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ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

News reached Ballinger Tuesday morning of the death of Jno. H. Ransbarger, which occurred at his home 12 miles below Ballinger on the Colorado river at 8 o'clock Tuesday. The news was confirmed later in the day by the arrival of J. W. Bigby in Ballinger who came in to make arrangements for the funeral.

The deceased was 70 years old and was one of the pioneers of this county. He has lived in the south section of the county for many years, where he owned a ranch and he has many friends throughout this section of the state who will be grieved to learn of his death. Mr. Ransbarger had been in feeble health for some time being afflicted with heart trouble, and it will be remembered that his son, Dave Ransbarger lost his son about two weeks ago, a boy of 14 years died some time during the night and his body found in bed next morning. The sudden death of the grand-son and the sorrow that it cast over the relative and neighbors no doubt hastened the visit of the death angel to this home again.

A wife and several children are made to mourn at the death of a good husband and father and Runnels county has lost another good citizen who has been here for a long time and done much toward developing the country and raising a good family of men and women.

The Banner-Ledger joins many friends in sympathy for the bereaved family.

L. A. Bedford of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

M'KINNEY HELD UNDER \$200 BOND

Mat McKinney, who was given an examining trial in the justice court at Ballinger Monday, on a cow stealing charge, was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. The bond was fixed at \$200, which of course, he readily furnished. The trial of the case required most all day as there was a large number of witnesses and the evidence brought by the defense was to prove that McKinney claimed the cow and did not steal her from the pasture of T. E. Brown. About two years ago a stray cow got into the pasture of W. P. King. In some way this fact was made known to McKinney, who claimed the cow. He permitted her to remain in the King pasture for about two years, after being notified repeatedly to come and get the cow. Mr. King advertised her for sale and proceeded to sell her as provided by law to pay the pasturage. McKinney was notified of this proceeding, but did not stop the sale. The cow was sold for pasturage, and later the party buying her sold her to T. E. Brown. Mr. Brown was an innocent purchaser as far as the original owner of the cow was concerned. He knew nothing of the past history of the case. Some time after Mr. Brown bought the cow and placed her in his pasture Mr. McKinney sent a man in the Brown pasture and had the cow driven into the McKinney pasture. Mr. Brown filed a complaint against Mr. McKinney and the case will be passed up to the next grand jury to investigate.

K. O. Berry of the Norton country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

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ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

C. P. Pruitt, one of the prominent and pioneer citizens of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and informed us that he had been strongly solicited to make the race for county commissioner of Precinct No. 3, and that he had consented to allow his friends to use his name for that office and at the proper time would make his formal announcement in the paper. Mr. Pruitt is a perfectly reliable, conscientious gentleman, broad minded and having made a success of his own business, we feel sure that he will make a good county commissioner.

Wm. Hughes of Eden, came in Tuesday afternoon to look after business affairs for a day or two.

DIED.

The remains of Mrs. Bertie Bouldin, who died in San Angelo Tuesday, were shipped through Ballinger Wednesday, accompanied by her husband, R. W. Bouldin and five children, to Ovalo where they will be buried in the cemetery at that place.

DICKENS COUNTY FARMERS WANT GOOD ROADS

Spur, Texas, Dec. 9.—During the past sixty days thirteen inches of rain has fallen here and all country roads have been impassable part of the time. There is much talk of calling another road bond election. A hundred thousand dollar issue was defeated here last spring, but since that time many of its opponents have openly declared in favor of good roads regardless of how they had to be secured.

WINTERS LADY KILLED WITH 22 TARGET

(Special to The Ledger.)

Winters, Dec. 11.—Mrs. W. R. Cummings was instantly killed at her home here Monday afternoon by a bullet from a .22 target rifle. It is not known how the accident occurred, as Mrs. Cummings was in a room with the door closed when the bullet was fired. The last time she was seen alive was just a few minutes before the shot was fired. She was sitting in the room with her daughter's baby in her arms. She got up and placed the baby on the bed and walked into another room and closed the door, and in a few minutes members of the family heard the shot and went to the room to find the lady lying on a couch with a bullet in the center of her forehead, and a target rifle lying behind the couch.

Deceased was 60 years old, and had been in feeble health for some time. On account of her bad health her mind had become affected, but during the last few months she was getting along better and it was thought that she was regaining her health. She leaves a husband and several children.

SANTA FE WRECK DELAYS TRAFFIC.

The west bound passenger train was several hours late Wednesday on account of a wreck near Brownwood. No one was hurt in the wreck, but the track was torn up and it required some time to get the track in shape.

J. S. Goubie, one of the best farmers southwest of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

CREST OF FLOOD REACHES THE GULF

Houston, Texas, Dec. 10.—The crest of the river floods in the Texas coast country appears to be rapidly nearing the gulf, but in its pathway damage is being done and little improvement in the situation at such points as Wharton, Richmond, Sealey and Bay City is reported, although the water at some points is receding.

Bay City was added to the list of inundated cities today, due to the breaking of the levee and three feet of water over the major portion of the town. No lives have been lost and boats from Matagorda and Palacios insured rescue work if needed.

Rescue parties are pushing the work of removing the marooned inhabitants in the bottoms near San Felipe and today the bodies of four unidentified negroes was discovered. It was reported at Sealey that many of the marooned people at San Felipe were slowly starving to death.

Wharton is Cut Off.

Wharton was reported cut off except by boat but no deaths are reported although some may have occurred in the surrounding country which is submerged. Thousands of residents in the bottoms, mostly negroes, are reported marooned and many suffering severely from cold and hunger.

Glen Falls is said to be submerged up to the second stories of the houses. Wharton reports the families of Sy Fisher and Jack Taylor rescued but the women members are in a critical condition as the result of exposure. D.

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DECEMBER

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Three-quarters of the dyspepsia of childhood and adult life is caused by the habit of eating between meals. This habit is first created by the craving of children for sugar of some kind or another denied to them at regular meals under mistaken ideas as to its necessity.

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Makes the Best Ginger Bread

Two cups Farmer Jones Sorghum, four cups sifted flour, one cup butter, one-half cup brown sugar, three eggs, one teaspoon soda, ground ginger to taste. Bake in oblong tin.

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Farmer Jones Syrup is just what you need to help you rear happy, healthy boys and girls. Packed in 5 and 10 pound tins—top tins.

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Send Us 5c in stamps to pay postage and we will forward you a sample can of FARMER JONES SYRUP and a Recipe Book—see above.

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Packers of "Ma Honey Bee" Honey. 8

TRYING TO GET BACK TO RUNNELS COUNTY

Mr. Ferguson is another farmer that became discouraged with Runnels county and pulled up and moved to good old wet South Texas. He has managed to stay away for three years, but is now anxious to get back. Mr. Ferguson came here and located several years ago. He decided that this country was no good and he moved to Victoria. He is now trying to rent land in this county for another year, and if he succeeds he will again become a citizen of this county for keeps. They will come back.

FOR SALE.

190 acres land improved, wood and water. Price \$12.50 per acre. SAM BOYER, Route 4, Ballinger, Texas. 1-1td 2twtd

Fritz Bredemeyer, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

R. A. Weaver, a prominent real estate man of San Angelo, came in Sunday to spend a few days in our city on business.

QUILTING BEE

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church had their regular meeting with Mrs. Jack McGregor Monday night. Each member was requested to be on time with thimbles and needles.

After a brief business session, that each member was equal to the occasion, was shown by the finishing of three and a half quilts in a very short while.

During the afternoon refreshments of sweet bread and tea was served.

Thirteen ladies were fortunate enough to be present. They hope to have a full meeting next week.

The Tortures of Rheumatism

are aggravated during climatic changes because the impure blood is incapable of resistance and ordinary treatment seems useless—but the fame of Scott's Emulsion for relieving rheumatism is based on logical principles and scientific facts. This oil-ford promptly makes active, red, life-sustaining blood corpuscles and its body-building properties regulate the functions to expel poisonous acids.

Scott's Emulsion, with careful diet for one month, will relieve the lame muscles and stiffened joints and subdue the unbearable sharp pains when other remedies fail.

Beware of alcoholic imitations and insist on the purity of SCOTT'S. AT ALL DRUGGISTS 13-82

PIONEER RUNNELS GO. PREACHER DEAD

Thomas Newton McKee, near centenarian and pioneer preacher died Tuesday afternoon in the home of his son, W. T. McKee, at Miles.

At the time of his death Mr. McKee was entering into his ninety-fifth year. Born in Murray county, Tennessee, in the year 1819. Mr. McKee came to Texas at the age of twenty-one as a Presbyterian missionary, and established his headquarters at Cherokee, in San Saba county. From Cherokee to Guadalupe the young missionary traveled, sometimes on horseback and sometimes by stage, sometimes fighting Indians, sometimes preaching to them. Wherever he could get an audience, he preached his simple gospel, and wherever he could arouse sufficient interest he organized a church. He performed the last rites over the body of highway man and churchman alike. He ministered to the sick and officiated at the infrequent weddings of those old-timers.

The passing away of this venerable man writes "finis" at the end of a life full of good deeds. The passing away of this venerable man writes "finis" at the end of a life full of good deeds. The passing away of this venerable man writes "finis" at the end of a life full of good deeds.

JACKSON-JACKSON.

At the home of the bride in South Ballinger Sunday afternoon Mr. H. E. Jackson of Hamilton county, and Mrs. Hugh Jackson were married, Rev. Bion W. Adkins officiating. Only a few friends were present to witness the ceremony, and after the marriage had been performed Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left for Hamilton county, where Mr. Jackson will wind up some business affairs and move to Ballinger to make their home.

Croup and Cough Remedy.

Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs, and colds." So you can, 50c and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. St. Louis.

Select your Christmas present from our big stock of Furniture T. S. Lankford. 2t-d-w

T. S. Lankford left for the east Monday in the interest of his mattress factory.

Joe Vancil of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

S. B. Hyder of the Winters country had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

J. O. ROOST RETURNED HOME SUNDAY.

J. O. Roots, the third member of a hunting party that left Ballinger about a month ago for a hunting trip on the mountains in Southwest Texas, reached Ballinger Sunday morning. Mr. Roots had some trying experiences to tell. His party was traveling in autos when the rain stopped them and he says that it rained every day for about three weeks and they were tied up in camp and couldn't move a peg. Mr. Erwin was the first to quit the camp and make his way to the railroad and come home. He was followed by Mr. Lynn. A report reached here Saturday that Dr. Douglass and Mr. C. R. Stephenson had stored their autos in a goat shed 70 miles from Uvalde, the nearest railroad point and were making their way to the railroad and would come home. Mr. Roots was on the road a week in coming home, and says he traveled horse back, in wagon, and walked part of the way. He was delayed in San Antonio on account of the high water, and finally reached here by coming in a roundabout way. It is safe to say that this hunting party will consult the weather man before they start on another hunt.

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF WATER ENGINEERS STATE OF TEXAS

Under the provisions of the General Irrigation Act, Chapter 171 of the General Laws, passed by the 33rd Legislature in regular session a Board of Water Engineers has been appointed, one from each of the three water divisions fixed by the law. The Act became operative by its terms, ninety days after the adjournment of the regular session of the Legislature, namely, July 1, 1913, but the Board of Water Engineers did not actually begin its work until September 1, 1913.

The first two sections of said Act read as follows:

"Section 1. Certain waters declared State property. The unappropriated waters of the ordinary flow and underflow and tides of every flowing river or natural stream, of all lakes, bays or arms of the Gulf of Mexico, collections of still water, and of the storm, flood or rain waters of every river or natural stream, canyon, ravine, depression or watershed within the State of Texas, the title to which has not already passed from the State, are hereby declared to be the property of the State, and the right to the use thereof may be acquired by appropriation in the manner and for the uses and purposes hereinafter provided.

"Section 2. Purposes for which storm, flood or rain waters may be diverted: The storm, flood, or rain waters described in the preceding section may be held or stored by dam, in lakes, or reservoirs, or diverted by means of canals, ditches, intakes, pumping plants, or other works, constructed by any person, corporation, or association of persons or irrigation district created under the statutes for the purpose of irrigation, mining, milling, manufacturing, the development of power, the construction and operation of water works for cities and towns, or for stock raising."

This Act provides that all parties who have made beneficial use of any of the public waters of this State prior to January 1, 1913, may preserve their priority of right to such waters by filing with the Board certified copies of their original filings made with the county clerks under prior irrigation laws, together with certified copies of maps, and also sworn statements showing what has been done since making filings with the county clerks, wherever such filings with the county clerks have been heretofore made. Also, in cases where filings have not been heretofore made with said clerks same may be made. Also in case where filings have not been heretofore made with said clerks, same may be made now; provided beneficial use of the public waters was made prior to January 1, 1913. All such certified copies of appropriations and maps, together with the required sworn statements; must be filed with the Board of Water Engineers before July 1, 1914, in order to preserve priority rights.

Attention is called to the fact that this Act covers not only irrigation from impounding reservoirs and flowing streams, but also from wells. It also covers the use of water where power is generated for any purpose, such as mining, milling, etc., and applies also to water supplies for cities and towns, and for stock raising.

Sections 91-95 of the Act apply to wells; 91 defining artesian wells, 92 and 93 applying to waste, 94 providing a penalty for waste, and 95 requiring records of borings.

The Board has prepared an information sheet and forms relating to filings under the provisions of Sections 12, 13 and 14; also of Sections 15 and 16, which last mentioned sections cover the steps necessary in making applications for permits to appropriate public waters. Parties desiring to make personal use of same, may obtain these forms, free of charge, on application to this Board.

The Board is issuing this statement for the purpose of disseminating information, generally, to all parties who may be interested.

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Cures Eczema, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Pimples, and all skin eruptions. Immediate relief in itching Piles, Ringworm, Sunburn, etc.

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\$40,000 WORTH REAL ESTATE CHANGE HANDS

The records in the county clerk's office indicate that there has been more activity in the real estate market during the last few days than for many months past. With the prospect of the big irrigation project being successfully put through and the improvement of public roads and the best season that this county has received in many years, the outlook for the future is very promising and there is every indication that the demand for good land in the county will continue to increase.

Following real estate transfers have been made since our last issue:

W. C. Spence and wife to J. T. Elms, 114 1-2 acres of land out of block 203, subdivision of survey No. 445, consideration \$3000.00.

I. L. Blood and A. J. Watson to J. M. Gilliam, 2 1-2 acres of land being a part of the S. W. q. M. Fitzpatrick survey No. 492, consideration \$1000.00.

M. C. Bell and wife to Joe Vancil, 64 acres of land section No. 359, et al, consideration \$6. Citizens National Bank of Ballinger to R. C. Bates of Daugla county, 383 1-2 acres of land known as John R. Robbins survey No. 359, et al, consideration \$6-920.

