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## Automobiles, Have You One?

READ THIS AND SAVE  
A PIECE OF MONEY

We are going to make prices next year that will meet 6c Cotton Prices. You think it don't make a difference where you have your work done, but it does. I have six years experience and know what to do and where to look for trouble. Here is the difference between a man that don't know and one who does. We put in a pinion in a well known make of car a few days ago and charged him \$4.15 for work and pinion. He had the same work done less than three weeks before this at our place and paid \$9.50 for it, more than twice as much. You had better see us and save at least one-half on your repair bill. And on supplies we will save you. Read a few of our prices. **TIRES**—We carry the largest stock in West Texas, Three standard brands. Will give you a discount of 10 and 5 per cent. Spark plugs as low as 15 cents; any plug at 50 cents. Ford Master Vibrators guaranteed \$5.95. Presto Tank put on complete for \$12.00. Don't pay any more. We exchange same for \$1.50. Dry Batteries—any kind guaranteed to register 30 amperes 20c each, and everything we carry just as cheap. See us for anything in the Auto and you will save money. Leave your car with us. We don't charge customers any storage.

**BALLINGER AUTO CO.**

OPPOSITE COURT  
HOUSE LAWN

### ZAPPE GETS A BOGUS CHECK

Mr. J. Zappe as souvenir of his business realized by his during the Christmas rush. Zappe is among the number of merchants who cashed bogus checks. He says he thought it worth while to "howl," and he just kept himself. A stranger who passed the checks was perhaps bolder in work at the Zappe store than anywhere else in town. He did not have the check properly filled out when he presented it in payment of merchandise that he bought at this store. The figures in the right hand corner of the check had been left off. Mr. Zappe called the stranger's attention to this and turned the check down. The stranger remarked that he would go out and locate Mr. "Perkins" who gave him the check, and have the mistake corrected. In a short time he return-

ed with the check properly filled out, and some of the boys in the store readily handed the man his bundle containing \$2.00 worth of underwear and the difference of \$5.70 in cash.

### WILL OFFER SPECIAL RATES THRU JANUARY

We are going to offer rates on any paper or magazine in connection with the Banner-Ledger, through the month of January, and give to our readers and those who wish to become readers of our paper, the best clubbing offer we have ever made.

To begin with we can now offer you The Banner-Ledger and the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News one year for \$1.50. You save fifty cents on this combination. This holds good for January only.

It makes no difference what you want to read during 1915, we can save you money, as we club with any paper or magazine published.

BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

### To Wish You a Happy New Year is But a Wish Expressed By All.

It is our wish that the coming year will give you an opportunity to participate in the bountiful harvest of this great state. The value of the different harvests gathered from the soil of this great state during the year just closing run about as follows: Cotton 4,500,000 bales, Live Stock 13,500,000 head, Corn 125,000,000 bushel, Wheat 14,000,000 bushels, Rice 8,000,000 bushels, Oats 22,500,000 bushels, Sweet Potatoes 5,250,000 bushels, Irish Potatoes 2,750,000 bushels, Rye 30,000 bushels, Hay 800,000 tons, Poultry and Products \$16,200,000, Fruit \$2,500,000, Truck \$900,000. It is our New Year wish that you participated in the profits as listed above and that you and yours will be better prepared to reap more bountiful harvests during the coming year.

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

## CHECKS

It makes no difference from what source you received your checks in business transactions, where drawn or payable bring them to this bank to be cashed. We will cash your checks on banks in other cities and other states just the same as those which may be drawn upon any local bank.

Always glad to receive deposits by mail.

**The Winters State Bank**  
Winters, Texas.  
Capital \$50,000.00 Guaranty Fund Bank

### FRENCH RE-TAKE MANY PLACES WITH BAYONET

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The French have re-occupied every important position on the Pashendale road, after a series of most deperate bayonet charges.

The Berlin official announcement this afternoon admitted that the Germans were forced to evacuate Saint George by a surprise attack but efforts are now being put forth to retake the city after a fierce bombardment.

A message from Petrograd just received in London says that the Austrians in numerous places have been routed and that in North Poland where the Germans have been operating partly successful for the past few weeks, the Russians have the advantage and it is expected that the Germans will be driven out of this section by New Year's day.

**Interest in American Note.**  
The people of England are today manifesting great interest in the protest sent by the United States over the interference by the British warships with neutral shipping.

It is declared that the British officials regard the protest in a friendly spirit, as it was intended but the populace regard the message as having been inspired by German influence in Washington. It is declared here among some of those who do not thoroughly understand the protest lodged by the United States, that it will be a long day before England replies to the United States' message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The United States intends after the war to hold Great Britain to a strict account for any violation of the rules of American shipping in which loss is sustained by the shippers. Financial restitution will be demanded.

President Wilson made this emphatic assertion today while discussing the blanket protest lodged with the English government.

The President said that the United States by insisting on financial restitution at the close of the war would be simply applying rules England has heretofore insisted on in times when other nations were at war and her own trade affected. He could, therefore, see no reason why she could have the opportunity of presenting protests to the American government for holding the English government to strict account for the violation of all trading rules.

### 2 AMERICANS SHOT BY CANADIAN GUARDS

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—One American was killed and another was wounded today by Canadian soldiers near the border.

The Canadians were patrolling the frontier when they fired upon a crowd of duck hunters who were in the vicinity of the border. Both the men shot by the soldiers were in Canadian waters when the shooting occurred.

Recently orders were issued prohibiting the transportation of fire arms into Canada. As a result of this ruling, the Canadian soldiers who were on guard, fired upon the American hunters.

### TWO MASKED MEN HOLDUP S. P. TRAIN

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 30.—Two robbers, heavily and effectively masked robbed the passengers of two sleepers of the Southern Pacific railroad on Train No. 9 at the small station of Cline, Uvalde County, 150 miles west of here early this morning.

The robbers escaped with their booty and their identity is unknown. After signaling the train to stop, the two robbers boarded the two Pullmans, awoke the passengers and began taking possession of their valuables.

Rangers are today leading a posse which is scouring the rough country with the hopes of finding some clew which will lead to the whereabouts of the two bold robbers. The citizens of the little town of Cline turned out almost en masse for the occasion of hunting down the culprits.

After boarding the first sleeper, the robbers roused the negro porter and forced him at the point of a pistol to awake the passengers in their berths one at a time. The manner in which the robbery was conducted is causing untold comment here. By awakening only one passenger at a time, it is pointed out that it was an easy matter for the robbers to get away with their booty before the general alarm was turned in.

Mr. Baron, the Wingate postmaster and merchant, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

### CAUGHT WITH GOODS PLACED IN LOCKER

A young man was arrested at Ballinger Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Perkins and placed in jail charged with stealing a watch from J. M. London.

Mr. London lives in the northwest part of the county, and the young man had been working for Mr. London for a couple of weeks, or at least had been staying at Mr. London's home, the weather being so bad that he had only put in one-half day at work. The young man decided to leave, and he came to Ballinger Monday afternoon. Tuesday morning Mr. London started to Winters, and he missed his watch from its accustomed place when not in use. He suspected the young man and he came on to Ballinger and notified the sheriff. The young man spent Tuesday here, and made an effort to sell the watch to a local second hand store. Sheriff Perkins had called on the jewelry dealers and second hand dealers to keep a look out for the stolen property, and he was notified when the watch was offered for sale, and just before the arrival of the eastbound train the man was placed under arrest and the watch found in his pocket.

The young man claimed that he traded for the watch and denied stealing it. He could not give the name of the party he traded with, and claimed that the stranger went to Abilene. The young man is without money, having "soak-

ed" his grip to a local second hand store for \$2.00 and had spent \$1.85 of this amount for a ticket to Brownwood. He is being held, and will probably remain in jail third county court meets, unless he makes bond, or pleads guilty to the charge arranges with some one to pay his fine.

### WILL MOVE TO BALLINGER.

J. M. London who is at present, and has been for several years living in the Poe neighborhood, in the northwest part of the county, was here Tuesday and Wednesday and while here rented a house and will move his family to Ballinger next week, or a soon as the roads dry up a little. Mr. London says he will not farm next year, and he is bringing his children to Ballinger to place them in school.

