## The Seal of Approy" <br> Is tampa? every fire?

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## R. POSSIBILLTIES <br> GROWING BRIGHTER

Work Will Start as Soon as Bonus is Se cured. Abilene Will Put Up.
As a result of an enthusiasti mass meeting last Saturday, at which the move was put on foot to raise the required bonus for the Ballinger-Abilene road,
committee is at work soliciting the bonus. Judge J. W. Powell and Secretary of the Commercial Club, Lee Maddox, have the matter in hand, and are pushing the work, and it is stated that as soon as the bonus is secured the work of constructing the road will start. Chief Engineer McDaniel writes from Abilene that he finds
upon investigation that the Comupon investigation that the Com-
mercial club of that place is ready mercial club of that place is ready
and willing to meet any reasonable demands from the Company, and that the bonus at that end of the line can be had for the asking. As soon as the Ballinger bonus is secured a combittee will meet with the Abilene peo-
ple. Ballinger must have this road, and if you have failed to sub scrib to the bonus, and are able to do so you are neglecting
Nur duty as a citizen. As has sen stated time and again if we Gil to get busy and secure ce road the line will be built
from Abilene to Brady and will run East of Ballinger.

LOCATING A NEW Line,
Fort Worth Tex., Dec. 23.-R. M. Dunham of the contracting
firm of Coppage \& Dunham has firm of Coppage \& Dunham has feturned from Brady, where he
has spent the last two weeks, has spent the last two weeks,
while representing a party of
foreign capitaists, in looking
orer the field for a new railroad,
tended from Abilene to Comfort by way of Brady.
From directions north and
south through the territory south through the territory men
tioned there are no railroad facil tioned there are no railroad facil ties and the only access to that part of the country now is from under consideration for the line is 250 miles and according to statement made by Mr. Dunham the country abounds in the most avorable conditions, despite the been very poor. The prospec tive terminal is scheduled Abilene and at Comfort the nat"ural co
The Texas and Pacific and Wichita Valley also reach Abi lene and Mr. Dunham appears very enthusiastic over the proscontinue his observation surve mmediately after the holiday and within two weeks time wi be eenabled to make a report to
those financially interested those financially interested in th
enterprise, and that inhis mind there is every reason in his mind there is every reason to believ come a certainty.
$\qquad$
In our last issue our reporte
In our last issue our reporter and wife gave a six o'clock din Stewarts of the Methodist church, when he should have said to
only.
Judge B. B. Stone, wife and yesterday where they wer , falled to be with Mrs. Stone's

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Great Slaughier Cost Sale of Merchandise Of Merit

A combination of circumstances compels us to unload our large stock of new, up-to-date everything goes in this sale at
seasonale

## Wholesale Gost--or Less.

| Staples at Cost | Shoes at Cost | Dry Goods at Cost |
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| Clothing at Cost | Hats at Cosf | Underwear at Cost |
| Blankets at Cost | Ladies Suits at Cost | Ladies Skirts at Cost |
| Ladies Hats at Cost | Dress Goods at cost | Everything at Cost |

We offer a complete ne
that befy competition.
Positively no Goods Charged or Sold on Approbation During this Sale Come and examine our stock. You will find goods cheaper than you ever thougt you could bus them.

## Fire Excitement Last Night

At six-thirty last night a fir
alarm was turned in from E. D.
Waker's residence on thirteenth
Street. A ballon fell on the
roof and set the shingles afire,
and the blaze had started up be-
fore the fire was discovered. Th
fire company responded prompt-
ly and made a fine run, a few
fire out.

## Wanfed

Local representative for Ballinger and vicinity to look after
renewals and increase subscrip renewals and increase subscripmagazine, on a salnent monthly magazine, on a salory and commission basis. Experience de opportunity for necessary. Good Address Publisher, Box 59, Sta tion $\theta$, New York,

## The Last Sunday.

Some who read this notice
have permitted fifty-one Sundays
to pass by this year without go-
ing to church.

## chance.

Sunday school at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
Preaching at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. at
Court House. Pourt House.
Christian church.
E. P. Williams, Pastor.

## Happy Xmas for Seren Boys.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Kelley was a merry place on was arranged in honor of thei guests, Mr. and Mrs. Brehie Al len and their little son, of Lock hart. Among those present wer Dr. and Mrs. Blasdell. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White, Rev. and Mrs Th, Williams and Santa Claus The younzsters who furnished music with horns. drums, and
pop-guns, and ate candy, fruit, pop-guns, and ate candy, fruit,
nuts, and cake until a late hour, were: La Verne Allen, Jack Blasdell, Edmund and Erskine Wil-
liams, Archie, Rothal and Hammond O'Kelley.

