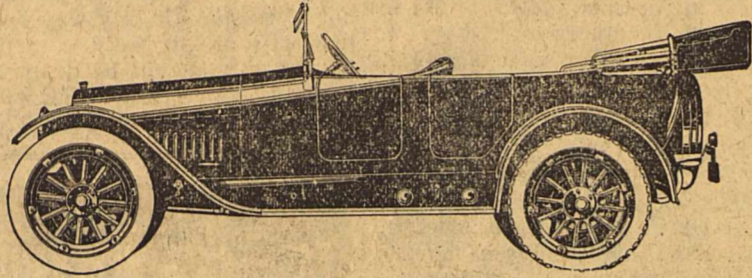


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SELLS ELEVEN FORDS.

S. H. Miller of Taipa, was in Ballinger Tuesday to take out a new five-passenger Ford auto. H. B. Holfmann of the Olfin country and J. A. Denton of the Norton country also were here and each bought a Ford. Mr. Hazwell also sold and delivered eight cars

Monday, making eleven sold and delivered in two days, and several more being put up for customers waiting for them. He has received three car loads of autos in the past three days and all sold.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDonald left Wednesday for Irion county to visit relatives a few days.



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Of Ballinger, Texas

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We feel that the Christmas Season should not pass without an expression of our gratification over the cordial relations existing between this bank and its many friends and customers.

May December 25th, be numbered among your YULETIDE memories as the Happiest Christmas of them all—is the wish of

The First National Bank
of Ballinger, Texas



OUR BEST WISHES

are extended to all at this happy season of the year. We also extend to every one of the facilities and convenience of a banking connection with this institution. There are many ways in which our Bank, through its officers and employees, may be of material benefit to you, and this service is at all times cheerfully and courteously rendered.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Ballinger, Texas

ORDERS HIS MENTO SHOOT MEXICANS

EL PASO, Dec. 22.—Gen. Pershing, in charge United States troops, today issued orders for border guards to reply to Mexican shots with shells if the Mexicans repeat firing into the City of El Paso. Rioters on the Mexican side of the river fired into El Paso late yesterday and killed one American, a freight brakeman who was about his duties when the bullet pierced his body causing instant death.

It is reported that Villa is approaching Juarez with a thousand followers who are robbing and looting as they come.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.—One American is dead, fatalities variously estimated from two ten occurred on the Mexican side of the boundary and heavily armed forces of American and Mexican troops last night patrolled the border as the result of rioting in Juarez yesterday. One shot from south of the border, believed by the United States military authorities to have been fired on American troops, killed George A. Diepert of El Paso, a brakeman, while he was standing on the top of an El Paso and Southwestern railroad freight car. Shortly afterward two Mexicans were shot at the Mexican end of the Santa Fe bridge by Mexican customs guards.

A LA HORSE STEAK SOLD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The health department of this city announced that the sale of horse flesh for food would be permitted, beginning on the first of the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Osear B. Voelkel came in from Rowena Wednesday and were the guests of his uncle A. J. Voelkel, while en route to their old home at Shelby, Austin county.

CHILDREN LOSE XMAS SAVINGS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—The State Banking Department today closed the Pittsburg Savings Bank. The bank was closed on account of a big depreciation in the bank's securities.

The bank had ten million dollars deposits, and the deposits included the penny savings of thousands of school children, which had been saved up for Christmas. About one-half of the deposits will be paid.

PROGRAM FOR UNION CHRISTMAS SERVICES

At 7:15 Sunday night the people from the various churches in Ballinger will assemble to observe a Christmas praise service. A free-will offering for local charity will be taken at this time.

At present the Union Charity Committee has absolutely no funds for accomplishing the relief work so sorely needed by the deserving poor families of our town. Next Sunday night let us make a very generous offering, so that the recently organized charity committee may start the New Year on a solid financial basis with a well-filled treasury.

The different choirs in town are expected to assist with the music. For this purpose they are urged to practice before hand the hymns mentioned below and to bring their hymn-books with them to the Methodist church next Sunday night.

The following order of worship has been arranged:

Opening Hymn, "Joy to the World."

Invocation—Rev. E. R. Stanford.

Hymn—"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

Scripture Reading—Rev. R. R. Rives.

Prayer—Rev. J. F. Montgomery

Announcements.

Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Sermon—Rev. Charles Ghiselin, Jr.

Offering.

Hymn—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Benediction—Rev. R. R. Rives.

BELIEVED FAMILY WAS MURDERED

YORKTOWN, Tex., Dec. 21.—Authorities here now believe that John Moye, wife and four children, whose bodies were discovered burned in the ruins of their home yesterday, were murdered before cremation.

It was found today that the skull of Moye had been crushed.

Rev. R. R. Rives left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna to look after church matters.

SPAIN TO ENTER WITH TEUTONS?

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Spain arranged today here to purchase several million rounds of ammunition in the United States, and has established the credit of the Spanish government for thirty million dollars. The additional credit fund will be used toward the purchase of more munitions of war.

It is believed by military observers here that Spain may be preparing to enter the war on the side of the German-Austrian allies, and will retake Gibraltar. Belief is also expressed that Portugal will be annexed by Spain.

Kenzie Routh of Garden City, came in Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

H. R. Witt and two sons, of Valley creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday and he took advantage of the Ledger's big clubbing offer and laid in a year's supply of reading matter.

ARMLESS JUDGE TO WORK FOR CRIPPLES

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 22.—Quentin D. Corley, county judge, left for Washington today to repair some of the havoc wrought among the human elements on European battlefields.

Corley has an elaborate plan for the establishment of postbellum training schools where crippled soldiers will be trained to be self-sustaining. By invitation, he will present his plan to the embassies of five warring nations—Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria and Belgium.

Corley is one of the two armless magistrates in the United States. With the aid of an apparatus he designed himself, he is able to drive his automobile, write, work in his garden, or do any of the everyday things a normal man can do.

Establishment of such schools as he plans, Corley believes, will result in a great economic and financial saving to the countries concerned after the war. The greater number of men left without arms and hands, he says, will be government charges. Experience in the operation of the county farm here has placed such an expense at from \$100 to \$150 a year. Ninety-five per cent of these cripples, Corley believes, could be made self-sustaining with proper equipment and instruction.

It is possible Corley may go to Europe to take personal charge of this work.

TO BOOST BALLINGER AS THEY TRAVEL

S. V. Brandon and J. T. Brandon, two brothers who are farming near Ballinger, left our city Tuesday afternoon bound for Yadkin county, N. C., on the other side of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where they will visit their father. They will pass through seven tunnels in the range before reaching their destination.

