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WEEKS AGAIN MADE MEMBER OF STATE PHARMACY BOARD

By being named by Governor-Elect James E. Ferguson as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, John A. Weeks of Ballinger has the unique distinction of being the only member serving on the board who has been appointed by three governors. Mr. Weeks was appointed under Governor Campbell nearly six years ago. Governor Colquitt, who followed as a Texas governor, realizing the merits of appointing the Ballinger man as a member of this, one of the most important boards of the state, re-named Mr. Weeks. Then came Mr. Ferguson Saturday night, announcing that the local pharmacist had been chosen to again serve his State as a member of the board.

Today Mr. Weeks is receiving congratulations from all over the state for his re-appointment. Among those who have wired congratulations is Rt. Rev. Joseph P. Lynch, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Dallas. Bishop Lynch formed the acquaintance of Mr. Weeks while the former was making a tour of his diocese last summer, including in his itinerary Ballinger. Although his stay in Ballinger was short, he never forgot the reception given him by the Ballinger people, among whom was Mr. Weeks, during his stay in the city.

Only three members of the board were re-appointed to serve on the board by Governor-Elect Ferguson. They are H. B. Selmann of New Braunfels, Walter H. Cousins of Wichita Falls, and Mr. Weeks. The new members of the board are Earnest Caskey of Quannah, and Henry Carlton of Taylor.

NEGROES EAT JACK RABBITS

The hundreds of East Texas negroes who came to West Texas to pick cotton are not only gathering cotton but are also a great help in gathering rabbits.

Some time ago a farmer told us that his bunch of black cotton pickers were living high on rabbits, eating on an average of from four to five rabbits a day.

The rabbits are chased into prairie dog holes and then twisted out with a piece of wire, or shot before they get into the holes.

If too many are caught some days they are staked out, fed and kept over until the supply runs short.—Miles Messengere.

HONIG DECLARES WAR IS DUE TO ENGLAND'S GREED ON SEAS

"England is responsible for one of the bloodiest wars in the history of the world," said Ike Honig upon his return from Hungary, Sunday morning. "And all this great bloodshed and sacrifice of life is due to commercial jealousy. Germany has been developing commercial enterprises that England did not want to see succeed, and that jealousy is responsible for the whole trouble."

Mr. Honig arrived in Ballinger Sunday night, after an absence of five months. He left Ballinger on July 6th for a trip to his native land, Austria-Hungary. He is one of a number of heirs to his brother's estate, and his mission to that country was to look after the closing up of this estate. He landed in Germany on July 27th, and went direct to Csab, Hungary, where he has two sisters living, arriving at Csab on July 28th.

The day before Mr. Honig landed in Germany, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, and there was confusion among the people. The day before he arrived at Csab all Americans were notified to go to Budapest at once, if they desired to return to America. As soon as Mr. Honig could arrange to do so he reported to the American consul at Budapest, and was given a passport to Berlin, Germany.

Arriving at Berlin Mr. Honig found that it was more dangerous to be on water than on land, and he decided to remain in that country until conditions for traveling were more favorable and until he could get decent passage. He returned to Hungary, where he remained until three weeks ago, when he made his way to Rotterdam.

Mr. Honig stated that the papers published in the countries involved in the war published reports favorable to their interest only, and that it was hard for him to learn much about the war until he arrived in a neutral country. He knew very little about what was going on in the other countries until he reached Holland. He spent four days in Holland, read reports from the different countries published in the Holland papers, and talked to the people and learned more about the war than he did while in Hungary. He says the people of Holland are free to admit that it is England's jealousy that has brought about the war.

Mr. Honig says that England is doomed to destruction. It makes no difference who is victorious in the war, he thinks that England will fall. According to impressions he gained after leaving Hungary, if the Allies are victorious Russia will not stop until England is under Russian government, and if the Germans are victorious the English government will be under Germany's grasp. According to the story told by Mr. Honig the holy war that is being waged by Turkey, has robbed England of Egypt, India and South Africa, revolutions being waged in those countries of which the world

knows nothing about. Mr. Honig says there is no confidence to be placed in the reports sent out by England, and that he knows that they are false, and all made favorable to the interest of the Allies.

As to conditions in Hungary, where for nearly four months Mr. Honig visited his brother and two sisters, he says business is badly demoralized, and all schools have been suspended. The school building are being used for hospitals, and Mr. Honig says he saw many train loads of wounded soldiers being transported from the front to the hospitals. The Austria-Hungarian government are taking care of all those made helpless by the war. An allowance of sixty hellers per day is made to all those over eight years old who are helpless and without means of support. (60 hellers equal 12 cents.)

Up to the time Mr. Honig left Hungary he stated that there had been very little cold weather, but that he had seen very little sunshine since September and that it rained about three days out of every week since September. While business is dull in the interior, Mr. Honig says all trains are running and that very little is known of the war by the people of Hungary.

It is the opinion of the people of that country that the war will last a long time, and that unless other nations join the Allies Germany and Austria-Hungary will be able to hold their own, and in the end maintain their present form of government and territory.

Mr. Honig says that all Americans in that country can get home if they want to come. All that is necessary is for them to prove their identity, secure a passport and the United States will advance them the money with which to make the journey.

However, Mr. Honig says that it is no easy job for one in the interior of that country to get to a seaport where he can get passage home. It is necessary for each one to have a picture on his passport and it must be certified to by the signature of the American consul.

Mr. Honig boarded the ship at Rotterdam with about five hundred other Americans and they sailed for New York. The first two days out on the North Sea, he says they saw two floating mines. They were escorted by two ships, and all life boats were ready to be launched at a moment's notice, but no trouble was experienced, and the ships sent out to protect them turned back after the second day out.

The ship landed at New York on December 5th, and he arranged to continue his journey home.

Mr. Honig expects to make Ballinger his home but will be away from here part of the time, and expects to leave in a few days for Denver, Colorado, where he has relatives. He says he only received one letter from Ballinger while in Hungary, and he was indeed glad when he landed in Ballinger.

MISS NAOMI NORMAN MARRIED

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Naomi Norman to Mr. Leo Cagle Evans has been received in Ballinger.

Miss Naomi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman, formerly of Ballinger, and the wedding took place in Oil City, La., where the family is making their home, on the 7th of December.

The many friends of Miss Naomi in Ballinger will join in best wishes for her in married life.

FOLLOWS HUSBAND FROM OKLAHOMA

Sheriff J. D. Perkins was in Miles Monday after a man charged with deserting his wife and baby. Sheriff Perkins phoned Deputy Atwell Sunday night to look out for the man, giving him full description, and by Monday morning Mr. Atwell had the man near Miles. Mr. Perkins brought the wife to Miles Monday afternoon and introduced the man to his wife who had followed him from Oklahoma.—Miles Messenger.

Mrs. J. A. Guy and Mrs. Haywood Miller came up from Talpa Monday to look for Santa Claus. They spent the night with relatives and returned home Tuesday morning.

J. R. Cooke, grocery merchant of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Goldthwaite on business.

60-Year-Old Man Examined

"A man never gets too old to learn" is a familiar declaration these days and time, when people have the appearance as a rule of knowing much and learning more. But here's another that fits in the Ballinger case exactly: "A man never gets too old to teach." An old man sixty years of age stood the teachers' examination given by Superintendent W. W. Wooten at the court house the last two days of last week. Hence's the new adage. The man's paper will be graded by the state board within the next six weeks and his heart will either rise or fall when he hears the news which will be conveyed by that body with reference to the grade which he made.

W. H. Lake, bookkeeper for the Perry Gin Co., of Brownwood, was here Saturday looking after the interest of his company.

O. D. Dillingham and family came down from Winters Saturday and spent Sunday with Mrs. Dillingham's father, J. W. Clam-pitt.

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HUMAN BONES ON COLORADO

While strolling along the banks of the Colorado river at a point about fifteen miles below Ballinger, Sunday afternoon some boys discovered human bones protruding from the banks of the river. Several bones were found close to the surface of the earth on the bank of the river, and the boys secured instruments to dig with and unearthed others.

There is no burying ground where the bones were found, and as the bones were so near the river it is not believed that a body was buried there, but that the body was carried there by the water some time in the past.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING

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XXII.

That summer's that arch-mam-whom men call in anticlimax in the fast and hilly expanse of middle western country—a rugged disk of earth which boasted no human tenancy within a circle of its far-flung horizon and was bisected, not neatly, rather irregularly, by the flowing double line of steel ribbons which marked the railroad's right of way over the old Santa Fe trail.

So much for the stage: the light effects were provided exclusively by the crimson and purple and gold of a portentous sunset; the properties employed were simply a special train and what is known as a light engine (meaning a locomotive unhandicapped by cars); audience there was none, if one except the actors—who were one and all far too deeply preoccupied with the interpretation of their several roles to be aware of the show.

They were not many in number: perhaps half a dozen aboard the special train—which was making away as fast as it could run toward the glory of the sunset; as many more aboard the light engine.

It was the engineer who started the trouble. After bringing his monster to a full pause, he turned upon his passengers and—not without plausible excuse—violently indicted Mr. Alan Law for abuse of his and his fireman's trustfulness. This said fireman (climbing forward over the tender) vigorously applauded.

They had been engaged, both gentlemen asserted vigorously, for nothing more dangerous than a quick run across the prairies, in furtherance of the unspecified plans of Mr. Alan Law and his companion, Miss Judith Trine. After starting out, they had wickedly and maliciously been bribed by the said Law to put on speed and catch up with the special, in order that he might rescue from the latter a young woman, his bride-to-be and the sister of Miss Trine.

But—and here was the grievance—they hadn't bargained to be shot at with pistols. And precisely that outrage had been put upon them during and subsequent to the moment of rescue.

It was unhappy Mr. Barcus who precipitated the affair. This gentleman was suffering from a severe sprain to his sense of decent pride. In the service of Miss Rose Trine and her betrothed, Mr. Law, Barcus had blackened his face and hands to the hue of ebony and had garmented himself in the garb of a Pullman porter, surrendering himself to humiliating service to those aboard the special, suffering their insolence and scorn without a murmur, but with the tides of wrath mounting ever higher in his bosom.

And now, when at length he had won his freedom from that ignominious servitude, it was only to be sworn at and vilified, as a common nigger, by railroad hands!

It was the fireman (to be just) who brought the row to a focus by a slighting reference to that "shiftless and misbegotten ding."

He repeated quite promptly. Mr. Barcus jumped for his throat with a

bellow of rage. The brakeman leaped for his shovel and brandished it threateningly. Mr. Barcus made no mention of that: he closed in without hesitation and got the fireman by the throat, proceeding to shake the breath out of his body with the greatest good will and dispatch. In the course of this entertainment the fireman slipped on the cobbles, tumbled backwards, taking Mr. Barcus with him to the ballast.

At almost the same moment Mr. Law, attempting to restrain the engineer from going to the assistance of his fellow-worker, ducked in under a vicious swing for his chin, grappled with his foe, tripped him up—and went with him to the ground on the opposite side of the locomotive from that occupied by Mr. Barcus and the fireman.

For the next several seconds he was very busy indeed keeping his face out of the ballast. The engineer was a heavy man, but active and infuriated. He fought like a demon unchained. It was all very exciting. Mr. Law was

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even beginning to enjoy it when he heard a woman shriek. At the same instant revolvers began to pop.

Mr. Law released his foe almost as quickly as he was released. Both rose as one man, to find Judith Trine beside them, a little smile of excitement playing round her lips as she looked up the track and watched the special slow down to a stop—several persons on the back platform plying busy trigger-fingers all the while.

As these last threw open the platform gates and dropped to the ballast, still perforating the air with many bullets, Mr. Law, Miss Judith Trine, and that late belligerent, the engineer, turned simultaneously and sought the rear of the tender.

On the opposite side they found Rose Trine and Mr. Barcus standing uncertainly above the body of the fireman, who, it appeared, had stunned himself in falling and remained insensible.

The appearance of Law and Judith from behind the tender, closely pursued by the engineer, who was in turn closely pursued by gentlemen with revolvers, stirred Barcus and Rose to action. Alan passed him at a rapid pace, pausing only long enough to seize Rose and drag her with him toward the special. Judith flung him a phrase of well-meant advice in passing:

"Come along, you simpleton—unless you want to be shot down where you stand!"

Mr. Barcus acted on that advice, as immediately as resentfully. Judith Trine was little before him at the steps of the Pullman; Mr. Law had already assisted Rose aboard. Mr. Barcus ungraciously gave place to the lady; his ingrained chivalry sorely strained by bullets that kicked among the ballast round his feet.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

Pullman.

"Come inside," Law suggested, "and introduce me to the brakeman. I presume I've got to fix things up with him."

"If there's really any doubt in your mind as to that," Barcus said, rising, "I don't mind telling you you're right."

He paused as Alan entered the car before him and was greeted by a storm of vituperation that fairly blistered the panels of the Pullman. Mr. Seneca Trine, helpless in his invalid chair, thus celebrated his introduction to the young man whom he had never before seen whose life he had schemed to take these many years. His heavy voice boomed and echoed through the car like the sounding of a tocsin.

Alan made no effort to respond, but listened with his head critically to one side and an exasperating expression of deep interest informing his countenance until Mr. Trine was out of breath and vitriol; when the younger man bowed with the slightest shade of mockery in his manner and waved a tolerant hand to Barcus.

"He has, no doubt," Alan inquired, "his own private cell aboard this car?"

"Yes, sub!" Barcus agreed, casting well the manner of his apparent caste and color. "Ain't dat de roof?"

"Take him away, then," Alan requested wearily—"if you please."

"Yes, sub!" Barcus replied, with nimble alacrity seizing the back of the wheeled chair and swinging it round for a spin up the length of the car.

Before Trine had recovered enough to curse him properly, the door to his drawing room was closed and Barcus was ambling back down the aisle.

His grin of relish at this turning of the tables on the monomaniac proved, however, short-lived. It erased itself in a twinkling when Judith shouldered roughly past him, wearing a sullen and forbidding countenance, and flung herself into the drawing room with her father.

