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For Late Shoppers!

The Christmas message finds appropriate expression in our wonderful display of holiday gifts. Our rare fascinating gifts will particularly appeal to those who desire something out of the usual.

At random may be noted:

PIPES

Meerschaum, Calabash, and French Briar.

CIGARS

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BALLINGER MINISTER WILL VISIT HOLY LAND.

Gets Leave of Absence of Four Months
On April 1st and Will Sail From
New York.

Said Rev. G. W. Fender, "from my boyhood days it has been my dream to visit the Holy Land and now that this dream is to be realized is, indeed, a great pleasure to me."

Brother Fender who has so faithfully served his charge here the past five years is to be given a leave of absence on April 1st and he will take a four months trip across the "pond" His primary objective point is the Holy Land but incidentally he will visit many other places of interest in the Old World while away.

He will set sail on April the 3rd on the Oceania, and Austro American Steamer from New York and sail direct to Naples Italy, he will spend a day or two there viewing the beauties of this beautiful city and the clear waters of the Bay from there he will go to Athens, Greece. He will spend some time sightseeing the ruins of this historic old city. There he will join a party and go to Egypt and spend a week inland around Cairo, then across the land of Goshen to Port Said, then on to Jaffa, from that point he will take train to Palestine. He will spend ten days in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, Nazareth and then go north to Smyrna and Damascus. From Damascus he will go to Heliopolis and then on to Beirut, there he will take train to Constantinople. He will spend some time in the Capital of the Turkish Empire, studying the customs of the people who rule the Holy Land. From Constantinople he will sail to Italy, will visit Florence, Venice Milan, there he will see the Great Cathedral, and then see the Italian Lakes.

From Italy he will tour Switzerland, spend a week in Gay Paris, one week in London, Stratford-on-Avon, then on to Liverpool at which place he will take a steamer back to Philadelphia, thence by rail to Ballinger.

Rev. Fender has been making preparations for this trip for some time in the way of studying guide books and reading all kinds of literature on the subject he can find.

Mrs. Fender and daughter Mary will remain in Ballinger during the summer, while he is away.

INFORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS BUYERS

Jewelry always has been and is today the most appropriate article to present as a Christmas gift because, for some unknown reason, it carries with it a peculiar feeling of deeper and truer friendship and love than any other kind of gift commands. And not only is it greatly appreciated when received, but as the years pass by it grows dearer and dearer still until after while when our heads have grown gray and our forms bent, we take it—the little Ring, the Locket, the Bracelet, the Watch, or whatever kind of Jewelry it might be—from its case and as we look at it tenderly and lovingly our thoughts travel back over the years, lingering here and there, and when aroused from our reverie by the question "What Would You Take For It?" the answer comes, though dreamy, but positive, "Its Not For Sale."

Now we know that you have some friends or loved ones to whom you would like to present a Christmas gift, and further we are aware of the truth that most of us have purses that are not any too full, so summing it all up, together with the fact that our stock of Jewelry is very complete—and large—in fact too large for us to carry over, we have decided to present you with this coupon which, if presented at our store before January 1, 1912, will be worth any amount of money, limited only by the amount of your purchases. Bring it with you and you will be surprised at what it will be worth to you.

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Jas. E. Brewer, The Jeweler

Ex-Ballinger Man Loses Household Goods flames spread rapidly and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had barely time to escape from the burning residence.

In a fire which occurred at Baird last week, C. W. Johnson lost his household goods and his wife came near being burned to death. Mrs. Johnson had gotten up and built two fires one in the heater and one in the cook stove and while waiting for the fire to burn went back to bed. A little later she discovered the fire in the heater had about gone out, as she thought, and she got the coal oil can and proceeded to pour some on the wood, when an explosion followed which came near burning her to death. The

Mr Dykes, who resides near Norton of the W. W. Forbus place passed through Saturday enroute from his old home in Williamson Co., to Norton. Mr Dykes recently sold a 320 acre tract there for \$85.00 per acre.

Capt and Mrs N. F. Bonsall left this week for Houston spend the Xmas Holiday with their two daughters, Mrs. Cohen and Mrs Lawrence.

Felix Schuardt is home for the Holiday. Sam P. Stone shipped out a car of fat cattle to Fort Worth last Saturday.

LON MAPES HURT.

Lon Mapes and little Charlie Weddle, who live south of the city were badly hurt Monday morning by being thrown from their buggy while on the road to Ballinger. Mr. Mapes was driving the buggy and the horse became frightened at an auto near the river bridge and in trying to keep from going in the ditch the horse was turned suddenly and upset the buggy. Mr. Mapes had his collar bone broken and a severe cut on the head and the little boy was badly bruised about the face and other wise badly shaken up. Dr. Fowler dressed the wound and both Mr. Mapes and the little boy are doing well at present.

W. H. Fish of Philadelphia, Pa was here the latter part of last week, and promised the city council that all necessary improvements would be made on the Water plant in order to make it come up to the requirements.

A. H. Tullis, who has resided for several years four miles North West of town, and who recently sold his farm to Mr. Mangum, left last week with his family for Mene Ark.

Miss Vivian McWhirter is in Fort Worth to spend the Holidays with her sister Mrs Bloodworth.

Rev G. W. Fender filled his appointment at Norton last Sunday.

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Day bring its share of the Good Things of Life, Happiness and Sweet Content. Above all, may it be a Day spent with Those You Love Best, and Who Love You.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

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Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a truly wonderful laxative and especially adapted to the needs of babies and children because it is pleasant to taste and no child will refuse it. Then it is mild and never gripes. It is all that a child's remedy should be, though it is a good laxative for the whole family because it is effective at all ages. It is not dynamic like salts, pills and powerful cathartics, which should not be given to children under any circumstances.

Nine times out of ten when a child complains and you don't know exactly what is the matter with it, it needs a laxative—its bowels are constipated. Syrup Pepsin will correct the trouble, tone up the child and soon it will be well again—wonderful results have been secured with Syrup Pepsin over night.

You can buy it of any druggist at fifty cents or a dollar a bottle, the latter being the family size, but you are invited to make a test of it first at the doctor's expense. Send him your address today and he will send you a free sample bottle direct to your home. Then when satisfied buy it of your favorite druggist.

For the free sample address him, Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT TEXAS, BRIEFLY TOLD.

Waco will have a Corn Show January 12-20. The prizes range from \$1 to \$100 and will be implements of farm work, such as plows and sulks.

Seven steel bridges ordered by the coissioner's court of Lamar County last summer, have arrived and will be placed at crossings over streams in different parts of the county.

A farm of 835 acres near San Angelo has been bought for \$18,000 and will be converted into a hog ranch.

The Texas and Pacific has let the contract for \$110,000 worth of building at Marshall. The improvements consist of new station, office buildings, a 36-stall round-house and a large oilhouse.

A number of prominent business men of Fort Worth will organize a Mercantile Club. A plan is proposed to erect an eleven-story building; lower floor for the Board of Trade, second for the Mercantile Club, other floors for offices.

A school of business administration or commerce, and a school of demonstration or commerce, and a school of domestic economy will be opened at the University of Texas January 1st.

Work will begin at once on the construction of the big Pearson Industrial plants at El Paso. The cost will approximate \$3,000,000.

The Fort Worth Light and Power Company boasts the highest smoke stack in the Southwest. It is 256 feet high; 40 feet at base and cost \$20,000.

Actual construction of lock and dam No. 8 on the Brazos River seven miles below Waco will begin by January 1st. The lock and dam will cost \$325,000.

Arrangements have been made by the Brazilian government for the almost exclusive planting of Texas cotton seed in that country next year.

An automobile highway is being considered from Savannah, Georgia to San Antonio, the plan being to follow the gulf coast as closely as possible.

A steer weighing 1580 pounds, reared by a Dalhart breeder, sold recently on the Kansas City market at \$775 per hundred.

