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We Wish Everybody
MERRY Christmas
and a HAPPY New

"Cheap Cotton Sale" NOW ON IN FULL BLAST A. J. ZAPPE'S

On account of former bad weather will continue the Cheap Cotton Sale until Jan. 1st

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HOUSE LAWN

KAISER RETURNS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Kaiser Wilhelm has returned to the front. He is not entirely well, but that question did not bother His Majesty in making up his mind that he was needed on the field.

Reports received here declare

that the Kaiser has not fully recovered from his recent illness and that his physicians protested strongly upon his leaving the sick bed. However, he was determined to make his appearance again with his men. His wishes are that he might give inspiration to those fighting for the Fatherland during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. E. C. O'Banion and little daughter, of Austin, arrived Saturday night, and is visiting at the home of H. G. Stokes. Mrs. O'Banion is the daughter of Mr. Stokes.

HOUSE WILL BALLOT ON PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Without indicating the final vote the House today decided to allow a debate extending over eight hours duration on the Hobson resolution for the submission to the States of a constitutional amendment for national prohibition.

Immediately following the decision of the House to hear debates on the prohibition question, a flow of oratory pervaded the atmosphere of the lower house.

Indications this afternoon are that a decisive vote will be made tonight.

Arguments advanced against the amendment in the House principally are that by adopting the resolution and its passage in the States the state's rights would be swept away and that billions of dollars would be idle as a result of prohibition. Another argument which seems to appeal to many is that thousands would be thrown out of employment if a law prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the United States were to become effective.

Representative Hobson, who introduced the resolution, today declared that if his resolution is defeated in the House, prohibition will be one of the biggest issues if not the largest in the 1916 presidential campaign.

House leaders today again declare that the prohibition resolution will not receive the required two-thirds majority vote. Senator Sheppard of Texas has declared that if that is the case, then he will press a vote on a similar resolution which he introduced in the last session of Congress.

WORTHY OF EMULATION

Sam Boyer of the New Home neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Boyer has a record that is worthy of emulation. He has gathered 30 bales of cotton this season with a small family force and only hired \$15.00 worth of picking. He had 9 acres of sod land and has gathered 10 bales off the same and still has some cotton left on the land. He is among the number who have paid up in full his land notes and paid the interest on all accrued notes.

Prof. Chas. Plachey, principal of the Rowena Schools, who is attending the teacher's institute in Ballinger, while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

FRANCE WILL FIGHT WITH NO MERCY

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The allies will fight until all of Europe is definitely liberated by a fully victorious peace. This was the statement made today in the French parliament by Viviani upon the opening of the body to discuss war measures.

He declared that France will fight without mercy until the whole question is decided upon. This is the only policy, it was stated, of the French government at the present time.

RUNNELS COUNTY FARMERS WIN CASH IN CROP CONTEST

The committee appointed to award prizes in the crop contest conducted in Texas by the Texas Industrial Congress, announced the winners last Saturday, and \$10,000 in cash prizes is being distributed among the farmers who were selected as the winners.

Runnels county came in for several prizes under Class D, which was forage crop class, and the prizes were awarded for the largest yields of merchantable grain, cost of production considered, from one acre of either kaffir, milo or feterita, as preferred by the contestants, and grown either with or without irrigation.

The first prize of \$300 in this class was won by Claud Gerrald, of Fisher county; second prize of \$200 by Louisa Wolf, of Haskell county; third prize of \$100 by J. K. Martis, of Colorado county.

The committee recommended the awards of \$25 prizes to each of quite a number of contestants, and in the \$25 class are the following Runnels county farmers:

John L. Reed, Miles, Runnels County, 4.63 tons. Cost of production \$5.017 per ton. Net profit \$69.42, equal to 6 per cent on an investment of \$1157.

Grayson Wiley, Ballinger, Runnels County, 3.045 tons. Cost of production \$5.102 per ton. Net profit \$45.36, equal to 6 per cent on an investment of \$756.

Mary Wiley, Ballinger, Runnels County, 2.8075 tons. Cost of production \$5.102 per ton. Net profit \$45.36, equal to 6 per cent on an investment of \$756.

A. M. Wilmeth, Ballinger, Runnels County, 2.46. Cost of produ-

ctio. \$36.18, equal to 6 per cent on an investment of \$603.

W. S. Wilmeth, Balinger, Runnels County, 2.35 tons. Cost of production \$5.956 per ton. Net profit \$34.02, equal to 6 per cent on an investment of \$657.

Rev. J. H. Stuart, of Brownwood, presiding elder of this district, passed through Ballinger, Monday afternoon en route home from Norton and other points in that section where he was looking after church work.

THAW MUST FACE TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw today lost his fight before the United States Supreme Court.

He was ordered to be taken back to New York state from New Hampshire, where he will (Continued on Last Page.)

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From all over the world, from Europe, North Africa, Egypt, Asia Minor, Portuguese East Africa, German East Africa, Zanzibar, West Africa, South Africa, Arabia, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Central America, Canada and the West Indies, buyers of oil pay tribute to oil products manufactured in Texas by The Texas Company.

This foreign trade and the trade with other States in the Union keeps the three refineries, the pipe lines, the distributing stations, barrel, box and can factories, machine shops and other properties of The Texas Company going, and employs Texas labor, buys material and supplies from Texas factories and stores, and pays enormous Texas taxes.

By far the greater part of the trade of The Texas Company is in the foreign field and in the other States of the Union.

The larger part of the money secured from these sources is spent right in Texas. The amount of oil which Texas uses is only a very small part of the amount required each year to pay the thousands of workers employed in the refineries and factories of the Company. It would do little towards paying for the materials and supplies bought by The Texas Company in Texas.

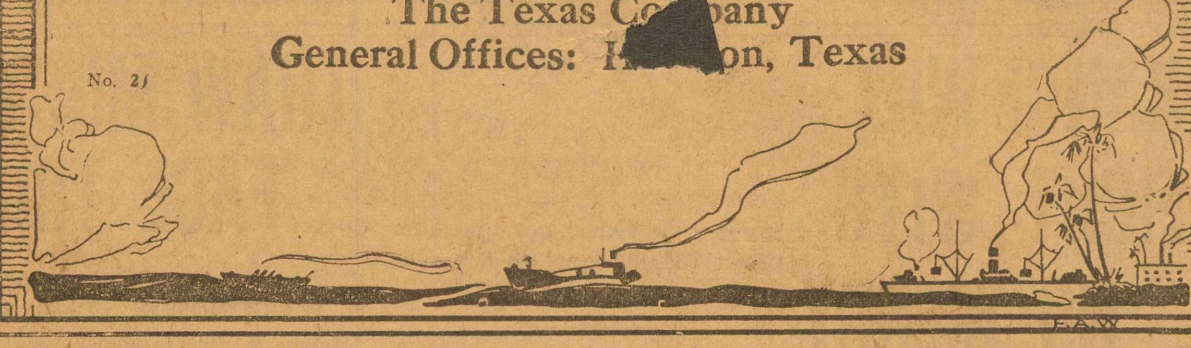
It is the money which comes steadily, in rapidly-increasing volume, from all over the world which maintains these enormous properties and pays the thousands of workers.

Quality of goods manufactured and added value in the service given have enabled The Texas Company to build up this world tribute to Texas oil products and manufactures.

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that we were going to be shot in the presence of our wives and children. I saw German soldiers who could not refrain from bursting into tears on seeing the despair of the women. One of our party was seized with an apoplectic fit from mere terror, and I saw many who fainted."

When the cortege arrived at Vilaines, an officer told the unhappy people that they were free. Tamines would be shot. He obliged the women and children to cry "Vive l'Allemagne." The Germans burnt, after sacking them, 264 houses in Tamines. Many persons, including women and children, were burnt or stifled in their own homes. Many others were shot in the fields. The total number of victims was over 650. The Commission of Inquiry devoted special attention to ascertaining whether the inhabitants of the village fired on the German troops. Every surviving witness unanimously declared the contrary. They explained the massacre of their fellow-villagers by the fact that the Germans attributed to the inhabitants the shots which had been fired by the French skirmishers, or perhaps by the anger produced among the Germans by the success of an attack which had been made on them by that night by the French troops.

2. Sack of Dinant

The town of Dinant was sacked and destroyed by the German Army, and its population was decimated on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th of August. On August 15th a lively engagement took place at Dinant between the French troops on the left bank of the Meuse and the German troops coming up from the east. The German troops were routed by the French, who passed over to the right bank of the river following them. The town had little to suffer on that day. Some houses were destroyed by German shells, aimed, no doubt at French regiments on the left bank, and a citizen of Dinant belonging to the Red Cross was killed by a German ball as he was picking up a wounded man.

The days which followed were calm. The French occupied the neighborhood of the town.

No engagement took place between the hostile armies, and nothing happened which could be interpreted as an act of hostility by the population. No German troops were anywhere near Dinant. On Friday the 21st, about 9 o'clock in the evening, German troops coming down the road from Ciney entered the town by the Rue St. Jacques. On entering they began firing into the windows of the houses, and killed a workman who was returning to his own house, wounded another inhabitant, and forced him to cry "Long live the Kaiser." They bayoneted a third person in the stomach. They entered the cafes, seized the liquor, got drunk, and retired after having set fire to several houses and broken the doors and windows of others. The population was terrorized and stupefied, and shut itself up in its dwellings.

Saturday, August 22nd, was a day of relative calm. All life, however, was at an end in the streets. Part of the inhabitants, guided by the instincts of self-preservation, fled into the neighboring countryside. The rest, more attached to their homes, and rendered confident by the conviction that nothing had happened which could be interpreted as an act of hostility on their part, remained hidden in their houses.

On Sunday morning next, the 23rd, at 6:30 in the morning, soldiers of the 108th Regiment of Infantry invaded the Church of the Premonstransian Fathers, drove out the congregation, separated the women from the men, and shot 50 of the latter. Between 7 and 9 the same morning, the soldiers gave themselves up to pillage and arson, going from house to house and driving the inhabitants into the street. Those who tried to escape were shot. About 9 in the morning the soldiery, driving before them by blows from the butt ends of rifles, men, women and children, pushed them all into the Parade Square, where they were kept prisoners till 6 o'clock in the evening.

Eighty-Four Men Shot

The guard took pleasure in repeating to them that they would soon be shot. About 6 o'clock a Captain separated the men from the women and children. The women were placed in front of a rank of infantry soldiers, the men were ranged along a wall. The front rank of them was then told to kneel, the other remaining standing behind them. A platoon of soldiers drew up in face of these unhappy men. It was in vain that women cried out for

mercy for their husbands and sons and brothers. The officer then ordered his men to fire. There had been no inquiry nor any pretence of a trial. About 20 of the inhabitants were only wounded, but fell among the dead. The soldiers, to make sure, fired a new volley into the heap of them. Several citizens escaped this double discharge. They shammed dead for more than two hours, remaining motionless among the corpses, and when night fell succeeded in saving themselves in the hills. Eighty-four corpses were left on the Square, and buried in a neighboring garden.

The day of August 23rd was made bloody by several more massacres. Soldiers discovered some inhabitants of the Faubourg St. Pierre in the cellars of a brewery there, and shot them.

