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"An Interview With Lord Kitchener"

How the first newspaper correspondent since the war started interviewed Lord Kitchener, the British war secretary, and how Lord Kitchener in turn interviewed him, is told this week in Irvin S. Cobb's story, "An Interview with Lord Kitchener," in The Saturday Evening Post. The story is copyrighted by the Curtis Publishing Company and is used by The Daily Ledger through the courtesy of that journal, the United Press having secured the right of publishing early today.

"Over the telephone the secretary of the distinguished gentleman who made the appointment told me, before I was well out of bed, that if I called at the War Office that day at ten-thirty I should find that all the preliminaries had been negotiated. Said the secretary: 'It will not be necessary for you to present a note, or even a card. If you send your name in, that will be quite sufficient.'"

The surroundings in the office of Earl Kitchener of Khartum are described by Mr. Cobb as being the most simple. The best manner in which the environment might be described is in Cobb's statement: "Had it been in Washington, even, I am inclined to think there might have been more or less unreeling of red-tapery; but here nothing happened, except that I told one of the policemen I was calling on Lord Kitchener; and he summoned the red-coated man, touching his hat brim in salute, directed me to go up a wide flight of stairs at the far end of the big entrance hall, and, when I reached the second floor, to turn to the left and knock at the first door I saw."

The first question asked the American newspaper man was: "Tell me, please—is the German commissary good?" He had just previous to that interrogation told Cobb that he had been informed that he had "lately been with the Germans—with the German Army in the field."

"I told him that so far as my expert eyes might judge, the German commissary was very good."

"There is meat in the ordinary ration then?" he asked.

"Yes," I said—"veal generally; sometimes beef; bacon and sausage frequently. I should say the German soldier averages one filling meal of meat a day, at least."

Lord Kitchener asked about the supply of gasoline in the German army, and Mr. Cobb replied that he did not think there existed a shortage of the "petrol."

"Now," he went on, "would you mind telling me of your impression of the spirit of the German soldiers? Neither mind about their officers and generals. Generals win battles, but soldiers win wars. I want to know something of the feeling of the men in the ranks. Have they enthusiasm?"

I hesitated then, combing my mind for the shadings of the words I need to express myself. At that he lifted a long index finger and said:

"Do you regard my last question as having been an improper one?"

"Not at all," I said. "I was only trying to find the right words. I do not think the German soldiers have enthusiasm in the sense that Americans would have it, or Englishmen either. I do not know the exact term to express the spirit they do have. There must be a word in German to express it, but I know little or no German. Certainly I can think of no word in our own language that truly describes it. I should call it sublimated resolution; though, to my notion, that does not entirely convey my own interpretation of the thing

It is more than determination; it is less than inspiration and it is not quite eagerness."

All along I had been studying the man who sat facing me, and one by one my conceptions of him, built on what I had read of him, were crumbling down. A hundred times I had read that he was a cold, emotionless, taciturn, inhuman, calculating machine—sphinx-like was the adjective I had heard most commonly applied to him.

To begin with, the eyes that looked at me so steadily were not the coldest eyes I have ever seen; they were flint-blue and steady, and keen enough to cut wire with, if you please, but to me they seemed warmed and quickened by the

impulse behind them—certainly they harmonized well with the face in which they were set. It was a square, rather heavy face, with very thick but not shaggy brows; a grenadier mustache, which accentuated without hiding the big mouth, which was cut straight across; and a clear, red highly pigmented skin, the red being a heritage, I imagine, of the years its owner spent sun-baking himself in Africa and India, and, before that, in Palestine.

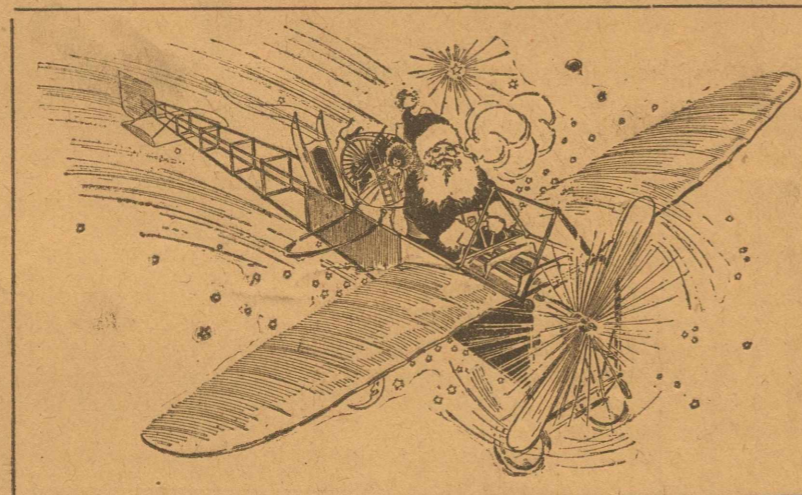
'War,' he said, 'has its ethics, and those ethics are often upsetting of and destructive to the ethics of peace; but if every soldier

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WOULD INCREASE U. S. ARMY HALF ITS PRESENT SIZE

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 3.—Representative Anthony of this state has been summoned to Washington to attend a meeting of the House Military Committee, to consider army appropriations.

Before leaving Anthony declared he would ask to increase the standing army of the United States 50,000 men, thus making a total of 150,000.

Russians on New Move

PETROGRAD, Dec. 3.—The Russian lines, after the vigorous opposition from the German forces have reformed for a new offensive movement against the Germans in Poland.

The Russian successes on the southern front are becoming more pronounced today, the war office declares.

Eight miles from Cracow is the distance reported today to which the Russians have advanced.

GERMANS RE-OPEN FIGHT TO REACH THE COAST

BRITISH FORCES LAND IN EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Australian and New Zealand expedition has been landed on Egyptian soil, according to an official announcement of the press bureau this afternoon.

English King Is at Front

LONDON, Dec. 3.—King George of England has gone to the firing line, stated a Calais correspondent of the London News today in a dispatch to his paper.

Uneasiness has prevailed among the citizens of London as to the safety of His Majesty since his departure from London a few days ago.

President Ready with Message for Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Wilson has finished his annual message which will be delivered Tuesday.

The message is the most lengthy of any to date. He asks Congress to expedite legislation so that an extra session after next March will be unnecessary.

In addition to asking appropriations, President Wilson will ask in his message the conservation and rural credits legislation.

MAY EXPEL GERMAN WHO VOTED AGAINST NEW WAR CREDITS

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Socialists of the Reichstag are today planning to expel Herr Mibknecht, the only member of the German "parliament" who voted against new war credits.

In an official announcement here today, it was declared that the situation in both Flanders and in Russian Poland is favorable to Germany.

PORTUGAL TO HAVE 5 ARMIES IN AFRICA

LISBON, Dec. 3.—Portugal now has four expeditions under arms for service in Africa where the Germans threaten the Portuguese possessions.

Another division is being ordered mobilized.

Elmer Talbott manager of the Fordyce-Pierce Oil Co., in Ballinger, had business West between trains Wednesday.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The German attacks along the French and Belgian coasts have been resumed. Brisk fighting is also reported south of Ypres.

Lively cannonading has been taking place at both Newport and Ypres.

The Germans are again flooded out around Dixmude, by the opening of the dykes.

BANNER-LEDGER TAKES OVER DEMOCRAT LIST

The subscription list of the Runnels County Democrat, the newspaper that suspended publication in Ballinger the first of November, has been taken over by the Ballinger Printing Co., publishers of The Banner-Ledger and The Daily Ledger, and the former readers of The Democrat will hereafter receive The Banner-Ledger.

The Democrat plant was moved from Winters to Ballinger about two years ago, and since that time the paper has been published here. It suspended publication on the first of November.

Arrangements have been perfected with F. L. Golden, the owner of The Democrat plant, whereby the subscribers to that paper will receive the Banner-Ledger, where satisfactory arrangements with the subscriber can be made. We will mail The Banner-Ledger to Democrat subscribers and solicit them to continue to take the paper. We feel that we are getting out a paper that is worth the price, and being non-partisan, published in the interest of all the people and for no special interest or party, it will find a welcome in the new homes as soon as the reader becomes acquainted with the paper, and the class of news we are publishing.

Having been published at a very low rate—50 cents per year, the Democrat has been able to retain several hundred subscribers. With these added to the large list of Banner-Ledger subscribers we have a list that aggregates about three thousand names, and one which should appeal to the merchant, or any one who wishes to get his name or business before the people of Runnels county.

With the consolidation of The Runnels County Ledger and The Banner-Ledger about two years ago, and now with the adding of another subscription list, we can offer the advertiser the largest circulation of any weekly paper published in Central West Texas, and one which is exceeded by few weekly papers in Texas, and at the same time we are maintaining the old rate, making a saving to the advertisers in dollars and cents and giving better service.

GERMAN CANNON FACTORY BOMBED

THE HAGUE, Dec. 3.—Berlin, say dispatches received here, is excited by the rumor that a hostile aviator yesterday dropped bombs on the Krupp factories. It is declared in the dispatches received here that the cannon sheds were damaged by exploding shells.

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We again arise to ask—who is the president of Mexico?

The man who ran from the drought can now come back—provided his friends here send him the money to pay moving expenses.

England's fighting only cost five million dollars per day. We prefer to remain in Texas where you can fight for \$11.70.

There were eleven people present at Ballinger's Thanksgiving services. The others were thankful that it rained and remained at home.

The foot and mouth disease is playing havoc with the livestock industry in a number of states. The disease in Texas is confined to humans. Every community has a few well developed cases.

It is easy to advise the other fellow how to run his business. Did you ever hear of a merchant who has made a complete failure of his business advising the farmer what to plant and how to run the old farm?

The farmer will now pay a big price for his indifference in good road matters. He is the man that must travel the muddy roads, and haul his produce to market. The man that rides for pleasure will wait until the roads dry up.

No, you don't have to pay your poll tax, but chances are good for you to see a day of regret, and when you would gladly pay your dollar and six bits for the privilege of exercising the right God gave you but for which man makes you pay.

Dr. M. M. Carrick of clean-town fame, is visiting Northern cities preaching clean-town and sanitary education. The doctor spent two years in trying to get Texas people to clean up and accomplished much, but we are getting dirty again.

Uncle Sam is advising patrons of his postoffice to send their Christmas packages now, and avoid the rush. "Not to be opened until Christmas," can be written on the package, also your name and address and this will serve as a hint for the one to whom you send the package to get busy and play Santa Claus for you.

The great trouble with the South today is the King the farmers worship. We never did think much of Kings, and since they are creating such a disturbance in Europe and here in our own fair South land we have lost all respect for them. As long as the farmers make cotton their King they can expect to be slaves. It's time for a rebellion against such a King.

Mrs. Adair, a lady who owns a pretty good "chunk" of Texas land, is arranging to bring one thousand Belgians to Texas at once, and give them homes on her ranch. This is no doubt just a starter of what is to follow from the war stricken countries of Europe. The Belgians are a thrifty class of people, intelligent and law abiding and will make good citizens, and recent battles have proven them good fighters. Let 'em come.

We are pleased to note that W. A. Brundage has returned to Runnels County and will bring his family to Winters where they will make their home. Mr. Brundage was at one time editor of the Miles Messenger. In the future he will have a hand in the making

of the Winters Enterprise. He will not only have a hand in the making of the Enterprise, but he will make Winters a good citizen and the town and that end of the county will profit by his returning to this county. Mr. Brundage has been living in Dallas and Arlington since moving away from Miles.

Gov. O. B. Colquitt designated December first and second as good roads days in Texas, and his secretary of state issued the usual proclamation declaring the above dates as official "Good Roads Days." The news was heralded throughout the state, and given much publicity, but the people of Runnels County paid no more attention to it than they have paid to many other things Gov. Colquitt has done during his administration. The governor's intentions were no doubt good in issuing the proclamation, because he realizes that Texas is far behind on good roads. The people of Runnels County are now praying for dry weather, but if the rains keep up until the farmers are made to realize the need of good roads, and then get busy and build them the wet weather will be another blessing in disguise to this country.

The Federal war tax is now effective, and all telegraph and long distance phone messages etc., must bear revenue tax. On bonds, mortgages, etc. the tax is 5 cents for each \$500 of value on promissory notes 2 cents, on deeds 50 cents on \$500 and 50 cents on each \$500 additional. On personal bonds 50 cents each; on bills of lading, freight receipts etc., 1 cent each; on telephone and telegraph messages 1 cent each, in insurance policies half cent on each \$100 premium. Practically everything comes in for a tax, and if you are not familiar with the law it might be wise for you to supply yourself with a schedule of the various tax requirements. This country may profit in a way by the European war, but at this rate we are going to pay for all the benefits we get out of the wholesale slaughter going on across the pond.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

As evidence of the changes wrought by time, the following advertisement which appeared in the Marine Telegraph, published at Westville, Missouri, in 1840, is interesting:

"Public Sale—State of Missouri County of Pike. To whom it may concern: The undersigned will on Tuesday, September 29, A. D. 1840, sell at public outcry for cash, on premises where Coor creek crosses the old Missouri road, the following chattels, to-wit: Six yokes of oxen chains two wagons with beds, three nigger benches, four buck niggers three nigger boys, two prairie plows, twenty-three steel traps one barrel pickled cabbage, one hoghead tobacco, one lot nigger hoes, one spinning wheel, one loom, three fox hounds, a lot of coon, mink and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. Am gwine to California. R. Jones, Crier."

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved for better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup." writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville Pa. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Martin of Lampasas, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Skaggs of Winters, and also relatives at Abilene, was the guest of Mrs. R. Gentry Monday while en route home.

J. B. Crayton, of Shep, Texas, a former citizen of Ballinger, was looking after business and shaking hands with Ballinger friends in the city Tuesday.

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 contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Miss Ophelia Graham of Winters, accompanied by her cousin Miss Eunice Phillips of our city left Tuesday morning for Valera to visit relatives a few days.

H. C. Fletcher, the auto man left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

The man who intends to diversify should not lose sight of the hen. Some bits ago the following ode was sung to the lady of the barn-yard:

"The eagle bird sure can soar The hawk is the boss of the wood, The mocking bird can sing the score, But the hen delivers the goods."

She certainly does; and there are many cases on hand where she has paid the grocery bills of the families she happened to be connected with. Indeed the hen is a great asset to a home. She may have her eccentricities, such as scratching around where she is not wanted to scratch, but she is hunting bugs which but for her voraciousness would do more harm than the little scratching she does. Give the hen a trial and a chance to show what she can do and she will make good.—Cleburne Enterprise

We invested \$3,500 in ten hens one year ago. The item of eggs have not appeared on our grocery bill since we made the investment and the old hens are still on the job. The Christmas season would come up lacking in many good things to eat if it was not for the faithful service of the hen, and she will add to the bank account during the year. Yes, you should give her a trial.

The Ballinger Ledger slips the information to its readers that the state pure food inspector is on his way to that town. The Bulletin passes the news along; maybe this gentleman will stop over in Brownwood to learn how really clean food shops are conducted—then he will have something tangible on which to work when he reaches Ballinger.—Brownwood Bulletin.

In Ballinger we have no hogs roaming the streets to consume the waste from the grocery stores, and there has been such a demand for hands here during the crop gathering period that it has been quite a problem to keep the old town as clean as usual. In Brownwood, the town with city hogs, there is no excuse for unsanitary conditions. We get most of our fresh air out here from the West and we are glad that Brownwood is East of us.

George Bailey of the Houston Post, has advocated that return trip rates be put on to Temple. Don't pay any attention to this, general passenger agents. Temple hotels has had all the people they could handle in the past several weeks at regular tariff rates, some took the tobogan route after they arrived here and have not been heard of since and neither did they return the way they came.—Temple Mirror.

And, oh that bitter taste that will remain in the mouth so long. In the estimation of many of those visitors to Temple Banker Jim is not near the man that we had him figured out to be. It is certainly unfortunate for the governor that he has not a sufficient number of favors to hand out to go around. But such is life, even in politics.

Eleven States now have equal suffrage. The women of these States did not use militant measures to secure suffrage. The women of England did use militant measures, and it isn't recorded that they have made much progress in the way of securing the right to vote.—Greenville Herald.

The militant measures used by the women of England have stood as a great detriment to the suffrage move in America. An American woman can lead a man off of the highest precipice in the Rocky mountains, but she finds a pretty hard proposition to drive him anywhere. By proper campaigning the time will soon come when the ballot boxes of every state in the Union will be open to men and women alike.

A Morris County man this year raised six acres of bell pepper and sold his output for \$1200 in cash. This is not said to induce all farmers to plant pepper, but simply as an example of the scores upon scores of crops beside cotton that can be profitably grown in Texas.—Bonham News.

It's not what a man can raise in Texas that makes him rich, but it is what he can sell. Thousands of bushels of as fine tomatoes as ever grew anywhere perished on the vines in Texas this year, while freight trains are coming to Texas from other states bringing can tomatoes. The consumer pays the freight. The farmer must let his tomato crop rot, and he goes to town and buys them later in tin cans put up in California, or some other progressive state. Its a great

system—this farming, marketing and buying system we are living under.

A marked improvement in business and credit conditions through out the country is already noticeable within the first ten days following the opening of the Federal Reserve banks. Interest rates for loans have been reduced at many points and there is plenty of money available for legitimate enterprises.—Temple Mirror. We are glad to know that the interest rate has been reduced but that is a matter that is of little trouble. What we are longing for is something that will knock out this collateral complain so we can get all the money we want with without having to mortgage our wife and children.

Almost any day now you can pass through the express office and see one, two and sometimes three packages labeled "intoxicating liquor," all for personal use." Only the other day we heard a groceryman remark, as he looked at a cartoon so labeled that the recipient would be doing more for those dependent on him if he had taken the five he paid for it and applied same on his grocery account. It sure is funny how the world wags. That groceryman thinks said booze lifter should come across and pay for the groceries his family had eaten and do without the firewater—something he had not tasted in a year perhaps.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Yes, you are right, it sure is funny how the world wags. Nature teaches self preservation, and when a man orders a little of the "joy of life" for "personal use," some unpaid grocery man is ready to howl about it. The best remedy to stop the world from wagging this way is for the grocery man to do like the man who sells the booze—get the money first.

