serve visitors with their products.

ARE YOU SICK?

Do you have stomach trouble, loss of weight, loss of sleep, nervousness, frequent headaches, dizziness, depression and loss of energy? If so, I have a FREE message for you. Write W. C. Rountree, M. D., Texarkana, Texas.

Eighty million cigarettes were smoked in 1925. The modern wife helps her husband in many any way and special demon-

Congratulations

To

"M" System Store

We Welcome You

As a Competitor

and

Wish You Well

PIGGLY WIGGLY
QUALITY PRICE

Congratulation

To Mr. Sam Behringer

on the opening of the



Do not overlook their Candy display, most all of which is fresh from our kettles.

E. J. Brach & Sons

The World's Largest Candy Manufacturers

Chicago :: :: :: :: Illinois

Compliments of
Abilene Fruit and Vegetable Co.

Wholesale Only

The largest distributore of Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables in the entire Southwest.

Abilene, Texas

A MAN OF INTEGRITY

A physician who reaches out to benefit humanity leaves a record behind him that is worth while. Such a man was Dr. R. V. Pierce. His study along medical lines, and his knowledge of the remedial qualities of herbs and plants led to the discovery of his wonderful herbal remedy, Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is just the tonic required if a woman is borne down by pain and sufferings at regular or irregular intervals, by nervousness or dizzy spells, headache or backache. Favorite Prescription can also be had in tablet form as well as liquid at drug stores.

SCHOLASTICS SHOW BIG INCREASE IN POPULATION

Taking the scholastic population of Rannels county as a basis to figure on, and allowing five people for each school child, the population of Rannels county is now approximately 30,000. There are about 5,900 school children in the county. It is estimated that there are at least 25,000 people in the county at this time.

The 1920 census was taken at a time following the severe drouth and when many people had left the county to seek employment in the oil fields and at other places. At that time the census showed only a population of 17,074. The 1910 census gave the county a population of 20,858 and the 1900 census shows that the county had living within its confines 5,379 people.

Dance

at the Offen Amusement Hall, February 6th. Music furnished by Rainbow Dance Orchestra. Everybody welcome.

Committee: 5-11d*

A monument to Mother Eve is erected in Greenville, S. C. Why didn't Western apple growers ever think of that!—Morgantown News.

Used Furniture READ WANT ADS

Movies



JAMES CRUZE DIRECTOR OF 'THE PONY EXPRESS' A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

JAME CRUZE'S 'THE PONY EXPRESS' AT QUEEN

The widely heralded and long expected western special, "The Pony Express," which James Cruze directed for Paramount, with a brilliant cast of several thousand players, headed by Betty Compson, Ricardo Cortez, Ernest Torrence and Wallace Beery, opened its two-day engagement at the Queen Theatre this afternoon.

This mighty frontier cinemasterpiece gives Cruze the unique distinction of producing the only photoplay that seriously threatens the supremacy heretofore maintained by his first great epic, "The Covered Wagon." And there is much these two classics have in common.

Like its distinguished predecessor, "The Pony Express" is a powerful story combining historical fact with the element of romance that characterized the West of pioneer days. But altho its climax is as tremendous, and its ending as emotional and beautiful as that of "The Covered Wagon," its love theme is more

appealing, its background more fascinating, and its dramatic episodes more startling, more thrilling and more colorful.

The action of the plot is laid in 1860, in the dark days just before the Civil War, and deals with the struggle between North and South to gain control of California with its prestige and enormous resources of gold. In this bitter political contest, with its plotting and intrigue, gun-fighting and bloodshed, the crack riders of the Pony Express play a significant and important part.

COMPLETING ADDITION TO OFFICE BUILDING

The new brick and reinforced concrete extension of the office and store room of the West Texas Utilities Company is about complete and ready for occupancy. The new addition will be used for a work shop and for holding meetings of the employees, being subdivided and conveniently arranged. The enlarged floor space offers more room for the store and supply house in the rear of the present office building.

Ledger want ads pay

BATHING BEACH AT COUNTRY CLUB

Work will begin within the next few days in building a 100-foot wharf from the bath house out over the water at the Ballinger Country Club lake. The wharf will be extended to the first line of posts, or outer safety zone, and a sixteen-foot diving tower will also be erected at the end of the run. The plans for the improvement have been approved and the expenditure authorized.