Since the previous evening a crowd of workmen belonging to the factory of M. Himmer had hidden themselves, along with their wives and children, in the cellars of the building. They had been joined there by many neighbors and several members of the family of their employer. About six o'clock in the evening these unhappy people made up their minds to come out of their refuge and defiled, all trembling, from the cellars, with the white flag in front. They were immediately seized and violently attacked by the soldiers. Every man was shot on the spot. Almost all the men of the Faubourg de Leffe were executed en masse. In another part of the town twelve civilians were killed in a cellar.

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.

CREWS DOCTOR MOVES TO BALLINGER

Dr. C. A. Watson, who has been located at Crews, moved his family to Ballinger this week and is comfortably located on Tenth St.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured.

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Barred Rock Cockerels and Roosters for Sale.

I have received my new stock of roosters for this year, and will sell two fine yearling roosters, price \$2.50 each; six fine cockpels at \$1.00 to \$1.50. Come at once if you want fine stock, none better. H. A. CADY. 17-2td 2tw

NERVOUS PEOPLE

are usually thin and easily worried, sleep does not rest and the system gets weaker and weaker.

Scott's Emulsion corrects nervousness by force of nourishment—it feeds the nerve centres by distributing energy and power all over the body. Don't resort to alcoholic mixtures or drug concoctions.

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RETURNING TO RUNNELS COUNTY

G. F. Crim and family who moved away from Runnels county about two years ago, arrived this week with their household goods and are here to make this their home for keeps. Mr. Crim and family have been living in Tarrant county, near Fort Worth. They have tried here and tried other places and they are glad to get back to Runnels county, and we are glad to have them.

SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

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 Runnels County, Texas, did on the 8th day of December, 1914, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Runnels 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, Runnels 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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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 vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said I. B. Williams, Henrie Williams and Roy Moore, by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Banner-Ledger, a news paper published in Runnels County. Witness my hand, 8th day of December, 1914.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. w 3t pd.

C. M. Gibson of the Benoit country, was supplying Santa Claus in Ballinger Friday, and included the Banner-Ledger in his supply of reading mater for 1915. We saved Mr. Gibson one dollar on a clubbing subscription including the Ledger, St. Louis Republic and Chicago Ledger.

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

Massacre and Pillage in Belgium Says Commission of Inquiry

A letter from Scotland, written by George Wilson, a former citizen of Ballinger, appeared in this paper last week. Mr. Wilson enclosed with his letter a number of clippings from English papers dealing with the European war. We are publishing herewith the report of the commission of inquiry which investigated the savagery charged against the German troops in Belgium:

Report of Member of Commission of Inquiry.

The Belgian Legation has communicated to the Press Bureau the following report drawn up by a member of the Commission of Inquiry on the Violation of the Rights of Nations and of the Laws and Customs of War.

1. Massacre at Tamines

Tamines was a rich and populous village situated on the Sambre, between Charleroi and Namur. It was occupied by detachments of French troops on the 17th, 18th and 19th of August last. On Thursday the 20th August a German patrol appeared in front of the suburb of Vilaines. It was greeted by shots fired by French soldiers and by a party of the Civic Guards of Charleroi. Several Uhlans were killed and wounded, and the rest fled. The people of the village came out of their houses and cried, "Vive la Belgique!" "Vive la France!" In all probability it was this incident which caused the subsequent massacre of Tamines.

Some time afterwards the Germans arrived in force at the hamlet of Alloux. There they burnt two houses and made all the inhabitants prisoners. An artillery combat broke out between the German guns posted at Vilaines and at Alloux and the French guns placed in a battery at Arsimont and Hame-sur-Heure.

About five o'clock on the 21st August the Germans carried the bridge of Tamines, crossed the river Sambre, and began defiling in mass through the streets of the village. About eight o'clock the movement of troops stopped and the soldiers penetrated into the houses, drove out the inhabitants, set themselves to sack the place and then burnt it. The unfortunate peasants who stopped in the village were shot; the rest fled from their houses. The great

er part of them were arrested either on the night of the 21st of August or on the following morning. Pillage and burning continued all next day (22nd.).

On the evening of the 22nd (Saturday) a group of between 400 and 450 men was collected in front of the church, not far from the bank of the Sambre. German detachments opened fire on them, but, as the shooting was a slow business, the officers ordered up a machine gun, which soon swept off all the unhappy peasants still left standing. Many of them were only wounded, and hoping to save their lives, got with difficulty on their feet again. They were immediately shot down. Many wounded still lay among the corpses. Groans of pain and cries for help were heard in the bleeding heap. On several occasions soldiers walked up to each unhappy individual and stopped their groans with a bayonet thrust. At night some who still survived succeeded in crawling away. Others put an end to their own pain by rolling themselves into the neighboring river.

All these facts have been established by depositions made by wounded men who succeeded in escaping. About 100 bodies were found in the river.

Next day, Sunday the 23rd, about six o'clock in the morning, another party, consisting of prisoners made in the village and the neighborhood, were brought into the square. One of them makes the following depositions:

"On reaching the square the first thing that we saw was a mass of bodies of civilians extending over at least forty yards in length by six yard in depth. They had evidently been drawn up in rank to be shot. We were placed before the range of corpses, and were convinced that we too were to be shot."

"An officer then came forward and asked for volunteers to dig trenches to bury these corpses. I and my brother-in-law and certain others offered ourselves."

"We were conducted to a neighboring field at the side of the square, where they made us dig a trench fifteen yards long by ten broad and two deep. Each received a spade. While we were digging the trenches soldiers with fixed bayonets gave us our orders. As I was much fatigued, through

not being accustomed to digging, and being faint from hunger, a soldier then brought me a lighter spade, and afterwards filled a bucket of water for us to drink. I asked him if he knew what they were going to do with us. He said that he did not. By the time that the trenches were finished, it was about noon. They then gave us some planks, on which we placed the corpses, and so carried them to the trench. I recognized many of the persons whose bodies we were burying. Actually, fathers buried the bodies of their sons and sons the bodies of their fathers. The women of the village had been marched out into the square, and saw us at work. All round were burnt houses.

"There were in the square both soldiers and officers. They were drinking champagne. The more the afternoon drew on the more we were disposed to think that we were probably to be shot too. We buried from 350 to 400 bodies. A list of the names of the victims has been drawn up, and will have been given to you (the Commissioner.)"

"While some of us were carrying the corpses along I saw a case where they had stopped and called to a German doctor. They had noticed that the man whom they were conveying was still alive. The doctor examined the wounded man, and made a sign that he was to be buried with the rest. The plank on which he was lying was borne on again, and I saw the wounded man raise his arm elbow-high. They called to the doctor again, but he made a gesture that he was to go into the trench with the others."

"I saw M. X— carrying off the body of his own son-in-law. He was able to take away his watch, but was not allowed to remove some papers which were on him."

"When a soldier, seized with an impulse of pity, came near us, but that anyone returning to an officer immediately scolded him away. When all the bodies had been interred, certain wounded were brought to the church. Officers consulted about them for some time. Four mounted officers came into the square, and after a long conversation we, with our wives and children, were made to fall into marching order. We were taken through Tamines, amid the debris which obstructed the streets, and led to Vilaines between two ranks of soldiers. Think of our moral sufferings during this march. We all thought

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Style 156—Ladies' Silk Lisle, 40c; Black, Tan, White, (Worth 50c.)

Style 24—Men's Pure Silk, 60c; Black, Tan, White, (Worth 75c.)

Style 60—Men's Silk Lisle, 35c; Black, Tan, White, Gray, Navy, 3 pr. \$1.00. (Worth 50c.)

Style 21—Men's Lisle (heavy weight), Black only, 25c.

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**S. B. SCHOOL TO GIVE
BOX SUPPER**

There will be a box supper at the South Ballinger school on the night of December 23rd for the benefit of the school. Everybody invited to come. The entertainment will start about dark.

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.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Stuart, last Thursday, a boy.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE 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.

Miss Elzora Cunningham was the guest of her cousin, J. N. Adams for a few days and returned to her home Sunday afternoon.

**OIL MILL SUFFERS
LIGHT FIRE LOSS**

Just a few minutes before time to blow the six o'clock whistle Friday morning, the oil mill whistle emitted a sound that was soon realized by the sleepy denizens as a distress signal and a signal that created considerable alarm.

The roof to the boiler room caught fire in some unknown manner, and was burning under good headway when discovered, and caused a damage of about \$300 before the fire was extinguished.

The oil mill is pretty well equipped for taking care of itself in case of fire. Large fire hose are constantly connected with the big water mains and these are conveniently arranged for quick action in case of fire. The fire company also responded in a hurry-up way on this occasion, as usual and the fire was checked before it spread to other parts of the building.

The power plant is connected with the oil mill, but the fire did not necessitate closing down the plant, neither did the oil mill work stop. Each man remained at his post of duty while the fire boys fought the fire, and the work went on as though nothing had happened.

This is the third fire for Ballinger within the last few days, and the fixed rule of the fire demon that has so long held good in Ballinger has been carried out, and we can now all be at ease for awhile.

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.

T. E. RADICAN DIED SUNDAY

Tom Radican died at his home at 1005 Tenth street Sunday afternoon after an illness of about ten days. Mr. Radican had been ill with pneumonia, and it was thought that he was improving up until a short time before his death when his condition rapidly grew worse and his life passed away.

Deceased came to this city from Itasca about four months ago, locating with his family here, he accepted a position with his father-in-law, L. Daugherty in the furniture business. He was a member of the Ninth Street Baptist church at this place, placing his membership with that church shortly after moving here. He was also a member of the W. O. W. and I. O. O. F. Lodges, his membership being at his old home in Itasca.

A wife and two little girls are left to grieve and suffer the loss of a kind husband and father, and the death at best would have been sad, but coming at this season of the year, it robs the loved ones of the joys of Christmas.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon. Rev. T. C. Jester conducting the services, and the remains were interred in the City Cemetery.

Mr. Radican had made friends of those with whom he had become acquainted since moving to Ballinger, and the sympathy of all go out to his family in the sad hours they are called upon to pass through.

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.

FARMERS SHIPPING MAIZE

Agent Hunt of the A. & S. railway tells us that there is almost as great a demand for cars for shipping grain out of Winters as there usually is at harvest time. This demand is from people who are disposing of their surplus maize crop and they are getting prices for same that means many more good dollars scattered over the Winters country.—Winters Enterprise.

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.

BOOZY BUSINESS BUZZING

The first shipment of booze to arrive in Ballinger since the Allison liquor law as put to death by the court of appeals, will probably arrive this afternoon, coming direct from the San Angelo booze supply houses.

Express Agent Stokes received instructions from the express company Monday, authorizing him to deliver booze where the consignee was getting it for his "personal use."

There is considerable conjecture as to what effect throwing down the bars will have upon the dry counties in Texas. Some claim that it will benefit the pros and others says that it will add votes to the anti cause when elections are held.

**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, Vandergriff, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers

Miss Willie Lewis came up from Coleman Saturday, visited her sister, Mrs. J. M. Martin and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Misses Louise and Williedell Schawe are at home from their schools to spend the holidays. They arrived Sunday afternoon. Miss Louise is teaching in Dallas and Miss Willie dell is attending school in New Orleans.