### BIGGEST BUSINESS IN CITY'S HISTORY

According to Ballinger post-office officials, the business just finished at the local office during the holidays beats all previous records. Never before in the history of the Ballinger postoffice has there passed through the local postoffice such an immense amount of mail matter as this year. The clerks and their superiors are proud of the fact, too, that there was not the slightest congestion during the entire period of the busiest hours. Packages were dispatched as quickly as received, often an entire wagonload of mail leaving the office for one train.

### IT'S PART OF OUR BUSINESS

to help you in the business problems of life. It's our business and a pleasure to help you if we can, and every facility of our bank is always at your disposal. Come in and let us talk it over with you.

Responsibility \$300,000.00 D. M. Hillyard, Cashier.

**WINTERS BANKING COMPANY**  
[Unincorporated]

Thoughts are precious things  
Deposited in memory's safety vault,  
The divine designer of the universe,  
Hath so wisely fashioned this grand treasury  
That in time our misfortunes and sufferings  
Fade away into oblivion.

But memory's bejewelled flowers  
Of our joyous and happy days, fold,  
In gentle slumber, during the days of  
Our adversities, until re-awakened,  
By the magic touch of returning prosperity,  
They again unfold themselves in all their  
Original brilliancy and splendor.

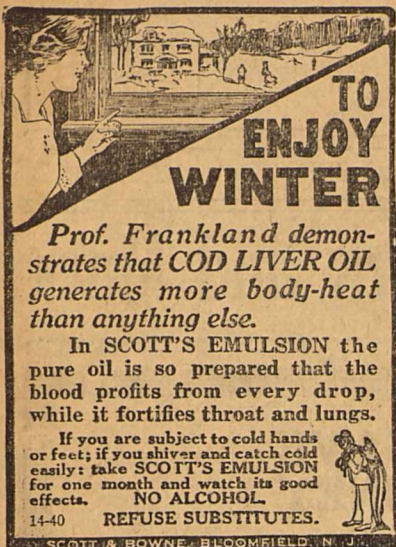
### FRIENDS, PATRONS AND ALL MANKIND.

Let us not get discouraged and disheartened  
Altho a supreme catastrophe has shaken,  
The peace and commerce of the entire globe,  
There seems to be an inevitable law of nature  
That in a cycle of years one extreme is  
Sooner or later supplanted by the opposite,  
Hence the justification of the logical sequence,  
That a great universal calamity will,  
In due time be followed by such universal  
Prosperity, Peace and happiness as is possible  
In the human flesh and thought.

In the light of these gems of thought, the directors of our institution extend to **Every Living Soul** our sincere wish that **The New Year** will produce such greater conception of righteousness and universal love and brotherhood of mankind, that they will become the foundation stones of permanent  
**PEACE AND PROSPERITY.**

Most cordially,

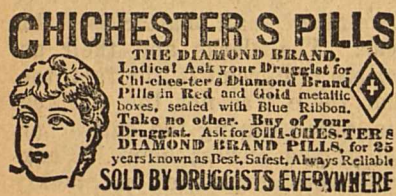
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**TO ENJOY WINTER**  
Prof. Frankland demonstrates that **COD LIVER OIL** generates more body-heat than anything else.  
In **SCOTT'S EMULSION** the pure oil is so prepared that the blood profits from every drop, while it fortifies throat and lungs.  
If you are subject to cold hands or feet; if you shiver and catch cold easily; take **SCOTT'S EMULSION** for one month and watch its good effects. **NO ALCOHOL.**  
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.  
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SCOTT & BOWNE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

**BALLINGER'S PROSPERITY**

A news item from Ballinger states that the splendid crops of the past season have revived building operations. That is only a half statement. The splendid crops were there all right, for Runnels county is one of the most productive in that part of West Texas, but they also carried good prices in their wake, and these created new confidence in business operations. Of the cotton crop it is needless to say anything further than that about one-third of the crop is left in the fields by the departing army of pickers. Livestock, kaffir and mulo, are the money-making crops of the year that have given confidence to the business element; but perhaps the chief reason for returning confidence in the business future of Ballinger is the certain gas and oil flows right at her doors. Wherever these have been discovered and worked in Texas prosperity and business have followed.—Ft. Worth Record.



**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 35 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. **SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE**

**THOMAS PATTON**

Rev. G. W. Newman performed the ceremony Wednesday afternoon at the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.'s store that united in marriage Mr. J. H. Thomas and Miss Annie Patton. The young couple are two of the popular young people of the river country below Ballinger, and have a host of friends who join the Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life for the young couple.

**GO TO**—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr. 12-1mon d&w.

**PRESIDENT WILSON IS 58**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Woodrow Wilson reached his fifty-eighth birthday anniversary today, having been born Dec. 28, 1856. The President did not allow the anniversary to interfere with his customary daily routine, although he was obliged to spend a considerable part of the day in receiving the greetings of the cabinet officers, diplomats, senators, representatives, and others who called at the executive offices to offer their congratulations.

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

Mr. Sims, the Pony Creek gin man, had business in Ballinger a few hours Saturday afternoon.

John Dale and Will Meekins of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Kate Riley, of Brownwood passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route home from a visit to relatives at Abilene and Winters.

**"TO HELL WITH GERMANY; TO HELL WITH FRANCE," CRY OF DRUNKEN NATIVES.**

Dr. Frederick Lynch, secretary of the Church Peace Union, who went through Europe on the eve of the great war, tells of his experience in that country, and pictures what Christmas means in Europe. Following is an excerpt from his letter:

The latest report from Belgium is that the homeless and starving, those who have fled to Holland and England, and those who have been left behind, number almost seven millions. Christmas is so pre-eminently a home festival, but no homes are left in Belgium.

Christmas has always been made much of in Germany. It is the great family day. Every house has its Christmas tree, and around it, with its toys and candles, the family gathers. But there is hardly a family in Germany today that is not in mourning, hardly a home where father or one of the sons has not been slain. The same is true of Austria; and of England, France and Russia in lesser degree.

The trip across Germany of the delegates to the Church Peace Conference on the eve of war was so remarkable and so full of indication of what real war would soon be that I may be pardoned if I refer to it here. We were under the special protection of the Kaiser, and had two special cars put at our disposal. After a long journey lasting all day and all night we were dropped at the Dutch border (Goch) on the way to Flushing. But what a day! How it wrung one's heart! How it made our American delegates sick of the very thought of war forever! We saw all the young men and boys being driven like sheep into pens to be sent off to kill men they did not know and with whom they had no quarrel. We saw mothers and wives weeping at the departure of the men, and little children crying, although they knew nothing of what it was all about. We saw men go crazy at this parting and have to be put in cords and held. We saw great crowds drunk with brandy, and howling "To Hell with Germany" or "To Hell with France." We saw French soldiers try to pull a German out of a train window, while he clung to his two little babies that he was trying to get into Switzerland. We saw swarms of Germans trying to get out of France with their poor wives and babies, with no one to help, and with French soldiers jeering at them and threatening them. We saw in dusty stopped, and carts full of mere boys packed into freight cars with horses, and bundled off to the frontier.

At every station there were trains being filled with soldiers, with reserves, and with young men from the fields and shops. Great crowds of women with their babies and children were at the stations to see the soldiers off. They tried to cheer, but they mostly wept, while the innocent children ignorantly cheered their fathers off to death. At one station, we saw a young man suddenly go crazy as he was torn from his wife and little baby, so that he had to be pitched into a freight car by half a dozen men and held firm by strong arms. We were told that this was a frequent occurrence, and that these men would simply be taken out of the regiment and put to mental tasks. As the train rolled along we saw columns of soldiers winding over the hills, the line looking like a great snake in the distance. The railroad was everywhere patrolled by soldiers and the tunnels carefully guarded to spies or some enemy blowing up the track or wrecking a train.