The cause of her temper was not far to seek: at the far end of the car Alan was heaving solicitously over the chair in which Rose was resting. One of his arms was around her shoulder. Her face was lit with contentment. Mr. Barcus mused morosely on his apprehension of trouble a-brew, simmering over the waxing fire of that strange woman's jealousy. He didn't like the prospect at all. If only Alan and Rose hadn't been so desperately in love that they couldn't keep away from one another! If only Alan had been sensible enough to outwit the woman and leave her behind when he started in pursuit of the special! If only there had not been that light engine in pursuit—as Barcus firmly believed it must be—loaded to the guards with Trine's unscrupulous hirelings!

No telling when they might catch up!

The fear of this last catastrophe worked together with his fears of Judith to render that night a sleepless one for Barcus. He spent it in a chair whence he could watch both the door to the compartment Judith had chosen for her own (formerly Marrophat's quarters) and the endless ribbons of steel that swept beneath the tracks.

But nothing happened. He napped uneasily from time to time, waking with a start of fright, but always to find nothing amiss. Ever Judith stopped behind that closed door, and ever the track behind was innocent of the glare of a pursuing headlight.

Nor did anything outward mark the progress of the morning—unless, indeed, Judith's protracted sessions with her father behind the closed door of the drawing room were to be counted ominous.

Ever since lunch-time the girl had been closeted with her father; Barcus had been getting some well-earned and sorely-needed rest in his quarters; Alan standing his watch on the observation platform, in company with Rose; and the train booming along through an uncouth wilderness of arid

mountains, barren mesas, and sun-smitten flats given over to the desolate genius of sagebrush.

Whatever had been the tenor of the communication between father and daughter, Judith eventually emerged from the drawing room in an ominous temper. Barcus, coming drowsily away from his compartment at the same time, was jarred wide awake by sight of the forboding countenance she wore; and after a moment of doubt followed her back to the lounge at the rear of the car.

He got there in time to see her at rigid standstill, staring steadfastly at the two figures so close together on the observation platform. But on his appearance Judith shook herself together, snatched up a magazine, and the ankle-long Pullman wrapper which Judith had seen fit to don during her period of captivity. "Heaven knows it's hot enough without wearing more clothing than decency demands . . . But you never can tell about a woman . . . I bet a dollar I've made a blithering ass of myself—letting her loose at all!"

He took his doubts aft, communicating them to Alan and Rose. And his long conference with Alan and Rose on the observation platform afforded Judith ample opportunity in which undetected to suborn the train crew to treachery.

Whether she did or not, this is what happened in the course of the next hour: the special was forced to take a siding to make way for the California Limited, east-bound; and when this had passed, the engine of the special coughed apologetically and pulled swiftly out, leaving the Pullman stalled on the siding.

From the rear of the tender the brakeman and fireman waved affecting farewells to the indignant faces of

"Will you be good if I let you out?" "Perfectly."

"No more shenanigans?" "I promise."

"Word of honor?"

"If my word of honor means anything to you—you have it."

"Well . . . !" he said dubiously.

In the same humor he turned and released the knob; promptly Judith opened it wide and swept out into the corridor, her mood now one of really fetching mockery.

"Thank you so much!" she laughed into his face of discomfiture; and dropping him an ironic curtsy, she turned forward and swung into the drawing room occupied by Trine.

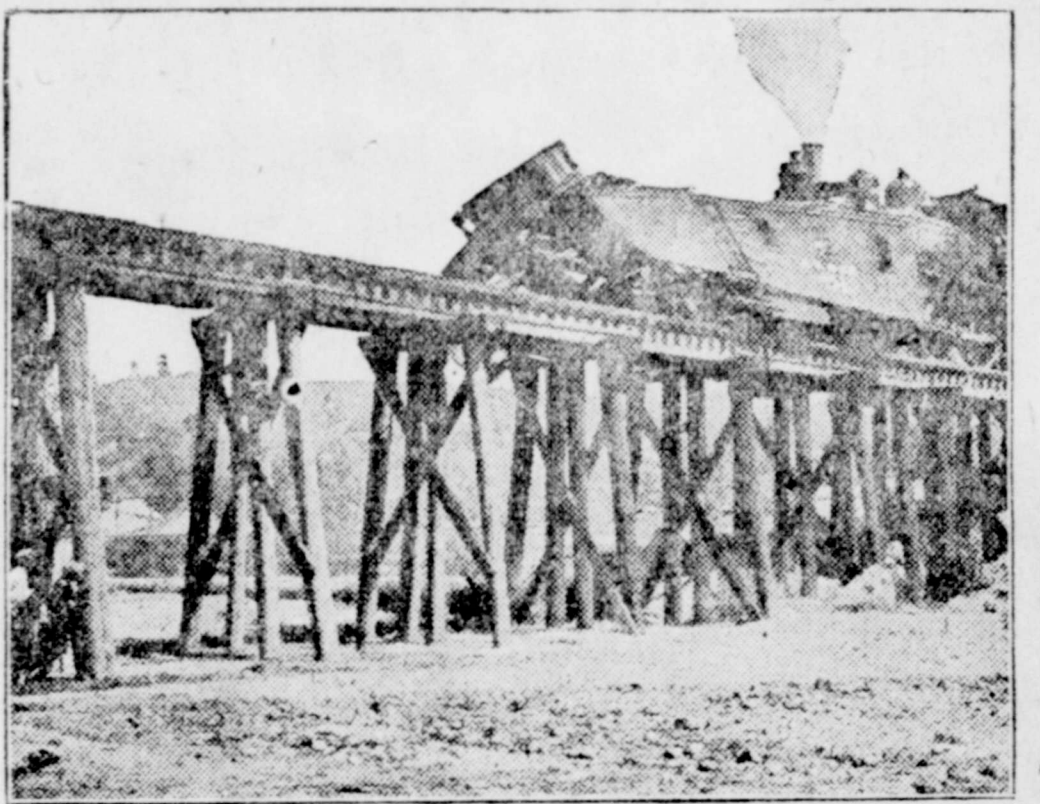
"Wonder what she put that on for?" he speculated, with reference to the ankle-long Pullman wrapper which Judith had seen fit to don during her period of captivity. "Heaven knows it's hot enough without wearing more clothing than decency demands . . . But you never can tell about a woman . . . I bet a dollar I've made a blithering ass of myself—letting her loose at all!"

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Struck the Caboose With a Crash Like the Explosion of a Cannon.

Alan and Barcus when they showed in the front doorway.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Hand Car.

"Well!" Mr. Barcus broke a silence whose eloquence may not be translated in print—"can you beat it?"

"Not with this outfit," Alan admitted gloomily.

"But—damn it!—we've got to."

"Profanity—even yours, my friend—won't make this Pullman move without an engine."

"All the same, we can't stop here like bums on a log, waiting for that gang of thugs to sail up in the light engine and cut our blessed throats."

Mr. Law answered this unanswerable contention only with a shrug. Then, stepping out on the forward platform of the Pullman, he cast a hopeless eye over the landscape.

Raw, rugged hills hemmed in the right of way, hills whose vast flanks were covered with dense thickets of mesquite, chaparral, sagebrush and cacti, the haunt of owls and rattlesnakes and—solitude. No way of escape from that pocket in the hills other than by the railroad itself.

He lowered his gaze to the tracks and siding—and started sharply.

"Eh—what now?" Barcus inquired with interest.

"Some thoughtful body has left an old hand car over there in the ditch," Alan replied. "Maybe it isn't beyond service."

"With me supplying the horsepower, I suppose?"

"Horse isn't the word," Alan corrected meticulously; and escaped the other's wrath by dropping down to the ballast and trotting over to the ditch, where the hand car lay.

"Looks as if it might work," he announced. "Come along and lend me a hand."

"Half a minute," Barcus answered dodging suddenly back into the car.

When he reappeared, after some five minutes, Rose accompanied him, and Barcus was smiling as brilliantly as though nothing whatever was wrong with his world.

"Sorry to keep you waiting, old top," he explained, "but I was smitten with an inspiration. There didn't seem to be any sense in letting the amiable Judith loose upon this fair hand, so I found a coil of wire in the porter's closet and wired the handle of the drawing room door fast to the bars across the aisle. It'll take her some time to get out, now, without assistance."

Ten minutes more had passed before the two grimy and perspiring gentlemen succeeded in placing the hand car upon the tracks.

"It's a swell little hand car," Barcus observed grimly; "no wonder they threw it away."

"What's the difference how it looks, as long as it will go?"

"But will it?" Barcus doubted. Somewhere far back along the line a locomotive hooted mournfully.

"It's got to!" Alan replied, helping Rose aboard. "If we can only get out of sight before they get here—"

"Don't worry," Barcus advised; "that's a freight whistle."

"Maybe you can distinguish the whistle of a freight from that of a passenger train—I don't say you can't; but I'll take no chances on your judgment being good. Hop aboard here if you're coming with us!"

Slowly the hand car stirred on its grease-hungry and complaining axles; slowly it gathered momentum and surged noisily up the track as Alan and Barcus, on opposite sides of the handlebar, alternately rose and fell back; slowly it mounted the slight grade to the bend in the track, rounded it, lost sight of the stalled Pullman on the siding and began to move more swiftly on a moderate down grade.

Behind it the thunder of an approaching train grew momentarily in volume, lending color to the theory of Mr. Barcus that what they had heard had been the whistle of a freighter rather than of the light engine. But just as Alan was about to advocate leaving the tracks and taking the hand car with them, to clear the way for the train, its rumble began to diminish, grew less and beautifully less, and was stilled.

"What do you make of that?" Alan panted across the racking bar.

"The obvious," Barcus returned. "The freight has taken the siding to wait for some other through train to pass. We'll have to look sharp and be ready to jump."

The grade became a trace more steep; the car moved with less reluctance.

"Let go," Alan advised; "it'll coast down the balance of this incline—and we'd better save our strength."

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Impishly to herself in anticipation of the time and the event she was biding with such patience as she could muster.

The whistle of a locomotive overtaking the freight sounded the signal for her to take action on her cherished plan.

Rising, she glanced out of the open door. A curve in the track below, freight laboring up a steep grade, enabled her to catch a glimpse of a headlight, followed by a string of lighted windows, indicating a single car: the special, beyond a doubt.

Without hesitation, since the train was not running at speed, she dropped out to the ballast, wheeled smartly about, caught the handbar at the end of the box car as it passed and swung herself up between it and the caboose.

A trifle later the freight gained the summit of the grade and began to run more smoothly.

Climbing to the top of the box car she peered keenly through the gloaming, which was not yet so dense that she might not discern two heads pro-



Judith Uncoupling the Caboose.

truding from the window of the special's engine, one on either side.

At a venture, she snatched off her coat and waved it wildly in the air.

An arm answered the signal from one window of the pursuing locomotive.

Marrophat, of course!

She turned and peered ahead. The freight was approaching a trestle that spanned a wide and shallow gully.

So much the better! Dropping down again between the cars, she set herself to solve the problem of uncoupling the caboose.

In this she was successful just as the last car rolled out on the trestle.

Its own impetus carried the caboose to the middle of the trestle before it stopped.

As this happened, Alan and Barcus, already warned of an emergency by the slowing down of the car, and for some time alive to the fact that the special was again in pursuit, leaped out upon the ties and helped Rose to alight.

Already the last of the freight was whisking off the trestle, its crew thus far unconscious of their loss.

And behind them the special was plunging forward at unabated speed.

There was no time to execute their plan of the first desperate instant—to run along the ties to safety on the solid earth; the distance was too great; they could not possibly make it.

With common impulse the two men glanced down to the bottom of the gully, then looked at each other with eyes informed by common inspiration.

Barcus announced in a breath: "Thirty feet—not more."

Alan replied: "Can you hold the weight of the two of us for half a minute?"

Barcus shrugged: "I can try. We might as well—even if I can't."

While speaking, he was lowering himself between the ties.

"All right," he announced briefly.

With a word to Rose, Alan slipped down beside Barcus, shifted his hold to the body of the latter, and climbed down over him until he was supported solely by the grasp of his two hands on Barcus' ankles.

Instantly Rose followed him, slipping like a snake down over the two men till she in turn hung by her grasp on Alan's ankles, then released her hold and dropped the balance of the distance to the ground, a scant ten feet, landing without injury.

A thought later Alan dropped lightly to her side, staggered a trifle, recovered and dragged her out of the way.

Barcus fell with a heavy thump and went upon his back, but demonstrated his lack of injury by immediately picking himself up and joining the others in a mad scramble for safety.

Overhead the special engine, hurtling onward like some titanic bolt, struck the caboose with a crash-like explosion of a cannon. It collapsed upon itself like a thing of pasteboard.

That it had been constructed of more solid stuff was abundantly proved by the shower of timbers, splinters and broken iron that rained about the heads of the fugitives.

For all that, the gods smiled upon them for their courage; they escaped without a scratch.

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DON'T MISS OUR HOLIDAY DISPLAY

Reliable Jewelry at ASA CORDILL'S

Come and see how satisfactory Christmas shopping can be made, how well we can fill your wants and how far we can make your money go. We put at your disposal appropriate gifts for every member of the family.

We Have a Most Complete Assortment

of presents that everybody appreciates, and every department is filled with fresh goods at fair special feature of our stock is the opportunity for selection. In all grades we are showing the newest and the season. For gifts that are decidedly popular and pleasing see our beautiful line of

Broaches, Lavalliers, Bracelets, Rings, Cut Glass, French Ivory, Umbrellas, Cameos

in fact everything belonging to our line. Nothing more attractive in style, quality, and price could be asked for than we are showing in our holiday line of chains, sleeve buttons, fobs, scarf pins, broaches, and cameo rings. Every article shown is the best of its class. Every class shown is carried and complete.