Notice

I. O. Wooden wants your hides. w 4t

**5-YEAR-OLD GIRL
PLAYS HOOKEY AND
RIDES ON SANTA FE**

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

A little girl, 5 years old and thirsting for adventure, climbed on the westbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 77 Friday morning and calmly took a seat in the chair car. After the train left Brownwood Conductor McMahan politely requested the little miss for her transportation, and found that she had none. "I just wanted to take a ride," she said, "and here I am."

Conductor McMahan could not do nothing but carry the child to Santa Anna and place her aboard eastbound train No. 70 to be returned to Brownwood in care of Conductor Ed Temple. Mr. Temple brought the run-away back to this city and left her in the care of Claim Agent Sandlin at the passenger station.

Mr. Sandlin is a man of long experience in learning what he wants to know, but it was near four o'clock before he finally located the child's parents and delivered her into their keeping. The baby refused to give her name, but she carried a school book under her arm and in this the name of Margaret Bales was found. When questioned about her parents Margaret denied that she had a father, and told all sorts of tales about where she lived and things about which she was questioned. Mr. Sandlin finally located her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bales, at 308 W. Depot, and delivered Margaret into their care. They had missed the child, but not until after noon. She attends a kindergarten school each day, and with her primer under her arm, started to school Friday morning; but the spirit of adventure moved her to explore new fields, and the trip to Santa Anna and return as a guest of the Santa Fe rewarded her efforts.

THE YELLOW PERIL

Japanese Warnings

The Japanese early sought for the truth, and their earliest knowledge was the principle that their strength depended on a healthy stomach. They eat very little and practice "Jiu-Jitsu"—muscular exercise from youth up. The stomach is the center of the body from which radiates our vitality, strenuousness, our fighting strength. A healthy stomach turns the food we eat into nourishment for the blood stream and the nerves. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery refreshes and tones up the stomach walls. Removes the poisonous gases from the system.

The first day you start to take this reliable medicine, impure germs and accumulations begin to separate in the blood and are then expelled through the Liver, Bowels and Kidneys.

In place of the imprints, the arteries and veins gradually get fresh vitalized blood and the action of the good blood on the skin means that pimples, boils, carbuncles, eczema, rash, acne, and all skin blemishes will disappear. Then you must remember that when the blood is right, the liver, stomach, bowels and kidneys become healthy, active and vigorous and you will have no more trouble with indigestion, backache, headache and constipation.

Get Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery today at any medicine dealers; it is a powerful blood purifier, so penetrating that it even gets at the impure deposits in the joints and carries them out of the system.

It is not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on wrapper.

For free advice or free booklet on blood, write Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Free. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of wrapping and mailing only.

J. A. Walker of Brownwood, was looking after his business interest in Ballinger Friday. Mr. Walker is one of the largest stockholders in the First National Bank of Ballinger, is at the head of the Walker-Smith Co., and also West Texas Telephone Co. He is optimistic over the outlook for the future, and says while low price cotton has crippled business, he thinks the farmers will solve the question by diversifying. Mr. Walker returned home Friday afternoon.

**Children Cry for Fletcher's
CASTORIA**

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

What is CASTORIA

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

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Editor Ed P. Eason, of the Winters Enterprise, was here Sunday while en route to New Orleans. Mr. Eason has purchased a linotype for his plant, and will spend a couple of weeks familiarizing himself with the new machine, and his visit to New Orleans is for that purpose and to see the father of waters.

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

City Marshal J. N. McKay received a message just a short time before train time Sunday afternoon bringing the sad news that his father was dying at San Marcos. Mr. McKay left on the Sunday afternoon's train to attend the funeral. The father was in his 73 years and death was due to heart failure.

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

J. T. Scott returned to his work at Rowena Sunday. Mr. Scott is with the Western Gin Co., at Rowena, and came home to be with his family on Sunday. He reported that there are several thousand bales of cotton yet to be ginned in the Rowena country.

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

Mrs. Jo Wilmeth and two little sons, James and Joe Bruce arrived from Austin Sunday night and will spend a month at home. Roscoe Wilmeth, who is attending school at Austin will return home Thursday.

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

O. W. JOLLY, Mgr. wtf.

Mrs. Lee Maddox and little son, Robert Lee left Sunday morning for Andrews County where they will visit Mrs. Maddox's father, J. H. Routh.

Mrs. K. Applewhite, wife of the hardware man for Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., will spend Christmas with her home folks and left Sunday afternoon for Mullin.

**GERMANY WILL
CONSERVE CEREAL
SUPPLY FOR WAR**

ROME, Dec. 21.—The Federal Council of Germany has adopted vigorous measures for conserving Germany's cereal supply during the present war, according to advances here today. Statistics just completed by experts establish that on the basis now provided for Germany will have no difficulty in getting along until next year's crops are harvested.

One of the new measures enacted by the Federal Council provides that all millers shall grind wheat to the extent that 75 percent of it becomes flour. This does away with the waste that ensues in the grinding of fine qualities of flour. The percentage for rye is fixed at 70 percent.

All bankers are ordered to mix with wheat flour at least 10 percent of rye flour. Five percent of potatoes must also be mixed in bread made exclusively of rye flour and this may even be increased up to 20 percent. On bread of this kind the bakers are required to place the letter "K" indicating that potatoes are used in its manufacture but they are not required to state to what extent. Failure to exact this, has already caused considerable protest by the public who say that bakers can thus charge them the same price for 20 percent "spud" bread as for the 5 percent variety.

The Magic Washing Stick.

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

Elmer Allison and Edward Giesecke returned home Sunday afternoon from A. & M. College and will spend the holidays with home folks.

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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.
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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.
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**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.
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"Bee Dee" on the label means REAL VALUE inside the package, and RESULTS and SATISFACTION after the contents have been used. Always ask for "Bee Dee" when you buy a stock or poultry remedy. "Bee Dee" remedies are prepared from pure, medicinal ingredients, in a scientific way, and are genuine medicines that you can depend on.
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After using the Bee Dee Remedies generally for sometime, we take pleasure in saying that they are giving entire satisfaction, and we cheerfully recommend them.
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An aged Missouri woman eloped with a blind fiddler. She will never be able to show him.

The woman who reforms her husband after marriage is boss of the ranch.

The bloody conflict in Europe will be responsible for many broken hearts on Christmas day.

Texas is supplying turkeys for Christmas dinners in California and Louisiana. Texas is a turkey state.

It's a lonesome home where the name of Santa Claus is not heard almost every hour in the day, at this particular season.

The man in the dry territory, who is rejoicing over the loss of the Allison law, is the one who will pay the cost.

The drought has not been broken but the ruling of the court will no doubt make things just a little damper.

The Abilene fair association, in electing new officers, elected J. M. Radford president. The fair held this fall was a great success and plans have been outlined for a greater fair next fall.

A prominent man remarked to the writer today, that the farmers were further behind with their work than they have been for several years. They'll catch up next summer.

The comptroller has announced that the wealth of Texas has increased more than fifty-six million dollars within the last year, the assessed valuation showing that increase. We can not claim credit for all of this amount.

Insurance statistics point out

that over-eating, under-eating, and alcohol were the principal factors in shortening the lives of men. Which one of these special agencies of death, is coming your way.

Automobiles driven by women are responsible for three deaths at San Angelo within the last year. We do not want to assume that women are not as careful drivers as men, but you should give the road when you see a lady driven car coming your way.

An effort will be made to get ginnings to use cotton bagging next season. It may come a little higher, but the farmers will pay the cost, so that should not stand in the way. So far the price of cotton has not affected the finished product of cotton, and under this rule cotton bagging should be as cheap with fifteen cent cotton as it is with six cent cotton.

The closing hours of the Allison liquor law are also being attacked. Under the law wholesale liquor dealers are not required to comply with the closing hours, and many saloons are taking out wholesale license in order to get by. Hereafter, the law makers should get the approval of the court before they pass a law.

Be it said to our shame, Ballinger will not spend one copper for Red Cross Seals. We led the procession last year, and should have contributed liberally at this time. The money goes towards combating the worst enemy of human health—tuberculosis.

The Mexicans have about run out of human targets across the Rio Grande, and they are trying their long range guns on American targets. If Uncle Sam's boys ever cross the Rio Grande they'll convince the greasers that war is all that Sherman claimed for it.

There would be more joy in our Christmas if the occasion did not end with the first of the month. Some steps should be taken to extend the payment of holiday debts. Here's where we favor Colquitt's moratorium act.

The Fort Worth Record has been accused of turning traitor to the Democratic party because it criticized the Democratic administration for levying one hundred million dollar war tax upon the people in time of peace. We were just thinking what the people would have to pay in case of war. If this war tax will keep peace it is money well invested, and we must all acknowledge that Wilson is for peace. The Record should remember that all good things come high.

Joe B. Johnson came home Monday afternoon from Missouri to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

MERCHANTS TAKE IN BAD CHECKS

The sixth check signed "J. D. Perkins" in favor of Elmer Allen and endorsed "E. Allen" was discovered this afternoon. The check was cashed by R. P. Conn of the Globe Store, who this afternoon made a deposit at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. The amount of the check was the same—\$7.70 and drawn indistinguishably as the others with an indelible pencil. The check was taken in by Mr. Conn Tuesday afternoon about the same time as the cashing by other merchants.

A young stranger worked the bogus check racket on several merchants in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon. So far five bad checks have turned up at the local banks, and it is probable that others will come in.

It was the same old game that is so often worked on the busy merchant about Christmas when there is a rush, and people are naturally more careless than at other times, and the checks were given in payment of merchandise, after taking out the cost of the goods the stranger was given the balance in cash.

In each instance the checks were for an equal amount, \$7.70, and at each place where the stranger traded he bought about two dollars worth of goods and was given cash for the balance of the face of the check.

The checks were signed by "J. D. Perkins," and made payable to Elmer Allen, and endorsed by E. Allen. At a glance one would take the checks as being the genuine check of Sheriff J. D. Perkins, but the adding of the letter "e" to the name was overlooked when the checks were presented at the places where they were cashed.

So far Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack; Asa Cordill, Jas. F. Brewer, The Hub and W. A. Gustavus each cashed the bogus checks.

LOST on road between my place and Ballinger, one London safe bill-book, containing ticket for sale of cotton, check for \$1.75 and other papers. Finder will confer favor by returning to Mr. S. V. Brandon, Rt. 4, Ballinger. W. H. pd

Col Morgan Jones of Abilene was looking after business interests in Ballinger Tuesday.

James Cannon and S. M. Harnell of the Hatchel company were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

CHRISTMAS CLUB IS SENDING OUT \$70,000

Over \$70,000 will be added to the annual Christmas fund spent in Dallas when all of the checks sent out yesterday and last night by the Security National Bank to cover the Christmas savings accounts of about 3,750 persons are cashed. Moore Lynn, in charge of this department, said that all this morning a steady stream of checks has poured into his window, and that money in return for them has steadily poured out.

The account books show that the accounts beginning at 5c and increasing each week were most popular, although more of those that began with the larger amount and grew smaller each week were paid in full than the rising accounts. The Christmas savings accounts for next year will begin Dec. 26.—Dallas Evening Journal.

Don't you wish a part of this \$70,000.00 was coming to you? It is possible for you to share in a like distribution to take place at Ballinger, December 13th, 1915. A BALLINGER CHRISTMAS CLUB is now forming, for full description ask THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK.

