

HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS MADE A PLEASURE IN OUR STORE. WE HAVE THE GOODS

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

COOPS FOR POULTRY SHOW COMING

The coops for the big poultry show which will be held in Ballinger some time in the middle of January, were shipped from the factory on the 5th of this month, and they are expected to arrive any day. The exact dates for the show have not been fixed but this will be done in the near future and the premium lists and entry blanks sent out over this section of the state.

A number of those who are interested in the development of the poultry industry met Wednesday morning and determined to do everything possible to make the show the best ever held in Central West Texas, or anywhere else, for that matter. One hundred coops are in the lot now on the road, and with the coops already on hand there will be room for about 450 birds.

To conduct this show in a manner that will give Ballinger a big boost and to insure a successful show the committee must have the financial and moral support of the business men and the formed by one of the committeemen that they must raise at least \$200 within the next few days to carry on their plans. There is no industry that means so much to the commercial world for the small amount invested, as the poultry industry, and we feel that when our people realize this they will be prompt in subscribing the amount asked for.

Many inquiries are coming in from towns in the neighboring counties, requesting information about the show, and asking for entry blanks, etc. On account of the great interest being manifested throughout this section the coming show promises to be a great one, and it will be if the committee is given the proper encouragement and help.

C. M. Doyle, of the Valley Creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

RELEASED FROM MEXICAN PRISON

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 16.— Dr. Charles I. Harle, son of Mrs. Annie Harle, of this city, has been given his liberty by Gen. Villa, commander in chief of the Constitutional forces of the state of Chihuahua. The news has just reached this city in a letter to Mrs. Harle from her son. The release from prison occurred on December 8, the day that Villa entered the city of Chihuahua. Dr. Harle was convicted of murder about ten years ago and sentenced to be shot. Governor Creel of Chihuahua commuted the sentence about three years later to 20 years' imprisonment. He was first imprisoned at Juarez and then taken to Chihuahua. He was transferred from Chihuahua to Veda Cruz, where he was kept for several years. After the fall of the Madero government he was removed to the City of Mexico and from there taken back to Chihuahua, where he had been held for the past year. He was a prisoner in the same cell with Felix Diaz of the City of Mexico.

Dr. Harle has been appointed a surgeon in the Constitutional army at Chihuahua, having joined that army immediately after his release and holds the rank of General. In the letter he states that on the same afternoon that Villa entered the city a friend came to look for him and on that night he was released from prison. The following morning, he says, he was given a \$100 bill to buy some clothing. The case has been a very sensational one and has attracted wide attention. Repeated attempts had been made by friends here, where Dr. Harle resided for several years, to secure his release.

It is said that Gen. Villa had promised friends Harle's release when Chihuahua City was taken. In his letter Harle signifies his intention of visiting his mother here, who has spent the ten years since her son's conviction and imprisonment, earnestly working to secure his release.

That You and Yours May

Have a Very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Is Our Sincere Wish.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

LOOKING OUT FOR THE GOOD THINGS

The Banner-Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:— Presuming that what is news to us might sound good to others, we take the liberty of referring to having seen in the State press a few days since where some farmer, who is supposed to live in the land of "hogs and hominy" had recently slaughtered a hog that weighed 400 pounds.

Being familiar with the facts we are about to relate we will state that we know of a shoat having been raised in this county and

recently he gave up his life for the good of his country, that weighed 524 pounds with his clothes off, and the owner began reducing this carcass to lard and sausage, deriving therefrom 176 pounds of fine home made lard, 200 pounds of sausage (the kind we used to have) besides the hog jowl, "sausage" sparribs, backbone, pigs feet, etc. We believe that this story would sound good to a hungry person.

For fear that some question might be raised in regard to this we have the hog skin as evidence and if you have a Missouri friend we should be glad to show him.

Friend, Sledge, looking over last week's Winter's Enterprise, I discovered that they make quite a todo about conservation of our storm waters by terracing their farms. From this item, it

would occur to many that all of this work was being done in the Winters territory. I had the pleasure of going out a few days ago with one of our Ballinger farmers who is preparing over 100 acres and who is buying his on terracing level and is contemplating spending several hundred dollars making ready his farm to receive the excess rainfall and we know of several who have already adopted the plan this year and are well pleased with it and we believe that you could find many more.

Let us keep up our end of the stick and not let Winters get all of the good things coming this way.

Very truly yours,
J. WILMETH.

John King, of Conho, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

NEW DIVORCE LAW WITHOUT VALUE

The new law preventing persons divorced on the ground of cruelty from re-marrying within one year, probably has been observed in Texas, but the authorities have no power to enforce it, it has been discovered Men and women who have obtained divorces on that ground could have married at any time afterward or may now do so without any fear of the law.

There is no penalties fixed for the violations of the law.

There is a way, however, for the courts to enforce the provisions of this statute. The district judge, in writing his decree of divorce, may include in it a restraining order to prevent them from re-marrying within one year's time. Contempt of court cases could then be based on violations. This has not been done by any of the judges, however, and the law so far as had no effect in this county.

Some of the judges over the state have discovered this and are beginning to include the restraining order in their decrees. It is optional with them and they are largely influenced by the circumstances in each individual case.

The statute relating to marriage and divorce was amended by the Thirty-third Legislature to read that persons divorced on the grounds of cruelty would not be allowed to re-marry within twelve months.

CHILD LIVES WITH PART BRAIN

Hallettsville, Texas, Dec 16. — The 9-year old daughter of Joe Morisak, a farmer near here, was kicked on the left side of the head by a horse yesterday. Although a portion of the skull and some of the brain was removed, physicians said there was a chance for recovery.

J. H. Walker left Wednesday on the late train for a short business trip west.

1886 ANNOUNCEMENT 1914

...To Our Friends and Customers...

We take great pleasure in announcing to you that our calendars for the year 1914 will be ready for distribution from January 3rd, to January 10th, 1914. Not a highly expensive calendar but one, neat, serviceable and artistic, reproduced from the original painting "At Sunaown" by Geo. Howell Gay.

You have often heard the remark "calendars don't pay," but we believe "calendars do pay" in that they are highly appreciated by our many friends and customers being an advertisement so attractive and useful that it does not seem to be an advertisement.

We are going to ask every person receiving a calendar to register in a book conveniently arranged, thereby indicating to us that you appreciate same and will give it a place on the wall of your office or home.

(Children Must Present Order from Parents. Calendars Cannot Be Mailed.)

This calendar is but a token of our interest in you, a grasp by the hand, as it were, the getting a bit closer to our individual customers and friends and we extend to you these souvenirs as a slight token of our sincere appreciation of your good will and patronage.

We are saving a copy especially for you and we want you to call in person at our Bank and we will be pleased to present it to you. Be assured of the continued interest we have in you, of our constant endeavor to make your business dealings with us more pleasant, more agreeable, more profitable. We never stop, we never rest, always trying to improve, to raise the standard of our Bank and to gain your continued favor through the channel of "Square Dealing."

With sincere thanks for the many favors rendered us during the past year and with best wishes for *Health, Happiness and Prosperity* to you and yours for all the future, we are

Your friends,

THE First National Bank of Ballinger

Announcement



My Practical Baking Lessons Will Appear on This Page Every Week

So much interest has been shown in my work, and so many ladies have asked me why I did not publish my lessons, that I have prepared a series covering practically the whole field of home baking.

By special arrangement with the Manufacturers of KC Baking Powder and the publishers of this paper, the lessons will appear on this page every week, beginning this week.

I have tried to make these lessons thoroughly practical and I believe that every one contains at least one recipe worth saving, and some new idea that every housewife can adopt to advantage and that will repay a careful reading.

Sincerely
Nevada Briggs

PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS

This is the first of a series of lessons which will appear on this page every week. There is a growing interest in home baking, as women are coming to realize that their own baking is far superior to the product of the bake shop and costs much less. In this department I will show you how always to have "good luck" with your baking. This is altogether a matter of having the right materials, putting them together the right way, and properly controlling the oven.

Nevada Briggs

Bread Flour and Pastry Flour

OUR mills make two kinds of flours; one from hard Spring wheat called bread flour, the other from soft winter wheat called pastry flour. The bread flour has a larger percentage of gluten which dissolves slowly and makes the flour harder to mix, so that it is less desirable than the soft wheat or pastry flour for quick baking. Pastry flour, when pressed tightly in the closed hand, should feel soft and pack closely, retaining its form after the hand is opened, and showing the imprints of the fingers. If, on the other hand, the flour seems dry and harsh to the touch, and cannot be pressed into a form, it is bread flour, and will give good results only when a slow working leaven like yeast is used. Pastry flour costs no more than bread flour and it is so much better for cakes, biscuits, muffins and all kinds of pastry that it should be kept on hand and regularly used. Please do not confuse pastry flour with the expensive packages of cake flour or the self-raising flour, which are sometimes called "Pastry Flour" and "Biscuit Flour." If you will remember that bread flour is a Spring wheat flour and pastry flour is a Winter wheat flour, and make it clear to your grocer which you want, you will be sure of getting it.

How to Make Delicious Biscuits

For biscuits let us select pastry flour, a good sweet shortening, a double-raise baking powder and sweet milk or water. Milk is to be preferred, as it browns the biscuits better. First, measure correctly and sift together at least three times, the flour, salt and baking powder. It is important to blend the baking powder thoroughly with the flour. Then with a fork or the finger tips work the shortening thoroughly into the flour and mix to a soft dough with the milk or water—just as soft as can be handled. Roll out very lightly, or better, spread and pat the dough out thin with the hands. Handle as little as possible after wetting. Then cut in small shapes for the oven, for small biscuits are very much better than large ones. If baked quickly, as biscuits should be, a large biscuit does not get the proper heat to raise and bake the center of the biscuit. A small biscuit raises perfectly, bakes better, is more palatable, and is easier to digest.

Biscuits should always be baked on a sheet or in a very shallow pan, as the biscuits should be above the sides of the pan in order to have the heat get to them quickly. If baked in a deep pan the sides shut off the heat, and the biscuits are likely to flatten out and run together and have heavy centers. Never

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Next Week's Lesson: "CAKES."

J. H. Wilke spent Sunday with home folks and returned to Coleman Monday morning to look after business interests in that city for a few days.

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

J. L. Bailey of Bradshaw, had business in Ballinger Monday between trains.

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

GROWING DEMAND FOR GOOD ROADS

Special to the Ledger.
Winters, Dec. 12.—There is a good roads movement on foot here, and it is very probable that the February term of the Commissioners Court will be petitioned to order a bond issue of at least one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of building permanent roads.
Many roads leading into this place are almost impassable and have been for two weeks. It is working a great hardship upon the farmers who have produce that they are anxious to market before the holidays. The attendance at the poultry show here has been greatly reduced on account of the bad roads.
This precinct would join in a county election for good roads bonds, but unless a united effort is made on the part of the citizens of the county, the voters of this precinct will take the matter up and order a precinct election. The people throughout this territory realize that the present method of road work is nothing but patch work, and is money wasted as it is work that amounts to nothing when the heavy rains come.

LET IT SLIP AND WAS RUINED FOR LIFE

What's the matter? Why are you letting this opportunity slip thru your fingers? Don't you know that out there in hustling business world opportunity is calling for trained men and women? How much longer will you stand aside and make excuses? Amn't you afraid that if you "Put it off" to another time that something will arise between now and then to prevent you from getting this training?

Stop making excuses and delaying. Invest your hours. Invest your powers while you have a chance.