Our Exquisite Line of French Ivory

cannot be equalled in your city. The articles range from the dainty and charming little vanity and toilet articles to handsome and complete toilet cases. This is the place to buy your class presents in ivory novelties. It supplies exactly what you want and does it at prices that delight you. If you intend buying ivory goods don't wait longer as our stock of ivory is selling fast. Many have been disappointed in not getting what they had admired in our ivory by waiting too long, so profit by their mistake and come early. We have the finest line of ivory in the city. You will not make a mistake in buying your Christmas presents from

Asa Cordill, The Reliable Jeweler

Oil Drill Arrived Monday; Will Be Put In Operation

A 45-horse power engine, with a complete drilling outfit, casing, etc., arrived in Ballinger Monday over the A. & S. from Petrolia, and was transferred to the Santa Fe for shipment to Talpa, where it will be unloaded and carried to a site selected for sinking a test well.

A company has been organized, known as the Talpa Oil Co., with headquarters at Houston, and leases secured on 37500 acres of land situated between Ballinger and Talpa.

The point selected for sinking the test well is located on the Sam Brookshire land about ten miles from Ballinger, and about a couple hundred yards from the Santa Fe railroad. The derriek was constructed several weeks ago, and has been waiting the arrival of the drilling machinery.

E. C. Marrs, who is connected with the company, and who assisted in securing the leases on the land, was here Tuesday to look after shipping the drill to Talpa.

stated that F. J. Cleminger, an experienced oil man and engineer would have charge of the drilling and would arrive here early next week. Mr. Cleminger has been drilling a well for the same company at Mineloa, and brought in a well there last week. This man has been over the field where the test well is going down, and he says that there is every indication of an oil lake in this territory, and he feels confident that the drill will strike it before they get down two thousand feet.

We are informed by Mr. Marrs that the company drilling this well are financially able to make a thorough test of the field, and that when they complete their work there will be no use for others to try if they fail to strike oil.

The drill will be started to work just as soon as it can be made ready, and will run both day and night, and will not stop under the 2000 feet mark unless oil is found in paying quantities before that depth is reached.

BIG NAVAL FIGHT IN THE NORTH SEA

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Following a bombardment on three English towns early today, the English fleet in the North Sea has been dispatched by the admiralty to hunt down the enemy's ships and destroy them. Effort is being made to locate them.

This afternoon late it is believed in London that the German ships have been engaged and are now battling with the British squadron in the North Sea, for their lives.

Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby were stormed by the guns of the German squadron.

The three towns were shelled and many public buildings and private dwellings were totally demolished. The inhabitants fled from the bombarded cities, in terror. A score or more of churches and government buildings were razed by the fierce fire from the German ships.

Unconfirmed reports reaching London this afternoon declare that two German cruisers of the fleet which attacked the English towns have been sunk. The British fleet also is damaged, says the reports coming here. The extent of the damage to the English ships is not stated in the reports.

The censorship today allows only the meagrest details to pass through, even to the United States.

Many inhabitants early this morning, when the Germans opened fire from their ships on the three towns, fled to the open country for safety. Hundreds took advantage of train facilities and entrained to the inland towns to protect their lives and property, some of which was taken with them.

Scarborough is a town in the county of York England eastern coast. It has a population 38,161. Hartlepool is on the coast in the county of Durham with a population of 20,615. Whitby is in Yorkshire. The city has a population of 11,139. The three towns are only a short distance apart, a distance of about 25 miles. The

Allison Liquor Law Unconstitutional; Clubs Must Not Sell to Members

FLAGMAN GETS COLD; FALLS ACROSS TRACK

Special to The Daily Ledger:

COPPERAS COVE, Dec. 16.—Although a Santa Fe train was nearing the vicinity, a brakeman, sent ahead to flag the fast approaching string of cars, could not stand the intense cold. After waiting a few minutes in the face of a terrific cold "norther", the brakeman released all hold on life for the time being, falling to the frozen ground, in an unconscious condition. The oncoming train was brought to a stop near the half-frozen body.

total distance intervening between Scarborough and Hartlepool is approximately 60 miles.

Notice to Farmers

The Y. M. B. L. has on file valuable and interesting literature from the leading Seed Growers and Nurserymen of the U. S., free upon request.

We will be pleased to assist in procuring the latest bulletins from the Agricultural Experimental Stations for any one that may call for same.

E. R. BOLER, Sec.

Walter Midgley, of Paint Rock, came over Tuesday and spent the night with his wife's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks.

Wanted

To Rent a farm of about 100 acres in cultivation, near good school.

S. B. Caperton returned from a business trip to San Angelo Tuesday afternoon.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 16.—The court of criminal appeals and the court of civil appeals today handed down two decisions that will put a different phase on the liquor question in Texas.

In a case before the criminal court, appealed from Tarrant county, the court held that the Allison liquor law was unconstitutional and inoperative on intrastate liquor shipments.

Judge Prendegast, in dissenting opinion, declared that the court's ruling would cause express companies to now become saloons.

This decision is similar to a ruling made a few weeks ago by the court in passing on a case where the interstate question was involved, and in which the court held that it was not unlawful to ship liquor from another state into dry territory in this state. In declaring the Allison law unconstitutional it will permit the shipping of liquor from a wet county in this state into a dry county.

The other ruling on the liquor question is from the court of civil appeals, and deals with social clubs. The court holds that social clubs cannot dispense liquor to its members, and that it is unlawful to issue liquor license to social clubs.

Car Coming In

Loaded with the best Flour and Meal and Feed that Oklahoma puts up. I. N. Roark will sell it at prices that he usually sells at. Come and see him. ROARK'S FEED STORE wlt d2t pd

Will Trade Horse for Cotton.

On account of hard times I am going to sacrifice my registered German Coach Stallion. He is a beautiful black 17 hands high, 8 years old, weight 1600lbs. Cost \$2400.00. I will take \$1500.00 in strict middling cotton at 10 cents per pound, or cotton seed at 30c per bushel. Geo. W. Gordon, Granbury, Texas. 4-3twpd

Jeanes Produce Co. is the place to get your Xmas fruits. d&wlt

AUSTRIA PROPOSES PEACE TO CZAR

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Austria tentatively proposed a peace with Russia, say newspapers published in this city today, and Russia accepted the proposition, making her own terms. However, it was declared by the same papers that Austria refused the terms of the Russian government.

Prairie Dogs Wanted

I want to get three or four live prairie dogs. Will pay reasonable price for them if delivered to me in good shape. Wendorf's Saddle Shop. wlt pd

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our husband and father.

MRS. G. A. ZACHARY and Children.

Jeanes Produce Company just received a shipment of that famous East Texas pure cane Syrup. Come quick as the supply is short. d&w 1t

Mrs. Mary Daugherty, of San Angelo, came down Tuesday afternoon to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Brooks.

CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMY ORDERED TO NACO, ARIZ.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Secretary of War Garrison today ordered Major General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, to proceed to Naco, Ariz., where he will take charge of the situation there. Mexican fire across the boundary line, today is described as being worse than ever.

The situation in the Arizona border town has become intolerable, according to advices reaching Washington. A critical situation exists in the common statement among those in close touch with the border trouble.

WILL THERE BE JOY IN YOUR HOME

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING?

Attention has been successfully solved by the crowds that have thronged our store throughout the past season. We have helped many to prepare for the coming of Santa Claus, and those who have visited our store have found it easy to find the very things that will make the little hearts happy on Christmas morning. Our large assortment of toys and low prices have made shopping a pleasure. Remember that we bought our goods in time of peace and that we are selling them as though the war had not affected the toy market. While thousands have visited our store since we inaugurated our Christmas sale, and bought heavy from our great Christmas display tables, our stock was so complete to begin with that the goods can hardly be missed, and we are still prepared to take care of you in every department. Yet, the goods are going fast, and you should not wait until the last minute to do your Christmas shopping. Arrange to come here at once. It will interest you to come whether you want to buy or not.

Our Store Is a Christmas Show

Free \$15.00 Set of Harness Free

During our Christmas Sale we are going to give away with every buggy sold a set \$15.00 harness. This is an opportunity for you to buy your wife a nice Christmas gift. Remember that this is the best buggy on the market for the money, and the prices quoted here are the same for which we have been selling these buggies all the year, and we have sold lots of them. Our prices on these buggies are \$50.00 for Runabouts, \$75 for the auto seat buggies with square cornered body, and \$85 for the round cornered body with slatted bottom. We are making this offer for Christmas trade only. Get a lap robe to go with this outfit for from \$2.50 to \$10.00. CASH ONLY.

Alarm Clocks, and Sad Irons

We have many other valuable articles that would make nice presents for Christmas, and would serve useful all the year, such as the Celebrated Fansteel Electric Sad Iron at 3.00. Alarm clocks that we have been selling for \$1 now 60c. These are the Lord Baltimore



Fire Works

Christmas is hardly complete for the boy without a few fire works, something to liven up things. This item every boy is going to have if he can get them. We have provided for the boys with a big line of everything in fire works.

Brist The New Lawn Game

The Brist Boomerang, with which Brist is played, will go down in history as the most wonderful novel invention of the age. If the instructions are carefully observed most anyone can, with but little practice, do with it such incredible things, that were you to have appeared among your friends for half an hour's entertainment, a century ago, you would duly have been tried and convicted of witchcraft. For instance, the Brist Boomerang can be thrown through the air in a horizontal line, making a perfect curve or circle of from thirty to one hundred feet in diameter, according to size and weight of Boomerang, returning with complete accuracy to the thrower. It may be thrown under a train of cars and made to pass out on the opposite side, curve upward and return to thrower over top of the train.

This game will make an ideal Christmas present. It will afford much outdoor pleasure and excels all others for fun and exercise. Let us demonstrate them to you.

Come and see this new out door game

TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Why deprive your child of the happiness that you enjoyed when you were a child. Some people refuse to buy toys for their children, saying "it is throwing money away." They are mistaken. Toys help to educate the little mind. It gives the little busy hands something to do and keeps the child from mischief. You should buy them, and you should buy them here, because we have what the children want at remarkably low prices:

- Glass toy punch sets per set. 25c
- Glass toy table sets per set. 25c
- Glass toy butter, sugar, cream pitcher and spoon holder per set. 25c
- Toy coffee mills 10c to 15c
- Toy wash boilers 15c
- Toy brooms 15c
- Whistling birds 10c
- Tops 5c to 10c
- Blocks 10c to 15c
- Toy coal hods 15c
- Toy tubs 15c
- Toy buckets 10c
- Rocking horse 10c to 15c
- Chairs 15c to 40c
- Real telephones that you can talk over 25c
- Toy kitchen sets 10c to 25c
- 3 piece, knife, fork and spoons, per set 10c

TOOL SETS FOR THE BOYS.
We have these in different sizes to fit different ages, and at prices ranging from 35c to \$1.00.

PICTURE AND STORY BOOKS.

These are gifts suitable for both boys and girls. We have a large stock of these and can supply the child of all ages, at prices as low as:

- 10c and 25c
- Pop guns, big variety, 15c to 25c
- Toy pistols, automatic, 10c
- Air guns, celebrated Daisy make every boy knows their quality; we have them for 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50
- Toy wagons 15c to 35c
- Toy automobiles 60c
- Toy fire engines 15c to 35c
- Toy hook and ladders 15c to 35c
- Toy carts 15c to 35c
- Toy pacing bobs 35c
- Rubber balls 5c to 15c
- Rubber rattlers 5c to 10c
- Horns 5c to 25c
- French Harps 5c to 75c
- Accordians 15c to 35c
- Jews harps 5c and 10c
- Toy drums 35c to \$1.50

DOLL BUGGIES.

We have the greatest showing in doll buggies, doll cabs, and doll cart that has ever been shown in Rannels County. They range in prices from 60c to \$2.50

BICYCLE BARGAINS We have just a few bicycles in stock. They are standard makes and retail regularly for \$27.50. To close them out we have included them in our Christmas sale and we are going to sell them for \$19.75

DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

Our doll department is so complete that we are able to furnish a doll to every child in Rannels County. We have them attractively arranged on our display tables, and this makes it easy to select what you want.

- Base ball boy dolls, 28 inches high, \$2.00
- Eskimo dolls \$1.00
- Kid body dolls, 35c to \$1.50
- Fancy dress dolls 15c up to \$2.50
- Baby character dolls 35c up to \$5

DOLL BEDS AND CRADLES.

These were bought direct from the factory, and we are able to show them in the latest patterns and the following prices should convince you that we are selling them at "peep" prices:

- 12 inch doll beds at 25c
- 14 inch doll beds at 65c
- 18 inch doll beds at 85c
- 24 inch doll beds at 1.25
- 30 inch doll beds at 1.50

DOLL DISHES AND FURNITURE

We are able to furnish the little folks with complete doll house keeping outfits in doll dishes, and doll furniture. These will attract every child that comes in our store and the prices are right. Doll trunks 15c, 35c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

GIFTS FOR GROWN UPS

For the ladies and gentlemen we have many useful gifts at prices most any one can afford to pay. We list only a few of these:

- Tourist sets \$1.00 to \$3.00
- Military sets \$1.25
- Shaving sets \$1.50 to \$3.00
- Comb and brush sets, to the high grade, 35c
- Manicure sets \$1.25 to \$3.00
- Box stationery from 10c for children, to grown-ups \$1.50
- Christmas cards with envelopes to match, per box, 25c
- Cut glass, big assortment, in sets and odd pieces as low as 35c and as high as \$15.00
- Vases, a big assortment at 10c, 15c, 25c, to the higher grades.

Staple and fancy china and glassware in odd pieces and sets, suitable for gifts.

1200 pieces of china imported from Germany. Every piece a useful one. We are going to sell these at 10c and 15c

Gold band glass water sets, \$1.25

Serving dishes \$4, \$5, and \$6.00
Our silverware department is complete, and we can furnish almost anything you can call for in this line.
WIZARD POLISH MOPS, regular price 75c; we want to close out on these and will sell until they are all gone for 55c
VELVET AND ADMINISTER RINGS, 27x52 inches \$1.50

ALUMINUM WARE

This is something that is not only appreciated through Christmas, but a gift from this department will be appreciated throughout the year. We have pieces from 15c to \$5.00 roasting pans. Our best grades are guaranteed for 20 years.