Now is the time to make autumn days golden.—Bonham Favorite. Its mighty hard to do on six cent cotton.

The printing press has made presidents, killed poets, made bustles for beauties and punished genius with criticism. It has curtailed the power of kings, converted bankers into paupers and graced pantry shelves. It has made paupers college presidents. It has educated the poor and robbed the philosopher of his reason. It smiles, cries, dies, but it can't be run to suit everybody and the man will be crazy who tries.—Ex.

When you hear a man cussing the paper, and finding fault with the editor, ask him how much he spends with the paper. Nine times out of ten you will find that he does not contribute one cent towards the support of the paper, but borrows a copy occasionally to "see what's going on." We have them in Ballinger.

A great revival has been in pro-

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Bring the masons and the plumbers, And the derby-hatted drummers, The carpenters and paper-hangers too; Bring the clergy and the laymen; Bring the merchants and the draymen, And let 'em tell the farmers what to do.

Bring the nimble scribes who caper 'Mid the crops they raise on paper— They never ploughed a furrow in their lives; Bring the chronic pavement-hoppers, Who are living off their "poppers," And those who are supported by their wives.

Let them mobilize their forces; Bring from all the different sources The people who have never reaped or sown; We would have them all together And allow each fancy to her, That their wisdom for our dullness may atone.

In conclusion let me mention That we've not the least intention Of heeding their advice or their decrees; We would tell the whole caboodle, By the grace of Yankee Doodle, We're goin' to plant exactly what we please.

—WILL P. LOCKHART.

Sudan Seed

Proclaimed by A. & M. College and some of the seed houses as among the very best in the state. Nearly 100 percent cream-hulled. Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed. Many planters and seed houses are advertising this seed at \$1.00 per pound. I have what you want, at home, at from 50c to 35c per pound. Every farmer should plant Sudan for pasturage and hay. But—Be sure it is pure. W. W. FOWLER, M. D.

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Your Cold is Dangerous Break it Up—Now

A Cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucous, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist.

E. C. James, one of the substantial farmers of the Maverick country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday afternoon.

For Sale—Single row stalk cutter, good as new, at a bargain. Apply to Lee Evans, Ballinger, Texas. Rt. 2. 4-3tw pd

The Magic Washing Stock.

All glory to the Magic Washing Stick—my clothes were as white as snow," writes Mrs. Sallie Cummings, Marquez, Texas. Not a soap nor a washing powder but a peculiar article which makes dirty clothes clean and beautiful without a bit of rubbing. Sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS COMPANY.

J. B. WADE GOES TO FT. WORTH

A rumor that had been afloat for several days developed into real facts Monday when Judge J. B. Wade announced that he would leave the last of this week with his family for Fort Worth where they would make their home.

Judge Wade goes to Fort Worth to become a member of the law firm of Bryan, Stone & Wade Judge Wade succeeding Judge Bartholomew who died about two weeks ago. He was called to Ft. Worth last week and the proposition submitted to him and after due consideration he decided to accept the offer, and returned home Sunday to arrange to close his business here with the law firm of Wade & Doss on Dec. 1st.

Judge Wade had previously received two propositions, the acceptance of either of which would have caused him to move to Fort Worth. He was formerly associated with Judge B. B. Stone in the practice of law at Ballinger, and business ties were so strong between them that when the opening in the firm of which Judge Stone is now a member presented itself, Judge Wade could not resist the temptation to go higher in his chosen profession.

"It is not necessary for us to say that we regret to leave Ballinger and our friends," said Judge Wade, "and we will never forget the good people here and our pleasant few years living here. It is only that desire to go higher in my profession that takes us away from Ballinger."

Judge Wade has been a citizen of Runtels County for ten years. He came to Texas from Tennessee and spent six months at San Angelo, and located at Miles, and later came to Ballinger where he has resided since. He has built up a splendid law practice here, formerly under the law firm of Stone & Wade and later under the firm name of Wade & Doss. He and his wife and little daughter are held in the highest esteem by those who know them and their friends here are many who will regret to learn that they are moving away from Ballinger, and will join in best wishes for them in their new home.

The law firm of Wade & Doss will end Tuesday, December 1st, and until he can secure assistance Judge A. K. Doss will look after the business. However, it is rumored that Judge Wade will be

succeeded by a new man within a few days.

Since becoming associated with the firm of Wade & Doss, Judge Doss has established a good practice and is popular with the clients of that firm, and we feel safe in saying that the business will be left in able hands when Judge Wade leaves for his new home.

JUDGE J. B. WADE SELLS HIS HOME PLACE

A deal was closed Wednesday in which H. M. Jones, of the Ballinger Printing Co., buys the Wade home on Eighth Street, consideration \$3250. Judge Wade and family are planning to leave Friday or Saturday for their new home at Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones will get possession of the home as soon as it is vacated.

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ROBS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE OF \$15

DALLAS, Dec. 2.—With a handkerchief over his face and a revolver in his hands, a young white man early today robbed the Automatic Telephone Exchange of \$15.

FOR SALE—My two acre home in South Ballinger, 3-room house, well, windmill, sheds, etc., price \$500.00, good terms. Write W. D. Black, Thorp Springs, or see E. E. Stark, Ballinger, Texas. 2-1d 1tw.

W. W. McKissick the Oxien merchant was supplying in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Jno. A. King, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. J. Reams, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. W. Jones of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Bacon left Tuesday afternoon for Talpa on a short business trip.

NEGRO IS KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Willis Skinner, a negro workman at the Texas Compress Co. was killed accidentally Friday night shortly before 6 o'clock when an entire load of a shotgun embedded itself in the neck and breast of the man. He died almost instantly.

Early in the day, according to workmen at the compress, another negro came over to see Skinner, demanding that he pay two dollars which was owed him by Skinner. Skinner when he borrowed the money it is stated told the negro that he would pay him Saturday night and no sooner. He explained to the loaner that he had no money at the time but would have a sufficient amount to pay him Saturday evening.

The second negro demanded the money Friday, and threatened to kill Skinner if it was not produced instantly. He went home to get his gun and Skinner also got a shotgun, which stood by his side during a greater portion of the day. The gun was between two bales of cotton Skinner attempted to pull the gun out, barrel forward, when the trigger in some manner caught in the bagging of two un-compressed bales. The entire load entered his neck and upper breast. His body was powder burned, so close was he to the gun at the time of its discharge. Physicians were immediately summoned but before they could reach him, he had died.

The body was prepared at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., last night for shipment, and went out this morning over the Abilene and Southern railway for Gainesville, where it will be buried.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Spencer are rejoicing over the arrival of a sweet baby girl born to them Sunday night November 29th.

Mat McKinney, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Dr. J. W. Blasdel, of San Marcos, who had been looking after business affairs and visiting Ballinger friends the past two or three weeks, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lewis Kingsville, Texas, came in Tuesday and will visit her brother Frank Chapman and family a few days before going on to Winters and other points in that section to visit relatives.

A man at Gorman, Texas, has made the discovery that a fine grade of table syrup can be made from Johnson grass roots. It may yet be discovered that there is virtue in the devil and the Republican party.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

But the discovery has come to light under the democratic administration and, the enemy will say that we must accept Johnson grass syrup as the fruit of the democratic party.

Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

THIEVES WORKING OVER TIME

Three valuable horses within a many nights have been stolen in South Ballinger, and the epidemic of the dirty work is giving the officers something to do.

On Sunday night W. H. Seerest lost his valuable horse. It was at first supposed that the horse had in some way gotten out of the lot but upon investigation it soon developed that the horse had been stolen.

The same misfortune occurred to J. W. Pipkin Monday night when a fine mare was stolen. The mare was never known to have gone away from the pasture, even if she had been let out of the lot. It was found where the wire fence had been torn down and the mare lead over the fence.

Tuesday night the thief, or thieves visited the home of Ed M. Eubanks and got away with his family buggy horse.

All of the above parties live near each other in South Ballinger and the nerve of the thieves operating so boldly is remarkable.

The officers have the wires at work, and are doing everything possible to get a clue upon which they can take up the trail and locate the guilty parties, but up to a late hour this afternoon they had failed to find any evidence.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

BUSINESS MEN TO RELIEVE NEEDY

DALLAS, Dec. 2.—Following the wild threats made last night to raid grocery stores of this city if something is not done immediately to relieve the situation here, business men of Dallas today opened relief funds to be used for the unemployed.

Denies that King George Returns to His Country

PARIS, Dec. 2.—President Poincare of France and General Joffre visited King George of England yesterday at General French's headquarters on the battle field of Flanders, says an official announcement made today.

It was denied that King George has returned to England.

Mrs. Bingham of Miles, who had been visiting her daughter Mrs. R. W. Cotter, the past few weeks, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

SHOOTS HIS FRIEND BY MISTAKE TODAY

ATLANTA, Dec. 2.—W. B. Carhart shot and killed James P. Callaway in the former's home early today. Carhart claims that he thought Callaway was a burglar entering his home in the dead hours of the night and that he did not know he was shooting at Callaway.

Both were prominent citizens of this city. They had been friends for a lengthy period.

"Win Big Battle by Christmas" is Cry in England

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The popular cry in London today is: "Win a great victory by Christmas, land or sea."

The people of England are almost demanding that a victory of importance be gained before Christmas Day. The battle in the West is becoming tiresome. The reports sent from that section are about the same, and have been for some time. Neither side seems to have gained any points, either strategic or otherwise.

Gov. Ammons before Industrial Body, Explains

DENVER, Dec. 2.—Going into details in explaining the efforts made by Secretary of Labor Wilson and himself to settle the Colorado coal strike a year ago, Governor Ammons of Colorado today was the first witness before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations which is investigating here. The senate chamber was packed with interested spectators.

To Propose Arbitration

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—The executive board of the miners decided today to appear before the special convention of Colorado miners at Denver next Monday, and submit President Wilson's proposal for an arbitration commission.

Cotton Mills in Sweden Closed Account Scarcity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Many cotton mills in Denmark and Sweden are closed because of the scarcity of raw material, according to consular reports received by the state department today.

BULL MOOSERS MEET IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Behind closed doors, a hundred Bull Mooser leaders from all parts of the country met today to review the November election results, and to plan the future course of the Progressive party.

A minority reported that the amalgamation of Bull Moosers with the Republican party was favored.

O. K. Davis and Perkins and others declared that the party will continue the organization and have its own ticket in the field in 1916, despite the apparent reverses it has met with in this last election.

Theodore Roosevelt hadn't been heard from up to this afternoon. Perkins "pooh-poohed" the talk of dissolution.

E. B. Henley, a prominent real estate and insurance man of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route home from a business trip to Winters.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.

E. J. CATHEY, Mgr. 12-1mon d&w.

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BATTLES TAKING NORMAL COURSE

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The battles now being waged in Northern Poland are taking their normal course, says the official announcement of the war office today.

In Southern Poland, the Russians were repulsed and the Germans have taken up new positions. Eighty thousand un wounded Russian prisoners have been taken by the Germans between November 11 and December 1, according to the official statement today.

German Position Favorable

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg today outlined to the Reichstag that Germany's position after twenty days is most favorable.

Additional war credits also will be voted upon at the session of the Reichstag.

BIG MOB ATTACKS NEW YORK POLICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The worst riot that has taken place in New York City within years was last night when a mob of 5,000 negroes attacked 150 policemen, following an attempt of a patrolman to arrest a drunken negro soldier in the negro section of the city.

Scores of wounded negroes are today occupying beds in hospitals. Many leaders of the riot have been arrested.

C. E. Armstrong who had been looking after business affairs at Brownwood the past week, returned to Ballinger Wednesday at noon.

E. T. Brannon of the Crews country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. Phillips had Stomach Trouble for More than Five Years.



Mr. W. R. Phillips, Jr., 139 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, Georgia, writes: "I had the catarrh and stomach trouble for more than five years, and I faithfully tried all the medicines I saw advertised, and found they all failed to cure me. I then heard of Peruna. I purchased six bottles, and after their use I soon discovered that I was well, safe and sound. I now weigh two hundred and ten pounds, and have never been sick since I took Peruna. It surely is the best medicine for colds, stomach trouble and catarrh that I ever heard of."

FORT WORTH WOMAN TELLS ABOUT HEALTH RESTORED AS BY MIRACLE

Mrs. Reed, Long a Suffer From Stomach Ills, Can Eat and Sleep Like a Baby.

Mrs. William Reed of 1617 Enderly place, Fort Worth, Texas, suffered from stomach derangements for years. She could not eat with satisfaction. Her sleep was broken and life was misery.

She took Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. The wonderful results started her and her friends. She wrote:

"I have lots of people come to me to find out where to get your remedy, as I was in such a terrible condition, and it helped me so much. I can eat most anything my appetite craves and I sleep like a baby."

Just such astonishing stories of health regained come from the thousands in all parts of the United States where Mayr's Wonder-

ful Stomach Remedy is taken. From the first dose it shows results.

Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy clears the digestive tract of mucoid accretions and removes poisonous matter. It brings swift relief to sufferers from stomach, liver and bowel ailments. Many declare that it has saved their lives and many tell of having escaped dangerous operations by its use.

We want all people who have chronic stomach trouble or constipation, no matter of how long standing, to try one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy—one dose will convince you. This is the medicine so many of our people have been taking with surprising results. The most thorough system cleaner we ever sold. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy is now sold here by all druggists.

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

"The Store Ahead" Is the Gift

A Wonderful Bargain Feast Awaits Your Coming. Bonifide Reductions Throughout the Store. Come!

Pre-Christmas Price Reductions On Women's Distinctive Outer Apparel

Wonderful are the Reductions. Hundred of Garments to Select From.

DRESSES	DRESSES	DRESSES	DRESSES	DRESSES
Any 6.50 Dress at only	- - -	\$4.20	Any 12.50 Dress at only	- - -
Any 7.50 Dress at only	- - -	5.99	Any 15.00 Dress at only	- - -
Any 8.50 Dress at only	- - -	6.80	Any 20.00 Dress at only	- - -
Any 10.00 Dress at only	- - -	7.99		

Xmas Special
Assortment of Braid Trimming, values up to 35c, to close at, the yard
10c

Xmas Special
1 lot Ladies and Misses long coats, latest styles worth up to \$6.00
\$3.45

Xmas Special
Beautiful half-down Quilts worth all of \$6.50, a bargain
\$4.49

Xmas Special
1 lot Linen tailored Waists, worth up to \$3.50 at
98c

Xmas Special
Linen Torcheon Lace, 31-2 to 5 inches wide, value 71-2c to 10c, yard
5c

Xmas Special
6 spools best O. N. T. Thread for
25c

Xmas Special
Clothes Baskets of Willow, worth 75c and 85c at only
49c

Xmas Special
Ladies' linene Handkerchiefs, neatly hemmed, value 15c, at only
10c

Xmas Special
3 pairs Ladies' black hose, fast colors, for
25c

WONDERFUL Toy Assortm't
You will find that Old Santa Clause has made his headquarters in the balcony of Higdon, Melton Jackson, Co.s store this year.
SHOP EARLY

50 Ladies' Novelty and Black Coats, full and 3-4 Lengths, Exceptional values at 5.00

For quick selling at	- - -	\$3.45
5.00 Coats going at	- - -	3.99
6.50 Coats going at	- - -	4.20
7.50 Coats going at	- - -	5.99
10.00 Coats going at	- - -	7.99
15.00 Coats going at	- - -	11.99

BONIFIDE REDUCTIONS--GENUINE IN EVERY RESPECT

EXTRA SUIT SPECIAL

25 Ladies' Suits, newest styles, values up to 13.50 at **\$7.45**

25 Ladies' Suits, unusual values at \$15 to \$17.50 at only **\$12.45**

35 Ladies' Suits, real values at \$18.50 to \$22.50 Choice **\$14.95**

Cotton Fabrics, Piece Goods and Silks for Holiday Attire

32 in. Novelty Cloth, per yd 25c
36 in. Wool Novelty cloth the yard 35c
35 in all wool serge and novelty plaid cotton yd 50c
25 pieces of Fancy Crepe cloth worth 75c a bargain at 49c
33 in. all Silk Messeline, yd 89c
36 in. Black Silk Taffeta, real worth 1.25—Special yd. 89c.

Boxed Hosiery Always an Acceptable Gift

Sole agents for Onyx and Cadet Hosiery for Men, Women and Children. If you want a real gift for mama or papa, don't forget these lines of hosiery.
Cadet 25c, 35c and 50c per pair.
Onyx at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c up to to \$2.00 per pair
Special--20 silk dress patterns values up to \$10.00 at \$6.95

The time is at hand for you to plan Christmas for the member of your family and friends. Christmas is not far off you can almost count the days on your fingers so it is advisable to begin shopping now. The earlier you begin the more satisfactory will be your selections. Begin tomorrow

Every department reflects the Christmas spirit. Never before have we had such comprehensive displays of gifts for everybody's Christmas. Whether you pay 10c or \$10 for the gift, the best selections are here.

Beautiful T

When you see this wonderful you'll think Old Santa actually more imaginable toy, whether wooden, dren to see this big display. It w ticipated "Santa's" visit down the stockings or Christmas tree.
Display will be found in millin

Hints for Mothers and Grandmothers' Xmas

Slippers, Mufflers, Silk Hose, Neckwear, Muffs, Furs' Coats, Suits' Hats, Gloves, Pie Plates, Hand Painted China, Brassware, Cassarole, Ivory Sets, Baskets, Chinaware, Silver Trays Brass Candle Sticks, Comb and Brush Sets Mirrors, Linen Sets Linen Scarfs and many other useful gifts

For Papa and Grandpa

Slippers, Shoes, Hosiery, Suspenders, Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Tie Racks, Traveling Bags, Traveling Sets, Drinking Cups, Sweaters, Cuff Buttons, Gloves, in fact everything that's good for Dad and Grandpa is here.