Tick-tock! tick-tock! your chance is slipping by. Use your gifts—develop your latent talents—gain the ambition-arousing, skill-creating confidence, upbuilding training that we stand ready to give you while you have the chance.

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

Look around you! There are your eye turns you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no greater general education or "school learning" than you, but who were wise enough to become specially trained in some one special line and who today is going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special business training unnecessary.

You must not think of success as a kind of Santa Claus and expect it to drop presents into your stocking while you sleep.

You have the present hour—improve it. We are eager to give you the best, most thorough-going training for business as a Stenographer and Bookkeeper, auditor or an operator.

The best way you can improve this very hour that finds you reading this, is to take the first step toward enrolling with us. THAT WILL BE YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS A GREAT SUCCESS.

You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision NOW. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring an enrollment NOW.

When may we expect you? Write or wire America's largest business training school, with 2000 enrollments this year, if further information is desired. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler Texas.

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

Wm. Lehr, one of the prominent Rowena citizens, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Monday.

ROAD QUESTION TO BE STUDIED

According to County Judge M. Kleberg, Jr., the county commissioners in the future will deal with the road problem in this county and leave many other matters that can wait, until this vexing question has been settled.

"The all important road question," said Judge Kleberg, "is demanding the time of each of the four county commissioners at the present time, as well as myself. The recent rains has made it imperative that something be done with the county's highways and this the court is going to attend to at once. Every one of the commissioners seems to be determined to have better roads in this section of the county and I feel assured that in the near future Runnels county will have better roads than it has ever had. My attention has been called to the fact that in many places over the county the roads are absolutely impassable. This is a fault which must be remedied and remedied as soon as possible."

At the last session of the county commissioners, the road question occupied the greater portion of the time of that body. Orders were made to improve the worst places in the highways over the county. It is very probable that the question will be continued at the next session of the court.

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.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN WANT GOOD WILL OF RAILROADS

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 13.—At a recent meeting of the business men and farmers of this county, a movement was inaugurated which has for its object the bringing about of better relations between the people and the railroads with the ultimate end of teaching the people to be more fair towards the transportation companies. The meeting was composed of the representative citizenship of this county and was well represented. The feature of the assembly was a talk by Mr. Brooke Smith, one of the most prominent of Texas bankers, and a leading thinker of Brownwood. Mr. Smith predicted that the day was not far distant when the people of the entire country would feel more kindly toward the railroads and called attention to the fact that Brownwood by meeting out fair and just treatment to the Santa Fe system and treating the corporation as if it were a citizen, that a good feeling had grown up between the management of the railroad and the people of that section, and that it has worked for the mutual profit and pleasure for all concerned.

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 Druggist. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. St. Louis.

RETIREES FROM POULTRY BUSINESS.

C. J. Doerr, manager of the Texas Poultry Supply Co., at Ballinger, has retired from the business, and will be succeeded by C. L. Hurley. Mr. Doerr has accepted a position with Chas. H. Stanley, the irrigation man, and will move to Miles, where he will have charge of the office at that place. Mr. Stanley expects to open an office in Miles about the first of the year.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.
I wish every suffering woman would give

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The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."
Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

SOME THINGS WORTH KNOWING

The velocity of light is 186,320 miles a second. As the sun is 92,894,800 miles away, it takes 8 1-3 minutes for its light to travel to the earth.

Mexico has a population of about 15,000,444 and an area of 767,323 square miles or less than three times the size of Texas. Her exports exceed her imports and her revenues have exceeded her expenditures. Her debt is \$220,000,000.

The respective areas of the ten largest cities in the world are as follows: London, 693 square miles; New York, 326.89 square miles; Paris, 800 square miles; Berlin, 408 square miles; Tokio, Japan, about 80 square miles; Chicago, 195 square miles; Vienna 270 square miles; St. Petersburg 30 square miles; Pekin, 25 square miles; Philadelphia, 129.5 square miles.

The trotting record for one mile was made by Uhlman, at Lexington, Ky., October 8, 1912, time, 1:58.

The pacing record for one mile was made by Dan Patch at St. Paul, Minn., September 8, 1906 time, 1:55.

There are over 26,000,000 males of voting age and 4,000,000 females eligible to vote for president. About 3,000,000 of the 6,650,000 foreign born white males of voting age are naturalized; 2,000,000 negroes are disfranchised so there will be some 26,000,000 people who can vote for president and vice president. Only 15,133,000 voted in 1912.

Statisticians have just completed counting all of the nickels that have been spent the last year to see "movies." The grand total said to be the first official count ever prepared in this country, is 6,380,000,000 or \$319,000,000, paid by 3,600,000,000 spectators. It is also shown that over \$80,000,000 is invested in the moving picture industry, that more than 200,000 persons are employed and that 10,000,000 picture films are produced weekly.

The highest altitude in the United States proper, is Mt Whitney, state of California, 14,989 feet; Mount McKinley, Alaska rises to an altitude of 20,360 feet; Mount Massive, Colorado, and Mount Rainer, Washington, rises to a height of 14,424 and 14,525 feet respectively. The highest on the earth is Mount Everest, Himalayas, 29,000 feet.

Practical Baking Lessons by Mrs. Nevada Briggs Begin This Week on this page Don't Miss Them

Mrs. Cooper and children of Sabine county, came in Saturday and will make Runnels county their future home. Mrs. Cooper is a daughter of J. M. Greenwell of South Ballinger.

A. C. Homann, the banker, and Editor Kubela, of Rowena, were among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Sam F. Woods of the New Home country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger on Monday.

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.

Frank Booth returned home Saturday from North Texas where he had been spending the past several weeks.

R. Gatschalk and son of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger on Monday.

Judge J. B. Wade had legal business between trains at Winters Monday.

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.

S. P. Hale, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

G. W. Brister, of Oxeen, country, was trading in Ballinger Monday.

Aged People

sometimes forget that poor teeth and improper mastication prevent sufficient nourishment from ordinary food and burden the digestive organs, but if every man or woman past fifty would fully realize the bountiful, sustaining nourishment in Scott's Emulsion they would take it after every meal.

Scott's Emulsion contains the renowned body-building fats of pure cod liver oil, so medically predigested that it distributes energy, power and strength all thru the body and simplifies the stomach's work.

To people in declining years we say with unmistakable earnestness—**Scott's Emulsion** will add years to your life and life to your years.

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VOTES OUT POOL HALLS

Bronte, Texas, Dec. 13.— In an election here to determine whether or not pool halls shall be permitted to run in this precinct in which Bronte is located, the anti-pool hall people won by a handsome majority. The vote was 76 for the prohibition of pool halls and 50 against.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE 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 56 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 further 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.

MAY BE RESTORED.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, replaced as superintendent of the public schools yesterday by Assistant Superintendent John D. Shoop may be restored to her office again by a wave of popular demand, as she was last July.

Mayor Harrison's office was besieged by representatives of the women's clubs today protesting against the loss of Mrs. Young to Chicago's educational system. The mayor promised to aid their efforts in every way possible. He said that he would force the resignation of a number of the members of the school board who voted against Mrs. Young in the session yesterday and brought about her resignation.

Mayor Harrison was outspoken in denunciation of the board members who voted against Mrs. Young. He said that he had the hesitations of six of them placed in his hands when they took office.

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. Lankord. 2t-d-w

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

**ESCAPES FROM JAIL;
CAUGHT AT MILES**

Taking an iron rail from the bed upon which he had been sleeping and prying the bars of one of the windows apart to such a degree that would allow his body to pass, W. J. Nutt, a prisoner in the county jail, escaped last Friday night. He was captured Saturday morning by City Marshal Perry of Miles at that place at the home of his wife's uncle.

Nutt while talking to the officers this morning stated that he escaped from the jail about ten o'clock Friday night and walked to Miles and arrived at that place about three Saturday morning. He immediately went to the home of his wife's uncle, with whom Mrs. Nutt is living, and there remained with his wife until caught by Marshal Perry.

Mrs. Nutt's uncle, Mr. Young, was awakened upon the arrival of Nutt and as soon as he learned who he was he telephoned the officers at Miles about the prisoner's visit.

Nutt was in the county jail on the charge of wife desertion, he having eloped with another man's wife about a month ago. He was apprehended by officers near a small town near Cleburne, after he had forsaken the married woman with whom he eloped. He was brought back to Ballinger where he was lodged in jail, awaiting the coming of the officers to be returned to the penitentiary. Nutt had served a part of his term in the penitentiary and was released last July on parole. The desertion of his wife had annulled his parole and Governor Colquitt had instructed the return of Nutt to the prison.

City Marshal Perry immediately after the message went to Mr. Young's home and found Nutt under his wife's bed. He was taken out and lodged in the caboose until the first train arrived coming towards Ballinger.

Nutt stated after his capture that he walked the entire distance to Miles from Ballinger and that he arrived in that city about 3:00 o'clock. He had been with his wife only two hours when caught. He told officers that he was making his escape and it is believed that he thought that his wife's relations would shield him while in the city of Miles.

Jailer Sheffy knew nothing of the escape of the prisoner until he was telephoned at 5:00 o'clock by Sheriff Flynt that Nutt had been caught at Miles. Upon investigation of the run-around where the prisoner had been staying, it was found that one of the three prisoners who had been living in that section of the jail had made his escape effectively by prying apart one of the bars with a bed rail and letting himself down to the ground by means of bed clothing. There were two other prisoners, Clay Smith, charged with assault upon some officers in the western end of the county, and Tom Altman, charged with theft, besides Nutt, in the run-around, but the first two made no attempt to escape with Nutt.

Nutt was brought back over the Santa Fe Saturday morning and lodged in one of the cells at the jail. The cells of the prison have been occupied by long term prisoners but in the future a cot will be provided for Nutt in one of them with the present inmate.

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.

Max Winklie, one of the representative citizens of the Millersview country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

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

**MAIL VOLUME NEARLY
AT ITS HEIGHT**

With the holiday shopping season at its full height, the volume of mails received and sent out of Ballinger postoffice has more than doubled in the past two weeks and indications are that it will again be as large as it is at present, before many more days. The clerks and carriers are working like beavers from early morning until late at night in receiving and dispatching letters, cards and parcels, without delay, that they might reach their destinations before Christmas.

No record is kept of the number of parcels mailed out of Ballinger each day but it is believed that over one hundred are sent each day. This is for parcel post alone and does not include the letter mail and the mail similar. This is the first holiday season that the parcel post has been in effect and it is meeting with great success.

The increased business has reached such proportions that it has become necessary to add one more carrier to the already large list for a town the size of Ballinger. The carrier will assist in the carrying of mail to Ballinger people who are receiving their parcels for Christmas. No new clerks will be added to the force but it is almost a certainty that the ones to occupy their time from now on working now will find something til the holidays have passed.

The postoffice department has relieved the holiday strain on the postoffice clerks to some extent in the new ruling, by which employees are forced to stamp the parcels sent during the holidays. By the clerks stamping the same, much mail matter that would have been sent wrong, is dispatched in the right manner. All packages must be securely wrapped and tied or they will not be received.

The postal clerks are surprised over the number of letters and parcels sent from Ballinger that contain the Red Cross Christmas Seal thereon. The number is far greater than that of last year and is very pleasing to every person who is helping the Red Cross people in their fight against tuberculosis. Seemingly all persons are this year aiding in the elimination of the great White Plague from the list of dreaded diseases of this nation.