PICTURES

- Big assortment 15c
- Big assortment 35c
- Big assortment 50c
- Big assortment 75c
- Burnt wood boxes 15c
- Tie racks 15c
- Handkerchief boxes 15c
- Collar boxes 15c
- Glove boxes 15c
- Hose boxes 15c
- Jewelry cases 15c
- Holly boxes, all sizes, 5c and 10c

POCKET KNIVES, special values during Christmas sale, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

SPECIAL OFFER ON SEWING MACHINES.

We have five New Home Sewing Machines, regular \$40 grades. We are offering them for \$27.50 each. These machines will not last long at these prices. Every housewife knows what the New Home is, and this price is in reach of all.

GAMBILL'S PLAIN PRICE STORE

"THE HOUSE WITH MANY ITEMS"

WINTERS, TEXAS

**Severe Head Pains
Caused By Catarrh
Cured By Peruna**



I Feel It
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Mr. W. H. Chaney, R. F. D. 2, Sutherland, Pittsylvania Co., Va., writes: "For the past twelve months I have been a sufferer from catarrh of the head. Since taking four bottles of your Peruna I feel like a different person altogether. The severe pains in my head have disappeared, and my entire system has been greatly strengthened. "This is my first testimonial to the curative qualities of any patent medicine. I feel it a duty to mankind to let them know of Peruna. In my estimation it is the greatest medicine on earth for catarrh." We have thousands of testimonials like Mr. Chaney's. Some of them were cured after years of suffering and disappointment in finding a remedy. Send for free copy of "His of Life." The Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio. Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.

MORE BODIES ARE REMOVED

Jack Miles, who recently sold out his part of the old cemetery to Judge Jenkins on Thursday removed three other remains of people buried many years ago in the abandoned burial ground. These were the bodies of two infant children of M. B. Pulliam and the remains of Wayne Harris, brother of Frank and Ralph Harris.

The old cemetery has the appearance of a dumping ground and it is probable that other removals to Fairmount cemetery will take place this month.—Miles Messenger.

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

**SAYS HIS COUNTY
IS EXEMPT FROM
COTTON REDUCTION**

T. C. Yantis, chairman of Brown County of the Southern Cotton Association, is opposed to cotton acreage in his county. Mr. Yantis is in favor of diversification, but thinks where conditions are favorable for cotton and not favorable for other crops that the farmers should not be urged to curtail the cotton acreage.

The Brownwood Bulletin, in speaking of the stand taken by Mr. Yantis says:

Mr. Yantis stated at the Dallas meeting of the bankers and cotton growers that in his opinion Brown County should not be subjected to the same rule of requirements that would govern other counties, especially the black land counties of Texas where the cotton acreage could easily be reduced and substitute crops be planted with a fair assurance of successful growth; whereas in Brown county, he said, the farmers were dependent upon fewer crops and could not diversify to that extent permissible in counties further within the rain belt.

For this reason Mr. Yantis has hesitated to urge upon the farmers of this county a radical reduction of cotton acreage for he says that the crop this year will likely not exceed 23,000 bales and that this is not excessive for Brown county. Also he thinks that the farmers will be largely governed in planting next year's crop by weather conditions and their ability to plant considerable acreage to grain and should continued rains prevent their planting their lands to grain and other crops he thinks it would be unfair to ask them not to plant to cotton.

A representative of the Southern Cotton Association was in Brownwood last week to assist in starting the organization for acreage reduction but Chairman Yantis after conferring with the Chamber of Commerce and some of the prominent business men decided to not take up the matter at present.

The Collector W. T. Padgett came in from the northern part of the county Saturday night, where he had been collecting taxes for several days, and left again Monday morning for Maverick and other points to spend this week collecting.

C. C. Cockrell, of the Ledger, left Monday morning for the Western part of the county on a collecting tour. Mr. Cockrell was looking after the Ledger's interests in the Northern part of the county last week.

Jim Flynt came in from Clyde Saturday evening, spent Sunday with home folks and returned to his work at Clyde Monday morning. Mr. Flynt is working for Walker-Smith Co., and has charge of a business at that place.

Jess McAdams left for the East Monday morning in the interest of the Texas Co., after spending Sunday with home folks.

N. N. Lovell went to Coleman Monday morning, where he will be for a couple of days taking up some cotton, and looking after shipping.

H. F. Smith went to Santa Anna to look after business, Monday.

Ed Boler, secretary of Y. M. B. L., went to Coleman on business Monday morning.

Mrs. J. F. Gilliam returned from Garden City Monday morning. Mrs. Gilliam has been nursing in the home of Pink Abernathy at Garden City for some time, and having completed her work there she returned home.

Rev. J. W. Bost, the new pastor of the Nazarene church, enrolls with the Daily Ledger as a regular reader. Rev. Bost succeeds Rev. Wells here, moving here from Meridian, Texas. He is comfortably domiciled in the Lewis place North of the railroad and just South of the sanitarium.

County Clerk Parish issued permit to wed to W. O. Perry and Miss Emma Goats, Monday morning. The bride is the daughter of Jones Goats, of the Token county, and Mr. Perry is one of the prominent young citizens of that community.

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

**THROUGH TRAINS
OVER SANTA FE
TO PACIFIC COAST**

A formal announcement will probably be made within a few days of an agreement whereby the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico, the New Orleans line of the Gulf Coast lines, will operate through cars from New Orleans to San Francisco over the Santa Fe. Negotiations have been pending for the past two months looking to such an agreement, and these will finally be closed within a short time and probably take effect on February 1.

The new Coleman cut-off will be used in this arrangement, forming one of the shortest lines between New Orleans and San Francisco. The cars will be carried from New Orleans to Houston by the Gulf Coast line, and from Houston to San Francisco by the Santa Fe.

Through trains, except possibly a few specials, will not be operated over the line, but thru Pullman cars in numbers ranging from one to a train will be routed over the two lines. Dining cars will also be attached to some of the trains, while others will make stops at the Harvey eating houses. A Santa Fe official once said, when asked why not all of his transcontinental trains carried dining cars, that experience has shown that passengers enjoy a short stop of a few minutes three times daily.

As New Orleans is regarded as one of the gateways to the Southwest, it is probable that much of the exposition traffic will be routed over the new combination. Such a route has advantages, in that its stretches of desert are short and that it goes by the Grand Canyon of Arizona.—Houston Post.

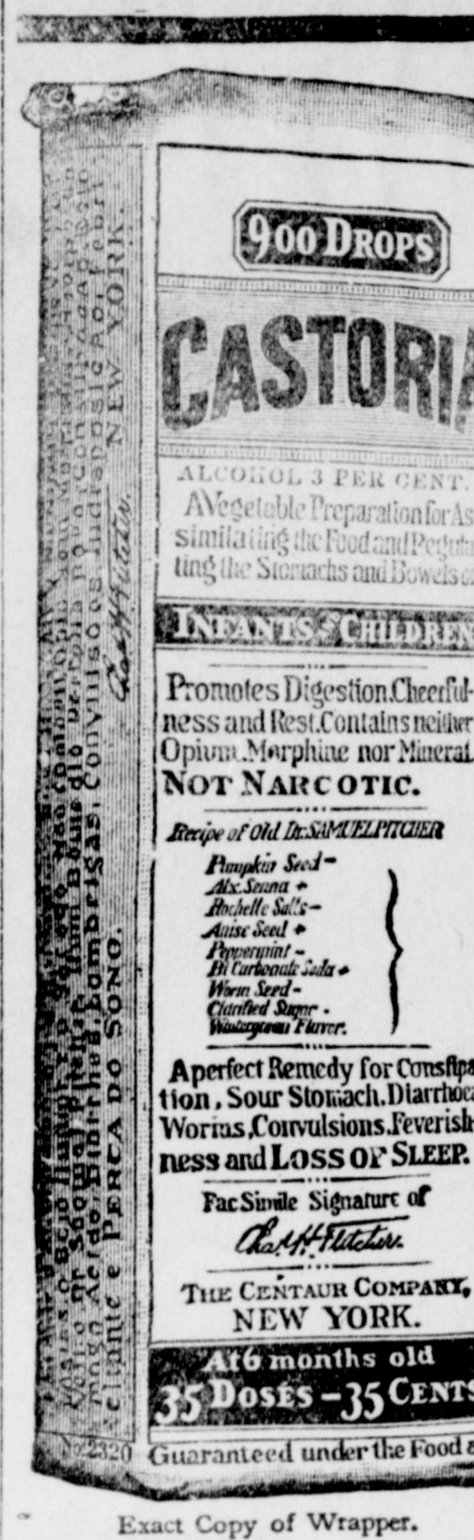
This no doubt confirms the report that has been circulated here for some time to the effect that the Santa Fe would change the schedule of the trains on this branch of the lines in the near future. Just what the changes will be is not known, but it has been rumored and has been the opinion of many that when thru train services is inaugurated on the "cut-off," that it will make material change in the present schedule.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Rannels.

By virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Milam County, on the 3rd day of December 1914, by Sam Wilson Jr., Clerk of said Court against I. B. Williams, Henrie Williams and Roy Moore, for the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Seventy-one and eighty-six one hundredths (\$1,171.86) Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from October 21, 1914, and costs of suit, in cause No. 6955 in said Court, styled The Buckholts State Bank versus I. B. Williams et al and placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins as Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas, did on the 8th day of December, 1914, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Rannels County, described as follows, to-wit: "Eighty acres of land, being the West one-half of the Southeast one-fourth of W. C. Railway Company Survey, Number 152, certificate Number 28-13 Patent Number 618, Volume 15, situated about four miles west of the town of Rowena, Rannels County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stake in the original South Boundary line of said survey, at a point 475 varas West of the original Southeast corner thereof; Thence West 475 varas to the Southwest corner of the South east one-fourth of said Section Number 152; Thence North 950 varas to the place of beginning and being the same land conveyed to said I. B. Williams by Sam W. Law, by deed dated March 22 1913, of record in the deed records of Rannels County, Texas, in Volume 82, page 638."

Said levy being in accordance with said Order of Sale and Judgment as the same provided for a foreclosure of a mortgage lien against said defendants on the above described land, and levied upon as the property of said I. B. Williams, Henrie Williams, and Roy Moore, defendants. And on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of Rannels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., I will sell said property at public



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**PROMINENT YOUNG
ATTORNEY COMES
TO BALLINGER**

Judge A. K. Doss announced Friday morning that Judge Harvey Baugh, of Brownwood, would become associated with him in the practice of law, and that the firm name of Doss & Baugh would

take the place of that of Wade & Doss.

This will be good news to those who are acquainted with Judge Baugh. The new member of the firm is a young man, and has been the junior member of the firm of Wilkerson & Baugh at Brownwood for some time, Judge T. C. Wilkerson being well known in Ballinger.

Judge Baugh is a graduate of the State University in literary and law. He stands high in the social and church circles of Brownwood, and is at present superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday School of that city. He will arrive in Ballinger Monday.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic, Take Grove's
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it 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.

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

HOW
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET A CHECK JUST BEFORE
Christmas?
IT IS EASY MONEY!
"Just Like Getting Money From Home"
Become a Member Now of Our
Christmas Savings Club for 1915
The DIMES, NICKLES and PENNIES you allow to slip through your fingers for things of little use to you, will keep up your payments.

THE FIRST PAYMENT MAKES YOU A MEMBER. HERE IS THE PLAN

Members starting with 5 cents and increasing 5 cents each week, for fifty weeks, get . . . \$63.75	Members starting with 2 cents and increasing 2 cents each week, for fifty weeks, get . . . \$25.50	Members paying 50 cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks, get . . . \$25.00
Members starting with \$2.50 and decreasing 5 cents each week, for fifty weeks get . . . \$63.75	Members paying 25 cents a week for fifty weeks, get . . . \$12.50	Members paying \$1 a week fixed, for fifty weeks get . . . \$50.00

The above amounts will be increased by interest for the average time.
No Fines—No Fees—No Red Tape—No Trouble
Make your Christmas a merry one. Join today.

**THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS
STATE BANK**
FATHERS AND MOTHERS BANK The Bank that HELPS YOU DO Things.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Should be useful as well as ornamental, we invite you to look through our stock for presents of this kind, we have:

- Haviland China, nothing better or more useful, Imported China, absolutely first quality.
- Aluminum Ware, for the kitchen, something any one can appreciate.
- Ranges, Cooking Stoves, and a complete line of utensils.
- Oil Cookers, Oil Heaters, Franklin Heaters, better than fire places.
- A full line of Cutlery, Knives, Scissors, Carvers. Bath Room accessories, Towel Bars, Soap Dishes and etc.

The S. P. U. G. advises you to be judicious and practical in your Christmas giving, let us assist you to follow their advice. We will appreciate your careful inspection before purchasing.

Hall Hardware
COMPANY

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You should begin to practice
on those New Year's resolutions.

That's a sinful practice so com-
mon with some people, to use the
holidays as a special occasion for
dissipation—in eating and drink-
ing.

It may be more blessed to give
than to receive—no doubt it is,
but pity that one who brings upon
themselves ill health through toil
and worry in making ready to give.

While we are given to thinking
of the poor and helpless children
in war torn Europe, we should
not forget to bring our thoughts
just a little nearer home, and put
them into action in providing
Santa for the orphans near our
own door. We have them in Bal-
lenger.

Never before was the demands
for good roads so strong in this
county. The farmers have suf-
fered long and suffered the great-
est of all. Let the farmers take
the lead in a move that will rem-
edy the need. We may follow
them—if the move is for the best
interest of the greatest number of
the people.

**BALLINGER IS WITHOUT A
CHARITY BOARD.**

We have been reliably informed
that the city is without an organ-
ized charity board.