"Father's and Mother's Bank." The Bank That HELPS YOU Do Things. d&w It

Citation.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon B. F. Silman, the unknown heirs of M. A. Silman deceased, the unknown heirs of Ophelia Linn, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lottie Barron, deceased and the unknown heirs of B. F. Silman, deceased; by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1915 the same being the 8th day of March A. D., 1915 then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of December A. D., 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1665, wherein M. Barbee is plaintiff, and B. F. Silman, the unknown heirs of M. A. Silman deceased, the unknown heirs of Ophelia Linn, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lottie Barron, deceased and the unknown heirs of B. F. Silman, deceased are defendants, and said petition as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels. In District Court march term A. D. 1914.

To Hon. John W. Goodwin, judge of said court:

Now comes M. Barbee, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiff, complaining of B. F. Silman, whose residence is to plaintiff unknown, the unknown heirs of M. A. Silman, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ophelia Linn, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lottie Barron, deceased; and the unknown heirs of B. F. Silman, deceased hereinafter styled defendants: For cause of action plaintiff, represents to the court that on or about December 18th, 1914, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts of land situated in Runnels county, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: Being all of block Number Twenty-one (21) in the South Ballinger Addition to the town of Ballinger, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Willingham avenue and Seventh St.: thence north 30, east with Willingham avenue, to its intersection with Sixth street; thence N. 60 W, with Sixth Street to its intersection with South Ballinger Ave.; thence S 30 W, with South Ballinger Avenue to its intersection with seventh street; thence S. 60 E, with 7th street to place of beginning: That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage two thousand dollars.

(2nd.) Plaintiff further says

NO ALUM in

DR. PRICE'S

CREAM

BAKING POWDER

PHILLIPS-PATTON

His Honor Paul Trimmer spoke the marriage ceremony Tuesday afternoon at the Court House in Ballinger that united in marriage Mr. George Phillips and Miss Patton. The happy young couple are favorites in the Pony Creek neighborhood and have a host of friends who join the Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life for the young people.

that he has a good and perfect title to said land and premises by virtue of the five years statute of limitation, in this, that he and those under whom he claims and holds, has had peaceful and adverse possession by actual enclosure of the lands hereinafter described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of ten taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years before the commencement of this suit and before the entry of defendants thereon, and claiming the same under deeds duly registered during said period of five years.

(3rd.) Plaintiff further says that he has a good and perfect title to said land and premises by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he and those under he claims and holds, has had peaceful and adverse possession by an actual enclosure of the lands hereinafter described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of ten years before the commencement of this suit and for the period of ten years before the entry of defendants thereon or assertion of any claim thereto by the defendants.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants and each of them be cited by publication as required by law to answer hereto at next regular term of this court and that on final hearing plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described land and premises and that writ of restitution issue, for his damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as he may be in law and equity entitled to.

This action is brought as well to try title as for damages.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger this 21st day of December A. D. 1914.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk District Court, Runnels County. By Louise Orgain, Deputy.

A true Copy of the original. J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas Dec. 25-14.

COL. C. E. MORGAN SERIOUSLY ILL

We regret to report that Col. C. E. Morgan is ill at his home on Seventh Street, and that his condition is such that his family and friends are uneasy about him. His many friends will regret to learn that he is ill.

See John Knight for fruit trees from the Southern Nursery Co. Guaranteed to be as represented, for less than half price. Call at Union Wagon Yard, Ballinger. 25-3tw pd

RUNAWAY STOPS FUNERAL CORTEGE

(San Angelo Standard)

A trace coming loose on a buggy, which was in the funeral procession of Mrs. Bertha Say McAdams Monday afternoon, caused a runaway with almost serious results. Mrs. Lee Adams, wife of the local dairyman, her four-year-old son, Walton, Mrs. C. R. Keeton and daughter, little Miss Lucile, were passing through Park Heights along Abe street when the accident happened.

The trace struck the horse on the leg. He reared and plunged and Mrs. Adams, who was driving, was carried completely over the dashboard. Luckily, the frightened animal dashed to the side and escaped, colliding with other vehicles in the procession. He was not stopped, however, until all of the occupants of the buggy had been thrown out and Mrs. Adams and little Miss Keeton had been knocked unconscious. The injured occupants were brought to town, where it was ascertained that the bruises were not serious.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. McAdams were held at the residence at 38 West Sixth street at 3 o'clock, and the funeral cortege left soon afterwards. The runaway occurred near the home of Rube Banks.

WANTED to hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send each price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. Itw pd

RETURN HOME

Misses Edie Voelkel, Zelma Miller, Bertha Rashaw, and Roscoe Wilmett of Ballinger, and Miss Thelma Lewis of the Crews country and Miss Mary Eagan of the New Home community, came in Tuesday night from the State University at Austin, to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

John Henry Lewis, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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Friends--

The United States of America has destiny to fulfill, now as never before, and you and I, as citizens must play our parts like men.

Ours is not only the task of feeding and clothing the war-stricken millions of another continent. Ours is the duty and the privilege of presenting to a world torn by fear and fury, the spectacle of a nation that is without fear or hate—A people whose faith and confidence and courage and sound good sense declare, above the battle's din, that God still rules, and poor humanity has still a chance.

You and I, as employers of others—holding their very lives in our hands—must take a fresh, strong grip of ourselves, lest we be carried away by the senseless hysteria of Fear.

Let us square our shoulders, breathe, deeply, hold heads erect, look into the future with calm, steadfast eyes, and resolve from this moment on we shall strive to broaden the field of our service to our customers and employees.

It is crises like these that bring out the greatness or the littleness of men—Let us show the true strength that lies within us.

God has given us an unprecedented crop—who shall say it was not for a purpose?

A wise government, just in time, safe-guarded our currency against attacks that might have precipitated a panic.

Our commerce, our industries, our financial institutions, are in splendid condition—we have all the tools we need, to build so great a Prosperity that we can, later on, give of our plenty to the starving victims of the other side.

So here is our pledge to you—whatever extremes the war fiend may visit upon a fear-driven, half crazed continent, we in America, in our own small sphere as your commercial and industrial servants, will continue to serve with a calm confidence and the courage to do our part, come what may.

So that, when the smoke of battle shall have rolled away, and men have become men again, we shall be able to look back over the war period and thank God that while others lost their heads, hysteria fear, indecision or cowardice found no foot-hold in our minds or business and that, tried by fire we have emerged stronger and better able to serve wisely and well than before the trial came.

Return your pledge to us, pass it along to your customers and friends, that the heaven of good sense and calm confidence may inspire others to a like conception of the duties and privileges of this fearful hour.—Anonymous.

AMERICANS ATTENTION



Please on earth! Good will toward men.

HALL HARDWARE CO.

With best wishes for Merry Christmas time

"The Trey O'Hearts"

CHAPTER XXXVI.

Detail.

Across the plain purple shadows were sweeping, close-ranked, like some vast dark army invading the land, pouring on over the rampart of mountains in the east.

Within the rim of hills that ringed the plain like the chipped and broken flange of a titanic saucer, silence brooded and solitude held sway—dwarfing the town of Detail that occupied the approximate middle of the sagebrush waste, to proportions even less significant than might be inferred from the candor of its christening.

A platform, a siding, a water tank, a Wells-Fargo office and a telegraph and ticket office, backed by three rough frame buildings; that is Detail itemized completely.

Shortly after nightfall the steel ribbons of the Santa Fe began to hum. A headlight peered suspiciously round a shoulder of the eastern range, took heart of courage to find the plain still wrapped in peace, and trudged stolidly toward Detail, the engine whose eye it was pulling after it a string of freight cars, both flat and box.

At Detail the train paused. Its crew alighted and engaged in animated argument. Detail gathered that the excitement was due to the unaccountable disappearance of the caboose; none seemed to have any notion as to how it could have broken loose; yet missing it conspicuously was.

In the pause that followed, while a report was telegraphed to headquarters and instructions returned to proceed without delay, one of the trainmen spied a boyish figure lurking in the open door of an empty box car. Cunningly boarding this car from the opposite side, the trainman caught the skulker unawares and booted him valiantly into the night.

As the figure alighted and took to its heels, losing itself in the darkness, it uttered a cry of pained surprise and protest which drew a wrinkle of astonishment between the brows of the trainman.

"Sounded like a woman's voice," he mused; then dismissed the suggestion as obviously absurd.

It was not. Shortly after the freight train had gone on its way—before, indeed, the glimmer of its rear lights had been lost among the western hills—a second headlight appeared in the east, swept swiftly across the plain and in turn stopped at Detail.

The second bird-of-passage proved to be a locomotive drawing a single car—a Pullman.

Hardly had it run past the switch, however, when the brakeman dropped down, ran quickly back to the switch and threw it open.

Promptly the train backed on to the siding.

As the Pullman jolted across the frogs the brakeman, interposing himself between it and the tender, released the coupling.

By the time that the Pullman had come to a full stop on the siding, the locomotive was swinging westward like a scared jackrabbit—though no such milk-and-watery characterization of the traitor passed the lips of any one of the three men who presently appeared on the Pullman's platform and shook impotent fists in the direction taken by the fugitive engine.

When the last of these had run temporarily out of breath and blasphemy, a brief silence fell, punctuated by groans from each, and concluded by the sound of a voice calling from the interior of the car—a voice as strangely sonorous of tone as it was curiously querulous of accent.

The three men immediately ran back into the car and presented themselves with countenances variously apologetic, to one who occupied a corner of the drawing room: a man wrapped in a steamer rug and a cloud of fury.

Now when he had drained the muddy froth of profanity from his temper it left a clear and effervescent well of virulent humor: the wrath of the valetudinarian began to vent itself upon the hapless heads of the trio who stood before him.

While this was in process, the person of boyish appearance, who had been keeping religiously aloof and inconspicuous in the background of Detail ever since that unhappy affair with the trainman, stole quietly up to the rear of the stalled Pullman, climbed aboard, and creeping down the aisle unceremoniously interrupted the conference just as the invalid was polishing off a rude but honest opinion of the intellectual caliber of one of the three named Marrophat, who figured as his right-hand man and familiar genius.

"Amen to that!" the boyish person ejaculated with candid fervor, lounging gracefully in the doorway.

"There's many a true word spoken in wrath, Mr. Marrophat. Father forgot, only one thing—your mastery with a revolver. From what I've seen of that, this day, I'll go ball that the only safe place for a man you pull a gun on is right in front of the muzzle. There's something downright uncanny in the way you can hit anything but what you aim at!"

"Judith!" exclaimed the invalid. "Where did you drop from?"

"From that freight," Judith explained carelessly, neglecting to elucidate the exact fashion of her drop. "I judged you'd be along presently, and thought I'd like to learn the news. Well—what luck?"

Her father shrugged with his one movable shoulder. Mr. Marrophat grunted indignantly. The others shuffled uneasily and looked all ways but one—at the girl in man's clothing.

"None?" Judith interpreted. "You don't mean to tell me that after I had

taken all that trouble—cast the caboose loose in the middle of that trestle at the risk of my life—you didn't have the nerve to go through with the business!"

"We went through with it all right," replied Marrophat defensively; "but as usual, they were too quick for us. They jumped out and dropped off the trestle before our engine hit the caboose. We smashed that to kindling wood—but they got away just in time to miss the crash. And by the time we had stopped and calmed down the engineer—well, it was dark and no way of telling which way they had run."