The Southwestern Poultry Show will have its annual show in Dallas January 18-23.

\$100,000 bonds have been voted at Big Springs for good roads improvement.

Arrangements have been made for converting approximately twenty thousand acres of land between Fort Stockton and Alpine into irrigable tracts.

The machinery has been installed in the new disposal plant in Washington Park at El Paso and the plant will be in operation by the first of the year.

A farmer near Baird this fall sold \$1500 worth of peanuts and hay from forty acres of land.

There is a movement on foot in Refugio to secure two railroads, the Quanah, Seymour, Dublin & Rockport from San Marcos and the San Antonio, Mexico & Rockport road.

Three cars of pecans, aggregating 90,000 pounds were shipped this week from Marble Falls and Burnet to St. Louis and New York.

San Angelo Wool Growers shipped approximately 130,000,000 pounds of wool this season.

The display of a 4-year old orange tree from Alvin is one of the most attractive exhibits of the United States and Irrigation now on in Chicago.

Rockport's Commercial Club is financing the building of a large cotton gin in that city.

The oil wells in the Electra fields are producing an average of about 600 barrels per day.

The Galveston Commercial Association has submitted a proposition to the national government for the establishment of a fish hatchery on the gulf coast.

Lufkin will call an election for a bond issue of \$200,000 for good roads in the near future.

Fuller's earth has been found in Ellis, Burleson, Smith Fayette and Shelby counties.

It is reported that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company has filed application with the Public Utility Corporation of Kansas to secure authority to issue \$20,000,000 in gold bond to continue railroad building in Southwest Texas.

It is believed that within three months actual work on the improvement of the Houston ship channel under a \$2,500,000 bond, will be under way.

On December 16th, precinct No. 4 Limestone County, will vote on the issuance of bonds for road improvement.

The Southwestern Telephone Co. has purchased the exchanges at Pampa, Miami, Canadian, Glazier and Haggins.

The State Bank at Temple has increased capital stock from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

The Gulf Fish Company has been organized in Corpus Christi for the purpose of catching and packing fish. Work will begin on the plant at once.

The Commercial Club of Rockport is negotiating with Northern capitalists relative to the establishment of a tourist's hotel to cost about 150,000.

In addition to the \$60,000 bonds for paving purposes and \$30,000 for sewer improvements, Beaumont will vote on \$60,000 for park building, December 20th.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wichita Falls has launched a movement for the erection of an auditorium having seating capacity of about 3000.

A party of 300 Nebraskan home-seekers arrived in the Brownsville country last week and will take up their residence in different parts of the Lower Rio Grand Valley section. Ex-Governor Shallenberger was in the party.

The Hill Ranch near Laredo Webb county, consisting of 16,000 acres of land has been sold to San Antonio capitalists for a consideration of \$200,000.

The charter of the Del Valle Irrigation and Milling Company has been filed at Austin. The company will irrigate about 10,000 acres of land on the Colorado River, ten miles Southeast of Austin.

Eight bales of cotton were harvested from two and three-fourth acres of land near Harlingen, Cameron County, this season.

The Tarrant County voters at an election held December 12th endorsed the issuance of \$1,500,000 road and bridge bonds.

The bond issue for \$400,000 for good roads in the Sherman, precinct Grayson County carried by a substantial majority.

Beaumont is preparing an exhibition of their horticultural and agricultural products for exhibition at the land show to be held in Springfield Missouri, beginning Dec. 18.

Beaumont will vote on a \$60,000 park bond issue Dec. 20.

Ground has been broken at Alpine for the site of the only combined wax, paper and soap factory in the world.

The Commercial Club of Waxahatchie at a meeting held on Dec. 12th made definite arrangements for the erection of a \$100,000 hotel.

A \$200,000 school for girls has been planned for San Antonio.

The citizens of Midland have arranged to build sample stretches of highway in Andrews and Gaines counties, for the purpose of encouraging the construction of good roads in that portion of the state.

When the large irrigation project now in course of construction in the state are completed, approximately 150,000 acres of Texas land will be under irrigation. Most of the land has never been under plow.

The Abilene Training school building has just been completed at a cost of \$10,500.

The sum of \$75,000 is the consideration for the transfer of 2,900 head of steers in San Angelo this week.

The Orange County Commissioners are making arrangements to apply to the Good Roads Department at Washington for a good road expert.

A Road bond election is ordered for Bryan, calling for the issuance of \$200,000, the election to be held on February 8th.

The Beaumont Chamber of Commerce has wired Congress its endorsement of the proposed deepening and extension of the Port Arthur Canal.

A company has been formed in Corpus Christi to develop an unusually large deposit of gravel found on the Texas-Mexico Railway between here and Laredo.

The creamery at Flatonia turned out 15,000 pounds of butter in November. This is said to be the second largest creamery in the state.

The early construction of a railroad is reported from Wellington to Memphis and thence to Spur on the Wichita Valley Railroad, giving direct connection with Abilene and Texas and Pacific railroad points.

An active campaign will be inaugurated at once in behalf of the issuance of \$200,000 bonds for the building and maintenance of good roads throughout Orange county. Contract has been let for the construction of the new federal building to be erected at Mineral Wells at a cost of \$60,000.

H. M. Hall of Midland has purchased 12 sections of land near this city for a consideration of \$90,000. Irrigating wells will be put in at once and especial attention will be given to the raising of alfalfa.

Six families of home-seekers from Arkansas, well equipped for farming, have located on farms near Dilley.

The Commercial Club of Bryan is circulating a petition asking for a \$200,000 bond issue for the improvement of Brazos County roads.

The American-Rio Grande Land and Immigration Company of Mexico expects two cars of home-seekers this week.

Eleven thousand acres of land in Wharton and Matagorda counties have been purchased by San Antonio capitalists at a cost of \$500,000. A large part of this land will be cut into small tracts and colonized with skilled farmers from Germany, Austria, Poland and Northern Italy.

A Sherman County farmer raised 200 bushels of sweet potatoes on one acre of land that were readily marketed for \$100.00.

Arrangements have been made in Galveston for the shipment of a cargo of 10,000 bales of cotton direct to Japan.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture the estimated cotton production for Texas, 1914-1915, is 4,280,000 bales.

Beaumont is preparing an exhibit of the land products of that section of the state for the Land Show to be held in Springfield, Mo. beginning December 18.

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The state experimental station has employed a former tobacco expert of the United States Agricultural Department to take charge of the state tobacco experimental farm.

The Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas will give a short winter course in agriculture to farmers, January 8, to 20, 1915.

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We can make loans on five year's straight time, or the loans to be repayable as to principal, to-wit: 1-10th each year for the first four years, the remainder, 6-10ths, at the end of the fifth year; or 1-10th each year for the first six years, and the remainder, 4-10ths, at the end of the seventh year, or 1-5th each year for five years, or 1-7th each year for seven years.

Call at our office for further particulars.

GIESECKE-BENNETT COMPANY

Big Stock Reduction Sale

Of the \$20,000 Stock of Furniture of the Ostertag Furniture Co. is promising the biggest success to the Furniture buying public of Ballinger and Runnels county has ever had. This stock must be sold at the greatest sacrifice furniture can be sold and the buyers are taking advantage of the bargains we are offering. Remember this is a Bonafide Sale and the entire stock must be sold at Sacrifice prices. We are going to reduce this big mammoth stock if prices with the quality of the goods to back it up, as you know we carry nothing but the highest quality of standard goods, and you will find everything in this stock marked in plain figures. Nothing held in reserve—the Entire Stock must move. This high grade Stock is being slaughtered to reduce the stock. You will find many useful articles in our stock for Christmas presents such as Dining Room Suits, Rockers, Rugs, Art Squares, Dressers, Davenport, and thousands of useful articles used in the home which the entire family can enjoy. Why not buy something useful and ornamental to the home when you can find the many bargains we are offering in this Bonafide Sale? Buy Now! This opportunity will not last always—only 10 days of such Slaughtered prices. This Sale will positively end Jan. 1, 1912. No longer will you have such an opportunity to buy high grade Furniture at Half Prices.