There happened to be a Russian on the train with us who was endeavoring to get his wife and little baby safely through Germany into Holland or England. At Mayence he was discovered by some German soldiers who immediately suspected a "spy,"

and they pulled him out of the train and at the point of several bayonets he was carefully searched for papers. Not satisfied with this they then roughly jerked his wife out of the train and searched her. She was so frightened that, although they were reluctantly permitted to go on, her milk ceased flowing, and the poor little baby got nothing to eat for twenty-four hours. The next day, on the boat from Flushing to England, Lady Barlow found an English mother with a nursing baby who shared her mountainous breasts with the little Russian baby. It was pathetic to hear the scream of delight with which the little thing leaped to his dinner. These are they who suffer in war and only few wars are worth the suffering of a dozen of them. But men seem to care not at all how much they make these millions of babies and children suffer, how much they orphan their own children, if they can only gratify their lust for killing somebody of another land.

It was all prophetic of the awful suffering that was to come. Poverty stares millions in the face—poverty not only during this war, but during long years to come. Thousands of women are to be widowed, millions of little children are to be left fatherless. Natural affections are even now blotted out and their places being taken by strange, cruel lusts and passions. Drunkenness has already spread throughout these lands in a mad orgy. All industry will be ruined. Thousands of schools and churches will be blown up. Hatred will be engendered which will keep Europe irritated fifty years after the peace of exhaustion shall have come. The commerce of the world will be upset. The general morality of Europe will be lowered.

But what we saw on the eve of war, in the complete degradation of all the finer human, Christian instincts on every hand, made our hearts bleed. It was impossible to believe. Even now that we are back in America, with the newsboys shouting every hour the news of many thousands slain, it is almost impossible to believe it is not all a dream.

**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 23-13 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

**RECEIVES NEWS OF KILLING OF BROTHER**

COMANCHE, Tex., Dec. 27.—O. C. Johnson, 35, shot his wife twice killed his father-in-law and then himself near here yesterday. The woman is still alive, though her condition is precarious.

Johnson appeared at the home of Sam Dunlap, the father-in-law, Saturday morning, armed. The Dunlap farm is about ten miles from here, near Proctor. It is believed the father-in-law was shot first.

Johnson and his wife had not lived together for some time. Last spring he instituted suit in the district court here to recover possession of their eldest child, but soon withdrew the suit and left the county, going back to his old home in Missouri. He returned only Christmas Day.

Both Johnson and the Dunlaps are well-to-do farmers, the former owing a fine section of land and the latter being one of the pioneer families of this section.

Sam Dunlap, the man killed, is a brother of W. B. Dunlap, of Ballinger. Mr. Dunlap received a phone message Saturday night about twelve o'clock bringing the sad news of the tragedy. He has been unable to learn the details of the killing, until the above report reached Ballinger.

Johnson, the man that did the killing, Married Miss Dunlap several years ago, and it developed that Johnson was not deserving of the love and confidence of a true woman, and a separation followed, and the killing as above stated is the culmination of the unhappy marriage.

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.

Rev. Father Goldbach took two little orphan girls round the city Saturday and says the citizens of Ballinger supplied their wants in a noble and generous way and he says his heart was made glad by the kind spirit exhibited by all he met and says Ballinger can't be surpassed anywhere for the liberal spirit shown on all occasions since he has lived in this city.

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic**  
Take **Grove's**  
The Old Standard **Grove's Tasteless** Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

**VISITING TEACHER WEDS.**

Miss Arma Cunningham, one of the teachers here attending the institute, and W. T. Wilson of the Winters country, were married shortly after the institute adjourned Wednesday. The happy young couple went to the home of Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth Street Church, and Rev. Rives spoke the words that made the two hearts beat as one.

The bride had been elected to teach school in the Pumphrey country and we understand that she will carry out her contract.

**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,  
21-2td 2tw A. S. LOVE.

**LEAD HER CLASS WITH 99 1-2 GRADE**

Miss Louise Doss returned home Wednesday night from Sherman where she has been attending the Kidd-Key Conservatory of Music. Miss Louise won high honors in her class, making a grade of 99 1-2. Her many friends welcome her home and will rejoice to know that she has been so successful in her music study.

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

**To Our Country Friends**

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

**NOTICE**  
Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I have money on hand in Runnels County at 3 percent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call.  
**H. Giesecke** Ballinger, Texas.

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THE SADDLE AND HARNESS MAN  
Everything in the leather goods line. All kinds of repairs done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection.  
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For Neat, Quick and Reliable Abstract Work See  
**Security Title Company**  
Blue-Back Abstracts and Conveyancing.  
For Lowest Interest Rates on Realty Loans and Life Insurance Bargains See  
**Chas. S. Miller.**

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need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.  
Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.  
Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.  
**A Trial Will Convince You**  
**THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY**  
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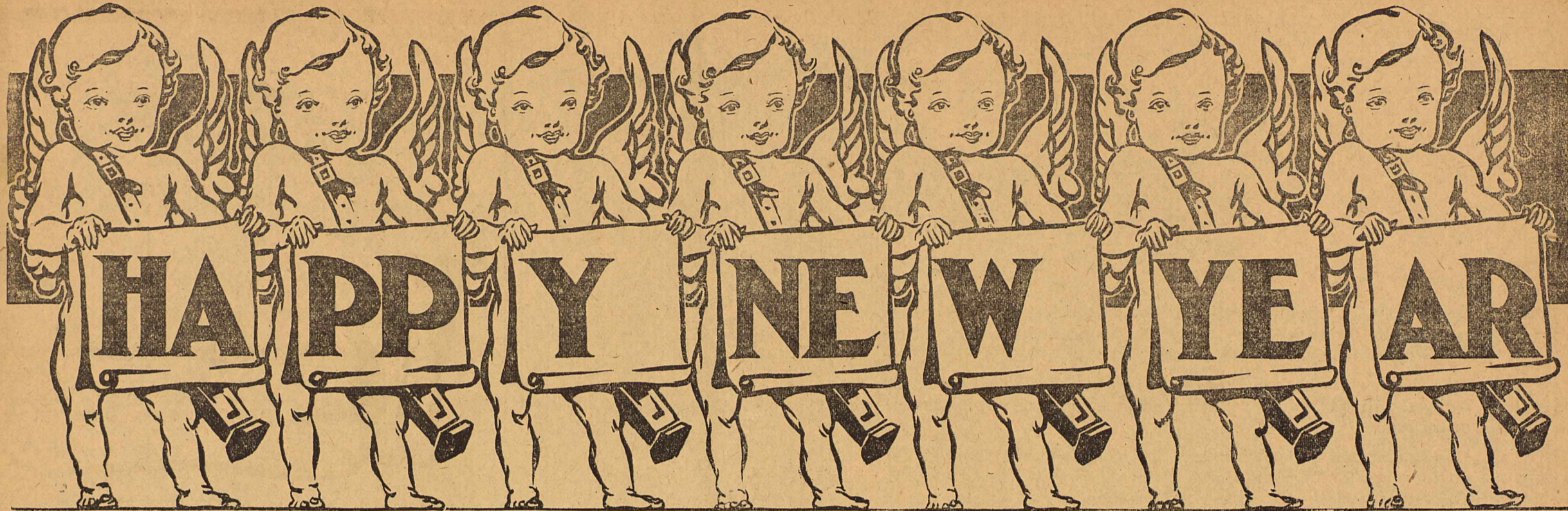
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**Hardware, Implements and Vehicles**  
Standard Implements, Windmills  
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Wagons  
**Hall Hardware Co.**

**SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING.**  
I am able to be at the gin again, and will appreciate the return of all those who have cotton to gin. I pay the highest price for seed cotton.  
EDWIN DAY.  
**DAY GIN**

**Ready for To-morrow ?**  
Horses digest their feed less thoroughly than other farm animals. In order to insure thorough digestion of all the food eaten, and to make your horses readier for next day's work, add to their evening feed a teaspoonful of—  
**Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE**  
It will lessen your feed bills.  
It will increase your profits.  
I am using Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE with my horses regularly and find it a saving proposition on feed. It also makes them healthy, thriving and clean.  
Ira Johnston, R. F. D. No. 1, O'Neil, Nebr.  
25c, 50c and \$1. per can. At your dealer's. P. B. 1







**Ballinger Merchants and Business Men Shows Appreciation for 1914 Business and Extend 1915 Greetings**

**BALLINGER STATE BANK & TRUST CO.**  
As the closing days of 1914 are now at hand, and the time for glad tidings has again arrived, it is our pleasure to join in the season's greetings, and wish for all a year filled with happiness and prosperity. To our many friends and customers we extend gratitude for loyalty and co-operation in making 1914 a year that shows most creditably on our books, and we trust that our relations through the years to come will be as pleasant.