F. F. Moore and wife to D. E. Caudle and L. N. Graham, lot No. 8 and 9 block 34, in town of Hatchel, consideration \$500.

R. Nash and wife to C. W. Yoakum, being strip of land 50x100 feet in the town of Wilmeth consideration \$125.

J. W. Dale and wife to Mrs. Flora Yoakum, 1 1-2 acres of land out of the northeast corner block 17, consideration \$1000.00.

C. W. Yoakum and wife to W. B. Cobb and W. Z. Case, 1 1-2 acres of land out of the northeast corner of block 17, consideration \$900.00.

Ben Nitsch and wife to A. P. Jordan, lot 4 block 2, of Spills 3d addition to Winters, consideration \$1,150.

E. G. Drake and wife to W. P. Hawkins 106 2-3 acres of land being out of the southwest corner of survey No. 86, consideration \$3,200.00.

Lee Richards and wife to H. G. McKown, 119 1-2 acres of land out of N. E. corner of Wm. Baylor survey No. 279, consideration \$2,617.00.

S. B. Hyder and wife to W. L. White, being an undivided half of 190 acres of land survey No. 10, consideration \$2,216.

W. D. Donham and wife to L. E. White, tract or parcel of land a part of the R. Webb survey No. 57, containing 226 acres, consideration \$2,250.

Mrs. Lizzie Vandevanter to R. J. Clayton, 912 1-2 acres of land out of the Vandevanter survey No. 2, consideration \$3650.40.

Joe Vancil and wife to M. C. Bell, 150 acres of land out of the R. R. Co. survey No. 80, consideration \$4500.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

- P. M. Davis to Miss Anni Marks.
- Jo Parke to Miss Burnie Bates
- E. S. Nunn to Miss Mami Tubbs.
- A. O. Bartlett to Miss Dora Slaten.
- N. F. Smithson to Mrs. Mary Whitfield.
- J. J. Nees to Miss Bertie Feist.
- J. G. Schuhmann to Miss Anni Feist.
- H. E. Wade to Miss Jessie King.
- B. C. Hughes to Miss Edith P Adams.
- R. E. Long to Miss Moody Cordill.
- Criss Engert to Miss Ollie Cummings.
- C. W. Ocker to Miss Minnie Hoelscher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor and babe left Tuesday afternoon for Goldwaite and will make their future home near that place.

J. F. Holliday, of Winters passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Brownwood on a short business trip.

Miss Anna Lee Doose returned home Friday afternoon from San Angelo where she has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. George Wright.

Mrs. Presly, nee Miss Annie McCollom, of San Angelo, came in Tuesday afternoon to be the guest of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce, a few days

IS HE THROWING HIS MONEY AWAY.

The Abilene Reporter came out last Sunday with nine pages of advertising for Campbell's dry goods store of Abilene. This is perhaps the largest amount of advertising ever carried by one firm in one paper in this section of the state. Campbell's store at Abilene has a reputation over this section of the state that no other store has. We heard a man say when his attention was called to the big ad, "Oh, that's just throwing money away." The business being done by Campbell does not indicate that it is throwing money away. Mr. Campbell's success in the dry goods business does not show that he needs a guardian to take care of him. He is one of the most successful business men in the state, and his store at Abilene is a credit to that town. It is easy to throw money away in advertising, and many merchants are doing that by not giving their advertising the proper attention. The man that does not advertise at all is the one that will soon be an unknown quantity in the make up of the business world. Printers ink is cheap when properly used, and when not given the same attention that you give the most important of your business it is dear at any price.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupted." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of the diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For Sale by all dealers.

FOR RENT—After Jan. 1st., 1914, my hotel on 7th street next to A. & S. depot. Apply to Mrs. Mullins. Phone 284, Ballinger 1-3td 2tw

DIED.

J. D. Wall, a young man about 25 years of age who came to our county from Comanche about three or four months ago, died at the home of his father, W. S. Wall, up the river on Valley creek, Thursday night. He had been suffering from lung trouble and died from the effects of la-grippe. The remains will be interred in Ballinger cemetery Saturday afternoon. The Ledger joins friends in condolence and sympathy in the hour of this sad bereavement.

NEGRO FOUND DEAD ON BILLIARD TABLE

An inquest was held Thursday in the office of Judge Branch, a negro aged 35, who was found dead on a billiard table in the Coney Island billiard hall Thursday morning. Deputy Sheriff DeSpain notified the county physician, Dr. S. L. Smith, who pronounced his death due to natural causes. The body is now at the Angelo Undertaking parlors awaiting advice from relatives in Greenville.—San Angelo Standard.

HAD CATARRH FIVE YEARS.



MR. S. S. JOHNSON St. Elmo, Illinois.

Mr. Johnson of St. Elmo, Illinois, was troubled five years with catarrh. The catarrh was so severe in his case that his life seemed threatened. As he expresses it himself, he had "one foot in the grave."

Of course he tried to get relief. Many practitioners were consulted and a catarrh specialist in St. Louis was tried. He got so weak and thoroughly run down that he declares he could not walk more than a hundred yards without resting.

Few people understand that catarrh is a constant drain on the system. The discharge of mucus which is going on in such cases is largely composed of blood serum, and is a great waste. Sooner or later it will weaken the strongest man.

According to reports received from Mr. Johnson, he was in a desperate condition, but he found relief from his trouble. We will let him say how he found it. His own words say: "My friends told me to take Peruna, and I did so. I now feel that Peruna has saved my life. It is the best medicine on earth, and I would not be without it."

This seems almost too good to be true. No doubt there are some readers that will think so. The above statements, however, can be verified by writing Mr. Johnson.

Every home should be provided with the latest edition of "The Ills of Life," sent free by the Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Ask your Druggist for free Peruna Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

LEAPS INTO TRINITY RIVER ON A BET AND DROWN

Dallas, Dec. 4.—Jake Woods, aged 40, was drowned when he and Sam Allen jumped off a bridge here into the swollen Trinity river on a bet as to whether it could be done. Allen was rescued almost exhausted.

A negro drowned trying to rescue another negro who fell into the river while chasing a rabbit.

Texas floods began to recede a little this afternoon. Although rain still fell, it had diminished enough to give perceptible relief.

At noon a Marlin boatman following the deep sea rule, of "women and children first," had rescued all the women and children off a marooned passenger train caught in the Brazos river overflow. This afternoon they made the two mile trip back to the train to rescue the male passengers. The train was on the International & Great Northern, running between Fort Worth and Houston.

The death list was pushed up to twenty-four when seven negroes drowned at Hearne today.

ANTIS WIN IN PECOS

Fort Stockton, Texas, Dec. 3.—In the prohibition election the antis won here by sixteen majority. The two county boxes cannot change the result. An agreement was entered into that this election would decide the question for two years, no matter which side won.

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED

Ever Offered to Christmas Shoppers in Ballinger and Surrounding Country will Be Offered You from
MONDAY, DEC. 1 TO DEC. 31

During This Time

I Will Close Out My Entire Stock Of
Watches, Jeweler, Cut Glass, Silver Ware, Hand Painted China, Umbrellas, Silver Novelties, Etc.

FOR HALF PRICE

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JAS. E. BREWER

BALLINGER, TEX.

* Ballinger 25 Years Ago. *
* Taken from Files Ballinger *
* Leader, Dec. 7th, 1888

The following items are culled from the Ballinger Ledger dated Dec. 7th, 1888. We reprint them just as they were printed 25 years ago:

Runnels county has the best natural roads in the United States. (It was a dry country then.)

The workmen in digging the cistern at the jail struck water at a depth of twelve feet.

J. C. Swift came near losing his stack of sorghum by fire at Runnels this week. Help being near at hand the fire was extinguished.

H. D. Pearce has opened up his book and stationery store at the postoffice and will be pleased to take your subscription.

Dan Sullivan is sole agent for Chases Barley Malt Whiskey. It has a pleasant stimulating effect.

Thomas Osteen has opened a new chop house on 7th street in the rear of the Palace saloon.

Miss Carrie Fentress is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Francis, of Eden.

Captain N. F. Bonsal and wife went over to Menardville first of the week.

Misses Maggie Miles and Josie Routh have recovered sufficiently to be out again.

J. W. Powell is having a nice front added to his little cottage home at a cost of \$500.

We are informed that the jail will have a gallows in the tower, all ready for neck-breaking, when it is finished. (It has never been used.)

The prairie schooners continue to move westward.

Dr. W. W. Fowler, of Paint Rock, called and added his name to our subscription list Monday. (Dr. Fowler's name is still on the list.)

Go to G. R. Crews and buy something substantial for Christ-

mas present in the way of bedroom suits. (Mr. Crews is still selling them.)

It is desired that all of the committee for the Union Christmas tree meet at the Baptist church by early candle light tonight.

M. D. L. Barnett moved to Runnels county this week from near McKinney. He purchased the A. A. McGill land, 1400 acres, located on Valley creek, for \$6 per acre.

The foundation for the court house is about all in and it looks very substantial.

There is cotton enough to gin out about ten bales, stored in the gin, which starts in a few days.

The election Wednesday for commissioner of Precinct No. 1, resulted in the election of C. H. Willingham. He had no opposition and received 161 votes.

Quite an enjoyable social was given on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickinson, of Runnels. Among the number who attended from Ballinger were R. H. McAlpine, H. S. Murphy, Joe Wilmoth, Verner Grady, Hubert Pearce, Haden Routh, D. S. Hobson, A. L. Clark and J. T. Billups.

A RECORD BREAKER.

Our daily attendance this fall has been the largest in the history of the institution, and from present indications our January attendance will be a record breaker. With our new building and additional teachers already employed, we have plenty of room and plenty of teachers. Our work is practically all taught on the plan of "learn to do by doing" thru individual instructions. This enables us to handle any number of students to the very best advantage. Students who are deficient in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc., get special instructions in each of these subjects without extra cost. By our method of special instruction the student who is slow and backward in his work is not discouraged by

trying to keep up with a student who has had superior advantages, neither is the bright student who has had special advantages held back on account of the slow students, but each is worked to his full capacity, therefore both are delighted with their work.

If you can't persuade someone else to buy you a scholarship as a Christmas present, buy it yourself. It is a Christmas present that will prove of untold value to you. We are daily placing students in positions where they are earning from \$600 to \$1500 per annum with promotion ahead. Finish a course of Bookkeeping, Business Administration and Finance Shorthand or Telegraphy with us and we will get you the position and there are no ifs and ands about it; we have got to do it if we expect your future support in getting patronage. The cost of a complete unlimited cost including tuition, books and board is only from \$95 to \$120.

Get a copy of our large illustrated catalog, giving facts and figures as to what our former students have accomplished and what their employers think of them. Fill in name and address and state the course you are most interested in and mail to the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, today and receive catalog

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LEFT FOR TEMPLE

Tax Assessor Mike C. Boyd was joined here Monday afternoon by Squire Boone, tax assessor of Tom Green county, and together they went on to Temple where they go to attend the annual state meeting of the Tax Assessors' Association.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves pain and heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Jimmie Price left Saturday afternoon for Rosebud to join his parents and make it his home for the present.

A NEWSPAPER STORY TOLD IN FIGURES

The average reader picks up a newspaper and scans its columns without a thought as to what it cost to produce that paper or how it was done. There has not been an idle minute in The Ledger office this week, and when we tell you that our force has handled some where in the neighborhood of five million letters, and handle many of them several different times you will readily realize that there has been no time for play. During the week just closing we have printed and delivered to the readers of this county a total of 46 pages of reading matter, making in all 256 columns. When figured to lines we have printed 35,840 lines and it required 215,040 words, and to make this many words it required 5,591,040 letters. All told we have delivered over 4500 copies of the papers issued from this office this week. We have tried to give the news to the readers of this county. Whether we have made good is up to the readers to say. In addition to the paper work our job presses have been whirling out sheets of printed matter by the thousands. The man that gets the idea that the printers life is a bed of ease and that his life's path is strawn with roses can guess again. We were at work last night when perhaps you were snoozing.

Hunt's Lightning Oil.

This is the liniment which has caused so much talk. So many people are telling how it relieved them of pain that one can no longer doubt that it is truly a wonderful remedy. Every druggist sell it.

INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS POSTPONED.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 9.—On account of the serious illness of Col. Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress, the annual convention of the Congress which was to have been held in Dallas next Saturday, December 13, has been postponed until February when it will be held in Dallas in connection with the annual exhibit of the National Corn Exposition.

MUD HOLE A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR BETTER ROADS

McKinney, Texas, Dec. 9.—Rural mails have been held up here for several days on account of the impassable condition of the country roads, caused by the recent rains. A \$450,000 good roads bond issue will be voted on here December 26, and the consensus of opinion is that few dissenting votes will be cast. It is expected that the rural districts will vote solid in favor of the issue.

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one. For sale by all dealers."

BALLINGER IN DARKNESS FOR A FEW HOURS.

Only the early risers in Ballinger knew that Ballinger was a dark town Tuesday morning for two or three hours. It was all due to the cold weather, or at least to the oil made thick by the cold weather. The power plant uses oil for fuel and the pumps failed to bring the oil from the storage tanks to the feed tank, and of course there was nothing doing until this could be corrected. The power people keep two pumps, when one gets out of commission they have another to fall back on, but in this case both of the pumps refused to work.

COLEMAN HOTEL BURNED SUNDAY.

Telephone reports from Coleman state that the Jones Hotel and boarding house at that place was burned Sunday night. The hotel was a frame building and the loss was not very heavy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis of Talpa, left for their home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis had been in the sanitarium in our city the past five weeks and we are glad that she is much improved in health.

BALLINGER COY HEARD FROM.

R. G. Massay, superintendent of the Polk-McAvoy Directory Co., has moved the company offices and library to 522 Beacon building. This gives them a much more central location and the move will be appreciated by their subscribers who have occasion to consult the directory library.

This library of directories that was started only a few years ago, has grown to vast proportions and now contains directories of most of the principal cities of the United States, and is a very valuable adjunct to the business interests of the city.

The Beacon building is centrally located, easily accessible from the principal business streets, and is a modern office building in every respect, and the library of valuable information will be of great advantage to its tenants.—Wichita, Kan., Times.

The above does not concern our readers further than the R. G. Massay referred to is none other than Bob, a Ballinger raised boy. He has many friends in Ballinger who will be glad to learn that he is making good.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake Parks of Abilene, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman Sunday en route home from Temple.

TAX COLLECTOR AFTER FARMERS' POLLS

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 9.—Acting upon the suggestion of President Lewis of the Texas Farmers Union, Tax Collector Elliott is touring the rural section of Tarrant county and urging the farmers to pay their poll tax. The tax rolls show that the poll tax payment among the city men have a higher rate than those of farmers and Mr. Elliott claims that this is due to negligence on the part of the farmers. Farm property tax payments to date show a substantial gain over those of the same period last year, but fewer polls have been paid.