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ELECT OFFICERS.

The Woodmen Circle elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. A. T. Turpe, Guardian; Mrs. M. C. Braden, Adviser; Mrs. W. T. Ward, Clerk; Mrs. A. T. Williams, Banker; Mrs. Joe Ostertag, Attendant; Clara Belle Harmon, Asst., Attendant; Hettie Tuckey, Inner Sentinel; Mrs. Z. Snell, Outer Sentinel; Mrs. Chester Cherry, Past Guardian; Mrs. C. B. McKinney, Chaplain; Mrs. F. F. Gressett, Musician; Drs. Halley and Grant Physicians; Miss Bennett, Mrs. Julia McMin and Coy Drennan, Managers.

The meeting night was changed from the second and fourth Wednesday nights to the second and fourth Tuesday nights, beginning the new year. Miss Clara Belle Harmon drew the prize, a beautiful bowl. The Circle has several applications and several new members to be initiated into the Grove and all are working for more applications to begin the new Year. The Circle will soon have new members enough to organize a degree team, to be ready for the Mid-Summer Log Rolling to be held at Santa Anna.

Paul Norman, was bitten by a dog Saturday evening while making his rounds on the Globber motorcycle, but we hope nothing serious will result from the same.

Do people pay any attention to an ad in the paper? Well a little incident happened last week that we think is conclusive on this question. Our friend B. Dornberger had an ad in the Leader and the ad man and proof reader made a mistake and let a price on sugar go through that made Mr. Dornberger sit up and take notice. He intended to say 25 pound sack of sugar \$1.70 and when the ad man made it 25 pound sack of sugar \$1.00.

The paper had not been out long before Mr. Dornberger began to have calls for sugar. Farmers, Merchants, business men and professional men all wanted some sugar, and he had great difficulty in correcting the error.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Colorado will have two United States senators to elect in 1913.

Germany will be the next European country to be plunged into the chaos of a general election. Jan. 1 has been fixed as the date of selecting a new parliament.

Attorney General Lyon of South Carolina has instituted proceedings in the supreme court to prohibit horse racing in that state. This sport was recently legalized by the state against vigorous protest of press and pulpit.

The state of Ohio has signified its intention of helping to clean up the rottenness in Pike county, revealed in the indictments of ten citizens recently of charges of perjury, bribery, intimidation and other violation of the correct practices of law in the recent elections.

Of the twenty-six occupants of the President's chair six have been native born Ohioans, as follows: Grant, Garfield, Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and Taft. One of the leading candidates in next year's campaign, Governor Harmon is also a son of Ohio. Virginia has furnished seven presidents and seventeen of the twenty-six have been college graduates. Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson, Cleveland and McKinley are the non-collegians.

Next year in the presidential conventions of the two dominant parties, republican and democratic, there will be in each 1000 to 1070 delegates. A republican president is nominated by a majority of the convention, while a democratic president is nominated by two-thirds of the convention. Expert politicians in the two parties are now, for their own purposes, recalling these two interesting facts.

Newton D. Baker who on last election day was elected mayor of Cleveland by the large plurality of 18,000, has already been spoken of by Ohio democrats as a candidate for governor to succeed Gov. Harmon. A number of Cleveland democrats have been active in the various cities of the state recently and are trying to persuade the democrats of Ohio that this is to be the natural sequence of Baker's victory. Baker and his friends, however, insist that he will serve out his term as mayor and will not think of the governorship. His term does not expire until Dec. 31, 1913.

Major J. D. McCamant Dead.

Major J. D. McCamant, father of Mrs. Edwin Day died in Abilene last Friday and following is an account of the funeral as given in the Abilene Reporter:

Under the beautiful burial ritual of the Odd Fellows, Abilene Lodge 174 I. O. O. F., laid to rest the remains of Major J. D. McCamant, who died in this city, Friday afternoon.

Rev. A. W. Hall pastor of the First Methodist church had charge of the funeral at the residence of R. E. McCamant, 9th and Poplar street, and the services at the grave were in charge of the local Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Practically all the close relatives of the deceased were present one son arrived at 10 a. m.

Those present were: Mesdames Edwin Day, Ballinger, Lizzie Carter, Rosebud, John McCamant, Denver, Curtis McCamant, Colorado Springs, Col. and Edwin McCamant, Welk, J. M. McCamant, Greenville, and R. E. McCamant, of Abilene.

The Old Soldiers of Tom Green Camp attended the funeral, Major McCamant being most highly respected and loved by them all.

The relatives will remain in the city a few days before returning.

WE EXPECT YOU.

Since we put on our special premium of two papers for one year to those who would come in and pay their subscription one year in advance, quite a large number have responded, but there are some yet who have not come to see us, and to those, we kindly ask you to pay us a visit as soon as you can, and take advantage of our offer.

The Xmas tree which was planned to have been pulled off at the First Baptist Church has been abandoned on account of the prospective bad weather and so much sickness.

Malcomb Mc Gregor is at home from San Antonio for the Holidays.

PROFESSIONAL AND BANK STATIONERY.

Our job department is especially prepared to do fine stationery work for the professional man and the Banks, we have the dust proof boxes in which to deliver the goods after being printed, we have the best stock of flats that is carried in the market and envelopes to match. We carry such grades as Old Hampshire Bond Registered Bond etc from which the best grades of stationery is printed. Give us your next job of Type Writing Stationery.

Mrs. Walter Corum left Tuesday for Valera to join her husband where they will make their future home.

Mr and Mrs. Francis Holiday of Winters came in Monday to visit Mrs. Holiday's father, Dr. W. W. Fowler.

School will close Friday at noon for the Holidays.

J. O. Roots, the Miles banker was here Wednesday.

B. W. PILCHER RETURNS FROM BEAUMONT

On the 3rd of this month B. W. Pilcher received a telegram from Bob Goodfellow to come to Beaumont and do some special detective work, for violators of the game law in south Texas, he immediately left for the scene of action, and came in Tuesday.

He reports that while in Beaumont he procured the evidence that lead to the arrest Aviator Fowler for violating the State Game Law.

Many of the Hotels and Restaurants in Beaumont were violating the game law daily by purchasing game from the sportsmen and serving same on their bill of fare, and many proprietors were indicted which caused quite a stir. Chop says that before he left Beaumont all the Restaurants and Hotels scratched game from their menu cards.

Miss Nell Alexander is with Jas. E. Brewer during the holidays.

H. C. Rummel came in Tuesday afternoon from his Loving county ranch and will visit his sister, Mrs. B. Dornberger and family and Ballinger friends a few days before going on to his old home in South Texas to spend the holidays.

J. D. Morgan, who at one time ran the Bakery and Confectionery business here, but who for the past several years has been farming near Rowena, will leave shortly for Dublin, and enter the grain business.

Attorney Jim Cogsdell of Winters passed through Wednesday enroute to his old home, Itasca, to spend Xmas.

F. J. Jackson and family who have resided the past year at Maverick left Wednesday for Lorena to make their future home.

B. Dornberger received his auto delivery wagon Wednesday and it is a beauty, and he is now sending the groceries around with speed and dispatch.

Attorney I. W. Culp of Killeen was here Tuesday of this week on business.

Christmas Greetings!

We wish to thank the Good People of Ballinger and Ballinger Trade Territory for the liberal patronage accorded us during the past year, and we

EXTEND GREETINGS

for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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It is said that opportunity knocks at every man's door once in life, but that it does not necessarily mean that it will pick the lock and drag a man out of bed to thrust fame and fortune on him.