Thad Thomson came in from
Brownwood on the late train yesterday.
George Lagrone is here from Johson County on a visit to his
brother-in-law, Walter Knight.
M. D. Leslie, of the State Uni-
versity of Kansas, is spending versity of Kansas, is spending
Christmas with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Leslie.
At the Thompson boarding J. D. Leslie spoke the words that united in matrimony C. E.
Slaughter and Miss Julia Thomp-
son.
Frank Maddox, of the Lee Moddox insurance agency went over to Paint Rock with the ad
justers fast Friday and the losses which occured there a couple of weeks ago adjusted to the
satisfaction of all parties conserned.
sal
Mrs. E. L. Rasbury gave a din ner party last Friday evening at ter, Miss Bertha and her guest Miss Kidd of Talpa. An elegant six course dinner was served and
thoroughly enjoyed after which the guests played a number of interesting games of 42 . The following were present: Misses
Mammie Kidd, Bertha Rasbury Mammie Kidd, Bertha Rasbury,
Minnie Lewis, Clara Malone, and Messrs: Ralph Erwin, Scott Mangum, Evere
Lawrence.

## BREAKS WORLD

## SHOOTING REGORD

Out of Total of 72,500 Targets Only
San Antonio, Dec. 22.-The bost remarkable shooting exh arms was concluded today whe Ad Toepperwein completed a ten days' shooting series, during which time he shot at 72,500 targets and missed only nine.
This breaks the world's record
in several different ways, both as to the number of targets shot nd the number missed.
Mr. Toenperwein closed his
wonderful exhibition in wonderful exhibition in whirlfinal 6,500 targets and scoring only one miss. This one miss only one miss. This one miss
was due to the wind, which was was due to the wind, which was tremely unfavorable conditions for rifle work. The blocks were very light and were easily swept ye
from their course Mr. Toepperse.
caliber automatic rifle a 22 blocks were $21-4$ inches the and were thrown inches thick, a distance of twenty feet from the point where stood the marksman.
Mr, Toepperwein's longest run was 14,540 without a miss and there were several runs that went over 13,000 without a miss. Mr. Töepperwein usually shot about eight hours a day, and consumed ten day's shooting at the When Mr . Toepper
When Mr. Toepperwein began world's record. He decided the hoot 5,000 targets a day for te days, making a total of 50,000 . which is 10,000 over the record. His shoots, however, averaged about $7,000 \mathrm{a}$ day, and he decided to shoot the full ten days, making the total of 72,500 , with only nine misses.
The wonderful marbsman used two rifles loading himself and
shooting 500 shots with each gun shooting 500 shots with each gun
alternately in order to keep them
cool.
There was a very large crowd
out at the shoot to witness the closing day's work in the making of the record. Mr. Toepper d.

Mrs. L. H. Bacon is visitin friends in Miles, this week. Rev, G. W. Newman and wife
pent Christmas in Coleman with friends.
L. C. Proctor and family are here from Midland spending the holidays.
Lit Chastain, from Coleman pent the holidays, this week visiting relatives.
M. W. McGinnis and family re here from Sweetwater visit are here from
ing relatives.
Nick Stallworth was in first of he week to meet his daughte who came in from school,
Mrs. J. G. Douglass returned ome from Itasca, to-day. She rought her sist
Among those who applied for cense to wed this week are Walter Bost and Eunice MatBredemeyer; C. E. Slugusta nd Julia Thompson; P. B. Sl liott and Peble Nesbit; Frank McShann and Elsie Hure;

Signs of the Times.
Following is an excerpt from a Following is an excerpt from a
letter from a wholesale and manufacturing house to a local firm. The letter, in a condense form,
tells the true condition of business and financial matters generness an
is danger of a financial panBanks or. The soundness of our and they aeen fully established payments. fast resuming cash and Cotton will be of Wheat us large cash balances in Europe to draw against.
This is a great country. The Farmers generally have had a prosperous year; The enormous mount of steel articles made nto use which practically gone no stock on hand, and just or oon as financial mattd just as heir normal condition the must necessarialy be a hea the actual year." year."

Notice--Keep Out. All my lands which boarder
Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep
out. No hunting, pecan gathering or trespassing allowed.
W. E. Allen

Alfred Luckett came down from Miles to spend Christmas ,
Will and Farrar Gressett are at ome from a lengthy stay in New Me
W. A. W. A. Perry, editor of Sweetwater Reporter, accompanied by Perry's mother, Mrs. Cordill B. H. Melton, a citizen ar ong time of Santa Anna, and well known over this section of Santa Anna, died at his home in
Miss Erie Routh won the dell given away in the guessing contest by the City Drug Store and
Miss Eleanor Kirk won the one iven away by the $5 \& 10$ c Store The town is full of Christmas stors make mention of them all. The printers, like everybody else, The printers, like everybody else,
wants a little Christmas vacation
nd the Leader force observed and the Leader force observed
one day this week, and with the many changes to be made in admatter short.