The girl started to speak, but merely dropped limp hands at her sides and rolled her eyes helplessly.

"We do our best," Marrophat observed. "We can't be blamed if something—somehow—always happens to tip the others off."

The girl swung to face him with blazing eyes. "Just what does that mean?" she demanded in a dangerous voice.

Marrophat lifted his shoulders. "Nothing—much," he allowed. "I am only thinking how strange it is that Mr. Law can't be caught by any sort of stratagem—when you are on the job, Miss Judith!"

The girl's hands were clenched into fists, white knuckles showing through the flesh. "You contemptible puppy!" she snapped.

But on this her voice failed; for her eyes traveled past the person of Mr. Marrophat to the doorway of the drawing room and found it framing a stranger.

"Excuse me, friends," he offered in a lazy, semi-humorous drawl. "It pains me considerable to butt in on this happy family gathering, but business is business, same as usual, and I got to ast you-all to please put up your hands!"

"What do you want?" the invalid demanded.

"Why," drawled the bandit, "nothing in particular—only your cash. Shell out, if you please—gents all and the lady, too." He ran an appreciative glance down the figure which Judith's disguise revealed rather than concealed. "If you'll pardon my tax-



Marrophat at Her Elbow to Egg Her On.

notice," he amended. "Perhaps I wouldn't if the lady's clothes didn't fit her so all-fired quick!"

"Keep a civil tongue in your head, my man!" Judith counseled, without any show of fear.

At the same time her father's voice brought her to her senses.

"Judith! Be quiet. Let me deal with this gentleman. I am sure we can come to some arrangement."

"You bet your life," agreed the gentleman as the girl mutinously stepped back. "I know what I want, and you all know you got it: so the name of the said arrangement is just 'shell out.'"

"One minute," the invalid interposed. "Don't misunderstand me: I guarantee you shall be amply satisfied. I give you my word—the word of Seneca Trine."

The eyes of the bandit widened. "No? Is that so? Seneca Trine, the railroad king? Sure you're born you're him: I've seen your picture in the papers a dozen times. Well, now, it looks like I'd drawn a full house to this pair of deuces, don't it? You ought to be able to pay something handsome—"

"I'll pay you far more handsomely than you dream of if you'll do as I wish," Trine interrupted quickly. "Do me the service I wish—and name your price: whatever it is, you shall have it!"

"Nothing could be fairer'n that!" the two-gun man admitted suspiciously. "But what's the number of this here service—like you call it?"

"Listen to me," Trine bent his head forward and jabbed the air with an emphatic forefinger. "What's the life of a man worth in this neck of the woods?"

"How much you got?"

"I'll pay you ten thousand dollars for the life of the man I will name."

The eyes of the bandit narrowed. "Hold on, my friend: is that what you call my naming my own price?"

"Name it, then," said Trine.

"Give me a thousand on account," said the other, "and a paper saying you'll pay me nineteen thousand more in exchange for it and one dead man, properly identified as the one you want—signed by you—and your man's as good as dead this minute, providing he's in riding distance of this here car."

Trine waved his hand at his secretary. "Jimmy, find a thousand dollars for this gentleman. Make out the paper he indicates for the balance, and I'll sign it."

"Ain't you powerful trustful, Mr. Trine? How do you know I'll do anything more'n pocket that thousand and fade delicately away?"

"My daughter and this gentleman, Mr. Marrophat, will accompany you."

"Oh, that's the way of it, is it?" "Name?" interjected the secretary, writing busily with the top of his attaché case for a desk.

"Slade," said the bandit, "James Slade." Again Trine punctured the atmosphere with his index finger. "The man whose life I want is named Alan Law. He is running away with my daughter, Rose, accompanied by a person named Barcus, disguised as a Pullman porter."

"The three of them having recently escaped from a train wreck on yonder trestle?" Hopi Jim interposed.

"You've met them?" Judith demanded, whirling round.

"About an hour ago, or maybe an hour and a half," Hopi Jim replied, "a good ways down the road. They stopped and ast where they could get put up for the night. I kindly directed them on to Mesa, down in the Painted hills yonder."

CHAPTER XXXVII.

Fireplay.

Contented with the promise of a thousand dollars advance on his contract, providing he returned with horses within a stipulated time, Mr. Hopi James Slade drifted quietly away into the desert night.

Well content, persuaded that the morrow's sun would never set upon a world tenanted by one Alan Law, that monomaniac, Seneca Trine, forgot his recent ill temper and set himself diplo-

matly to adjust the differences between his daughter, Judith, and his first lieutenant, Marrophat.

It was no facile task: Marrophat could not be trusted to work with a single mind because of his infatuation for Judith; Judith could no more be trusted faithfully to serve out her vow to bring Alan Law to her father's feet, alive or dead, because—O cruel irony of Fate!—she herself had fallen in love with that same man whose death she had pledged herself to compass.

Only when, as now, half mad with jealousy, determined to see Alan dead rather than yield him to the woman he loved, her sister, might Judith be counted upon to serve her father in his lust for vengeance as he would be served—and even so not without Marrophat at her elbow to egg her on through her resentment of his surveillance. Neither could be trusted, indeed, to work alone to the desired consummation; for Trine had secret reason to fear lest Marrophat might, given opportunity, connive at Alan's escape in order that he might marry Rose and so throw Judith back into his, Marrophat's, arms.

Poor, deluded fool!

Such was the private comment of Marrophat's master.

For all that, it was the man and not his daughter, whom Trine designated to lead the expedition, cunningly counting on Judith's chagrin to work upon her passions and excite her to one last, mad, blind attempt that should prove successful.

Smiling his secret smile, Trine announced his decision at the last moment, while Hopi Jim waited with his horses and an assistant—one Texas—for whose utter innocence of scruples Mr. Slade unhesitatingly vouched.

Sullenly submissive, at least in outward seeming, Judith bowed to this decision, marched out of the car, and suffered Marrophat to help her mount her horse.

Now, deliberately, as the little cavalcade rode through the moonlit desert night, the girl maneuvered her horse to the side of Hopi Jim, and then dropped back, permitting Marrophat to lead the way with Texas.

As deliberately she set herself to work upon the bandit's susceptibility to her charms.

Within an hour she had him ready to do anything to win her smile.

In that first rush of golden day athwart the land, the party came quietly into the town of Mesa, riding slowly in order that the noise of their approach might not warn the fugitives, who Hopi asserted confidently would still be sound asleep in the accommodations offered by the town's one hotel.

It was to be termed a town only in courtesy, this Mesa: a straggling street of shacks, ramshackle relics of what had once been a promising community, the half-way station between the railroad and the mining camps secreted in the fastnesses of the Painted hills—camps now abandoned, their very names almost faded out of the memory of mankind.

Midway in this string of edifices the hotel stood—a rough, unpainted, wooden edifice, mainly veranda and bar-room as to its lower floor.

Jealously Judith watched the windows of the second floor: and she alone of the four detected the face that showed for one brief instant well back in the shadows beyond one of the bedroom windows—a face that glimmered momentarily with the pallor of a ghost's against the background of that obscurity, and then was gone.

Her eyes alone, indeed, could have recognized the features of Alan Law in that fugitive glimpse.

Two sentences exchanged between Hopi Jim and a bleary-eyed fellow whom he roused from sodden slumbers behind the bar sealed their confidence with conviction: the three fugitives were in fact guests of the house, occupying two of the three rooms that composed its upper story.

In the rush that followed up the narrow stairway, Judith led with such spirit that not even Marrophat suspected her revolver was poised solely with intent to shoot from his hand his own revolver the instant he leveled it at a human target.

Closed and locked doors confronted them; and their summons evoked no response; while the first door, when broken in by a whole-souled kick, discovered nothing more satisfactory than an empty room, its bed bearing the imprint of a woman's body, but that woman gone.

From the one window, looking down the side of the house, Texas announced that the woman had not escaped by jumping out.

So it seemed that the three must have had warning of their arrival, after all; and presumably were now herded together in the adjoining room, which looked out over the veranda roof, waiting in fear and trembling for the assault that must soon come—and in fact immediately did.

But it met with more stubborn resistance than had been anticipated. The door had been barricaded from within—reinforced by furniture placed against it. Four minutes and the united efforts of four men (including the bleary loafer of the barroom) were required to overcome its inert resistance. But even when it was down, the room was found to be as empty as the first.

Only the fingers of two hands gripping the edge of the veranda roof showed the way the fugitives had flown; and these vanished instantly as the room was invaded.

Followed a swift rush of hoofs down the dusty street, and a chorus of blasphemy in the hotel hallway: for Judith had headed the concerted rush for the staircase and contrived to block it for a full half minute by pretending to stumble and twist her ankle.

In spite of that alleged injury, she never limped, and wasn't a yard behind the first who broke from the hotel to the open, nor yet appreciably behind him in vaulting to saddle.

Well up the road a cloud of smoky dust half obscured the shapes of three who rode for their very lives.

The pursuit was off in a twinkling and well bunched—Marrophat's mount leading by a nose, Judith second, Hopi Jim and Texas but little in the rear. And in the first rush they seemed to gain; moment by moment they drew up on the flying cloud of dust.

Judith heard an oath muttered beside her and saw Marrophat jerking a revolver from its holster. The weapon swept up and to a level; but as the hammer fell, Judith's horse caromed heavily against the other, swinging it half a dozen feet aside, and deflecting the bullet hopelessly.

The shock of collision was so great that Marrophat kept his seat with difficulty. He turned toward Judith a face livid with rage.

Simultaneously, as if taking the shot as the signal for a fusillade, Judith saw Alan lean back over his horse's rump and open fire.

An instant later his companion, Barcus, imitated his example.

In immediate consequence, Texas dropped reins, slumped forward over the pommel, wobbled weakly in his saddle for a moment, then losing the stirrups, pitched headlong to the ground; while Hopi Jim's horse stopped short, precipitating his rider overhead, and dropped dead.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

The Upper Trail.

In the ten minutes' delay necessitated by this reverse, a number of more or less innocent bystanders picked up the man Texas and carried him off to breathe his last beneath a roof; Hopi Jim picked himself up, brushed his person tolerably clear of

clouds of dust and profanity, and departed in search of a mount to replace the horse that had been shot under him; and Judith sat her horse calmly, smiling sweet insolence into the exasperated countenance of Marrophat.

Incidentally the fugitives disappeared round a bend in the road that led directly into the wild and barren heart of the Painted hills.

In the brief interval that elapsed before his return with Hopi Jim, Marrophat contrived to persuade the bandit that Judith had been, at least indirectly, responsible for the catastrophe, with the upshot that, temporarily blinded to her fascinations by the glitter of nineteen thousand dollars in the near distance, Mr. Slade maintained his distance and a deaf ear to her blandishments. The only information as to their purpose that she was able to extract from either man, when the pursuing party turned aside from the main trail, some distance from Mesa, was that Hopi Jim knew a short cut through the range, via what he termed the upper trail, by which they hoped to be able to head the fugitives off before they could gain the desert on the far side of the hills.

Only at long intervals did they draw rein to permit Hopi Jim to make reconnaissance of the lower trail that threaded the valley on the far side of the ridge.

Toward noon he returned in haste from the last of these surveys—scrambling recklessly down the mountain-side and throwing himself upon his horse with the advice:

"We've headed 'em—can make it now if we ride like all get-out!"