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Read On--It

On December worth \$20.00, your Christmas o The popular Ballinger or rurdoll. The decision getting the 5 votes will be chase. 10 vote and so, for in given with a \$1 The child who votes will receive Begin now to on Christmas means 5 votes Ballinger or in rich or poor

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OURS IS A ONE PRICE STORE

The one price system of merchandising is modern, fair, simple, popular and in keeping with this country's largest and most successful houses. The method gives every buyer a SQUARE DEAL. It prevents your neighbor's getting the same article for a less price. For it stands to reason, that if a merchant reduces the the price on a garment to you, he makes his reductions or GREATER reductions to others.
WHAT THE RESULT IS.
The result is the test of skill between you and your neighbors—in the end some one pays—some one fails to get the RIGHT price! You NEVER know when you have the BEST price! And what is to be gained by pricing an article UP and then pricing it DOWN? Because it is only common sense to suppose that a merchant MUST make a fair profit or go out of business. EVERY BUYER GETS ROCK BOTTOM PRICES HERE. When we make a reduction it is plain figures—it is a reduction that any and every customer can take advantage of. This is our creed—our working ideals. Make this store your trading place. You will profit thereby.

HOLIDAY SELECTION WINTER UNDERWEAR

Men's Fleece Lined Undershirts and draw 50c quality for only 43c
Extra heavy ribbed underwear, real va at the garment 50c.
Men's Union Suits at 1.00, 1.50, 1.98 & 2

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Suits and Overcoats---Splendid Makes, For Men, Young Men and Boys

Men and Young Men Suits

150 men's all wool suits in serges and worsted, a wonderful suit at 12.50 to 13.50. Every wanted size and color, extra Christmas special **\$9.95**
110 men's all wool suits best possible styles and colors, all Style-Plus included and other values up to 18.50. Unusual opportunity to buy a good suit at **\$14.95**

Boy's Suits

60 boys' double breasted suits, ages 8 to 16 years, real values at 3.50 while they last your choice **\$2.50**
Others in every wanted style at 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 6.50, 7.50 and up to **\$15.00**
Special, Overcoats, 36 men's brown and black ulster coats 10.00 values **\$5.95**

Our Men's Furnishing numerable Suggest

Pajamas for men at 1.25 and **\$1.50**
Men's kid and moca gloves, 1.00 to **\$2.00**
Eagle shirts at 1.00, 1.50 and up to **\$3.50**
Silk hosiery at 25c to **50c**
Linen handkerchiefs at **25c**
Silk shirts at 2.50 and better for **\$3.50**
Special 5 dozen men's heavy wool over shirts in gray, tan and navy, values 1.75 and up to 2.50, choice **\$1.45**

We will pay you 100 points or \$5.00 a bale more for your cotton in exchange

Remnants 1-2 Price	Vests Extra heavy lot bleached Vests worth 35c, at 23c	Embroidery 15 to 20 inch Embroidery worth 20c to 35c yard, special yard, 10c	Canton Flannel 29 inch heavy fleeced Canton Flannel, a yard 9c	D 36 inch worth 61-
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Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. "The Store Ahead"

Store for Everybodys' Christmas.

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

by paying this big store a visit and see how well prepared we are to solve the puzzling gift problem for you. Weeks yes months, ago we laid our plans for Christmas. The successful results are now evident in every section. Ledges, counters, show cases, all suggest the preparation we've made.

One Half Price and Less Now Prevails On Winter Millinery

Including Every Shape In The House

\$2.00 Hats and Shapes	\$1.00	\$4.50 Hats and Shapes	\$2.25
\$2.50 Hats and Shapes	\$1.25	\$5.00 Hats and Shapes	\$2.50
\$3.00 Hats and Shapes	\$1.50	\$5.50 Hats and Shapes	\$2.75
\$3.50 Hats and Shapes	\$1.75	\$6.00 Hats and Shapes	\$3.00
\$4.00 Hats and Shapes	\$2.00	\$6.50 Hats and Shapes	\$3.25

\$7.50 Hats and Shapes	\$3.75
\$10.00 Hats and Shapes	\$5.00

All Flowers and Trimmings Included at Just Half Price.

This Includes all Children's Hats.

Pattern Hat Special, just 25 left values up to \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00 \$12.50 and up choice of entire lot **\$4.95**

The House Wife will Appreciate New Blankets or Quilts

Splendid assortment here including all wool, half-wool and cotton blankets. Also down quilts and cotton quilts all, reduced during December.

10-4 Cotton Blankets	98c	11-4 Blankets \$3.00 values	\$2.29
10-4 Heavy Blankets	\$1.45	11-4 Blankets \$4.00 values	\$2.98
11-4 Heavy Blankets	\$1.98	11-4 Blankets \$5.00 values	\$3.99
Down Quilts worth \$6.00 and \$6.50 choice			\$4.49
11-4 all-wool Blankets \$8.50 values			\$6.99
11-4 all-wool Plaid Blankets \$10.00 values			\$7.99
Others at \$8.50 to			\$12.50

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!

A Big Purchase By Our New York Buyer. All the Latest Kind. They Go on Sale at Greatly reduced Prices. See Them!

\$3.50 Furs at	\$2.80	\$8.50 Furs at	\$6.80
\$4.00 Furs at	\$3.20	\$9.00 Furs at	\$7.20
\$5.00 Furs at	\$3.99	\$10.00 Furs at	\$8.99
\$6.50 Furs at	\$5.20	\$12.50 Furs at	\$9.90
\$7.50 Furs at	\$5.99	\$15.00 Furs at	\$11.99

Toyland Is Ready

display of the newest of the now in toys and his North Pole workshop here. Every or mechanical is here. Come with the child will take you back to the time when you an-chimney with his loads of toys for your every department.

Arrange to shop early, in the forenoons if possible, then you can shop with some degree of comfort and pleasure. The salespeople can give your wants much better attention than when the afternoon rush is on.



Little Girls Would Like a Nice Big

Prize Free

Tells How To Get One.

5th a beautiful life-like Doll will make her appearance in display windows.

Little girl, age from 3 to 10 in al district, will receive this ion will be determined by the highest number of votes.

be issued with each 25c purchase with each 50c purchase stance, 200 votes will be 0.00 purchase.

o gets the largest number of ve the beautiful doll.

make some little girl happy day. Every 25c purchase for her---whether she lives in the country, whether she is

s Saturday, December 5th eember 24th at 12 noon.

For the Children's Xmas

Dolls, Drums, Mechanical toys, wagons Buggies, Swings, Fancy Boxes, Pianos, Character Dolls, Mutt and Jeff Books, Boy Scout Books, Kewpie Dolls, Rubber Balls, Mother Goose books, Xmas Cards, Wheel Barrows, Pop Guns, Tool Chests, Horns, Toy Fiddles' Carts, blocks, A B C books, Fire Engines, Cradles, Doll beds, Rockers, Engines, Xmas Decorations, balloons, Toy Pistols, Air Guns,

Extra Good Presents For Mama Bags, Hosiery Gloves, Furs, Cloaks, Suits, and numerous other gifts

SELECTIONS OF DESIRABLE WEAR AT SPECIAL PRICES

Ladies' Bleached Vest for only	23c
Extra size La Vests	35c
Ladies' Extra fleeced vests and drawers	50c
Good Union Suits at 50c	
Others at \$1.00 and up	

A \$60,000 stock of Merchandise Here to Select from at Far below Real Worth

Saturday morning the doors of the big store will open to the trading public with a magnificent stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes Ready-to-wear, Millinery, including toys of every description, Dolls, Brassware, Ivory Sets, Traveling Sets, in fact everything that is good for Xmas. All marked at a price in reach of all. It will possibly be to your interest to visit us during December. A little money will go a long way here. Sixteen salespeople ready to serve you. Come

EARLY :: ::

Goods Section Offer In- ductions for His Christmas

Night shirts at 1.00 and also at	\$1.50
House slippers at 1.50 and	\$2.00
Auto Gloves at 1.25 to	\$3.50
Neckwear at 50c, 75c and	\$1.00
Traveling sets at 3.50 to	\$12.50
Special 100 men's heavy coat sweaters, 75c values at	50c
Scarf pins at 25c, 50c and up to	\$1.00

Reliable Winter and Holiday Footwear for Men, Women and Children

Men's Shoes	Boy's Shoes	Childrens Shoes
Howard and Foster famous shoes, all sizes, going at \$3.99	Good all leather womens work shoes at \$1.50	Sole agent for the famous Mrs. King's don't slip shoes, every wanted style and size, 2 to 5 at 98c up to \$1.50
100 pair mens tan and black work shoes best style, worth \$3 at \$2.65	Womens vici kid, button shoes, sizes 3 to 8 at \$1.75	5 to 8 at 98c to \$2.00
Boots, 75 pair mens lace and shop made boots, real value \$7.50 and \$8.00, choice \$6.98	100 pair ladies lace shoes, all leathers sizes 2 1-2 to 5 only, values up to \$4.00 choice at \$2.50	8 to 12 at \$1.49 to \$2.50
	Other styles at \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5.00	Others at \$2.50 to \$3.50
		One lot childrens all leather shoes sizes 12 1-2 to 2 at \$1.50

change for merchandise. We make no distinction whether rich or poor, **One Price To All**

Domestic Brown Domestic, easily 2c to 7c, the yard 5c	Gingham 7 1-2c Apron Check Gingham, a yard 5c	Talcum Powder Williams 25c Talcum Powder a cin 14c	Pearl Buttons Good Pearl Buttons, per dozen only 3c	Tablets Six Big School Tablets, good quality for 25c
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Go Ahead" Higdon Melton-Jackson Co.

Ballinger, Teague

We pay rail-road fare on all purchases of \$20.00 and over from the following points: Winters, Miles, Paint Rock, Rowena, Talpa, Hatchel, Ovalo and Benoit.

Xmas Special

Brown Corduroy Pants for Men, all sizes, \$2.00 value. a pair **\$1.50**

Xmas Special

75c Men's Coat Sweaters, grays and browns, sizes 34 to 46 **50c**

Xmas Special

\$1.50 Men's Wool Drawers and Shirts to match, the garment only **\$1.25**

Xmas Special

Big 4 Men's Hats, black and white, \$5.00 value, all sizes **\$3.50**

Xmas Special

\$1.50 Men's Soft Neg-ligee Shirts, assorted colors, all sizes 15 to 17, **98c**

Xmas Special

50 Men's gray and brown Ulster Overcoats, values to \$10.00, special **\$5.95**

Xmas Special

10 dozen Men's Wool Over Shirts, real values \$1.50, all sizes and colors **98c**

Xmas Special

1 lot Men's Wool Pants, assorted colors and stripes, \$2.00 and \$2.25 values, all sizes **\$1.50**

Xmas Special

20 dozen Women's and Children's all-leather Shoes, plain and cap toe, value \$1.75, pair **\$1.50**

TOYLAND

Visit our toy department. You will find hundreds and hundreds of items suitable for Papa, Mama, Sister, Brother, Grandpa and Grandma.

Appetite Follows Good Digestion

Nearly everyone indulges their appetite and the digestive organs are abused, resulting in a congestion of poisonous waste that clogs the bowels and causes much misery and distress.

The most effective remedy to correct this condition is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This is a natural, pleasant-tasting remedy, gentle yet positive in action, and quickly relieves indigestion, constipation, sick headache, belching, etc. Drug stores sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, and in thousands of homes it is the indispensable family remedy. For a free trial bottle write Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 451 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

War Bulletins

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The people of the war zone of Northern France are a cheerful lot. Many of them are while this war is going on harvesting a bumper sugar beet crop. Women, boys and old men are working their fields, while their shacks are in ruins and business houses and homes are demolished.

There has been a great change in conditions since ten weeks ago. The people of France are becoming accustomed to the war. They are simply going ahead, making the best of what they can get.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—King George is back from the front.

He spent only one day on the battlefield, during which time he visited the hospitals and conferred with General French and his staff. It is declared here among some of the military experts that the King's visit to the front indicates that the allies will soon wage a vigorous offensive against the Germans.

A fierce attack has been reported today as being made upon the allies between Ypres and the Lys river.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 1.—Two aviators who were making flights over Ghent bombed the city wounding seven German soldiers before they could be driven away by aerial guns.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The explanation of the escape of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau from the British Mediterranean Sea fleet has been credited to the excellent German spy system.

One of the greatest victories of the war was fought when the British fleet of the Goeben and Breslau surrounded them with this great position. A German ship sent a wireless to the British admiral "Troubridge" in the latest changed code to show the German warships to escape.

Not until he had reached England did Admiral Troubridge learn that the admiralty did not send the order to allow the German vessels to reach safety.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The German Position in Russian Poland is considerably improved, according to semi-official dispatches received here.

The German lines have entrenched themselves effectively and the Russian offensive has been made ineffectual.

Word of the Germans resuming the offensive in this theatre of war is expected to arrive here momentarily. Berlin is considerably elated over the announcement that the position in Poland has improved.

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—The Russians have been defeated at Homonia. The defeat is greater than was first supposed. Our troops have surrounded the German position. Our artillery caused fearful losses when the Russians were forced to retreat. The enemy lost 1,500 prisoners. Their casualties total more than a thousand.

This was the official announcement of the Austrian war office here this morning, with reference to the defeat of the Russians in Galicia.

GERMAN ARTILLERY IS HAMMERING BETWEEN YPRES AND ARRAS NOW

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Between Ypres and Arras, the heaviest German artillery is hammering away at the allied line. Never in the history of the Battle of Flanders has there been such an incessant fire of the heaviest German siege guns, as in now taking place along this narrow strip.

It is rumored in Paris this morning that the Crown Prince, Frederick

Wilhelm, may be given supreme command of the German army of the west, so effectively, it is claimed he has handled the German forces in Northern France. In all probability, if the Crown Prince is given supreme command of the western army, when the Kaiser will remain in the east directing the maneuvers of the German forces in Russian Poland.

WITH BLOOD FROZEN ON UNIFORMS, RUSSIANS IN FIERCEST BATTLE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.—The Russians fighting in Russian Poland were soaked with blood which froze on their uniforms after the bloodiest day's fighting of the present war on last Friday when the Siberian troops stormed the German trenches in the Lodz region. The weather in the eastern theatre of war is still interfering

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Additional success is claimed by an official announcement of the German war office this afternoon, with reference to the situation in Russian Poland. In North Poland, it is claimed that 9,500 Russians have been captured.

Wm. Halfmann of the Rowena country, is among the farmers that will make almost a bale per acre of his entire cotton crop. Mr. Halfmann has 150 acres in cotton and expects to get at least 25 bales more. On a basis of six cents per pound for his cotton Mr. Halfmann's land will produce \$25.40 per acre this year. With 12 cent cotton it would not take a man long to grow rich at this rate.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough

When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough) break it up at once. The idea that "It does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c at your druggist.

RECEIVES BADGE OF HONOR

H. G. Stokes, Wells Fargo Express agent at Ballinger, received a gold badge Sunday as a token of appreciation from the express company for the faithful services rendered by Mr. Stokes during his continuous service of twenty-five years with the company.

It is a rule of the Wells Fargo Co. to bestow this honor upon all employees who remain continuously with the company for twenty-five years, and it carries with it other benefits. If Mr. Stokes remains with the company five years longer, making a thirty years service he will receive another remuneration for his faithful services.

Mr. Stokes has served for twenty-five years as express agent and is still on the job. He is proud of the distinction given him by being able to wear the attractive button in the lapel of his coat.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mothers' Favorite

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers

Mrs. Sam Reese and son Wesley left Tuesday afternoon for Midland, to be at the bedside of Mrs. Webb, who is reported seriously ill.

NATION'S LABOR PROBLEM

Over a million and a Half Women Work as Farm Hands in the United States.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

Our government never faced so tremendous a problem as that now lying dormant at the doors of Congress and the legislatures, and which, when aroused, will shake this nation from center to circumference, and make civilization hide its face in shame. That problem is—women in the field.

The last Federal census reports show we now have 1,514,000 women working in the field, most of them south of the Mason and Dixon line. There were approximately a million negro slaves working in the fields when liberated by the emancipation proclamation. We have freed our slaves and our women have taken their places in bondage. We have broken the shackles off the negroes and welded them upon our daughters.

The Chain-Gang of Civilization.

A million women in bondage in the southern fields form the chain-gang of civilization—the industrial tragedy of the age. There is no overseer quite so cruel as that of unrestrained greed, no whip that stings like the lash of suborned destiny, and no auctioneer's block quite so revolting as that of organized avarice.

The president of the United States was recently lauded by the press, and very properly so, for suggesting mediation between the engineers and railroad managers in adjusting their schedule of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from approximately ten to eleven dollars per day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Our women are working in the field, many of them barefooted, for less than 50 cents per day, and their schedule is the rising sun and the evening star, and after the day's work is over they milk the cows, slop the hogs and rock the baby to sleep. Is anyone mediating over their problems, and to whom shall they threaten a strike?

Congress has listened approvingly to those who toil at the forge and behind the counter, and many of our statesmen have smiled at the threats and have fanned the flame of unrest among industrial laborers. But women are as surely the final victims of industrial warfare as they are the burden-bearers in the war between nations, and those who arbitrate and mediate the differences between capital and labor should not forget that when the expenses of any industry are unnecessarily increased, society foots the bill by drafting a new consignment of women from the home to the field.

Pinch No Crumb From Women's Crust of Bread.

No financial award can be made without some one footing the bill, and we commend to those who accept the responsibility of the distribution of industrial justice, the still small voice of the woman in the field as she pleads for mercy, and we beg that they pinch no crumb from her crust of bread or put another patch upon her ragged garments. We beg that they listen to the scream of horror from the eagle on every American dollar that is wrung from the brow of toiling women and hear the Goddess of Justice hiss at a verdict that increases the want of woman to satisfy the greed of man.

The women behind the counter and in the factory cry aloud for sympathy and the press thunders out in their defense and the pulpit pleads for mercy, but how about the woman in the field? Will not these powerful exponents of human rights turn their talent, energy and influence to her relief? Will the Goddess of Liberty enthroned at Wash-

ington hold the calloused hand and soothe the feverish brow of her sex who sows and reaps the nation's harvest or will she permit the male of the species to shove women—weak and weary—from the bread-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

Women and Children First. The census enumerators tell us that of the 1,514,000 women who

work in the fields as farm hands 409,000 are sixteen years of age and under. What is the final destiny of a nation whose future mothers spend their girlhood days behind the plow, pitching hay and hauling manure, and what is to become of womanly culture and refinement that grace the home, charm society and enthrone man to leap to glory in noble achievements if our daughters are raised in the society of the ox and the companionship of the plow?