Before leaving, one of them called at the business league rooms and borrowed a supply of photos of scenes in Ballinger and surrounding country and also took with them a quantity of folders and extra copies of the Ledger's Prosperity Edition advertising the town, saying, as he did so, that he was going to make it a point to advertise Ballinger at every opportunity while on his long trip east. In that he showed a very commendable spirit, and one which, if possessed by every citizen of the town, would speedily make Ballinger known all over the Southwest.

C. W. Johnson and wife, and son, Ronold, went to Rankin on the westbound Santa Fe Wednesday to visit relatives and look after land business.

HENRY FORD PLANNING TO COME HOME

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 22.—It is reported here that Henry Ford realizes that his peace mission to Europe is hopeless and conspicuously impossible. Mr. Ford is planning to end trip and return to America at an early date.

Mr. Ford who was reported ill yesterday, is recovering, but another member of the party, Lloyd Bingham, died of pneumonia while the ship was anchored at this place. The party will leave tomorrow for Stockholm.

SALONIKA, Dec. 20.—Bulgarian troops injured Americans and offered an insult to Americans at Monastir today. American Red Cross stores were seized by the Bulgarian troops and an American flag floating over the stores was hauled down. Mrs. Walter Farwell, an American newspaper woman and Dr. Harry Forbes, head of the Red Cross work, were taken in custody and roughly handled.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The war office announce that all British troops on Suvla Bay and in the Anseae regions of the Dardanelles numbering one hundred thousand, have been withdrawn.

It is believed that the troops have been withdrawn for service either in Salonika or Egypt.

NEGRO LYNCHED ON COLORADO RIVER

News received here from Brady states that a negro was lynched in McCulloch county at a ranch house on the Colorado river Monday night.

According to reports reaching here the negro entered the home of Charlie Hill at Waldrop while the Hill family were asleep last week. Mr. Hill was attacked by the noise in the house and in protecting his home from the negro, the negro shot him. Mr. Hill recognized the negro as Otis Hayward and before losing consciousness was able to talk to friends and tell them who the negro was.

A posse was formed and the negro captured at a ranch house on the Colorado river and while resisting arrest was killed, as above stated.

Arno Schawe motored over from Brownwood Tuesday and will spend Christmas with home folks and friends.

Statement of Condition

...The...

Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1915

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$154,826.61	Capital - - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 65,522.74	Surplus - - - - - 10,000.00
Overdrafts - - - - - NONE	Undivided Profit net 6,126.65
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Borrowed Money - - - - - NONE
Other Real Estate - 6,896.84	DEPOSITS - - - - - 368,826.92
Interest and Assment in Guaranty Fund - - - - - 2,217.21	
CASH - - - - - 180,488.57	
\$429,951.97	\$429,951.97

The above statement is correct.

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Lard Cans a gallon	5c	New Perfection Oil Heaters	\$3.95
10 quart White Enamel Pails, each	50c	7 bars Crystal Soap for Syrup Pitchers 20c and Seeded Raisens a box	25c 25c 10c
10 pound Pail Compound Lard	\$1.15		
10 pound Swift's Premium Lard	\$1.45		
25 pounds Broken Rice	\$1.00		

See us for you Xmas nuts, fruits, candies, etc.
We appreciate your patronage.

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SCHOOL BOARD CAN INCREASE VALUATIONS

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—All independent school districts of the State levying and collecting their own taxes can do so at a higher rate of valuation than is assessed for State and county purposes, according to the decision of the Supreme Court rendered yesterday in the case of Cooper versus Avery, from Waller County. This action by the Supreme Court means that the school children of the State will be given an added benefit in the allowance of more money for the construction of school buildings and the improvement of school grounds, according to the statement of State Superintendent of Public Instruction W. F. Doughty.

The Supreme Court decision offers an avenue of relief for the Ballinger Independent School District, as well as many other independent school districts in this State. On account of not being able to increase the revenue by fixing a higher valuation on property renditions, the local board has been running on short funds. The tax levy was as high as the law permitted, and acting under the opinion from the attorney general, or some other authority, that the school board could not fix a higher property value than the county, the board was at its rows end.

However, this does not necessarily mean that the school board is going to take advantage of the court's ruling and raise property renditions. It depends altogether upon the circumstances. The board will probably figure what amount must be raised to give Ballinger a nine months school, and then figure what the income will be from the old rate and old rendition, or the values

given in by the tax payers, and then if the amount is not sufficient they have the power to increase that amount by raising the property values.

It will be remembered that it was necessary to supplement the fund last year by private subscription, and while the board has made no announcement, it is possible that the same procedure will be necessary this year, if a full nine months school is taught.

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 surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. C. E. King of the New Home neighborhood, left from this point Saturday for George, Texas, to visit relatives a few weeks.

H. C. Brunson of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Saturday on a business trip to Temple, Okla.

Mrs. M. L. Norton, of Winters, was the guest of Mrs. E. V. Bateman Saturday while en route to Aransas Pass to spend the holidays.

TWO KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK WHILE RETURNING FROM FUNERAL AT ANGELO

Alton Scroggins was instantly killed and John Cawley fatally injured, dying two hours later, while returning from San Angelo in an Overland auto Friday afternoon. Scroggins neck was broken and other injuries sustained that would have proven fatal, while Cawley suffered a broken back and other injuries that caused his death in a short time after he was returned to the hospital at San Angelo.

The accident that cost the two men their lives occurred about five miles from San Angelo on the Ballinger and San Angelo road at a little culvert. Scroggins and Cawley and three children, all boys, were traveling in a new Overland car, the property of J. M. Scroggins, of Wingate. Three autos were in the party who left here last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Cawley's mother, who died at San Angelo on that day. The other two cars were behind the ill-fated car when the accident occurred, the wrecked car having just passed one of the cars in charge of Cawley's brother-in-law, whose name The Ledger failed to get when furnished with the particulars of the tragedy.

According to the driver of the car passed by Scroggins and Cawley, Alton Scroggins was at the wheel, and the car was going at a high speed when it passed the other car, and the accident occurred within a few minutes after it passed the car driven by Cawley's brother-in-law.

When the car reached the ravine one wheel missed the culvert and the car turned over falling on the men. The people in the car just behind removed the wrecked car and carried the dead and injured men back to San Angelo.