The postoffice instructs that these stamps be placed on the back of the letters instead of the side used for the address. When sending second class mail the sender should be careful to see that the stickers are not pasted in such a manner as to seal the package. This will make it first-class. It also instructs that the stickers should not be used as seals for gifts inside the package, for this too, will make the package first-class.

The department has sent out warnings which are being posted in the lobbies throughout the country about tying and addressing the packages. Each year thousands of gifts go astray and wind up in the dead letter office because they have not been properly wrapped and addressed. If these instructions are followed, few, if any packages, will fail to reach their proper destinations.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Latest 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, 25c. Yours truly, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elley of Miles, came in Monday morning and will be the guest of Mrs. C. J. Davis, and family, for a few days.

Hall Hardware Co.
Hardware, Implements and Vehicles
Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler Wagons
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...IT IS NOW...
THE
SECURITY TITLE CO.
You are cordially solicited to patronize for your
Abstracts of Titles and Conveyancing

CLOSING OUT
Our Entire Stock of Buggies and Wagons,
For the next 90 Days at a Big Reduction. See us before you buy.
F. F. MOORE & COMPANY.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

BALLINGER LUMBER COMPANY
We carry a full line of Building Material at all times.
OAK for Coupling Poles, Tongues etc.
Let us save you some money on your Bill.
BALLINGER LUMBER COMPANY

STANLEY IN THE CITY. Col. Stanley who is promoting the giant irrigation project up the Colorado river, is in the city attending to business matters. Mr. Stanley reports conditions in the Bronte vicinity as being fine, and irrigation being the principal talk, despite the fact that abundant rains have fallen recently.

CREST REACHES THE GULF Areher, Texas Dec. 12.—The crest of the flood wave reached here at 11 o'clock this morning. Ever since midnight Tuesday two life saving boats under the command of Captain J. P. Steinhart, have been scouring the Brazos bottoms from Thompson's to this point and have saved the lives of over fifty persons found marooned on the roofs of houses.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hutchins*
S. D. Williams of the Hatchel country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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

H. C. Moten of the Winters Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davis, of the Crews country, were among the shoppers in Ballinger Monday.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Capital \$60,000.00 Surplus \$9,000.00
OFFICERS and DIRECTORS
Chas. S. Miller, President, G. M. Vaughn, Vice-President, E. D. Walker, Cashier, W. E. Barbee, Assistant Cashier; C. O. Harris and Morgan Jones.
We cordially solicit your business be it large or small—Our motto is "Live and Let Live," as interpreted under the principles of the Golden Rule. Corner 7th Street and Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas.

NOTICE
Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on
H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

H. L. WENDORF,
THE SADDLE AND HARNESS MAN
Everything in the leather goods line. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection.
Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, Texas

The Last Week of the "Sure Nuf" Sale

Our Sale Will Close Wednesday, Dec. 24

You will miss a great money saving opportunity if you fail to take advantage of
These Few Days

in which to buy dry goods at "Sure Nuf" Sale prices. Ask your neighbor who has been here if we have not done all that we have advertised and more.

Our Stock

is still fairly complete and we can supply most of your wants at

"Sure Nuf" Sale Prices

Come Now and Get Your Share.

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Quality First

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More rain more good roads.

The continued rain and bad roads will keep Santa Claus from visiting many homes in Runnels County. The children will be for good roads.

Judge Kleberg's remarks published in this paper, setting forth the intentions of commissioners court in dealing with the public road problem of this county, will no doubt be read with interest by the citizens in the rural districts.

If every man who devotes much of his time criticizing the faults of others, would realize that he is not faultless and that others are criticizing his life, it would be a different Christmas this year.

The Southern people send sufficient money to the North every year for fireworks to support thousands of people. The Northern people get the money and the Southern people get the burns, the broken limbs and have their eyes blown out. It's a poor way to commemorate the birth of Christ.

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 21 st, 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.

CHAPEL HILL FARMER MOVES TO RUNNELS CO

G. H. Hester, and family of the Chapel Hill community, left Tuesday for their new home near Ten-nyson, in Runnels County. Mr. Hester traded his farm near Chapel Hill, consisting of 181 acres, to B. G. Sweet for a highly improved Runnels county farm of 118 acres. At his new location Mr. Hester will be a neighbor of Joe Simpson, who formerly lived in the Rocky community, west of Brownwood. Mr. Hester took with him to his new home all of his stock and farm implements. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hester in the southern section of the county will regret to learn of their departure, but will wish them abundant prosperity in their new home.—Brownwood News.

Carload of Fords just received by Harwell-Allen Ford Co. Better get one before they are all gone. —19-w3t

CHRISTMAS DINNER
At the Old Mission Hall Near Santa Fe Depot.

The Ladies of the Nazarine Church of Ballinger, feel that God has laid it on our hearts, and are arranging to have Christmas dinner for the benefit of those around us, in our town and surrounding country who may not feel able to provide a dinner and a way by which they might attend the many things to do at Christmas time. We would be very grateful should anyone on the outside or in our neighboring churches, wish to contribute to

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the cause, or donate anything cooked or uncooked, fruits or candies.
Anyone desiring to help us phone No. 380, deliver at Nazarine parsonage or see any one of the committee.
A nicely arranged program will be rendered.
Anyone who wishes to attend these exercises or spread with us will be cordially welcomed.
Come and be with us. We are expecting a great time in the name of Jesus Our Lord.
Mrs. C. Armstrong,
Mrs. L. Breedlove,
Mrs. E. L. Seargent,
Mrs. B. Farley,
Mrs. C. Brown,
Miss Nannie Morris,
Miss Ila Hurley,
Committee.

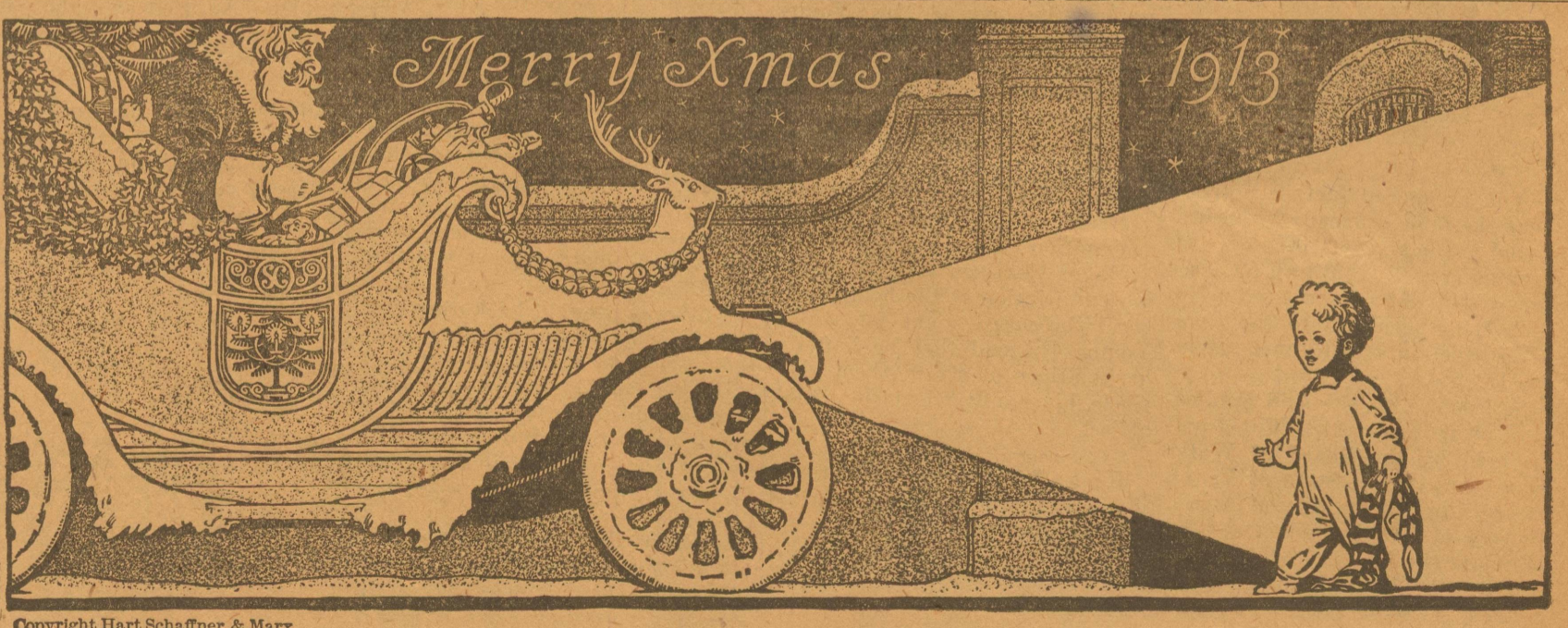
Give us a chance before you sell your hens, friers and turkeys. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

Contribute to the flood sufferers fund.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
C. R. Janes to Miss Fay Garlington.
P. M. Davis to Armie Marks.
V. R. Allen to Miss Clovie Rogers.
A. W. Caughron to Miss Maud Jones.
Lee Proctor to Miss Myrtle Heidel.
W. P. Reese to Miss Ida May Altman.
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W. D. Counts to Miss Claudin Burford.
E. D. Jackson to Mrs. Sue Jackson.

HEISKELL'S OINTMENT
One application soothes and heals a rough pimply skin, and when repeated, quickly effects a cure. Eczema, Erysipelas, Tetter, Ulcers and all skin diseases yield to its curative properties. 50c a box. At all Druggists. Send for free sample and book, "Health and Beauty." JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., 1730 Spring Garden St., Phila., Pa.

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



YOU'LL probably have a good many gifts at Christmas; and we hope you'll be able to give a good many. This store is full of the sort of things men like to get and give. You can't give a man a better Christmas present than one of our

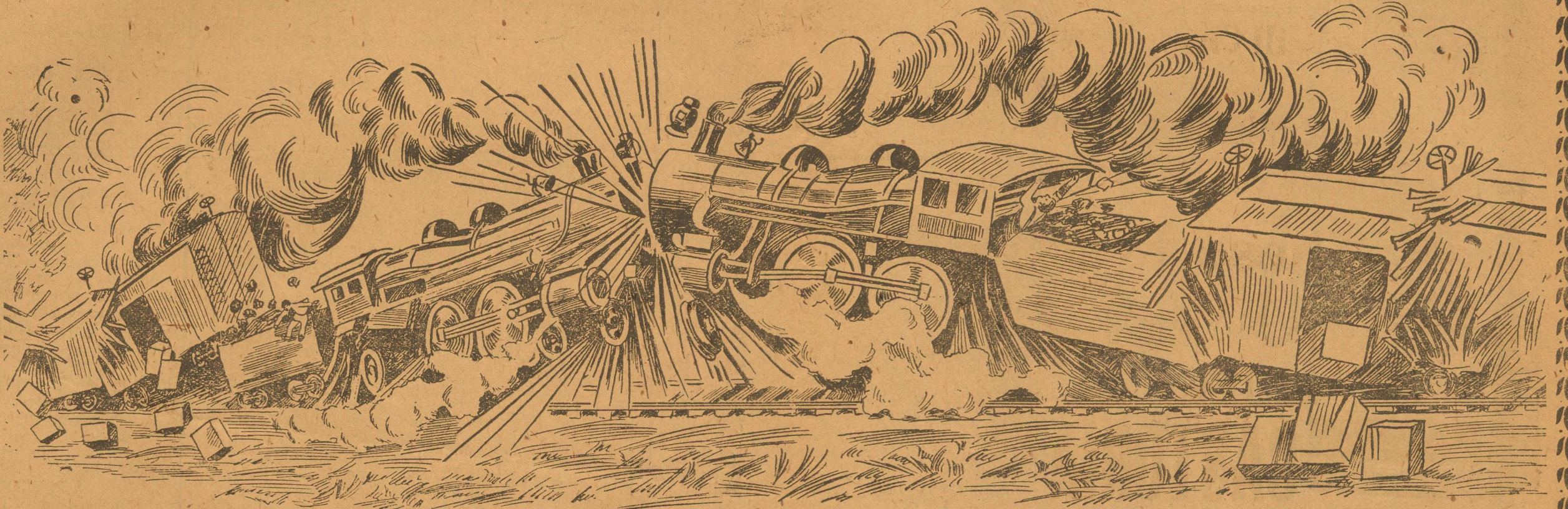
Hart, Schaffner & Marx

suits or overcoats as
Our Cut Price Christmas Sale makes the buying and giving a pleasure. A lasting, stylish, high-class thing; the best of its kind.