For half an hour more they pushed on at the best speed to be obtained from their weary animals, at length drawing rein at a point where the trail crossed the ridge and widened out upon a long, broad ledge that overhung the valley of the lower trail, with a clear drop to the latter from the brink of a good two hundred feet.

One hasty look back and down into the valley evoked a grunt of satisfaction from Hopi Jim.

"Just in time," he asserted. "Here they come! Ten minutes more—"

His smile answered Marrophat's with unpeppable cruel significance.

"Texas will sleep better tonight when he knows how I've squared the deal for him!" the bandit declared.

"What are you going to do?" Judith demanded, reining her horse in beside Marrophat as the latter dismounted.

A gesture drew her attention to a huge boulder poised insecurely on the very lip of the chasm.

"We're going to tip that over on your friends, Miss Judith!" Marrophat replied, with a smack of relish in his voice. "Simple—neat—efficient—eh? What more can you ask?"

She answered only with an irrepresible gesture of horror. Marrophat's laugh followed her as she turned away.

For some moments she strained her vision vainly, endeavoring to penetrate the turbulent currents of superheated air that filled the valley. Then she made out indistinctly the faintly marked line of the lower trail; and immediately she caught a glimpse of three small figures, mounted, toiling painfully toward the point where death awaited them like a bolt from the blue.

Hastily she glanced over-shoulder: Hopi Jim and Marrophat, ignoring her, were straining themselves against the boulder without budging it an inch, for all its apparent nicety of poise. For an instant a wild hope flashed through her mind, but it was immediately exorcised when Hopi Jim stepped back and uttered a few words of which only two—"dynamite" and "fuse"—reached her ears.

Kneeling beside the boulder he dug busily for an instant, then lodged the stick to his satisfaction, attached the fuse, and breaking off, edged on his belly to the edge of the cliff and looked down, carefully calculating the length of the fuse by the distance of the party down below from the spot where the rock must fall.

But while he was so engaged and Marrophat aided him, all eager interest, Judith was taking advantage of their disregard of her.

Hurriedly unbuttoning her jacket, she whipped a playing card from her pocket, a trey o' hearts, and with the stub of a pencil scribbled three words on its face—"Danger! Go back!"

Then finding a small, flattish bit of rock, she bound the card to it with a bit of string; and with one more backward glance to make sure she was not watched, approached the brink.

Hopi Jim was meticulously shortening the fuse, Marrophat kneeling by his side.

In the canyon below the three were within two minutes of the danger point.

It was no trick at all to drop the stone so that it fell within a dozen feet of the leading horseman.

She saw him rein in suddenly, dismount, cast a look aloft, then dismount, and pick up the warning.

As the others joined him, he detached the card and showed it to them.

At the same time Hopi Jim and Marrophat jumped up and ran back, each seizing and holding his horse by nose and bridle.

Constrained to do likewise lest she lose her mount, Judith waited with a lightened heart.

The explosion smote dull echoes from the flanks of the Painted hills, all drowning in the noon-day hush: the boulder teetered reluctantly on the brink, then disappeared with a tearing sound followed by a rush of earth and gravel; a wide gap appeared in the brink of the trail.

Leaving Marrophat to hold the two frightened horses while the girl soothed her own, the bandit rushed to

the edge, threw himself flat and swore bitterly, with an accent of grievance, as he rose.

From the canyon below a dull noise of galloping hoofs advertised too plainly the failure of their attempt.

And Hopi Jim, turned back only to find Judith mounted, reining her horse in between him and Marrophat, and prepared to give emphasis to what she had to say with an automatic pistol that nestled snugly in her palm.

"One moment, Mr. Slade," she suggested evenly. "Just a moment before you break the sad news to Mr. Marrophat, I've something to say that needs your attention—likewise, your respect. It is this: I am parting company with you and Mr. Marrophat. I am riding toward the west, by this trail. If either of you care to follow me—the automatic flashed ominously in the sun glare—it will be with full knowledge of the consequences. Mr. Marrophat will enlighten you if you have any doubt of my ability to take care of myself in such affairs as this. If you are well advised, you will turn back and report failure to my father."

She nodded curtly and swung her horse round.

"And what shall I tell your father from you?" Marrophat demanded sharply.

"What you please," the girl replied, flashing an impish smile over-shoulder. "But, since when I part company with you, I part with him as well—for all of me, you may tell him to go to the devil!"

"Well," Mr. Marrophat admitted confidentially to Mr. Slade, "I'm damned!"

"And that ain't all," Mr. Slade confided in Mr. Marrophat, whipping out his own revolver: "You're being held up, too. I'll take those guns of your'n, friend, and what else you've got about you that's of value, including your boss—and when you get back to old man Trine you can just tell him, with my best compliments, that I've quit the job and lit out after that daughter of his'n. She's a heap sight more attractive than nineteen thousand dollars, and not half so hard to earn!"

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Burnt Fingers.

Once she had lost touch with her father's creature, the girl drew rein and went on more slowly and cautiously.

Below her, in the valley, the lower trail wound its facile way. From time to time she could discern upon some naked stretch of its length a cloud of dust, or perhaps three mounted figures, scurrying madly on with fear of death snapping at their heels.

It was within an hour of midnight, a night bell-clear and bitter cold on the heights, and bright with moonlight, when Alan's party made its last pause and camped to rest against the dawn, unconscious of the fact that, a quarter of a mile above them, on the upper trail, a lonely woman paused when they paused and made her own camp on the edge of a sharp declivity.

The level shafts of the rising sun awakened her. She sat up, rubbed her eyes, yawned, stretched limbs stiff with the hardship of sleeping on unyielding, sun-baked earth—and of a sudden started up, surprised by the grating of footsteps on the earth behind her.

Before she could turn, however, she was caught and wrapped in the arms of Hopi Jim.

She mustered all her strength and wits and will for one last struggle—and in a frenzied moment managed to break his hold a trifle, enough to enable her to snatch at the pistol hanging from her belt and present it at his head.

But it exploded harmlessly, spending its bullet on the blue of the morning sky. The bandit caught her wrist in time, thrust it aside and subjected it to such cruel pressure and such savage wrenchings that the pistol dropped from fingers numbed with pain.

And now all hint of glory left his eyes; remained only the glare of rage. He put forth all his strength in turn, and Judith was as a child in his hands. In half a minute he had her helpless, in as much time more her back was breaking across his knee, while he bound her with loop after loop of his rawhide lariat.

Then, leaving her momentarily supine on the ground, Hopi Jim caught and unhobbled her horse, and without troubling to saddle it, lifted the girl to its back, and placed her there, face upward, catching her hands and feet, as they fell on either flank of the animal, with more loops of that unbreakable rawhide, and deftly placing the master knot of the litch that bound this human pack well beyond possibility of her reach.

She panted a prayer for mercy. He laughed in her face, bent and kissed her brutally, and stepped back laughing to admire his handiwork.

Thus he stood for an instant between the horse and the edge of the declivity, a fair mark, stark against the sky, for one who stood in the valley below, holding his rifle with eager fingers, waiting for just such opportunity with the same impatience with which he had waited for it ever since the noise of debris kicked over the edge by the struggling man and woman had drawn his attention to what was going on above.

Alan pressed the trigger and the shot sounded clear in the morning stillness, Judith saw a look of agrieved amazement cross the face of Hopi Jim Slade.

Then he threw his hands out, clawed blindly at the air, staggered, reeled against the horse's flank so heavily that it shied in fright, and abruptly shot from sight over the edge of the bluff.

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100 TEACHERS GATHER HERE FOR WEEK'S INSTITUTE WORK

The Runnels County Teachers Institute convened in the auditorium of the Ballinger High School building at nine o'clock Friday morning, with about one hundred teachers present.

The session opened with a short devotional service conducted by Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church. Mayor Powell welcomed the teachers to Ballinger in a short address, calling their attention to the usual hospitality with which Ballinger citizens greeted all visitors, and assuring the splendid body of young men and young ladies that it was a pleasure to the citizens to have them here.

Several visitors were present at the opening session, and most of these remained throughout the morning and added to the program by short talks.

Rev. T. C. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist Church extended to the teachers an invitation to attend services at the various churches next Sunday, and assured them that they would find a hearty welcome.

A. W. Sledge, as a representative of the press, solicited the cooperation of the teachers in his work, and assured them that The Daily Ledger and Banner-Ledger stood ready to aid them in every way possible in the upbuilding of the educational interest of Runnels County, offering to them the free use of his columns for the discussion of those questions which build for a better influence, and for publishing matters of interest to the rural schools of this county.

"The Rural School of Tomorrow," was the first subject for discussion on the program. Superintendent Fleming of the Ballinger Schools, spoke for nearly an hour on this subject, and after his address the institute was

unanimous in endorsing the thoughts he brought out, and pledged to County Superintendent Wooten their loyal support and cooperation in working to bring about better conditions in the rural schools.

"If rural schools, five years hence are on the same plane as the schools of today, it will be insufficient," said Mr. Fleming, "and if they are not better off intellectually, morally, physically and financially then your work and my work will have been in vain."

Mr. Fleming talked at length of rural school consolidation and rural high schools. He referred to successful rural high schools in other states and in other countries in this state in emphasizing the great advantage to be gained in rural school consolidation and the establishment of rural high schools. He pointed out among the advantages to be gained by the school, such as the lengthening of the school term of the rural school, better classification in studies, better school buildings, better conveniences, better health, etc. He also pointed to the advantage to patrons of the school, in that they could educate their children at home giving them a high school education without taking them away from the farm and without the expense of paying board, etc., and of the satisfaction to the parents of being contented with their children at home, and of knowing that they were in modern school buildings.

Experienced and trained teachers, and a larger enrollment of the pupils of school age within the district were also advantages to be gained in consolidation of rural schools, as pointed out by Mr. Fleming. Also better course of study. The speaker referred to states where the rural schools had been consolidated and where high schools were common in the rural districts, and in every instance the new method was a success.

"The rural school of tomorrow must teach agriculture, manual training, domestic economy, music and art," said Mr. Fleming, and he pointed out the many reasons why the rural school and rural life must be elevated to a plane with the city schools and city life.

Mr. Fleming also called to the attention of his hearers the better conditions that would follow for the teachers, with consolidated rural high schools. Naming among the advantages, better salaries, the ability to give each pupil better attention, the advantage of a superintendent to advise with.

As told by Mr. Fleming in his talk the establishment of rural high schools will bring an intellectual center within reach of the rural districts and enable them to obtain better teachers, and the rural schools will be conducted more systematic, with more competent supervision at a smaller cost per capita.

Better roads, according to the speaker, follows the consolidation of rural schools, as well as an increase in land values.

"The rural school of tomorrow should be a consolidated school," said the speaker in closing, "and until we reach that point in our progress we will have fallen short in our work."

The morning session closed with an address by Jo Wilmeth on the subject of "The School as an Economic Factor." Mr. Wilmeth delivered one of his best practical talks, and with the usual enthusiasm that he injects into any question, had the close attention of the splendid body of teachers, and was most heartily endorsed.

After organizing the institute took up the regular program and throughout the afternoon session discussed the different subjects assigned.

After the addresses, as heretofore outlined, the Institute proceeded to further organization. Mr. Wells conducting the High School Department at the First Baptist Church, H. G. Secrest the Intermediate at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church and Miss Eva Chapman the Primary at the High School building. Each leader entering into the work with zeal and enthusiasm.