In that strata between the ages of sixteen and forty-five are 950,000 women working as farm hands and many of them with suckling babes tugging at their breasts, as drenched in perspiration, they wield the scythe and guide the plow. What is to become of that nation where poverty breaks the crowns of the queens of the home; despair curls a mother's love from its throne and hunger drives innocent children from the school-room to the hoe?

The census bureau shows that 155,000 of these women are forty-five years of age and over. There is no more pitiful sight in civilization than these saintly mothers of Israel stooped with age, drudging in the field from sun until sun and at night drenching their dingy pillows with the tears of despair as their aching hearts take it all to God in prayer. Civilization strikes them a blow when it should give them a crown, and their only friend is He who broke bread with beggars and said: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Texas, the home of Sam Houston and the adopted land of David Crockett! The Lone Star State!—baptized in the blood of martyrs and paid for by the lives of sainted heroes who, with the sword and the cross, slayed tyranny and conquered evil! Our Southland! the world's custodian of chivalry, the champion of human rights and the defender of the oppressed,—shall we permit our maidens fair to be torn from the hearthstone by the ruthless hand of destiny and chained to the plow? Shall we permit our faithful wives whom we covenanted with God to cherish and protect, to be hurled from the home to the harvest field and our mothers dear to be driven from the old arm chair to the cotton patch?

In rescuing our citizens from the forces of civilization can we not apply to our fair Dixie land the rule of the sea—women and children first?

There must be a readjustment of the wage scale of industry so that the woman can be taken from the field or given a reasonable wage for her services. Perhaps the issue has never been fairly raised but the Farmers' Union, with a membership of ten millions, puts its organized forces squarely behind the issue and we now enter upon the docket of civilization the case of "The Woman in the Field" and demand an immediate trial.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

Whatever change the tenant farmer makes, it is bound to be for the better—it couldn't be for the worse.

MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

We Are Long on Production Short on Distribution.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.



Rheumatism For Young and Old

The acute agonizing pain of rheumatism is soothed at once by Sloan's Liniment. Do not rub—it penetrates to the sore spot, bringing a comfort not dreamed of until tried. Get a bottle today.

RHEUMATISM Here What Others Say:

"I highly recommend your Liniment as the best remedy for rheumatism I ever used. Before using it I spent large sums of money trying to get relief of the misery and pains in limbs and body, so I tried your Liniment both internal and external and I found quick relief, and now am well and strong again."—Geo. Curtis, 825 N. 10th St., Springfield, Ill.

Here's Proof "I wish to write and tell you about a fall I had down fourteen steps, and bruised my neck and hip very bad. I could not sleep at all. I sent my wife for a 25 cent bottle of your Liniment and in two days' time I was on my feet again."—Charles Hyde, 1325 1/2 Prairie Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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for neuralgia, sciatica, sprains and bruises. All Druggists, 25c.

Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

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Repulses for the German Attacks Is Declaration

PARIS, Dec. 2.—According to advices received here this afternoon, the German attacks on the allies in the vicinity of Ypres have been repulsed.

The allies are putting up a vigorous offensive toward Laon which is now held by the Germans. It was officially declared that at Craonne, a German battery was destroyed by the allied forces.

Sick Two Years With Indigestion

"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by all dealers.

SHERIFF RAIDS SUNDAY NIGHT POKER GAME

Sheriff Perkins arrested four boys Sunday night for playing poker, and the court will get part of the spoils of the game. In some way Sheriff Perkins suspicioned a game was going on, and going out on a still hunt he located the boys in a vacant hen house on the Colorado river in the edge of town. Two little candles were making the light for the players to see how to shuffle the cards by, and it was the flickering of the little lights in the old out house that attracted the sheriff's attention as he was strolling around in that part of the city.

When the sheriff walked in on the boys of course they were some what surprised, but requested that they be allowed to finish the game, and then they would be ready to square themselves with the law.

We failed to learn the names of the boys, but we understand that they are all home boys.

A Test for Liver Complaint—Mentally Unhappy—Physically Dull

The Liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your Liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the Bowels freely, tone up your stomach, cure your constipation and purify the blood. 25c at druggists. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.

R. S. Willis of Crockett, Texas, a former valued citizen of this county, who had been looking after property interests in this section the past few days, left for his home Saturday afternoon.

Harold Tucker had the misfortune to lose a fine rooster Sunday night in some mysterious manner.

Sales People Wanted

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YOU MAY BEGIN WITH US AT ONCE

Our students are with us from many different states and they do not go home for the holidays owing to the great distance, therefore, we have no vacation and new students may enroll any day and do splendid work, right through the holidays. The advantage of enrolling now instead of January 1st, is, the sooner you enter, the sooner you will be thru and holding a good position. Second, and you get the advantage of selecting a better boarding place before the big January crowd gets in. Our school is like a big bank or mercantile establishment it runs thru out the year, we are always well organized and ready for new business, rendering the same service throughout the year. Practically every student gets individual instruction; he is not held back by slow students, or crowded too fast by bright ones; he goes just as fast as his ability will permit. Should he happen to be slow or backward in his work, he is not embarrassed by others knowing how he is getting along, for under this individual method of instruction they have no way of finding out. With our methods of individual instruction, and our own copy-righted systems, we are demonstrating to young people that it is useless to attend a commercial school teaching other systems and requiring from seven to ten months to finish the course, if they ever finish, when they can finish with us in half the time at half the cost and be more efficient, get a better salaried position and more rapid promotion because of their thorough and extensive training. It is our practical methods, our personal attention and our modern systems that enable us to accomplish so much in so short a time. In short, we know exactly what the business office demands, and we teach that and teach it accurately and thoroughly.

Our literary subjects, which are given free with our courses, are woven into the main course in such a practical way that they are mastered in half the time required by the old methods, and are thoroughly understood from practical application. We guarantee a better course in less time, at a less expense and a better job with a better salary than any other school, and it is evident that we have been securing these results; we could not in the past five years built up a school with an annual enrollment of more than 2,000, and have drawn patronage from

39 states and several foreign countries.

Our January enrollment promises to be the largest in the history of the school. Over 900 requests for catalogue were received last month.

Write for our large illustrated catalogue; read our cash guarantee of \$100 that every statement made in our catalogue is true and correct.

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WILL MANUFACTURE NEW ATTACHMENTS

W. W. Rainwater of Crews passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route to Dallas where he goes to make arrangements to have his Rural Phone attachment, which he recently received his patent on, manufactured.

Mr. Rainwater's invention is by experts said to be a valuable one and he now intends to get it in shape to put on the market and will no doubt soon begin to realize some returns out of his patent.

Keep it Handy for Rheumatism

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and raw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle to day.

Let me show you my cutter. Let me try it on your farm. Satisfaction guaranteed or no sale. Will cost less than a one row cutter and do three times the work and better. Home invention, home made. Place your order today, so your machine will be ready for you when you need it. L. S. EVANS, R-14 Ballinger, Texas. 20-41w

Anti-German Riots in Chile

By United Press.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 2.—Anti-German riots have been reported in Valparaiso today.

Large crowds, say the reports have stormed the German consulate in the Cilena seaport, wounding several persons, before order could be restored.

The demonstration in Valparaiso followed the announcement that the fares on street railways, owned by Germans, would be increased.

The alleged violations of Chile's neutrality by German warships have caused bad feelings to exist between the Chileans and the Germans.

UNPROFITABLE PROFIT.

Dramatists of Hugo's Day Often Got More Fame Than Money.

From an incident that Victor Hugo jotted down in his notebook, something like seventy or more years ago, we may conclude that the dramatists of that day more often received fame than any more material consideration as a reward for their work. And not infrequently even fame was withheld. "Monsieur Sauty," Hugo wrote in November, 1844, "is a former secretary of Thiers. He has written a tragedy called 'Count Edmond'; it is very flat. The piece is played; not a cat in the theater and not a sou in the box office. After three performances the tragedy disappears from the repertory of the Odéon. Furious, the author runs to the director, Monsieur Lireux.

"Sif," he cries, "you have stopped playing my tragedy?"
"Yes," the director replies.
"Why?"
"Because it brings in no money."
"I am told that the receipts were only 100 francs less than the receipts for Casimir Bonjour's 'The Student of Segovia,' and you are still playing that!"
"Only 100 francs less!" says Lireux.
"That may be true enough. But you see, the highest receipts for 'The Student of Segovia' were 80 francs."
—Youth's Companion.

BEAT THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Olden Time Ladies Who Took the Galleries by Storm.

The English house of lords has never been particularly kind to its fair visitors. Long ago, in the days when duchesses sold their kisses for votes, the house of lords forbade them to enter, and a battle royal ensued between the ladies and the peers.

The lord chancellor had sworn that he would not let them in, and the Duchess of Queensberry had sworn that ladies should come in. "This being reported," we read in an old diary, "the peers resolved to starve them out. An order was made that the doors should not be opened till they had raised their siege."

These amazons now showed themselves qualified for the duty even of foot soldiers. They stood there till 5 in the afternoon without either sustenance or intermission, every now and then playing volleys of thumps, kicks and raps against the door with so much violence that the speakers in the house were scarcely heard.

At last by strategy worthy of a general the ladies "all rushed in and placed themselves in the front row of the gallery," where they remained till an hour before midnight, applauding or hissing to their hearts' content.—London Saturday Review.

Selim the Grim.

Sultan Yawuz Selim (Selim the Grim) is certainly not a pleasant Turkish potentate to recall. When he created his secretary Mohammed grand vizier the poor man had to be bastinadoed into accepting the honor. For "Mayst thou be Selim's vizier?" was a well understood equivalent of the time for "Strike you dead." Selim loved literature, however. The poem which his brother wrote in the hours' grace granted before he was strangled with every other possible rival to Selim, moved the sultan to tears. But it did not save the poet.—London Chronicle.

LOSSES IN BATTLE.

Men Called "Missing" Are Not Always Dead or Wounded.

In accounts of battles one almost invariably reads of the dead, wounded and "missing." That the latter are not always among the dead or wounded, nor even among the prisoners taken by the enemy, is shown in this extract from General Horace Porter's "Campaigning With Grant."

"We learned something at Shiloh about the way in which reports of losses are sometimes exaggerated in battle. At the close of the first day's fight Sherman met a colonel of one of his regiments with only about a hundred of his soldiers in ranks and said to him, 'Why, where are your men?'"

"The colonel cast his eyes sadly along the line, wiped a tear from his cheek and replied in a whimpering voice, 'We went in 800 strong and that's all that's left of us.'"

"You don't tell me!" exclaimed Sherman, beginning to be deeply affected by the fearful carnage.

"Yes," said the colonel, "the rebels appeared to have a special spite against us."

"Sherman passed along some hours afterward when the commissary was issuing rations and found the colonel's men returning on the run from under the bank of the river, where they had taken shelter from the firing, and in a few minutes nearly all of the lost 700 had rejoined and were boiling coffee and eating a hearty meal with an appetite that showed they were still very much alive."

BABYLON AND NINEVEH.

The Incident That Led Sir Henry Layard to Explore Their Ruins.

The first man to undertake extensive and important explorations among the ruins of Babylon and Nineveh was Sir Henry Layard. It was due to his friendship for a young man who had a great fear of seasickness that he was led to begin what was to be his life work. Layard was educated in the law and started for Ceylon to practice his profession.

He was accompanied by another lad, who had a horror of the ocean, and Layard readily agreed when his companion suggested that they make the trip by land across Europe, Asia Minor, Persia and India. It was while on this journey that Layard was inspired with the ambition to delve among the ruins of the ancient cities of Asia.

"When I first beheld the mounds of Nineveh," he wrote, "a great longing came over me to learn what was hidden within them."

He yielded to the desire and largely at his own expense carried on these excavations at Babylon and Nineveh, which were chiefly responsible for the discovery of the lost records and relics of a people who lived 3,000 years ago. Many cities and palaces, including the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar, were unearthed by Layard, and the most valuable treasures in the British museum serve to commemorate his name and fame.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Careful Wife.

"Wife, I wish you'd buy me a couple of five-cent collar buttons. I need 'em badly."
"All right; just as soon as somebody has a sale."—Kansas City Journal.

Villa to March on Vera Cruz With Zapata

EL PASO, Dec. 2.—General Carranza's troops cut the railroad between San Luis Potosi and Queretaro, according to dispatches received here today. It is declared that the object of the cutting of the line was to manueve Gutierrez at Queretaro.

General Villa and Zapata are preparing today to march against General Carranza at Vera Cruz according to messages received here from the interior today. The march will be made immediately.

Efforts are being made by the two rebel chieftains to get control of the two gunboats in the harbor of Vera which are under the control of Carranza.

PARTY WILL ENTER MEXICO CITY TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Provisional President Gutierrez of Mexico, accompanied by General Villa, is expected to enter the City of Mexico today, according to official advices received in Washington this afternoon.

Advices received here contradict the reports that there is a break between General Villa and Zapata.

Late dispatches reveal that the deserted by the Villistas who apparently have gone south to concentrate for a campaign against General Carranza.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf Concho county, Tex

Lost, Strayed or Stolen

One sorrel horse, about eight years old, little mixed white in his face, four feet are all white, no brand, about 15 hands high. Was first missed Saturday morning. Five dollars reward for information leading to the recovery of the horse. Notify J. D. Perkins, sheriff, Runnels County, at Ballinger, w2t

LEGAL BLANKS.

We keep in stock legal blanks of all kinds and will sell in any quantity desired. Following is a list of stock now on hand:

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- (21) Affidavit to any fact, (22) Protest Blanks, (23) County Clerks Certificates.

When in need of any of the above call and we can supply you. THE BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

A. J. Loika of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

WILL TRADE FRUIT TREES FOR MAIZE

Secretary Boler of the Y. M. B. L. is in receipt of a letter from a prominent Texas nursery, in which the nursery submits a proposition to trade its stock for Runnels county feed—maize and feterita.

The nurseryman does not go in to detail in his letter, but states that the fact that Runnels county had produced a large feed crop had been called to their attention and that if the farmers who were in the market for trees desired to trade this feed for trees that such a deal could be handled by the farmers pooling together and ordering what trees each wanted and giving in exchange sufficient feed to cover the bill, in this way making up a car of feed which the nursery agrees to pay \$15 per ton delivered at Wahahachie.

We do not know what the demand here for nursery stock amounts too, but in view of the fact that the seasons have been so propitious it is certainly a splendid time to start an orchard. And also in view of the fact that feed is plentiful, it is an offer that the farmers might profit by if a sufficient number of them desired to buy trees, or shrubbery of any character.

Those who wish to investigate, or who would change a few bushels of maize for a shipment of trees, should communicate with Mr. Boler, in order that he might get an idea as to whether there is a probability of such a deal being worked up.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." Per sale by a dealer.

P. J. Baron, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, and R. J. Queen of the Crews county, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Wilson and family of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to East or South Texas where they will make their future home.

Miss Maryatte Smith and brother, Master Clarence returned home Monday afternoon on the delayed train from Gainesville where they visited their sister Mrs. Turberville and family—the past few days.

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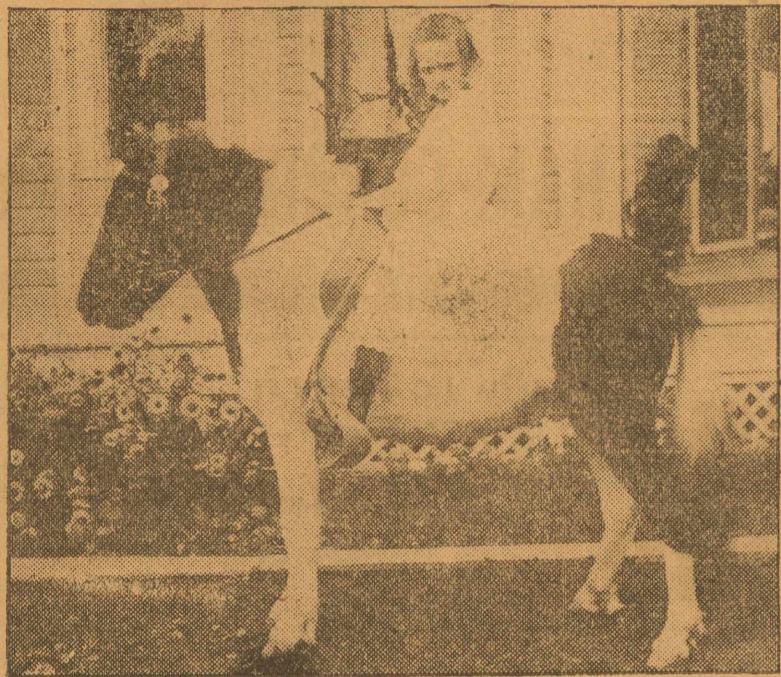
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Walt Mason's "Prose Humor."	"Kike" on Sporting Events.
Hep Blackman's "Sandwich."	Frank Meneko "Sporting News Letter."
George Fairfax's "Smile Essays."	Timely Automobile Topics.
Elbert Hubbard's "Wisdom Talks."	High-Class Woman's Page.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox "Woman's Problems."	Copyright Books as Serials.
Anne Rittenhouse, "Fashion Authority."	Ben H. Smith, Market Reports.
Dorothy Dix, "Woman's Editorials."	Complete Markets.
Bastrie Fairfax, "Love Talks."	Special Cotton Letters.
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Shetland Pony, Harness and Buggy For A Little Work.

The Ballinger Printing Company will help some boy or girl win this valuable and handsome outfit. This Pony, Buggy and Harness has been purchased by several Ballinger business firms, and we, The Ballinger Printing Co. is one of the firms that will give votes. The outfit was purchased from the Dunlap Shetland Pony Co., of Greenfield, Ohio. This company is reliable and they guarantee the pony to be gentle and a pet for children. The buggy and harness are made especially to fit this pony, and it is a prize worth working for.