CHAS. S. MILLER, President

**LEACH AUTO WORKS.**

Bring your auto troubles to us during the year 1915, and your year will be a happy one and your prosperity will be greatly aided. We make this as our wish for you in extending the season's greetings. To those who have patronized our shop and contributed to our business since we opened our garage, we extend our thanks. We have added many customers to our growing business, and by fair dealings and better work—the kind that gives satisfaction, we hope to be of great service to you in your auto troubles during the coming year.

H. M. LEACH, Prop.

**TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT, WE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A HAPPY AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

**SOL DE VAULL, The Hat Man.**

If you are walking under one of my remodeled hats your New Year will be a happy one. I wish to thank those who have patronized me during the year 1914. I have saved many dollars for others by making their old hats as good as new ones. I can help make 1915 prosperous by saving on your hat bill. Don't throw your old hat away, bring it to the Bank Barber Shop and call for me. I will do the rest, and guarantee to please you. My work is my advertisement.

Let me dye your tan and white buck shoes. I can make them black.

SOL DE VAULL, a Bank Barber Shop.

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**H. L. WENDORF.**  
During the year just closing many good horses and mules have been able to do more efficient work by the aid of our harness. To their owners who made this possible, we extend our thanks. The man that looks after the comfort of the dumb brute under his control is worthy the best that the New Year can bring, and that is our wish for you. Remember that we are equipped for taking care of your leather troubles. If you want good harness, good saddles, and first class repair work, come to the Busy Shop.

H. L. WENDORF, Prop.

**CITY BARBER SHOP**

To the thousands of faces that have been made smoother in our shop during the year just closed, we wish to express our thanks and best wishes for a Happy New Year. It makes no difference how long your face gets, or how rank your whiskers grow, remember we are ready to give you the best service possible. Come in and meet the new member of our firm and start the new year with one more acquaintance on your list.

RHODES & LANE Props.

**CITY MEAT MARKET.**

We have enjoyed a splendid business during the year 1914. To all those who have made this possible we extend hearty thanks. We have served you in a sanitary way with the best market products that can be had anywhere. We promise the same faithful service during the next year, and so long as we are in the business. We wish one and all a Happy New Year and we will help you to make it so if you will buy your meat from us.

**CITY MEAT MARKET.**

A. J. ZAPPE.

Before we turn over a new leaf and start another year, it is with pleasure that I look back to the year just ending and take this opportunity of extending to my many friends and customers throughout the Ballinger trade territory my sincere gratitude for their patronage. I appreciate the patronage of every customer that spends their money with me. I wish you one and all a year filled with nothing but the best. I am going to strive harder to please you with first-class merchandise during 1915 at prices as low as they can be sold, and I invite you to visit my store when you come to Ballinger.

A. J. ZAPPE.

**VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK**

Every department of our store has shared in the improvement of conditions throughout this section of the state. This alone is sufficient cause for extending to you hearty well wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. We wish it was possible for us to see each one of our hundreds of customers face to face and extend our appreciation by word of mouth, but this is impossible, and we do the next best thing and take this opportunity of thanking our customers for their 1914 business. We will make it profitable for those who trade with us during 1915 and will extend every courtesy possible. Make your store your trading place.

**VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK**

**ELMER SHEPPARD & CO.**

The Seasons Greetings and Best wishes to our friends and you whose business helps make ours successful.

ELMER SHEPPARD & CO.

**JEANES PRODUCE CO.**

Our produce business for 1914 shows a big increase over the previous year. That's something to be thankful for. Our wish for 1915 is that two turkeys will grow where only one grew in 1914, and that every other line of produce will increase in proportion. We will do our part towards making Ballinger the best poultry and produce market on the map during 1915. We solicit your cooperation to this end. You should not sell your crop of poultry until you get our price, and we will be glad to keep you posted.

JEANES PRODUCE CO.

**BANK BARBER SHOP.**

We want to speak now for your 1915 crop of whiskers. It is our purpose to push forward and give better barber service than ever before. Nothing but men who know their business will be kept in our shop. Our business has been all that we could expect it to be for the year just closed and has been very satisfactory to us. We thank those who have been patrons of this shop during the year, and we want you to start the New Year with us.

J. L. McWHIRTER, Prop.

**THE FAIR.**

It is the little things in life that count. We have supplied hundreds of people in Rannels County with many little things in the racket store line since we engaged in the business. To all those who have patronized us, and to all who will patronize us when they realize that The Fair is the best place to buy little things, we make a wish that 1915 will be a great year for you. We thank you for your liberal patronage and solicit your business for the entire year.

**THE FAIR.**

**ELDER & SON**

Our business during 1914 more than thrived the previous year. That is something to be thankful for, and to all those who helped to increase our business we wish to express our thanks and appreciations. We are better prepared to keep our business growing than we were one year ago, having added many modern improvements, and many new lines to our stock of confections and we will keep abreast of the times in supplying our trade with the best to be had. We wish every one a Happy New Year, and will do our part towards making it a happy year.

**ARCTIC ICE AND FUEL CO.**

To all those who we kept cool in the summer and to all those who we are now keeping warm with our high grade coal, we want to thank for their business. To all those who have not used either our ice or coal we want to give you a tip, and say that you are losing as well as ourselves. We try to be your friend in all seasons, and solicit you to be our customer. We thank you for the business you have given us, and assure you that every customer on our books is an appreciated one. May the New Year for you be such as to make the entire year the best one in your life, is our wish.

**ARCTIC ICE AND FUEL CO.**

**THE BALLINGER PRINTING CO.**

This space for our own use is worth more to us than we could get in cash for it. Because we want to join with the merchants of Ballinger in wishing for our customers a happy New Year.

**L. B. STUBBS**

It would indeed be a hard heart that would not express appreciation for the splendid business that we have enjoyed during 1914. Our business has shown an increase from month to month, until today our groceries go into hundreds of homes throughout the Ballinger trade territory. We keep the best; we make our service prompt and efficient, and try to do all that a merchant should do for his customers. This will be our policy throughout the year 1915. Remember that we make healthy, wholesome bread, cakes and pies, and deliver them any where in the city.

L. B. STUBBS, Grocer and Baker

**T. S. LANKFORD**

We start the new year with our entire time devoted to furniture and house furnishing goods. While the low price of cotton has brought disappointment to most of us, we still have much to be thankful for, and can look forward to better times in 1915. To those who have purchased goods from my store I wish to extend thanks, and best wishes. It will be my pleasure to aid in making 1915 a good year in every way that I can. I feel that I can be of service to you when you want to buy furniture.

T. S. LANKFORD.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.**

May memory recall no happier New Year than will be this. May no past, when it was the future, more nearly fulfill when it becomes the present, all that you anticipated of usefulness, happiness and prosperity than shall the New Year. In the language of Sidney Smith let us say to you, "Mankind are always happy for having been happy; so that if you make them happy now, you make them happy twenty years hence by the memory of it."

We want our store to occupy a place of usefulness in the business world. Those who have made it so in the years that have past have our most sincere thanks. To those who have not seen fit to make the big store their basis of supply, we extend an invitation to do so during the year 1915.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.**

**C. C. GILLIAM.**

If my shop has been of service in helping you look your best during 1914, I am thankful. My wish for you is that you may be able to wear good clothes, every day during 1915, and that you will make good use of my new pressing machine. My 1915 tailoring will be in keeping with modern progress. Your clothes will last longer if you give them the proper attention. My services for that purpose are at your disposal. Accept thanks for liberal patronage given me.

C. C. GILLIAM.

**BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.**

We have put forth our best efforts to help make your pathway brighter, and we trust that our lights will continue to shine for you during the year 1915. We join with the other progressive business men of Ballinger in their chorus of New Year's greetings and assure you that our wish for your happiness is sincere. We thank you for your patronage up to this good hour and if we can serve you in the coming year it will afford us pleasure to do so.

BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.