## Adversity

some time in our lives, lot it is probable that some ready cash will be
a great help over the
troubulous time Why not open a hank
account and lay aside a portion of your ararnings the future. An account
ith this bank will rey, will be a step in the help to put your business asis.
 First National Bank Ballinger, - Texas.




## The Seal of Approval

 Is tamped on every fire insurance policy we issue. When you insure with us and the policy is "signed sealed and delivered," you have done a goodthat bears our seal is evidence of its solidity In case of fire we adjust your loss promptly and
without vexatious delay as often happens with some $00^{\circ}$ companies.

## Lee Maddox



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That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

## Years Of Experience

We have had years of exeperience in the gracery' business and know how to buy so we can sell righ month's tryal will convince you.
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##  Your Hauling <br> Who Does it? <br> Allison ac Gobb  <br> \section*{国監 <br> <br> \section*{=an}}

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Judge Jno. N. Henderson,
D. Dallas, Texas, Dec. 23. - Judge John N. Henderson, assistant appeals, died at 10 o'clock Sun-
day night at his home, 307 Ross day night at his home, 307 Ross avenue. Judge Henderson's health began to fail about a year ago, but it was not until about
thirty days before his death that thirty days before his death that
he could be persuaded to quit he could be persuaded to quit
work. After that his decline was very rapid. Two weeks ago his family became alarmed. For more than a week he had taken
no nourishment. His death had been expected at any time sinc last Sunday. He had been unconscious since Friday. The fun-
eral took place from the resieral took place from the resi-
dence at 10 o'clock this morning. dence at $100^{\prime}$ clock this morning.
Joh $n$ Nathaniel Henderson, oldest of the seven children of Thomas S. and Harriet Reed Henderson, was born in Abby
ville district, South Carolina, on February 26, 1843. He came to Texas with his father's family 000 in 1846, settled on a farm in 00 Washington count
00 After receiving his elementary 00 instruction in the neighborhood years, entered Baylor University 00 at Independence, where he had 0. tor, Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, until the states. At the age of seven-
teen he volunteered as a private in the "Dixie Blues," - Rogers (now of Galveston), captain. Proceeding to Virginia, 100 . the company was attached to the Fifth Texas infantry, form-
ing an original constitute of Hood's Brigade.

1. at Gains Mill and in the other great battles around Richmond. Crossing the Potomac with I i.ee, he lost an arm in the terrible ba ing from the amputation of his arm he re-entered the service.
with the rank of captain, and with the rank of captain, an
during the remainder of the w
was on the staff of Gen. Jerom

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## ung for several years. In 1874

 district attorney of the Bryandistrict. composed of Brazos district. composed of Brazos
county and adjoining counties.
This office he held until 1880, tor from the Bryan district. He
served one term as state senator served one term as state senator
and declined a re-election. In
1883 he was appointed district 1883 he was appointed district
judge of the Bryan district by Governor Ross to fill a vacancy, and was elected to the same office
by the people in 1809. While he by the people in 1809. While he was elected as judge of the He was re-elected in 1900 and 1906. He was conse
quently in the thirteenth year of THIS IS SAID
Judge Henderson was an ac-
mplished writer and public
on cone delivered address-
Baylor University. Before
he state democrftic convention
$t$ Galveston he nominated Gen.
L. S. Ross for governor. He
often spoike at Confederate re-
unions and on other notabe occa-
ions. He was twice married.
His first wife was Miss Hester
Hubert of Bryan
Hubert of Bryan, who dying in
1871. left one daughter now Mrs
W. M. Foster, of Waco Mis
W. M. Foster, of Waco. His
second wife, who was Miss Kate

Evans of Bryan, survives him.
Their children are: Mrs. B. B.
Stone of Ballinger, Mrs. Russell
C. Watkins of Houston and John

Thurston Henderson. Surviving
sisters and brothers are: Mrs.
George L. Chandler of Anderson
George L. Chandler of Anderson,
Mrs. T. C. Fowler of Lampasas
Mrs. J. W, Rhodes, of Navasota.
Miss Ada Henderso
Miss Ada Henderson, Sam R
Henderson of Bryan and T. Henderson of Bryan and
Henderson of Cameron.
Judge Henderson move
family to Dallas about six months
before his death, establishing
his home at 307 Ross avenue,
where he died.
How to Cure
Your Piles
If sufferers from piles and rectal dis-
eases
like Dr. Culd frst try a reliable laxative
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like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin instead
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B. Y. P. U. Program
Sunday Dec., 29 at 7.20