The roads are in about the worst condition imaginable now and we are again reminded that better roads in this county, and especially in this precinct would be a winner for Ballinger.

Madero is not finding sunshine and flowers along his pathway in filling the office of the Mexican Republic. He is experiencing something of Old Diaz's troubles now, when he was creating riots, and revolutions.

In commenting the recent rains that have fallen over this Western country, The San Angelo Standard, with its characteristic optimism says that sufficient moisture is now in the ground with which to make a crop on next year. Now this is rather a rosy view to take of the matter. We think that we will, at least, need a few summer showers to assist the present condition of the soil from a moisture standpoint.

The Colorado Record reached out desk this week in the shape of a special Edition with twenty-eight pages, with a fancy colored cover and brim full of ads and writeups of the city of Colorado. This paper is edited and published by the Whipky Brother, and they are live wires, too. Among the views shown is the handsome new home of Mr Allen brother-in-law of W. A. Jackson of this city.

More and more the "common herd" are learning to buy something useful for Xmas presents instead of "junk" as has been the custom heretofore. Some people wonder why poverty is

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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they continually when each and every day they spend some money for that which is not useful and which they do not need and this in itself is enough to insure want for the balance of their natural lives.

J. C. Thaxton was in from his Maverick farm with a load of Turkeys this week and found a ready market for them. He will bring in another load the last of the week. Turkeys are profitable to raise and bring a neat sum to the producer, and more efforts devoted to this industry might be profitable to many farmers in this country. Mr Thaxton is a believer in putting the eggs under several different hens and as a result of this theory generally has something to sell all through the year.

A large factor in Texas' future development is the prosperity of the industrial enterprises of the state. If the state is to go forward the revenues of its factories should be sufficient to pay such a return upon honest investment that capital may be induced to build more factories. By using Texas made articles we help the Texas factories and encourage capital to come to Texas.

One does not have to climb a tree to see how utterly dependent we are upon those who govern, to widen our field of commerce and industry and yet we find the paid servants of the people spending their time and energies in trying to conquer each other instead of subduing nature and mastering trade.

The organization of hog and corn clubs, establishment of demonstration farms and the wonderful increase in the number of acres under irrigation are a few of the many things that indicate that the Texas farmer is marching in the front rank of progress.

While our state officials are raising rows our industries fade

and wither for want of opportunity to widen and expand. The Panama Canal is only three years away and the rush of its waters will recast the commerce of two hemispheres and demand additional railroad facilities, improved public highways and new industrial enterprises. Less than one-fifth of our soil is under cultivation and our minerals lie undisturbed. We have been straining at gnats and swallowing camels so long that our digestion is impaired and unless we can completely right ourselves without delay, we are in danger of developing a chronic case of industrial dyspepsia.

WE EXPECT YOU.

Since we put on our special premium of two papers for one to those who would come in and pay their subscription one year in advance, quite a large number have responded, but there are some yet who have not come to see us, and to those, we kindly ask you to pay us a visit as soon as you can, and take advantage of our offer.

Our Waste Products.

A press dispatch announcing that eastern capitalists at Alpine have established a factory for manufacturing the Candellilla of weed into products used in making phonograph records, insulation of electrical wires, underground cables, candles, etc., carries with it a message of importance to all sections of the state. In the utilization of our waste products lies a tremendous source of wealth. It was only a few years ago that cotton seed was considered poison, but an intelligent analysis and study developed a wide field of usefulness for the product and the annual crop today is worth \$33,360,000. After all a weed is but an unused plant and in finding an occupation for this wild vegetation we have transferred a pest to a valuable asset.

The Child Who Had Everything But

A recent Christmas story by John Kendrick Bangs in Lippincott's tells of The Little Child Who Had Everything But—and will surely bring tears to your eyes. It is an illustration of the modern rich parents who have no time for their own children. The spirit lady came to the sympathetic man and asked his

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

help for a certain person. He went along and to his surprise instead of invading the slums they wended their way up Fifth Avenue. He objected to invading the homes of affluence, so the spirit lady has to convince him that it is no worse "to intrude upon the home of a Fifth Avenue millionaire than it is to go unskated to the squalid tenement of some poor East-sider, for there are real sufferers in marble palaces" as well. They find a nursery filled with everything from tin soldiers done in silver to all sorts of mechanical toys. Enter the languid child possessor of all these delights, yet who is himself ignorant of a boy's was of playing with them. He also has hirelings to read to him, but his mother has always been busy to tell him stories, so he has known none of the delights clustering around story hours. He has never even called his father "Daddy" and in speaking of him says, "if daddy is a father, I've got one." I saw him yesterday. He said he was glad to see me and hoped I was a good boy." Lastly and most pathetic of all. "He and mother gave me all these things and they are both coming up some time today or tomorrow to see if I like them." It does not seem difficult to guess what was the missing world in the title of the story or the little lad's life.—Cleburne Enterprise.

PENSIONS AND COWARDS.

There has never been a public question or a public policy which has put the courage of public men to the test as has the question of pensions, and never has the cowardice of public men been so surely or so frequently revealed as by the votes on pension bills.

Conceding that it is proper and just to vote a certain amount of pensions it is, as every man knows, neither proper nor just nor fair to the people to vote any such burden upon them as will be put on them by the Sherwood bill, which passed the house Tuesday.

The men who voted for it know this just as well as do those who voted against it, but it is the same old demagogical game of pandering to the old soldier vote, the same rank, disgraceful cowardice, the same surrender of conviction to personal expediency, the same putting of personal ambition and a seat in congress above duty to the people. If a republican congress had passed such a bill the democrats would have howled like coyotes, and some of the very

men who voted for it would have howled the loudest.

They were warned that it meant an increased draft on the treasury of \$75,000,000 and everybody knows that thousands of Federal soldiers who never fired a gun, and many of whom deserted, are now drawing pensions; yet a democratic house passed a bill which forty-six years after the war closed adds 50 per cent to the already enormous cost of pensions of \$140,000,000.

There is one consoling reflection about it—that is, that by voting for the bill Champ Clark eliminated himself from the roll of probable or possible candidates. If there had been a majority of statesmen in congress Tuesday instead of a majority of timeserving demagogues, no such robbery of the people under the guise of legislation would have been possible.

When the time came to elect congressman, just look over the vote of last Tuesday on the pension bill and when any man's name is found in the "aye" column go no further, but mark him for slaughter.—Houston Chronicle.

There were 98 Democrats who assisted in the steal of last Tuesday, for that is all it can be called. Existing laws are ample in providing for deserving pensioners and this was merely a trade, voting for one "grab" to get help for another. It is a sad state of affairs, but true, that our congress is largely run on the plan that while the stealing is going on each member must try to get his part of the public plunder, not always for himself it is true, but for his people. Texas is to be congratulated that every one of its congressmen had the courage to vote against this latest treasury loot.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Texas' advancement is dependent upon her citizens. The upbuilding of the state, the development of its unlimited resources, the uplift of the standards of education should be the aim of every true Texan.

An up-to-date Poultry ranch has been located about two and a half miles out of Coleman and will be known as the Acme Poultry Farm. Arrangements are being made to stock this farm with 1,200 fine fowls. This is the largest enterprise of its kind in this section and promises to be one of the leading industries.