The Primary Department was successfully lead by Miss Eva Chapman. The first subject discussed was spelling. Every teacher present offered some valuable suggestion, and in this way much interest was manifested, and much benefit derived. The second subject discussed was penman-

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ship. Many valuable suggestions were also made in this subject. The use of copy books, the hygienic position of the body, the mediate and immediate interest, and many other phases connected with this subject were discussed. At the close of each subject a test was given, in which questions were asked, so as to see if each teacher had done his part.

Intermediate Department.
The Intermediate section of the Runnels County Teachers Institute convened at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church at 1:30 p. m. Friday.

The house was called to order by section chairman H. G. Secrest of Hatchel. The subjects under discussion were Grammar and history in the grades.

The grammar discussion was led by section leader H. G. Secrest. General differences of language and grammar discussed principally by H. G. Secrest and L. S. Bird.

Miss Rena Walker led the discussion on "The Purpose of Teaching Grammar, the Aim and the End to be Attained." An exclusive treatment of the Inductive method of teaching Grammar was given by Jno. J. Bugg.

S. C. Harris, of Truitt, led the history discussion, developing the subjects from two standpoints, 1. Purposes of History. 2. Correlation of History With Other Subjects, also emphasizing the importance of using the Rational method of teaching in the grades in preference to the factional. Among the prominent speakers on the subject were Misses Curry, Smith and Walker, Messrs Bird, Secrest and Womac.

Especial attention was given by all present as they were expecting a treat in the way of a test on the subjects.

County High School Teachers Spend Profitable Evening in Separate Session at Institute.

The High School session of the County Teacher's Institute convened at the First Baptist Church Friday at 1:30 p. m.

The house was called to order by chairman Jno. C. Wells, of Miles, the subjects under discussion were High School English and History, based upon "Charters of Teacher's The Common Branches."

The English discussion was led by the chairman, who gave a very exhaustive treatment of the subject, "Every teacher, who teaches English in the high school," said Mr. Wells "must have an idea of the end to be attained. He must have a standard, by which to judge the efficiency of the student, both in the art and in the science of our language."

The history discussion was very ably presented by Prof. Jas. E. Parks of Winters, who insisted that county teachers pursue the Rational rather than the Factional method of teaching, and especially emphasized the importance of the correlation of History with geography, literature and other subjects.

Throughout the entire evening intense interest was shown by all present, as the majority of the teachers, from time to time were exchanging views, concerning the presentation of the two subjects. Prominent among those who participated in the discussion were L. C. Fowler and C. C. Forgay.

At the close of the discussion Superintendent Wooten arrived with a prepared list of test questions, which has served as a very clever preventative of truancy.

The Runnels County Teachers' Institute met in the Carnegie Library Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jester of the First Baptist church. Rev. Jester spoke at length of the responsibility of the teacher and of the relation of the teacher's work to that of the preacher.

The next on program was Miss Edna McDaniel of the Ballinger

Public School who read a paper entitled "The Faith of the Teacher." The paper contained such excellent thoughts that the Institute unanimously voted to publish the article in the Annual Report of Runnels County Schools.

Following Miss McDaniel came Mr. McLelland who spoke nearly an hour on "Teaching Agriculture." He told of how the destiny of this great common wealth rests upon the work of the farm, and how the cry "from country to town," is destroying the prosperity of our country. Mr. McLelland closed his speech by quoting the following poem:

THE MAN BEHIND THE PLOW.

They sing about the glories of the man behind the gun,
And the books are full of stories of the wonders he has done,
There's something sort o' thrilling in the flag that's waven high,
And it makes you want to holler when the boys are marching by,
But when the shout'n over and the fightin's done, somehow,
We find we're still dependin' on the man behind the plow.

In all the pomp and splendor of an army on parade,
And through the awful darkness that the smoke of battle made,
In the hall where jewels glitter and where shoutin' men debate,
In the places where rulers deal out honors great,
There is not a single person who'd be doin' bizness now,
Or have medals if it wasn't for the man behind the plow.

We're a buildin' mighty cities and we're gainin' lofty heights,
We're a winin' lots of glory and we're settin' things to rights,
We're a showin' all creation how the world's affairs should run;
Future men will gaze in wonder at the things that we have done
And they'll over look the feller, just the same as we do now,
Who's the whole concern's foundation—

That's that man behind the plow.

The morning session was closed with addresses by Messrs Wooten and Fleming who spoke at length on the teacher's daily program, term reports, and a uniform system of examinations for entrance to the high school department. Mr. Wooten suggests giving the questions out from the superintendent's office to those who apply for admission to the high school department. His plan was unanimously adopted by the teachers.

Intermediate Section.
The Intermediate section of the Runnels County Institute met in regular session Saturday at 1:30 p. m. The house was called to order by H. G. Secrest after roll call a motion was placed before the house that the teachers of the intermediate section send to the teachers of the primary section a challenge for the basket ball game to be played by the ladies of the two sections. The chair appointed Jno. J. Bugg to deliver the challenge in writing. After a short period of waiting Mr. Bugg returned with a note of acceptance signed by Miss Eva Chapman, chairman of the primary section.

Miss Estelle Hunt was elected captain of our team and authority was given her to select her players. After all business was disposed of the subject of "Teaching Civics and Physiology" were opened for discussion, the civics discussion was read by L. S. Bird who demonstrated to the assembly his tact to hold the attention of a class.

The legislative executive and judicial departments of a government were explained, their similarity being shown in their three phases, National, State and local. The reading of daily publications was discussed as being the only way by which the pupils may keep himself informed of the changes being brought about in the operation of the government.

We were greatly favored by a short talk by Mr. R. McDonald, trustee of the Miller school, who very definitely portrayed the things the patrons of a school expected of their teacher, offering that the teacher was, or should be, the leading factor of the community in which he taught, that he should look to the spiritual as well as the mental welfare of the child.

The discussion on physiology led by C. A. Womac were very brief, was caused from the lack of time, but proved to be very interesting throughout the discussion.

The study of hygiene was discussed as being by far more important to the child than either anatomy or physiology, as the care of the body is by far more important than either the frame work or the structure.

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300 NEGROES LEAVE ON SPECIAL TRAIN

A special train, consisting of five cars, and a baggage coach, came up from Temple Friday night and returned Saturday with about three hundred negroes. On account of running short on oil the train was compelled to go to San Angelo, and returning Saturday it left Ballinger at four o'clock.

This is the first negro special ever operated out of Ballinger. The special train was made necessary on account of the large number of cotton pickers desiring to return to their home after spending three months here picking cotton, and the regular train being unable to handle such a large number of passengers.

The work of transporting the negroes created a new scene in Ballinger, and many white people were at the station through curiosity, and witnessed the sight that was in many ways an amusing one. The negroes were brought here from different sections of the county, and on account of the severe cold weather and the small negro waiting room not affording space for them, they huddled together around the station until the conductor called all aboard.

The negroes have been gradually drifting back to their homes for the past three weeks, on account of the continued bad weather, and several hundred left the county, but many remain here, and will not return home until later in the season there being much cotton to pick. The Santa Fe was almost "swamped" Friday when a bunch of fifty-five called for tickets and were provided with transportation to their homes. This was an unexpected bunch of passengers and the railroad had made no provisions for them, and it was necessary to use one of the coaches used for white passengers, and as there were an unusually large number of white people going East on this train, it caused the train to leave Ballinger heavily loaded.

This cargo negroes will be distributed at points from Temple south, and many will go as far as Lafayette, La.

In most cases the negroes seemed to have prospered during their stay in this county. They leave here with money in their pockets and most of them well dressed, while their conditions were just the opposite when they arrived here, being thinly clad and dependent altogether upon those who brought them here for every mouthful of food they consumed. They have been great help to the farmers in gathering the big cotton crop, and while they did the work the farmers have given them good treatment, fed them well, and paid them reasonable for their work.

Not a word of complaint was heard from any of the negroes and they all seemed to be as happy as a hunting dog in duck season.

Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid. wtf

HORSE THIEVES CONTINUE TO WORK

Mr. Inmann, of the northwest part of the county, is the last victim of horse thieves so far reported. He is short three horses, and has every reason to believe that they were stolen.

The horses disappeared from their accustomed range on Dec. 14 and no trace of them can be found. The country has been thoroughly searched and different points notified by phone.

Sheriff Perkins is putting forth every effort to locate the stolen stock and if possible to capture the thief. A reward has been offered, and a description of the stock printed and distributed over the country.

The three horses stolen near Ballinger two or three weeks ago, and which were found at San Angelo, have been returned to their owners, but not until after much expense and trouble. These were stolen by a negro and sold at San Angelo. The negro has not been found.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food, as quickly as possible if you would is the remedy you need. It cleans, avoids a bilious attack; Herbines and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

STOLEN HORSES ARE RECOVERED

Sheriff Perkins received a phone message late Friday evening from an officer at Robert Lee informing him that the three horses stolen from W. A. Esmond, west of Ballinger, had been located near that place.

These horses were stolen from the Esmond home on the night of Dec. 14. When found the horses were wandering around in the lane near Robert Lee. It is thought that the horses were stolen by transient people who desired to leave the county and who rode them to a railroad point on the Orient and then turned them loose.

One \$25.00 merschaum pipe somewhere between Tom Lively's and Zappe's corner. H. Vander-vanter, Jr. 1tdw

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones who live a few miles East of Ballinger on the Colorado river, have just received a fine girl at their home for a Christmas present. The young lady arrived Friday.

D. E. Caudle, who lives on the Schawe place, north of town, came in Friday after a pair of crutches for his son Fred. The young man was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism several days ago.

TRANSFER AGENT PICKS UP NEGRO

John Cunningham, penitentiary transfer agent for the Santa Fe, passed through Ballinger Saturday morning en route to the pen with two prisoners. Sheriff Perkins met Mr. Cunningham at the train and delivered to him one convict from this county, sentenced at the last term of court for a term of two years for robbing a negro house in the western part of the city.

The prisoner carried from here is named Wallace Johnson, more familiar known among his race as "Buckshot." "Buckshot" broke into the house of Will Porter in the early part of the fall, and dressed up in Porter's clothes, leaving his old clothes in the Porter home. He also carried away other valuables belonging to Porter. He was arrested at San Angelo, caught with the goods and is now on his way to Sugarland to pay for the fun.

This negro will not be a stranger to the officials at Sugarland. He served nearly two years before coming to Ballinger, having been sent from Dallas for murder, and after serving part of his term he was pardoned.

"Buckshot" had an opportunity to escape when the man Baker, charged with bootlegging broke jail here several weeks ago, but decided that it was better for him to remain in jail. He was regretting this in talking to friends just before leaving, Ballinger Saturday.

Transfer Agent Cunningham also had in charge two white boys, one from Irion County and from Tom Green. When the train reached here the negro and white boys were chained together, and presented a scene that other boys should draw a lesson from.

Only four prisoners now remain in the Ballinger jail, and all these are transients, two of them being Mexicans and Concho county prisoners, brought here for safe keeping, as Concho has no jail, and the other two are negroes.