R. P. Kirk received a phone call about seven o'clock Friday night, asking him to notify relatives in this county, and Mr. Kirk called on Sheriff Perkins to accompany him and they went to San Angelo, reaching that city about nine o'clock and brought the remains of Scroggins to Ballinger, returning here about one o'clock Saturday morning. The remains were dressed and made ready for burial at San Angelo, and the casket strapped across Mr. Kirk's car and brought here. Friends and relatives from Wingate in the mean time came to Ballinger and met the remains and they were carried to Wingate where the funeral was held.

The remains of Cawley were interred at San Angelo Saturday by the side of his mother who was buried the day before.

Scroggins was the son of J. M. Scroggins of the Wingate country. He was twenty-five years old and single. Cawley was forty-five years old, married and had several children.

The three boys that were in the car with the men when the car turned over escaped serious injury. One of the boys was unconscious for a while, but recovered thought his injuries are serious in a short time, and it is not while the others escaped injury.

The dead men were members of prominent families of the Wingate country, and the tragedy will cast a gloom over that section of the county, and The Ledger joins the many friends of the family in heart felt sympathy.

The mother of Cawley was making her home at San Angelo at the time of her death. The San Angelo Standard in giving an account of the funeral of Mrs. Cawley says:

At the appointed hour, the funeral of Mrs. W. M. Cawley, who died Wednesday morning, was conducted in San Angelo Thursday afternoon. Services were conducted at the residence of Tol Cawley, son of the deceased, at 1621 North Chadbourne street, at 3 o'clock. Rev. Joe F. Webb, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated.

The attendance was large, and a long cortege followed the body to the grave in Fairmont cemetery. The pall bearers were: H. D. Leffel, E. S. Kirby, Willis Lawhon, Geo. Couble, Mr. Shield and N. M. March.

AUTO ACCIDENT DUE TO HIGH SPEEDING

There seems to be a difference of opinion, or at least in reports as to what caused the auto accident that claimed two lives of Rannels county citizens, six miles from San Angelo on the Ballinger and San Angelo road last Friday. The Daily Ledger of Saturday stated that it was due to fast driving, and we give the facts in the case that it might be a lesson to others and help to prevent others from being killed in the same way.

The San Angelo Standard, in giving an account of the accident says in part:

The accident is one of the saddest which has brought grief into a San Angelo home in months. Mrs. W. M. Cawley, mother of W. T. and John Cawley, was buried in Fairmont cemetery on Thursday afternoon. Her son was en route home from the funeral when death claimed him. To W. T. Cawley the shock is almost unbearable. His wife is ill, his brother lies a corpse, and the mound is yet green.

Scoggin is said to have persisted in passing the machine ahead. His fellow passengers counselled against such action, but the driver put on more speed. Six miles out of San Angelo the road is smooth and level, but there is a culvert fifty yards beyond the six-mile rock. Unlike other bridges, it is not raised above the level of the roadway and is not easily seen by one approaching in an automobile at an unusual rate of speed.

The Wingate driver failed to notice this crossing, it is believed. He pulled to the right and passed Dawson. The latter was driving a new Overland which Mr. Cawley had just purchased in San Angelo. As the car swerved back into the roadway, it struck the bridge. Three wheels safely made the passage, but the right rear one grazed the edge of the structure. The tire exploded and automobile began a series of turns in the air, which brought it to earth, seats downward.

Altan Scoggin, John Cawley, a young son of Will M. Dawson and two sons of Mr. Cawley were in a model S3 Overland touring car No. 522, Texas, Friday afternoon when the machine leaped from the bridge in its death-plunge. The auto left the city about 4 o'clock, immediately after a car, bearing Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Cawley, wife of John Cawley, and daughters, had departed for the east.

Quite a number from this county went to San Angelo Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. Cawley, while friends of young Scroggins gathered at his home near Wingate to attend his funeral. Both men had many friends in this county, and especially in the Winters section where they were so well known.

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We the undersigned parties living in Grape Creek community, South of Talpa, believing that the birds are great insect destroyers and are therefore of great value to us, unite for the purpose of protecting same, and all other live stock and property in our community. Therefore hunting, fishing, camping, trapping, and all trespassing is prohibited on our several premises. Signed: J. M. Parker, D. Baker Buie, W. R. Farr, T. L. Hinnard, J. M. Huddy, J. L. Williams, W. A. Summers, Max Russell, A. V. Livingston.

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For game we have turkey, and plenty of them, deer, wild hogs Mexican hogs. We have a fine climate and good healthy country. We have one railroad with prospects of another. There are three rivers in our county.

We have lands in Live Oak, Bee and McMullin Nueces counties. We can sell you as large a ranch as you want and the same way with a farm, and as good as you can find in Texas, and cheaper than any other man with the same class of land.

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OAKVILLE, TEXAS

YOUNG LADY HURT WHILE OUT RIDING

Miss Lucile Bridwell was painfully injured by jumping from her horse while out horse-back riding Friday afternoon. Miss Bridwell and Miss Bess McGregor were out riding in the western part of the city when the horse Miss Bridwell was riding became frightened and ran away. The young lady jumped off the horse while the horse was running and she sustained injuries that will make her a cripple for several weeks.

The small bone in one of the ankles was fractured, and other injuries sustained. A report from her home Saturday about noon stated that she was getting along as well as could be expected, but was suffering more from the bruises than from the broken bone.

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SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

R. B. Armstrong and Ernest Gaston of the Valley Creek country, left Saturday afternoon for Dallas and Fort Worth to visit during the holidays.

W. T. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and was quite complimentary in his remarks about the special issue of the Ledger. He renewed with the Banner-Ledger for himself and also sends it to A. W. Hill for ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pape, of the Crews country, were visiting friends and shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Williams' Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves and heals in 24 hours. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

K. OF P. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a regular meeting of the Ballinger Lodge No. 29, held Monday night, officers for the ensuing year were elected. The usual routine business preceded the annual election, and after a pleasant meeting and the transacting of important business, the officers were elected, as follows:

Don A. Swett, C. C.; H. M. Leach, V. C.; C. A. Orbeck, Prelate; T. L. Sailors, M. A.; E. F. Krebs, K. of R. S.; J. P. Martindale, M. F.; Roy Sharp, I. G.; H. Vorbeck, O. G.; J. Whit Patterson, M. E.; D. C. Claypool, G. R.

After the meeting adjourned the members assembled around the festal boards at the City Cafe where they enjoyed an oyster supper. The K. of P. lodge will enter the new year with much activity and enthusiasm and will result in the election of new members. Five new members were received into the order at the Monday night's meeting.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held at Brownwood, and Ballinger is expected to be heard from at that meeting.

Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. Obtainable everywhere.

Dr. Todd of Maverick, was in the city Saturday to meet his two sons, who came in from the east to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. M. L. Patterson and daughter Miss Vera, of Winters, and Capt. and Mrs. A. B. Hutcherson, of Midland, who are visiting their daughter, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Assist Your Stomach

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A good long fast will do this sometimes. A trip to the mountains. Tramping. Roughing it. Yes, very good remedies. But are you going to avail yourself of either one of these remedies. No? Then the next best thing is to try a bottle of Peruna. Take it according to directions. You will have a natural appetite. All gas and fermentation in the stomach will disappear.

Read what Mrs. Emma Bell, Box 204, Fort Pierce, Florida, says: "I was taken suddenly with swelling of the stomach and bowels, and great distress. Very painful. Three doctors gave me no relief. Could not eat anything. Everything soured. I was starving to death. I began taking Peruna and was soon strong enough to do work. After taking five bottles I can truthfully say I am well. I gained twenty pounds."

FINDS STOLEN GOODS.

City Marshal B. W. Pilcher unearthed Sunday afternoon two suit cases of stolen goods consisting of three men's suits, three nice skirts, three silk waists, four or five dresses and other small articles. The tags had been taken off all the goods except one suit of clothes marked on the inside pocket, with the name of Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. The suit cases had entirely rotted from around the goods and they are considerably molded in spots.

Mr. Pilcher did some fine detective work in finding the stolen goods and any one who can identify the property can have the same by calling on him.

Annual Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Stockholders meeting of The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company, will be held at its banking house, in Ballinger, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday the 11th day of January A. D. 1916.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
President and Cashier.
C. A. ORBECK,
Secretary.

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Dr. I. N. Thompson, of Skidmore, came in Monday to look after business interests and visit Ballinger friends a few days.

Mrs. Audy Gustavus returned home Monday afternoon from San Angelo, where she had been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knight and son, and J. T. Riddle of the Bethel neighborhood, left Monday afternoon to visit relatives at Buckholts, Texas, during the holidays.

W. A. Breedlove returned home from a short business trip to Miles.

L. B. Stubbs, the grocer, is now having his deliveries made in a Ford auto. This enables him to make quick deliveries.

George Smith has on exhibition at the express office some extra large lemons raised this year in their yard which is fine in shape and of good flavor.

Roy Clayton, of the Benoit country, came in and left from this point Monday for Taylor, on a short business trip.

Maxey Wilson of the Pony creek country, was marketing a nice bunch of turkeys in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caylor of Happy, Texas, who had been visiting their nephew, R. B. Caylor and family, left Monday afternoon for their home.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body. In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declining, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamful sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown.

To correct nervousness, Scott's Emulsion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutriment gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

DEER HUNTERS BAG BIG GAME.

It was a long drive facing a cold north wind, for the bunch of hunters who returned from a deer hunt down below Ozona, first of the week, but the hunters do not regret the trip and are kept busy telling their experience. One of the party when interviewed by a Ledger reporter talked freely, and said:

"Yes, we killed six deer; went below Ozona about 55 miles. The crowd was composed of Will Gross his uncle from Bonham, Ed O'Kelley, Tom Vandevanter, Diaz Wood, Bill McGregor, and G. W. Dunlap.

"We began killing deer the first day, getting two nice bucks. Bill Gross getting first honors and Dunlap a close second. Ed O'Kelley would let no one sleep that night playing pranks on the boys and it was not until Tom Van and Will McGregor 'borrowed his slide' and took him down the canyon over the rocks at a two forty gait, that he would let up. He used his elbows for emergency brakes, but all to no avail. Next evening he began again while Tom Van was making bread and Tom hung pan flour and all on his bare head. This seemed to have a quieting effect so he turned his attention to slaughtering deer from then on. Next day he was creeping along and spied a deer laying down and proceeded to crawl up within shooting distance. He drew a fine bead at its shoulders uttering a prayer to kill it, if it was a buck and miss it if it was a doe, at the crack of the rifle he jumped up to see what damage he had done, but deer never moved. On closer observation he found the deer had been dead several days, having been shot by some former hunter and had crawled into the patch of brush to die. That night he and Tom concluded the best way to kill deer was to go down to a tank close by and shoot them by moon light. So down they went but they had no sooner taken positions than Ed went to sleep and snored so loud that Tom retired in disgust.

Diaz Wood also was kept awake by skunks and O'possums crawling over his face and had to clear the scene with an armful of rocks. Next day McGregor came in contact with a nice six point ouck which he shot like an old timer, though he had never shot at a deer before. Dunlap also killed another which gave us plenty of meat. Ed and Tom were the next 'at bat' finding three nice ones they proceeded to fill the ozone full of lead with the result that a fine deer was seen to hobble out to a patch of brush and lie down. Then commenced an Alphonse and Gaston stunt, each wanting the other to finish the job with the result that the deer jumped up and ran off. Next morning Will Gross, elder Gross and Diaz found quite a number of deer, but though they hit some of them, they failed to strike vital spots. On meeting up with some of the boys, Dunlap examined Diaz' gun and found the sight on his gun elevated to 800 yard so it is possible that he killed a Carancista across the Rio Grande. Bill McGregor had the good luck to again get in shooting distance of a deer, which he killed in the same fashion as his first. He and Dunlap then hunted toward camp keeping about 150 yards apart. They had not gone far til a nice little buck jumped up between them and was drilled with three shots from each side before he had gone 30 yards. This they dressed. Dunlap taking the two guns and McGregor carrying the deer two miles to camp on his shoulders. It was then thought best to return as we had all the meat we could carry.

"All seemed to have a good time though some were not as lucky as others. The meat was divided up, each man vowing to repeat the dose next year and thus ended our pleasant trip."

W. J. Davis of the Bethel neighborhood, and M. Litt, of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

G. C., R. S. and P. M. Davis of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday trying a new auto.

S. McFarland, of Westorf, Texas, who had been visiting his sons Tom and Abb McFarland the past several months, left for his home Monday afternoon.

A New Remedy for Kidney, Bladder and all Uric Acid Troubles.

Successfully Used by Many Physicians and Surgeons in Their Hospital Practice.

At Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., there has been tested for the past few years a new remedy for kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles, rheumatism, lumbago, and such ailments as follow, and so many cases both acute and stubborn have yielded to this wonderful remedy that Doctor Pierce decided to name it "Anuric," and arrange for its distribution to the public through medicine dealers everywhere.