Kansas is often laughed to scorn for many oddities, but the newest of these has now become

a recognized factor for good in home making. It is the school for brides, two of which have proved strong successes in that state. More than a thousand girls, most of them prospective brides, are enrolled in the schools studying home making, which includes everything in domestic science. When the girl decides to study to fit herself for wifehood, the state gives every assistance, providing additional courses as an aid. Governor Stubbs is the prime factor in this laudable movement, insisting that if girls were taught proper home making the divorce evil would be reduced. The boards of the University and the College were wise enough to understand the reason of this and at once took steps to put his ideas into execution. The result has been highly gratifying to all concerned, and the experimental features are now fixtures. Manual training of all kinds should have as important a place as literary training in the science of education for a child. The average man or woman has little use for Calculus or Virgil's Aeneid in every day life, but home would be a poor place if the man of the house could not estimate the cost and need of repairs always being able to keep up the little things with his own capable hands or the woman be familiar with the preparation of menus and food values. The duties of neither stop at that and there seems to be a crying need for more study of home decoration, color schemes and little touches in the arrangements of the interior if not the exterior, which go towards making them cheerful, inviting, comfortable and possibly beautiful. If education along these lines is possible of attainment, by all means let Texas copy the Kansas innovation. Give us anything that will tend to improve home life for on that rests the safety of our nation.—Ex.

Some one has said: "the [worst] of all our ills are the imaginary ones" and the longer we live the more [truth] we see in this proposition. Many men constantly worry over something that has not happened and probably never will. Our hats are off to the man with nerve who smile [and] be pleasant and yet have weighty and troublesome questions on his mind. This is evidence of [a big man] in every sense of the world. We all have troubles, and don't you never doubt that, and many have much more serious troubles than you are letting worry you.

H. Kay Berry was in from Norton Monday doing some Xmas shopping.

LEND ME YOUR EARS CHILDREN

The City Drug Store has prepared to place on sale the swellest line of Xmas Goods ever shown in Ballinger, and it is important that you do your shopping early and thus get the choice of our Xmas Goods

Presents

You can find just the thing you want to give father, mother, brother, sister, Uncle, Aunt, Cousin or Friends at our store.

Boys

Come to our Store and get anything from a Toy Pistol to an Airship.

Accommodations

We will be prepared to wait on you without delay, as plenty of help will be employed. Se come right on and do your shopping with us.

Variety

We shine in variety of things suitable for presents. We have presents to suit every pocket book.

Too Numerous To Mention

It is impossible to mention one tenth of the things we have in our store in the Xmas Line, so we ask you to visit us and see our immense stock, and we are sure you will find just the thing you want.

THE CITY DRUG STORE

Holiday Goods at The Fair

Visit us for Xmas Purchases.
L. L. MILLER

Coal and Wood

We have Good Coal at \$6.50 per Ton.
Also Better Coal--get our Prices.
Best Oak Wood--always on hand.
Phone 120. C. J. Lynn & Bro.

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AD THIS WEEK!

WILBOURN'S STUDIO

IF IT IS LUMBER YOU WANT

The Ballinger Lumber Co is ready to fill your wants, at the same old stand, with prices that are right. We carry a complete line of building supplies and mill-stuff. Call on us.

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HAULING!

Give me a part of your hauling. Promptness is my motto.

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Real Estate, Loans, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

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Ballinger Texas

Cotton Seed

In Exchange for Cotton Seed we will give Three Tons of Cotton Seed Hulls for One Ton of Cotton Seed, and let you have Cotton Seed Meal at the Market Price less 10 per cent when paid in Cotton Seed.

THE

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Ballinger, Texas



SOLD THE WORLD OVER.

Elects Officers.

The members of the Endowment Rank of The K. of P. Lodge met last Saturday afternoon in Judge C. H. Willingham's office and elected officers for the ensuing year. Judge C. H. Willingham was elected president, John A. Weeks, Vice-president and Otto Voss Secretary.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill? Sold by all dealers.

Ralph Erwin was in San Antonio last week several days on business.

Children take BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a blood medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

H. N. Beckwith is building a nice addition to his residence on 9th st., that will add much to the comfort, looks and convenience of his home.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a drug store's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." Sold by all dealers.

W. C. Grant of San Angelo, was here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz: Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

Roy Hull has sold his interest in a meat market in Sonora and is at home for the holidays.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist.
Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-t.

Cotton Insurance.

We would be glad to show you at what a small expense you could carry insurance on your cotton.

A. F. Voss & Co. tf.



Saddles and Harness

Bits, Blankets and Horse Goods of all kinds to be had for very moderate prices at our establishment. STYLE and QUALITY in all our Saddles and Harness. Fine selected leather, guaranteed to outwear any other Saddle or Harness purchased at the same price. Yours for business,

H. L. WENDORF.
Ballinger, Texas.

Billups-Hammond.

On last Wednesday Mr. J. T. Billups and Miss Oja Hammond were married near Truitt, Rev. I. N. Key who has recently been ordained performing the ceremony.

The groom is well known here among Ballinger business men he having resided here many years, as Editor of The Banner Leader, besides having other interest here, and these of time friends wish for him much happiness in his new relation.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists. 52 t

G. B. Vanlandingham after an absence of some nine weeks in the Norton country, where he has been working on the fine country home of Mr. McWilliams is now at home.

WANTED--A good girl or woman to do general housework for family of four; good wages. Address

Mrs. W. M. Garrison,
Voss, Texas.

Mrs. R. A. Nicholson is in receipt from her son Roy a beautiful purse woven out of seeds grown in the Hawaiian Islands, sent her from Honolulu, where Roy is now stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce. d

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, December 9, 1911.

Alland, Mrs. M. S.

Moore, F. C.

Potter, Mrs. Hopsie.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter office.

H. A. CADY P. M.

MONEY! To loan on Farms and Ranches. Long time. 33-tf. Lee Maddox.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE.

Big Bowl Rowdon, at my place near Fort Chadbourn at 75 cents per bushel--

Henry Jacobs.
Fort Chadbourn.

Evidently, the fame of Coke co. rabbits as a table delicacy is spreading far and wide. Only this week T. C. Price & Co. received a letter from a Newark, N. J., firm offering to sell all the rabbits shipped them. Prices quoted were for pair cotton tails 25c to 30c; jack rabbits 75c to 80c per pair.

But for the attached statement that rabbits cannot be sold there after December 30th, Tom Price might have furnished the enquiring firm a few ears of Coke county rabbits, which are of the finest species and superior in taste and flavor to the rabbits of any other land or climate. Venison is dry and insipid, compared to fat and juicy rabbits raised hereabouts. For further proof ask Mr. A. H. Van Pelt, of Ballinger who is an epicure when it comes to table delicacies.--Bronte Enterprise.

Hearthburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.



Xmas and New Year

Is about here don't you want a suit or over coat made to your measure.

If not probably you want your old suit cleaned and pressed--made to look new.

We do all kinds of tailoring, cleaning, pressing, altering and repairing of ladies' and men's clothes. Phone 292. 8th Street

C. C. Gilliam

Merchant Tailor

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack to Enlarge.

As soon as the new Simely building on Postoffice street is finished which will be early in January, the same will be occupied by Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack as a dry good store. It has been apparent for some months that there was not room enough in the building occupied by this firm for all their varied stock of goods, hence the necessity for more room. The new building joining them on the west is an ideal one and in it they will have more room to properly display their large line of dry goods, at the same time giving them room for the other stock in the building it is characteristic of Winters business enterprises that they must grow and this big firm is no exception to the rule.--Winters Enterprise.

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST.

We have a few vacancies in the RUNNELS COUNTY FRIEND-IN-NEED SOCIETY NO. 1.

This is your opportunity to become a member of this society.
A. F. VOSS, Sec'y.,
Ballinger, Texas

29-tf

The Grand Jury which was in session all last week in San Angelo returned 22 bills last Saturday fourteen of the bills are for felonies and 8 for misdemeanors.

WHY TAKE CALOMEL?

When Simmons' Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant, yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives. In yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always

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Everybody in Ballinger is Eligible.

Old people stooped with suffering. Middle age, courageously fighting.

Youth protesting impatiently; Children, unable to explain; All in misery from their kidneys.