The fishing season at the lake will open in May, and the club members are looking forward to some sport in this line. Those who visit the club lake from time to time and who have had occasion to observe the antics of the fish, declare that there is every evidence of a big school of fish. The lake was well stocked when it was first filled with water, and since then many fish have been transferred from streams to the lake by the committee in charge of that part of the work.

No fishing has been allowed,

and will not be allowed, until next May in order to give the lake time to become well stocked.

On Train Only Once But Has Visited Most States
(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—Charles Stockwell Ricker, six years old, has been in most of the states in the Union, but has ridden on a train only once.

Charles is the son of Chester Ricker, widely known automotive engineer and an official at motor racing events, including the annual Indianapolis Motor Speedway classic.

He had been to New York city,

all over the South, and to the Far West, but always he had gone in his father's motor car. Recently his father took him to Denver by train.

Charles enjoyed the train ride, but still prefers automobiles.

FOR OVER 40 YEARS

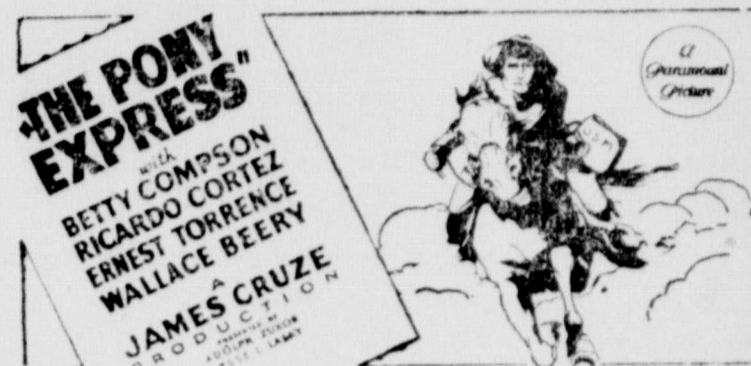
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh. It consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus reducing the inflammation. **HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE** as a Blood Purifier gives wonderful results. All druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

QUEEN THEATRE

Not Occasionally, but Always a Good Show!

IT'S HERE—TODAY and SATURDAY

James Cruze we salute you! When you made "The Covered Wagon" they said it would never have an equal—and now comes



Living again the epic chapter of those lightning riders who raced 2,000 miles against death to link East and West. Not for a day, not for a year—like "The Covered Wagon"—it will live in the hearts of America forever.

Also Two Reel Educational Comedy

Matinee 10c and 30c

Night 10c and 40c

MAEROY THEATRE

TODAY AND SATURDAY
BUFFALO BILL, Jr.

in

"The Desert Demon"

A Thunder Bolt Western Thriller.

ALSO

"ARE PARENTS PICKLE"
Pathe Comedy Riot

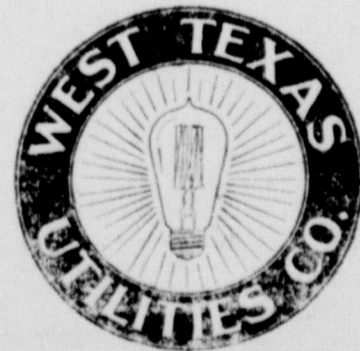
Popular Prices 10c and 25c



The Electric Refrigeration in the "M" System Store was Installed By

West Texas Utilities Company

We Congratulate Mr. Behringer On Opening the "M" System Store in Ballinger



Home Life of President Coolidge
Typically American, Says Frazier Hunt



Frazier Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Coolidge and The President.

What manner of man is President Coolidge when he passes from the executive wing of the White House to the private rooms which for more than a century have been the home of American presidents? An interesting, behind-the-scenes picture of the home life of Calvin Coolidge, the man, is portrayed by Frazier Hunt, war correspondent and magazine writer, in Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan for January, in which he depicts the domestic side of the Chief Executive.

Mr. Hunt not only had luncheon with Mrs. Coolidge and the President, but with Mrs. Hunt attended a ball game with them.