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Whose Santa Claus will you
 be?

Its an ill wind that fails to
 blow good to some one. The auto
 speeder is saving his gasoline.

Enough water has passed down
 the Colorado River during the
 last ten days to irrigate Texas,
 and it is passing.

The football season has closed
 and the death record for the Uni-
 ted States will show a decrease for
 this month.

Don't spend all your money for
 Christmas presents until you have
 bought a few Red Cross Seals.
 Help the sick.

The man that kicks about the
 West Texas weather should be
 compelled to live in the Brazos
 bottoms. There's a differ-
 ence.

It may be more blessed to give
 than to receive, but some people
 worry a great deal in selecting
 Christmas presents for their
 friends. Don't do it.

In case that the big dam is built
 some claim that Ballinger will be
 in danger of high water. Admit-
 ting the claim, what's the differ-
 ence of being in danger of high
 water and in danger of low water?

In working to remedy the many
 evils that burden the human race,
 we should do our part toward re-
 ducing the Christmas carelessness
 that causes accidents and deaths
 throughout the nation by thou-
 sands.

Mr. Booster for good roads, now
 is the time to talk good roads.
 Its rough sailing in mud two feet
 deep, and it is deeper in some
 places.

In Sherman the condition of
 certain roads and streets is such
 that it is necessary to put up
 danger signals to warn the public
 against the places. Several chil-
 dren "beamed" up and had to
 have assistance to get out. Come
 to Runnels county.

Snow is from three to fifteen
 feet deep in Colorado and water
 is from three to fifteen feet deep
 in South Texas, and Runnels
 county citizens are living at
 both places, having left here be-
 cause they didn't like the coun-
 try. We are glad to know that
 they are satisfied and going well

Yourselt as an Xmas Gift

AS an Xmas Gift nothing equals the
 personal charm of a well-made
 well-mounted *photograph of yourself*

The Time For Sitting Is NOW

WILBOURN STUDIO 712 1-2 Hutchins Ave.
 Ballinger, Texas

It is reported that at least \$25,000
 changed hands in just plain
 old fashioned gambling way at
 the State University and Norte
 Dame, Ind., foot ball game which
 was played on the University
 grounds on Thanksgiving day.
 That should be quite a boost for
 our Texas schools. It is against
 the law to bet on horse races in
 Texas, but he gambler generally
 finds a way to get action on his
 money.

Gov. Colquitt has issued a
 proclamation calling for the peo-
 ple to help the flood sufferers in
 the flooded districts in South
 and Central Texas. There are
 some former Runnels county citi-
 zens in the flooded districts, and
 we should remember them kindly.
 They would perhaps accept a tick-
 et back to good old Runnels
 county. Help the needy.

The citizens of Brownwood met
 in mass meeting Tuesday to dis-
 cuss the filter question and de-
 vise ways for improving their
 water supply. We extend to the
 citizens of Brownwood an in-
 vitation to send their com-
 mittee to Ballinger, where
 they can see the workings
 of a perfect filtering plant and
 as pure and sparkling water as
 can be found in Texas. Come up.

A negro in Northeast Texas
 killed a white man because he
 caught the white man with his
 wife. The negro plead the unwrit-
 ten law but he was convicted. We
 know nothing of the merits of the
 case, but a negro has just as much
 right to the protection of the un-
 written law as the white man. In
 fact a white man that will keep
 company with a negro woman is
 just a few degrees lower than the
 negro, and the quicker he is out
 of the way the better it is for the
 white race.

Man's best friend again made
 good in the recent flood at Tem-
 ple, when the high water swept
 away the home of Mrs. W. C. Polk
 drowning Mrs. Polk and four chil-
 dren. Searching parties were lead
 to the body of Mrs. Polk by the
 barking of the faithful family dog.
 As the searching party approached
 the body the dog danced about in
 a high state of excitement, always
 keeping close to the body of his
 mistress. Mrs. Polk was 36
 years of age. She was born in
 the house that was destroyed by
 the flood and that claimed the
 life of her and her four children.

The man that fails to pay his
 poll tax will be nothing more
 than a "notch on a stick" in the
 coming campaign year. Some peo-
 ple pay their poll tax because they
 feel it their duty to do so, others
 pay because they want to vote.
 One of the motives should prompt
 you to get busy.

We heard a man kicking today
 about the delay of trains and mail
 matter. He perhaps has forgot-
 ton the time when the citizens of
 this country only received mail

semi-occasionally—perhaps once a
 week, and when their kin folks
 came to see them, they had to
 wait a week for the stage to ar-
 rive.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram
 carries two feature columns that
 are eagerly sought after by the
 readers of that paper. The two
 columns are easily located by the
 picture of Rev. Thomas B. Grego-
 ry and Claud Callan. The make-
 up man on the Star-Telegram re-
 cently exchanged the pictures
 running Callan's picture in the
 preacher's column and the
 preacher's picture in Callan's
 column. This was no doubt em-
 barrassing to the preacher, and
 Callan should have made some ex-
 planation and submitted proof to
 establish an alibi.

The recent floods in Texas
 have caused great damage and
 loss to the railroads of Texas. The
 damage will no doubt pass the
 million dollar mark, and it will
 be several days before the regular
 schedule can be maintained. Com-
 ing so close to the holidays, a
 time when the traffic is natural-
 ly heavy, it makes the blow to the
 railroads all the more heavier.
 What the Texas legislature has
 failed to do for the railroads of
 Texas it seems that the floods have
 almost finished the job.

The high price of eggs, 75c
 a dozen in the cities of the east
 and north, has caused the house-
 keepers to get together and boy-
 cott the dealers in an effort to
 reduce the price. If eggs were
 that high in Ballinger it would
 not be necessary for housekeepers
 to form a boycott. At the prevail-
 ing prices—30 and 35 cents a
 dozen—eggs are a curiosity in
 many houses. It is a pity that
 our farmer friends cannot see an
 opportunity for making money in
 the poultry business.

We are reminded every day of
 the importance of home people co-
 operating and working for the in-
 terests of each other the last days
 all kinds of business have almost
 been on a stand still on account
 of the heavy rains and the bad roads.
 The merchants have been loosing
 money every day, because their ex-
 penses go on in bad weather just
 like they do in good weather,
 whether they do any business or
 not. A mail order house had a
 representative here, and he secur-
 ed orders for goods that cost just
 as much and were no better than
 the same class of goods carried in
 stock in the local stores. We know,
 because we were solicited by Mr.
 mail order house agent, and investi-
 gated his goods and his price.
 Ninety per cent of the money sent
 out of Runnels county for goods
 never returns.

THE BALLINGER OF THE FUTURE—A CITY.

We have heard it said that the
 great irrigation project now un-
 derway would cause the popula-
 tion of Runnels County and Bal-
 linger to double. We have heard
 statements made about the great
 irrigation project that no doubt
 sounds unreasonable to the man
 that has given the question much
 thought. Yet, the half has not
 been told. The most optimistic
 booster can not over draw the
 picture of the Ballinger of the
 future. The knocker will admit
 that there is not a more natural
 site for a city in Texas. An un-
 limited supply of pure water, in
 a climate that is as healthy as
 can be found in the world, all
 that is necessary to convert the
 town into a city, and that in a
 very short period of time, is the
 solving of the crop season ques-
 tion—the furnishing of a sufficient
 supply of moisture at the proper
 time to mature the enormous crops
 that can be produced on the fer-
 tile land of this county.

With the completion of the big
 irrigation project this question
 will be solved for more than one
 hundred thousand acres of land.
 Take the figures furnished us by
 those who are irrigating in this
 county at present, the reader can
 get a faint idea as to what this

amount of land will produce. This
 is only the beginning of what will
 follow. When the big dam is con-
 structed across the Colorado Riv-
 er making a water fall of seventy-
 five feet, a large power plant will
 be installed and power sufficient
 to operate manufacturing plants,
 trolley lines, etc., will be installed.
 This will bring to this county mil-
 lions of dollars in capital, and
 with the money comes people of
 every trade and profession. An
 electric belt will circle the coun-
 try extending from Bronte to
 Ballinger, coming down the Colo-
 rado valley, furnishing light and
 electric power for the farmers
 along the river, and from Ballin-
 ger the circuit will take in Paint
 Rock and San Angelo. Within this
 electric circle one hundred thou-
 sand acres of fine agricultural
 land will be producing millions
 of dollars worth of agricultural
 products. Manufacturing plants
 will be established and the prod-
 ucts prepared for market and
 shipped out to the various mar-
 kets of the United States.

The land that will be included
 in the irrigated district are at

present worth from \$20 to \$50 per
 acre, according to the improve-
 ments. As soon as the water is
 placed, at the land line, many
 acres of this land will be worth,
 and will bring from \$100 to \$250
 per acre, and later when modern
 improvements are made it will
 change hands at a consideration of
 \$500 per acre. With water the land
 can be made to bring the owner a
 handsome dividend on the invest-
 ment at that price. In its present
 condition returns from this land
 is not sufficient in many cases, to
 pay the taxes.

Instead of doubling in popula-
 tion, when this project is perfect-
 ed, the population of Ballinger
 will reach the twenty-five thou-
 sand mark in less than five years.
 The proposition has been sounded
 to its very depth by men of ex-
 perience, and they pronounce it
 feasible. The project has ad-
 vanced much faster than the most
 enthusiastic hoped for. It is
 rapidly being perfected, and our
 prediction is that in less than
 eighteen months there will be a
 demand for laborers on the work,

and that Col. Stanley will be
 amply able to carry out his con-
 tract and build the works within
 the three years he asks for.

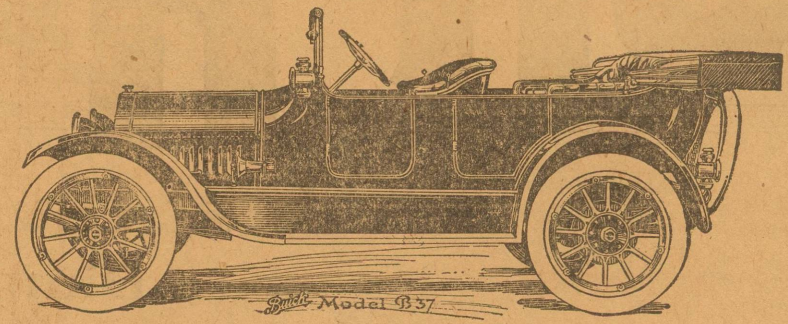
Something Fine for Headaches.

If you know how quickly the
 pain is eased with Hunt's Light-
 ning Oil, you would always have
 it on hand. It is also splendid for
 Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts,
 Sprains. Ask your druggist.
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A. R. Orr, of Dallas, who had
 been to Winters on a business
 trip, passed through Ballinger Fri-
 day at noon en route to Miles.

Attorney Walter Woodward of
 Coleman, who has been here on
 legal business the past day or two,
 left Tuesday morning for his
 home.

FOUND—A child's high top
 button shoe. shoe was found three
 or four months ago in alley back
 of Walker's Drug Store. Owner
 can get same by paying for this
 notice. d&w-2t



**Why the Buick
 Car is Right**

Advertising use to be nothing but telling the people that certain
 goods were the cheapest. Later, somebody discovered that he
 had to claim his goods were the best. Again later, somebody else
 made the discovery that just saying so wasn't enough. People
 wanted to know the reason why.

Americans have been educated to the fact that cheap goods don't
 pay. They don't want cheap anything. They realize that good
 goods save time, money and disposition. And besides, there is al-
 ways that added pleasure of buying something that's right.

The knowledge that they have something that's right is one reason
 why a Buick owner is always a Buick booster.

**BUICK CARS ARE BUICK BUILT.
 THAT'S WHY THEY'RE RIGHT.**

- Every 1914 model has power
- Every 1914 model has style
- Every 1914 model has endurance
- Every 1914 model is reliable
- Every 1914 model is economical

The Buick Overhead Valve
 Motor is guaranteed to develop
 more power and to give more
 mileage per gallon of gasoline
 than any other motor of its size,
 either American or foreign make.

Six Models \$950 to \$1985
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Success and Satisfaction

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Health Club is the purest, strongest and most economical Baking Powder obtainable at any price.



In 10¢, 15¢ & 25¢ Cans at all Good Grocers

THE BEST OF ANY.

J. F. Dean, the irrigation farmer up the river, returned home a few days ago from the eastern part of the state and says he saw at the old country and then return to his home in Runnels county. He visited the Waco Cotton palace, also at his old home at Mexia, Teague, Dallas, Fort Worth and other points while he was gone, and says that nothing he saw on his rounds compares with Ballinger and Runnels County. He says that all a man has to do to become perfectly satisfied with this section, is for him to make a visit back east.

Big line of new Furniture, Rugs, Pictures, etc., ready for your inspection at the lowest prices. T. S. Lankford. 2t-d-w

NOTICE TO CIGAR-ETTE DEALERS

It has come to my knowledge that there is quite a number of cigarette dealers in this county and I beg to call attention to the law regulating the sale of same. Article 7355, section 40 provides as follows:

"From all dealers in cigarettes in this state, the sum of ten dollars per annum, a cigarette being within the meaning of this act the same as defined by the laws of the United States Government, provided that this tax shall be in addition to the occupation tax levied on merchants and any other tax levied under the law; provided further that dealers shall be required to procure an annual license from the county clerk of the county where he proposes to sell cigarettes, which shall be granted for no shorter or longer period than one year; and provided further that the license shall describe the house and locality where the dealer proposes to sell cigarettes. (Acts 1897, S. S. page 49.)

From the above it is plain as to what steps to take in order to handle this article of merchandise, and if the law has not been complied with, kindly proceed to do so. The criminal statute provides a penalty for not complying with this law and making it the duty of the proper officer to look after the enforcement thereof.

If there be any merchants handling this article of merchandise, it might be well to comply with the law.

C. P. SHEPHERD, County Attorney, Runnels County, Texas.

ORGANIZE MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

The organized Men's Sunday School Class meets at the home of Rev. Bion Adkins Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Those who are not attending Sunday school are invited to attend this class.

RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH OF FATHER.

A letter was received today from Rockford, Ala., by C. E. Allen, of the firm of Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co., in which the news of the death of R. M. Allen of that city was conveyed. Mr. Allen's father died last Monday morning about 3:30 o'clock, but owing to the distance that the family lives from the railroad and telegraph station, no telegram was sent. The letter, which was mailed immediately after the death, was delayed en route on account of the high water between Ballinger and Temple.

Mr. Allen left a wife and daughter at home. Several of the children are married. He was past the seventy year mark. Friends of Mr. C. E. Allen offer sympathy in this hour.