**MILLER MERCANTILE CO.**

It is our wish that the New Year may bring to you everything necessary to make life pleasant and profitable. To the thousands of people who have supplied themselves at our store during 1914 we wish to say we appreciate your business. We have tried to give you value received from a stock of groceries that is excelled by none for quality. We have the oldest established grocery business in Ballinger, and it will be our purpose to add many new customers during 1915 and we hope to retain all of those who have traded with us during the past years. We will show our gratitude by giving you good service, good groceries and fair prices.

MILLER MERCANTILE CO.

**O'KELLY & WALTON.**

We join with others in extending the season's greetings to all, and we take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to our business with their trade. We wish for you a busy, prosperous and happy year. Our line during the year 1915 will be hardware, harness, vehicles, gas engines, horses, mules, cattle and hogs. We have fifty head of Registered Durock Jersey hogs for sale now. Come and see them.

O'KELLY & WALTON.

**W. B. WOOD & SON.**

In extending you this New Year's Greeting we wish for you and yours that the year will bring to you just that degree of prosperity that will be the best for you. We thank you for every penny spent at our store; every bit of business given us has been appreciated, and we hope we have given you satisfaction. We have tried to give you value received. We will be found on the job ready to serve you during 1915 with the very best that our line will stand for, and will always treat you right.

W. B. WOOD & SON.

**THE SCHAWE GROCERY**

Wishes its many friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We feel good at the close of 1914 with the splendid business given us since opening our store in Ballinger. We thank all those who have made our store their trading place, and will strive throughout the year to come, to serve every one who comes to our store for their groceries with the best in our line. Our cash system of selling and buying helps us to keep the price down, and we can save cash buyers dollars on their groceries in the course of the year. We are after the man who pays the cash and will like to show you the saving.

SCHAWE GROCERY CO.

**OSTERTAG FURNITURE CO.**

Our first year in business in Ballinger has been very satisfactory, despite the adverse conditions under which the people have lived and labored. We feel grateful to those who have bought furniture from us. We know that every home where our goods have gone will not be ashamed of their purchases, for we handle high grade furniture. If you want furniture, remember that the best is the cheapest. We sell the best as cheap as it can be sold, and we solicit your furniture business during 1915. Wishing for you a Happy New Year.

OSTERTAG FURNITURE CO.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Once again in the flight of time we are ushered into a New Year. It is with the sincere spirit of gratitude that we express to our friends and customers wishes for a year filled with everything of the good, and as little of the bad as possible. We look forward with greater faith for the prosperity of Central West Texas, and we are proud to have the opportunity of contributing to its development in every way consistent with sound banking. Make our bank your 1915 financial headquarters.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

**MISSOURI MILLING CO.**

The Missouri Milling Co., joins with the business men of Ballinger in extending to its patrons and friends the best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. During the year 1915 we hope to be found grinding away at the mill, striving to give to our customers the very best mill products possible. We will be prepared to supply pure grain seed for planting, and will have fresh flour and meal to exchange for your grain.

MISSOURI MILLING CO.

**JOHN PECHECKE, BLACKSMITH.**

It has been my pleasure to meet many farmers of this county during the year now passing out, and to all those who have intrusted to my care their blacksmith work, I wish to extend thanks, and best wishes. May your New Year be all that happiness and prosperity can make it. I will be on the job again in 1915 and ready to give you the best work in my line.

JOHN PECHECKE.

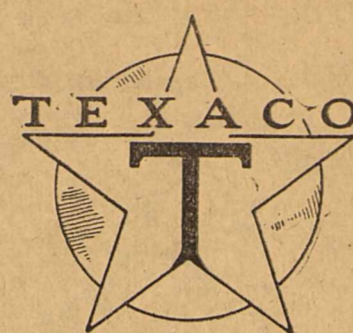
**LAXON'S RESTAURANT**

It depends a good deal on what a man eats whether he gets the most out of life or not. We can help you make 1915 enjoyable just to the extent of what good eating will do for you when you are hungry. Our business is to feed the hungry people. If you eat with us once you'll come again, and in this way we will both be happy and prosperous during 1915. That's my wish. I thank you.

PETE LAXON, Prop.

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In 95 countries this mark is the emblem of service. In 95 countries it is registered as the mark by which the products of The Texas Company are known and recognized.

It is the mark of high quality oil, put up in superior packages and shipped with prompt and efficient service to ports in all quarters of the globe.

Based upon the five-pointed star of Texas, it stands alone in the oil business for its reputation. Built upon sound business principles and carried out with good business policy, it is bringing the buyers of oil from these countries to the State of Texas for the fulfillment of their requirements.

Millions upon millions of dollars have thus found their way from abroad in all lands to the building of Texas factories, the support of Texas industries and the payment of thousands of Texas workers.

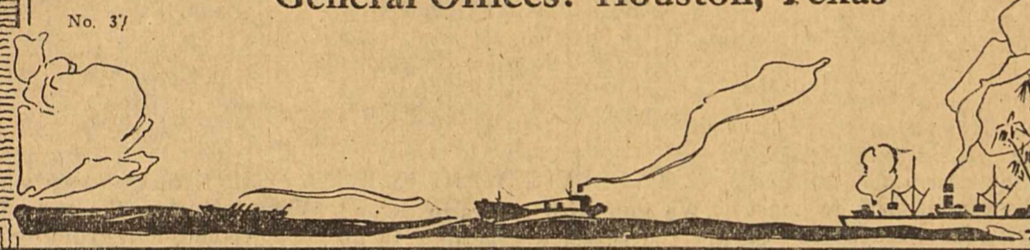
Many thousand people depend directly upon the oil business of The Texas Company for their prosperity. Indirectly the prosperity of additional thousands of employes in scores of other industries is affected by the same condition.

All this rapid growth and success has been brought to Texas by the quality and service policy of The Texas Company. The same quality and service are at your disposal in your town.

There is a distributing station of The Texas Company near you. Our Agent will serve you.

**The Texas Company**  
General Offices: Houston, Texas

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## ANGELO PEOPLE GET \$7.70 CHECKS

Some of the series of bad checks that were passed in Ballinger Tuesday were also left with the merchants at San Angelo as Christmas souvenirs. This was the statement made by Sheriff Perkins when he returned from San Angelo Thursday morning, where he had been with the hopes of getting a clue to work on in trailing the check swindler who worked his game so smoothly in Ballinger Tuesday.

The checks passed in San Angelo were exactly like the ones passed in Ballinger, except the San Angelo checks were drawn on the Angelo banks and the Tom Green county attorney's name forged to them. Every check was for \$7.70 and made payable to "Elmer Allen" and endorsed by "E. Allen." It is not known how many checks were cashed at San Angelo.

Check No. 7 turned up at Ballinger late yesterday, and was for the \$7.70 and given in exchange for merchandise and cashed at the J. H. Wilke store. The check was cashed about dark Tuesday evening.

It is very probable that other \$7.70 checks will come to light, both here and at San Angelo.

The young man who passed these checks has proven himself an artist at the game. In most cases where he traded he was a hard customer to deal with, and the clerk that waited on him had to push the sale, Allen generally finding fault with the goods being shown him, was hard to please and "jewed" down on the price. His purchases in every deal was about two dollars, and every transaction netted him five dollars in cash and the merchandise purchased.

The officers are without a clue, and there is little hopes of the swindler being arrested.

### FEEL LIKE GIVING UP. Many Ballinger People On the Verge of Collapse.

A bad back makes you miserable all the time—Lame every morning; sore all day.

It hurts to stoop—it hurts to straighten. What with headache, dizzy, spells, urinary weakness. No wonder people are discouraged.

Who do not know the kidneys may be the cause of it all. Give the weakened kidneys needful help.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy. None endorsed like Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. R. F. Smith, Ballinger, says: "Two attacks of fever left my kidneys very weak. I had such intense backaches that I could hardly get about and at times the kidney secretions were scanty, then again profuse. After using Doan's Kidney Pills a few days, the backache left and I was able to rest much better."