These "Anuric" Tablets cannot fail to help you, because their action flushes the kidneys of impurities and puts strength into them. It being 37 times more active than lithia, it dissolves uric acid as water does sugar.

Obtain a fifty-cent box of these tablets today from your druggist herein town or send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for larger trial package.

175 CARS OF TURKEYS GO EAST

DALLAS, Dec. 17.—Three and one half million people in Eastern and Northern cities will eat Texas turkey for their Christmas dinner, according to figures compiled here today from freight statistics of the various railroads of this state. One hundred and seventy-five car loads of dressed turkeys have been shipped from the state, with an average of two thousand turkeys to the car, and it is estimated that one turkey will feed ten persons.

Ballinger Ships Turkeys for 160,000 People.

The E. A. Jeanes & Co. have shipped six cars and will ship two more cars of turkeys before Christmas, this season, with an average of 2,000 birds to the car. On a basis of ten people to the turkey the eight car loads of turkeys will make Christmas dinner for 160,000 people. That's helping Texas to feed itself and the world too.

At an average of \$2 per bird, this little side line business of the farmer has brought to the county \$40,000 for turkeys alone, and there are not many homes in Runnels County that will not have turkey dinner Christmas.

ELKS OFFERED FOR PUBLIC PARKS.

Raby Fadgett, who recently returned from Wyoming, where he has been living for the past several years, says that the state of Wyoming will give to any county or park association, eight cows and one bull elk free of charge.

The elks will be loaded on the car and shipped to any park association making application for them, and all the cost will be to the association receiving the elks will be the freight charges.

SAYS NOT GOOD GAME COUNTRY.

Dr. J. G. Douglass and Preston Dunn returned from the Telegraph country, Saturday night, where they had been for a week's hunt. Other members of the party it will be remembered returned first of the week. The gentlemen report a very pleasant outing, but say that that section of the Llano they visited is not a good game country this season. Game are scarce and many hunters are camped there at present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Thomas of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, left Monday for Limestone county to wind up land business and will return to make this county their home.

Mrs. Will Stuart and baby came in from San Angelo Monday afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives.

Raymond Truly and wife went to Milford Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mrs. Truly's father and other relatives and friends.

Ike Hoenig sold and delivered Monday a five-passenger Maxwell auto to Frank Huffman of Pony creek country and in the afternoon Mr. Hoenig, J. M. Schneider and Mr. Huffman made a pleasure trip to San Angelo in the new car.

Mrs. S. H. West, who is spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. Ben S. Long, returned to Ballinger Monday afternoon from a visit to friends at Miles.

ANTI-TREATING LAW REDUCES DRUNKENNESS

By Wilbur S. Forrest.
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Nov. 2.—(By Mail).—London's anti-treating law is no joke. It is no American Sunday closing affair. It's the real, unadulterated article. When American city fathers agree that there shall be no Sunday saloons they draw up their ordinance and notify the saloon keepers. But they don't lock the back doors. England does. Also the windows. Also the cellars. The vast difference between American and British observance is startlingly shown in the effects of this latest step against intemperance. In one month drinking has diminished 25 to 40 per cent in England. Drunkenness is down forty per cent and still decreasing. Careful investigation proves today that there is no treating in London. Fashionable cafes in London's downtown district now have many empty chairs. Leading hotel bars lack the little groups of "strategists" who gathered daily to discuss the war over whisky and soda. Professional "mochers," well known in London, have been annihilated by the law which says they may have no drink unless they pay for it. Semi-respectable restaurant-public-houses have been hard hit. No groups gather to talk over ale and bitter. The patrons are drinking almost pathetically alone. The lower class of public house has suffered less. Laborers still drop in for their morning and evening nip or tankard of ale. They paid for it themselves before, anyhow. At a certain American bar and hotel well known to Americans the veteran barmaid who makes the best Bonx cocktail in England, admits she isn't making so many nowadays. She knows many of the most prominent Americans in London and many who frequently come over but she admits she's not seeing them so often. The secretary of one of London's largest clubs declares that two drinks are now being taken where three were consumed before. The manager of a well known West End cafe admits that his daily bar receipts are off nearly forty per cent. "There is no one to buy for 'the other fellow.'" Police court figures show that where London produced 1000 arrests weekly for drunkenness before, there are now not more than 600. In other parts of England and in Wales and Scotland, where the law is effective police figures sum up that there were 600 convictions for drunkenness there are now 400. In Liverpool during the month preceding the non-treating order there were 193 arrests and in the following but 125. In Newcastle there were 75 against 41.

NEW CLERK FOR BUSY STORE.

A fine boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Passur Sunday morning. Mr. Passur is rejoicing considerably but was able to open the "Busy Store" Monday morning on time and is busy pushing his advertising slogan, "Watch Me Grow." Mrs. Passur and the young Passur is getting along nicely.

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Misses Edie Voelkel and Cordie Guion came in from Austin Tuesday to visit home folks and friends during the holidays.

Ivan Hamilton, of Winters was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. J. Wilkerson, son and daughter, of the New Home neighborhood, left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives in Red River county.

F. M. Wood, of the Mud creek country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sims and two children, of the Pony creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Houston to spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. G. Bair left Monday for George West, Texas, to spend the holidays with relatives.

J. O. Phelps, of the Hatchel country, returned home Monday from a visit to relatives in east Texas.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of 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.

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A DOUBLE WEDDING.

Rev. G. W. Newman officiated in the marriage ceremony Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Middlebrooks, in which Mr. S. C. Sides and Miss Hattie Mae Middlebrooks and Mr. W. L. Massey and Miss Oma Mae Hensley were united in marriage. The contracting parties are popular young people of Runnels county. A splendid wedding supper was spread at the home of Mr. Middlebrooks, by a large circle of friends and relatives. The Ledger joins them all in best wishes for a long and prosperous married life for the happy young couple.

MARRIED SUNDAY.

E. S. Smith, of Coleman, and Mrs. Palmer, of this city, were married at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at the home of Rev. J. F. Montgomery, pastor of the Christian church. Mrs. Palmer has been making her home in this city for the past year, having two children in the Ballinger schools.

H. J. Crockett, of the Norton country left from this point Monday to visit relative sand friends at Lampasas during the holidays.

We have done our part towards boosting Ballinger. You can do your part by mailing a copy of the Prosperity Edition to some one.