For many years the citizens
have been sustaining such a board
and all objects of charity have
been under the care of this com-
mittee.

For some cause a new commit-
tee was not elected at the expira-
tion of the year for which the old
board was elected and by neglect
or carelessness the matter has
been overlooked.

We regret to note that there is
work for such committee at this
particular season of the year. Ob-
jects of charity were called to the
attention of certain prominent
business men last week, and aid
rendered where aid was needed.
For the past three or four years,
and strange to say, through the
depressing years, there has been
little demand for help from a char-
ity board in our city. The poor
people have been able to take
care of themselves without aid
from their more fortunate neigh-
bors. Yet, at this time, with a big
crop and demand for labor, we
have among us the helpless, made
so by loss of eyesight, sickness
and the taking away of the bread-
winner of the family. These are
here and must be cared for.

In our rush to make merry for
our close friends and loved ones
through the approaching holi-
days, we should remember those
in need so near our door, and re-
member that we have been taught
from our youth up that "it is
more blessed to give than to re-
ceive."

**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 pro-
ved 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.

B. Matthiesen was here from
Offin Monday, coming in to at-
tend to business and have a crisp-
ple hand dressed. Mr. Matthei-
son recently hurt his hand and a
slight touch of blood poison set
up.

**JUST FOR ARGUMENT
SAKE**

President Wilson has ordered
the soldiers to stop Mexicans fir-
ing across the border at Naco, and
they will do it or there will be a
battle between Mexicans and
American soldiers.—Taylor Press.
No, you are talking silly. Wil-
son is not going to involve this
peaceful nation into strife just to
satisfy the complaints of a few
border dwellers, who haven't got
sense enough to get out of the way
of a stray bullet from a Mexican
soldier's rifle. He has made de-
mands, issued orders and offered
suggestions that have been flag-
rantly ignored. Sweet peace.

The singing of "Old Black
Joe," "Massa's in de Cold, Cold
Ground," "Old Kentucky Home,"
and kindred songs having been
prohibited in the Boston public
schools, the pupils will, no doubt
direct their vocal energies to
classics like "When the Brown
Bread's in the Oven," and "The
Beans are in the Pot."—Bonham
Favorite.

Come to Texas where everybody
is doing it.

"Reduce the cotton acreage and
increase the acreage in hogs" is
a slogan that is going the rounds
and it is a good one. No need of
warehouses and advances on hogs.
The packeries stand ready to ad-
vance the cold cash every month
in the year.—McGregor Mirror.

If the farmers produce a half
hog next year for every bale of
cotton raised this year, hogs will
be worthless. We should raise
a little hog, a little hominy, and a
little cotton—diversify.

One year's subscription to The
Times-Review will be given to the
first man reporting the sale of a
bale of cotton at ten cents to that
big mail order house in Chicago
that was going to buy ten thous-
and bales at that price.—Mt.
Pleasant Times-Review.

One year's subscription to this
paper will be given to the first
man reporting the sale of a dozen
eggs, a pound of butter to the mail
order house by any farmer in this
county.

A New York citizen has been
given two years in the penitenti-
ary for operating a swindle that
netted him \$2,000,000. There are
those who would insist that \$1,-
000,000 a year is not so bad.—Aus-
tin Statesman.

The man will make a profit on
the sentence as he will no doubt
be pardoned before his term ex-
pires. The theft of a broom tail,
or the signing of the other fellow's
name to a check would have given
him a longer lease on prison life.

The government estimates this
year's cotton crop at more than
sixteen million bales, which is a
new high record, but if next year's
crop is reduced as much as now
appears likely there will be a
world shortage of cotton before
this time next year.—Waco Morn-
ing News.

That fear of shortage is going
to be responsible for another bum-
per crop. This is where the farmer
speculates in futures. Let him
get the idea that a short crop is
going to be raised, and the conse-
quence of which will be high
price cotton and you can not
blame him for planting heavy.

Keep it Handy for Rheumatism.

No use to squirm and wince and
try to wear out your Rheuma-
tism. It will wear you out in-
stead. Apply some Sloan's Lin-
iment. Need not rub it in—just
let it penetrate all through the
affected parts, relieve the sore-
ness 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.

**EIGHTH STREET SUNDAY
SCHOOL WILL PLAY
SANTA FOR POOR**

The Eighth Street Presbyterian
Sunday School will provide Santa
Claus for some of the poor chil-
dren of the town on Christmas.
There are several families in Bal-
lenger that are not able to enjoy
the gifts generally left at the
homes by Santa Claus, and it is
up to the good people of the town
to see that all poor children are
provided for. As there is no
charity committee to look after
this work the churches and Sun-
day schools of the town must get
busy and relieve the situation.

CHRISTMAS CHECKS

MAKE MANY HAPPY

When the mail carriers made
their rounds yesterday morning
more than 1,000 San Antonians
were made happy by the receipt
of a letter from the Enmet Bank
containing a Christmas check. The
happy ones included grownups as
well as children, and among the
former were those who were al-
ways "worse broke at Christmas
time than at any other period of
the year."

Last January 20 the Enmet
Bank organized the Christmas Sav-
ing Club, accepting deposits of 5
cents or more. The inducement
held out to the depositor was to
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til two weeks before Christmas,
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The total paid out amounted to
something over \$20,000, most of
which will be turned loose in
trade channels of San Antonio.

A new club, called the "Christ-
mas Saving Club for 1915," has
already been started and many of
those who received checks yester-
day morning called later and start-
ed an account for next Christmas.

The officers of the bank are
proud of the success of their plan.
While similar clubs have been run-
ning in Northern and Eastern cit-
ies for some time, and with great
success, it was a new enterprise in
San Antonio. The bankers expect
a larger membership for the 1915
club. It has proven very benefi-
cial to many. There are instances
of men and women who had never
saved anything until they became
members of the club. Not a few
of these have opened accounts at
the bank, something they never
had before, and the advantages of
which they never knew or realiz-
ed.—San Antonio Express.

Don't you wish that you were
receiving one of these checks?
"Just like getting money from
home." It is possible for you to
have such a check next Christ-
mas. Join at once our 1915 Christ-
mas Club now forming. Every-
body can have an interest.

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK.**

"Fathers and Mother's Bank"
The Bank that Helps you do
Things.

It'dv.

Go to Winters Saddle and Har-
ness Shop for any thing in leather
goods, also shoe work and general
repairing.

O. W. JOLLY, Mgr.

**DIED SATURDAY
AFTERNOON**

Mildred, the four years and
seven months old daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, died last
Saturday afternoon at four-thirty
o'clock.

Little Mildred had been sick for
some time, and all that the attend-
ing physicians could do could not
stay the hand of death, and the
little soul has been removed from
this world to the world where
there is no suffering.

The funeral services were held
Sunday afternoon, Rev. T. C. Jes-
ter, conducting same, and despite
the bitter cold weather that pre-
vailed, the sorrowing friends gath-
ered around the little casket and
did all possible to console the
heart broken parents.

A little chair is vacant, and a
home has been robbed of a flower,
but this world's loss is heaven's
gain.

The Magic Washing Stick.

The Magic Washing Stick is
the finest thing in the world.
Cleans the clothes without rub-
bing—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. Gammill,
Ashdown, Ark. This peculiar arti-
cle is sold by druggists, three 10c
sticks for 25c or by mail from A.
B. Richards Medicine Co., Sher-
man, Texas.

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 sys-
tem. A true tonic. For adults and children. 25c

A Sixty Year Standby

For sixty years Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder has been the standby of countless housekeepers who have relied upon it for healthful, home-baked food.

Dr. Price's contains no alum or lime phosphate. There is never any question about the absolute purity and healthfulness of the food it raises.

It has stood the test of time. That is why the best informed housewives will use no other.

**DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING POWDER**

Made from Cream of Tartar No Alum

**MANY TEACHERS
COMING TO THE
COUNTY INSTITUTE.**

The Runnels County Teachers' Institute will convene in Ballinger on next Friday, December 18th and close Wednesday, December 23rd. The sessions will be held in the West Ward and High School Buildings. Because of the distance from hotels I think it is more than likely that the majority of the teachers attending would prefer to board in private homes near their work. Now let all who would like to keep one or more teachers during the Institute call me by telephone or drop me a card, giving the number they can provide for, the rate per day, street number, etc., and a committee will have charge of this matter upon their arrival and direct them to you.

Let me insist that the people in that part of town who can possi-
bly do so arrange to help us out,
if we are loyal to our town and
country we owe it to this body
of young men and women to try
to help make their short stay
among us pleasant. Even if it
require that we make some sacri-
fice, let's do our best to see that
they are comfortably and con-
veniently located. Respectfully,
W. W. WOOTEN,
County Superintendent.

**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 medi-
cine I have used. I advise anyone
in need of such a medicine to give
it a trial." For sale by all dealers

**CALLS MEETING
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Owing to the inclemency of the
weather there was no meeting of
the executive board of the Run-
nels County Baptist Association
on the fifth Sunday in November
and as the chairman of the board
has moved from the county I here-
by call a meeting of the board at
the First Baptist Church in Bal-
lenger, Tuesday, December 22nd,
at 1 p. m., to elect a chairman,
hear the report of the county mis-
sionary and transact such other
business as may be properly
brought before the body. All in-
terested parties are requested to
give this as much publicity as pos-
sible as a full attendance is desir-
ed.

Respectfully,
JNO. C. WELLS,
Moderator Runnels County Bap-
tist Association.

Notice
I. O. Wooden wants your hides.

**MANY NEGROES
LEAVING COUNTY**

Negroes by the dozen, and by
the half hundred are leaving Bal-
lenger almost daily. 42 tickets
were sold for the East bound
Santa Fe passenger train Satur-
day afternoon. The negroes were
en route to their homes after
spending three months in this
county picking cotton.

T. F. Wade, of Bartleson, had
charge of the bunch of negroes,
number about 20, and others
were supplied with tickets to
points from Temple to points
further South.

The first negro special ever
to be operated out of Ballinger
will leave here next Saturday af-
ternoon. The train will leave
about 4 o'clock, thirty minutes
ahead of the regular train, and
the negroes will be carried to their
homes and will be distributed at
points from Temple to Laffayette,
Louisiana.

Reservation has been made for
about 300 negroes, and it is ex-
pected that the number will
reach 350 by Saturday.

These negroes have been great
help to the farmers in picking
cotton. Much cotton yet remain-
ing in the field, but most of these
negroes have been living in tents
and camp life, and the winter
weather is driving them to their
homes.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured,

with local applications, as they
cannot reach the seat of the dis-
ease. Catarrh is a blood or con-
stitutional disease, and in order
to cure it you must take internal
remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is
taken internally, and acts direct-
ly upon the blood and mucous sur-
faces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not
a quack medicine. It was pre-
scribed by one of the best physi-
cians in this country for years
and years and is a regular pres-
cription. It is composed of the
best tonics known, combined with
the best blood purifier, acting di-
rectly on the mucous surfaces.
The perfect combination of the
two ingredients is what pro-
duces such wonderful results in
curing catarrh. Send for testi-
monials, free.

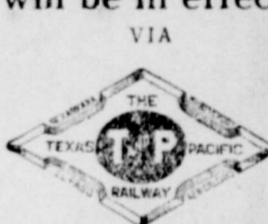
**14 DEGREE WEATHER
ON SUNDAY NIGHT**

The temperature dropped to
fourteen degrees Sunday night.
This is the coldest weather re-
corded for the present season,
and those who did not guard
against it will have plumber's
bills to pay.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXA-
TIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary
Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor
ringing in head. Remember the full name and
look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Truly have
leased the home of Mrs. Emma
Godwin, near the Methodist
church, and are moving today.
Mrs. Godwin is moving to the
Nash place on Eighth Street.

Mrs. W. A. Cooper passed the
Ballinger Monday en route to her
home at San Angelo, after a visit
to Mrs. Sherman, of Winters.

**THE USUAL
Christmas
Holiday
Excursion
Rates**
will be in effect
VIA

To the South Eastern
States to St. Louis,
Chicago, Etc.
And to Points in Texas
Louisiana, Arkansas,
Oklahoma, Etc.
When planning your Holiday Trip
consult T. & P. Ry. Agent
or write
A. D. BELL GEO. D HUNTER
Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt.
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**STRAWBERRY
PLANTS**
We have a few thousand of the
famous Red Bird and Everbear-
ing Strawberry Plants for sale
cheap. The best all purpose
berry known.
LANGDON & ROINSON
Benoit, Texas.

Are You a Woman?
Take Cardui
The Woman's Tonic
FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

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 Rannels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 percent 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
BlueBack 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.

Highest price paid for remnants.

DAY GIN

Edwin Day, Manager.

Next to river bridge

Y. M. B. L. BRNQUET IS A GRAND SUCCESS

The crisis has passed. The three-months-old Young Men's Business League of Ballinger is now a full grown commercial body, striving towards the upbuilding of Ballinger and the contiguous territory.

At the "get-together" meeting of the citizens of Ballinger Friday evening in the rooms of the League, the decision was unanimous that the work of the organization be continued forever, that Ballinger needs such a body to give inspiration to the citizenship of the city, to make those residing here better off for having lived in the "Best Town of Central West Texas." With confidence that the people desired a commercial organization to set forth the beauty of the city, the resources of the country, the industries of the city, the all which it takes to make Ballinger a true representative of the great American cities which have established reputations over the world for their "get-up" and energy, the Young Men's Business League this morning opened its offices with renewed life. The determination was to make Ballinger a Better Ballinger.

The First Annual Social and Banquet tendered was a great success from every standpoint. During the several hours spent in the rooms of the League not one moment dragged. The speeches heard prior to the banquet were listened to by the 200 people present with the closest attention. The talks made during the course of the dinner were the features of the evening's entertainment. The short speech of Andrew McBeath of the Temple Telegram brought the hall down with storms of applause. He captivated the audience with his witty, spicy sayings.