Lynn Stokes of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Robert Stevenson returned home Sunday from Thurber where he had been visiting home folks and friends for the past few weeks.

Dr. Clelland the optician had business in Winters between trains Monday.

John King, of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Attorney Watted Woodward of Coleman was looking after legal business in Ballinger Monday.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, 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 month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE

The postal receipts for November of this year show a handsome increase over that of last year for the month of November. The total receipts for last month amounted to \$788.85. Of this amount \$776.42 were derived from the sale of stamps. The balance came in on second-class postage and box rent.

Postmaster J. J. Erwin and assistant Postmaster D. A. Swift are very proud of the record established last month. The amount far exceeded their expectations. It is believed by the local authorities that the December business will far surpass any of the office in the corresponding months.

Rugs, Art Squares, Pictures, Rockers, Clothes boxes, marked at prices that you can afford to pay. They make useful presents. Inspect our stock before you buy. T. S. Lankford. 2t-d-w

Sheriff Sale.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels,

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Hon. District court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 21st day of Nov. 1913 by the District clerk thereof, under a judgement in favor of J. D. Dorsey and against Geo. S. Graves and S. M. Farmer, for the sum of one thousand four hundred forty-one and no-100 dollars with interest thereon from the 17th day of March 1913, at the rate of ten per cent per annum together with all cost of suit in this behalf expended, and on the same date the said plaintiff J. D. Dorsey recover in the district court of Runnels County, Texas, a judgment against E. D. Farmer for the sum of five hundred and no-100 dollars with interest thereon from the 15th day of Dec. 1910 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum together with all costs incurred in making said defendant a party to this suit, provided that any payment made on said judgment against the said E. D. Farmer shall be applied as a credit on the foregoing judgment against the defendants Geo. S. Graves and S. M. Farmer; whereas the said judgment against Geo. S. Graves and S. M. Farmer is a foreclosure of a deed of trust lien on the following described property, the number of said cause is 1452 and placed in my hands for service I, J. P. Flynt, sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 2nd day of Dec. 1913, levy on certain real estate situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situated in Miles, Runnels County, Texas, and being a part of the N. W. one-fourth, of the T. & N. O. Ry., section, No. 86 certificate 1098 described as the southeast 1-2 acre in block 4 as shown by the Jackson's addition to the town of Miles, Texas, recommended in book 7 page 26 of the deed records of Runnels County, Texas and

Whereas the further judgment against Geo. S. Graves, S. M. Farmer and E. D. Farmer is a foreclosure of a Deed of Trust lien on the following described property to-wit: situated in Miles, Runnels County, Texas and being a part of the Washington County Railroad Co. Survey No. 136, abstract No. 871, certificate No. 285 and more particularly described as all blocks H. and L. in the Farmer and Perry Addition to the town of Miles, Texas, which is of Record in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, in book 25, page 187, and levied upon as the property of said defendants and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1914, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said defendants.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper published in Ballinger, Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of December, 1913.

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

TRAFFIC RESUMED ON SANTA FE

Floods have receded in Texas today and traffic on railroads has been resumed. Train No 75 running from Temple to San Angelo and due in Ballinger at a few minutes past midnight, arrived Saturday morning for the first time since Tuesday night. Train No. 77, running between Temple and San Angelo arrived today at noon for the first time since Tuesday. For three days a train has been running out of Belton for San Angelo.

The train that arrived last night carried mail that had accumulated at the scene of high water during the past three days. The noon train carried much mail that had been tied up in the vicinity of the wreck. It is believed that the heavy mail will continue to arrive through Sunday.

An Associated Press dispatch from Dallas states that 35 lives have been lost in high waters in Texas during the week. Over two million dollars have been lost.

Flood suffers at Waco are suffering severely today from the cold wave which has struck the city. Many are homeless and the high winds which have followed the rain, have been detrimental to the welfare of the sufferers.

The Colorado river at Ballinger has receded fast during the past 36 hours. It is likely that it will be within its banks within the next 12 hours. Reports from up and down the river in this county, are to the effect that little damage has been done. Several fields have been flooded and it will be several days before work can be resumed in them by the farmers.

The Bryan levee, protecting the low lands of three counties, went out Friday and caused considerable damage. The situation at that place is announced by the press associations as being the most serious to arise from the recent heavy rains in Texas. Bryan citizens wired Galveston immediately after the breaking of the levee asking for motor boats to come to the rescue. Those in the harbor available for use were immediately dispatched to the scene of the catastrophe. Boats were also sent out from Houston.

We make mattresses to order and guarantee every one of them. Ballinger Mattress Factory. 2t-d-w

FORMER BALLINGER YOUTH MARRIED.

Friends in Ballinger have received word of the marriage of Walter Boswell and Miss Nellie Hall, of Paint Rock. Mr. Boswell formerly lived in Ballinger and is very well known in this city and the surrounding country. Miss Hall is a Paint Rock girl.

The marriage took place a few days ago at the home of the bride. Many handsome presents were received by the couple. They will remain in Paint Rock where a new residence has been built by the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Afflebach are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy born to them Friday night, Dec. 5.

L. W. Compton of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Fort Worth—It has been definitely announced that an interurban line between this point and Denton will be constructed. The proposed line is financed by Denton and Fort Worth people exclusively. Col. Wm. Capps of this city is at the head of the movement.

Lee Evans, one of the successful young farmers up the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

W. F. Forbes and Jim West of the Norton country passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from a short trip west.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

GODFREY MASSEY, wtf Concho county, Tex.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

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

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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C. Y. ROBERTS IS

IN THE RACE AGAIN

C. Y. Roberts, of Coke county, who made the race for representative from district in the last campaign, writes that he will be in the race again the coming campaign. Following is the letter to Mr. Cockrell of the Banner-Ledger:

Robert Lee, Texas, Nov. 29. Mr. C. C. Cockrell, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Friend:—You may say through the channels of the Banner-Ledger, that I will again be a candidate for representative from this district, and my formal announcement together with a declaration of principles I advocate will appear later.

Yours truly, C. Y. ROBERTS.

Dr. Alexander of Coleman came in Monday night to look after land interests near Ballinger a few days. He is figuring on putting up a nice residence on his farm and otherwise improve his property.

Nothing will make a more appropriate gift than a nice rocker for mother. See them at T. S. Lankford. 2t-d-w

Sulphur Springs—The first copy of the Morning Telegram, a new publication launched here was issued December the first. This paper is edited by Joe J. Murray, and the initial copy was replete with news and other modern features.

Byers—Actual work on the construction of the \$30,000 bridge is being pushed, along with a 16 foot driveway and known as the 98th Meridian bridge.

FAKE LAND DEALERS

FACING BIG EXPOSURE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Some recent land swindles, some of them of gigantic proportions, is being investigated by the post-office department in collaboration with the department of justice. An avalanche of indictments in various parts of the country, but particularly in the west, is expected to result from the inquiry with in the next few months.

One of the fake land selling games which was brought to the attention of the government less than a month ago involves mail order operations by which more than \$1,000,000 had been obtained from small investors by a ding of promoters in the Northwest.

The literature sent out by the gang depicted fertile acres and blooming orchards to be obtained for only \$p00 an acre. It is charged that a large part of land so glowingly represented was in reality a desert.

The mail order and swindling industry took on new life as a result of the policy of former Postmaster Hitchcock, who abandoned the policy of barring the literature of fake concerns from the mails by the issuance of fraud orders.

He was of the opinion that these sharks could be suppressed more effectively by criminal prosecutions. But the result was that while the few swindlers who were arrested were awaiting trial they continued to enrich themselves by their operations through the mails.

Wm. Doen of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger for a few hours Monday.

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The business world needs you as a **Bookkeeper, Stenographer, or Telegraph Operator**

At a splendid salary. Our business is to train you for these positions and place you in them. We enroll over 1200 students annually. Every National Bank in Ft. Worth is represented on our Directory Board.

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See Your Local Agent for Particulars, or write

A. D. Bell
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DALLAS TEXAS

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Gen'l Passenger Agent

...OUR COST MARK...

Now is your time don't miss this cost sale. You will save money while you can get **Merchandise** at cost. Our cost mark is as plain as two and two is four.

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 P L A Y W R I G H T R E P

Undoubtedly you know what you want for your family. We can fill your wants with a saving of **33 1-3 per cent** on each dollar you buy from us. Come early

To give you a fair illustration how our merchandise is sold and how everything is marked. All we ask of you is to look through, carefully, the advertised merchandise and prices on same. You will then see whether or not you are doing yourself justice by not coming. Our stock will not last forever. The first day we opened up with our cost mark—P-L-A-Y-W-R-I-G-H-T—many customers bought goods by the dozen when otherwise they would have only bought by the piece. They knew they would have to pay 33 1-3 more as soon as we closed our store. You know that we buy merchandise for less, then you can buy from us at the price we pay for them.

Ladies' Cloaks, Suits, & Dresses

REG.	COST	
\$ 8.00	y x t	\$4.40
15.00	g x y	8.80
13.75	g y x	8.44
12.00	g g t	8.80
8.50	w h w	5.75
20.00	p y t x	4.00
7.50	y x t	4.40

Ladies' Skirts

REG.	COST	
\$ 6.00	a y i	\$3.47 1-2
5.00	a g h	3.89
6.50	y x i	4.47

Silk Petticoats

REG.	COST	
\$ 4.00	l h i	\$2.97
3.75	l p w	2.15
3.50	l x t	2.20
3.50	l w t	2.50

Outings and Dresses

REG.	COST	
10c	i =	7 1-2c
10c	g =	8 1-2c
9c	r =	6 1-2c

Ladies' Hair Switches and All Over Laces sold at your own price.

Men's Clothing

In suits, overcoats and trousers. Look carefully over the prices also the cost mark.

	REG.	COST	
Men's Suits	\$10.00	h x i	\$9.97
Men's Serge	14.00	h a w	9.35

Tailor Made Suits

REG.	COST	
\$17.50	h x t	\$9.90
20.00	p l p l	12.12

Pants

	REG.	COST	
Pants	\$6.00	y l w	\$4.25
Pants	4.00	l i w	2.75
Pants	5.00	a r w	3.65
Pants	3.00	l x t	2.20
Pants	1.50	p x t	1.10

Men's Woolen Shirts

REG.	COST	
\$2.50	p h t	\$1.90
2.25	p a t	1.30
1.75	p p t	1.50
1.25	h a	93c

All Men's Underwear sold in proportion

John B. Stetson's Hats

Embroiders Combs of all kinds

Dry Goods

Made by the same manufactures as all other merchants have, discounted 33 1-3 per cent.

	REG.	COST	
Linen Lawn	45c	a t	30c
Linen Lawn	35c	l t	20c
Sviesette	25c	p r	16c
Satin Lawn	30c	p h	19c
Satin Lawn	17 1-2c	p y	14c
Satin Lawn	15c	g =	8 1-2c
Sun Bonnets	40c	l w =	25 1-2c
Percal	10c	g =	8 1-2c
Brocated Silk	\$100	r p	61c
Silk Pongee	75c	y t	40c
Gingham best grade	10c	g =	8 1-2c

La Resista Corsets

	REG.	COST	
Spira Bone	\$1.75	p x t	\$1.10
Spira Bone	3.50	l a w	2.35
Spira Bone	1.25	i x =	77 1-2
La Reine	1.50	p x t	1.10
La Reine	2.75	p r w	1.65

Quilts and Blankets

	REG.	COST	
Quilts	\$2.00	p y t	\$1.40
Quilts	2.25	p a h	1.37
Quilts	1.75	p x t	1.10
Quilts	1.25	r h	69c
Blankets	2.50	p r g =	16.8 12
Blankets	1.25	i ß	78c
Blankets	1.75	p a l =	1.32 1-2

MEN'S, LADIES', AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR SOLD IN PROPORTION

Every day, and all day long the stream of customers continue to flood our store. They literally swept the bargains from our counters and carried them away in armfuls. Just think of it, all these satisfied customers returning to their homes, telling the news to friends and neighbors of the money they saved. Spend a little money and profit by it, if you choose, or else call and be a looker on and enjoy seeing your friends participate. You are always welcome.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Treasurer's Quarterly Statement

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

Before us, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mr. Kleberg Jr., County Judge; Feb. McWilliams, Edgar Jayroe, J. M. Adams and C. W. Craft, County Commissioners, all of Runnels County, Texas, who being duly sworn, each on his oath deposes and says that he has fully complied with the provisions of Article No. 867, R. S., as set forth in said article, taken in connection with Chapter No. 164, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, in view as the Depository law by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of W. L. Brown, County Treasurer of Runnels County, Texas, as set forth in said County Treasurer's report for the quarter ending October 31, 1913, and find same to be as follows:

First class, or Jury fund, cash balance of	\$ 1.00
Second class, or R. and B. fund, cash balance of	8,201.89
Third class, or Gen. Co. fund, cash balance of	1,575.23
Fourth class, or Special fund, cash balance of	1,280.15
Fifth class, or Advertising fund, cash balance of	100.20
Sixth class, or Ct. H. Bond Skg. fund, cash balance of ..	871.48
Seventh class, or Bridge bond Skg fund, cash balance of ..	1,418.94
Eighth class, or Bridge, bond Skg. cash balance	251.38
To amount of cash on hand at end of quarter	13,700.27
To amount outstanding checks.....	193.70
Total cash balance as per above.....	58.91

Funds in county depository \$13,952.88 \$13,952.88

as certified to by the Farmers' & Merchants State Bank

M. KLEBERG, Jr., County Judge.
FEB. M. WILLIAMS, Com. Pre. No. 1.
EDGAR JAYROE, Com. Pre. No. 2.
J. M. ADAMS, Com. Pre. No. 3.
C. N. CRAFT, Com. Pre. No. 4.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the this, the 14th day of November, 1913.

(SEAL) O. PARISH,
Clerk County Court Runnels County, Texas.

w&d 1t

PASSENGER COACH TURNS OVER

The north bound A. & S. train in charge of Morgan Jones, was wrecked near Abilene Wednesday morning, so says a report brought to Ballinger over the telephone. We failed to get the details of the wreck, but from the best information obtainable the train was either pulling into Abilene or leaving, going north, when the rear coach left the track and tumbled down an embankment, tumbled down an embankment. The report states that several were hurt, one seriously, but we failed to get the names of those hurt. This train leaves Ballinger at 6:30 every morning, except on Sunday, running to Hamlin and return, reaching Ballinger at 7:45 p. m.

TENDER LEAVES TRACK ON A. & S.

The passenger train due in Ballinger about noon over the A. & S. was delayed Wednesday on account of the tender jumping off the track at Chapman, a flag station near Winters. Fortunately the train was not traveling very fast and was brought to standstill within a short distance.