Edward S.
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The Missionary Outlook in
China, Address by Wylie Barbee
What the Missionary Charac-
ter of the Union should be? Ad-
dress by Frank Maddox.
dress by Frank Maddox.
Duett, by Miss Oma Harris,

## Baptists in China, Paper by Miss

Belle McGinnis.
How the Union should co-oper-
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ate with the Church in Mission-
ary work, Paper by Miss Oma
Harris.
Harris.
The Missionary Opportunity of
the Union, Address by J. B. Harris.
Quartett: Messrs Gustavus,
Wilburn, Menshew, Alvis. Conclu $\qquad$

The Correct Time to stop a cough or cold is just as be no danger of pneumonia or be no danger of pneumonia or
consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment
will be longer, but the
$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { will be longer, but the cure is } \\ & \text { sure. Sold by J, Y. Pearce. }\end{aligned}\right.$

TO HELP MANY
J. Ford Ivy left Tuesday for
San Marcos to visit his father. "Go you one better" 15 bars oap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains. 52 tf .
Mr. and Mrs. Condà Wylie came in from San Angelo Tuesday.
The smail depositor is just as welcome as the large and the
same courteous treatment will be same courteous treatment will be
extended him at the
Citizens National Bank. Mr. Robinson, Sec., of the day to visit Waco, FreshLive Oak and mill flour FreshLive oak and mill flour
on hand all the time, each kind guaranteed and made good if Mou should find a bad sack at
Miller mer. Co
Mrs. W. H. Cole of Bryan is
Mrs. W. H. Cole of Bryan is
here visiting her father, W

## here visiting her father, W. A.

A rich man is the man who always has money. Put some of
your money in the Citizens Natyour money in the Citizens Nat-
tonal Bank of Ballinger and you will begin to be rich right away.
Mr and Mrs. G. G. Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom are ranch to visit their daughter Mrs. J. F. Currie.

Judge J. W. Powell makes it a specialty to draw and probate wills, settle up estates, act guardian of minors, trustee in bankruptcy and closing up finantial
affairs. affairs.
Miss Woodward, the competent stenographer of the Bennett Abstract Co., left Monday
for Brownwood to spend Christmas with her parents. Christ-

CHICHESTER'S PILLS


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Progressive Procession.
GRESGENT STORE
situated oposite the Opera House on the corner. Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits and Viegetables, Also Feed Supplies J. O. MIXOIY
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Stoughton Wagons
K. C. Buggies Sanders Dise Plows Lone Star Cultivators Rock Island Planters I.H.C. Gasoline Engines

## Jones, Watone Ga.

A Happy New Year.
We extend to-all our customers and friends out sincere thanks for patronage and favors through
1907, and wish for one and all a Happy New Year and prosperous 1908.

Jas. E. Brewer

N. B, Remember we can supply you with dependable

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## MINUTES OF TEACH-

The roll was cal
who was absent ERS INSTITUTE

## Names of Those Who Attended and Num-

 ber of Days Present.The Teachers Institute of RunThe Teachers Institute of Runnels county met on the morning of Dec. 15, 1907. Prof. Hagan called the meeting to order, and after a few well directed words to the teachers introuduced to Hoffer, who both extended the teachers a hearty welcom to Ballinger. $\qquad$ of officers. Supt., R W Wilection of Miles. was elected president; Prof. Skinner of Ballinger, vice president; Max Krvener of Row ena, secretary, assisted by Mis Jenney Bennett Maude Sheldon. The regular program was then
successfully carried out, and the following committee appointed Committee on daily programme, J. M. Skinner, C. D, Garrett,
Miss Ethel Truly, E. L. Hagan; Miss Ethel Truly, E. L. Hagan; Beard, Miss Ida White and Mis Maggie Cockrell.