Because a wreck occurred between here and San Angelo, three of the speakers for the evening were unable to be present for the occasion. They were Rev. Father P. A. Heckman of Temple, Chas. B. Metcalf of San Angelo, and Thomas A. Owens of the Chamber of Commerce of San Angelo. Father Heckman had been designated as toastmaster for the banquet, Mr. Metcalf as a speaker prior to the dinner, and Mr. Owens as one of the entertainers during the course of the banquet. The vacancies on the program caused by their absence were not filled.

Following the banquet, many of those present visited the Queen Theatre after L. Cohen, manager of that photo-play house had issued a special invitation to the 200 people present to attend his performance. Despite the early hour of the morning, a large number of the audience took advantage of Mr. Cohen's hospitality and attended the show. A vote of thanks was extended him by one of the speech-makers designated during the banquet to render thanks to those who made the banquet successful.

The program prior to banquet was composed of two parts—musical selections and speeches. Following the invocation, delivered by Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth street Presbyterian Church, Judge John I. Guion in his address of welcome, pointed out the work to be accomplished by the Young Men's Business League of this city, its importance to the welfare of the community, and the necessity of the co-operation of each individual with the president, the secretary, the board of directors and the membership as a whole of the commercial organization. Judge Guion emphasized the importance of every member forgetting personal grudges against his neighbor and insisted that the only means by which the League could accomplish anything was by striving hard all together. He believed that following the "get-together" meeting, this would be done. The speaker paid a tribute to the press of the nation, declaring that without it semi-barbarism would ensue, that it had the power to make or undo the most insignificant or the most omnipotent human of the world. He thanked the newspaper men present for their being "one of us" and he trusted that the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League would go hand-in-hand with the boys of the Fourth Estate. He portrayed the importance of good roads in the county, especially those leading into Ballinger because Ballinger was mostly sustained by those residing in the immediate section of the county. Availing that Will L. Vining of Austin, one of the speakers of the evening secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, took charge of the commercial work in the capital city when the town was in a ransacked condition, he pointed out some of the many things that had been accomplished by the principal speaker of the evening. Among the objects

sought and finally accomplished by the organization of Austin under the tutelage of Mr. Vining, was the improvement placed on the streets of the city. The speaker expressed himself as being well pleased with the work done by Ed R. Boler, "that giant of progressiveness" as he termed it, since his stay in Ballinger. A beautiful piano selection by Miss Velma Walker followed on the program. In the absence of Mr. Metcalf of San Angelo, that part of the program was, by necessity, abandoned. The vocal number by Mrs. E. L. McAlpin was one of the features of the evening in the musical end of the program. Miss Mary Sue Spill closed the preliminaries to the banquet with a piano selection.

The principal speaker of the evening was Will L. Vining, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Austin. He took advantage of the invitation extended him by Secretary Boler of the League to visit Ballinger and help in "pushing" the work of the organization. Through the visitor, it is declared today, much of the determination to continue with the league work was brought about in the hearts of the men who have taken the interests of the city to mind.

Mr. Vining told his audience that the secretary of the Young Men's Business League was not "all." He declared that only through co-operation could the secretary, whom he styled "the guiding star" accomplish anything for the city and contiguous country. He asked that every person present, since the consensus of opinion was that the commercial work should continue in Ballinger, help with the secretary and the board of directors in their faithful work for a Better Ballinger. He told of cases of his own where he had been placed in exceedingly embarrassing positions by the failure of his committees to do their work properly. He said that Judge Guion's tribute to the press was appropriate and well meant. Many times, especially in the smaller towns, the newspapers are called upon to give their white space, from the sale of which the livelihood of the men working on them depend, to some person who desire "sponging." The speaker asked that this not be done, stating that newspaper men are human like the rest. The commercial organization of a city, he declared depended probably 50 percent on the newspapers for its success. Mr. Vining said. He declared The Daily Ledger meant as much for Ballinger as the larger paper means for the larger city.

Ed. R. Boler, secretary of the Young Men's Business League said three months ago he was ordered to Ballinger by the company for which he was working. He was impressed with the grandeur of the city immediately upon his arrival. Since then he has been more than impressed. He declared that he wants to be a Ballinger Booster forever. He believed after the banquet, after "this get-together meeting," a better comradeship would exist between the citizens of the city and the league, and that the life of the commercial organization was insured by the manner in which the people displayed their interest at the festival. Three weeks ago Boler felt inclined to give up his work in Ballinger as a commercial body's secretary; last night he never felt more slated over the prospects for making Ballinger the best city in the state.

Announcement was made following Boler's talk that the tables had been made ready in the ball room for the banquet. The 200 guests repaired to the dining hall where the ladies of the Eighth

"Texas Press" Man Wishes He Could Live In Ballinger

"This is my first visit to Ballinger," said Andrew McBeath of the Temple Telegram today. "My first impression of a peculiarity concerning Ballinger came to me when I walked across one of your streets—the streets are wide. That indicates the broad-mindedness of the people. I am told that there is a certain spirit that prevails in the west that distinguishes the people from the people of other sections—that is the spirit of broadmindedness. Since coming to Ballinger on this brief visit I believe that story and believe that the spirit prevails in this particular part of the west.

"Whenever I pay a compliment to anyone you can take it to the bank and borrow money on it. I wish that I could live in Ballinger."

"I enjoyed the occasion of the social meeting and banquet given by the Young Men's Business League. The program was good and well arranged. The result of the special demonstration should be beneficial.

"I could say some things calculated to make Ballinger people proud and haughty but I will not do that, because people should not be proud and haughty—even though they can raise two bales of cotton to the acre, and have an admirable climate. I will say that henceforth I am Ballinger's friend. Friendship is all that I have to give you, but such as I have I give."

Presbyterian Church had prepared the dinner. The menu, arranged in a manner that would ease the palate of the most particular, was the climax of the evening. The menu follows:

- Celery
- Pickles
- Cranberry Sauce
- Turkey with Dressing
- Gravy
- Bread
- Baked Yams
- Ham
- Cake
- Coffee
- Music

During the course of the banquet, Mayor J. W. Powell, who of ficiated as toastmaster for the occasion, called upon Andrew McBeath of the Temple Telegram to make a few remarks. In his own humorous manner, McBeath captivated the audience with his witty sayings in which he and the Telegram were conspicuous. His jocular manner was the sensation of the evening, the life of the banquet hall. Declaring that a man could speak best on the things which he knew best, and taking as a fitting subject himself and the Telegram, McBeath easily won the audience to his side in his easy-flowing manner. He declared that the Telegram is one of the best papers of the state, and the greatest bush-league newspaper in the United States. He said that his paper has a column edited by himself and that that column is the best column in the state, and added by explanation that most of the column is composed of clippings from other papers.

W. W. Wooten, county superintendent of schools, was called upon for a short talk. He told his audience that an institute meets here next week and that Ballinger would do her part in receiving the visitors.

Don A. Swett, assistant postmaster, was introduced by Mr. Boler, as "the greatest dramatic critic living," and implored that the Uncle Sam man give a recitation. Mr. Swett selected as his subject, "The Stowaway," and in a manner that brought his listeners to his side, he held the audience at attention for fifteen minutes. With rounds of applause

Mrs. Guy Adkins went to San Angelo Monday to join her husband at that place.

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celery thrown at him as tokens of appreciation, it was with regret on the part of the audience that Mr. Swett stepped from the rostrum to his seat.

Mr. St. Clair of Galveston, gave a short talk on the cotton situation. Coming at a time when this topic of conversation is being considered throughout the United States, the visitor's subject was all the more appropriate. He wished that Ballinger might in the future enjoy much prosperity through the success of the Young Men's Business League, which, he felt sure had been revived with new energy following the "get-together meeting" of the night.

Hon. G. Victor Miller expressed thanks to the ladies of the church which served the dinner, the waitresses who did their duty in seeing that the plates were replete with the best, to L. Cohen manager of the Queen Theatre for his hospitality in inviting the audience to see his show at his expense following the banquet, to the various committees which handled the affairs of the entertainment, to the speakers and all in general who took part in the social.

The music of the orchestra was an attraction which gave spice and vim to the evening's hilarity. The musicians were N. Passeur, Robert Stephenson and Mr. Stephenson's younger brother.

EXPERIENCES OF NOBLE WOMEN IN EUROPE

The horrible experiences that many noble women in Europe have endured during past few months can never be all told. Here in America many women, both young and old, have experienced much misery and suffering.

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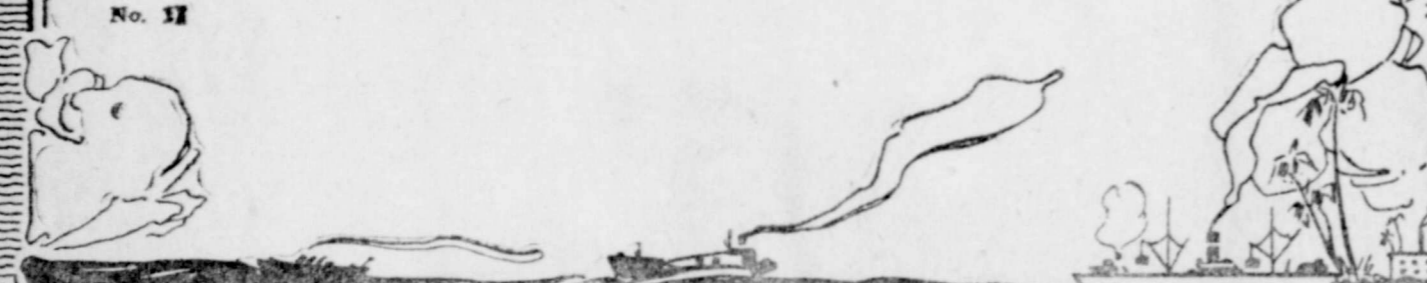
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UNIVERSITY HOLDS HOME ECONOMICS COLEMAN SCHOOL

COLEMAN, Dec. 15.—A one week's school in Home Economics under direction of University experts during which instruction was given in food centers, sewing, home sanitation, and so on constitutes an innovation in University Extension work which is attracting wide attention and interest over the state. It is just another device for taking the University to the people.

The Coleman School Week, held recently, was attended with many features of interest, and the general success of the initial venture in this work, will undoubtedly contribute much to the further demand by other communities for similar campaigns.

All problems discussed were dealt with in a manner in keeping with the special community conditions, in order that their application might procure the best results. The attendance was exceedingly good, weather conditions considered, there being an average of sixty-five women in all the daily classes.

Two general mass meetings, held for the discussion of local conditions and problems, were well attended. The mayor addressed the first assemblage, on "How to make Coleman a better place to live in." Other lectures were delivered on "Plans for a better city" and "Plans for a cleaner city," by a councilman and the city health officers, respectively.

A stereopticon lecture on dairy inspection, given by the University instructors, was followed by a general discussion. Various persons present at the meeting took part in the discussion, and interesting data was secured from several dairymen, who also announced their intention of incorporating many of the suggested features in their establishments.

The second meeting was presided over by a local doctor and the subject for the evening was, "Better Homes and Better Families." The instructors in charge delivered an illustrated lecture on "Better Homes for Texas," and the chairman discussed the Better Babies Movement. Open discussion from the floor as to advisability of a Better Babies Contest for Coleman, resulted in the appointment of a committee of three to draw up plans for a contest to be held early in March.

The Division of Home Welfare of the University offers to conduct these schools or educational campaigns, free of charge, under the direction of competent instructors, in any community guaranteeing a class of twenty-five women. The purpose of these one week schools is the dissemination to all the people of the state, of short course in the work presented to students in the Department of Home Economics and Home Welfare at the University.

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." For sale by all dealers.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. of Ballinger, Texas, will meet at the Banking House of said Bank in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the ensuing year and any other business that might come before it.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
President.
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FOR SALE—Turnips, Bundle Sorghum 21-2c cents, Sorghum Molasses 50 cents per gallon. See S. C. Royalty, Ballinger 11-3tw

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COLQUITT GETTING FINAL MESSAGE READY THIS DAY

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—Governor Colquitt is busy today collecting data for his final and retiring message to the legislature. The different departments of the State government have provided him with their official reports and such other information, statistical and otherwise, as the Governor will need for the review of his administration.

Whether Governor Colquitt will adhere to the practice of former retiring chief executives and not make recommendations for legislation within the province of his successor is not known. It will not be surprising for him to give his views on some subjects, however, although the general expectations are that the forthcoming message will largely "point with pride" at accomplishments of the past four years.

Governor-elect James E. Ferguson is likewise supposed to be assembling material for his inaugural address and initial message. It is believed that he will insist upon the carrying out of the platform demands as the first work of the law-making body. Knowing him, Ferguson's friends declare that he will take an active part in legislation.

One situation that will be watched with interest will be the clash of Mr. Ferguson's pushing business methods and the easy-going style of legislation in the early hours of the session. Everyone around the legislature is aware that it could transact business much more expeditiously than it generally does and that there is no defense of the eleventh-hour rush and the failure to pass the general appropriation bill at the regular session.

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.

E. F. Ernst, one of the successful farmers of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger and while here remembered the Ledger in a substantial way.

The Magic Washing Stick.
"The Magic Washing Stick is just fine. It did just what you said it would do and the clothes were so nice and white with all that hard rubbing left off," writes Mrs. Sarah Goodale, Preston, Texas. The Magic Stick is not a soap nor a washing powder. Sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c. or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

THE MOST USEFUL PRESENT

and one that will be cherished long after trifles have been relegated to the attic, is a scholarship in the San Angelo Business College. This is a character building and salary raising institution. Besides bookkeeping and stenography, many other practical subjects are taught. Special coaching for civil service and teachers' certificates. Write for catalog, etc.

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BREAD PLANT BURNS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

L. B. Stubbs suffered a three or four hundred dollar loss Friday night when fire broke out in his bakery and damaged the bakery plant and stock of flour and feed stuff in the rear of the store.

The fire originated from some unknown cause in the roof, and was making good headway when discovered. The fire company confined the fire to the bakery room, and the damage to feed

stuff in the rear of the main building was caused by water.