S. V. and J. T. Brandon, of the Crews country and W. L. Hambricht, of the Winters country, were among the number who left Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives in the old states during the holidays.

It Always Helps

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

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY. The Banner-Leader and the Runnels County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

The San Angelo grand jury found twenty-three felony indictments. Not so bad for a Christmas present.

Yes, an auto is the most appropriate Christmas gift in this age of prosperity and spendthrifts.

Next Saturday is the day some people look forward to as the day upon which to make a hog of themselves.

The last legislature made an appropriation of \$100,000 for scalp mountry. Only \$40,000 of the amount has been paid out. The hunters should get busy.

You may be growing old and crabbed in your ways, but if your memory is strong enough for you to reflect back to the time when you were a little child, you will find more happiness in making it a real Christmas for the children around you.

The Ledger received a copy of the Christmas Edition of the Cameron Herald this week. The Herald came out with fifty-six pages, illustrated and carrying valuable information about Milam county from the civil war up to date, and should prove a big boost for Cameron and Milam county, if the people of that city will show their appreciation by mailing copies of the paper to friends in other cities. It is a credit to Cameron to have such enterprising newspaper men as are at the head of the Herald.

The power of the press is again told in the fact that every school child can talk to you intelligently about the European war.

Its time to begin to talk poultry show. Let's make the coming one the biggest of them all. Its a big boost for the business.

Just another evidence to show that the auto craze is sweeping over this country, the freight

Letters from the People

Says He Likes New Mexico. "Clovis, New Mexico. December 20, 1915.

Mr. C. C. Cockrell, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Mr. Cockrell:—After living near Ballinger for fifteen years, as you know, I left there, accompanied by my family, about sixty days ago and came to Clovis, New Mexico, but we first came through the south plains of Texas by wagon and went through Tucumcari, New Mexico, and fifty-five miles northwest of there, looking for a location. We went into the Mexican and dobe lands and saw the snow mountains in Colorado, about twenty miles away. Not finding anything there that looked good to us we turned back to Tucumcari. We left there and came to Clovis on our way back to Texas. We got as far as Texico, which is nine miles east of Clovis and on the New Mexico-Texas state line. My sons, not liking the idea of going back to a cotton country, persuaded us to turn back to Clovis. We bought five acres of land, house, barn, well, etc., adjoining the city of Clovis, and moved in a few days thereafter.

We are all very well satisfied here and have no desire to return to Texas.

This is excellent land and produces anything that the people will plant, although wheat, kafir corn, maize and Indian corn are the main crops. Wheat produced the last year as high as 42 bushels per acre and tested 60 pounds and better.

Clovis is a nice town, eight and one-half years old, with about 5000 inhabitants. They have good schools and churches, municipally owned sewer, water works and electric system; lots of cement sidewalks, beautiful and comfortable homes, fine business buildings, telephone system, etc.

The water here is deep, averaging from 250 to 300 feet, but when obtained is absolutely pure, and as soft as rainwater; contains no trace of alkali or gypsum.

Clovis is a division point for the Santa Fe railroad, and they have here large shops and roundhouse and other terminal facilities, the value of the improvements approximating \$2,000,000.

WEALTHY CITIZENS EMPLOY POLICEMEN

By United Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A citizen police force 20,000 strong, in addition to the regular force, is being formed here today.

When complete it will give Chicago the largest police force in the world. According to the plan, suggested by seven millionaires, members of the Industrial Club of Chicago, every block in the city will have a citizen policeman serving without pay. He will work with the police and health authorities in the districts. It is hoped that he will prod into action the careless cops on the regular force. The first duty of the citizen policeman will be to gain the friendship of the patrolman on the beat. His chief work will be observation. He will not have the power to make an arrest, but is expected to report unsanitary conditions and law violations. Residents in his block will be expected to co-operate with him.

The citizen police force will make Chicago's police department the most efficient in the world," said Louis Damon, secretary of the movement, known as Chicago Civic Cooperators. "Already the regular police are commencing to show interest in the program. They have gotten 6,000 copies of the city ordinances and are showing more discretion in their official acts."

Each citizen-policeman is provided with a card of authority which bears the signature of the mayor, chief of police and the head of the health department.

LEFT FOR OLD STATES.

Among the number who left this point Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays in the old states were: J. E. Salmon, of the New Home neighborhood to Bolton, Miss. J. R. Harris of Hatchel to Birmingham, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cane, of the New Home neighborhood, to Macon, Ga. J. D. Reynolds, of Maverick to Tennessee. T. J. Tubbs of the Norton country to Tusculumbia, Ala. Homer and Newt Caswell of the Mazeland country to Lone Oak, Ala.

COLORADO GOES DRY NEWS YEARS DAY

By United Press. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 23.—A week from tomorrow Colorado will go dry. The prohibition amendment approved by the people last year goes into effect as the New Year is ushered in.

Eleven breweries employing over a thousand men will either go out of business or enter the manufacture of near beer or other products. Sixteen hundred saloons employing at least 6,000 men will close. Over 40,000 persons, declare the liquor interests, will be adversely affected in some direct financial way by the closing of the saloons. Evidence of the coming change was emblazoned on every saloon and liquor dealer's shop today. Signs advertised Going Out of Business sales of wet goods at half prices. Authorities promised that by next Friday night practically everything would be sold.

W. E. BROOKS DOUBLES SERVICE TO WINTERS.

W. E. Brooks purchased a new Ford this week and inaugurated a double jitney service between Winters and Ballinger, making four trips each way every day. With the increased service also comes a reduction of 25 cents in fare. Heretofore Mr. Brooks has been charging \$1, but he has reduced the fare to 75 cents and he calls any where in the city for passengers. The two cars are operated on schedule times, as follows: Car leaves Ballinger at 7 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. Car leaves Winters at 8 a. m., and 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Routh and Mrs. Routh's brother Kimble Wood and sister, Miss Francis Wood left in their auto Thursday morning for a Christmas visit to relatives at Gonzales.

FROM THE BUSY SHOP. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

H. L. WENDORF, The saddle and harness man. Ballinger. 23-dtf

HIGH GRADE CATTLE BRING BIG PRICE

Max Russell, in charge of the R. R. Russell Grape Creek ranch, sold 141 bulls this week that brought Mr. Russell \$14,600. 131 head went to W. V. and T. D. Russell, of Menard, and 10 head went to Julius Resaner. 131 head brought \$100 per head and 10 head brought \$150.