But we have many other good things that cost less; things for 25 and 50 cents, and up
Always very glad to have you call

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS COMPANY
This store is the home of Hart-Schaffner & Marx clothes.

BIG RAILROAD WRECK SALE



Big Assortment of Fall and Winter Clothing, consisting of Men's Fine Dress Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats and Pants, Boy's Suits and Pants, Ladies Ready-to-Wear Garments, Skirts, Dresses, Tailored Suits, Coats, Jackets, Etc.

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Sale Begins Monday, Dec. 22nd, 1913 at 9 O'clock
AND CLOSES WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24TH

LOCATION: on Hutchins Ave., first door south of The Globe under Opera House

Nothing to compare with this sale ever occurred in this city. Facts are startling, values are astonishing, the prices almost incredible. Think of it; high-grade fall and winter clothing for men, women and children. The same styles and quality that are shown in the cities, all to be thrown out on an average of about 40 to 50 cents on the dollar. It sounds incredible, but it's true. You may doubt our word, but you cannot doubt the evidence of your own eyes, and when you come here you will see that every word we have said is true, and that every bargain we have advertised is here, just exactly as we said it would be.

MEN'S SUITS	MEN'S OVERCOATS	THREE BIG DAYS	LADIES' SKIRTS	LADIES' COATS
\$10.00 Suits, well made, Worsted and Casimeres, in different colors and styles—Railroad Wreck Price \$4.95	Black and Blue Overcoats of heavy Beaver Cloth, full lined, three-quarter and full length—Railroad Wreck Price 4.95	A lot of good \$4.00 Dress Pants, not a bad pattern in the lot, all full cut, heavy weight, winter pants; this is our leader—Railroad Wreck Price \$1.95	A big lot of Ladies' Skirts, many different styles and patterns—some, all-wool, voiles, whipcord; mostly samples, to close out at 28c on the dollar.	Ladies' Coats, made of fine all-wool material; many patterns to select from; Coats worth up to \$10.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$3.50
Some fine Suits for business wear, worth \$12.50 and \$15.00, in Serge and Soft Worsteds, some slightly soiled—Railroad Wreck Price \$6.95	Storm Collar Ulster Overcoats, full length, heavy Thibet and Kersey Cloth; our regular \$12.50 Coat—Railroad Wreck Price \$6.50	The Bloch "Prince Chap" Pants, made for the best trade; all nice patterns, some full peg, worth up to \$6.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$2.50	\$4.00 and \$5.00 fine Skirts, newest styles and patterns—Railroad Wreck Price \$1.95	Black and Blue perfect-fitting Coat, full length, handsomely trimmed—Railroad Wreck Price . . . \$2.95
Over 150 Suits from well known manufacturers, worth up to \$16.00, many different patterns—Railroad Wreck Price \$7.50	Ulster and Velvet Collar Coat, full length, extra well made—Railroad Wreck Price \$5.85	A beautiful line of Bloch "Prince Chap" Pants; in heavy, fancy and worsted, strictly hand-tailored, including Priestly Cloth and Silk mixtures, worth up to \$7.50 —Railroad Wreck Price \$3.95	Finest Tailored Skirts, newest styles, all materials, worth up to \$7.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$3.00	One lot of Long Coats, assorted, all-wool, many different patterns, all well made, worth up to \$10.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$4.50
\$20.00 and \$25.00 hand-tailored, perfect fitting Suits, the famous Priestly Cloth and Serge, Diagonal, Worsteds—Railroad Wreck Price \$10.00	Very fine line of Dress Overcoats; all new fall patterns, beautifully tailored; they are worth \$15.00 —Railroad Wreck Price \$7.50	LADIES' SERGE AND SILK DRESSES	One job lot of about twenty-five Suits, one and two of a kind, in fancy Serges, Broadcloths, and Melton Kerseys, worth up to \$15.00 —Railroad Wreck Price \$6.95	One lot of Sample Coats, in all the new styles, the long cutaway Russian blouse, Bulgarian style coats, worth up to \$18.50—Railroad Wreck Price \$7.50
The "Prince Chap" Suits, Bloch's best, about 100 suits in the lot, sell everywhere at \$25.00 and \$30.00, strictly hand-tailored, Silk and Serge lined, Wool and Serge—Railroad Wreck Price \$12.50	\$16.50—our big seller, many patterns and models to select from; all the new weaves concerned; all colors. Every one of these Coats the biggest kind of a bargain—Railroad Wreck Price \$8.50	Serge Dresses, all wool, good styles, worth \$10.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$4.95	One lot of sample Suits in different styles and materials, guaranteed Satin linings, all the new shades; cutaway coats, made of serge and worsted, all wool materials, worth up to \$20—Railroad Wreck Price \$8.95	A beautiful lot of Coats in full length, three-quarter and short cutaway, all this season's samples, one and two of a kind; Coats made to retail up to \$25.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$12.50
BOYS' SUITS	\$25.00 fine Overcoats, made by the world's best overcoat makers, Abe Bloch & Co.; new models and new shades—Railroad Wreck Price \$12.50	Fine Silk Dresses, latest styles and all colors, worth up to \$15.00 —Railroad Wreck Price \$6.95	Ladies' All Wool Serge Suits, in long, cutaway Jackets, semi-fitting and 36 inches long, turn back cuffs, in blue, tan and black, all-wool, serge material; are well worth \$39.50—Railroad Wreck Price \$15.00	All kinds of Children's Long Coats, Kersey, Caracul, Pony Skin, in all sizes from 2 to 14 years, worth up to \$8.50—Railroad Wreck Price 95c to \$4.95
Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Suits —Railroad Wreck Price \$1.50	MEN'S PANTS	Many sample Dresses in Silks, Messalines, Panques and Net Lace, all colors and styles, beautiful fall and winter Dresses, worth at least twice the price we have marked them at.		As fine a lot of Ladies' Suits as you will see in Texas, worth \$65.00 —Railroad Wreck Price \$25.00
Boys' Lined Suits, worth \$4.00 to \$5.00, tailor-made, many different patterns—Railroad Wreck Price \$1.95	One lot 150 pairs of good, well made Pants, suitable for dress and business wear; brown and blue; the lot, per pair—Railroad Wreck Price 95c			Finest Silk, Serge and Velvet Dresses, everyone a beauty, worth up to \$45.00—Railroad Wreck Price \$14.75
Boys' Suits, worth \$6.00 and \$7.50, hand-tailored; Silk and Worsteds mixtures; silk and satin lined —Railroad Wreck Price \$4.50	A nice lot of Bookman blue serge and light weight serges, and many different patterns; worth up to \$3.50—Railroad Wreck Price .. \$1.65			

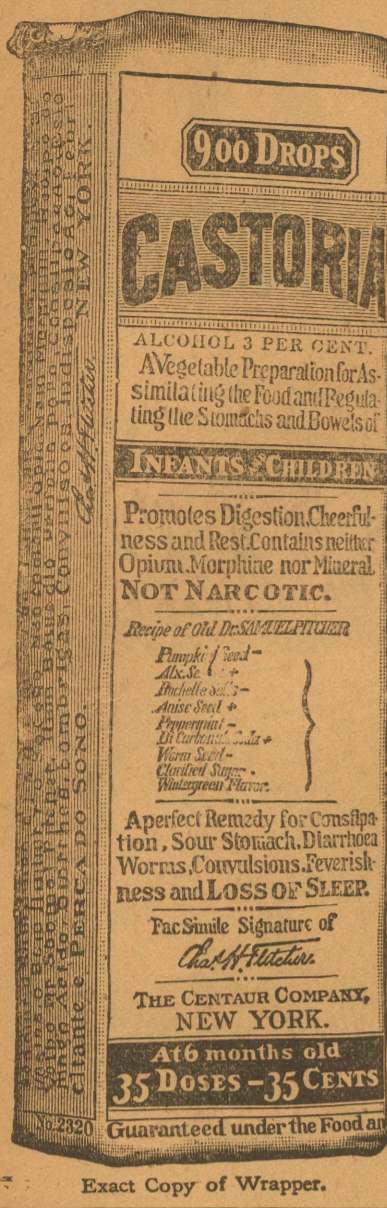
This Great Sale opens Monday, Dec. 22, at 9 a. m., and the wildest, most excited selling ever witnessed by mortal man or woman will commence. The stock has been gone through by the manager, and the sign of profit destruction placed thereon. The country has been billed for 100 miles around. Thousands of people are going to flock to this Great Sale. This event will live in the memory of the people for years. Without a doubt the most startling, irresistible bargains ever offered in Texas. This stock must be converted into cash. Values are no object. Read the cutting, smashing, wreckage of prices. Thousands of great bargains too numerous to mention for lack of space and time. Space will only permit us to announce the sale and place with only a few prices. Come early to get choice of bargains. Don't let anything prevent you from coming, rain or shine. Follow the crowd to the Great Railroad Wreck Sale.

AMERICAN BROKERAGE AND SALES COMPANY

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

If you don't see what you want advertised come to this store. We can supply your wants at a saving of Half



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

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In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA

Exact Copy of Wrapper.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

RUNNELS DOCTORS HOLD MEETING

The Runnels County Medical association at a recent meeting in the office of Drs. Halley, Love & Mangum, elected officers for the ensuing year and decided to wage a campaign along educational lines for the next twelve months.

The following officers were elected:

W. B. Halley, re-elected president; N. W. Mitchell, first vice president; J. G. Douglass, second vice president; Dr. Middleton secretary and treasurer; J. W. Bladdell, delegate state medical association; E. R. Walker, censor.

President Dr. Halley announced at the meeting the line of work to be conducted during the coming year. It was decided to be along educational lines. To this end, the National Educational Commission of the National Medical Association will be asked to send some of their lecturers here at some time during the year.

The association decided at the meeting to hold their next gathering at Winters some time in January. The association meets once a month and goes over the work of the physicians in this locality, papers being read and interesting subjects being discussed by members of the organization.

President Dr. Halley announced today that it had been decided to have open meetings when representatives of the National Commission of the National Medical Association of America address the physicians of this county:

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.

A CORRECTION.

In the special in a recent issue of the Ledger, in regard to the poultry show now in progress at that place, it was stated that a certain farmer sold 1133 turkeys for \$165.00, when it should have been 113 turkeys for \$165.00. Another farmer, the article stated, realized \$1555 from his chicken farm when the amount should have been \$155.14. The dispatch was handled rather rapidly for publication and probably the correspondent or the transportation company bawled the dispatch up considerably.