The bakery is not located in the main building, but occupies a small room constructed of sheet iron just at the rear of the main building, and the openings leading into the main building prevented damage to a greater extent by smoke and water.

The loss will probably amount to three or four hundred dollars, and this is covered by insurance.

The bakery was put out of commission, and it is necessary to supply the trade from other places until the repairs can be made and the bakery again put in operation. Orders were placed over the phone Saturday morning, and Mr. Stubbs stated that he would be able to care for the trade and keep his wagon going.

SERVANT HOUSE MAKES BLAZE.
Fire burning in the roof of a servant house at the home of J.

K. Hutton Sunday night caused the fire boys to have to make a run. The fire caught from a fire and burnt part of the roof and interior of the house. The fire was checked before the house was entirely destroyed.

Sudan Seed

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Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed.

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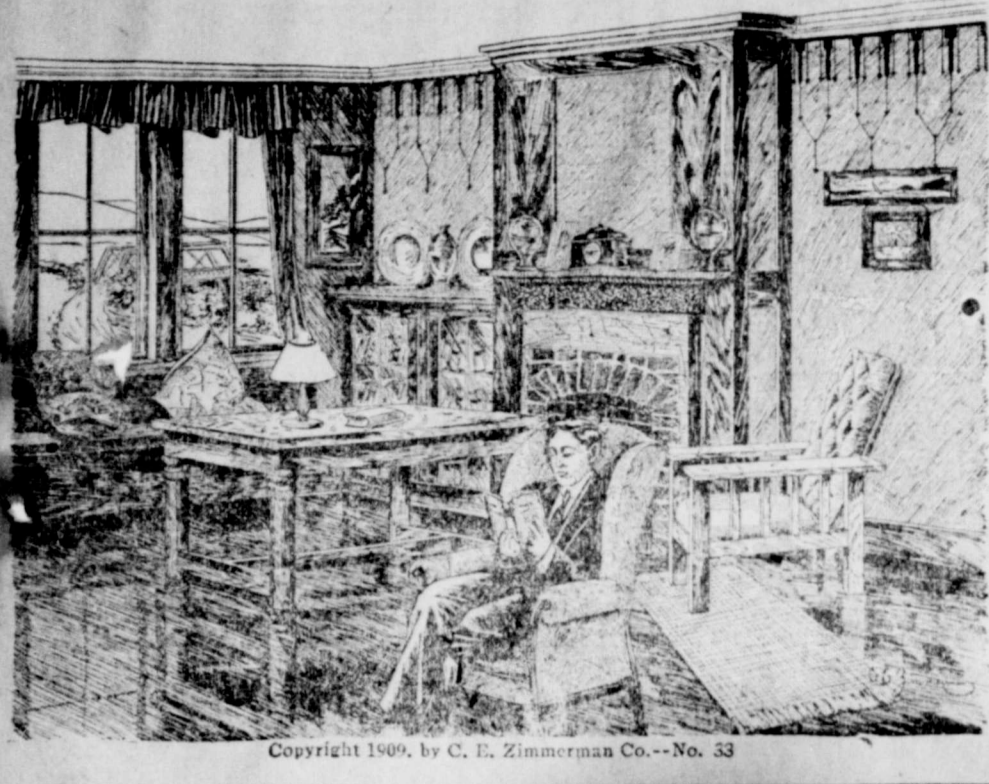
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Y. M. B. L. REST ROOM FOR COUNTRY PEOPLE

The building occupied by the Young Men's Business League has been conveniently fitted up for those who come here from the country to trade, and have no place to make headquarters. Fire, water, seats and the toilet is offered to the visitors and they are most cordially invited to drop in and make themselves at home while in the city.

Secretary Bole has also arranged to co-operate with Demonstrator McLelland in procuring seed, and aiding the farmers in other ways, and those desiring information about such matters will be gladly supplied if they will make their wants known at the Business League.

The front part of the building is now being used for an office and reception room, while a lounging room has been provided on the first floor, and also an assembly room for the meetings of the League, and the balcony can be used for larger gatherings and for display room.

The show window so attractively arranged and decorated with agricultural products is an advertisement for the county, and attracts the attention of the visitors.

A photo of the window has been supplied to the state papers for publication.

HEARD IN BALLINGER

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Is Corrected.

All over Ballinger you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Ballinger people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Ballinger citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

J. A. Maxwell, farmer, 100 Twelfth St., Ballinger says: "My back had been paining me for some time and as Doan's Kidney pills were endorsed by people I knew, I decided to try them. I was greatly benefited after taking the first box and continued use removed the trouble. I am now in good health."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Maxwell had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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MAN IN TOWN

John Mansker, of the Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co., is greeting his customers and friends with an unusually broad smile today, and it is all the result of the arrival of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mansker this morning.

We are glad to report that the mother and baby are getting along nicely.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"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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We have our place of business in a perfect sanitary condition, and in compliance with the pure food laws of the State, have just built a perfectly sanitary slaughter house, complete in every respect, and will keep it in splendid shape at all times.

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GODFREY MASSEY,
Concho county, Tex

MANY TURKS ARE BEING SLAUGHTERED

Turkey shipments from Ballinger during the present week have been the best in the history of the county, and large consignments of turkeys are leaving this point daily. 150 head were shipped by express Tuesday afternoon, this shipment being a rush shipment, made to the dressing plants to fill immediate orders.

Wagon loads of turkeys have been rolling in pretty regularly for several days, and as fast as the turkeys are unloaded they are billed out to different dressing plants, where they are dressed and shipped to Northern and Eastern cities for the holiday dinners. While the poultry industry is turning many dollars into the pockets of the farmers of this county a great loss is being sustained in not having an up to date poultry dressing plant here, where the poultry could be prepared for shipment direct to the Eastern markets. This would curtail the expense realized in shipping the turkeys to some other point for dressing before they are shipped to Eastern markets.

PHOTOGRAPH FOR CHRISTMAS.

Of course you have some friends you want to remember this Christmas.

Ever think of giving photographs?

They carry a sentimental value—yourself to your friends, or maybe a picture of the kiddies.

Photographs are economical, too—a dozen good photographs make a dozen splendid presents.

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LET IT SLIP AND WAS RUINED FOR LIFE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The best way you can improve this very hour that finds you reading this, is to take the first step towards enrolling with us. That will be your first step towards a great success.

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

When may we expect you? Write or wire America's largest business training school, with 2,000 enrollments this year, if further information is desired. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Saved Girl's Life

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

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

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

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

AUTO KILLS EIGHT

YEAR OLD YOUTH AT SAN ANGELO

Another tragic death was added to the automobile list at noon Monday when an 8-year-old boy was run down and so seriously injured that he died shortly after.

Little Clarence Hilley, son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. Hilley, a pupil of the West Ward school, was returning to his home in Angelo Heights at the noon hour when at the east end Beauregard bridge, he started to cross the street. He had proceeded but a few feet when he was run into by an automobile driven by Miss Susie DeLong and received injuries to his head from which he expired in a few minutes. The almost lifeless body was borne to the home of the parents at 19 South Park street and death followed shortly afterwards.

The remains were conveyed to the undertaking establishment of Charles A. Robinson Company and prepared for burial.

The father of the child is a retired preacher and has resided in San Angelo for about two years.

Dr. A. C. DeLong, father of Miss Susie DeLong, who drove the car which caused the child's death, at her an investigation of the case, said on Tuesday.

"Several eye-witnesses have related the following account of the accident to me: The little fellow was on the hand rail which divides the foot walk from the middle of the bridge and jumped from the railing in an attempt to catch a buggy on the other side of the bridge in order to ride home. My daughter was coming home and did not see the boy until he darted for the other side of the bridge, when she turned the car as quickly as possible and as far as she could without running into the railing on the other side. The boy struck the side of the car and fell doubled up with his face and knees on the ground. He was never in front of the car but had evidently been struck by a fender. He sustained an injury to his head which caused death about twenty minutes later. My daughter immediately stopped the car and took the child in her lap, holding him until Mr. Fred Jones approached in his car on his way home in Angelo Heights. The boy was placed in his car and taken to his parent's home, where two physicians immediately attended to him but he lived only about six minutes after reaching home.

Miss DeLong was prostrate for hours after the accident and was inconsolable but is improved on Tuesday.—San Angelo Standard.

For Lease or Sale.

The Hatched blacksmith shop. Well equipped for doing general blacksmithing and repair work. This is a bargain for the right party. For particulars phone or write D. E. Cuddle, Ballinger, Tex. 114-114p.d.

Jake Stufferfield and Coma Wylie were here from the western part of the county, and delivered to Godfrey Massey about three hundred steers recently sold to Massey. Mr. Massey carried the steers to his ranch in Concho county.

FERGUSON NAMES

IMPORTANT MEN; ALL NEW TO POLITICS

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Governor-Elect Ferguson's newly appointed official family apparently have been gracefully accepted by the political wiseagres. Most of the selections are comparatively new to politics but the men are well fitted for their respective positions.

According to a story circulated here Mr. Ferguson not only appointed the heads of the different departments but he names those to fill the more important clerkships. It is stated that at least one of the new cabinet members received from the governor-elect a complete list of persons Mr. Ferguson wanted appointed to the clerkships in that department.

It is considered doubtful whether under the new arrangement by which the boards of managers of the eleemosynary institutions are appointed, the Governor can name the heads of those institutions. Reports from San Antonio indicate that the board of managers of the Southwestern Insane Asylum is not disposed to accept Mr. Ferguson's choice for superintendent of that place, and a similar situation may arise at some other eleemosynary establishment. In such a difference of opinion the advantage lies decidedly with the Governor.

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 germ at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucus, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist.

Sudan Grass Seed

Cream hull seed, with certificate of government inspection. Generally sell one dollar per pound. Two or three pounds will seed one acre. We sell 1 to 10 pounds, 75c per pound, prepaid by mail; 11 to 20 pounds, prepaid by mail, 70c per pound; more than 21 pounds, prepaid 60c per pound. Information free.—Southern Advertising Agency, Austin, Texas. 11w

S. P. Stone was at San Angelo first of the week, where he purchased two carloads of cows. He will ship the cows to Ballinger and place them on feed.

THAT COLD YOU HAVE

may bring sickness, doctor's bills and loss of work; you know that serious sickness usually starts with a cold, and a cold only exists where weakness exists. Remember that.

Overcome the weakness and nature cures the cold—that is the law of reason. Carefully avoid drugged pills, syrups or stimulants; they are only props and braces and whips.

It is the pure medicinal nourishment in Scott's Emulsion that quickly enriches the blood, strengthens the lungs and helps heal the air passages.

And mark this well—Scott's Emulsion generates body heat as protection against winter sickness. Get Scott's at your drug store to-day. It always strengthens and builds up.

14-51 Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Christmas Presents

That Makes the Home Attractive and Comfortable

When you come to our store for a CHRISTMAS PRESENT you will get something that will add to the comfort of the home every day in the year, and something that will be a constant reminder of the Christmas giving spirit. We mention just a few of the suitable articles from our big store that would make appropriate gifts:

- Smoking Sets, Parlor Stools,
- Cedar Chests, Rocking Chairs,
- Music Cabinets, Laundry Baskets,
- Home Writing Desks, Buffets,
- China Closets, Pictures,
- Dining Chairs, Art Squares,
- Rugs, Book Cabinets,
- Chifforobes, Baby Rockers,

and many other useful articles you can find in our big store.

We are making special prices on these for the Holiday Trade. Come to our store for useful gifts.

Ostertag Furniture Co.

Ballinger, Texas

W. K. Lilly and E. G. Bowden, two of the representative citizens of the Norton country, were here on business first of the week. They report the roads in bad shape on the divide between Ballinger and Norton.

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.

NOTICE TO HOG GROWERS.

The Runnels County Hog Growers Association are planning to ship a carload of hogs about the 8th or 10th of January. All those wishing to ship in this car should notify J. H. Taylor at once. About fifty head have been listed to go in this car, and the car will accommodate about twenty-five more. First come first served.

Editor Kubela of Rowena, ac accompanied by his wife, was shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

Have You Poultry Troubles?

Cure the liver and you cure the bird. Nearly all poultry troubles are due to a disordered liver. Thousands of poultry raisers who use it all year round to keep their flocks in good health, highly recommend

Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE

It's a Liver Medicine. Also a strengthening Tonic.

Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE is a wonderful cure for liver trouble, roup and chicken cholera. Given regularly with the feed, in small doses, it also makes an excellent tonic.

E. J. Stowe, Curcell, Okla.
25c, 50c and \$1. per can. At your dealer's.

The Greatest Success

EVER KNOWN IN SPECIAL SALES HAS BEEN YOURS AND OURS IN

OUR GREAT REAL SALE

In Spite of the cold disagreeable weather our store has been crowded day after day. But many have not been able to come and we have decided to extend it till

Thursday, December 24th 1914

That all may have an opportunity to buy supplies
on basis of 6 cent Cotton

If you haven't attended the sale you can't realize what you have missed---in
saving money.

It's Not Too Late--The Real Sale
Will last until Christmas come take advantage of the

Stupendous Reductions

We are making, you will say as others have said:

"YOU ARE SAVING THE PEOPLE THOUSANDS
OF DOLLARS IN YOUR GREAT REAL SALE."

Ballinger's
Greatest
Store

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE- WILLIAMS CO

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Greatest
Store

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FROM CHRISTMAS 1888 TO THIS PRESENT TIME WE HAVE BEEN IN BALLINGER SELLING HOLIDAY GOODS

to make the hearts of young and old glad. We want you to come around again and look over our immense stock and make your selections out of such

Albums, Fancy China, Musical Instruments, Toilet Cases, Bibles, Testaments, Hundreds of Miscellar

Nothing will bring more pleasure to the whole household than a VICTROLA, the music n. Come a Running
We have them from \$15.00 to \$100.00.