Only a little backache first. Comes when you catch a cold Or when you strain the back. Many complications follow. Urinary disorders. Bright's disease.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sick kidneys. Are endorsed by thousands.

J. H. Taylor, farmer, Oxien Texas, says: "About five years ago we had occasion to use Doans Kidney Pills in our family and they proved of great benefit. My son complained of weakness, and pains in his back and hips and his kidneys were disordered, the kidney secretions being discolored. When Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to our attention we procured a box and through their use, the boy was completely cured. I am only too glad to recommend this remedy to other kidney sufferers."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name--Doan's--and take no other.

JESSE MCRAE DEAD.

Word reached Ballinger Friday of the death of Jesse McRae in Waco. Mr. McRae resided here for quite awhile but some two or three months ago he went to Fort Worth and later moved to Waco, where he died Friday with Typhoid Fever.

His remains were sent here for burial Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon was tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger Cemetery under the auspices of the W. O. W. Lodge.

He was a good man a good citizen and leaves behind, besides a wife and daughter, a large number of friends to mourn his death.

All parties are hereby notified that my place on Valley Creek is posted and anyone found trespassing, fishing, or hunting without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
J. W. Raby, Ballinger Texas.

Patronize our advertisers.

Editor P. E. Truly was over from Coleman this week visiting his brother R. B. Truly and family.

Deep-seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a HER-RICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Always Makes Good



You'll be delighted with the results of Calumet Baking Powder. No disappointments--no flat, heavy, soggy biscuits, cake, or pastry.

Just the lightest, daintiest, most uniformly raised and most delicious food you ever ate.

Received highest reward World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, 1907.

BACKACHE

Is an indication of kidney trouble. It means much to the victim because the deadly Bright's Disease begins in just such symptoms.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a successful remedy for diseased kidneys. It strengthens the suffering kidneys, helps them to perform their duties properly and by cleansing and regulating the bowels it drives out unhealthy conditions; restores strength and vigorous health.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.
Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Runnels County Medical association met at the office of Drs. Fowlers and Douglas, in our city last Thursday and among other business transacted elected the following officers: Dr. W. B. Halley, president; Dr. J. W. Basdell, 1st vice-president; Dr. J. G. Douglass, 2nd vice-president; Dr. E. R. Walker secretary and treasurer; Dr. J. H. Grant, Censor, one year; Dr. A. Beel man, two years; Dr. T. E. Mangum, three years; delegate to State Medical Association, Dr. W. B. Halley.

Many interesting subjects were discussed by this body and some good papers were read.

Edgar Jayre and J. S. Baldwin were among the Crews citizens that were tarding here Monday.

O. P. MARTIN DEAD.

O. P. Martin, a young man 31 years of age, son of Mrs. U. P. Martin, living four miles east of the city, died the latter part of last week at the home of his mother with that dread disease, consumption. Funeral services was conducted at the home and the remain brought to the Ballinger Cemetery and tenderly laid to rest.

The Leader joins friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn his early demise.

Miss Willie Mae James, came in at noon Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. James. She is one of the teachers in the Sonora public schools.

NOT A MARTYR.

Jake Wolters is not a martyr, whatever else he may be. He and W. H. Gray of Houston were discharged the other day by the court of Criminal Appeals, and thus the contempt proceedings instituted against these gentlemen for refusal to answer the questions of the legislative investigating committees last summer came to an end. It would seem that some of the friends of the leader of the liquor forces would have been very well pleased to see him sent to jail not that they consider him an appropriate ornament to such surroundings, but that his martyrdom would constitute a strong appeal to a large share of the voters who will nominate a United States Senator next summer.

There were as many opinions rendered in the cases as there were judges—more, in fact, since the two cases were not exactly identical, but fortunately a majority of the three agreed on one point—to discharge the relators. Justice Davidson held that a special session of the Legislature can only take up such matters as are submitted to it by the Governor; that the Governor didn't submit anything that would give an excuse for the investigation of election frauds, and that therefore the investigations were without legal authority or standing.

Justice Prendergast, on the other hand, argued that a special session has all the rights not specifically inhibited by the Constitution; that there was as much authority for the investigation as there was for the passage of a resolution to remove the body of Stephen F. Austin without permission of the Executive if the authority of the governor were needed however. Prendergast held it was implied in his request for \$27,500 for law enforcement in connection with election frauds and in his intimation that he would submit certain other matter when the appropriation bill was passed.

Justice Harper held that the two houses of Legislature had ample authority to conduct the investigation and that some of the questions which the witnesses refuse to answer were pertinent, but that the Legislature has not the inherent power to punish for contempt. It can punish he said, for obstructing its own proceedings, but the investigations could not be properly called the proceedings of the Legislature.

There has been more or less speculation as to the effect of the decision on the Wolters Senatorial prospects, and some have predicted that he will not get out of the way for Clarence Ousley. A week prior to the court's decision Wolters gave out a statement opposing a senator at primary but agreeing to withdraw and support the highest man in case another polled more votes than he in the regular party primary.

In Junction Hearing.

Judge Goodwin came over Monday, gave a trial in the Injunction Proceedings, of which mention was made last week. Quite a large number of witness were here from Winters and a hotly contested trial occurred and many pretty legal questions were raised and thrashed out.

Judge Smith, Guion and Isham Wade represented the Wm Smiley against whom an injunction is sought to be obtained, to prevent him from erecting a Livery, Stable on a lot adjacent to the Methodist Church. The plaintiffs in the proceedings were the Trustees of the Winters Methodist Church and they were represented by Judges A. K. Doss, Stone and Wade of this city.

Not only Texas law was involved in the questions at issue but the ritual of the Methodist Church. One of the questions raised was that the Trustees are not the proper parties to bring this proceeding, but it should proceed from the Quarterly Conference. Much testimony was introduced and Judge Goodwin left Tuesday afternoon without rendering a decision, carrying with him the papers and it is expected that he will render a verdict soon.

Prof. H. S. Head of Miles visited his son Prof. J. H. Head Saturday.

Misses Emma and Jennie Bennett left Wednesday for Blackwell to spend Xmas with Jim Hays and family.

Sunday afternoon when Frank Rucker went to the home of Charlie Shield at Trickham for the purpose of arresting Mr. Shield, on some charge or other, the latter resisted arrest, and when he brought his Winchester in position to fire Rucker fired a shot which struck Shield in the mouth, and passing thorough the neck broke the bone and caused instant death. Shield was an eccentric character, known throughout this section of the state as the Mayor of Trickham. He is a brother of Lee Shields, of Santa Anna, and Rhome Shield of San Angelo.

The direct cause of the killing could not be ascertained, but it is known that Shield went to Coleman on Friday of last week and while there was arrested on charge of carrying a pistol. It is not known on what charge the deputy sheriff was attempting to arrest him when the killing occurred. It is claimed that Rucker, was prosecuting witness against Shield a few weeks ago in cases wherein the deceased was charged with disturbing public worship.

Charlie Sheild has lived in the Trickham country for many years and was a good hearted whole souled fellow who had peculiar views and eccentric ways.

The remains were buried in the Trickham cemetery this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The examining trial of Rucker will be held at Trickham tomorrow. In the meantime he is in charge of Sheriff Futch who will remain over for the trial.—Brownwood Bulletin.

LOST.

A Silk Umbrella, plain wood handle with piece of Ivory stuck through it.

U. P. Melton.

B. W. Piicher, returned Monday, from a visit to Houston, Beaumont and other cities East.

Mrs. Oden, of Goldthwaite, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Parker, and family, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

Mrs. N. A. Lowry, of Robert Lee, is visiting relatives, H. A. Massey, and family.

G. F. Richardson and family, of San Antonio, left for their home Saturday afternoon, after visiting friends and relatives in our section.

Mrs. George Fuell and children, left Saturday evening for Mena, Arkansas where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Ed S. McCarver and baby are here from Houston to spend the Holiday with her parents, Mr and Mrs O. B. Corbett.