Young ladies call at Dr. Allred's office Monday, Dec. 15th, and have your eyes fitted by Dr. J. H. Cleland. 1w

G. W. Worthington of Ohio, came in Saturday to spend the winter in our city. He spent a while in our county last spring and is delighted with our climate.

Mrs. W. B. Dunlap returned home on the late train Saturday night from a visit to relatives at Comanche. Miss Tate of Comanche accompanied her home to visit in our city a week or two.

Aug. Hofman and A. J. Loikes, who live southwest of the city were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. H. Wilke and L. E. Bair left Tuesday afternoon for Coleman to increase the stock of goods recently bought in that city by Mr. Wilke.

GRADING EVERY ST. IN BALLINGER

At a recent meeting of the city council, it was decided by that body to grade every street that needed working over. Immediately after the heavy rains, the street committee ordered the supervisor of streets to start to work. Today a large gang of workmen are working those streets that need the overhauling the worst.

The street committee of the city council, C. C. Coekrell and W. L. Ellis, are determined to make Ballinger's streets the best ever. They reached the conclusion immediately after the heavy rains that the thoroughfares needed overhauling. B. F. Allen who has been appointed supervisor of the grading of streets, has the work in charge, under the direction of the committee.

Several roads drags are being used by Mr. Allen, they having been loaned to the council by the county commissioners during their last session. The drags help wonderfully in the overhauling of the streets because of the recent heavy rains. In many places the ground has not dried and the soft soil facilitates the construction of the streets.

The committee of the council thinks several hundred dollars will have been spent on the streets by the time every thoroughfare has been overhauled. Many loads of dirt will be hauled to the low places.

Buy your Christmas candies at A. J. ZAPPE'S. 1tw 1td

Mrs. Brooks of Miles, came in Monday morning on a short visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs. T. J. Stokes and Ballinger friends.

Wm. Nichols of Mills county, who had been visiting his friend, T. M. Curbo, down the Colorado river, left for his home Monday.

B. F. Parker, W. P. King, Evans Brown, Carl Stephenson and Tom Ferierson of the Crews country, were among the visitors to Ballinger Monday.

WINTERS CHIK SHOW GREATEST INTEREST

(Special to The Ledger.)
Winters, Tex., Dec. 11.—The Second Annual Poultry Exhibit of the Winters Poultry Association opened here this morning with a splendid exhibit. There are about thirty-five entries with 65 pens made up of almost all kinds of poultry from little white Bantams to Mammoth Bronze turkeys.

The early morning trains brought coops of chickens from San Angelo, Paint Rock, Ballinger, and last night's train from the north brought a number of coops from points north, several coops coming from Abilene. Rev. Jno. M. Neal, secretary of the association, assisted by local chicken fanciers, has been busy for the last two days arranging for the show, and everything was in perfect readiness when the show opened this morning.

J. C. Skaggs, of Paint Rock, who has had a wide experience judging, will arrive on the evening train and will act as judge for the Winters show, and on account of the splendid exhibit and the strong competition among local fanciers, the awards will be watched with great interest.

This is the second poultry exhibit for this place, the first having been held just one year ago, and local poultry dealers report that the interest created in the one year has been wonderful and most satisfactory. J. H. York, a small farmer near this place, sold \$1555.14 worth of chickens this fall, and he has realized perhaps as much from eggs during the year. He kept no record of the returns from his eggs. He produced these chickens practically without expense. D. A. Powers who owns a farm on the old Wylie ranch, sold 1133 turkeys to a local dealer the day before Thanksgiving for 11 cents per pound, realizing over \$165 for them. This turkey crop was not out anything except a little time and very little feed. Poultry shipping from here during the last two months has brought thousands of dollars into this territory. Over ten thousand pounds of turkeys were shipped from here yesterday and they brought the farmers 11 cents per pound.

The farmers of this section are realizing the importance of the poultry business and the next twelve months will show a heavy increase in this one industry.

Dr. J. H. Cleland will be in Winters Monday, December 15th, for the purpose of fitting you with eye glasses, will be found at Dr. Allred's office. 1w

MONEY IN HOGS.

Farm and Fireside says: "The cotton farmers of the South are slowly turning to hog raising. They have every facility for this business and will succeed if they study it. The universal testimony of stockmen is that there is more money in hogs than in any other live stock—if it were not for the cholera—and hogs grown on forage are not so subject to cholera as dry lot hogs. Hogs will break up the one-crop system of the South—and that is to be desired. A one-crop country is a one generation country."

Who Suffers Pain?

Those who suffer pain should try Hunt's Lightning Oil, the world's greatest liniment. It is the finest thing for Rheumatic pains, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Backache, etc. All druggists sell it.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

News comes from Amarillo to the effect that our former citizen and friend, C. C. F. Blanchard, is a candidate for mayor of the metropolis of the Panhandle. We also understand that he is making the race on the prohibition ticket. A prohibition election was held in that town Saturday and the town went dry by a good majority, and the voters will no doubt elect their mayor. The election is being held today (Tuesday.)

G. W. Houston of the Tennyson country, was supplying in Ballinger Friday.

BALLINGER CHICKENS AT WINTERS SHOW

Nearly seventy-five Ballinger chickens were sent to Winters to be exhibited at the poultry show which opened in that city Thursday morning. The fowls sent from this city have been pronounced by competent judges as being the best poultry in this section of the state.

Six Ballinger citizens sent their birds to be exhibited at the show. They are Chester Cherry, Will Drennon, Oscar Pearson, S. H. McPherson, J. R. Reese and J. R. Lusk.

Mr. Pearson's fowls won a blue ribbon at the Dallas State Fair and he is quite confident that they will get away with prizes at the Runnels County show. The other breeders of fine feathered stock feel sure that their exhibits will not be in the rear when time comes for the awarding of prizes to the best birds.

Some of those who shipped out fowls to Winters sent as many as ten through the local express office. Others will be represented at the show by as many as five of the best fowls.

News comes from Winters that the exhibit is one of the most complete ever held in this section of the state. This is the second show of its kind to be held in Runnels County and lovers of fine chickens are enthusiastic over the prospects for the making of the show one of much interest.

Fowls were shipped from San Angelo Wednesday afternoon. They passed through the local express office last night on their way to Winters. About twenty-five were sent by San Angelo breeders.

It was estimated early this morning that about three hundred fowls were on exhibition at the show. Many farmers from the northern section of the county have their fowls on show and are causing no little amount of comment from the city breeders for the fine stock which they have.

Fowls are being admitted from all parts of this county and adjoining counties. Taylor County has several exhibits. Runnels County, however, predominates in the number of fine chickens represented at the show.

Buy your Christmas candies at A. J. ZAPPE'S. 1tw 1td

PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING 15c CLOCK

The old reliable time piece which has been denoting the rising hour for many days in the Mexican chili stand on Seventh street, mysteriously disappeared last Saturday, and since that time there has been considerable delay, anxiety and irregular hours kept at this del Monte cafe. The city detectives were put on the case Monday and the clock was soon located, and ticking as though it had never missed a tick.

When found the clock was doing service for a prominent business house on Eight street. The custodian of the clock at that time claimed that he bought the clock from Adam Hulse, and believed that he got the clock at a bargain, as it only cost him 25 cents. Of course the high marshal of the city of Ballinger, Mr. Jack McKay, was soon on the trail of Adam. Adam had the 25 cent piece and acknowledged the deal, but set himself right with the officers by proving his title to the clock when he sold it. He stated that he bought it from a Mexican boy. The boy was soon brought before Adam who identified him, and after telling a number of stories he pleaded guilty, stating that he "swiped" the clock and sold it to Adam for 15 cents. The usual fine will be collected from the Mexican boy when he prevails upon his people to come across with the money.

S. T. Wood, of the New Home community, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up to 1914.

W. T. Forbus and Jim West, of the Norton country, came in Friday and left for San Angelo at noon on a short business trip.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Is the Housewife's Greatest Help.

WHAT so tempting to the laggard appetite as a light, flaky, fruit short cake or a delicate hot biscuit?

Royal makes the perfect short cake, biscuit and muffin, and improves the flavor and healthfulness of all risen flour-foods.

It renders the biscuit, hot-bread and short cake more digestible and nutritious, at the same time making them more attractive and appetizing.

Royal Baking Powder is indispensable for the preparation all the year round of perfect foods.

CLOTHING SHIPMENT TO BE MADE TODAY

The first shipment of clothing for the flood sufferers in the inundated districts of Central and South Texas, will be made this afternoon by the local committee which has this in charge, according to the statement of E. D. Walker. The destination had not been decided upon at noon Thursday although the committee felt assured that the shipment would be made to Hearne or Temple.

A telegram was sent early this morning to Dr. Cummings of Hearne, who is directing the charitable movements from over the State, asking to what place the shipment should be made. A reply had not been received up to noon.

Three shipments will be made from Ballinger, one being made today and another Friday and still another Saturday. The reason of this division of the clothing given the committee is because the supply is so large the express companies will not take the one shipment. A table about thirty feet long at the City Hall has clothes stacked upon it four feet high. After consulting the local express agent in regard to the shipment of the supplies, it was decided by the committee to make three shipments of the lot, the one to be made this afternoon to go to the place where it was needed the most.

Mr. Walker announced this morning that the committee would now be ready to receive contributions in money for the sufferers. All money may be left at the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company with Mr. Walker and he will see that it reaches the proper persons immediately. Arrangements are now being made to wire all contributions of cash to the proper authorities in the inundated districts immediately after they have been received by the local committee.

"The contributions in clothing," said Mr. Walker, "far exceeded our expectations and we are very grateful for the supplies which the Ballinger citizens have donated to the flood sufferers. We have started a list of cash contributions and feel assured that the same citizens will donate money towards the relieving of conditions in the stricken districts. To succor conditions in the vicinities of Hearne, Bryan, Richmond, Temple, Belton, and Waco, is the best kind of charity according to my opinion, and I, with the remainder of the committee handling charitable affairs in Ballinger, feel flattered in the ready response with which the people of this city answered the call for aid. We are confident that the cash contributions will be in keeping with that of the clothing contributory."

STRAP APPLIED TO WAYWARD BOYS

Red Sandlin and Sanford Matthews, two fifteen year old boys, were arrested and placed in jail Tuesday charged with a crime not necessary to publish. The boys were kept in jail over Tuesday night and Wednesday morning the father of young Sandlin, who is also uncle to the Matthews boy, called on the officers to see what disposition the court would make of the cases.

Of course the court realized that dealing with such cases was no little problem. In case fines were assessed against the boys the father would have it to pay, or the boys would be compelled to remain in jail. The officers proposed to the father that if he would go to the jail and in the presence of the officers apply the strap, the boys would be released. The father very readily accepted this proposition, and after securing a good leather strap, doubled and built for that business, the officers and father went to the jail and administered the kind of punishment that is calculated to do the most good, and and at the same time is less expensive to the father.

The boys were brought into the misdemeanor room, one at a time, where the father applied the strap, and he did not throw off on the job. To begin with the boys took it all as a joke and thought it very funny, but before the man at the bat got warmed up the boys changed their tune, and were making promises that may be broken but sounded good at the time.

The Matthews boy is an orphan and is making his home with his uncle. To deal with boys of such age when they go wrong is not only a problem for the parent and guardian, but it is also a problem for the officers. The cases as they appear in court are pitiful. At best the future of such boys is not very promising. Having sinned away their days of grace the boys are rapidly passing out of their teens without an education. Unless the boys mend their ways they are doomed to the life of a criminal and a place in the convict farms is awaiting them.

A man in British West Indies writes: Wherever I am I find Hunt's Lightning Oil indispensable. It is truly a wonderful remedy for pains. In cases of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Sprains, etc., you should just try it and be convinced. Your druggist sells it. d&w

Attorney Young of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

**DON'T BE
CONSTIPATED**

Everyone knows when he is constipated, and everyone should know the risk he is running when he fails to promptly correct it.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS
Is a Bowel Tonic and Regulator.

It empties the bowels just as thoroughly as the harsh, gripping cathartics and does it mildly, comfortably, pleasantly. Moreover, it leaves a beneficial influence behind it because the bowels remain healthy and regular thus there is no return to constipated conditions.

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

**IRRIGATION PROJECT
AFTER HOLIDAYS**

Engineer Chas. M. Stanley, Tnos. A. Strayer, an associate, and Homer Wilkins returned Tuesday morning to Bronte, after campaigning at Ballinger, Rowena and Miles the past three weeks. Mr. Stanley now has his irrigation plans and proposition well before the people at the points mentioned, and for the present is somewhat inclined to let the farmers think over the matter quietly and free from haste or pressure. Indeed, if he desired to campaign among the farmers and land-owners, or to have his assistants do personal work out of either of the four towns, the weather and roads are too bad for travel. Then, as the holiday season approaches, men are less inclined to talk about irrigation or any other business, and think more of Santa Claus and Christmas cheer, or where they will visit during the holidays.

The conditions as about outlined, may operate to lessen the activity of the irrigation forces, but any suspension of effort will not continue beyond the first of the new year, unless the weather still hinders. Mr. Stanley is very strongly encouraged and hopeful, thus far, and with the beginning of the new year will renew the campaign and push it with more vigor than heretofore. He feels that he is offering the people of the Colorado river basin the greatest and most valuable proposition ever submitted to the land-owners of this section, and they surely will accept, to a man. All ready, several thousand acres are pledged, and other farmers are ready to sign. This proposition is worth too much to let slip from us. Let us help Mr. Stanley dam the Colorado by doing the reasonable part he requires, and then see this country bloom and blossom as a rose.—Bronte Enterprise.

THE MERCHANT MATINEE.

The Merchants Matinee at the Princess Theater is in height of its popularity and promises to exceed the highest expectations of its promoters.

The farmers who get matinee tickets from our merchants seem to appreciate them as witnessed by the crowded houses with out of town habitués.

The program is the regular Mutual service and pleases one and all.

**PLEADS GUILTY TO
CHARGE OF STEALING**

Tom Altman, a young man about 19 years of age, was arrested last evening by Deputy Sheriff J. D. Perkins, and pleaded guilty Saturday morning to a complaint filed against him, in which he was charged with stealing a watch from Mrs. Tom Osteen who lives on 9th street.

Young Altman had been in the city for several days and had been visiting one of the boys at the home of Mrs. Osteen. The watch was missed several days ago and immediately word was sent to the sheriff's office, notifying the department of the disappearance of the jewelry.

Last Friday evening Altman was arrested and charged with the theft.

Altman's home is in Bronte. He had been in Ballinger several days and often came over here to visit friends. His father died with meningitis several years ago. He was one of the best known business men in this section of the state and owned and operated one of the largest establishments in Bronte, it being known at the time as the store of Price and Altman. The boy pleaded guilty to the complaint Saturday morning and the lowest fine, one dollar and costs was assessed against him.