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

### OPEN BANK FOR NEEDY POOR

New York, Dec. 28.—To rescue unfortunate victims from loan sharks is the chief aim of a bank for the poor which began operations in this city today under the name of the Industrial Finance Corporation. The concern is backed by a group of wealthy and influential men who propose to establish a number of similar institutions in other large cities. The plan is to lend small sums of money without security and at low interest to any honest wage-earner who can prove the money is for a worthy purpose.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy**  
This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

### A TRUE BOWEL CLEANSER

A remedy that purifies the bowels mildly yet thoroughly, strengthens the bowel channels and promotes regularity.

### PRICKLY ASH BITTERS



Is an effective system regulator and bowel tonic. Persons of a constipated habit find it to be just what they need to re-establish regular bowel movements and to correct the evil effects of the disorder in the skin and blood. It drives out the impurities that have accumulated in the system. Removes sallowness, bad breath, pimples, skin eruptions, and restores the ruddy hue of health to the complexion.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle.

### MAN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

Sheriff Perkins had in charge a few hours Saturday morning a man suiting the description of the man wanted for passing bogus checks on Ballinger merchants. Mr. Perkins noticed the man on the streets and shortly after the arrival of the morning train from San Angelo, and approaching him the stranger was engaged in conversation and later Mr. Perkins carried him before the parties who cashed the bad checks.

While he suited the description of the man who passed the bogus checks, those who cashed the checks could not identify him beyond a doubt, and after some time the man was released. The stranger stated that his home was in Oklahoma, and he had been visiting a relative up near Abilene previous to passing through Ballinger en route to San Angelo, and he claimed that he was at Abilene on the day the checks were cashed in Ballinger, and was substantiated in this by a phone message to a relative at Abilene.

While the handwriting of the stranger when compared with that used in making out the bogus checks, was a strong evidence against the man, and while his story was indefinite, and suspicion against the man was strong he could not be held without the identification of the men with whom he did business on the bogus checks, and he was released.

### Children's Coughs—Children's Colds Both are Serious.

When one of your little ones shows symptoms of an approaching Cold, give it Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey at once. It acts quickly, and prevents the Cold growing worse. Very healing—soothes the Lungs, loosens the mucous, strengthens the system. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your Druggist. Buy a bottle today.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for sores.

Miss Ophia Caperton was operated upon at the sanitarium last Friday morning and we are glad to learn she is doing very well at present.

### BOGUS CHECK MAN WORKS OTHER TOWNS

That there is a band of check swindlers operating in Texas, and that they are organized for the purpose of passing bogus checks, is the opinion of the Ballinger officers.

While San Angelo and Ballinger merchants were taking in bad checks on Monday and Tuesday of last week merchants at Vernon, Henrietta and Wichita Falls, were also being fleeced to the tune of \$7.70 per check, part cash and balance in merchandise.

The fact that in every instance, at Ballinger and in all other towns, the checks were for the same amount—\$7.70 and in each county where the checks were passed some county official's name was used, leads the local officers to believe that a gang of swindlers are operating. The checks were cashed in Wichita Falls on the same day that the bad checks turned up in Ballinger, and it would have been impossible for one man to be in both towns on the same day, unless he was traveling in airships.

A man is being held at Wichita Falls on suspicion, with pretty strong evidence against him, and the officers feel that the bold work of the swindlers will make it hard for them to escape.

Bagged wounds are painful and cause many annoyance. It not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

S. H. McPherson received notice Saturday that his fine Brown Leghorn chickens had been awarded a prize at the big Poultry Show at Amarillo last week. He had a coop of his thoroughbreds in the show.

Louie Strube of the Olfin country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

### And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-69

### COTTON POOL READY TO ADVANCE \$25 PER BALE

All plans have been perfected and those who comply with the requirements can now obtain \$25 per bale on cotton from the \$135,000,000 cotton pool fund.

Committeemen to assist in handling the loans have been appointed in 122 counties and the loans to Texas farmers will be made thru these committeemen. For Runnels county R. T. Williams, R. G. Erwin, E. D. Walker and C. S. Miller will handle the loans.

H. D. Lindsley of Dallas, chairman of the Texas cotton loan committee, says the fund will also supply an additional capital of \$3 for each \$1 contributed by Texas farmers.

Any holder of cotton desiring to borrow on it will have to make application to the committee in his county or to the committee in the county nearest the cotton. The amount loaned is \$25 per bale at 6 cents a pound. Loans will not be made on less than twenty bales, but those who have not that much will be permitted to club with others. The cotton on which a loan is asked must be in a fire-proof warehouse and properly insured.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Paul Michaelis and C. G. Seibel, of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

### VISITORS ARRIVING AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 28.—All roads lead to San Diego, and from reports received by the officials of the Panama-California Exposition, the dedication on Friday will be honored by an array of notable men such as seldom gathers in any one city. First, of course, will be Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoo, now speeding across the continent to attend the dedication as the personal representative of President Wilson. Governors, with their gayly caparisoned staffs, are coming from Oregon, Utah, Nevada and other of the Western States. Everything will be in readiness when the lights of the exposition are turned on for the first time Thursday night. Hundreds of visitors are already in the city and every train is bringing more.

### Excellent for Stomach Trouble.

Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers.

L. M. Bales, of the Hatchel country, had business in Ballinger Monday between trains.

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

Ralph McShann of the Pony Creek country, and J. S. Flanagan, of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

### NINE MILLION VOTES CAST IN THE PONY CONTEST

A dozen men, or more, were busy a good part of Christmas day and the day following, counting the votes in the pony contest, and it was late Saturday afternoon before the name of the winner could be announced.

Over nine million votes were cast in the contest. To be exact there were 9,183,255 votes counted for those who remained in the race to the finish, and several of the contestants dropped out after the contest had been under good headway for several weeks, and these votes were cast aside and not counted.

Burton Reese, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Audice Reese, was the lucky child, winning the pony outfit by a plurality vote of 236,305 over his nearest opponent.

Mr. Reese, the father of the winning child, is an employee of the postoffice, and it was through his efforts and the efforts of his friends that run the child's vote up so high.

Those giving away the prize conducted the contest in a fair and impartial way, and as far as we have been able to learn the contestants all conducted their campaign fair.

Following are the names of all candidates receiving over twenty thousand votes. The name of quite a number of children were found in the box with votes ranging from twenty thousand down to few in number:

- Burton Reese . . . . .1,816,355
- Elrey McWilliams . . . . .1,625,050
- Nellie Osteen . . . . .1,210,700
- Morris Nicholson . . . . .1,037,305
- Billie Nash . . . . .652,640
- Eleanor Kirk . . . . .588,835
- Linton Clark . . . . .440,340
- Leslie Burrell . . . . .488,510
- Winnie Mobley . . . . .436,620
- Emma D. Armstrong . . . . .144,445
- G. B. Oetkin . . . . .148,225
- Colis Doose . . . . .141,365
- Buster Tally . . . . .127,705
- Henry Hughes . . . . .98,545
- Hazel Robinson . . . . .74,260
- Alma Koening . . . . .70,155
- Colis Doose . . . . .68,425
- Frank Richards . . . . .15,390
- V. Walker . . . . .21,210

**Dr. Fred Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil for Man and Beast.**

It is an external remedy for wire cuts, wounds of any nature, eczema and all skin troubles. You can get it at the undesignated drug stores, use it and if not satisfied, bring the empty bottle back and get your money. If it pleases you, tell your friends.

**Walker Drug Co., Ballinger Tex.; Owens Drug Store, Winters, Tex.; City Drug Store, Miles, Tex.; Palace Drug Store, Rowena, Tex.; Middleton Drug Store, Bradshaw, R. L. Sides, Hatchel, Texas; J. D. Miller, Norton, Texas; Rainwater Bros., Crews,**

**PE-RU-NA**  
The Traveler's Companion

Mr. Arthur L. Pierce, 2618 Sheridan Ave., St. Louis, Mo. "The curative value of Peruna is truly wonderful. I think it especially valuable as a specific for catarrh of the system, and for a man who has traveled for years as I have and who is certainly exposed to irregular meals and uncomfortable sleeping accommodations, Peruna is one of his best and most needed traveling companions. It throws off disease and keeps him well. I therefore heartily recommend it." Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.



**DOLL CONTEST CLOSES.**

The \$25 doll given away by the Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co. store, was awarded to the little daughter of D. W. Turner of the Norton country, the young lady receiving about 30,000 votes. There were quite a number of other little girls in the contest, but no one came within several thousand votes of the winner.