For every dollar paid on subscription to the Daily Ledger or Weekly Banner-Ledger, we will give **1,000 VOTES**

For every dollar paid for Printing and Advertising we will give **100 VOTES**

Ballinger Printing Co.

Prominent Men On Program

The Annual Business Men's Banquet to be held in the assembly hall of the Young Men's Business League on the evening of December 11th, promises to be the most successful social event of the year, and for many years past.

All plans are well underway and a program is being arranged that will bring to Ballinger a number of prominent visitors. Both Gov. Colquitt and Gov. Elect James E. Ferguson have been invited, and it is probable that one of them will accept, and it is possible that both of the gentlemen will be here.

Hon. Will Vining, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Austin, and one of the liveliest workers for the industrial and civic developments in Texas, will be here. It is known that Mr. Vining will be here. Other prominent speakers have been invited, and there will be no lack of oratory.

The program will be made more attractive and entertaining by musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, and we hope to be able to publish the program in full within the next few days.

The ladies of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church will have charge of the menu, and this part of the entertainment will be well in hand and a splendid menu will be served.

The object and intention of the members of the Y. M. B. L. is not only to make the organization a permanent institution but to increase the friendly relationship of all public spirited citizens interested in the future welfare of this beautiful little city, surrounded by so many natural advantages.

All members of the League in good standing will be entitled to tickets to the banquet, and other tickets will be issued at a price that will be reasonable. This part of the work will be placed in the hands of a special committee and also with the Walker Drug Co., Pearce's Drug Store and the City Drug Store.

WEATHER BUREAU DEVELOPMENT WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Several new lines of work for the benefit of the public, and especially of the farmers, according to the annual report of the Weather Bureau were inaugurated during the year. Others recently begun have been extended into portions of the country where the growing importance of agricultural pursuits have made them of increased value.

The establishment of a "Cattle Region Service," through which bulletins containing statements of weather conditions over the stock ranges of the Texas panhandle and adjacent regions are issued, constitutes a new feature of the bureau's work. This has been particularly effective as affecting the cattle industry of the great Southwest, having proved of such material value as to create a demand for its continuance throughout the entire year, instead of from April to October, as at present.

Explorations of the upper air and studies of solar radiation were continued by the bureau during the year. No small light has been thrown upon obscure features of weather control through the information already obtained of conditions prevailing in the upper atmosphere, and continued investigations are expected to disclose additional valuable facts. Active field work of this character was transferred during the year from Mount Weather, Va., to Fort Omaha, Nebr., where more favorable conditions for atmospheric conditions exist.

Big Order for War Material

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Two millions and a half dollars in auto trucks have been ordered by Russian and English governments.

England also has ordered a large amount of trench digging tools.

T. F. Wright, who had been making Ballinger his home for the past year or more, left Wednesday afternoon for Austin, where he will reside in the future.

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George Fitch's "Smile Essays."
Elbert Hubbard's "Wisdom Talks."
Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "Woman's Problems."
Anne Rittenhouse, "Fashion Authority."
Dorothy Dix, "Woman's Editorials."
Beatrice Fairfax, "Love Talks."
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ZAPATA AND VILLA READY TO MARCH ON VERA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The combined armies of General Villa and Zapata have begun a movement to crush General Carranza at Vera Cruz. The actual operations against the commander at Vera Cruz will start next week.

Carothers is with General Villa in Mexico. The agent of the state department today reported that Villa is waiting only for Gitierrax government to get started in the

capital before he moves against Carranza.

General Villa has invited Zapata to come to the City of Mexico.

Many of General Carranza's troops are deserting him, says a dispatch here.

Gutierrez in domiciled in the National Palace in the City of Mexico while General Villa is in a modest residence in the city.

Death Rate in Mines increases in Colorado

DENVER, Dec. 3.—The state's failure to enforce its model mining laws resulted in from fifty to one hundred per cent higher death rate in mines than elsewhere according to State Coal Mine Inspector James Dalrymple, who today was a witness before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, investigating the Colorado coal miners' strike.

Governor Elect Carlson would not add to his statement of yesterday, in which he outlined partly his plan for a new state department to handle the labor problem.

J. S. Willaims of Denton county, who had been visiting his daughters, Mesdames M. C. Doyle and Joe Hoffman and families the past several weeks, left Wednesday afternoon for his home, where he will wind up his business affairs and move to our county to make his future home.

Mrs. W. A. Foreman, of Talpa, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer and other relatives the past few days, left for her home Thursday morning.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY ANGRY MOB

By United Press
SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 3.—Jane McKnight, a negro, was lynched at Sylvester, La., early today making the third negro hanged by angry mobs, roused by the murder of Postmaster Charles Hicks.

Other hangings are suspected. Feeling is running high in the vicinity of the small town, Sylvester.

VEINNA SAYS ALL'S QUIET.

VEINNA, Dec. 3.—It was officially stated here by the war office today that in Western Galicia and Russian Poland, quietness prevailed yesterday.

ROE, Dec. 2.—Serbia has appealed to Russia for aid.

There exists little doubt, unless the allies furnish Serbia with troops immediately that a complete victory of the Austrians is only a matter of time.

Austria wants to conquer Serbia in order to trade back that country for Galicia when peace finally comes.

1,000 Prisoners Attack Guards

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A thousand prisoners of the Lancaster Internment Camp attacked their guards with sticks and stones early today. The troops bayoneted several prisoners but none of the injured are fatally hurt.

Marriage License Will Cost Same; No Stamps

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The marriage license in the United States will not be taxed by the internal revenue collector, according to a ruling made today. However, it was announced that the clergyman's certificate, if required by law, must be stamped ten cents. This was the ruling of the treasury department today.

An Interview With Lord Kitchener

(Continued from first page.)

is to become the judge of the behavior of the civil population of a hostile country, and if he is to be not only judge and jury but the meter of punishment as well—

erarily he is permitted to This man has violated the conduct I myself have set the spot, and, therefore, I grant no appeal and listen no excuse and accept no ex- on, but shall shoot him with a bullet through his head and burn his house and his church—if this is that is to be granted any man in uniform; if he absolute dominion over the and the property of the non- ants of a nation—why, n, to my conceptions, he loses proper and ordained func- as a soldier and becomes an executioner." ***

"Not less than three years," he said. "It will end only when Germany is thoroughly defeated not before—defeated on land and sea. That the Allies will win. That for us to win require a minimum period of I think probable. It might last longer—this war might end only one way.

"That it will end in a month from now, or six months or a year, I do not think likely; so, to be on the safe side, I say three years—at least three years.

"If Germany gives up sooner, so much the better for Germany and for us and for all the world. If three years are required for the undertaking, or more than three years, the world will find that we, for our part, are prepared to go on, and ready to go on, and determined to go on, and certain to go on. In any event this war can have but one outcome—one ultimate conclusion." His big jaw muscles twitched.

R. L. Maddox returned home Wednesday afternoon from Paint Rock and other points in that section where he had been on busi-

SESSION ITALY'S PARLIAMENT TO RE-AFFIRM RULE

ROME, Dec. 3.—The Italian parliament convened today in probably its most important session in its history.

The object of the session is to re-affirm the intention to observe armed neutrality.

Premier Salandra today declared, "There is no new fact to prompt a change in the policy."

U. S. Navy back of other Nations says Admiral

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The United States navy is behind other navies of the world in wireless development, was stated in a report from Admiral Griffith today.

ACCEPTS INVITATION TO BANQUET

Will L. Vining, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Austin, wired Secretary Boler this afternoon accepting an invitation to the Business Men's annual banquet to be held here on the evening of Dec. 11th.

Mr. Boler sent out quite a number of invitations and Mr. Vining is the first one to accept. Others will be heard from within the next day or two, and there will no doubt be a number of distinguished visitors here to attend the coming social event.

W. H. Roark, the tailor, and R. McCowan left Thursday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

Misses Eunice Phillips and her cousin Miss Ophelia Graham, of Winters returned to Ballinger Thursday afternoon from a short

Problem will be Thrashed Out

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The entire problem of neutralization trade between South America and the United States will be thrashed out before the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union, Tuesday.

There exists here grave doubts as to whether the belligerents voluntarily will become parties to a mutual agreement.

CIVIC FEDERATION MEETS FOR 3 DAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—"What does the war teach us as to our future foreign policy? Should we be prepared for war or not in view of what has happened in Europe?"

These are the topics to be discussed by the National Civic Federation which meets in convention at the Hotel Astor today and for two days following.

Although a large part of the time will be spent in talking over the commercial political and industrial questions raised by the war itself, many other important questions are on the program; workmen's compensation, social insurance and the problem arising out of unemployed which will present themselves during the coming winter.

The distress of unemployment may be believed to some extent by answers received by the Federation from manufacturers, bankers, trade journals, and various commercial, charitable and labor organizations.

Radicals and conservatives will have a chance to look beyond the object of governmental action versus private enterprise in operating coal mines, packing houses, flour mills and the like.

Mrs. J. B. Wade and little daughter left Thursday at noon to visit relatives at Miles and Paint Rock before leaving for their home at Fort Worth.

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FIFTY BELGIANS ARE COMING TO COLEMAN COUNTY

(Coleman Democrat)

The following is taken from a telegram to the United Press under a Kansas City date line, which will be of interest to many of our readers:

"Arrangements for the placing of fifty Belgians, refugees of the European war, on his six thousand acre ranch in Coleman county, Texas, are being made by J. Z. Miller, Jr., Federal reserve agent and chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

"I cannot say at this time just how the Belgians are to be transported to this country," said Miller today. "That is being arranged by a Belgian priest, who lives in Oklahoma. But the refugees from the cock pit of Europe, who have lost their homes and their all, are to land at Galveston. I expect them to include fifteen men, heads of families, and the rest women and children.

"I shall conduct them to my ranch and sell them land in eighty-acre tracts, to be paid over a long term of years. I shall supply the horses, farming implements, seed, cows, sheep, hogs and chickens to start them on their way to building and owning their homes in this country.

"When the Belgian family gets on the land, penniless, I shall see that it has ample means by which to work out its own salvation. I have great faith in the Belgian. He is thifty, frugal and courageous."

Mrs. S. D. Williams of Hatchel, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

POULTRY PACKING PLANT FOR CITY

The Jeanes Produce Co., have arranged to establish a poultry packing plant at this place, and will begin work Monday constructing buildings and equipping the plant.

E. A. Jeanes will leave at once for different markets where he goes to contract the out put from his plant here, and expects to employ while on the trip an expert man to superintend the work.

"We do not expect to start on a large scale," said Mr. Jeanes, "as it is getting so late in the season, but we do expect to work the business up to where we can ship in car lots regular by next season. For the present we will dress poultry and ship daily by express, and by next season we will put in cold storage plant and ship by car lots to Northern and Eastern markets."

Large quantities of poultry are being shipped from Ballinger in coops by express. Mr. Jeanes says that a big saving can be realized by shipping this poultry dressed instead of on foot, besides it will give employment to quite a number of people, and will increase the pay roll at Ballinger.

The new business will be under way in ample time to take the surplus poultry off the hands of poultry growers before the holidays, and instead of shipping live poultry from Ballinger it will go dressed and ready for delivery to the consumer.

R. M. Davis, one of the substantial citizens of the Crews country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

R. C. Henninger of the Hatchel country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Standing of Contestants in Pony Contest

The first count in the Pony Contest was completed Friday night, and the list of names published below shows the order in which the contestants stand.

All the votes counted were placed back in the ballot boxes, and will be recounted by a committee selected to make the final count on Christmas Eve night, or as soon thereafter as the work can be done.

The merchants who are giving tickets made this count for the benefit of some of the contestants who desired to know where they stood in the race. The merchants are not allowed to make the final count, and the votes just counted will be counted again by the committee, as above stated.

The ballot boxes will be closed at twelve o'clock Christmas Eve night, and the committee will make the count as soon as possible and the winner announced.

The first count shows that the race is close between quite a number of the contestants, and that the pony is yet to be won. The next month will tell the story, and the boy or girl who gets in the game and works for votes and make every minute count is the one that will drive the handsome turnout down Huntchings Avenue and be the proudest boy or girl in Ballinger.

The pony will be here in a few days, and will be on exhibition and each boy and girl in the contest will be allowed to try the outfit and take a ride.

Billie Nash, 1st.
Ellery McWilliams, 2nd.
Burton Reese, 3rd.
Nellie Osteen 4th.
Winnie Mobly 5th.



Elleanor Kirk 6th.
Emma Armstrong 7th.
Audie Collins 8th.
G. B. Oetkin 9th.
Leslie Burrell, 10th
Hazel Robinson 11th
Alma Koenig 12th.
F. Richards 13th.
Buster Tally 14th.
Vernon Walker 15th.
Bennie Allen 16th.
Bill Farmer 17th.
Wade Guion 18th.
Morris Nicholson 19th
Robert Bruce 20th.
Linton Clark 21st.
C. Preston 22nd.
Neil McAlpine 23rd.

Notice to Contestants.

Votes from other towns will not be counted in the contest at Ballinger. Quite a number of votes from Winters were found in the Ballinger boxes, the votes being cast for contestants at Ballinger. The votes are easily distinguished and all such will be thrown out when the votes are counted.

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY SATURDAY NIGHT

At his little home near the oil mill, where he had lived for many years alone, W. H. Wilson breathed his last some time during Saturday night, the exact hour of his death not being known.

Mr. Wilson had not been well for several days, and he had taken in as companion Adam Hulse, and also because Hulse was an invalid and himself almost helpless and without any means of support.

Hulse discovered that Mr. Wilson was dead about five o'clock Sunday morning, and reported the fact to a neighbor, who verified the report and telephoned to the undertaker, C. R. Crews. The undertaker took charge of the remains and prepared them for burial and phoned the news of the death to Mr. Wilson's son George Wilson at Cisco.

Deceased was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, and a committee from that order was appointed to look after the remains and make all necessary arrangements for the funeral. A phone message from his son instructed that arrangements be made for the funeral to be held here and that the remains be interred in the Ballinger cemetery, and stated that he with other relatives would be here to attend the funeral Monday.

Mr. Wilson was numbered among the oldest citizens in Ballinger, both in point of age and as a resident of this town. He was 85 years old, and he came to Ballinger with the coming of the railroad, and has resided here continuously since. During the greater part of this time he lived and eccentric life, living entirely to himself and having no intimate associates or friends who were familiar with his affairs in life. It was through choice that deceased lead this kind of life. He was financially able to live in ease and comfort, and his children had made many efforts to get him to make his home with them. He left Ballinger last summer and spent two or three months with his children, but became dissatisfied

FAVORABLE COTTON WEATHER INJURES PECAN PRODUCTION

It is claimed by some of the old timers that when this county produces a big cotton crop that the pecan crop is a failure. Whether there is any truth in the statement or not there have been two years in the past six years when this county has been long on cotton and short on pecans.

The largest cotton crop in the history of the county has been produced this year, and one of the shortest pecan crops in the history of the county. At this season last year the cotton crop had been picked, ginned, sold and forgotten, but pecans were being shipped in car lots. This season the country is decorated with cotton, but pecans are being shipped here to supply the local trade.

A local pecan dealer says there will be less than 5000 pounds pecans marketed here this season. Consequently the favorite nut of West Texas is bringing a fancy price.

ANGELO CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE

The First Baptist Church of San Angelo was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$1500 Tuesday. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss covered by insurance.

and returned to Ballinger. When Mr. Wilson died a check for more than one hundred dollars was found in his pocket. He owned considerable property in Ballinger.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist church, and Rev. W. H. Doss will conduct the funeral this afternoon, immediately after the arrival of the Abilene & Southern train which brought his children from Cisco and Breckenridge.

He is survived by a wife and several children. Henry and George Wilson, and a daughter Mrs. George Winston, of Cisco. These arrived as above stated and were here to attend the funeral.

SANTAFE WRECK ANNULS 2 TRAINS

The West bound Santa Fe passenger train due to arrive at Ballinger at 12:30 Sunday night failed to arrive, and the East bound train due here about nine-thirty Monday morning was also annulled. The annulling of these trains was due to a wreck at Coleman Junction Sunday night in which the passenger train was derailed.

On account of the delay in getting the track clear it was impossible to get these trains through and maintain the schedules of the trains to follow. The mail and passengers that should have arrived on the annulled trains arrived on the two afternoon trains. No one was injured in the wreck, but considerable damage was done to the track.

T. J. Parish, who lives south of Ballinger, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon for McGregor, where he goes in response to a message stating that his mother was seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, of Comanche, who had been the guests of her brothers, U. E. and Ed and Monroe Hartman, left for home Saturday afternoon.

STATE BANKS ARE IN GOOD GONDITION, SAYS DEPARTMENT

AUSTIN, Nov. 30.—The state of Texas are in extraordinary good condition, according to the Department of Insurance and Banking.

Nearly two millions of dollars increase in individual deposits from September 12th to October 31st, according to the report made public today.

Many of the banks, it is declared, have not been loaning money as freely since war broke out as previously.

DEPUTY SHERIFFSPOONTS

The new sheriff John D. Perkins is making his selection of deputies and on Friday afternoon Joe Spoonst was sworn in as office deputy and a better selection could not have been made. Mr. Spoonst is a level-headed, conservative business man and the sheriff can feel sure of having a deputy that will do his duty without fear or favor and will no doubt be an honor to the High Sheriff.

Mr. Spoonst is now on to his job and we feel sure will make good in every respect.

IT'S THE SUREST WAY.

Pay your bills by checks on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Ballinger, save the annoyance of making change, provides an ACCURATE ACCOUNT of all business transactions. A cancelled check is an indisputable receipt.