Mr. Russell is raising thoroughbred Herefords on his Grape Creek ranch, and The Ledger recently made mention of the sale of 100 calves from his ranch for the neat little sum of \$10,000, or \$100 per head, which is a better sale than the one reported this week.

BALLINGER BOY HEARD FROM

The Nogales (Arizona) Herald contained the following news items in its issue of recent date, and the Miller referred to is none other than Hugo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller of Ballinger:

This morning about 3:15 a burglar entered the rear door of Miller's assay office. Mr. Miller being aroused by the entrance of the burglar, got up and secured his revolver, which was in his dresser drawer. He called to the man, who was standing in the hall with a lighted match, and asked, "Who is there?" No reply. Again Mr. Miller called, "Who is that?" Then the burglar made for the door, and Mr. Miller fired through the partition, but without results, except for the consolation of knowing that the man did not get away with anything except the knowledge that the assayer could also run "leads" by the Smith & Wesson method.

Chas. Holler is crossing four tons of ore for H. W. Miller, which was shipped from Wilke, in Magdalena, Sonora. Shipments are reported on the way from other people in the same district. This shows clearly that the mining in Sonora is starting to pick up again and that men are gaining confidence in the new government.

Will Eason, who has a bunch of hands poisoning prairie dogs

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Representative 111th District: WALLACE E. HAWKINS.

CLOSES GIN AND RETURNS TO OLD HOME

Ira L. Sims closed his gin at Pony this week and left for Houston, where he and his family will spend the winter. Mr. Sims tied out 1100 bales of cotton for the season just closing. He also owns a modern threshing machine, and stated before leaving that he expected to return here early in the spring and get things in shape to help fan out the big grain crop that now seems to be in sight for the farmers of this county.

BOXING MATCH AT DALLAS.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.—Red Henderson, home-grown lightweight, and Stanley Yockum, the Denver "Apollo," box 10 rounds here tonight. The local lad has been going good since his setback at the hands of Bobby Waugh in Shreveport last summer, while Yockum's only real defeat during his career was his knockout at the hands of Charley White, conceded to be the hardest-hitting 133 pounder since Aurelio Rerora's time. The Colorado lad has the added distinction of being the homeliest man that ever stepped into a ring.

Tuffy Riley of Dallas and Jimmy Bibb of Fort Worth, featherweight, will furnish the semi-windup.

Edwin Skinner came in Tuesday night from Abilene, where he is attending college, to spend the holidays with his parents.

WOMAN SENTENCED TO BE HANGED TODAY

By United Press. KAMLOOPS, B. C., Dec. 23.—Unless government authorities grant her a reprieve, Mrs. Elizabeth Coward will be hanged here today for the murder of her

Large advertisement for Ballinger Insurance Agency with decorative border. Text: "Unless you cover it with a good fire insurance policy. Why take the risk? Be on the SAFE SIDE—let us PROTECT you from loss on grain and cotton. Drop in and talk it over with us. Ballinger Insurance Agency"

trains loaded with autos are running on passenger schedule time.

HOELSCHER BUYS SIX SIXTEEN MITCHEL

The Ballinger Auto Co., sold to F. G. Hoelscher, of Oxien, a seven passenger Mitchell Tuesday. A rush order was phoned to Dallas for the big car and it is expected to arrive here today or tomorrow and will be ready for Christmas rides.

For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treating. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle today. All druggists.

DOUBLE JITNEY SERVICE 75 CENTS TO WINTERS.

I have purchased a new car and I am now running two cars between Winters and Ballinger, making four trips each way daily. Rates 75 cents, car calls and delivers passengers to any part of city. Leave Ballinger at 7 and 9:30 a. m., returning leave Winters at 8 and 11 a. m. Afternoon car leaves Ballinger at 2 and 4 p. m., and returning leaves Winters at 2:30 and 5 p. m. Will appreciate your patronage. Phone 135 Ballinger, 92 at Winters. W. E. BROOKS.

and a monthly pay roll at the present time of about \$75,000.

Yours very truly, "S. B. BAGGETT."

Mr. Baggett's letter rings of optimism, and reads almost like a real estate ad. We are glad to note that he is satisfied, but we are not afraid to predict his early return to Runnels County.

WILL VISIT RELATIVES.

Among the number who left for points in the state to visit during the holidays were, E. D. Bowen, of Hatchel, to Dallas and others points: Miss Rosa Graves of Hatchel to Big Springs, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Jester, to Dallas, Ed Jones, to Madisonville, G. W. Ray of Maverick to Lampasas. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hemerline, of the Pumphrey country, to Gatesville, Mrs. A. B. Davis and daughter of Hatchel to Tohoka, J. J. Reams of Hatchel to Rockwall, Mrs. Milton to Waco, Miss Ann VanDoren to Belton, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shultz of Eden to Fort Worth, J. B. Porterfield of the Pony creek country to Atlanta, Texas.

MORTUARY.

J. S. Gregory Dead. J. S. Gregory, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of Paint Rock, died in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock from an operation performed to remove gall stones. Messrs. Patten, Trail and Jackson came over Wednesday morning and accompanied the remains to Paint Rock, where the funeral services were performed and the body laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

REV. DOSS WRITES FROM HIS NEW HOME

To the Editor of the Banner-Ledger:

I have read your "Prosperity" Edition, and it's a "hummer." I read advertisements and all. It would do credit to one of our big dailies. I am preserving it for future reference. Every citizen of Runnels County should be grateful for the great prosperity that has come to the county and should be proud of her enterprising, up-to-date newspaper that has so persistently fought for her best interests, and has done so much to put her on the map.

I miss the visits of the newsy little daily and my very pleasant intercourse with the office force. I wish for the boys a merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Allow me to say to my good friends in Ballinger that we are most comfortably situated in our new home and have received a warm welcome and a big "pounding." The DeLeon citizens are first-class and the Methodist people are loyal and true. I love the Ballinger people very much, and pray for their peace and prosperity. W. H. DOSS.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS FOR KATY.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 23.—The Katy will spend at least \$300,000 here in improvements next year. A three-story freight depot will be constructed and the passenger station entirely remodelled. J. W. Evans, division superintendent, is authority for this announcement. The new freight building will cover the entire frontage on South Fifth street between the Union passenger station and the Cotton Belt freight depot. It will have a depth of 500 feet.

Notice—Shareholders Meeting

A meeting of the shareholders of this Bank for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and for 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 11th, 1916, at 10 a. m.

Respectfully, H. GIESECKE, President.

A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

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Today's Oddest Story.