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

O. W. JOLLY, Mgr.

wtf.

Charlie Nunn of Valentine, Texas, who was spending the holidays with his father, W. R. Nunn and family, dropped in and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

**HORSE AND SADDLE  
CHARGE UP TO THIEF**

A valuable saddle horse and a good saddle mysteriously disappeared from Ballinger on Christmas Eve. The missing property is that of Feb McWilliams.

Mr. McWilliams rode his horse down town and left him standing under a shed at the Cameron Lumber Co. lumber yard. When he returned to get his horse just before night the horse was missing, and up to late Saturday afternoon no trace of him had been found.

Mr. McWilliams at first thought his horse had walked off and had either gone home or was around town. A search was made and continued throughout the following day.

It looks very much like the work of another horse thief, and every effort is being made by the officers to locate the horse, and apprehend the thief.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

Louis Tigner, with Jas. E. Brewer, received a message from Lovelady, Wednesday stating that his mother died Wednesday night. Mr. Tigner left Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral.

**WILL SHIP HOGS  
ON JANUARY 10th**

J. H. Taylor, secretary of the Runnels County Hog Growers Association, informs us that the association will ship the first car of hogs on Jan. 10th. They can put a few more hogs in this car, and those desiring to ship should notify him at once.

The association will also have another car ready to go out on February 1st, and there is only room for a few more hogs in the second car, and if you want to ship on February first, you should notify Mr. Taylor, so there will not be more hogs brought in than will go in the car.

**Notice of Stockholders Meeting.**

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

CHAS. S. MILLER,  
President.

**MANY DISORDERS COME  
FROM THE LIVER**

Are You Just at Odds with Yourself? Do You Regulate Living?

Are you sometimes at odds with yourself and with the world? Do you wonder what ails you? True you may be eating regularly and sleeping well. Yet something is the matter! Constipation, headache, nervousness and bilious spells indicate a sluggish liver. The tried remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Only 25c at your Druggists. Bucklin's Arnica Salve for skin eruptions.

**GOOD THINGS TO EAT  
FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT**

The employees of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., were made to feel that life was worth while when a messenger arrived at the store on Christmas Eve with a box laden with good things to eat.

The box was addressed to R. T. Williams, manager of the big store, and enclosed in the box was a card with the name of the kind and thoughtful friend, Mrs. Jno. W. Clappitt, presenting the box to Mr. Williams and his employees.

Knowing that the busy clerks would be rushed on Christmas Eve, and that they would not have time to go to their lunch, Mrs. Clappitt planned the pleasant surprise, and the box of Christmas "goodies" was delivered at two o'clock.

It was a great feast for the score or more of faithful employees of this store when they gathered around the box of Christmas dinner, and it would require a whole newspaper to report the expressions of kindness spoken for Mrs. Clappitt.

**His Stomach Troubles Over**

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Parker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says: "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

**BUYS INTEREST IN  
CITY BARBER SHOP**

Ballinger gains a new family with the coming of R. E. Lane with his family from McGregor. Mr. Lane arrived last week, and is now located in the First Presbyterian Manse.

Mr. Lane has closed a deal with H. O. Rhodes for one-half interest in the City Barber Shop, and will become an active member of the shop. He also has with him his son who will hold down a chair in the shop. The young man has been here for some time and has been with the City Barber Shop through the rush.

We welcome Mr. Land and his family to Ballinger.

Joe Ostertag, who spent Christmas at home, left Monday at noon for Rowena.

**CLOSING SESSION  
OF THE INSTITUTE**

After the morning exercises, Mr. Whitley of the State Department of Education spoke more than an hour on various educational problems which are before the people. Mr. Whitley vigorously attacked the present method of electing the county superintendent. He believes that the county superintendent should be elected by a board as the city superintendent is at present. "Four years from now," said the speaker, "a school man will not permit his name to go before the people on account of the political machinery connected therewith. Speaking further he advocated the consolidation of rural schools and the establishment of rural high schools. He showed the superiority of this system as compared with the present method.

Following the State Department's representative, came Dr. Musselman, who heartily indorsed all the former speaker had advocated.

Then came the report of the committee on Educational Rallies of which John J. Bugg was chairman. The committee submitted a plan to cause a general educational awakening in the county. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted. Next came the report of the committee on Rural High Schools of which H. G. Secret was chairman. The plan was submitted and adopted to begin the establishment of Rural High Schools in the county. Next came the report on resolutions, Mr. Chas. Plachy was chairman. The resolutions as passed by the institute will be published in detail.

At 12:30 o'clock the teachers adjourned to depart for their respective places of abode, each feeling that he had attended one of the most successful institutes in the history of Runnels county.

**Notice of Stockholders Meeting.**

Meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at its banking house in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915 at 2 p. m.

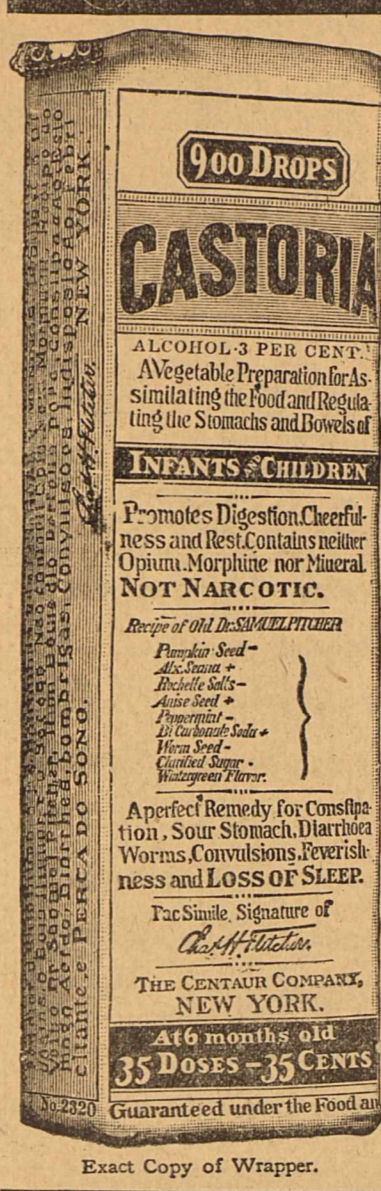
Respectively,  
J. F. CURRIE,  
Vice-President.

**NEW TIN SHOP NOW  
DOING BUSINESS.**

Under the management of Cecil Glenn, an expert tinner, Carlos Dunn and Mr. Glenn have opened an up-to-date tinning establishment in the old Wooden building on Central Avenue between Eight and Ninth Streets. The concern is now doing business. Both the young men are Ballinger boys and are well known in this vicinity. Mr. Glenn is an expert tinner, being thoroughly familiar with his business. Mr. Dunn for the time being will not work in the house, the entire establishment being under the charge of his partner.

**How To Give Quinine To Children.**

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



**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

In Use For Over Thirty Years **CASTORIA**

**RIDES HORSE TO DEATH.**

Sunday night some miserable beast in human form, rode one of T. W. Murray's best horses to death. The horse was taken from the lot on the farm south of town and Mr. Dorsett who lives on the farm thinks that it was about one o'clock as he heard the horse neigh about that time. Then again at five o'clock they were awakened by the neighing and groaning of the horse. Mr. Dorsett went out to the lot and found the horse wet with sweat and beaten up. After intense suffering the horse died about sunrise. We hope that the guilty ones will be brought to justice and the most severe punishment meted out to them.—Winters Enterprise.

**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 cockerels at \$1.00 to \$1.50. Come at once if you want fine stock, none better. H. A. CADY. 17-2td 2w

C. H. Whitaker, the Bronte cotton buyer, was exhibiting in Miles last Thursday an open boll of cotton, well matured, that was marked when it bloomed on the 27th day of September 1914. It may be an exception to the general rule but shows how late a cotton bloom may mature in our section with favorable conditions.