Now is the time to get your Furniture, Rugs, Art Squares, Linoleums, etc., while the great sale is on. Ostertag Furniture Co. L. Daugherty, Prop. dt-2-wf

L. J. Strube, one of the Ledger's friends in the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

LOST—Package containing two stick pins and tie clasp. Jos. E. Bayers name was on paper. between Elders and first culvert on Maverick road. Please leave at Ledger office. —15-1td-1tv

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

Clarence West of Miles has business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

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.

J. R. Holloway and son, Leslie, and R. P. Taylor, of Norton were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

MUCH CLOTHING FOR FLOOD SUFFERS

The committee in charge of the relief fund for the flood sufferers made the last shipment of clothing to the central committee Monday. Cash contributions are being received, and this amount will be wired to the proper authorities where it will be distributed out to those who have lost everything they had by the high waters that have swept the Brazos and Colorado bottoms in South Texas.

N. F. Norris, in charge of the collecting of clothing and bedding in Ballinger reported that the local express company had accepted for shipment from Ballinger 2328 pounds of clothing and bedding and that this had been shipped to the following points:

1431 pounds of clothing to H. V. Cummings at Hearne, Texas. 130 pounds to the mayor of Belton.

667 pounds to J. N. Baylor at Navasota. According to the latest press reports the total number of lives lost runs above the 206 mark, and there are districts yet to be heard from. It is impossible to estimate in dollars and cents the amount of damage done to property. The waters of the Brazos and Colorado at near the gulf forming a raging stream 36 miles wide and covering portions of Fort Bend, Wharton, and other counties. The water reached the highest point in the history of the state. It will require years of time to replace the property loss, as houses must be rebuilt, farms restocked and railroads rebuilt.

Ballinger could very liberally contribute of their clothing, and perhaps there is no town in Texas that contributed as great amount of clothing. Other places have contributed both money and clothing, and a fund is now being raised here which will be sent. Our citizens deserve credit for their help.

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 Druggists or by mail 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co. Philadelphia and St. Louis.

EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF FORT WORTH-DENTON INTERURBAN

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 13. — Responding promptly to the call made by the board of directors of the Fort Worth-Denton interurban project for the payment of ten per cent of the amount subscribed for the building of this road between these two points, the stockholders have paid in more than \$30,000 of the necessary \$50,000 which is required before the charter is applied for. At the present rate of remittance it is expected that the officials will be able to apply for the charter in a few days.

Fort Worth and Denton citizens have subscribed jointly about \$400,000 for the construction of the line. Just as soon as the charter is granted the promoters will begin the construction of the road and not let up until it is completed and cars are running between these two cities.

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.

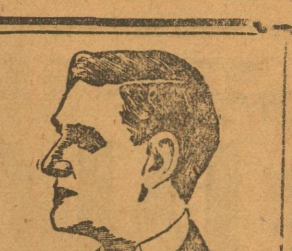
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

J. G. Ray came in from the east Saturday to spend a few days with his family and Ballinger friends.

CURED IN FIVE DAYS

VARICOCELE, HYDROCELE, STRICTURE, HERNIA, PILES AND FISTULA

If you have been taking treatment for weeks and months and paying out your hard earned money without being cured, don't you think it is high time to accept MY GRAND OFFER and be cured quickly! As you will certainly not be out any more money if not cured. If I decide that your condition will not yield readily to my treatment, I will be honest with you and tell you so and not accept your money under promise of a cure.



MY BEST REFERENCE IS NOT A DOLLAR NEED BE PAID UNTIL CURED DR. BOURQUE

Corner 6th and Main St. Entrance 103 W. 6th. FT WORTH, TEXAS.

Dr. BOURQUE, 103 W. 6th St. FT. WORTH, TEX. I cannot call, so send me Question Chart and your medical book on diseases of men, as I desire to describe my case to you for the purpose of fitting treatment. If I decide you can cure me and charge is low enough to suit me, I will gladly arrange terms and methods of taking treatment, with the understanding that consultation, examination and advice is free.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

H. J. Caufield vs. W. S. Davis, Jr., et al.

Suit pending in the District Court of Runnels County, Texas.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said cause on the 8th day of October, 1913, in favor of the said H. J. Caufield 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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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, Runnels 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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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 Runnels County, Texas.

ARRIVES WITH CAR LOAD OF MULES.

J. H. Kelley arrived in the city last night over the Abilene and Southern from Las Vegas, N. M., from which place he shipped a car load of brood mules to be sold to stockmen in this section of the state.

TRESPASS 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

MOVING TO PONY CREEK.

Mrs. Senar and household goods passed through Ballinger Monday, moving en route to the Pony Creek neighborhood where they will make their home the ensuing year. The good citizens of the New Home country moved her household goods for her and among the number who so kindly gave their time and wagons were, Messrs. R. B. Ingle, Bill Coul, Adams and Washington. These good people always look after the wants of the widows and orphans in their neighborhood.

Something Fine for Headaches.

If you know how quickly the pain is eased with Hunt's Lightning Oil, it would always have it on hand. It is also splendid for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts, Sprains. Ask your druggist. w&d

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.

ANOTHER PICTURE SHOW FOR BALLINGER.

It is reported that Ballinger is to have another moving picture show.

S. A. B. Hamilton has rented the Miller building and will use the stand between the Iedal Barber Shop and Gilliam's Tailor Shop. We understand that he will open for business about the first of the year.

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

EIGHTH STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE

The officers and teachers of the primary department of the Eighth street Presbyterian Sunday school have decided to give the children a Christmas tree, and arrangements are being made to entertain the little ones in the primary department with a tree on the afternoon of the day before Christmas.

On the last Sunday in this year the primary department will hold their annual promotion exercises at which time a number of the children in the primary department will be promoted.

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.

WINTERS CHICKEN SHOW CLOSES.

Winters, Texas, December 13.—The second annual exhibit of the Winters Poultry Association was brought to a close Friday evening. Judge Skaggs of the show had a difficult time in determining the winners of many of the coops. There were many fine fowls from over this section of the state.

Winters fanciers are enthusiastic over the exhibit just closing. It is probable that another will be held next year. Owing to the fact that the roads were impassable in some places near the city, the attendance was not as large as was hoped for.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray and little son and their daughter, Mrs. Lize, of Crews, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

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 Strengthenener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

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We are headquarters for all kinds of building material and carry the most complete stock in this section of the country. We also handle the famous B. P. S. Paints and Varnishes which are as good as money can buy. We make a specialty of window lights and show case glass and our stock of same is sufficient to supply all demands.

Lime, Cement, Post, Moulding, Fire Brick, Common Brick and Mill-Work always kept in stock.

When in need of anything in the building line don't fail to figure with us for we can save you money.

RELIABLE JEWELRY AT RELIABLE PRICES

ASA CORDILL, has a nice new and up-to-date line of jewelry. No old left over stock. But all new, clean and **Pretty Designs**. We have not marked our stock so that we could give one-half off. In order to do so we would have to remark our entire stock. We are in business for a fair profit though. We are **Cutting this Profit with You**. We are selling a lot of our goods below cost. We have always sold reliable goods. We invite **Comparison**, but will not resort to **Fake** methods. We do not believe in faking the public, as our record shows. We have been in business in Ballinger for many years and expect to continue in business in a legitimate way. We handle the very best line of goods and guarantee every article to be exactly as represented. **No Man Can Sell Nice, New, Valuable Goods at One-Half Price**. We will pay one-half price for nice, new watches and gold jewelry and save the merchant the worry of retailing it out.



Here are a Few Cold Facts!



23 jewel Elgin movement, sells the United States over for \$40.00.

Can You Buy It For \$20.00? No!

7 jewel Elgin, 16 size, fitted in a silverine case, sells everywhere for \$5.50. Can you buy it for \$2.75? No!

A real nice pair of plain gold cuff buttons sells for \$3 \$3.50 to \$4 Can you buy them for \$1.50, \$1.75 to \$2?

A real nice cut glass vase, 10 to 12 inch, cost \$4.00 to \$6.00. Can you buy for \$2.00 to \$3.00 No you cannot!

17 jewel Elgin movement fitted in a reliable 20 year case sells for \$12.00. Can you buy it for \$6.00? No!

No Man that Tries to Mislead in Fake Advertising Deserves the Patronage of the Public. Call to See Us We will Treat You Right. We Will Not Promise You Something we Cannot Give.

You'll Do Well to See our line and prices before Buying Elsewhere

ASA CORDILL

The Reliable Jeweler

You'll Do Well to See our line and prices before Buying Elsewhere

WINNERS OF WINTERS POULTRY SHOW

Winters, Tex., Dec. 12.—The Poultry Show was a success in every way. Large crowds attended both days, and a lively interest was shown from start to finish. The people are becoming more and more interested in the poultry industry. This the third annual exhibit was much larger than either show heretofore. We had more than 50 birds on exhibit, this year over any previous year.

Prof. Chas. T. Grant, and his band of jolly boys gave a concert each night in the hall, and great throngs attended each program and all pronounced the music great.

Mr. L. H. Moore, of Wingate, had the highest scoring cock bird in the show.

Judge J. C. Skaggs of Paint Rock, judged the show, and gave entire satisfaction.

Below are the winners:

Barred Plymouth Rocks.

S. R. Meek, Winters, 3rd cockerel, 2nd hen.

W. H. Nance, Winters, 1 2 cockerel, 1, 3 hen, 1, 2 and 3 pullet, 1, 2 pair.

Buff Plymouth Rock.

Mrs. W. H. Rodgers, Winters, 1st cock, and 2 pullet, 1st pen.

Jno. Hall, Winters, 3rd pullet.

White Plymouth Rock.

R. I. Collinsworth, Winters, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd pullet.

Partridge Wyandottes.

Chester Cherry, Ballinger, 2nd cock, 3rd pen.

Dunn-Drennan & Co., Ballinger,

2nd cockerel, 1st pullet, 1st pen.

Jno. M. Neal, Winters, 3rd cockerel, 2nd hen, 2nd pullet, 2nd pen.

Oscar Pearson, Ballinger, 1st cock, 1st cockerel, 1st, 3rd pullet.

Jno. Q. McAdams, Winters, 3rd cock.

White Wyandottes.

J. C. Reese, Ballinger, 1st cock, 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hen, 1st pen.

Owen Ingram, Winters, 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet, 2nd pen.

S. C. Rhode Island Red.

W. H. Arnold, Winters, 2nd cock, 2nd cockerel.

R. L. Shaffer, Winters, 2nd cockerel, 1st pullet, 3rd pen.

L. H. Moore, Wingate, 1st cock, 2nd pen.

Dunn-Drennan and Co. Ballinger, 3rd cockerel, 3rd pullet, 1st pen.

S. B. Raby, Ballinger, 3rd cock, 1st, and 2nd hen, 2nd pullet.

Buff Orpingtons.

Elmwood Poultry Yards, San Angelo, 1st cock, 3rd hen, 2nd pullet, 1st pen.

J. F. Roach, Paint Rock, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st pullet.

Black Orpingtons.

Elmwood Poultry Yards, San Angelo, 1st cockerel, 1st and 2nd hen.

White Orpingtons.

W. Monroe Jackson, San Angelo, 1st hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.

Brown Leghorns.

Mrs. S. H. McPherson, Ballinger, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st, and 2nd pen.