CASTORIA

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

The reporter in a talk with S. P. Stone Monday morning, was informed that he would make the race for county commissioner of this precinct next year and at the proper time would make his formal announcement. Mr. Stone is a level headed, conservative business man and would make the county a splendid commissioner.

A. C. Homann, the Rowena banker, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Heath returned home Monday from a short visit to Winters.

Sam Monroe of the Talpa country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

**PILCHER BUYS
FIRST RED CROSS SEAL**

The first Red Cross Christmas Seal to be sold in Ballinger this year was auctioned off to the highest bidder Saturday evening at the Princess Theater. B. W. Pilcher was the buyer, paying \$5 for the same.

Mr. Pilcher also acted as auctioneer and in his old time manner sold the seal to himself before a house packed to its capacity. The seal was placed on sale immediately after the first show.

Bidding started off lively between several in the rear of the house but before a very high bid had been made business began to drop off. The lowest bid, the starter, was 50 cents. From that sum to three dollars bidding was lively and interesting between two gentlemen. Indications were at the time that the seal would not sell for less than ten dollars. Mr. Pilcher himself bid the \$5 mark that bought the seal.

The selling of the seal Saturday night starts the campaign in Ballinger for the raising of a sum for the wiping out of tuberculosis in the United States. In many places the campaigns have already been started and are well on their way, but this time was picked by the local committee of which Mrs. W. S. Fleming is chairman, as being the best time to launch the affair.

Mrs. Fleming is determined to sell the entire lot which has been given her by the state chairman. She has placed lots on sale at several of the downtown business houses and will use every effort to push the sales to a mark which will be a record for a town of Ballinger's population.

Mr. Pilcher, the buyer of the first seal, was heartily congratulated by his many friends and especially by the local committee handling the sale for his friendly efforts in behalf of the campaign which is being conducted throughout the nation. The \$5 will be placed to the credit of the local committee and sent into the state headquarters at the close of the holidays. Mr. Pilcher will keep his seal as a remembrance of the 1913 campaign for the elimination of the White Plague from the list of diseases of the country. He will probably have it framed that he might show his friends his receipt for his five dollar bill.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.

Perry Boswell and San Oscar of the New Home community were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

C. C. Schuchard, now of Winters, visited Ballinger friends over Sunday and returned home Monday afternoon.

BUY AND USE.



RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS
One cent each and thus aid in the movement to secure a County Hospital and Dispensaries in this County for the care of the sick and afflicted. Every Seal you buy helps to provide hospitals, dispensaries and visiting nurses for the care of the sick and the prevention of disease.

Christmas Seal Campaign.
Headquarters, State Capitol, Austin. Mrs. O. B. Colquitt, General Chairman.
Mrs. Will S. Fleming, Chairman, Mrs. F. C. Miller, vice-Chairman.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies, Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

**SAYS THIS PRETTIEST
TOWN EVER SAW**

Father J. D. LaVoie, the new priest at St Mary's church of the city preached his first sermon at his church Sunday. Father LaVoie came to Ballinger from Brownsville where he spent three years. Father Frigon who was once with the local Catholic church, exchanged places with the new pastor here.

Father LaVoie in his remarks at high mass Sunday was very enthusiastic over his work in Ballinger and her citizens. He stated that he had traveled over a greater portion of the world, having acted as minister in Africa, Canada and Europe and the greater part of America, but that Ballinger was one of the most beautiful little cities that he had ever seen. He was loud in his praise of the cleanliness of the city and paid tribute to the citizens of Ballinger in the loudest terms for the work they had done towards making Ballinger pretty, clean and sanitary.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

H. J. Caulfield vs. W. S. Davis, Jr., et al.
Suit pending in the District Court of Rannels County, Texas.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Rannels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said cause on the 8th day of October, 1913, in favor of the said H. J. Caulfield and against the said W. S. Davis, Jr., for the sum of \$1,605.60 with interest from said 8th day of October, 1913, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and against the said W. S. Davis, Jr., the Rannels County National Bank and G. W. Reeder, foreclosing all the right, title and interest which said parties had in and to the premises hereinafter described on the 27th day of April, 1909, said cause being No. 1477 on the docket of the District Court of Rannels County, Texas, I did on the 1st day of December, A. D., 1913, at 3 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in Rannels County, Texas, as the property of W. S. Davis, Jr., to-wit:

All of the east one-half of lot No. three (3) of Jackson's addition to the town of Miles, Rannels County, Texas.

You will therefore take notice that on the 6th day of January, A. D., 1914, same being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., at the door of the court house of said Rannels County, Texas, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of the said W. S. Davis, Jr., the Rannels County National Bank and G. W. Reeder in and to said premises and all the right, title and interest which they had in said premises on the 27th day of April, A. D., 1909, and in compliance with law notice of said sale is hereby given by publication in the English language in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper published in Rannels County, Texas, once each week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of sale.

Witness my hand this 3d day of December, 1913.

J. P. FLINT,
Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas, w-3t

WILL MOVE TO BALLINGER.

R. L. Harwell, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Friday and rented a business house from Gus Noyes and will at once open up a place for his Ford and Overland autos, and will move here to make his home.

I Will Buy Your Seed Cotton.

I am in the market for your seed cotton. Before you sell your remnants be sure to see me, and get the highest price the market will afford. E. M. EUBANKS. wtf

**NEW AUTO HOUSE
FOR BALLINGER**

R. L. Harwell, formerly of San Angelo, is a new citizen and business man of Ballinger. Mr. Harwell has rented the Noyes building on Eighth street formerly occupied by Shaffer's Saddle Shop, and is putting in a stock of autos. He has also rented the home occupied by Rev. W. H. Doss, and will move his family here at an early date. Mr. Doss will move to the Tom Shaw place.

Mr. Harwell will handle the Overland and Ford cars. He has a carload of autos here and will begin unloading them in a few days and will have them on display in the Noyes building. Mr. Harwell is an experienced auto man and he will devote all of his time to pushing the business and expects to offer the public some real bargains in Ford and Overland cars. We welcome this family to our town.

Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema.

The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, teeter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Every sufferer should try it. We've so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all Druggist or by mail 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co. Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Constipation Poisons You.

If you are constipated, your entire system is poisoned by the waste matter kept in the body—serious results often follow. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will soon get rid of constipation, headache and other troubles. 25c. at druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. and Saint Louis.

**DECEMBER FLOOD
BREAKS RECORD**

The high water during the last four or five days along the streams in Central and South Texas breaks all records for many places, and it will be several days before the total loss of life will be known. It is impossible to estimate the damage to property, but it will run into the millions.

On account of a number of towns being cut off from the world by high water, all telegraph and telephone wires being down and the railroads submerged, news from these places is lacking, but it is known that life has been lost and great property loss has resulted at San Felices, Ross Mound and other small towns along the Brazos, Sabine, and other streams near the Gulf.

Sunday at noon between 400 and 500 people, both white and negroes were marooned on an elevation of ground known as Ross Mound opposite the town of San Felipe. At that hour the water was rapidly rising and it was feared that many of these would be washed from the mound before they could be rescued. The first mail from South Texas since last Tuesday reached Ballinger Tuesday, and this came around of the H. & T. C. by the way of Burnett and Lampasas. No. trains have been running on the Santa Fe south of Temple since last Wednesday.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

Austin—Dallas leads all other Texas towns this year in the way of taxable valuations, having rendered property for taxation to the amount of \$129,550,350. Harris county ranks second with \$105,898,962 and Bexar third with \$97,696,872.

Clarence Wilson, one of the successful young farmers down the Colorado, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

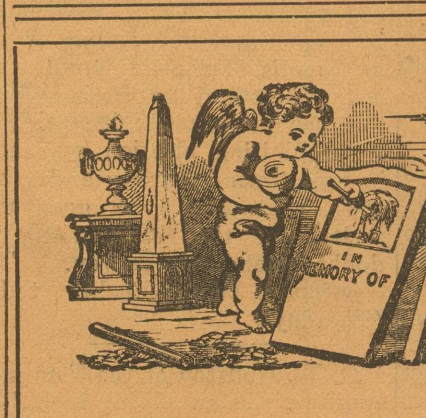
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For the next 90 Days at a Big Reduction. See us before
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We carry a full line of Building Material at all times.
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Let us save you some money on your Bill.
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SAN ANGELO MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS
SHIPMAN and IZARD, Prop.
Would be glad to figure with
you, on your Monument work,
either in marble or granite.
Iron and wire fencing.
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Hall Hardware Co.
Hardware, Implements and
Vehicles
Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons
Hall Hardware Co.



Special Sale On Holiday Goods

Asa Cordill is Offering His Entire Stock of

**Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware,
Cut Glass and Painted China
AT SPECIAL PRICES**

YOU'LL DO WELL TO SEE OUR LINE OF FINE JEWELRY BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE

We Can Save You Money on Fine Goods.

Our Line is New, Not Old Left Over Stock which Has Accumulated for Years.
Come to See Us. We Will Gladly Show You Through Our Line.
Compare Our Line and Prices With Others.

I Will Exchange New Watches For Old Ones And Will Make It Interesting For You

THE JEWELER ASA CORDILL THE JEWELER

BOOKER WASHINGTON ON LYNCHING.

To the Editor of the Chronicle.
At the end of six months of the present year there has been 24 cases of lynchings. At the end of ten months (November 1), there had been 45 lynchings; a reduction of four as compared with the same period of 1912. Within the past four months, July, August, September and October, since I last called attention to the subject there have been 21 lynchings making a total as I have said of 45 lynchings for ten months. Of this number only seven individuals or 15 per cent, were charged with rape.
It is worth while I think to note a few typical cases in which human life was taken by a mob.
July 2, a negro near Blountville, Fla., charged with being lawless and assisting a criminal to escape.
July 27, a negro at Dunbar, Ga.,

supposed to be a burglar and charged with shooting the proprietor of a store.
Also during July two colored farmers were lynched near Germantown, Ky. No motive was assigned for the lynching. The Commercial-Appeal, the leading white newspaper in Tennessee in commenting on the lynching said: "Two apparently inoffensive negroes, good farm hands, real wealth producers, were assassinated." The Commercial-Appeal further stated, "As far as anyone knows they were quiet, orderly country people."
On August 18, the sheriff at Spartanburg, S. C., in spite of the fact that dynamite was used prevented a mob from lynching a negro accused of assaulting a white woman; he was tried before a white jury and found not guilty.
August 23, a half witted negro near Birmingham, Ala., for frightening women and children.
August 26, a negro accused of

murder at Greenville, Ga. A few days later another negro was arrested and confessed. An innocent man had been lynched.
August 27, a negro at Jennings, La., for striking an Italian merchant who had swept dirt on the negro's shoes as he passed the store.
September 30, a negro at Lewisville, Miss., because he frightened a white woman in her home by his strange actions.
September 25, at Marks, Miss. a negro accused of attempting rape. The opinion of the mob was divided as to his guilt or innocence, a mass meeting held later condemned the lynching.
September 26, a negro at Lynchfield, Ky., accused of rape.
October 22, at Monroe, La., a negro for making insulting remarks to a white woman.
In ten months, as stated above, 45 persons have been put to death by mob law. A reduction of the number by four, though small, means something in the way of a higher civilization.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

... Catarrh Cannot be Cured... with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood, or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists. Price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

How Gossip Breaks Up Women's Clubs.

In the current issue of Far mand Fireside Hilda Richmond writes an article urging the development of clubs among farm women, but she issues the following warning: "Only one thing is fatal to the happy social life of any country community and that is gossip. If the ladies cannot find in the wide field of chicken raising, housekeeping, care of children, public schools, music, public improvements, good government, health, sewing, entertaining and all other delightful household tasks, enough material to lift the meetings above petty personalities, then the little club, or whatever it is called, is doomed. Whenever gossip is allowed to creep into any organization people will begin to break up into little cliques, circles or groups, and the whole thing fails."

DOWN GOES FLOUR.

Until January 1st I will sell you as good flour as there is in Ballinger, at wholesale prices—in order to introduce my Flour—Try it. I mean business. Many other bargains also.
10-11-d&w. Roark's Feed Store.

ANOTHER MEMBER HUNTING PARTY RETURNS.

Dr. J. G. Douglass came in from Southwest Texase Tuesday night. C. R. Stephens stopped off at Taylor for a visit and will return home in a few days. I will be remembered that these gentlemen left Ballinger on a hunting trip about a month ago. They were tied up 70 miles from the railroad on account of the heavy rains and high water and they have had some trying experiences to tell of their trip. They left their autos in Edwards county, about seventy miles from the railroad.

We are offering you the very best bargains ever made in first class goods in the town of Ballinger. Ostartag Furniture Co L. Daugherty, Prop. d2t-w1t

NOTICE TO CHILDREN

Don't forget to write your letter to Santa Claus in time to get them printed in Saturday's paper. All letters must be in the Ledger office by Thursday at noon. Address your letters to Santa Claus in care of The Ledger Or you can bring them to the

Ledger office and mail them in the Santa Claus mail box.

FOR SALE—A stallion, 5 years old, weight 1500 pounds, chestnut sorrel color. Can be seen at my place, 9 miles south of Ballinger. Aug. Halfman. 4tw

We want your job work.

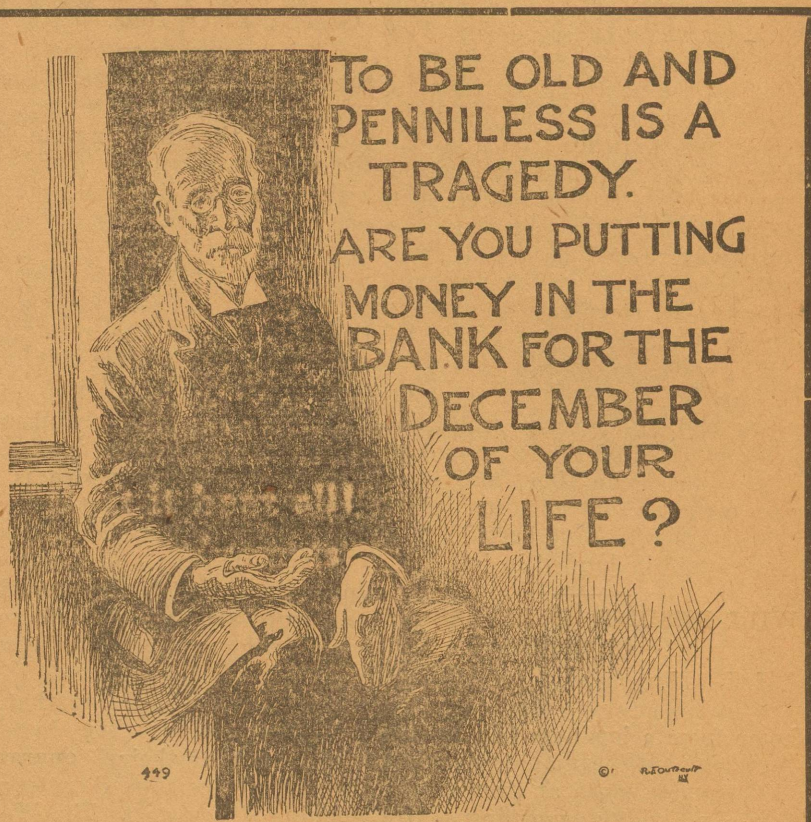
"Everybody's Doing It Now"

We have about twice as large stock of Holiday Goods as we had last year. And the fact that November sales were far in excess of last November, and December is starting off with a rush like Christmas Eve, is evidence that we have the goods people want and at the right prices.