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

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

**BOX SUPPER SUCCESSFUL.**

As a result of a box supper given at the South Ballinger ward school Wednesday afternoon, fifteen dollars and ten cents was realized from the sales. The money will be expended by Mr. T. D. Mullins who has charge of the school, in the purchase of material for the small children attending the classes. Mr. Mullins today expressed his sincere thanks for the manner in which the public generally of the ward responded to the call for attendance at the social function.

**TRESSPASS NOTICE**

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

**DEMAND FOR FEED  
AND SEED**

Secretary Boler of the Young Men's Business League receives almost daily inquiries from different parts of the State in regard to supply and prices of different farm products. If farmers having milo maize, feterita, seed wheat, soudan grass seed or other farm products will quote prices to Mr. Boler he will endeavor to find a profitable market—there is no fees, no commission charged for this service.

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. 2c.

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

**A. K. Doss** **J. H. Baugh**  
**DOSS & BAUGH**  
Lawyers.  
Office over Ballinger Loan Co. Ballinger, Texas.

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

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

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

**FIRE INSURANCE  
THE BEST COMPANIES**  
Prompt Service  
Your Business Solicited.  
Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office.  
'Phone 215.

**M. KLEBERG JR.**  
Attorney-at-Law.  
Office at Courthouse.

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

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

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

**War or No War**  
We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.  
No informal red tape proceedings. When you get your loans through us, we handle them right off the reel.  
For further particulars call on, phone or write  
**C. A. Dooce & Co.**  
Ballinger, Texas.

## The First National Bank of Ballinger

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

CAPITAL \$200,000.00

1886

Ballinger, Texas.

1915

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

Another year is about to pass and, looking back at what we have accomplished, it behooves us to express our appreciation to those whose courtesies and patronage aided us in our progress.

We desire to give to each and everyone of you a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat serviceable 1915 CALENDAR for your home. And until our supply is exhausted they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not.

The plan under which we distributed our Calendars last year was very satisfactory and so many of our friends and customers expressed their appreciation that we have concluded to distribute our 1915 CALENDARS in the same manner. We will ask that each and everyone receiving a calendar sign their name in a register which will be arranged for this purpose. Children must have a written order from parent or guardian. Calendar cannot be mailed.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1915 will be our CALENDAR DAY and we will continue to distribute them until the supply is exhausted.

We appreciate in the highest degree the generous and loyal friends and customers who, we are certain, have found the Strength, the Security and the Service of this Bank fully equal to every expectation and requirement. We feel a deep interest in this community and desire in all ways open to us, to promote its welfare and we want you to feel that this interest is lasting the year round and making for pleasant business relations at all times.

It is the sincere desire of our Officers and Directors that your New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one.

Yours very truly,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

### SAN ANGELO PIONEER LIQUOR DEALER DEAD

Tom McCloskey, proprietor of the Arc Light Saloon at San Angelo, one of the best known saloons in Western Texas, died in a sanitarium at Monrovia, California, the day after Christmas.

Mr. McCloskey has lived in San Angelo for many years, and is well known throughout Western Texas and Central Texas. He moved to San Angelo from Dallas in the early days, and purchased what was known at that time the Corner Saloon. He changed the name of the saloon to the Arc Light, and sticking close to his business he built up one of the most prosperous whole sale and retail liquor houses to be found anywhere.

Deceased contracted a severe cold more than a year ago, and the trouble developed into tuberculosis of the throat and he lost his good health, and was in California at the time of his death with the hopes of finding something that would prolong his life.

Mr. McCloskey was popular in San Angelo on account of his liberality in charity work and his willingness in boosting everything for the commercial betterment of the city in which he lived. While on his sick bed in California he recently wrote to the charity board at San Angelo authorizing them to buy a bale of cotton on the buy-a-bale plan and appropriate the proceeds of same to the charity fund.

The remains are en route to San Angelo, and will be buried at that place sometime this week.

#### 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 un-

### MRS. J. W. NORMAN DIED WEDNESDAY

A telephone message from Paint Rock at noon Wednesday brought the sad news of the death of Mrs. J. W. Norman. Death occurred at Paint Rock 11:30 Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Norman had been in poor health for some time. She underwent an operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium several months ago, and it was thought before the operation was performed that her life could not be saved, but she recovered sufficiently to return to her home, and her life was prolonged.

Mrs. J. B. Wade, who recently moved from Ballinger to Fort Worth, is a daughter of Mrs. Norman. Mrs. Voss, of Miles; Mrs. Waide, of Paint Rock, John Norman of Dallas; Curtis Norman of Paint Rock, and two or three other children, together with the father and husband survive to suffer the loss of a good wife and mother.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral and the remains will be interred in the Paint Rock cemetery Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The many friends of the family in Ballinger and throughout this section of the country, will be grieved to learn of the death of one of Paint Rock's most prominent and pioneer ladies.

#### Try This For Neuralgia.

Thousands of people keep on suffering with Neuralgia because they do not know what to do for it. Neuralgia is a pain in the nerves. What you want to do is to soothe the nerve itself. Apply Sloan's Liniment to the surface over the painful part—do not rub it in. Sloan's Liniment penetrates very quickly to the sore, irritated nerve and allays the inflammation. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.

lawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage two thousand dollars.

(2nd.) Plaintiff further says 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 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 whom 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 the 21st day of December A. D. 1914.

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

A true Copy of the original. J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas Dec. 25-8tw.

#### \$30 CASH FOR LAND.

W. W. Poe was in from his farm in the northwest part of the county Monday. Mr. Poe was here to close up a land deal in which he bought 136 acres of land 15 miles northwest of Ballinger from W. R. Hamner for a consideration of \$30 per acre cash. Mr. Poe is one of the successful farmers of this county and he is not afraid to invest his surplus cash in Runnel County land.

#### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

#### TWO SETS OF CHILDREN CLAIM INSURANCE MONEY

Mrs. Cicero Smith, widow of the wealthy Fort Worth lumberman who died here several months ago filed suit in the district court Saturday against the Security Mutual Life Insurance Company to collect upon a policy for \$5,000 on her husband's life.

Mrs. Smith claims that the proceeds of the policy should be paid to her and her children, while the company contends that under the terms of the policy the children by a former marriage would also be entitled to share in it and the

matter has been taken into court to obtain an adjudication of that question.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

#### They Often Result Seriously

Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough are children's ailments which need immediate attention. The after-effects are often most serious. Don't take the risk—you don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery checks the Cold, soothes the Cough, allays the inflammation, kills the germs and allows nature to do her healing work. 50c at your Druggist. Buy a bottle today.

#### JONES WEBB BUYS 1000 STEERS.

Jones Webb, one of the pioneer stockmen of the Maverick country, purchased 1000 steers from Jim Dougherty, of Culberson County, for \$32.50 per head. The steers were placed on grass near Fort Stockton. This deal was made several days ago, but did not reach the reporter until this week.

#### Cough Medicine for Children.

Never give a child a cough medicine that contains opium in any form. When opium is given other and more serious diseases may follow. Long experience has demonstrated that there is no better or safer medicine for coughs, colds, and croup in children than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

POSITION WANTED by experienced irrigation man. Have had 20 years experience on irrigated farms. A. F. SCOTT, R. 2, Ballinger, Texas. ltdwpd

#### Sudan Seed

Proclaimed by A. & M. College and some of the seed houses as among the very best in the state.

Nearly 100 percent cream-hulled.

Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed.

Many planters and seed houses are advertising this seed at \$1.00 per pound.

I have what you want, at home, at from 50c to 35c per pound.

Every farmer should plant Sudan for pasturage and hay.

But—Be sure it is pure.

W. W. FOWLER, M. D.

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We Wish You a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

# 1915



## The Walker Drug Co.

JANUARY 1ST, 1915.

"The one great truth to which we all need to come, is, that a successful life, lies not in doing this, or going there, or possessing something else; it lies in the quality of our daily life. It is just as surely success to be just and courteous to servants or companions or the chance comer, as it is to make a noted speech before an audience, or write a book, or make a million dollars.

It is an achievement on the spiritual side of things; it is the extension of one life here into the spiritual world, that is, alone, of value.

This extension is achieved, this growth toward higher things is attained by, our habitual attitude of mind.

It develops by truth and love and goodness; it is stunted by every envious thought, every unjust or unkind act."

WHITING—"The World Beautiful"