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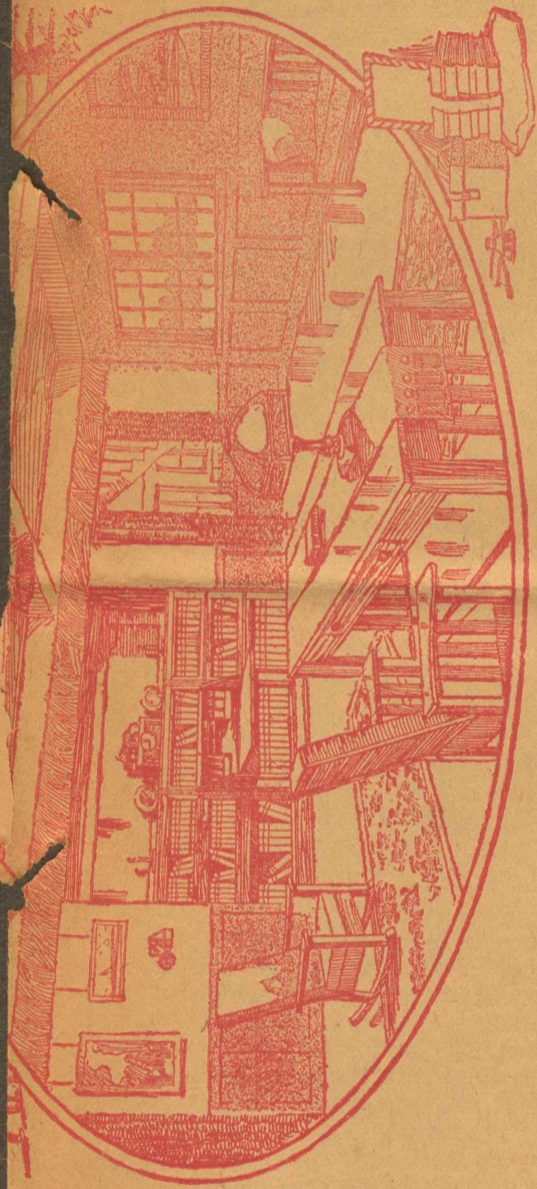
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- \$27.50 art square, 9x12 feet, Real Sale price \$19.95
- \$65.00 combination china closet and side board, Real Sale price \$29.75
- \$40.00 side board, quartered oak, Real Sale price \$24.75
- 65c cane chairs, best quality, Real Sale price \$18.75
- \$6.00 art squares, 9x12 feet, Real Sale price \$4.75
- \$36.50 Davenport, goes at, Real Sale price \$29.75
- One-fourth off on all Library table beds. ask to see them they are new.



- 10lb bucket compound lard, Sale price 20c
- 8 bars Bob White soap, Real Sale price 20c
- 5 gallons best kerosene oil, Real Sale price 45c
- 10lb bucket Arm & Hammer soda, Real Sale price 45c
- 1 gallon blue label Karo syrup, Real Sale price 40c
- 1 gallon white label Karo syrup, Real Sale price 45c
- 25c bottle chili powder, Real Sale price 20c
- 25c bottle blueing, Real Sale price 15c
- 25c bottle mustard, Real Sale price 15c
- 18lbs. California pink beans, Real Sale price \$1.00
- 25lb Mexican pink beans, Real Sale price \$1.00

- No. 621 Cole's Airtight heater, Real Sale price \$7.50
- No. 218 Cole's Airtight heater, Real Sale price \$9.75
- No. 8-16 wood cook stoves, \$10.00 value, Real Sale price \$6.75
- No. 8-15 wood and coal cook stove \$20 value, Real Sale price \$16.75
- No. 8-19 comfort range worth \$50.00, Real Sale price \$39.75
- No. 35 Detroit gasoline range \$32.50 value, Real Sale price \$24.75
- No. 34 Detroit, Galosine range \$30.00 value, Real Sale price \$22.75
- No. 1 steel traps, Real Sale price the doz. \$1.50
- No. 2 steel traps, Real Sale the doz. \$1.50
- \$1.00 Safety Razor, Real Sale price .35c

The Real Sale Opens Thursday, December 10th and Closes Monday, December 21st. Don't Forget the Date

Clothing

LOOK! Our clothing department still remains unbroken. Its here where the real sale is doing its most effective work. Hart Schaffner & Marx and all others go during this sale. All new and stylish goods shown here. Read the prices:

- One lot Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits, small sizes worth up to \$25.00 Real Sale price \$15.00
- All \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00 Suits Real Sale price \$21.75
- All \$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits Real Sale price \$16.95
- All \$16.50 and \$17.50 Suits Real Sale price \$13.95
- All \$14 and \$15 Suits Real Sale price \$11.75
- All \$12.50 Suits Real Sale price \$8.95
- These are real bargains. You can't afford to let this opportunity pass.
- \$2.50 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$1.95
- \$3.00 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$2.85
- \$4.00 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$3.15
- \$5.00 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$3.95
- \$6.50 and \$6 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$4.95
- \$8 and \$7.50 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$5.95
- \$10.00 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$7.95
- \$12.50 Boys' Suits Real Sale price \$8.95
- 50c Caps Real sale 40c
- 25c Caps Real Sale 20c
- \$1.00 Caps Real Sale 75c

Men's and Boys' Overcoats

Mackinaws and **Bathrobes**

We are fearfully over stocked in this department and are making price reduction that are bound to make sales. Make your selection now while prices are low and seasonable.

- \$25.00 Hart Schaffner & Marx overcoats, Real Sale price \$17.95
- \$20.00 overcoats, Real Sale price \$14.95
- \$17.50 and \$16.50 overcoats Real Sale price \$12.95
- \$12.50 overcoats, Real Sale price \$8.95
- \$10.00 overcoats, Real Sale price \$6.95
- \$9.00 Mackinaws, Real Sale price \$7.45
- \$8.50 Mackinaws, Real Sale price \$6.65
- \$5.00 Mackinaws, Real Sale price \$4.25
- \$12.50 Balmacaan rain coats, Real Sale price \$8.75
- \$10.00 rain coat, Real Sale price \$7.35
- \$8.50 rain coats, Real Sale price \$6.45
- \$7.50 rain coats, Real Sale price \$5.95
- \$5.00 rain coats, Real Sale price \$4.45
- \$8.50 bath robes, Real Sale price \$6.95
- \$6.00 bath robes, Real Sale price \$5.25
- \$5.00 bath robes, Real Sale price \$4.95

Odd Pants

*\$6.00 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$4.65

\$5.00 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$3.95

\$4.00 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$3.15

\$3.50 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$2.85

\$3.00 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$2.45

\$2.50 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$1.95

\$2.00 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$1.45

\$1.50 men's odd pants, Real Sale price \$1.20

\$1.25 men's odd pants, Real Sale price .95c

SPECIAL LOT MEN'S OVERALLS . . . 50c

\$2.00 boy's pants, Real Sale price . . . \$1.95

\$1.50 boy's pants, Real Sale price . . . \$1.45

\$1.25 boy's pants, Real Sale price . . . \$1.20

75c boy's pants, Real Sale price . . . 60c

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- Edwin Clapp shoes Real Sale price \$5.95
- \$5.00 Bion F. Reyonles and Packard Shoes Real Sale price 3.95
- 4.00 Packard shoes 3.45
- 3.50 Packard shoes 2.95
- 3.00 Work shoes 2.50
- 4.00 and 5.00 Ladies' shoes 2.85

Everything In Our Ready-to-Wear Department Must Go

Every garment will bear a tag and the price will be lower than you have ever seen on such new and stylish garments. Special lot Ladies and Misses evening dresses at less than wholesale prices.

- \$2.00 fancy caps, Real Sale price . . . \$1.45
- \$1.00 fancy caps, Real Sale price . . . 50c
- 50c corduroy and leather caps, Real Sale price . . . 45c
- \$6.00 plush hats, Real Sale price . . . \$1.25
- 50c hats for boys, 45c
- \$8.50 corduroy and whipcord suits, Real Sale price . . . \$6.95
- \$5.00 corduroy coats, Real Sale Price . . . \$4.25
- Extra heavy Sanitary fleeced underwear, Real Sale price 42 1-2c
- 50c Leggings, Real Sale price 45c
- Supenders for boys, Real Sale price 10c

- One lot ladies' shoes sizes 2 1-2 to 4, values up to \$4.00 Real Sale \$1.49
- \$2.50 Children's shoes \$1.95
- \$2.00 Children's shoes \$1.65
- \$1.50 Children's shoes \$1.20
- \$2.50 Rubber Boots \$2.95
- Special Line House Shoes for Men and Women, Prices Moderately.

Never before have we made such sweeping reductions. Every department is brim full of wonderful bargains for you. This is going to be a Real Sale, one that you can not afford to miss. We are going to make this the most Gigantic, Stupendous, Real Sale ever pulled off by Ballinger's Greatest Store.

- Humidors with cigar lighter and holder, tie, Sox, and handkerchief to match \$1.50
- Glove box with Initial Belt and Fob of genuine leather \$1.25
- Tie Rack with Tie, Sox and Handkerchief \$1.50
- All leather Belt, Purse and Fob combination, an idea gift \$1.50

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Millinery

We are determined not to have a single hat left over after this sale. SEE THE PRICE TICKETS. Every hat marked in plain figures. The price will surprise you.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS COMPANY

BALLINGER, TEXAS



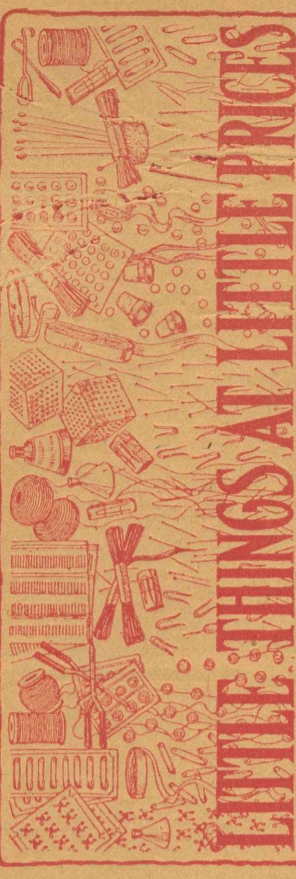
SILK SALE

26 inch China Silk, all colors, regular 50c quality, Real Sale price 35c
 85c Messaline, 26 inches wide, all colors, Real Sale price 69c
 36 inch Messaline, nice assortment of colors, \$1.00 quality, Real Sale price 89c
 Black Taffeta, 36 inches wide, worth \$1.25, Real Sale price 95c
 Extra fine quality black Taffeta, was \$1.50, Real Sale price, a yard \$1.25
 40 inch Crepe-de-Chine, \$1.75 value, all colors, Real Sale price \$1.40
 Gilt-edge Roman stripe Poplin, \$1.75 quality, Real Sale price per yard \$1.40
 \$1.25 Roman stripe Silk, 26 inches wide, Real Sale price for the yard 98c
 Red and Blue plaid Silk, \$1.25 quality, 98c
 36 inch Jap Silk, 75c quality 65c
 36 inch white Jay Silk, \$1.00 quality 85c

THE REAL SALE OPENS
Thursday, Dec. 10th 9:00 A. M.

10 Days of Fast and Furious Selling
 Sale Closes Dec. 21. Store Will Be Closed Wed. Dec. 9th.

Extra Sales People Wanted
 to help take care of the great crowd that will come to the Real Sale. Apply at office December 8th



LITTLE THINGS AT LITTLE PRICES

25c can Williams' Talcum Powder, Real Sale price 15c
 Extra large 25c can Nadine Talcum Powder, Real Sale price 15c
 Paper good Pins, Real Sale price 1c
 Clark's Crochet Thread, Real Sale, 6 spools for 25c
 Carpet Warp, Real Sale price 12 1-2c
 Meyrick & Clarke's O. N. T. Thread, Real Sale, 8 spools 25c
 Knitting Cotton, Real Sale price, 8 spools for 25c
 5c Safety Pins, Real Sale price 2c
 Hooks and Eyes, all sizes and colors, Real Sale 2c
 Good Pearl Button, Real Sale price 2c
 10c Pearl Button, Real Sale price only 4c
 10c, 15c, and 25c Stickerei Braid, Real Sale 5c
 10c Nail Brushes, Real Sale price 5c
 25c Hair Brushes, Real Sale price 15c
 Darning Cotton, Real Sale, price, 3 for 5c

A REAL SALE

We Must Raise \$15,000 In Ten Days

Our Entire Stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware and Furniture at Prices that Will Make this the Greatest, Grandest, Most Far Reaching Money Raising Event Ever Held in West Texas. Think of All the New and Seasonable Merchandise We now have on Display to Be Sacrificed Because We Must Have the Money. You Have Heard of Sales But this Will Be A Real Sale, One that Will Long Be Remembered. A Real Sale for Cash Only that Will Open the Eyes of All.

A Real Sale In Every Department of Ballinger's Greatest Store

Sweaters

Buy good warm sweaters at Real Bargains
 \$4.00 wool sweaters, Real Sale price \$3.25
 \$3.50 wool sweaters, Real Sale price \$2.95
 \$3.00 wool sweaters, Real Sale price \$2.25
 \$2.50 wool sweaters, Real Sale price \$1.65
 \$2.00 wool sweaters, Real Sale price \$1.45
 \$1.25 jersey sweaters, Real Sale price 95c
 75c jersey sweaters, Real Sale price 95c
 50c jersey sweaters, Real Sale price 35c
 75c extra heavy cotton sweaters, all colors, Real Sale price \$1.25
 Large assortment boy's wool and cotton sweaters, \$1.65 to \$2.50
 Look for the Tags they tell the story.

Men's Shirts

One lot men's fine dress shirts, \$1.00 to \$1.25 values, Real Sale price .75c
 \$2.00 Emery, and E. & W. shirts, Real Sale price \$1.45
 \$1.50 Emery, and E. & W. shirts Real Sale price \$1.20
 \$1.25 Emery, and E. & W. shirts Real Sale price 95c
 75c E. & W. shirts, Real Sale price 45c
 Blue bell chambray work shirts 40c
 \$2.50 wool shirts Real Sale price \$1.95
 \$1.50 wool shirts, Real Sale price \$1.15
 \$1.25 wool shirts Real Sale price .95c
 Flannellette night shirts, all sizes, 75c quality, Real Sale price .45c

Real Sale Prices In Our Dress Goods Section

\$1.50 wool dress goods Real Sale price .85c
 \$1.25 wool dress goods Real Sale price .85c
 \$1.00 wool dress goods Real Sale price .85c
 75c wool dress goods Real Sale price .60c
 50c wool dress goods Real Sale price .40c
 25c and 35c fancy poplins Real Sale price 20c
 75c dress linen Real Sale price 65c
 65c dress linen Real Sale price 55c
 50c dress linen Real Sale price 40c
 35c dress linen Real Sale price 25c
 35c sunburst silk Real Sale price 30c
 20c kimono goods Real Sale price 15c
 25c kimono goods Real Sale price 15c
 All 15c dress goods 12 1-2c
 15c quadric cloth 12 1-2c
 12 1-2c percale 9c

Blankets and Comforts

85c blankets, gray and tan, 46x74, Real Sale price \$1.25
 \$1.25 blankets, gray and tan, 54x74, Real Sale price .90c
 \$1.50 blankets, gray and tan, 60x76, Real Sale price \$1.10
 \$2.00 blankets, gray and tan, 64x80, Real Sale price \$1.45
 \$2.50 wool nap blankets, 64x80, Real Sale price \$1.95
 \$3.25 wool nap blankets, 66x80, Real Sale price \$2.45
 \$5.00 and \$6.00 wool blankets, Real Sale price \$3.95
 \$7.00 and \$8.00 wool blankets, Real Sale price \$4.95
 \$1.25 quality comforts, 54x72, Real Sale price \$1.35
 \$1.50 quality comforts 54x72, Real Sale price \$1.65
 \$2.00 quality comforts, 56x96, Real Sale price \$1.95
 \$2.50 quality comforts, 56x76, Real Sale price \$2.45
 \$3.50 quality comforts, 60x76, Real Sale price \$2.95

Staples

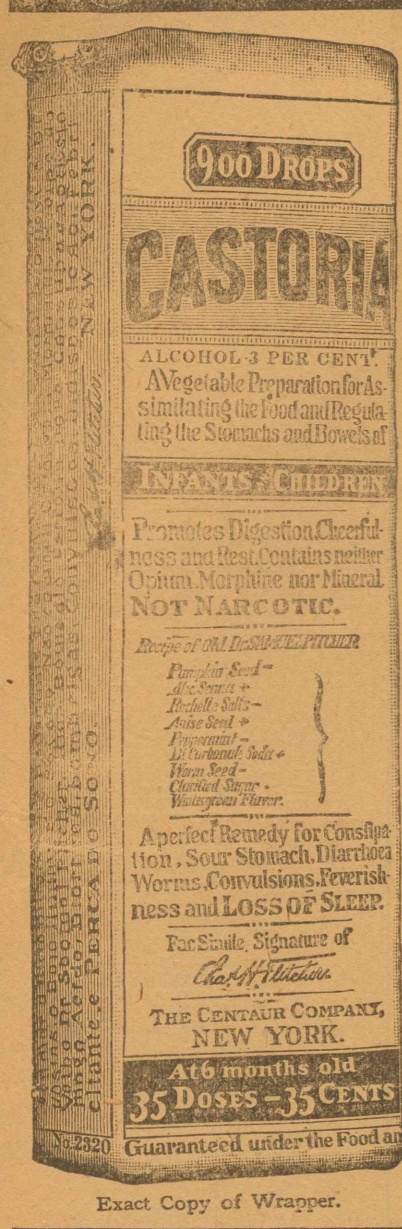
Good cotton checks, Real Sale price 4c
 Best quality calico 4c
 27 inch bookfold percale, Real Sale price 4c
 Good grade dress gingham, Real Sale price 6 1-2c
 Best grade dress gingham, Real Sale price 8 1-3c
 8 1-3c L. L. brown domestic 5c
 10c cotton flannel, extra heavy, Real Sale price 7 1-2c
 36 inch friendship bleached domestic, Real Sale price 6 1-2c
 Advertisized A. A. bleached domestic, 12 1-2c quality, Real Sale price 7 1-2c
 Best grade oilcloth, Real Sale price .10c
 One lot ribbon worth 20c, Real Sale price 10c
 Big lot val lace worth 10c, Real Sale price 5c

Don't Come to Ballinger December 9th, as Ballinger's Greatest Store Will Be Closed to Arrange for The Real Sale

Real Sale Prices on FURNITURE

Groceries
 Buy your Christmas Groceries Now
 8 lbs. good coffee, Real Sale price \$1.00
 Boxwood heater \$6.50 value

Hardware
 Buy Hardware at 'The Real Sale' at a real Saving.
 Boxwood heater \$6.50 value



CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of
Chas. H. Hutchings
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA

TAKE YOUR TROUBLES TO Y. M. B. L. LEAGUE

Secretary Boler is eager to push every line of work that is of interest to Ballinger and Runnels County. In the way of handing out press notices, Mr. Boler submitted the following to the Ledger with the request to publish if we thought of sufficient importance. We most certainly deem it of sufficient importance and are glad to offer for the Y. M. B. L. this information which should be of interest to many:

Convenience of Farmers
The Young Men's Business League, working in conjunction with the Agricultural Department of the U. S. Government, will furnish on request the latest bulletins from the different experimental stations in regard to crop diversification and information in regard to fruits and vegetables adapted to this locality.