J. Y. PEARCE, The Druggist

PROSPEROUS ORDER ELECTS OFFICERS

Ballinger W. O. W. Camp No. 157 met in the Lodge rooms Friday night for the purpose of electing officers and for transacting the regular routine of work. The following officers were elected: Owen Dorse, C. C.; W. E. Brook, A. L.; R. E. Willingham, Banker; J. F. Lusk, Clerk; W. C. Drennan, Escort; W. S. Harman, Watchman; Adolph Wilke, Sentry; Carlos Dunn, Manager; Physicians, W. W. Fowler, A. S. Love, and J. G. Douglass.

Notwithstanding that the country has passed through five depressing years this lodge is in a flourishing condition, having 322 members, and two additions at the Friday night's meeting. The treasury is in sound condition. Clerk J. F. Lusk has served in such capacity for several years, and was re-elected by acclamation, the camp thus showing proper appreciation for his efficient and faithful service.

Peace and harmony continually prevailed throughout the meeting and jolly and companionable set of members made up the attendance last night, in spite of the bad weather and other meetings being held in the city.

After adjournment those present repaired to The Club Cafe and enjoyed a sumptuous supper.

HATCHELL W. O. W.
Hatchell Camp No. 2611 met on Saturday evening, December 12, and elected the following officers: M. F. Lett, C. C.; E. M. Burrow, Adv.; A. L. Kerley, Banker; E. D. Bowen, Clerk; J. O. Phelps, Escort; A. H. Carothers, Watchman; John S. Thompson, Sentry; S. H. Guin, Manager; Dr. Hale of Ballinger, Physician; after which we gave two candidates the protection degree. Our little camp has grown in the last 12 months from 29 members to over 50 members, and timber still coming in. Let's hear from some of the rest of the camps in the county.
E. D. BOWEN, Sec.

YEOMEN ELECT OFFICERS
The order of Yeomen met Wednesday night and elected the following officers: D. A. Swett, foreman; Bert Kelly, master of ceremony; Mrs. W. T. Ward, correspondent; Bud Jones, master of accts.; Miss Jewell Cunningham, chaplain.

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.

NAVY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES BIDS FOR DESTROYERS

Washington, Dec. 15.—Bids are being opened at the Navy Department today for the construction of a new and distinct type of submarine, the biggest and fastest under-water craft in the world. The new submarines will outclass the German U-9 class, just as the first dreadnaught exceeded the old type of battleship. Several of these monster fighters of the deep will be constructed out of funds already appropriated by Congress.

The new craft will displace about 1,200 tons, which means it will be twice the size of any previous submarine. The aim is to build a submarine of high speed and great defensive power that will be able to accompany the American battleship fleet, anywhere, and never lag behind. The new craft will be 300 feet long, have a speed of 22 knots at the surface and 15 knots submerged. It will have a cruising radius of 3,500 to 4,000 knots under water.

The new submarine will have its own wireless outfit. It will have rapid-fire guns for self defense, and will be equipped with enough torpedoes to sink a modern fleet of dreadnaughts.

The confidential plans and specifications for this powerful new craft were submitted to the builders, who were allowed to furnish bids on the designs submitted by the department or to modify the design and submit bids accordingly. The cost is estimated at \$1,250,000 for each new submarine. At the previous session of Congress, \$4,460,000, was appropriated for submarines, with the stipulation which directed the Navy Department to construct a fleet submarine of not less than twenty knots' speed.

It is said here that both France and England contemplate the construction of similar fleet submarines, but are keeping their plans secret. American naval officers say the navy's submarine knowledge has been so far developed that the new submarine will be the highest type of perfection yet to be reached in under-water effective fighting apparatus, and far superior to any one of its type now being contemplated abroad.

FRISCO'S FAMOUS TENDERLOIN CLOSED

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The Red Light abatement law goes into effect today, and the famous tenderloin section of the Golden Gate is no more. The keepers of the resorts were notified that the law would be rigidly enforced, and the police will get busy if the resort keepers are not all out of business today. It is believed that the dive keepers will accept the inevitable, for there has been a grand moving out during the past week, many of the resort keepers going to other cities.

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.

EN ROUTE BALLINGER; DROPS DEAD AT SEALY

J. M. Dunn dropped dead at Sealy, Texas, Friday, while en route from Wardsworth, Matagorda County, to Ballinger.

This news was conveyed to Ballinger Friday night by phone message to J. D. Perkins, and Saturday morning telegrams to relatives in this county brought further particulars of the sudden death.

Mr. Dunn left his home Friday morning and was en route to Ballinger to visit his daughter, Mrs. E. Z. Burrows, of Hatchell, waiting for the train at Sealy, as it is necessary to change cars at that place in coming from Wardsworth to Ballinger.

When he died it was thought that the dead man was Arthur Burrows, as papers bearing the name of Arthur Burrows were found in his pocket, and these and the ticket to Ballinger were the only marks of identification that could be found on the man's person. The message here stated that Arthur Burrows was dead, but Arthur Burrows is known to be in Childress, and as relatives here were expecting Mr. Dunn to arrive Saturday it was soon learned that this was the dead man's name. Arthur Burrows is a grand son of Dunn, and it is presumed that he had a letter or some papers bearing Burrows name in his pocket.

Relatives here are looking after the funeral arrangements, and while it is not known where he will be buried, it is probable that he will be carried back to his home in Matagorda county for burial.

WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINES

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 15.—The only women's chamber of commerce in the United States, formed of Attleboro women this month, joined with the men's Chamber of Commerce tonight in a grand banquet. Mrs. S. M. Holman, wife of Colonel Holman, who is president of the Attleboro Chamber, organized the women's chamber, which has nearly 100 members, to boom Attleboro industries.

CASTORIA

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

A. Rosenwasser returned to his home at Yorkum, last Saturday, after a business visit to this county. Mr. Rosenwasser formerly lived in this county, and owns some land here. He was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. Rosa Kre.

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 Liniment. 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.

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 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards, Co., Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. Purvis of Ft. Worth, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Clappitt Sunday, while Mr. Purvis was looking after business in this section. Mr. Purvis is the Santa Fe claim agent.

M. C. SMITH.
Attorney-at-Law.
Office up-stairs in C. A. Doose Building.
Examining Land Titles a Specialty.

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WADE & DOOSE.
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HARRIS & HARRIS
—Attorneys-at-Law—
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Collections and Land Litigation Specialties
Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

Q. VICTOR MILLER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Office with Security Title Co. Will Practice in all the Courts.

C. P. Shepherd
County Attorney Runnels Co.
Civil Practice Solicited
Ballinger, Texas.

FIRE INSURANCE
THE BEST COMPANIES
Prompt Service
Your Business Solicited.
Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office. Phone 215.
SEE ME
M. KLEBERG JR.
Attorney-at-Law.
Office at Courthouse.

The Country Trade
Receives our very best attention and we ask you to visit us when in town, and we guarantee to give you a good shave, a neat hair cut and courteous treatment.
City Barber Shop
H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

YOU'VE GOT TO EAT IF YOU STAY HERE.
Then why not eat the best at the same price.
A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.
Laxson's Restaurant

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised Dec. 12, at Ballinger, Texas:
Adams, Ross; Barnett, B. F.; Bennett, J. C.; Bourland, Mark; Collins, Jim; Giles, Miss Lucille; Grimes, T. T.; Guthrie, J. D.; Johnson, Fred; Kattner, Andrew; Kirksy, E. C.; Kottrola, John H.; McGinnis, T. H.; Malone, Thomas; Mitchell, Claud; Steward, Allen; Smith, Ray.
When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.
James J. Erwin P. M.

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.

GIVING AWAY BIG DOLL.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co have on exhibition in their show window a large doll, valued at \$20. They are giving tickets with every cash purchase, and these tickets are good for so many votes when cast for the most popular little girl in Runnels county. On Christmas this doll will be given away to the little girl having the largest number of votes.

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.

Do Your Building Now!
It Will Never Cost You Less.
Are you going to build a store, a house, a barn, a fence, or anything at any time in the near future? Take our advice and do it now. Lumber and other expenses will never be lower than they are now. See us about your lumber, lath, shingles, casings, cement, lime and anything else you need.
We Carry Them All In Stock.
BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

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 farther particulars call on, phone or write
C. A. Doose & Co.
Ballinger, Texas.

7 More Shopping Days.

HOME STRETCH HOLIDAY SALE.

7 More Shopping Days.

Hurry



Final Chance to Fatten Your 1914 Purchases

On this sheet are offered some of the most extraordinary values that ever appeared in print in this or any other paper over our signature. The merchandise here listed are bargains that will stir all Ballinger and surrounding county to action and will keep sixteen salespeople busy from the opening hour. Home Stretch Holiday Sale Starts Thursday Morning, Dec. 17th, at Nine O'clock

SHOP EARLY. COME! ONLY SEVEN SHOPPING DAYS. CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Fair Warning: Every Suit, Dress, Coat and Hat

FOR WOMEN, MISSES AND GIRLS MUST GO. LAST CALL. COME

Women's Suits

25 ladies tailored suits, the very latest styles, wonderful values at \$12.50 and \$13.50, final call **\$7.45**

18 ladies suits, unusual values at \$15.00 and \$18.00, final and last call price **\$12.45**

20 suits that originally sold at \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$29.50, final call **\$14.95**

Millinery

Home Stretch Holiday Sale on Millinery, All Must Go.

Every hat in house will sell at less than the cost of trimming. Not one will sell for less than 50 cents on the dollar and less. See red ticket.

Coats and Dresses

If you want a coat or dress come to us. Big reductions on every dress and coat in the house.

EXTRA SPECIAL---50 ladies long coats in black, black and white stripe and novelty cloth, values \$5.00, \$5.50 and up to \$6.50, Home Stretch price **\$3.45**

\$2.00 Coats	\$1.20	\$12.50 Coats	\$9.99
\$7.50 Coats	\$5.99	\$15.00 Coats	\$11.99
\$3.50 Coats	\$6.50	\$20.00 Coats	\$14.99
\$10.00 Coats	\$7.99	\$25.00 Coats	\$19.99

100 Evening, Messaline and Serge Dresses on Sale at 20 per cent to 30 per cent Reductions

Opening of Toyland---Home Stretch Holiday Sale on all Toys and Christmas Goods Starts Thursday

We must have the money that is tied up in our large line of Holiday Goods including all Toys, Brassware, Dolls, Chinaware, Pictures, Casseroles, Pie Plates, Fruit Stands, Leather Cases, Wagons, Buggies, Books, Tool Chests, Smoking Sets, Manicure Sets, Ivory Sets, Iron Stoves, Drums, Furniture, Pianos, Horns, Toy Pistols, Sparklers. Over \$1000.00 worth of holiday goods will go on sale at radical reductions of 10 to 15 and 20 percent off regular price. Every article in Toyland included.

CHILDREN see the beautiful \$20.00 doll in Window to be given away to the most popular child---age 3 to 10---5 votes given with each 25c purchase.

Santa Claus, King of Toys Reigns Supreme at Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

REAL SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Cotton Goods at 6c Cotton Prices

20 yards 7 1-2c Gingham, the yard **5c**

16 yards fancy dress gingham \$1.00, yard **6 1-4c**

10 yards 12 1-2c unbleached Indian head canton flannel 70c, the yard **7c**

14 yards cotton checks \$1.00, worth 8 1-2c yard **7c**

36 inch bleached Hope domestic worth 12 1-2c, the yard at **8 1-3c**

FREE DOLL

That beautiful \$20.00 doll will be given to the most popular little girl, 3 to 10 years, December 24. Get your friends to trade at Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.'s and vote for you. Five votes given with each 25c cash purchase. 10 votes with 50c purchases and so on. Think what a joy it will be if your little one would be the most fortunate.

It's Worth Working For See Window Display

Record Breaking Seven Days Sale On Men's Suits and Overcoats

98 suits must and will be sold in seven days. Fourteen each day. The price here quoted should sell one hundred and ninety-eight.

Over 400 suits in the sale, every Kuppenheimer, Style-plus and Frankel 15 included. Positively none reserved. A chance of a life time.

120 men's and young men's suits consist of worsteds, serges and home spun cloth, positively all wool, sizes 33 to 44, values up to \$12.50 and \$13.50, Home Stretch price **\$8.95**

180 men's and young men's suits, real value in every suit, made of pure worsted and Scotch cloth, a bargain at \$15.00, \$17.50 and \$18.50 Home Stretch price, the suit **\$12.95**

100 suits made by the famous clothiers, Kuppenheimer and known the world over as one of the best makes in the country. Every Kuppenheimer that sold at \$22.50 and \$25.00 suit final Home Stretch Sale **\$17.95**

Boys' Suit Special

50 boys double breasted suits latest styles, assorted colors, ages 8 to 16 years, positively cheap at \$3.50, Home Stretch Sale price **\$2.50**

42 boys double breasted suits, splendid values and good styles at \$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00, ages 9 to 17, very special Home Stretch Sale price only **\$3.50**

Come See These Bargains. Come



Shoes Shoes Shoes

You will find here the most complete line of all leather shoes in west Texas for men, women boys and girls at prices in reach of all. Let us shoe the whole family.

Holiday Stretch Sale

\$1.50 men's outing night shirts **95c**

75c men's coat sweaters **43c**

75c men's and boys' wool gloves **49c**

50c heavy fleeced undershirts and drawers, a garment **43c**

Wool over shirts, worth up \$2.25, now only at **\$1.49**

\$2.00 men's corduroy pants, the pair **\$1.49**

\$10.00 brown ulster overcoats **\$5.95**

1 lot Big 4 hats, \$5.00 values only **\$2.95**

\$2.00 Cooper closed-crotch union suits **\$1.49**

\$1.50 wool undershirts and drawers, a garment **\$1.25**

Wilson Bros. silk half-hose, worth 50c, Final Home Stretch Sale price **25c**

COTTON

We want your cotton and will pay you 100 points more than market price in trade. See us before you sell.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. "The Store Ahead"

Ballinger, Lampasas, Teague