**Everybody is Trading at
The Fair Now**

and you'll have to hurry to get your share of the fancy bargains. See our stock of Beautiful Indian Wood Baskets, and Clothes Hampers, Fancy China Ware, Toilet Articles, Bar Pins and Beauty Pins. Toys, Books, Vases, Indian Suits, Candy and Stationery. Buy a Columbia Graphophone and make all the family happy. There is nothing on the market equal to the "Eclipse" which we have on display, for neatness, quality, durability and price. Don't fail to vote for your little friends to win one of the prizes.

THE FAIR



**TO BE OLD AND
PENILESS IS A
TRAGEDY.
ARE YOU PUTTING
MONEY IN THE
BANK FOR THE
DECEMBER
OF YOUR
LIFE?**

There is nothing more pitiful than the sight of OLD AGE entirely on the assistance and charity of others. Yet, many go along, day after day, week after week, letting money slip through their fingers that should be piling up in the bank to keep them comfortable and independent when their EARNING POWER is GONE. Why don't YOU start a bank account NOW?

Make Our Bank your Bank

The First National Bank
Of Ballinger

WE DON'T SELL ANYTHING TO WEAR

But When It Comes To Feeding

WE TICKLE YOUR TASTE EVERY TIME

If you use our groceries your Christmas dinner will be a success. We go on the theory that the best is none too good for our customers.



WE can fill your bill with every item that your bill calls for. The goods we deliver are fresh. No stale groceries come from our store.

We Are In The Baking Business

We now own the City Bakery, the most modern bakery in this part of the state--sanitary throughout. The health of your family depends a great deal upon the class of food they eat. The bread is the staff of life, and a meal without good bread is a poor meal. Our bakery will stand the test and is conducted in keeping with the strictest rules governing sanitary and pure food laws. Upon this claim we are bidding for your bread trade. We do all kinds of baking except the sorry kind. Joe Hodden is still our baker.

IF IT'S TO EAT WE'VE GOT IT

Let us fill your orders for Xmas nuts and fruits.

Our delivery wagon goes in a hurry. Phones 94 and 363

L. B. STUBBS

CREWS STORE

ROBBED AND BURNED

Fire between two and three o'clock Thursday night destroyed the store of J. L. Humphreys & Son at Crews. The stock consisted of general merchandise, and amounted to about \$3500. The building was a stone structure and was the property of A. N. Iden and together with the fixtures was valued at about \$2000. The stock was insured for \$1850 and the building for \$1100 with the M. D. Chastain & Co., agency of Ballinger.

When discovered the fire was under pretty good headway, but parties reached the scene in time to see that the back door to the building was standing open. The door is supposed to have been left open by the party or parties who touched the match to the building, and it was set afire from the inside. A phone message from Crews to The Ledger stated that there was no doubt but what the store was robbed before it was burned, and an investigation will be made as soon as the officers can get out there.

Thieves have been operating throughout the country in the north end of Coleman and Runnels counties and the south end of Taylor for some time, and it is very probable that some suspicious characters who have been in that section will be landed in jail.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS AT CREWS.

J. L. Humphreys, of Crews, was here Tuesday en route to his home from a business trip to San Angelo. Mr. Humphreys lost his business house at Crews by fire last Friday morning. He says there is no doubt that the

store was robbed before it was set on fire and it is presumed that the robbers got in their work and then set the store on fire to cover up their crime.

Mr. Humphreys stated that he would open up business again just as soon as he could get a house.

LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES STATEMENT

Says Dodson's Liver Tone is the Best Remedy for Constipation and Shirking Liver he has Ever Sold.

Every person who has tried Dodson's Liver Tone and knows how surely and gently it starts the liver to working and relieves biliousness will bear out the Walker Drug Co. in this statement about Dodson's Liver Tone.

"It is a purely vegetable liquid, that entirely takes the place of calomel, harmless and pleasant to the taste, that has proven itself the most satisfactory remedy for a slow working liver that most of our customers have ever tried. A large bottle sells for 50 cents and we do not hesitate to give the money back to any person who tries a bottle on the strength of this statement and is not satisfied with the result."

In these days of doubtful medicines and dangerous drugs, a statement like the above is a pleasant assurance that Dodson's Liver Tone is a reliable remedy for both children and grown-ups. In buying a bottle for immediate or future use it is well to make sure that you are getting the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone and not some spurious imitation that has copied our claims but do not stand back of their guarantee. You may be certain of getting the genuine if you go to The Walger Drug Co. for it.

WOODMEN LODGE

ELECTS OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the Ballinger Camp W. O. W. Lodge Friday night, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

J. R. Lusk, C. C.
C. H. Midgley, A. L.
R. E. Willingham, Banker.
J. F. Lusk, Clerk.
B. F. Allen, Escort.
J. E. Witt, Watchman.
W. W. Chastain, Centry.
R. S. Griggs, and B. C. Kirk, Managers.

The attendance on this occasion was good and the Ballinger Camp is growing and taking on new life. New members are received almost at every meeting, and the Camp is called on to act upon new applications.

In order that the members might become better acquainted, and that every one might know who are members of the Ballinger Camp, an order was passed authorizing the clerk to have the membership names printed in a little folder or booklet form, and Clerk Lusk is busy copying the names and preparing the copy for the printers. There are over three hundred members in the Ballinger Camp, and a copy of the booklet will be printed and furnished each member.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c

Mrs. Will Meeks and babe, of Talpa, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wright and family of our city, returned home Thursday afternoon.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS SUCCEED.

Because they are an honestly made medicine that relieves promptly the sickness and suffering due to weak, inactive kidneys and painful bladder action. The makers of Foley Kidney Pills know that they have absolutely the best combination of curative and healing medicines for kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities that it is possible to produce. With their use, the kidneys are enabled to filter the blood properly, and to sift out the poisonous acids and waste matter that cause the torment of backache, rheumatism, pain in the back and bladder. They leave the kidneys in a clear, strong and healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS TREES

Arrangements are being made by some of the Sunday schools of Ballinger for the entertainment of the children when Christmas comes. There will be trees for at least three Sunday schools and maybe more, while some of the other Sunday schools will adopt other plans for entertaining the children.

The Ninth street Baptist Sunday school will give a tree on Christmas eve night. A musical program will given before Santa arrives and distributes the presents.

The First Baptist will also give a tree with a short program preceding. The various committees have been appointed and are at work arranging for the happy occasion.

The First Presbyterian will entertain the children of that Sunday school with a romp at the Carnegie library the day after Christmas. Mrs. E. L. McAlpine has charge of this and everything will be done to make merry for the children.

The Christian church will give a tree and entertainment for both old and young members of that Sunday school on Christmas eve night. The entertainment will be given at the home of E. D. Walker.

The Methodist Sunday school committee will meet in a few days to decide upon a plan for entertaining the children of that Sunday school. It is very probable that the committee will decide to give a tree.

There will be many family trees in Ballinger and the coming holidays promise much merriment for the children. If there are any who are not provided for the charity committee and the various Sunday schools of the town will be glad to take care of them if such cases are reported.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO AP- PROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that C. S. Miller, whose postoffice address is Ballinger, Texas, did on the 4th day of November, A. D., 1913, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 400 acre-feet of water per annum, or 3 1-2 cubic feet of water per second of time for the period of 55 days in each year, for the purpose of irrigation, to the extent of irrigating 200 acres of land described in said application, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from Colorado River, at or near City of Ballinger, Runnels County Texas.

You are hereby notified that the land proposed to be irrigated is 150 acres out of the C. D. from survey No. 421 and 50 acres out of the John Pape survey No. 422, lying adjacent to the Colorado River in said Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said C. S. Miller will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 5th day of January, A. D., 1914, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board in Austin, Texas, this the 22nd day of November, A. D., 1913.

J. C. NAGLE,
JOHN WILSON,
Board.

(Seal)
Attest: W. T. POTTER,
Secretary.

Harp McFarland came in from the ranch and left Friday at noon on a short business trip to San Angelo.

W. O. Wood of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

THREE HUNDRED STEERS BRING FANCY PRICES

G. G. Odom, whose ranch is located near Fort Chadbourne, a few days ago sold 300 one and two year old steers to Jake Rathmell of Coleman county, for a cash consideration that looks good to the cow man.

Mr. Odom received \$38.50 for the one year old and \$50 for the twos.

These cattle are now on Mr. Odom's ranch, but will be delivered to Mr. Rathmell in Coleman county as soon as the weather is favorable. The delivery has been delayed on account of the heavy rains during the last ten days or two weeks.

Mr. Odom was in from his ranch to meet the Santo Fe's demonstration train when it passed through Ballinger. He made a thorough inspection of the silo demonstration, and is posting silos on his ranch. We are in-himself with a view to building large silos and have them ready to fill from next year's crops.

The stockmen and farmers of this section are rapidly waking up to the importance of preserving their food in a manner that will give greatest returns from it. The old way of saving feed results in a big loss to the feeder, and it has been thoroughly proven that ensilage converts the food into a big profit-making product when fed to cattle through the winter. The next year will no doubt witness the building of hundreds of silos throughout this county.

BELTON DEPOT

BURNED THIS A. M.

Conductor Aiken, in charge of the west bound passenger train Tuesday at noon, reported as he passed through Ballinger that the Santa Fe depot at Belton burned Tuesday morning. The building was on fire when Mr. Aiken's train reached Belton, and the engine of his train was used in pulling a string of freight cars away from the burning structure.

The Belton depot was a concrete building and was a combination depot, being used as a passenger station and also a freight depot. It was an old building but cost the company considerable to build and will be a considerable loss. Mr. Aiken stated that the building was still burning when his train pulled out. His crew had moved the freight cars away and could be of no further help and the train was not delayed longer.

Miss Maurice Truly came in Friday at noon from Coleman. She has an instrumental music class in Ballinger.

Edgar Jayroe, the popular county commissioner, of the Crews country, was at his post of duty Friday in the court, and took advantage of our splendid clubbing offer and renewed with the Banner-Ledger another year.

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EXAMINING BOARD NOW IN SESSION

(From Saturday's Daily) The examining board of this county is in session today, giving examinations to several teachers. Those applying today are standing examinations for permanent certificates. It is probable that others will arrive in the city late this afternoon that they might be on time for the morning session Saturday.

Teachers taking this examination are required to pass on most of the studies above the lower grades, including those in the high school departments. Some of the teachers taking the examinations have been teaching in this county for several years. Such examinations are held quarterly in this county.

California Woman Seriously Alarm.

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal., For sale by all dealers.

CYCLONE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE AT COLEMAN.

Last Friday night a terrific wind, which assumed all the characteristics of a small cyclone passed over Coleman, doing considerable damage to property in its pathway. Evidently the main force of the cyclone was above ground and did not strike the earth. A number of houses were moved from their foundations and turned half around, timbers were hurled with terrific force and in some instances driven through the walls of houses. The residence of W. M. Smith, situated in the north west section of the city, suffered probably the greatest damage of any. It is probable this residence may have to be rebuilt entirely.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

MARRIED AT SANTA FE STATION

Brownwood Bulletin: The Santa Fe passenger station was the scene Monday night at 8:30 of a rather unusual but very pretty wedding, when Mr. I. C. Tinsley, and Miss May Jennings, were married, with Rev. George W. Fender officiating. There was a large number of friends present as well as a number of strangers, who were at the station waiting for the westbound train. The station was especially decorated for the occasion. Two immense rubber trees were so placed, with ferns and other flowers around them, that a wedding alley was formed at the east end of the waiting room, and here the bridal couple took their places, facing the minister. Punch was served and a few minutes spent in general conversation. Miss Jennings is a Bartlett girl who has been in Brownwood about a month. Mr. Tinsley came to Brownwood some time ago from Richland Springs, and since that tie has been baggage man at the Santa Fe. Mrs. J. W. Hearn of Coleman, a sister of the bride, came to Brownwood to attend the wedding.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosen the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

DR. NORRIS CHARGED WITH ARSON; ARRESTED

Fort Worth, Dec. 5.—A complaint charging arson was filed here today against Rev. J. Frank Norris of the First Baptist church. Norris has been arrested. He is specifically charged with burning the parsonage of the First Baptist church in 1912.

Mr. Strayer, who is representing Mr. Stanley in the irrigation proposition, came in from the west Monday morning and will spend a few days in our city.

CROP ROTATION DEMONSTRATIONS.

Ballinger, Texas, 12, 4, 13. The State Agent for Texas is planning to establish, if possible, one thousand crop rotation demonstrations in this State for next year. The demonstrations are planned to cover a three or four year rotation. Blank agreements to be signed by farmers who will undertake such rotation have been made on which the particular demonstration to be carried out on each farm will be fully outlined. Here are ten reasons why this should be done.

- 1. Crop rotation will increase the amount of humus in the soil of which may be plowed into the soil. 2. Crop rotation provides for the growing of legumes, this reduces the purchase of commercial forms of nitrogen, and also adds humus. 3. Some crops require regular amounts to one element of plant food than others. Crop rotation will prevent the rapid exhaustion of any one element. 4. Shallow rooted plants are alternate with deep rooted plants, thereby utilizing the plant food from different layers of the soil. 5. A systematic crop rotation enables the farmer to combat successfully weeds that are pests. 6. Crop rotation diminishes the insect pests and plant disease. 7. Crop rotation distributes the labor on the farm, thereby giving employment all the year. 8. Crop rotation keeps a growing crop on the land. This prevents serious leaching and erosion. 9. Crop rotation makes a complete failure less liable to occur. 10. A good rotation provides for the making of farm manure, because it grows crops for the feeding of live stock.

Short stories from the field culled from the Agents Reports and Letters. We called up one of our farmers yesterday and were discussing this proposition with him, when he very quickly informed us that the management of the corn crop next year would be left entirely to his boy, only 12 years old, who is a member of our corn club, the boy of course, will use every method that is advanced by the demonstration work.