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

J. L. Penry, special agent and attorney for the National Loan Co., of Detroit, Michigan, was here several days this week looking after his company's interest. Judge Penry said he found their investments here in good shape and that they were well pleased with the securities. He stated that the depressing years had not affected them except in cases where the borrower had proved a quiter, and moved away from the county, leaving his property.

Edison Home Phonograph, and one hundred and seventy-five selected records, for sale cheap will trade for chicken feed. Lock Box No. 92, Ballinger, Texas. 17-2td2w

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HABIT OF DISOBEDIENCE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME

"Many boys are headed toward the slums, the jail and the penitentiary by the time they reach 1 year of age," said Judge Robert Seay, addressing the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon. "It is the attitude toward law, and the failure to get the obedience habit, that starts boys on the path that ends in perdition."

Judge Seay went on to say that he was elected some thirty years ago to the office of Prosecuting Attorney, and that while in office he had been largely the agent of society in sending boys and very young men to the penitentiary. He said:

"There are surprisingly few men of mature age among those convicted of crime and sent to the reformatories or penitentiaries. Most of them were mere boys. Then for a number of years I was engaged in defending many boys and at the end of that time there were more of them in the penitentiary."

"You can not answer this question in its outward form. I might say that young men are sent to the penitentiary because they violate the laws of the country; but the question would at once come, What is law? And why should it exist? And why should a violation of law be punished? And why should one wish to violate law?"

"But let us ask, Why Is Crime?" To me that is a queer question. It is a mystery to me; it is one of the world's puzzles. Men know they can't commit crime and get by with it. So I am inclined at times to feel that it is a species of insanity, growing out of improper training and ideals and aspirations.

"My friends here say that whiskey is the cause of crime. I shall give John Barlecorn his full due. No man ever fought with him without coming out loser. It is impossible for me to even begin to mention the crimes that have sprung from the use of whiskey or been accentuated by its use. Nevertheless, I want to suggest that bad associations and covetousness are the most deep-seated incentives to crime I know. A man may take the cure for the drink habit, but I know of no Keeley cure for covetousness, that desire for the property of others that leads to the frequent crimes we find mentioned daily in our papers.

"Wine, women and cards, that trinity of evil, leads the way to crime. I wonder how many of you have headed your boys to the penitentiary by either ignorance or weakness. It is an awful thing to say, nevertheless parents are heading their boys into the habit of disobedience, which soon becomes the habit of crime and ends in the penitentiary."

"If the boys of Dallas were made obedient to their parents and teachers, it would be only a matter of a short while until my job would be gone. There would be little use for our multitude of officers; the work and the cost of the courts would be reduced to almost nothing in a surprisingly short time.

"I am not going to close this meeting with prayer, but if I were I should pray to God to give us strength to uphold parents and teachers in their efforts to have boys and girls get the habit of being obedient."—Dallas News.

Your Cold is Dangerous Break it Up—Now

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

Two boys weighing 9 pounds each, making a total of 18 pounds of boys, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McFarlane on the 15th of this month.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.
GODFREY MASSEY,
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It Always Helps
says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.
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The Woman's Tonic
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Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.
Get a Bottle Today!

SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS RETURN HOME FRIDAY

Dr. J. G. Douglass and R. G. Erwin, returned home Friday afternoon from a ten days hunting trip in Southwest Texas. They were joined at San Antonio by John Douglass, a brother of Dr. Douglass, and general claim agent of the Santa Fe, and the party went to the Shultz ranch near Brackettville, Texas, where they were successful in bagging a nice lot of game.

C. R. Stephens, who was a member of the party when they left Ballinger, was stricken with lumbago when they reached San Antonio and was pretty sick for a day or two, and was deprived of the hunt. He remained at San Antonio, until he was able to travel, and returned to Taylor, Texas, where he has relatives, and where he was joined by Mrs. Stephens.

The hunters were successful in bagging deer, only falling short of the limit by one, the three hunters killing eight. Dr. Douglass and his brother killing three each and Mr. Erwin two.

With the exception of losing one of their party by being sick, the hunters report a very pleasant outing, and say they were in a country where the price of cotton and the war did not disturb them for ten days.

Sick Two Years With Indigestion

"To 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.

R. A. Williamson, of the Jeanes Produce Co., left Sunday afternoon for a Christmas visit to his old home in Alabama. Mr. Williams had not visited his old home in several years, and he is taking advantage of the holiday rates to visit his Alabama kinfolks.

Col. G. G. Odom came in from his ranch at Fort Chadbourne, Sunday afternoon.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris returned to their home at Miles Sunday. They were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Miss May Hinson returned to her home at Cooper Saturday. She was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

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

LOW TURKEY PRICE THIS CHRISTMAS

Although a lower price is being paid for turkeys this year than last, hundreds of the Christmas birds are leaving Ballinger daily for points all over the United States. The prices being paid for turkeys at the present time are somewhat lower than those of last year, when the prevailing price was about 15 cents per pound. At the present 10 and 10 1-2 cents are being paid. The price is expected to decrease until after Christmas.

A poultry dealer in explaining the low prices this year, this morning said that the reason the price was decreased this year: It was because many birds were left over in the cold storage plants last year. The market was burdened with a great number at the very outset, and consequently the price was decreased this year. It was stated, however, by this same poultry man that the price is expected to soar about the middle of February when the supply will be nearly consumed.

One dealer ships out about 150 turkeys daily from Ballinger. He has been transmitting this number across the country daily for the past month, and indications are that he will continue shipping right on up to Christmas day.

Piano For Sale.

I have a five hundred dollar piano for sale. Piano is in first-class shape, never has been abused. Owner wants to realize at once, will sell at half price. H. A. CADY. 17-2td2w

Mrs. Jno. Chaillet returned to her home at Brownwood Sunday. She had been here to visit her daughter Mrs. J. A. Freeman.

Oscar Talbot, one of the prominent young oil men, had business at San Angelo Saturday.

News was received in Ballinger this week of the marriage of Floyd Turpin, which occurred last Thursday at Brandon, Texas. Mr. Turpin formerly lived in the New Home community.

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Mrs. George Garland of Kansas City arrived Saturday night and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jo Hardin.

Mrs. George Kearney and little son Dan, came in from Belton Saturday, and will spend the holidays here with relatives.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

The Old Stantard 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.

War or No War

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

For further particulars call on, phone or write

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Ballinger, Texas.

Greetings Of The Season

WE extend our sincere thanks to our many friends and customers for their generous patronage during the past year. Our business has been very satisfactory during this time and we have tried to make it a pleasure to our customers when calling on us, by showing them every courtesy possible. We assure you of the same courteous treatment during the New Year 1915. That you may have a Most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is our sincerest wish.

HIDGON-MELTON-JACKSON Co.

"The Store Ahead"

OUR WISH FOR YOU.

Is that this Christmas may be happiest, the most pleasant, the very best Christmas that has yet come to you, and that the good year 1915 may bring to you health, happiness, prosperity and contentment.
WE THANK YOU
 for every favor, every kind word, every expression of good will shown
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May You Live Long and Be Happy.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

BALLINGER BUSINESS TO OBSERVE XMAS

When the merchants of Ballinger desire to observe the usual run of holidays throughout the year, they pass around a petition and all agree to close their places of business.

For the greatest holiday in the year they do not consider this necessary, and each business man acts independently and does just as he pleases, and they all please to close their stores.

Following this rule there will be no stores opened in Ballinger on Christmas Day, except the drug stores and candy stores, and it is very probable that these will only be open part of the day.

It will be a holiday for every one, and those who must work at all will work on short hours, and will be given part of the day to make merry.

The movies will be opened and Christmas programs have been arranged for the entertainment of those who wish to attend the shows. Some will hike away to the country to spend the day hunting. Some will spend the day visiting friends and kinfolks, while others will remain at home and make the day pleasant by a coming together of every member of the family. And, there will be those who will disgrace themselves and their families by "tanking up" on San Angelo booze.

Let us make your tanks, cisterns, water troughs, galv. flues, and do your pipe work. Phone 22. CARL DUNN and CECIL GLENN 22-Std1tw.

UNCLE SAM LARGEST SANTA CLAUS IN THE WHOLE WORLD

There is no question but what the United States postal department will handle more Christmas gifts this Christmas than was ever handled by any mail carrying organization or transportation company before.

The U. S. mail service is experiencing its second Christmas since the parcel post law was passed, and judging from the large volume of business being handled through the local office the Christmas business will almost double that of the last Christmas season.

The local post office checked out twenty-five big sacks of Santa Claus Monday afternoon and Tuesday promised to exceed that amount by several sacks.

These sacks were loaded with Christmas gifts from Ballinger and Runnels county people and were dispatched to almost every state in the union. The packages were made up from the simplest little token of love and remembrance to packages of much value, insured for many dollars.

The express companies are also doing a business that shows a big increase over last year. The heavy increase is due to the prosperous condition of the country, and the Christmas spirit that prevails throughout the land.

Phone 22 and let us fix your pipers. CARL DUNN and CECIL GLENN. Std 1tw

STAGING BOXING BOUT FOR LAST DAY IN YEAR

(San Angelo Standard)

Jim McCarver, a San Angelo young man, who holds a membership card in the Wichita Falls, Texas Athletic Club, wishes to meet Bobbie Ross, welter-weight boxer from Trinidad, Colo., who is training for his ten-round bout with Bobbie Waugh of Ft. Worth in Dallas on January 15, 1915. Waugh claims the championship of the South.

Ross, accompanied by his manager, and trainer, arrived in the city Friday night. Sunday's Standard contained his photograph and an expression of his wish to meet some local man, under 160 pounds, in a bout here during the holidays in order to perfect to a greater degree his training. No sooner did local fight fans see the article than they began flocking to McCarver. The latter is with Halcomb's Printery.

McCarver agreed to a match and Ross's setting of a date and final arrangements is all that is now needed. McCarver is a husky lad of twenty-two years of age, and weighs 154 pounds. Ross tips the scales at but 145, but has boxed in many states of the union. When seen Sunday morning McCarver asserted that New Year's Eve would suit him, giving as a reason for the date that he wished to train for at least a week before the match. He has

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.

Make your appointment early with Your PHOTOGRAPHER. BARLETT AT THE WILBURN STUDIO

not had on the gloves in some time, he said.
 The bout will most likely be staged before the San Angelo Athletic Club at the Turn Verein Opera House.

SANITARY MEAT MARKET.

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.

We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, and will always supply you with the best the market affords. We will appreciate your patronage.

CITY MEAT MARKET, Phone 185.

Stanley Cameron, Prop.

Mrs. Fred Machotka, of Rowena was here Saturday to be with her little daughter who was brought to the Halley & Love sanitarium for a minor operation.

WE can make anything you want of tin, galvanized iron, copper or zinc. See us for all kinds of sheet metal and pipe work. Phone 22. CARL DUNN and CECIL GLENN, next door to fire station. Std 1tw

Fletcher Roper, of the Oak creek country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Henry Conner, one of the pioneer citizens of the Benoit country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Thaw Must Face Trial

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stand trial to answer the charge of conspiracy in escaping from Matteawan asylum over a year ago.

NOTICE.

After January 1st, 1915, I will retire from general practice, giving my entire time to surgery, consultation, and office work. When not busy at the Sanitarium, will be found in the office from 10 to 12 a. m., and most all afternoons.

Respectfully,
 A. S. LOVE.

Henry Schroeder, of the Olin country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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