## Tespay

## was promptly

 The Institute was promptly Grimes conducted the devotion exercises. The roll was called. spend the regular program and appoint a committee of two, who tardy. Thams. He made a very inter- were to appoint another three was then carried out with great ${ }^{\prime}$ esting talk in behalf of Christian- making it a committee of five, zeal and efficiency. Every one to have with us Rev. ductor for the Summer Normal to on duty had sis subject well pre- Grimes, who contributed to the be held in Ballinger. The Presiwere all concise instructive, The work of the program was than taken up, 'It with Supt. Hagan and appointed day was closed by a few words program was than taken up, 'It with Supt. Hagan and appointed to the teachers by County Supt., Many lively discussions ensued J. H. Beard. In the afternoon faction with the success of the and great interest and earnest- we had the honor to have with Institute.WEDNESDAY. noon we had the honor to have by the Teachers Institute of Tom with us Supt. W. H. Carpenter Green County to extend to this After the meeting had been of Brownwood. The regular Institute an invitation to join called to order, Rev. Leslie con- programe was suspended and their Summer Normal. A motion ducted the devotional exercises. the floor given to the Supt. after/was made that we authorize our one who was absent for impor- favor of the amendment was then Board of Education that we fav
tant reasons. In response to made and unanimously carried Lesliequest of the Institute, Rev, The regular work of the program examiners greater latitude was highly appreciated. The fully carried out. A motion was conduiting examinations. regular programme was then then made that we meet at 8 pleasure to have with us Mr . ommenced, but as we had the o'clock and adjourn at 3 o'clock S . McCarver, an enterprisin ing the floor to him. Herrede an eloquent address, He made an
moral the importance of the

## FRIDAY

er promptly at 8 o'cloc
yer lead in prayer.
Dyer lead in prayer 8 'clock. Prof
ords mittee on resolutions was then
ing. excused from the meeting to
and lar work taken up. Mr.
an able newspaper mam with the Ballinger Ledger, was present it and delivered a short address, strongly emphasing the importance of the newspapers and the cooperation of preachers, teachers, and newspaper men. Afte ttly recess, the report of the commit called to order by President Wil- tee on resolutions was heard
son and Rev. E. P. Williams con- The son and Rev. E. P. Williams con- The resolutions were amended ducted the devotional exercises. and unanimously adopted. A
 quest of the Institute, Rev. Leslie Supt. Hangeneral. In response Summer Normal that is to be conducted the devotional exer- and effective address. A motion next summer. A motion was cises. The roll was called and that we appreciate Supt. Carpen- made that we authorize Supt one who was absent for impor- favor of the amendment was then Hagan to write to the Sta

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LLynette Brown , CoolsbyLeta Dickinson, Antelope Arnie Smith, Miles. Bowers May, Meadows. Louise Cato, Miles. Lula Townsend, Bell. Minnie Rider, Goolsby. Eula Jones, Balln, Miles. Gertrude Pheips Pear Gertrude Pheips Pearce Schoo Nettie Mills, Miles Ida White, Miles. Mrs. R. N. Wilson, Miles,

## has taught school not long ago.

 Prof. Hagan moved that we extend the floor to the ex-teacher. young lawyer carried and the address. He was highly loquent ated and loudly applauded. The Institute then adjourned.
## Nellie S. Ferdes.

Nellie S. Fergerson, Ballinge Alma Padgett, Bowman Inez Butler Winters Ethel V. Truly Ballinge Avis Chamberlain, Winters. Maude Shelton, Winters. Coral Clark, Ballinger. Katie Belle Gregory, Ballinger Corrie Lynn, Ballinger. Mrs. Minne Perrieman, Ballinger.
tta Farra, Norton
ta Farra, Norton.
Valera Griffith, Elm Creek -

Maggie Cockrell, Norwood
S. M. Byrd,

Mrs. Williams, Winters.
Arthur Byers.
Idras Sharp, Miller School. Lena Parker, Franklin School. Daisy M. Robin, Crossrods. Pauline Bohac, Rowena Cora Shelton, Kristaff. Minnie L. Lewis Ballinger. Josie Glenn, Maverick Josie Glenn, Maverick. Alphie Caperton, Ballinger. Jennie M. Bennett, Ballinge Edith Davis, Barnett.
Susana Jackson, Pony Cre Lola K. Brown, Mustang. Maude Lankford, Wingate. Jennie Haire, Miles, Johnnie Mixon, Center Point Angie Butler, Ballinge Stella Routh, Eagle Branch. Annie Jeans, Pumphrey Mary B. Mckenzie, Ballinger Maude Cartledge. Fuchsia Hobbs, Crews.

## Prof. J. H. Beard, Supt. Win

 Prof. H. D. Griffith, Davis. rar J. T. Henderson LoneProf. W. W. Wooten, Crews. Prof. T. L. Huggins, Stone. S. J. Holder, Norton. S. S. Latimore, Wingate G. C. Beard, Baldwin. C. D. Garre, Truitt. A. L. Brat Martin

Prof. L. S. Hobbs, Deit
W. C. McCarver land. Prof . Skinner, Dr W. M. Berry, Miles. Prof. L. C. Fowler, Walthall. D. D. Morse, Springhill D. H. Morse, Springhil R. N. Wilson, Miles Max Kroener, Rowena.