Demand for Rent Houses.
Owing to the recent demand for rent houses in the City of Ballinger, the Young Men's Business League, will take the pleasure in assisting property owners and others in procuring desirable tenants if they will list same with the secretary-treasurer.

Important to Farmers
There is quite a demand for Milo Maize, Feterita and other feed stuffs as shown by inquiries coming to the office of the Y. M. B. L.

Quotations are requested, giving description and prices F. O. B. this point. The league will endeavor to put the buyer and seller in touch with each other, being no charge for this service.

Business Opportunities.
The Y. M. B. L. has information from reliable concerns of their desire to establish different branches in this locality. Any one interested will please call at the league office.

Perfecting Plans Business Men's Annual Banquet

The secretary and directors of the Young Men's Business League are busy getting things in shape for the business Men's Banquet December 11th has been selected as the date for holding the annual banquet, and the business men will be expected to assemble on that date at the business League rooms.

The menu for the occasion will be in keeping with the price to be charged per plate. It is not known yet who will have charge of serving the menu, but different church auxiliaries are figuring on the proposition and this part of the program will be perfected within the next two or three days.

Those in charge of the work expect to bring together between 200 and 250 citizens, together with the ladies of those who wish to bring their lady, and the occasion will be handled in a way to make it the most successful get-together meeting held in Ballinger during the history of the business men's work.

Prominent visitors will be on the program for speeches, and a number of speeches will be made by local orators, and with other features of entertainment the evening will be made a pleasant one, as well as profitable for Ballinger's entire interest.

The work of the Y. M. B. L. has passed the experimental stage and the progressive citizens of the town realize that a live organization of this character is absolutely necessary, and must be maintained and it has been decided to make the organization permanent, and by the co-operation of the citizens Ballinger will soon reap a benefit that will repay many times the cost.

A question that is now brewing in the minds of every one, and one which must be worked out at an early date, is the good roads problem. The prevailing weather makes traveling out of the question, and when the rain ceases it will be many days before the farmers can get on the roads with anything like a load of produce for market. These matters will be taken up and hastily worked out after the coming together of the business men, their ladies and friends on the evening of December 11th.

Get ready to take your share of tickets, and occupy a conspicuous place at the festival board when the band of Ballinger boosters come together. By all means don't make yourself conspicuous by your absence.

The Magic Washing Stick.
"The Magic Washing Stick is the finest thing in the world. Cleans the clothes without rubbing—makes the whitest clothes I ever saw. I cannot do without it anymore. All you say is true, it does all you say it will. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. Hope every lady will try it," writes Mrs. W. F. Gammit Ashdown, Ark. This peculiar article is sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

O. C. Puckett of the Pumphrey country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. J. Wilkerson of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Lame back may come from over work, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Henry Jones and Miss Lula Starkey left Monday afternoon to visit at Winters a day or two.

W. T. Padgett left Saturday afternoon for Harper, Texas where he goes to visit his father a few days, and if his health will admit, Mr. Padgett will bring his father home with him.

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

To Our Country Friends
The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.
Special Attention to Hurried Calls.
LEACH AUTO WORKS
PHONE 69

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

For Neat, Quick and Reliable Abstract Work See
Security Title Company
Blue Back Abstracts and Conveyancing.
For Lowest Interest Rates on Realty Loans and Land Bargains See
Chas. S. Miller.

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.
A Trial Will Convince You
THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY
708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

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

We Gin While You Wait!
We have just thoroughly overhauled our entire gin plant and added new machinery and have just installed a new seed conveyor, and are doing good work and making splendid turn out. Give us a trial.
DAY GIN
Edwin Day, Manager. Next to river bridge

MAN AND CHILD HURT AT MILES

MILES, Nov. 27.—While adjusting a belt at the Blue Gin, R. D. Holmes got his hand caught between the belt and pulley, lacerating it very badly. Dr. Herndon dressed it and said there were no bones broken.

While W. L. Bailey and family were out riding in their car Sunday afternoon their two-year-old child, Purney, fell from the car while running and was considerably bruised, but it is not thought seriously hurt.

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.

H. E. Landers of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up another year last Monday.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—80 acre farm located four miles from Bangs in Brown county; all good land, 50 acres in cultivation, good four room house, cistern, well and out houses. Good orchard with 150 bearing trees. Will sell at bargain or trade. W. S. HARMON.
d&w It pd

For Sale.
One five passenger car in good shape, will take stock are cash. Apply to Ballinger Auto Co., G. W. Dean. 28-wtf

Will Hamalick of Rowena had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

They All Admire Them— Even The Mouse
PERFECTION One 25 VARIETIES OF HOSIERY each in a class by itself. Style and Fit
PERFECTION HOSIERY
will outwear any stocking in the market. A guarantee for every pair for one month.
10 Tender Styles
Style 130—Ladies' Pure Silk, \$1.00; Black, White, Tan, Pink, Light Blue. (Worth \$1.50)
Style 135—Ladies' Silk Lisle, 40c; Black, Tan, White (Worth 50c)
Style 34—Ladies' Pure Silk, 60c; Black, Tan, White (Worth 75c)
Style 60—Men's Silk Lisle, 35c; Black, Tan, White, Gray, Navy, 3 for \$1.00. (Worth 50c)
Style 21—Men's Lisle (heavy weight), Black only, 25c
11 styles of undershirts for shirt waists
Style 210—Boys' Lisle (heavy weight), Black only, 25c
Perfection Sales Agency, 1233 ARCH ST., PHILA., PA.
Hosiery Direct from Mill to the Home.

STANLEY STILL ON IRRIGATION JOB

(Miles Messenger)

Col. C. M. Stanley spent Sunday in Miles from his camp on Red bank near the old Wiley Mule Ranch. The camp has been located at this point the past two weeks. Mr. Stanley stated that he had experienced unusual difficulty in crossing Red Bank, but unless unexpected difficulty arise Wednesday night of this week will see the alignment of the big canal across the divide and practically at Miles' door, and by Saturday night the ditch surveyed to this place.

Mr. Stanley states that the ditch has been much more difficult to locate than he had at first expected, owing to the irregular topography of the country, that a person would expect to find in casual passing over it. When Miles is reached approximately 30 miles of the main canal will have been permanently located. It is the expectation to begin the location of the canal on the north side of the Colorado by December 1st.

Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker of the county aforesaid that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county.

Said institutions or persons desiring to bid, shall deliver to the County Judge, on or before February 8th, 1915, at ten o'clock a. m., a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that it or he offers to pay on the funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$250.00.

Dated this 16th day of November, 1914.
M. KLEBERG, Jr.
County Judge of Runnels County, Texas. 20-27-4

B. B. Durham of North Oklahoma, who is here in the interest of the Southern Nursery Co., spent a day or two at San Angelo returned to Ballinger Tuesday morning and will be here in the interest of his company a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Bishop of the Pony Creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

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

A WARNING TO MANY

Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Troubles.

Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of their kidneys.

The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness, makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the state of New York alone. Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.

An ideal herbal compound that has had remarkable success as a kidney remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy.

The mild and healing influence of this preparation, in most cases, is soon realized, according to sworn statements and verified testimony of those who have used the remedy.

If you feel that your kidneys require attention, and wish a sample bottle, write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Mention this paper, enclose ten cents and they will gladly forward it to you by Parcel Post.

Swamp-Root is sold by every druggist in bottles of two sizes—50c, and \$1.00.

Uncle Mark Smith returned home Monday afternoon from a fishing trip on the Concho and brought with him over 100 pounds of fine fish. One yellow cat fish weighed 42 pounds and two of three weighed over 20 pounds and several small carp.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Van Ness Lewis one of the prominent pioneer citizens of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

FOR TRADE—A quarter section of plains land, for cotton or stock. Cotton on 10c basis.
G. E. KEMP, Ballinger. 2td pd

Don't Come To Ballinger Wednesday, December 9th

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS COMPANY'S

Store Will Be Closed to Mark Down and Arrange Stock for The Real Sale

Deer are Safest Things on Battle Field Says Diary of Correspondent

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD United Press Staff Correspondent

PRZEMYSL, Oct. 29. (By mail to New York)—Passed by the War Press Bureau—This is my diary of yesterday, which I spent on the Austrian firing line twelve miles from here:

7:45 a. m.—Under the escort of Col. John and Capt. Niskih, we start for the front. "We" included John Quincy Adams, the greatest American painter; Robert W. Dunn, of the New York Evening Post, who has just arrived and myself. We bundled into one of the typical springless basket-bodied Galician wagons.

8 a. m.—We are on the main road leading from the great fortification of Przemysl to the hills where the artillery firing is heaviest. At 8:10 a. m., we pass the cholera hospital and five minutes later we pass through the gate of the inner fortifications. The road is covered with wagons. The tightly packed lines of them are going in our direction. Another line on the left side is going toward Przemysl with sick and wounded. The steam from thousands of sweating horses rises like a thin mist along the trail. The sight is so wonderful that even the wounded men keep their eyes on it. The sick men, some with green faces and loose, open mouths of cholera victims, hang their heads, half dead.

8:15 a. m.—On both sides of the road, on ploughed farm land huge bodies of recruits are training. They have stamped the wet earth into a black, smooth, shining field that glitters like jet. 8:30—Among the thousands of sights, we catch a glimpse of a pig, riding on a seat like a soldier. He has been tied there to keep him from running away from dinner though it will be some one else's meal, not his own.

8:35 a. m.—We pass the outer line of fortifications. The trenches are lined and flooded with willow or straw matting. As far as our eyes can reach, to our right and left, stretch small "forests" of posts, hitching-post high with barb-wire hung and tangled

between them.

9:10 a. m.—Our wagon is springless. Now I know why all the wounded men in the carts have strained faces.

9:35 a. m.—The road dips into a valley. On both sides stretches an immense camp of tents and covered with wagons. The smoke of thousands of fires hangs over it all. Mud, men, flags, smoke horses, wagons, piles of bread harness, rifles, form a weird and indescribable picture that covers hundreds of acres in the valley. This is the reserve camp.

9:45 a. m.—We make a trip on foot through the camp. "Hello there, you Americans," I hear a man call from a covered "pairee schooner." He shows me a letter he has just written. It is addressed to Helen C. Rosse, 1300 Calvert street, Baltimore. "Your wife?" I asked. "No, but I wish she would be," he replied. He is Lieut. Carl Hoffman of the Eleventh army corps and so handsome and big that I'll recommend him as a husband to any unmarried girl.

9:50 a. m.—A spherical balloon or dirigible balloon and two aeroplanes are soaring or darting above the hills.

10 a. m.—A soldier is leaning against the wall at the gateway of a convent but the convent is only a heap of broken brick and stone. The Austrian soldiers have razed it because it obstructed the view from the forts. The soldier has only the ruin to guard and he evidently considers his task a bore.

10:20 a. m.—We cross a narrow gauge railroad track laid over ploughed farms. It is an artillery railroad. The cars are very small but horses pull them more rapidly than wagons. There is a string of cars across the horizon. They are feeding the artillery in the hills two miles away with shrapnel shells. The railroad to Sanpk runs through this farm and when we pass the depot of Hermanowicz we see wounded and sick men lying all about the platforms. They are waiting for trains which will carry them back to the base hospitals.

10:30 a. m.—The sound of firing is incessant and huge in volume. The Austrian batteries fire one gun at a time. The Russians fire salvos. "One, two, three, four, five, six" go the Austrian howitzers. "Er-r-r" go the Russian pieces, all firing nearly at one time. Before us are hills covering miles of territory from hill top to hill top and from valley to valley, the battle is raging.

"How can a man paint a battle like this?" asks Adams, who has just finished a picture of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary in seven sittings and usually installed by important assignments.

10:35 a. m.—Wounded have passed in wagons. "I'll never paint war pictures again if men going into battle singing and waving their swords," said Adams. "That man with the green twisted face on that wagon, suffering from cholera, is a more tremendous picture of war than all the exploding cannon I can paint." In the midst of all the life and the activity the men are dying before our eyes. There was no one to care for him. His wagon was held in the endless stream and must continue whether it carried only a sick or a wounded man or a poisonous green corpse.

10:45 a. m.—Three small deer run across the road ahead of us

There are thousands of soldiers hereabouts, all with rifles, and meat is not only too common; but the laws against poaching are in-bred in the peasantry, of Europe and those deer on the battlefield are probably the safest of all living things. Battles have waged on this ground for weeks and thousands of men and horses have been killed; the hungry Russians have one held this ground but here are three baby deer safe and sound!

11:00 a. m.—We come to a wide shallow creek. In tents on a hillside beside the road is the corps commander and his staff. A network of field telegraph wires, the nerves of the army, stretch out from the hillock and run off among the tree tops in the distant hills.

PRZEMYSL, Oct. 29.—(By mail to New York)—Two temporary bridges are across the stream. This is an infinitely busy spot. Over these two bridges pass all the men, food and ammunition that feed the battle in the hills. This little creek is the river of death for thousands. A regiment of fresh soldiers, spick and span, is just marching across. At the same time, across the other bridge wounded and sick men are being brought from the battlefield. The contrast defies description. Days ago, in some city these fresh men were marching through the streets singing their war enthusiasm. Their journey to this bridge on the edge of the battlefield has been long and slow. But it's almost ended. A short march will bring them where death is flying all about. They don't sing now. Their faces are grave. A group of other soldiers are cheering nearby. Their captain has just made a little speech, telling them they are to go to battle soon and that he expects them to do their best. On a hillside, a mile away, are thousands of men in grey. They form a grey carpet over the great slope. I can see a white horse among them as I look through my glasses. The carpet moves and ripples itself into patterns of straight lines on a green background. These thousands of men are to be taken to the front after dark tonight. They are growing and to keep them from growing nervous, their officers put them through drills now and then. It is 11:30 now, but in this northern land at this time of the year it will be pitch dark at 4:45 this afternoon, so they have not many hours to swarm idly on the hillside.

11:45 a. m.—We desert the wagon to go the rest of the way on foot. I see my first shrapnel burst. It makes a tiny, lazily floating cloud of white smoke over the hills. Through my glasses I see Austrian aeroplanes near the white cloud. Another cloud and another break into view. The Russians are trying for the aeroplanes. The aviator knows it too. There's no use of his trying to climb higher above the danger for the shrapnel has an upward range of two miles, so the machine turns tail and starts back toward the Austrian lines. Puff, Puff, Puff more white clouds break out around it. There are deadly eubill miles of air up there and if the aviator happens into one of them there will be a burst of splintered wood and tattered canvas and his work will be done. But it's all in the day's work for the man in the sky. He has been sent up to draw a Russian fire so that the whereabouts of a certain Russian battery may be disclosed. He has succeeded too for soon you hear the Austrian shrapnel screaming through the air toward the spots in the heavens toward the white smoke floats. The Austrians are fleeing over the forest hills and valleys for the Russian batteries. They want the Russians to shoot and the aeroplanes has turned the trick. Amid all these exciting

scenes we see hungry soldiers with their backs bent earthward digging with sticks in a field for potatoes. Their stomachs are crying louder than the shrapnel.

12:10 p. m.—We pass miles of ammunition beside the road. These are white pine boxes the size of a traveling man's grip. Each of them contains a shell about four inches in diameter, weighing about 35 pounds and costing \$150. Every shot of this vast tattoo we are hearing, means one of these shells gone to pot. Then there are other boxes painted black, the same size. They contain four two-inch shells, costing about \$10 each. We're not hearing these this morning for the Russian and Austrian artillery lines are about five miles apart and the smaller shells do little damage at that distance.

12:20 p. m.—Adams who has spent nearly all his life in Austria though he was born in Boston, and who has been in the Austrian army, explains what is going on. It is true the artillery lines are five miles apart but way up ahead of the artillery with their own shells coming up from behind them, and over their heads, are regiments of Austrian infantry hiding in the valleys, trenches or forests waiting for the order to advance.

12:30 p. m.—We leave the road and take to a grove. In a clearing we see a big house. Officers come and go. In response to our questions as to the nearest battery they pointed out a pathway in the garden. We follow it. In every battle I've ever read or heard about there was an apple orchard and this was no exception. At the edge of the orchard we came upon a vast piece of ploughed farm land sloping away from us and a quarter of a mile before us, in the field, we counted six copper colored howitzers with their noses tilted high. We struggled along over the ploughing and reached the battery.

The commandant looks at the press brassards we wear and welcomes us.

"Maybe we'll be ordered to fire soon," he says. He leads us to a hole in the ground. Looking through the entrance we see that the cave is straw lined. Inside is a man wearing a telephone headpiece. He is talking into the phone. He yells a series of numbers to the commandant who stands beside us. A hundred feet ahead of us are situated the six howitzers. We're standing beside the battery fire control, which is the handle of this death-dealing fan. The commandant yells the numbers to the man of gun No. 1. With big poles the men move the cannon its wheels into a new direction. Then other men with instruments for measuring elevation tilt the howitzer to the proper angle. Suddenly all the men rush away from the hole in which the gun stands. One man picks up a rope from the ground; it's the trigger rope. He stands twenty feet behind the piece and waits. Every man stands with his hands over his ears.