W. T. Brown, Crews, 1st pul-

let.

White Leghorns.

Dr. Z. V. Dry, Winters, 1st cockerel, 2nd, and 3rd pullet.

War Horse Game.

Homer Butts, 1st cock.

Buff Cochin Bantam.

Landon Neal, Winters, 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st pullet.

White Cochin Bantams.

J. E. Cox, Winters, 1st cock, 1st, and 2nd hen, 2nd pen.

Landon Neal, Winters, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet, 1st pen.

Partridge Cochin Bantams.

Dewey Speer, Winters, 1st cockerel, 3rd pullet, 3rd pen.

J. E. Cox, Winters, 3rd cockerel, 1st pullet, 2nd pen, 3rd hen.

Landon Neal, Winters, 1st cock, 2nd cockerel, 1st, and 2nd pullet, 1st pen.

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys.

Owen Ingram, Winters, 1st Tom, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.

Mrs. L. E. Mills, Winters, 2nd Tom.

English Penciled Indian Runner Ducks.

W. A. Dry, Winters, 1st pair.

David Coulter, Ballinger, 3rd pair.

J. P. Roach, Paint Rock, 2nd pair.

OLD MIRRORS.

Re-silvered and damp-proof backing put on, making them as good as new. All work guaranteed. Maxie L. Phillips, phone 299. 13-each Sat d&w-5t

Ernest Blackwell left Tuesday afternoon for Wichita Falls where he will spend Xmas with friends.

LIBRARY WILL NOW BE USED

After remaining useless for the past several years, the Carnegie Library will in the future be supplied with the latest and best books and put into use by lovers of good literature of this city. This was the decision reached by the board of directors of the institution, held last evening at the library.

The ladies of Ballinger had collected one hundred dollars from various sources since the building was erected and this money was appropriated by the board last evening to the buying of one hundred, fifty of the best books on the market today. The money has already been forwarded to the publishers and the books will be forthcoming within the near future.

At the meeting last night there were five of the seven directors of the Carnegie Library, present. Chas. S. Miller, president of the board, set forth his ideas as to the purchase of books and emphasized the value which would accrue from the proper supply of books in the building.

Mrs. W. S. Fleming was elected librarian. Mrs. K. V. Northington, deceased, was elected to fill that place in the institution several years ago, when an effort was being made to equip the stone structure, but on account of various reasons, no books were ever ordered for the shelves. Mrs. Fleming has already entered upon her work and it determined to make the Ballinger library one, if not the best, in the state, from the standpoint of books of merit.

It is the intention of the board of directors at the start to supply the shelves with only the best books. Later, when more funds are available fiction as well as history, and the immortal works of the best authors will adorn the shelves of the institution.

The Carnegie Library was built in 1909. Andrew Carnegie, the steel king, donated a large sum towards the erection of the structure, the remainder being sup-

plied by the Ballinger citizens.

On several different occasions the ladies of Ballinger have given entertainments for the purpose of raising funds towards the supplying of the shelves with books. The high school teachers have worked faithfully in efforts to raise money to buy collateral reading with the school text books. Now that the institution will be supplied with the best books on history and with the standard works of the present day, the pupils, as well as the reading public, will feel the necessity of continuing the building on to the small stock of books which have been ordered, by the present board.

NEW PASTOR WILL BE HERE CHRISTMAS WEEK

A letter from Rev. A. C. Smith, of Stamford, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the 8th Street Presbyterian Church of Ballinger, says he will be here and preach the first Sunday in January, which will be January not state in his letter when he would move it is presumed that

he will move to Ballinger some time during the holiday week.

BANKRUPT STOCK SOLD FOR \$6,200.00

J. F. Clark of the Maxwell-Clark Drug Company of Fort Worth, Texas, this afternoon bought the entire stock of drugs, jewelry, fixtures, notes and accounts, in fact, everything of the Magee Drug Company with the exception of the soda fount for \$6,200.00. There were a number of out of town bidders at this sale and for a time the bidding was lively.—Abilene Reporter.

G. C. Scherzinger, of the Rowena bank, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday and was quite complimentary in his remarks about our beautiful little city, this being his first visit here.

Col. Cicero Smith, of Mineral Wells, came in Tuesday at noon and will look after business interests in our county a few days.

Miss Pauline Bullock, of San Angelo, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger the past few days returned home Tuesday at noon.

WE WILL WELCOME

The Opportunity of Proving to You the Benefits and Advantages of Forming Relations With

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Would be glad to figure with you, on your Monument work, either in marble or granite. Iron and wire fencing.

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Attorney-at-Law.
Office at Courthouse.

J. B. Wade **A. K. Doss**
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Lawyers.
Office over Ballinger Loan Co.
Ballinger, Texas.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus
DENTIST
Office over Rape Building
Ballinger, Texas

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Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

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[Sold by Medicine Dealers or Trial Box by mail on receipt of 50c in stamps]

WILL SERVE CHRISTMAS DINNER TO THE POOR

The people of the Nazarene church are busy arranging for their annual Christmas dinner which will be served to those who are not otherwise provided for on Christmas day. It will be remembered that this church served dinner last Christmas at which time they fed about one hundred people, and most of these are people who would not have had a Christmas dinner if it had not been for the efforts of the Nazarene church.

The dinner this year will be served at the same place where the one was served a year ago, in the building on the the corner near the Santa Fe passenger station. The committee who has charge of work request that all those who can contribute to the dinner, either in

cash or groceries, please notify Dr. Thos. Mangum or Rev. Wells. They will appreciate it if you can send a basket to the hall on Christmas day, or if you will notify them they will send for the basket, or anything else you will contribute. They will accept either prepared or unprepared food.

Every one in Ballinger who can not have dinner at home, or who will not be provided for with a Christmas dinner on this date, are most cordially invited to come to this dinner. Come and make your self at home. You will find a hearty welcome and a good dinner and to spare is promised.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST


- Burreson, Ben.
 - Beene, I. H.
 - Dolan, George B.
 - Garrett, Al J.
 - Gauny, Mrs. Dooley.
 - Hunt, Vincent.
 - McWilliams, Mrs. D. N.
 - Jackson, Miss Mamie.
 - Walker, J. M.
- When calling for the above letters please say Advertiser and give the date of this list.
- After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead letter office.
- JAS. J. ERWIN, P. M.**

IRRIGATION PROJECT GETS ANOTHER BOOST

Nothing has brought Ballinger and this section of the country more prominently to the front than the big irrigation project now on foot. It has been the cause of Ballinger receiving much advertising. Last Sunday's Houston Chronicle carried a two column story about the big project written by A. W. Sledge. The sworn circulation of the Chronicle for that date amounted to more than 40,000 and the paper will tell of the big project to people all over America.

Col. Stanley is in Ballinger looking after his work and arranging to move his family here after holidays. He will leave about the 20th for his home at Houston, where he will remain until about the first of the year, and he expects to bring his family back with him and they will make their home at Ballinger.

Holiday Fares

via  **Santa Fe** are

very low this year

Tickets on sale between all points in Texas, December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for return.

Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Memphis Tennessee, December, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for final return.

Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina Tennessee, Virginia, and to Washington, D. C. Chicago, Ill. Kansas City and St. Louis Mo. and Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Trinidad, Colorado, also to certain points in Louisiana, December 20, 21, 22, 1913, limited to January, 18, 1914, for final return.

For Detailed Fares Call on Santa Fe Agent

The Wisest Money Spent For Xmas Presents Is The Money Put Into Useful And Durable Articles.

Such As
Rugs, Rockers, Art Squares, Dining Chairs, Kitchen Cabinets, Bed Room Suits and Many Other Useful Articles

These are presents that will add to the comfort of the home for day's and year's to come and be appreciated above all other gifts.

Such as are Now On Sale at the
OSTERTAG FURNITURE CO.
Call and See for Yourself

COMING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas is only slightly over a week off and the college boys and girls are preparing to visit home folks during the holidays. In most cases school closes Friday afternoon for the Christmas days, extending from one week to two.

Ruzmels County boys and girls who are off attending college will begin to arrive home Saturday at noon. Those in school at Dallas will leave that city Friday evening and arrive here Saturday at noon. Those in other cities will practically arrive on the same train. Many will step from the train to visit homefolks, Sunday.

The working boys and girls who are spending their time in other cities, are expected to arrive either Sunday or Monday. On account of their work they will not be able to leave their business until Saturday night and then it will be too late to catch a train homeward bound.

Preparations are under way by the relatives and friends of the college boys and girls to entertain them royally when they are home for the holidays. They intend to see that Santa Claus brings them their fill and thereby make this one of the most enjoyable set of holidays during their lives. Parties and similar entertainments are being considered and will be staged in due time for the home boys' and girls' benefit while they are here.

The Ballinger High School and other city schools will dismiss for the holidays Friday that the children might have ample time to begin their Christmas merry-making. Only one week will be allowed the pupils this year for various reasons of the school board.

JESS M'ADAMS HEADS LIST IN EFFICIENCY REPORT

Jess McAdams who travels out of Ballinger for The Texas Co., one of the largest oil companies in the state, was at home a day or two this week, and while here he received the monthly efficiency report from his company, showing the standing of all salesmen with reference to their respective efficiency. Mr. McAdams occupied the top place in a list of about one dozen salesmen. He went on the road for the Texas Company in May. At that time he occupied the eighth place. He jumped to the sixth place and from that to the fourth and from the fourth to the first and he has been holding first place for the past three months. Mr. McAdams has a territory embracing nineteen counties, and it is what is considered hard territory, and he has many friends here who will be glad to know that he is making good.

CENTRAL TEXAS RAISED 90 CARLOADS OF PECANS.

Brownwood Bulletin.

The pecan crop of Central Texas, totaling about 2,500,000 pounds this year, and paying its raisers about \$200,000, made nearly ninety solid carloads. A summary of pecan figures up to Dec. 1 today showed that the Texas crop has been practically all gathered, picking having been delayed by lack of early frosts.

This year's average price to Texas growers was a little over 6 cents per pound, with a few fancy varieties paying an average of 20 to 25 cents a pound. The price tree for the season was near Ballinger, bringing the extraordinary figure of nearly \$300.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Chiseo, who had been living at Ovalo the past few months moved back to Ballinger Tuesday to make home again. Mr. Chiseo is with the A. & S. Ry. Co.

Dick Trail, of Paint Rock, is in the city on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Trail and Ballinger friends for a few days. Dick holds a prominent position with the bank at Paint Rock.

H. Clements, of New Braunfels who is looking after business interests in our county, came in Monday night from his ranch near Hatchel and says its awful wet in that section and the small grain is very rank as it is too wet to pasture.

Jim Rumsey, of Miles, was here Tuesday between trains and had business with County Clerk O. L. Parish while in our city.

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Double Value and Greater Strength

LAYTON'S HEALTH CLUB BAKING POWDER

25 OUNCES ONE SPOON

And Only One Cent an Ounce

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FLOOD SUFFERERS THANK BALLINGER

Hearne, Texas, Dec. 16.—We, the undersigned relief committee of Hearne, desire to extend our thanks, through the press of the state, to all citizens who have so liberally contributed to the needs of those in this section who suffered by the recent flood disaster. Our appreciation is the more deeply felt because of the fact that so abundant a supply came to us unsolicited.

Among those to whom we express our appreciation special mention should be made of the citizens of Dallas, Houston, Galveston, Ballinger, Rogers, and Willis Point, and we crave pardon for the mention of the personal interest taken in our behalf by Mr. H. H. Adams of Dallas, a former citizen of Hearne.