All of the above teachers were except Miss Minnie Rider who attended four and half days, Miss Annie Morgan two days and G. R. Adkins four and half days.
Wh RESOLUTIONS
Whereas, the School Board of use of their attractive us to the use of their attractive anditori-
um and heating facilities Whereas, the Basket Ball team and the High School teachers have entertained us with a game of ball at the close of our day's work on Wednesday;
Whereas, County Supt. Hagan has been very attentive to the Institute and helpful to the Whereas,
Whereas, the proposed amendment to the State Constitution is necessary for the uplifting of
Texas schools; Whereas, there should be a Summer Normal held next sum-
mer with Concho, Coke, Tom Green and Runnels counties united.
Therefore be it resolved, that we extend to the School Board, the people Ballinger, visitBasket Ball and others, to the School teachers, to Supt. Hagan our sincere thanks for their courtesy towards us;
Resolved further, that every teacher do his utmost to bring about the adoption of the proposed amendment to the constition in Nov. 1908 . Resolved further, that the
reachers petition the State De partment of Education to recog held at Ballinger with-_as conductor and the above Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Institute anc
published in the county papers in the Texas Schoul Magarine
and in the Texas School Journal

THE BANNER-LEADER Published every Saturday. Subscription $\$ 1.00$ per annum. Sledge-Shepherd Publis A. W. SLEDGE, Editor.
C. P. SHEPHERD, Bus. Mgr. Entered at the postoffices'at Ballinger,
Texas as second-class matter. If you have visitors or if you know any item
our reade
neecsary
get data.
Did Santa Claus come to see

As usual, black eyes were consicious during the holidays, and for the officers.

Did you spend Christmas like a decent man should, or did you try to drink all the booze you tand why a man should make a hog of himself on Christma

Midland, Texas,--Gentleman:nclosed find check for two do er, and keep the paper of pap ers coming. We are well pleas ed with Midland and like he people, but will never forget friends there, T. A. Fannin. Mr. Fannin is a mighty good when he left Runnels County.
Gov. Campbell announced that upon his return from his
hunting trip with W , J. Bryan he would appoint William F. Ramsey of Cleburne, at present board, associate justice of the court of criminal appeals, to succeed Judge J. N. Henderson. Chasif. Jenkins, of Brownwood were applicants for the place.
Both good men personally, but Tom Campbell is a Democrat and in a Democratic State should filled by Democratic officers.

The towns of this section are Some of them do not acomplish things as rapidly as the citizens would like, but this is not due to a lack of progressiveness, but to
lack of means. A town, like manufacturing business, can grow so fast that it cannot keep up with itseif. That is the case Texas. But this paragraph written to commend the town Ballinger for the advance step drainage system for the busine part of the town. That place always progressive and as a attention to its public spirit. Brownwood Bulletin.

Gov. Campbell appears to be the appointments which fall his lot to make. In naming
successor to Judge Henderson h did not wait until the dead justice
was buried. Evidently he did was desire to hear from the peo-
not
pe before taking action. - Brownwood Bulletin.
Or neither did the Bulletin wait until the dead justice was candidate for the place. Henderson died Monday night Tuesday the Bulletin was out in a strong appeal for the place to be given to their man. The Bulletin has been saying some nice things about Gov. Campbell, and we hope it wilc not fall out with
him just because he facors a Democrat in preference to others.

The fact that Ballinger needs and dispense funds when the case demands it, was clearly from one of the local Sunday
Schools was sent out to see if
there were any homes in Ballin-
ger where Santa Claus was need-
ed. There are people who de-
serve help in every town of any
size, and here are people willing
and ready to give when the mat-
ter is brought to their attention.
The proper authorties should or-
ganize and appoint a committee
to systematically look after such
work and then charity cause
would not be subject to abuse as
it often is.

| THE END OF HIS ROUTE <br> Unfortunate Man Displayed Sense <br> Humor Under Embarrassing <br> Circumstances. <br> One cold wintry morning a m of tall and angular build was wal ing down a steep hill at a quic der the snow caused him to lose c trol of his feet; he began to sli and was unable to stop. <br> At a cross street half-way dow the decline he encountered a lar of bundles. The meeting was s den, and before either realized it collision ensued and both were slid the thin man underneath, the woman and bundles on top. Wh the bottom was reached and cover her breath and her feet, the words were borne to her: <br> "Pardon me, madam, but you w |
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|  |  | have to get off here. This is as $f$Have You a Friend? Then tell him about Ayer's how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep

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ask his doctor about it. Doctors use a great deal of it fo throat and lung troubles.

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wing her home with her
Aunt Mrs. Abe Millar for the wood, last Saturday. Where they
Aud Mrs. Abe Millar for the
had been astending Daniel Baker
past year, left last Monday for
Their father, W. W. her home at Odessa. Miss Clara Hall, came in from Winters to
meet them.