"Fener" orders the commandant. Above the tremendous explosion there is a screech that pierces your ear-drums. This fades away into a tremendous swish which echoes and repeats itself more and more faintly for about twenty seconds. The sound comes from a mile in the air. The sky seems alive with the echoes of the first shriek. We do not see what happened. Somewhere in the hills, five or six miles away the shell struck home. But—did it hit a farm house or explode among a regiment, killing scores of men? Or did it hit in some spot where no living beings were? How did we know it didn't hit a Red Cross camp. What are we really trying to hit is a Russian battery of guns like ours. If we can drop shell over that battery we can drive its men away from it and silence it and then our infantry, from some place nearby, can advance on it and

seize it and that will mean another six miles gained in the Austrian advance.

HOMES OF WOMEN WRECKED BY THE INVADERS.

American women are better off than their European sisters in most respects. Our American girls, however, are of highly nervous organization and usually suffer from troubles peculiar to their sex.

When a girl becomes a woman when a woman becomes a mother, when women pass through the changes of middle life, are the three periods of life when health and strength are most needed to withstand the pain and distress often caused by severe organic disturbances.

At these critical times women are best fortified by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and old remedy of proved worth that keeps the entire female system perfectly regulated and in excellent condition.

Mothers, if your daughters are weak, lack ambition, are troubled with headaches, lassitude and are pale and sickly, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is just what they need to surely bring the bloom of health to their cheeks and make them strong and healthy.

For all diseases peculiar to woman, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a powerful restorative. During the last 40 years it has banished from the lives of tens of thousands of women the pain, worry, misery and distress caused by irregularities and disease of a feminine character.

If you are a sufferer, if your daughter, mother, sister, needs help get Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in liquid or tablet form at any medicine dealers today. Then address Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., and you will receive confidential advice from a staff of specialists that will not cost you a penny. Today is the day; 136 page book on women's diseases sent free.

CAME TO BALLINGER TO HAVE NUTRIALS

Dr. C. M. Cash and Miss Made-Lee Griffith arrived in Ballinger Sunday morning from San Angelo, and at three o'clock Sunday afternoon they were happily united in wedlock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy, Rev. W. H. Boss performing the ceremony. Dr. Cash formerly lived at Abilene, and is a former friend and acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy. Miss Griffith's home is in Ft. Worth. The writer failed to learn why the couple came to Ballinger to start on their voyage of matrimonial bliss. They spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and returned to San Angelo Monday night.

How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an Improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2 cent original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

E. M. Burrow of the Hatchell country, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Charlie Wimberly of the Crews country was conducting business in Ballinger Monday.

SPENDS FIVE DAYS WITH THE FARMERS

After spending five days with the farmers of the northern part of Runnels County in the interest of farm demonstration work, Geo. P. McLelland, county farm demonstrator, returned late Friday afternoon with glowing reports of conditions in that part of this county. Mr. McLelland declares that in spite of the depressed cotton market, farmers are prospering in the country generally which he visited, by means of diversified crops. Scores of farmers have broken away from the one-crop idea and are doing well financially and otherwise after studying demonstration work for the past eighteen months.

While away Mr. McLelland took Thanksgiving dinner with one of the families which has diversified to a certain extent. For dinner he enjoyed old-time, but none the less delicious, meal which featured opossum with well-baked potatoes. Never before, according to the government agent, has he enjoyed such a palatial ball.

Mr. McLelland left Ballinger early Monday morning. Another trip over the county is being planned for next week.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"I cannot speak highly enough in praise of the Magic Washing-Stick. It saves half the labor in washing. Makes the clothes sweet, clean and white as snow without the use of rubboard," writes Mrs. R. M. Cardwell Forney, Texas. Sold by druggists three 10¢ sticks for 25¢ or by mail from A. B. Richards, Co., Sherman, Texas.

LOW PRICE COTTON DOES NOT AFFECT HIM

Frank Schwertner and Emil Ulrich, of the Rowena country, are not worrying about low price cotton. They are marketing a crop of turkeys that will net them more cash than their cotton crop after all expenses are paid.

Mr. Schwertner sold 55 turkeys in Rowena last week for which he received \$79 and has 150 more fat turkeys at home ready for the Christmas trade. Mr. Ulrich sold 52 turkeys for \$72.45. Mr. Schwertner will receive a better price for the 150 turkeys as the price advances near Christmas and when sold he will have over \$300 to his credit. The gentlemen claim that the turkeys cost them practically nothing, and the cash realized from them is all "velvet."

Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25¢ per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

T. J. Wethersby, of Rotan, came in Sunday to look after property interests in Ballinger.

J. W. Gardner of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

WANTED—One large or medium size young mule. Must be reasonable. J. J. POPE, Ballinger, phone 6611. 2w

Corn Comes Off as Easy as You Please!

"GETS-IT" Being Used by Millions! It is the first time that a real sure-as-fate corn cure has ever been discovered. "GETS-IT" is the new



Find the Lady Who Uses the World's Greatest Corn-Cure, "GETS-IT."

corn-cure, based on an entirely new principle. It is a new, different formula, never successfully imitated. It makes corns shrivel and then vanish. Two drops do the work. You don't bundle up your toe any more with sticky tape and plasters that press down on the poor corn—no more flesh-eating salves that don't "stay put" no more hacking at corns with knives or razors, no more bleeding or danger of blood poisoning. No more limping around for days with sore corns, no more corn pains. "GETS-IT" is now the biggest-selling corn cure in the world. Use it on any hard or soft corn, wart, callus or bunion. Tonight's the night. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25 cents a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

"GETS-IT" sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce, The Walker Drug Co. and City Drug Store.

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A startling statement but a true one in this case. One teaspoonful of medicine and two pounds of your own ground feed (cost about 3 cents) equal—in what they do for your animals and fowls,—two pounds of any ready-made stock or poultry tonic (price 25 cents). There you are! If you don't believe it, try it out! Buy, today, a can of—

Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE. Changes feed into tonic—Makes it result-producing.

Write for a trial pack of Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE, also our 32 page, illustrated book, fully explaining its uses. Address: Bee Dee Stock Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

25c, 50c and \$1. per can. At your dealer's. P. B. 3

War or No War

We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.

No informal red tape proceedings. When you get your loans through us, we handle them right off the reel.

For further particulars call on, phone or write

C. A. Doose & Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

Lauds Banks for Past Favors and Pleads for Co-operation

WINGATE, Texas, Nov. 28, 1914
To The Old Reliable First National Bank, Ballinger:

Having had dealings with your bank eleven years and knowing you to be always loyal to the best

interests of the county and the men of bone and brawn who have dug out these mesquite trees and built white houses and red barns and silos, I am taking the liberty of addressing you this open letter in the same optimistic spirit in which you have continually viewed the agricultural situation in our county and dealt with your customers. I trust that, occupying an extremely humble position as I do, I would not place too high an estimate on my opinion, but I believe that the merchants and banks are responsible in a measure for much cotton being sold at starvation prices. With hundreds of farmers whom you helped over the rocks of that bad "10" and who have held this bully, good, young robust country together through thick and thin, as our own big hearted Jo Wilmeth would say I fully appreciate what your bank and the other two banks, including Mr. Chas. S. Miller, have done for us, and I am sure that every good citizen who really has the betterment of conditions in Runnels County at heart appreciates the same. Since the relations between our banks and farmers have been so pleasant we can afford to discuss the present situation frankly.

In offering suggestions in such a crisis as we are facing, I am not unaware of my humble position and I only beg as an apology that you accept my sincere interest in the welfare not only of my own little children whom I believe to be entitled to pure food, comfortable clothing and a decent education, but I hope you will believe that I am prompted also by a broader desire for the good of my neighbor, my fellowman, including bankers, merchants and all vocations, honorably followed by our good citizens. If I believe in anything on earth I believe in promptness and punctuality in paying honest debts. As a proof of this I have sold cotton at 5 3/4 cents to pay up. I have sold my last cow and calf to pay my merchant for meat and bread and nice clothing furnished my people. I would do the same thing again, if you will pardon me for being personal, for I know I can get all the cows I want "on credit." But our merchants and bankers are reasonable and especially are our western business men, both broad and reasonable. And since having the pleasant association with them for these eleven years, we are persuaded that they are loyal to the best and highest interests of the community, and will cooperate with responsible farmers in this crisis in so far as liberal and conservative business extends.

Congress has failed us. Our legislature has failed us. "Emergency currency" has not reached us. With 5 cent cotton, bankruptcy stares us in the face. Every day we are urged to sell a little cotton to loosen up and oil the wheels of commerce. The next day we are urged to sell a little more on a declining market. Receipts show that we have foreed lots of cotton on a "dead market."

The \$150,000,000 proposition has not materialized, and never will. But in the meantime and while we are hopefully waiting, we are advised to turn a little more cotton loose, and there you go!

done for us? Now then the only logical and sensible thing to do viewing it from my standpoint, is for the farmers, merchants and bankers right here at home to get together and stand together and not look to the Federal Government, the state, or any other man. It is a local affair confined to the South—the cotton states—when we look to other states, or congress, who are interested in high wheat, high hogs and cheap clothing, we will be buncoed and disappointed.

We must meet the crisis locally. We must get our hearts and heads and shoulders together just like we did during the drouth and failure in crops in 1910. Didn't we come through, though, admirably? We can pull off a still better stunt. We have had experience.

If we can possibly suspend payment of debts for a brief time things will adjust themselves. I know this looks hard at first blush. But we can do it. Nothing is impossible.

Let us put every bale of cotton we have up behind our debts and get them "stayed" for awhile. If necessary put up other collateral. The darkest hour is just before day. During that bad "10" everything looked black—"black as ink." Are we going to the wall now with the biggest crop on hand in the history of the county? Not much. Not if we use any judgment. Confidence and co-operation is what we need.

Of course I have lived long enough to know that you are justified in charging that I have a purely selfish motive, since I have actually made 100 bales of cotton and do not want to sell it at half the cost of production to pay outstanding obligations.

But if you will pardon me for being personal once more, I will repeat that I have sold good sound white cotton for 5 3/4 cents to pay up and I now believe that the banks should do a little losing up and loan money on warehouse receipts in order that farmers may hold some of their cotton off a dead market for a profit.

Dumping the entire crop on a repulsive market at present prices will not only wreck farming interests but commercial interests also. But I am growing tedious.

In conclusion allow me to say that there is yet enough cotton and maize and feterita left to put the country on a cash basis another year if it could be sold at a decent price. He is a benefactor who helps in this crisis. There is no earthly need of financial trouble in the midst of peace and plenty in our beloved Southland. Shall we perish while prosperity is knee deep? We would not force a horse to eat. We should not force anybody to take our cotton until they get hungry for it. We should shelter it, insure it, and hold on to it like grom death until the cloud passes and the market gets hungry.

The old reliable First National one of the oldest land marks in the county, will not think strange that we look to her to take the initiative in the salvation of the county.

In behalf of the honest yeomanry of the county I thank the banks of Ballinger for having saved the situation heretofore and we believe they are equal to the occasion now. Thanking you also for every substantial favor and kindly courtesy extended "Uncle Johnnie," I am sincerely yours,
JOHN BALLEW

WEST TEXAS COMPANY ADJUSTS PHONE RATES

At its meeting on the 14th instant, the directory of the West Texas Telephone Company took final action on a matter which, in its various phases, has been under consideration for the past three years, and which it is believed will be very beneficial to its patrons. Having been authorized so to do, the management is pleased to announce that it will, on December 1st, 1914, inaugurate and put in operation throughout its entire system a revised schedule of long distance toll rates, worked out after the most careful and painstaking consideration with the purpose of accomplishing three main objects, namely, an increase of time allowed on calls carrying minimum toll rates, a reduction of tariff on short haul conversations, and a readjustment rendering more equitable the rates on long hauls as between certain points, especially where switching is required.

The benefit to patrons may be best indicated thus:

First: The minimum rates will apply for three minutes instead of two, as heretofore, on all conversations, whether long or short hauls, thus increasing the time allowed patrons fifty per cent.

Second: Reduction of tolls on minimum rate conversations as follows:

(a.) Between points not exceeding fifteen miles apart, from the present tariff of twenty-five cents to fifteen cents.

(b.) Between points more than fifteen miles but not exceeding twenty miles apart, from the present tariff rate of twenty-five to twenty cents.

Third: Calls between points exceeding twenty-five miles apart will, generally speaking, carry the old tariff or toll rates for the new minimum of three minutes with a slight increase in some instances, and decrease in others where switching is required, or more than average wire mileage is tied up during the conversation.

The fifteen and twenty-cent rates inaugurated will reduce the rates five to ten cents from county seats to most country towns and villages. On the other hand, to work out an equitable readjustment, will, in some instances, slightly increase rates from one county to another, especially where switching is required, or a large wire mileage tied up.

The equitableness and benefits to patrons of the readjustment of toll rates, as above outlined, has been apparent to the directory and management of the telephone company for a long time. The course it required to be taken, however, had, and still has in it the elements of an experiment; because the rate reduction will affect approximately thirty-five thousand messages annually and cause a reduction of approximately three thousand dollars in net revenues. This has caused delay in inaugurating these new rates. The financial condition and revenues of the Company in the past have rendered the experiment, in the opinion of the directory and management, too hazardous to attempt. Indeed, the revenues of the company do not now justify the probable loss. But its long distance revenues have somewhat increased, despite the times, which are such as to call for every consideration it can show its patrons. Besides, it is hoped and believed that, as conditions approximate the normal the lower short-haul rates will cause such an increase in the volume of traffic as to make up the above mentioned loss in revenue. To do this, however, such increase must amount to sixty per cent more messages at the lower rate than the company has heretofore handled. We trust our hopes along this line will be realized and that we shall be able to maintain the new rates. However, with an increased volume of business three important facts come up which will have a bearing on our being able to maintain the new rates, and these are, first, additional operating expense required to handle the increased volume of business; second, increased accounting expense; and third, additional switchboard and line facilities.

It was the sense of the directory in considering this new schedule of rates that the company should at all times make an equitable and reasonable rates as is consistent with efficient service, and a

COTTON! Don't Sell Your Cotton at Present Prices

You can realize more money by shipping your cotton to us where it will be properly stored and insured against loss by fire and you can hold for higher prices. If you need money to pay off some of your obligations take out Bill Lading and draw on us for as much as you need no to exceed \$20.00 per bale. We have warehouse space for 20,000 bales cotton and until this number is reached we extend to you a helping hand. We make a customary charge of \$1.00 bale commission which includes weighing, classing, selling charges and one month's free storage and insurance. After first month fifteen cents per month storage, and insurance at current rates which is now ten cents bale month. Shipping tags furnished on request. Ship now before your cotton damages. Satisfactory sales and prompt returns can be relied on.

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WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

F. W. Greber, Gen. Manager
The new rate from Ballinger to Winters and Talpa, is now 20 cents for three minutes, while under the old rate it was 25 cents for two minutes. The new rate to Benoit and Hatchel is 15 cents for three minutes while under the old rate it was 25 cents for two minutes. The other reduction to points from Ballinger in the territory covered by the West Texas Telephone Co. applies to increase in time of conversation only, the minimum time being three minutes instead of two.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES REQUIRED TO COLLECT

War Tax for Federal Government

On December 1st, 1914, there will go into effect the war tax recently enacted by the Federal Government, relating to telephone and telegraph messages. As will be noted, every person, firm, or corporation owning or operating any telegraph or telephone line is required to make sworn statement to the collector of internal revenues monthly, showing the number of messages at each of their respective exchanges, toll stations, or offices, and that on each message where a toll of fifteen cents or over is charged, a tax of one cent must be collected from the sender.

The law taxing telephone and telegraph messages is on Page 18 of Bulletin No. 217 of the 63rd Congress, and is quoted below:

"Telegraph and telephone messages: It shall be the duty of every person, firm, or corporation owning or operating any telegraph or telephone line or lines to make within thirty days after the expiration of each month a sworn statement to the collector of internal revenues in each of their respective districts, stating the number of dispatches, messages or conversations originating at each of their respective exchanges, toll stations, or offices, and transmitted thence over their lines during the preceding month for which a charge of fifteen cents or more was imposed, and for each of such messages or conversations the said person, firm, or corporation shall collect from the person paying for the message or conversation a tax of one cent in addition to the regular charge for the message or conversation, which tax the said person, firm, or corporation shall in turn pay to the said collector of internal revenues of their respective districts: Provided: That only one payment of said tax shall be required, notwithstanding the lines of one or more persons, firms, or corporations shall be used for the transmission of each of said messages or conversations."

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CITY MEAT MARKET, Phone 185.
Stanley Cameron, Prop.

S VAN ZANDT AHEAD OF RUNNELS?

Enclosed in its monthly statements and letters mailed out to customers on the first of December, by the F. & M. Bank of Ballinger is the following letter:

"C. L. Stanford, County Judge of Van Zandt County, on November 16th, the day appointed for the opening of Regional Reserve Banks and New York Cotton Exchange, made the following statement:

"Hog killing is the order of the day. With spare-ribs, backbones, home-made sausage, with great banks of sweet potatoes, cribs full of peanuts, peas, corn and hay; pantry loaded with canned fruit and vegetables; plenty of good wood. What do we care whether the Regional Bank or the Cotton Exchange open today or not. Great is Van Zandt County."

Why is Van Zandt great, and is she greater than Runnels County? We can offset her peanuts, peas and corn crop with our oats, so abundant that thousands of bushels are yet outside of permanent shelter, while many more thousands are running loose in grainaries. Cribs bursting with maize and feterita spilling out at every crack, barns and stack-lots full and running over with Sundan. Sorghum and other roughness; while we still have thousands of acres of excellent feed unharvested. Using the last ginner's report as basis, we will make 20,000 more bales of cotton than Van Zandt.

The optimism of Judge Stanford must result from the fact that Van Zandt has learned to diversify and her farmers have an abundant living at home, and to spare.

Let us be thankful for the immense crops we have produced and each individual farmer look to the marketing of his feed on the hoof. Runnels County needs more than all else live stock to convert its surplus feed into a merchantable commodity.

The letter is addressed to "Our Patrons and Friends," and is signed by the F. and M. Bank. This is a fair sample of the boosting this bank is doing through a series of letters mailed out to the farmers and friends of the bank. The above letter certainly carries with its the proper ring, and if the suggestions were half way put into practice this county would step up ahead of Van Zandt mightly quick.

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