An Other Good Rain.

Following the fine season which is now in the ground another good rain visited us Thursday night, thus increasing the moisture. Following is the report:

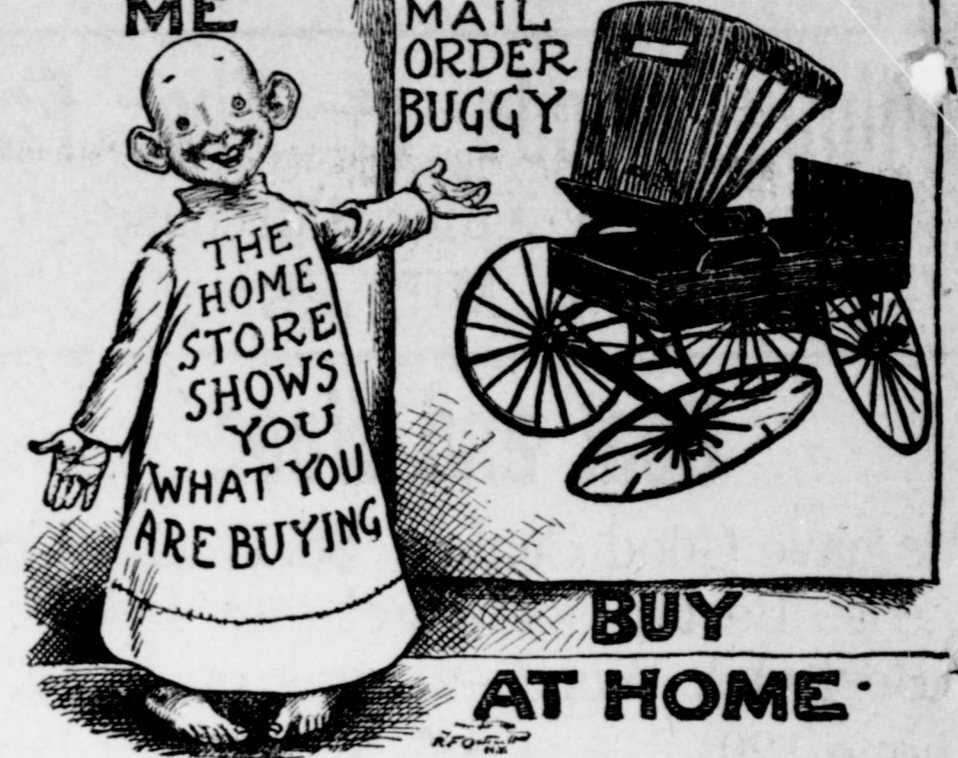
Abilene, light snow; Brownwood light snow; Blackwell rain; Bronte rain; Bradshaw snow; Crews snow; Coleman snow; Concho rain; Eden snow and rain; Ft Chadbourne rain; Hylton snow Hatchel rain; Millersview rain; Maverick rain; Menard rain; Miles rain Norton rain; Pony rain, Pumphrey snow; Paint Rock rain; Rowena rain; Stacy rain; San Angelo snow; Santa Anna snow; Truitt snow; Talpa snow; Valera snow; Winters snow Wingate snow; Wilmeth snow and rain.

Mrs. L. B. Harris left at noon Tuesday to visit relatives and friends at San Angelo, a few days.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR.

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in me as trustee, named and appointed in a certain deed of trust, recorded in Volume 11, on page 388, records of real estate mortgages of Runnels County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 17th day of November 1910, by J. G. Bradshaw, for better securing the payment of eleven cents in promissory notes of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, more fully described in said Deed of Trust, executed by J. G. Bradshaw & Co., a co-partnership composed of J. G. Bradshaw and A. F. Livingston, payable to the order of J. M. Radford Grocery Company, at Abilene, Texas, due as follows: Sept. 1, 1911; Sept. 19, 1911; Sept. 20, 1911; Oct. 1, 1911; Oct. 8, 1911; Oct. 15, 1911; Oct. 22, 1911; Nov. 1, 1911; Nov. 8, 1911; Nov. 15, 1911; Nov. 22, 1911, respectively, each respectively bearing ten per cent interest per annum from date until paid, interest due and payable annually as it accrues, providing failure to pay either of said notes, or any installment of interest thereon when due, shall at the option of the holder of said notes, or either of them mature each thereof and in such event the holder thereof may proceed to collect the same in same manner as if the full time provided in said notes and expired, and also providing for payment of ten per cent additional on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorney's fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

And, whereas, the said J. M. Radford Grocery Company is the holder and owner of said notes, and the said J. G. Bradshaw & Company has made default in payment of said Five Hundred Dollar note above described, due on the 1st day of September, A. D. 1911, and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal interest and attorney's fees by reason thereof and as provide for in each of said notes and in said Deed of Trust the said J. M. Radford Grocery Company has declared each of said notes and all of said indebtedness immediately due and mature and has heretofore so notified the said J. G. Bradshaw & Company in writing; and, whereas, each of said notes are now past and unpaid, now aggregating principal, interest and attorney's fees, Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-seven and twenty five hundredths (\$6727.25) Dollars; and whereas, I have been requested by the said J. M. Radford Grocery Company to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale, between the legal hours thereof, to-wit, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912 (the same being the 2nd day of said month), at the court house door in the town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas, the following described property to-wit:

Being One Hundred Twenty-six and two-tenths (126 2-10) acres of land out of the North East corner of Survey 441, originally granted to Lawrence Martin, by virtue of Certificate 3286, known as Abstract 381, and patented to the heirs of Lawrence Martin on February 11, 1882, per Letters Patent 247, Volume 16, and which said One Hundred

Twenty-six and two-tenths acres of land are more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the original North East corner of said Martins Survey for the North East corner of this tract, - Thence South with the East line of said Survey 607 varas to a stone, for the North East corner of a 126 2-10 acre tract of land heretofore conveyed by C. A. Doose et al to J. R. Livingston, and for the South East corner of this tract; Thence West with the North line of said J. B. Livingstons tract, 1174 varas to a stone, for the North West corner of said Livingston tract and for the South West corner of this tract; Thence North 607 varas to a stone in the North line of said survey, for the North West corner of this tract; Thence East 1174 varas to the place of beginning, with all the rights, members and appurtenances there to belonging.

Witness my hand this the 7th day of December, A. D. 1911.

C. W. Gill, Trustee.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR.

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And, whereas, the said J. M. Radford Grocery Company is the holder and owner of said notes, and the said J. G. Bradshaw & Co., has made default in the payment of said Five Hundred Dollar note above described, due on the 1st day of September, A. D. 1911, and the same is now past due and unpaid principal, interest and attorney's fees, by reason thereof and as provided for in each of said notes and in said deed of trust, the said J. M. Radford Grocery Company has declared each of said notes and all of said indebtedness immediately due and mature and has heretofore so notified the

said J. G. Bradshaw & Company, in writing; and, whereas, each of said notes are now past due and unpaid, now aggregating principal interest an attorney's fees Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-seven and 25-100 (\$6727.25) Dollars; and whereas, I have been requested by said J. M. Radford Grocery Company to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale, between the legal hours thereof, to-wit, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at public auction, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, (the same being the 2nd day of said month,) at the court house door in the town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

Being all that certain tract or parcel of land situated about four miles S. E. from Wingate, in Runnels county Texas, being the S. W. one-quarter (S. W. 1-4) of Section 93, in Block 64, H. & T. C. R. R. Co. Survey, and the North half (N. 1-2) of the N. W. one-quarter (N. W. 1-4) of Section 81, Certificate No. 61, C. T. R. R. Co. Survey, said land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the N. W. corner of this tract thence South 1425 varas to a point in East line of the C. D. Skidmore tract, and the S. W. corner of this tract; Thence East 950 varas to the S. E. corner of this tract Thence North 1425 varas to the S. E. corner of the S. H. Puckett tract and the N. E. corner of this tract; Thence West 950 varas to the place of beginning, containin 240 acres of land with all the rights, members and appurtenances there to belonging.