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 school at Waxahachie.Miss Maurice Truly came home
from school last Saturday Miss Maurice Truly came home
from school last Saturday to be
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days.
Mrs. Mrs. W. W. Embry and some
of the children went to McGreg.
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Howell Knight is here from
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his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Knight, of South Ballinger.
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Milford, last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cliff, of ort Chad old home in Tennessee on a visit. D. E. and Mrs. Faubion came in from Killeen last Sunday to in
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Prof. and Mrs. Haberkorn are here from Illino is to spend the hoidays with Mrs. Maberkorns
parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller.
Miss Annie Van Doren, stenographer for the Citizens Na-
ional Bank; is taking a Christmas vacation and spending the time with relatives at Belton. J. F. Mansker returned from
Tennessee last Friday. He has been away from home nearly a
year and his friends are glad to see him back and know that he
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| to himself alone and be happy. It takes the companionship, the association and the co-operation of individuals to make life pleasant and remunerative. <br> Suppose you cut yourself off, entirely form everything and everybody. Take your gold and silver and bury it. Do not even trust the government by depos* iting it and taking United States currency instead; you are unknown financially speaking, and unloved. <br> This co-operation in money matter is the 'very foundation of the government's prosperity. In lieu of the gold and silver deposited in the treasury, paper money is issued instead. It circulates freely and when worn out, can easily be replaced. <br> Banking is simply a further extension of this system. Here you deposit your government money and issue your personal checks instead. The conveniences and advantages are many, and we appreciate your account. <br> THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK <br> UNOER GOVERMMENT SUPERYISION. STATE DEPOSITORY. |  |  |
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## New Year Day The World Around... By DANIEL CLEVERTON.

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 of veneration of the Roman god. Janus.we of the two the of veneration of he Roman god, Janus,
he of the two faces-the one looking
back in retrospect and the other look back in retrospect and the other look
ing forward tin hope and anticipation.
Yet the mythoogy of the new world of
Father Time, falling tand dying and Father Time, falling and dying and a
newborn personification rising out out
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its essentils his decreputude, is no less pagan in
its essential. Both are nevertheless
beautifut and expressive and worthy of berpetaity.
i. distinctive feature of the coming of the new year. Religious services are
held in almost every church and some times three or four sermons are
preached, There are also many gath-
erings in clubs and homes t. to watch erings in clubs and homes to watch
the old year out" and they are oca-
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tions believed in in olden times. Muen
of the social prestige of the day re mains, such as calling and exchanging
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tless, who kept the old customs alive tiers, who kept the old customs alive
until the middle of the last century. EUROPE it was
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Cromwell, of ex-
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on New Years day.
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 everybody's day. Each one of these
teatures has tiss special history which
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story to tell.

inay." But what chis means, "Hogma one
seems to know. The application of the
term is in a custom of children to en-
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robe themselves in a street and go the

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manay" is the usuan cry it it often sup-
pliemented by "trollolay", and the more
daring will add the privileged rhyme:



to swear off and therefore swears offt
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reasons for smashing his pledge a few
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## M NEW YEAR , TM


$\begin{array}{cl}\text { Dramatis Personae- } & \begin{array}{l}\text { caused by your treacherous dart, and it } \\ \text { A City Bachelor. }\end{array} \\ \text { Das Cus not until the flowers of May began } \\ \text { James, the Butler. } & \text { to blcom that it would heal. But three } \\ \text { shorts months and yet they seemed like }\end{array}$

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Th
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na Uames departs and returns ushering in in
her. But once since those summer days
have 1 seen her. She served me conte Dan Cupid - Ha, ha, dear sir, 'tis not and rolls in a quick lunch room in Noome to beg a chat with you and may, "Yes, Dan, there were others. But erchance, revle you for the shortcom- why review them? And $I$ ll forgive you,
ngs of the year that is passing.
you imp. $I \| l l$
The The Bachelor-Revile me, you imp single pang-or dollar - they have cost
f Satan! Why, 'twas but a moment me on ofe condition-that you shall hat I might review for your benefit the my direction. Do you agree? Then Pou down and let's turn back the pages of it." (Casts it into the fire.)
"And now, hen, Dan, thenear is dy-
of the passing year and see the record.
"ind It surely will show you up in your true ing. A toast to it and its fond memories; to your escapades and my escapades; to
(Gets a volume from the shelf.)
the fair girls who caused the heart throbs
"Welll start with January, and with of a season ; to the broken promises that Eleanor. Dan, you rogue, you wounded saved me troubles; to the Old Year.
ne for fair with her. I should not have And another, Dan, to the year just :ared had time and eternity been made 'borning;' to the anticipations which it
up of Januarys could I but have had brings. The bells are ringing; the Old
Eleanor to sit beside me before the crack- Year is dead; the New Year lives, and ing fire throughout them all. I pleaded now, good night, but please remember ofl my case, but she would have none played me false. Throush February, (Exit Dan Cupid and Curtain.)
Wright A. Parch and April I nursed the wound