This boy is going to gather about as much from one acre as the father will from five acres of his crop. The boy will use every scientific method that he can get hold of, for he now has all confidence in that kind of farming.—Geo. W. Johnson, Texas.

A Gentle Reminder.

A farmer had a modern barn, plenty of horse power, improved farm implements, water convenient in lots and barn, his wife carried water from the well. He was induced to put in a pipe from the well to the kitchen, at a cost of \$2, which will save the house wife 121 1-2 miles per year or the carrying of 30,660 pounds of water per annum, not counting wash day.

Now let some of the farmers of Runnels County take a part in this movement. Who will be the first to speak. Send me your name at once. GEO. P. McLELLAND, Agent.

GO TO THE RESCUE.

Don't Wait 'Till It's Too Late—Follow the Example of a Ballinger Citizen.

Rescue the aching back. If it keeps on aching, trouble may come. Often it indicates kidney weakness.

If you neglect the kidneys' warning. Look out for urinary disorders. This Ballinger citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

E. G. Smith, farmer, of Ballinger, Texas, says: "I have soreness in my back and was troubled by my kidneys for two years. I had trouble in passing the kidney secretions. I felt miserable. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and I began using them. Soon after I had taken them, I felt their beneficial effects and when I had finished one box, I was completely cured." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Smith had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

J. S. Blocker came in from his ranch up the Colorado river Saturday morning and reports the road in awful shape since the recent heavy rains. He says the ranch is in fine shape and the small grain simply fine.

INSPECTING DAM NATURAL SITE

No, the heavy rains have not cast a damper over the irrigation project. The men who are behind the big proposition are at Bronte this week, locking after matters at that end of the line. Mr. Stanley left Ballinger first of the week for Miles and from Miles he went to Bronte. The Miles Messenger in making mention of the progress of the project says:

"Mr. C. M. Stanley spent Sunday in Miles and he and Mr. Thomas A. Strayer and H. R. Wilkins left Monday afternoon for Bronte to spend a couple of days. The main purpose of their visit Mr. Stanley stated was to let Mr. Strayer view the dam site and familiarize himself as to its natural as well as physical advantages. The Messenger editor had a pressing invitation from Mr. Stanley to go along and view with him this great 'natural dam site,' but pressing business matters interfered. But we promised Mr. Stanley that some time in the near future we would make it convenient to accept his generous offer. There has been so much talk of this 'natural site' that we have become anxious to see it, and we suppose that we are not the only person in Runnels county who has never had the opportunity of viewing same but what is just as anxious to see it as we are. We want to see it now in its natural state and then view it after the thousands of tons of concrete have been placed across the river bed from mountain to mountain and the waters of the old Colorado that for the past millions of years have been constantly flowing in their fullness and joining hands with those of the Gulf, will have been harnessed and made to serve mankind. In our human state of the purpose for which God intended—for the betterment of existence all we can do is to wonder why God fails to send the rain both in season and out, in this as he does in other portions of the state, but we cannot wonder so much at Him giving us this natural location for a great irrigation system whereby thousands of acres of fertile lands can be made to blossom as the rose and a Chas. M. Stanley to put it in operation. The divine Creator has given us the means, we now have it within our grasp and all that is required is that the people join forces with Him and the instruments given them and the work will be accomplished without delay. And it might be well to state that the people as they become better acquainted with the plans are accepting the proposition and we confidentially expect the actual work of construction of the dam will begin early in the New Year."

J. M. Rhodes, of the Norton country passed through Ballinger en route home from Waco where he attended the state meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge. He says that the high waters of the Brazos was something terrific.

Stomach Troubles Disappear.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home, Eliza Pool of Depew, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. At all druggists, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

J. L. Humphreys, the Clewmer, had business in Ballinger Monday.

"I am an old man—and many of my troubles never happened."—ELBERT HUBBARD THE white hair and wrinkled faces of our busy men and women tell of doubt, fear and anxiety—more than disease or age. Worry plays havoc with the nervous system—so that digestion is ruined and sleep banished. What oil is to the friction of the delicate parts of an engine— DR. PIERCE'S Golden Medical Discovery is to the delicate organs of the body. It's a tonic and body builder—because it stimulates the liver to vigorous action, assists the stomach to assimilate food—thus enriching the blood, and the nerves and heart in turn are fed on pure rich blood. Neuralgia "is the cry of starved nerves for food." For forty years "Golden Medical Discovery" in liquid form has given great satisfaction as a tonic and blood maker. Now it can be obtained in tablet form—from dealers in medicine or send 50 one-cent stamps for trial box. Write R. V. Pierce, Buffalo. DR. PIERCE'S PLEASANT PELLETS Relieve constipation, regulate the liver, and bowels. Easy to take as candy.

LEWIS URGES FARMERS TO PAY POLL TAX

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 5.—Mr. W. D. Lewis, President of the Texas Farmers' Union, has officially requested all members of the Union and all farmers, as well, to pay their poll tax. President Lewis, in discussing the subject, said:

"The farmers of Texas cast about 60 per cent of the ballots, while 76 per cent of our population lives on the farm. I want to urge every farmer to take a more active interest in the affairs of government and to qualify for citizenship by paying his poll tax and more carefully studying the problems of government.

"There will be many issues of importance to the farmer during the coming campaign and he should be prepared to meet them. A careful analysis of the returns of elections show that not to exceed 50 per cent of the men of voting age living on farms go to the polls. Let us take the lead this year and show our fidelity to government by the payment of our poll tax."

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JEANES-GARLINGTON.

A quiet home wedding was that of Mr. C. R. Jeanes and Miss Fay Garlington, Thursday night at the home of the bride's parents on 9th street, Rev. W. H. Doss officiating. Only the relatives and a few of the intimate friends were present.

This young couple are two of Ballinger's favorites, the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garlington, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes.

Mr. Jeanes is associated with his father in the produce business and is a young man of sterling worth and ability with a bright future in the business world.

Miss Fay is a lovely character, domestic, accomplished and a rare jewel of whom any young man could feel justly proud, and is loved and highly esteemed by a host of friends who have known her from her infancy. They at once went to their home on Broadway where they will be at home to their many friends.

The Ledger is glad to be numbered among the admiring friends who offer congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous wedded life for the young couple.

Have you bought a poll tax receipt?

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Bilioussness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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(By John Ballew.)

We should interlock our interests. I will put you wise if I can.

The sun of social friendliness is shining in upon us all alike. The "baa," the "moo," the grunt and the bleat sound alike more musical to us all than ever before in our eventful history. What we need most, perhaps is "Unity Clubs."

Our Interests Should be Unified.

Rednecks have arrived. They have got there at last. They have kicked up their heels and shook off their grouch.

Pedigreed rednecks have registered an dominoed. Their lives have been turned up and sweetened and their tongues are as full of music as a fiddle. They are not biting the other man's tongue nor theirs, but in a large fine oily voice they are learning to work their lips and lungs as well as their limbs. It is obviously the part of wisdom for us all to touch shoulders and help "push and shout."

We have a political vacation, now let us push our business. There is a new song in the farmer's mouth and a strange new gladness in his heart; and every loyal mother's son rejoices with him as he comes now at last to the wave-crest. The faculty of rapture now stirs the heart of every loyal son of the soil. Oh, be joyful.

It has been written that science found agriculture plowing with a stick but now Mr. Cornstossel has exchanged his fist full of skinned knuckles for calf skin gloves and the progressive foot that pointed him forward is clothed in patent leather. Oh, the thought of it stirs memories that reach to the other side of mirth, so to speak. And yet the big open country has a call for all who want to get away from stubby walls of brick and mortar.

Some of the Towns Have Emptied into the Country.

The rippling rivers say "Come, old Bob White is calling.

Conditions are all favorable. Prices are soaring. Copious rains have soaked the earth.

The waving grain salute you as you look on with admiration, and

these marvelous fields of oats and wheat will enhance still the value of the bay heifers and the black mule colt, lands also.

It is a mighty glad day for the western farmer and he sticks his right hand out three feet in welcome to those who wish to come. Hospitality reigns. Our code has been broadened.

The proverbial latch string hangs out as it did in "ye olden times," and "all mankind are my brethren." "Future is written all over the golden west. Come there is no split and strife between town and country. Greater stress is being laid on the social side of social life and pleasure and profit have embraced each other and are readily hugging and kissing under their own vine and fig tree.

The worshippers of King Cotton got brain sick, and the heart was involved, too, but "a bolt broken is not a bow lost." All cotton farmers are ruminating. They got wise to the situation. They increased their acres in milo and kaffir, Egyptian wheat, sorghum, feterita and sudan grass and now, presto, they on the hillierest. Knowledge and the novelty found in our new agriculture, lifted them. Let's give them another life and boost.

Now the all-cotton farmer still looks like a fice with a can to his tail. Let us remove the can. We can. All together, now.

First hand, we present you with the things that we know.

Second hand, the world is hungry for what we grow. Now then we all have one common origin, one common destiny, one common interest and should have one common and unselfish impulse to feed and clothe and house and educate a rapidly increasing multitude of happy people, and we ourselves will be a part of them. The mills of the gods grind slowly but they are grinding grist for the farmer now sure. Every loyal citizen should put a shoulder to the wheel. If we help the community in which we live we help ourselves. We are a part of the community. Is there one so short sighted as not to see this? Like begets like. Good begets good. There is a good intent behind every great achievement. A good motive is the parent

of good results. Mark that.

By force of intensive thought, we can overcome great difficulties. It is the broadness of grasp that makes men and communities. The old stone age is past. Squirrel-skin shoestrings and shuck collars have played out. It is round out here and the water runs off. We must cut reservoirs with big middlebursters. That will help the gods grind the grist.

We cannot define the limit of human knowledge. A factor of the utmost importance is the truism that the best type of agricultural knowledge comes direct from the soil, first hand. But there is an upper and lower zone in country life and it might pay us to study zones pretty well. The redneck who is making profit is rising to the higher zone. It is the worst type of folly humanized to produce at a loss.

It is a blessing to humankind that the slipshod farmer was not born twice.

There are wishbones, drumsticks, livers and gizzards for the practical and progressive farmer. The exploiter and theorist must fill up on hot air. But for both there is the big swimming hole and the long fishing pole. There's the pure zone and the broad life zone; there's the picnics, the campmeetings and social center gatherings at the school house. "Nuff."

In that bad '10 farmers were like fishes on dry land. But now while the moistened stars wheel their mystic rounds they've got a walk-away. All they've got to do is to put on the gear and drive. But away your tearing. Farming is so charming as to win the little fishes out of the stream.

Country life is being unified. Isolation is being broken up. Noah pulled off a nice stunt when he put in red heifers and black pigs.

A six inch rain has just fallen, making eighteen inches this fall. Lakes! ducks! and frogs! The earth is soaked through and dripping through on all sides. Oats are chin high and rabbits are fat and juicy.

There's a bright day dawning. Everybody has caught up the inspiration and struck out on the good, old familiar tune "Sweet

prospects, sweet birds and sweet flowers."

Crest of Flood

Reaches the Gulf

(Continued from First Page.)

F. Wharton of Hungerford, was rescued this morning.

Many people, mostly negroes, are marooned in the tree tops in the bottoms near Richmond. The Brazos is still rising at that point and the town is inundated, the water ris up to the second story of the residences in the west end of the city.

Flood Deaths 165.

Total deaths to date are: Bryan, (including most of the thirty-mile levee section), 62; Hempstead, 25; Brookshire section, 29; Marlin (Falls county), 15; Belton, 5; Brownwood, 1; Dallas, 3; Grand Prairie, 1; Austin, (vicinity), 3; Hearne, 8; Waco, 5; San Antonio, 1; Bastrop, 1; Temple, 1; Richmond, 4; La Grange (vicinity), 1; Lockhart, 1; Columbus, 2; Hungerford, 4; Victoria, 2; Rosenberg, 4; Wharton, 1. Total, 165.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health is good in our community. The continued mild weather has delayed hog killing but since it has quit raining, the weather has turned colder and hog killing has been the order of the day. Pork and turnips, sausage and souse is now the menu on the farmers' tables. Yes, and backbones and spareribs, I almost forgot, and Christmas will soon be here and then turkeys and cranberries. Don't you town folks wish for the country again about this time of the year, where the most of you came from?

The small grain crop is fine in prospects and pasture is just as good as anyone could wish for while it has been too wet for the stock to be on the grain; it is drying out fast. Oats are headed out in some fields in places and some uneasiness is felt about freezing out if they don't cut the rank growth will form a blanket for the roots and if we have a little

more rain at the right time there is going to be the biggest oat crop in Runnels that you ever heard of. It is a feed saver I am here to tell you at this writing, the present time during the rainy days the roads got in bad condition but everybody got to town and back home but pretty badly spattered with mud and water.

Nearly all of the renters in our neighborhood will stay where they are for another year. This alone is indicative of a contented people and speaks well for both landlords and tenants.

Mr. George Davis is erecting a new house to be occupied by Mr. Vanloningham.

There has been something going and coming but owing to the bad weather I have been unable to find out everything that happens and so will you be that taketh not his country paper. Since they joined, forces they are making long stri-

des to meet the wishes of the people. A new feature now on the front page is a market report, that is worth the price alone besides the other up to date features. I am going to send in something to the Banner-Ledger columns soon. This item alone might be the means of paying your subscription forty or fifty years, maybe you know it but some won't, tell your neighbors about it.

Mr. Elmer Barnhill was a visitor at Hatchel last week.

Lots of wild fowl sailing southward past few days, but just a little too high in the air.

"KNOX."

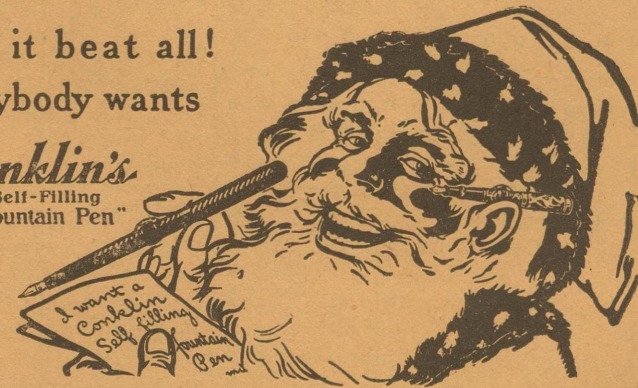
Buy your Christmas candies at A. J. ZAPPE'S. Itw ltd

T. W. Martin of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and remembered the Ballinger Ledger with a

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This is the nationally known fountain pen that fills itself in 4 seconds by one simple thumb-pressure, cleans itself, never leaks, and writes with superb smoothness and ease. Put up in beautiful Christmas boxes and exchangeable if point doesn't suit.

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