The conditions here were indescribable, the loss of personal property and effects and individual suffering was great; but with the immediate aid coming from the generous people of Texas, coupled with the indominate will of our people and the rich resources of our country, we expect soon to assume normal conditions.

P. L. Brady,
Dr. H. W. Cummings,
W. A. Wilkerson,
R. R. Cole,
J. M. Haigler,
Committee.

FIRE DESTROYS AUDICE REESE HOME

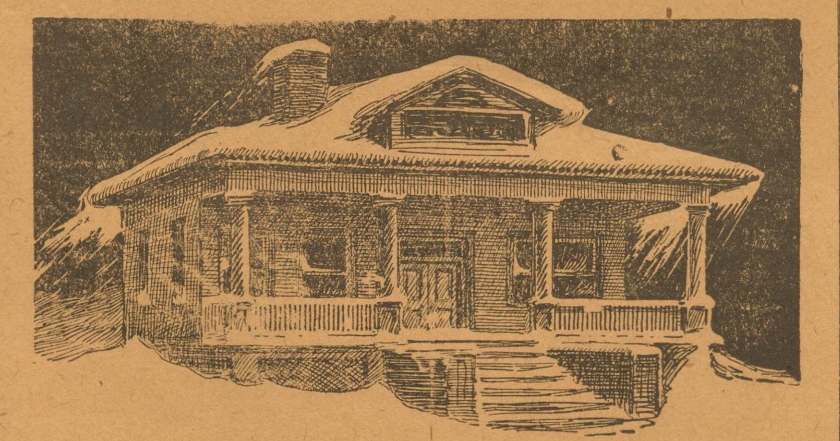
The home of Audice Reese on Sixth street was destroyed by fire about eight o'clock Monday night, while the family was away from home. The fire was discovered by some of the neighbors, who reached the building in time to save some of the contents of the house, and the fire company made a quick response to the alarm and part of the building was saved but is what is considered a complete loss.

It is not known how the fire originated. Mrs. Reese and the children are visiting relatives in the Benoit neighborhood, and Mr. Reese was at the post office, being an employee in the post office. He was at home early in the evening and prepared a lunch and had returned to work when the fire broke out. It is supposed that the fire originated from a defective flue.

The house was insured for \$1000 and the household goods were insured for \$500.

Mrs. Durst, of Llano, who had been here at the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stuedemeyer left Monday afternoon for her home.

W. S. Syler, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.



THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOUR HOME IS WITH A BANK ACCOUNT — THE BEST WAY TO GET A HOME IS TO PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK — OUR BANK IS A SAFE HOME FOR YOUR MONEY

Every year has its winter. Every life has its winter. YOURS IS COMING. Have a home to get into when the winter of the year comes, and the winter of your life comes. When you bank your money you can buy a home. With a bank account you can protect your home. Have money in the bank, anyhow; it makes your CREDIT better. It is safe in our bank.

Make Our Bank Your Bank

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Of Ballinger

CATARRH OF THE PHARYNX.

Clearing out your throat every day, all day. That is what you have been doing for months. Possibly years. A little mucus covers the pharynx.

If you were to go to a doctor he would tell you that you have pharyngitis. If you were to look into your own throat you would find just back of the soft palate a red, lumpy, granular appearance of the back part of the throat. Pharyngitis the doctors call it.

Perhaps he would call it, follicular pharyngitis. It causes you constant annoyance. You are always making slight disturbances when seated in an audience. Can't hold your throat still. Stringy mucus bothers you. Worse in the morning.

A-hem! A-hem! A-hem! That is the way you are going nearly all day. Sometimes in the night when you wake up. You ought to gargle your throat with salt water every morning. Cold salt water. That clears out the throat perfectly and makes it ready for treatment.

Peruna is the treatment. Begin with a teaspoonful before each meal and at bedtime. Try it for a week. You will be convinced. Of course, Peruna will not entirely relieve you in a week. That is too much to expect of any remedy. But it will benefit you so much you will be convinced. Yes, it will. It has done this many times.

Follicular pharyngitis. Big words. Almost as bad as the disease. But if you take Peruna for one month regularly, you may forget that you ever had such a disease. Then you will have a perfect right to forget the big words too.

People who object to liquid medicines can now obtain Peruna Tablets. Ask your Druggist for free Peruna Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

KENTUCKY FARMER IS PRIZE CORN GROWER

W. M. Hutson, of Bardwell, the Carlisle County farmer with the record of 231 bushels of corn to one acre has just been presented with a prize of \$100 in cash from a corn packing firm in Antwerp Ohio, for the biggest yield from a single acre in the county. In presenting the check, the donors write:

"It sets the record for the world, as it is the highest yield ever produced from an acre of land."

Mr. Hutson's representations were accompanied by the sworn statement of his neighbors, who weighed the corn. Hutson intends to work harder than ever next year for another bumper yield.—Mayfield, (Ky.) Messenger.

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.

Henry Martin, one of the prominent stock men of the Leaday country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. A. Hall, of San Angelo spent Monday night in Ballinger on business and returned home Tuesday at noon.

Dr. Saunders of Winters, and W. W. Poe, of the Winters, Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a hunting trip in the Alpine country.

WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT POULTRY SHOW

That the poultry show that is being gotten up by the Ballinger lovers of fine feathered stock is attracting more than the interest of the local breeders is evidenced by a letter which was received recently by B. P. Kirk from a gentleman of Comanche, who desired to know when the exhibit would be held in this city. The Comanche man is N. A. Palmer city secretary of that city.

Mr. Palmer states in his letter to Mr. Kirk that the poultry enthusiasts of his city are very desirous of exhibiting their fowls in Ballinger at the coming show and desire to know the dates for the same. Comanche is not going to hold a show this year according to the letter.

Mr. Kirk has replied to the letter and stated that an effort was being made by himself and other poultry men to have an exhibition here in January, at which time fowls will be on exhibition from every portion of this section of the state. The matter of a chicken show was broached some time ago but through a misunderstanding it relapsed and nothing further was heard of it until recently. Lately the spirit for a show revived and it is very probable that one will be held in the near future.

Mr. Palmer is a poultry breeder of fame, he having established a reputation in the whole of the United States as a lover of fine chickens and turkeys. He was once vice-president of the National Buff-Plymouth Rock association, an organization which is known by every first rated breeder of fowls. In his official capacity he became an expert in the line of poultry and has used his influence in bettering the breed of chickens ever since.

It is hoped by the Ballinger breeders that the move for an exhibition for this city will go through. The fact that breeders located in towns over a hundred miles from Ballinger are interested in the meet here, will encourage the movement, Mr. Kirk thinks.

CLINT ROBERTS' PLEA IS DENIED.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 14.—Clint W. Roberts, arrested in St. Louis in February, and brought here for trial, was refused discharge under habeas corpus proceedings instituted before Judge W. S. Anderson in the thirty-seventh district court, but his bond was reduced from \$7,500 to \$3,750. Roberts stands charged with being the leader of a group of "blue sky" land dealers, who are alleged to have swindled Texas people out of more than \$2,000,000.

Clint Roberts was for a short time a citizen of Ballinger, being owner for a short time of the Owl Drug Store. Other former Runnels county citizens were jailed with Roberts in San Antonio, but were released on bond.

NINETEENTH WINTER IN COUNTY JAIL

Denver, Col., Dec. 12.—Society item from the county jail:

"Otto Robinson has returned from his summer travels and is spending his 19th season at the county jail. The jail has no more enthusiastic admirer in the country than Mr. Robinson, who tries always to be the first of its winter's sojourners."

In connection with this item it is interesting to note that Mr. Robinson has the record of sojourning at the jail. The jail was built twenty years ago and the second year Mr. Robinson was numbered among its visitors. He liked it so well that he returned the next winter and the next. If he missed one winter at the jail would be a lonesome place and inquiries would be sent abroad to learn his whereabouts.

He always makes his appearance about this time of the year, and in some way manages to get a sentence of 90 days. At the end of 90 days if the weather is still cold he pleads with the judge to give him another 90 days.

He knows every nook and cranny of the jail, being more familiar with it than any of the guards. "Oh, you don't have to tell me where to go," he said airily to a guard on his last arrival. "I know more about this place than any of you fellows."

Robinson is 58 years of age and has never had a day's illness in his life. He says that work sends a man to his grave before his time.

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.

Frank Carter passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route home from a business trip to Paint Rock.

SIXTY FOUR DOGS IN ONE SHIPMENT

As a rule prairie dogs are of no earthly use except to torment the farmers and to cause profane words to flow from the mouths of hunters who might be mistaken in killing the creatures for rabbits or ground squirrels. But lately doctors, zoologists and other learned men working on the problem have discovered that they can be used in the zoology departments of the leading universities. Accordingly a Ballinger doctor recently advertised for prairie dogs to be shipped to the zoology department of the State University.

The following letter has been received by the Ballinger physician in regard to the want ad which appeared in the columns of this paper:

"I thought you didn't have any prairie dogs out your way! One man sent \$34 worth in one shipment. We are surely glad to know we can get them, but the zoology department will soon be broke at that rate, so if by chance, that advertisement is still running will you please phone the editor to discontinue it?"

"We are having an interesting time providing for them; the plan is to keep quite a large number for some length of time if we can get the conditions right for them, hoping thus to have material for all the phases of the embryology."

The letter was from Mrs. S. G. Ramsdell of the zoology department of the State University, and was addressed to Dr. W. B. Halley of this city.


The shipment of \$34 worth or sixty-eight prairie dogs at 50 cents apiece by one man evidences the fact that want ads pay.

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."

WHY NOT?

KC is pure. KC is healthful. It really does make lighter, nicer biscuits, cakes and pastry than the old fashioned single acting baking powders.

And you pay only a fair price for it. No baking powder should sell for more.



Cripple Blows into Town; Wants to Stage Up-to-date Boxing Match

A cripple blew into town Monday, presumably on a fast freight and endeavored to take things in.

After circling the downtown streets and sizing things up to his own liking, he hobbled into a tonsorial parlor and began telling the artists funny tales about the golden west and what a Jack Johnson really was. The barbers dropped their deadly yet highly necessary instruments for scraping the hairs from the skin off the male portion of Ballinger, and stood agape. Their mouths were wide and their ears were pricked at an angle of forty-five degrees that they might catch every word of the conversational gentleman cripple who held the boards in the shop.

He was telling of the wonderful possibilities of a prize fighter and incidentally remarking every now and then, that Ballinger was bum when it comes to producing sure enough fighters. Cess Tarver was put on skids by the cripple and Jack Johnson, had he heard the line of talk produced,

would have sunk through the floor, with fright.

An officer, City Marshal McKay, passed the hair cutting pavilion, and heard boisterous talk going inside. He stepped inside and saw the object from which was being emitted the vociferation. The cripple was telling the crowd that had gathered about himself with reference to fighting abilities. The marshal took a hand and shouldered the gentleman from the west with the alleged muscles. Both parties showed dexterity and musculability, but the officer was the better in the end. The cripple was taken to the county jail and there lodged for the night and the conversational gentleman didn't object after he had been started. Prize fighters take to covering in the winter time and this fellow knew that it wasn't good for the muscles to be left in the gutter on a night as was last. Today he was released and sent on his road rejoicing on the condition that he not endeavor to match fights in a town without an arena.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Schuhmann, of Rowena, were visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McWhirter and baby spent Sunday with friends in the Norton country and returned home Monday afternoon and report a very pleasant time.