Witness my hand this the 7th day of December, A. D. 1911.

C. W. Gill, Trustee.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas, County of Runnels.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County on the 7th day of December, 1911, by the Clerk thereof in the case of J. W. Powell vs. W. F. Whitaker, W. B. Dennis and G. W. Johnston, defendants, No. 1340, and to me as sheriff directed, and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, it being the 2nd day of Jan. A. D. 1912 before the Court House Door of said Runnels County in the Town of Ballinger the following described property to-wit:

The West one-third of Lot No. seven (7) all of Lot No. eight (8) and the east half of Lot No. nine (9), all being in Block No. Fifteen (15) of the original Town of Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas levied on as the property of all the said defendants, to satisfy a judgment amounting to Eleven Hundred, thirty one and sixty-one hundredths, dollars, \$1131.60, in favor of J. W. Powell and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of December, A. D., 1911.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Runnels.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of October, 1911, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of J. W. Dale and C. Kornegey versus J. A. Suggs No 1321 and to me as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff sales on Tuesday the second day of January A. D. 1912, at the court house door in Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas as the following property, to-wit:

Situated in Runnels county, Texas as being a part of the Thomas Green Survey 490, Abstract 232 Situated in the town of Winters more fully described as follows beginning at a stake set 47 feet east of the N. E. corner of the M. E. Cornelious Store Building thence east 91 feet a stake the N. E. corner of a 1-3 acre block a part of said Green survey bought by Winters Gin Co from Winters water-works Company by deed dated Jan. the 12, 1904 Recorded in book 38, page 590, Deed Records of Runnels county Texas, Thence South 30 feet to stake thence West 91 feet to stake thence North 30 feet to

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THE DRUGGIST

the place of Beginning, levied on as the property of J. A. Suggs to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$413. 64 in favor of J. W. Dale and C. Kornegey and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this the 6th day of December, 1911.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. By J. A. Demonille, Deputy.

SHERIFFS SALE.

State of Texas, County of Runnels.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable Dist. Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of October, 1911, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of John Loveless versus I. Z. Brown, H. T. Moore and M. J. Moore, No. 1331 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on Tuesday the second day of January, A. D., 1912, at the court house door in Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas Lots No. 9 and 10 in Block No 4, Terry's second addition to the Town of Ballinger, Texas as same appears upon the Map of the Plan of said addition now of Record in the office of the county clerk of Runnels county Texas, levied on as the property of I. Z. Brown, H. T. & M. J. Moore to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$266.20 in favor of John Loveless and cost of suit.

Given under my hands, this the 6th day of December, 1911

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff, Runnels Co., Texas. By J. A. Demonille, Deputy.

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Mrs. J. A. Cavanaugh who resides at West End was adjudged insane in Judge Grigg's Court Friday.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers.

Saturday the 16th was Gov. Colquhoun's birthday, he was 50 years old on that day and he received many kind remembrances from friends all over the state.

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Good crowds have been in Ballinger this week and the merchants have enjoyed a fine trade.

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and hawking, spitting and forming of mucus in the nose and throat will cease. HYOMEI is guaranteed to end catarrh, coughs, colds, croup, asthma, catarrhal deafness, or money back. Complete outfit \$100 subsequent bottles if needed 50 cents at Walker Drug Company and druggists everywhere.

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J. J. Lowery.

At 8 o'clock on last Monday morning J. J. Lowery passed away with that dread disease, Consumption. He had been a patient sufferer for some time but has not been in a condition but what he could be about, except for the past three weeks when he began to grow worse until death relieve him of his suffering.

He was a good man and a good citizen and his passing to the better land will cause heartaches and sorrow to relatives and friends but life is made up to some extent such and we must be submissive of to that will that rules the world.

Rev. Bion Adkins conducted the funeral services at the residence Tuesday after which his remains were laid to rest in the city Cemetery attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Services.

There will be services at the Nazarene Mission Hall on corner opposite Santa Fe depot, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of each week.

Misses Lela Hargrove and Murtle Mangum in charge.

Free Drawing Contest.

Quite a large crowd attended the free drawing contest at the Osterlag Furniture Co., on last Saturday night at which a Sewing Machine was given away as previously announced by this firm. Diaz Wood held the lucky number and drew the prize.

Presbyterian Ladies.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church held a Bazaar the latter part of last week and met with an unusual degree of success, selling something like \$175.00 during the time it was held. They are very grateful for the liberal patronage accorded them during the sale.

John Eskridge came in Monday from Tankersly where he had been doing some depot building for the Orient, and will spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

E. C. James was in from his Maverick farm this week and took advantage of our offer of Two Papers For One, and will read the Leader and Southwestern Farmer next year. He raised 33 bales of cotton off of 108 acres and will get another bale. He is a believer in Runnels County dirt to the extent that he bought another 85 acres recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Farmer, who lives South of the city, came in at noon Tuesday from an extended trip to Oklahoma and the Panhandle country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ballard, of Paint Rock, were here Monday afternoon to see their niece Miss Sims off to her home at Abbot, after a visit to the Paint Rock country.

The future indeed looks dark to President Taft for the nomination for the presidency next summer. His old supporters are fast reaching the conclusion that he is not suited to carry the banner when the outlook for a close contest is impending.

COTTON.

The Ginning Season is now on and we are prepared to do your ginning, and solicit your patronage. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Yours very truly
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Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

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The Confederate Veteran, Nashville requests notice in every Southern newspaper. It disseminates information about soldiers of the war on both sides; it has long represented officially every general Confederate organization, and is enthusiastically supported by the men and women who are familiar with it. While ardently loyal, as its name indicates, it is so dignified in tone and so patriotic that it maintains not only the respect but the will of "the other side."

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THE RAIN.

During this week we have again been visited with some more fine rains thus reinforcing the already good season that was in the ground already. If there is not a world of land broken in January, the fault is not with the season that is now in the ground, and with proper conservation methods enough moisture can be retained to bring up the spring crops.

LOCKETT ADAIR.

The Rev. Lockett Adair, well known in Ballinger, will on Dec. 31st begin a meeting in Brownwood assisted by J. Gilmore Smith, who is now traveling with him and assisting in the meetings.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

We, the undersigned committees, appointed by the Baptist Church of Hatchel to draft resolutions on the death of our dear brother, O. C. Holliday—beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has pleased our dear Heavenly Father to send the Death Messenger into our midst and take from us our much loved brother—therefore be it Resolved, though the Church and Sunday School has lost one of their best most loyal members and our hearts are crushed yet we bow in submission to the Will of Him who never makes a mistake.

Resolved, that we have lost a noble, honest, consecrated Christian friend and neighbor.

His life was above reproach and an example we all would do well to follow.

Do we miss him? Oh, yes, but our loss is Heavens gain.

That a beautiful life came to a close when this dear man of God obeyed the summons to "Come Home."

His influence will ever live. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth:

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

To the bereaved companion children and other relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend you to the One who alone can alleviate your pain.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the county papers, to the Western Evangel and Baptist Standard for publication.

A copy and the article from the pen of our pastor, be preserved on the church record also a copy be furnished the family.

J. A. Patterson,
Neil Nutt,
Pena Walker.

W. W. Davis, of Brownwood, Traveling Auditor for the West Texas Telephone Company, who spent a week in our city looking after his company's interests, left Monday afternoon for his home.

FOUND—on street of Ballinger, a key, marked EX24. Owner can get same by paying for this notice at this office.

R. B. Armstrong was in to see us this week and helped out our exchequer.