Che Tarning of the dagm
Thas come once more to the turning of te glass.
The sand is all but spent, and hie days of the old year are as chaff in the wake of the wind. By the gray light in the western shack, at the heaped tables of the rich, within the great places of exchange.
and even amongst those who go out upon the high

 hour of resolution. May the trend of worship be towards the side of materialism. May there be reverence for simple things, for the young babe he cradle and the old man nearing the valley hand of common sympathy go forth to the natal ast. Then might the New Year dawn bright,
d people fhe world over could repeat with the poet.

Kiogly crown and warior
God isthions to Ac csallowis oet"
Newton MacTavish

THE NEW YEAR WHAT WE MAKE IT
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## "The only consistent pessimist is a dead pessimist," but untortuately there are a good many of these hap-

 there are a good many of these hap-less brettren of ours alive. Never are
they more active, had hapily unap-
py, than toward New Year's day when py, than towara New Years day, when
ali the rest of the world is looking
hopefully and cheertully for ward, in hopefully and cheerfully forward,
expectation of good luck and kind to
tune during the next 365 . The pessimist delights in derision
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the celebration of New Year in the
the celebration of New Year in the
minds of many people. Shame upon
the man or woman who would dull the
the man or woman who would dull the
bright ambitionc and desires for the






Way or another. Even the recluse,
even the martyrs of Bla, were on the
endess search for happiness, though

## When The Year of Begins

## One of the queerest features of the

 has been celebrated on the fany differentdates. With us the year begins on
Januan January 1, according to the calen.
dar prepared by order of Julius cae
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ral or industrial conditions, sometimes by a great historicalitions, sement, and ondimes
sionally it was merely arbitrary, desionally it was merely arbitrary, de-
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being assigned Greeks began their year September the 1 ;
at another on the first day of at another on the first day of July,
the begtnning of the olympian games. In what is called the Alexandrian era
the year began on Ausust
Jewish chronology assigns October as the date on which the ocreation of
the world began, and consequently adopts that New Year's day. At one
time the Remans began their year pn
April 24, at another on March 1, and Aphally as we, do now.
According to the neteoric cycle, the According to the neteoric cycle, the
year began on July 15. During the pe.
riod of Alexander's empire the com-
mencement mencement of the year was on Sep-
tember 1, the era of the Maccabees
was dated from November 24. The yas dated from November 24. The
people of Tyre hegan their year on
October 19, while the so-called Sidonian era commenced on October 1 . and the Augustan era made February
14 the first day of the new year. The
ancient Egyptians began their year with the overflow of the Nile, when-
ever that might occur, while in India the annual flood of the Ganges india
nished a date for popular chrol and the Mexicans, atthough cheyol hagy,
a complicated system of calculating time, popalarly reckoned calculating
to begin with the spring planting to begin with the spring planting.
The Jewish rabbis had four begin-
nings of the year nings of the year, the first of the
month Nisan, supposed to be the date
of the Exodus the first of Tishrit of the Exodus; the first of Tishri,
which began the agricultural year; the first of Elu, the day on which the
cattle were numbered, and the first cattle were numbered, and the first
of Shebat, which was called the new
year for trees. Christmas day, Easter, the beginning of aech solstice and-
many other dates have been observed
at different tites hav at different times by various nations;
even now in Russia the day of the
new year is 12 days behind that or even now in Russia the day of the
new year is 12 days behind that or
our calendar, the Russians having never adopted the Gregsorian calendar,
which, indeed, did not come into gen-
eral use until about the midte eral lise untill about the middie of the
eigiteenth century. $\underset{X \text {-Rays and Pearis. }}{ }$ rays in ore the detection of the pearl
inside the closed shell of the Inside the closed shell of the mullusk.
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Rendus of the Biological society of
Paris R. Dubois gives radiographs which he has mas made, show tow-
ing a pearl inside a species of pearl. bearing mussel. He notes allo that a
similar radiograph of a pearl inside a shmilar radiograph of a pearl inside a
shell was made by Auguse Lumerer
and exhibited at the Coulonial exhibltion at Marseilles in 1906.

Up to Date Child -Did you and papa enjoy the party last night, mamma?
Mother - Yes, darling
Up to Date Child-which of