Chas. M. Stanley, the irrigation

men left Tuesday at noon for the west.

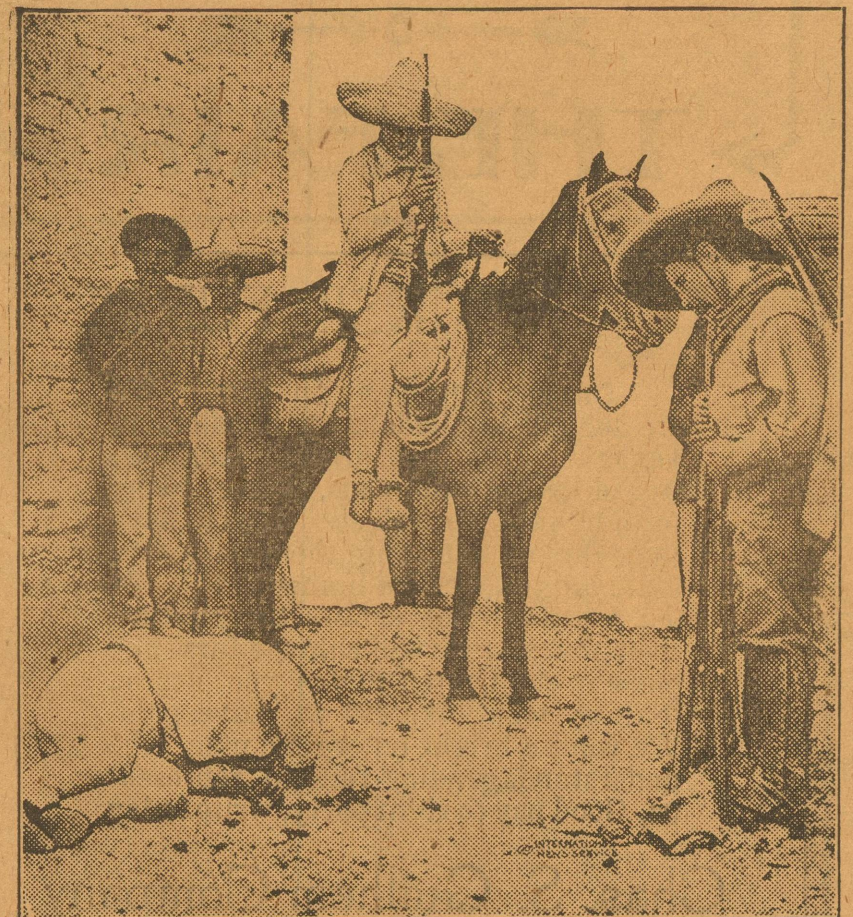
Who Suffers Pain?
Those who suffer pain should try Hunt's Lightning Oil, the world's greatest liniment. It is the finest thing for Rheumatic pains, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Backache, etc. All druggists sell it.

REBEL SHARPSHOOTERS NEAR TUXPAM



These are some of the sharpshooters used so effectively by General Aguilar in the important oil district of Tuxpam.

FEDERAL OFFICER SHOT DOWN



Death is the usual portion of the federal officers captured by the rebels, and though this one disguised himself as a private he did not escape the vengeance of his enemies.

ORDERED FIGHT TO STOP; OBEYED

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces in Mexican waters, ordered the rebels and federals fighting in Tampico to cease firing, threatening to open up on them with the guns of the gunboat Wheeling if such orders were not obeyed. Both sides complied with the order.

This information is contained in a dispatch received by Sir Lionel Garden, the British minister from Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock of the British cruiser, Berwick, which is lying off Tampico.

The federals hold the center of the town of Tampico and the water front. Rear Admiral Fletcher has ordered foreigners to take refuge on board of the ships or to congregate on the water front where they will be under the protection of his guns.

GEN. VILLA'S CENTER ON MEXICAN CENTRAL RAILROAD



This is a photograph of Villa's center on the line of the Mexican Central during the fighting around Juarez. The lines of battle extended five miles each way from this point. The train was in readiness to carry the wounded to Juarez.

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The Kind Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, Sweetheart or Friend will Appreciate.

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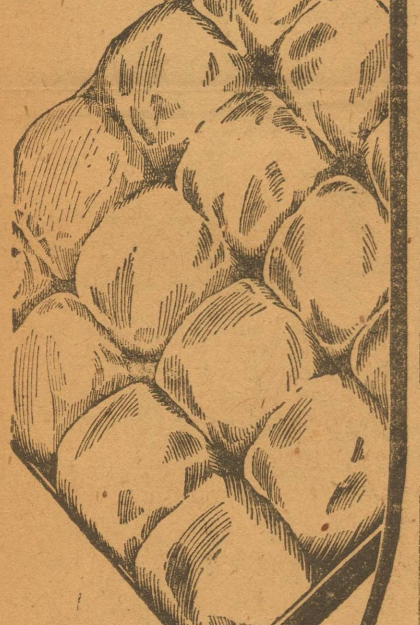
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You never tasted daintier, lighter, fluffier biscuits than those baked with Calumet. They're always good—delicious. For Calumet insures perfect baking.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS
World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Illinois.
Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.



You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

NEW PHONE DIRECTORY ON PRESS

The Ballinger Printing Co. have the forms on the new Telephone Directory made up and ready for the press and the book will be ready to deliver to the Telephone Company in a few days.

The farmers' friend—The Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co. d&w tf

Carload of Fords just received by Harwell-Allen Ford Co. Better get one before they are all gone. —19-w3t

The many friends of M. C. Braden are urging him to allow his name to be used as a candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Braden is one of the most expert road builders in the west and is a level-headed, conservative business man and would no doubt make the precinct and county a splendid commissioner. His announcement will appear after the first of the new year.

Zappe's Special Sale on all winter goods. Prices smashed, began Saturday, December 13, and continues throughout the holidays. —17-ltd-1tw

TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides. wimo-dlmo Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

FOR SALE

Extra choice Pecans 10 and 12 1-2c lb. "The Globe." 17-3td-1tw

CHRISTMAS TREE AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The All Saints Episcopal Sunday school will entertain the children of that Sunday school with a Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve. The committees of this Sunday school have the matter of arranging for the entertainment in hand and the children are promised a real treat in the visit of Santa Claus.

DON'T LET YOUR LIVER GET LAZY

Dodson's Liver Tone Will Keep it Working and Make You Feel Well and Clean—No After-Effects.

If you have allowed your fear of calomel to keep you from toning up your liver when it gets a little sluggish hand lazy—try Dodson's Liver Tone, and note how quickly and harmlessly it starts the liver and relieves constipation and bilious attacks.

When you take Dodson's Liver Tone you do not have to stay in the house all day, not one of the weakening and harmful after-effects of calomel follow its use. Dodson's Liver Tone is a mild, not hurt either childer nor grown people. Yet it easily overcomes pleasant vegetable liquid that controls most stubborn and inactive liver without making you quit eating or working.

These are just statements. The Walker Drug Co. backs up every one of these statements and agrees to refund the price of Dodson's Liver Tone with a smile to any person who pays his 50 cents for a bottle and is not satisfied that he got his money's worth. Imitations of Dodson's Liver Tone is another proof that it is a good thing. Nobody ever imitates a poor remedy. Be sure you get the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone—the kind that is guaranteed.

WANTED

300 bushels good oats, unsacked, purchaser to do his own hauling. Give location and price. Dec19-w3t—JO WILMETH.

FORMER BALLINGER LADY ILL

News reached Ballinger Tuesday to the effect that Mrs. Nannie Matthews was seriously ill and death was expected at any time. Mrs. Matthews is now living in Nacogdoches, Texas. She was a resident of Ballinger for many years, and was among the pioneer settlers of this county. She is an aunt of Mrs. R. A. Dickinson and a sister-in-law of Dr. T. A. Rape, and a sister of J. C. Swift, a former citizen of this county, but who now lives in Eastland County. There are two children living, Mrs. R. H. Clemm, of Dallas, and Clyde Matthews who lives in the Panhandle. Mrs. Matthews is afflicted with cancer, and there is no hopes for her recovery. She has many friends in Ballinger who will be believed to learn this.

We handle everything in our line. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

MARRIED AT METHODIST PARSONAGE

Last Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. H. Doss performed the ceremony which united in the bonds of holy wedlock two of Rannels county's most prominent young people, Mr. W. A. Caughron and Miss Maud Jones. Mr. Caughron is a prominent young farmer who lives south of Ballinger and his bride is a prominent young lady of the Valley Creek neighborhood. They will make their home in the Willingham place south of town.

The Banner-Ledger joins their many friends in best wishes for a happy married life.

Zappe's Special Sale on all Winter Goods—Prices Smashed, began Saturday, December 13th, and continues through the holidays. 17-ltd-1tw

PAIR GOOD MULES for sale See S. A. B. Hamilton, Winkler building, next door to Brewer's. w&d-1t

We give the highest cash price. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Hatchel, Dec. 16.
Dear Santa Claus:
There is many things I would like to have, but knowing you have such a big family, I will only ask for a few things. I want a ring and a bracelet, a purse and a good story book. Now, Santa, be sure you don't bring me any chewing gum jewelry. I want the real stuff, and please don't bring me any tea sets for I am tired of them. I have nearly everything that you ever brought me. I have the little

chair that you brought me last Christmas. Now I will close with much love. JUDITH TUCKER

Carload of Fords just received by Harwell-Allen Ford Co. Better get one before they are all gone. —19-w3t

See the Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co., for best prices on eggs, poultry of all kinds, and butter. d&w-tf

SPRING HILL NEWS

Health in our community remains good. Roads are some better but it is raining again. There will be an interesting program and Christmas tree at the Spring Hill school house. Weather permitting there will be preaching at the Spring Hill school house next Sunday evening at 2 o'clock, by Rev. Wells, pastor of the Nazarine church. All are cordially invited to come out. It has been many months since there has been a sermon preached at our school house.

Miss Maud Jones and Mr. Gus Carnes were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last Sunday. Miss Maud having lived in our community several years, also Mr. Carnes, we wish them all the happiness that can befall them. KNOX.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache; headache or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys, often need help. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble—they are recommended by thousands. Can residents desire more convincing proof than a statement of a citizen of this locality?

Mrs. S. F. Flynt, Winters, Texas, says: "Five years ago I was in bad shape as the result of kidney and bladder trouble. I suffered from an almost constant pain across the back. I was unable to get any remedy that would give me relief. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I got a supply. After taking one box, I felt greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar way is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Flynt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

BACKACHE

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

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guenter of Taylor, Texas, formerly of our city, came in Tuesday night to visit Ballinger friends for a few days. He says that the Banner-Ledger is a welcome visitor in their new home until they return to Rannels county.

Jeff Riggs, of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Voelkel of Rowena, were shopping in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Last Call For Xmas

THE FAIR

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!

There is big money in furs. We are among the the largest handlers in Texas of furs and dressed turkeys. Our outlet is enormous, write today for our special price list. If you have some furs on hand ship them to us, we will mail you a check immediately. If our prices are not satisfactory, return the check and we will ship the furs any place in the United states you desire, losing what express we have paid. We want a bright entergetic man, who understands grading furs to represent us. Good pay to right party, write today

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Is the place to buy your meats. Nothing but the best stuff bought for our trade.
A Tender Juicy Steak is something that every man wants. We have 'em.

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