Liver and bacon, American style,

was the real dish at the luncheon and, according to the writer, the event was typical of American home life in every way, from the food that was eaten and the books discussed to the lending of a coat to Mrs. Hunt by the President's wife.

Mr. Hunt tells of his visit in detail. The conversation covered a variety of subjects from farm conditions to books and the American Legion, the dishes that made up the luncheon, the household pets, the President's private library, the pictures in his study, and comment on the great American game.

"We had a good visit," he concludes. "We'd spent a day with real Americans."

GROCERY STORE IN STALLS MEAT MARKET

Jones & Vogelsang have added a meat market to their grocery business and will handle fresh meats and make deliveries with grocery orders or will deliver meats separately. Reno Macken, recently with the Stroble market, has accepted a position with Jones & Vogelsang and will be in charge of the meat department. Oysters and fish will be kept in season.

Jones & Vogelsang are celebrating their first anniversary by adding the new department to their business. They have been in business one year, having occupied a location on Eighth Street until three months ago when they moved to their present quarters on Hutchings Avenue.

Ruled index cards 3x5 inches only \$1.50 per 1,000. Ballinger Printing Co. 13-1fd

Adding Machine Paper 12 1/2x2 1/2 per roll, second sheets 60c per ream; mimeograph paper 80c per ream. Ballinger Printing Co.

PICKS UP CAR THIEF ON ROAD

Jim Flynt ran onto an automobile thief, took charge of him and the car and turned both over to the sheriff of Irion county, Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Flynt had been to Sherwood on business and was in the sheriff's office conferring with the Irion sheriff when that officer received a phone message from Abilene giving the description of a Ford roadster which had just disappeared from that city. Mr. Flynt heard the conversation over the phone between the Taylor county sheriff and the Irion county sheriff, shortly after which the Ballinger man started for his home.

A short time after leaving Sherwood Mr. Flynt ran onto a man who was traveling in a Ford roadster and who had stopped to change casings. He recognized the vehicle from the description he had just heard, and he pro-

ceeded to take charge of the car and the man, later turning them over to the Irion county sheriff, and the Taylor county officer was notified.

A second man was seen leaving the car before Mr. Flynt reached the scene. He was walking away in the direction of another car which was further down the road, and before the Ballinger man could apprehend the second man, he had stepped on the gas and made his get-away. The second car was no doubt a stolen car also.

A reward of \$25 for the car and \$50 for conviction of the thief was posted.

Ledger advertising pays.

TEACHING WOMEN TO DRIVE LOCOMOTIVES

BELGRADE, Feb. 5.—A school has been opened at Belgrade to teach women to drive steam locomotives. The opening of a new railroad drew attention to the shortage in men.

The woman pupils do not discard the skirt, which in fact they wear rather long, but practical work will probably make graduates adopt trousers and overalls as so many women did in France when forced by the war to take up men's professions.

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DEATHS

Mrs. T. J. Starkey

The death angel visited this city Friday morning and claimed another one of its pioneer women, and one whose life had been useful in making for happiness and administering unto others, when Mrs. T. J. Starkey quietly passed out of this world.

Mrs. Starkey was seventy-two years, one month and two days of age. She had been in feeble health for some time and re-

cently was stricken with influenza. She died at the family home on Ninth Street at 9:15 o'clock Friday morning.

Mrs. Starkey came to Rinnels county with her husband about thirty years ago, moving here from San Marcos. She was a faithful wife and kind and loving mother, and before she became feeble she was often found in the homes of others nursing the sick and administering to those in need.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church, and the present pastor, Rev. S. L. Culwell, and a former pastor, Rev. W. H. Doss, will conduct the funeral services. The Higginbotham undertakers are in charge of the funeral arrangements and the funeral will be held at the residence on Ninth Street, Saturday afternoon, the hour to be announced when children residing at other places are heard from. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

This good mother is survived by seven children, two sons and five daughters. Sam Starkey, the eldest, resides at San Marcos. Mrs. M. T. McKay and Mrs. Harry Sharp reside in California. Moses Lula and Tommy Starkey reside in Ballinger; Mrs. Sidney Caskey in Winters; and Levi Starkey in El Paso. Probably all the children, except those living in California, will be here for the funeral.

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