North Clarendon, Vt., Dec. 23.—W. L. Pluehmy owns a tree climbing freak pug-bull dog. The animal is three years old. Sometimes he sleeps in tree branches 20 feet above the ground and has been known to ascend 32 feet. Veterinarians who examined his feet were unable to explain how he grips a tree trunk, except that the nails more pointed than those of an ordinary canine, may help.

Virgil, Reubin and Miss Ursula McShan, of the Pony creek country, left Thursday morning to visit their sister, Mrs. Silvery and family of Greenwood during the holidays.

George Adams and little son of Coke county, were among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

on the Blocker ranch up the river was in Ballinger Thursday and reports quite a number of Blue quans are eating the poison and he thinks it is dangerous for hunters to kill and eat the birds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schwartz and daughter, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Thursday.

E. M. Setser, the Norton ginman left from this point Thursday to look after business interests at Dallas and Greenville a few days.

H. L. Wendorf, the saddle and harness man has just sold and delivered four of his famous cowboy saddles and has orders from Sterling City and several towns west.

J. A. Turner of Roberson county, came in Wednesday night with his stock and household goods and will make Runnels county his future home. He is a brother of J. R. and D. W. Turner of the Norton country.

Will Gallia, a prominent real estate man of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

Ike Honig sold and delivered Wednesday afternoon a five-passenger Maxwell auto to Dr. W. W. Mitchell of Norton.

C. M. Barte, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and was feeling good over his returns for this year's crops and says he is in better shape financially than for several years past.

husband. Mrs. Coward is weakened through the nervous strain of her trial and the long wait for the final hour. She is thirty-two years old. With her husband and daughter, Mrs. Coward came to British Columbia from San Francisco to take up a claim. She had quarreled frequently with her husband and during the long days in the lonely district they renewed their bickerings. One day Mrs. Coward called neighbors to the spot where Coward's body lay. She claimed he had been shot by an Indian.

MUST NOT LIMIT SIZE POOR MAN'S FAMILY

By United Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—"Birth control cannot even be advocated, with economics for its basis, on the ground it is necessary for the race." This is the belief of Dr. Frances Dickinson, physician and trustee of Mary Thompson Hospital. She was asked whether families of working men who receive low wages should be limited. "Such an attitude is ridiculous," she replied. "Why not distribute some of the vast wealth of the country a little more equitably and let the working man have a little more wages and a chance for the God given happiness of a family. Men seeking relief from disturbed wages through birth control show mental limitations. The man who does his daily work and lives in his home is better fitted for parenthood than the man who carries the worries of a large business and wealth."

To Our Customers and Friends

We beg to extend to you the compliments of the season and wish for you happiness and prosperity in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

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PERSONALS

I. L. Baker left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood on a short business trip.

G. W. Dunn of Colorado City, is the guest this week of Mrs. John Dunn and family.

Otto A. Graser, of St. Louis, will be the guest of his friend Arno Schawe during the holidays.

George Campbell, of Valentine came in Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays with Ballinger friends.

Mrs. Herman Otken and two little sons returned home Wednesday from Sherman, where they had been on an extended visit.

S. S. Grantham, of Sinton, Texas, came in Wednesday to visit relatives and to look after farming interest in the Norton country.

J. W. Wood of the Crews country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Bell county to spend the holidays with relatives.

C. C. Leonard of Rhome, Texas, will receive the Banner-Ledger with the compliments of J. D. Reynolds of Maverick, for the ensuing three months.

Prof. J. N. Key and wife, of Winters, came in Wednesday and Mrs. Key will leave Thursday to visit relatives at Franklin, Texas, during the holidays.

W. G. Lykes, of Roscoe, came in Wednesday to look after business affairs in Ballinger and to look after farm interests in the Moro mountain country.

J. D. Moreland of the Millar neighborhood, was transacting business in Baallinger Tuesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger continued to his address and also to his brother R. B. Moreland of Boonville, Miss.

J. S. Flanagan, of the Valley creek country, left from this point Wednesday afternoon for Mt. Pleasant and other points in Texas to visit during the holidays. He ordered several of the Ledger's prosperity editions to friends in the east while here.

J. W. Ernest of San Marcos, who had been looking after farm interests in the north part of the county, left for his home Tuesday. Mr. Ernest is well pleased with the income from his farm this year and says it has paid him considerably more than on the high \$100 land in his section.

Miss Maurine Weeks left Wednesday afternoon for Coleman to visit relatives and be present at an entertainment in that city.

G. L. Herring and L. E. Crockett, two prominent young business men of Mullin, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger left for their home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Green, of the Winters country, came in Wednesday and Mrs. Green left for Killeen to visit relatives during the holidays.

Holman Fowler, who had been spending some time with his uncle Dr. W. W. Fowler, left Wednesday afternoon to visit at his home at Tishomingo, Okla., during the holidays.

Clyde Fowler left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas where he will visit his brother Tom Fowler a few days and will go on to Tishomingo, Okla. to visit relatives during the holidays.

MELON GROWERS PERFECT ORGANIZATION

The melon growers of the Ballinger country met in the business league room Tuesday afternoon and entered into a permanent organization to be known as the Rannels County Produce Association. A larger number of farmers were present and joined than were present in the preliminary meeting. The association will attempt to find a market by co-operative effort not only for watermelons but for all truck grown by the members. Later the association will also begin the marketing of maize and other field crops.

A constitution outlining in detail the work to be attempted was presented by the committee appointed for that purpose, and, after some improvement, was adopted by the association. All produce grown by the members will be marketed by the association through the efforts of the secretary, who will receive a small commission. But, in case he is not able to get prices equal to a certain minimum which will be determined in advance of each season by the directors, the members will be free to market their produce by their own efforts.

Mr. W. A. Taylor was elected president; E. M. Eubanks, vice-president. The other directors elected were: Messrs. F. T. Rushing, J. H. Taylor, T. P. Brown, W. E. Blair, and J. W. Black. A secretary-treasurer will be elected later by the directors and put under a \$500 bond.

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A CAUTION.

We hear considerable complaint about auto speeding on Eighth Street in the residence portion and many chickens are killed and there is danger of some child being hurt, if the speed is not diminished. The officers can't see you all the time, but they will catch you if you don't be careful.

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YOUNG MAN MAKES HIS ANNOUNCEMENT

To The Voters of the 111th Representative District:

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the Democratic nomination in the July primaries, for representative of the 111th District. This announcement is not the result of committee's petitions, herdes of letters, nor at the request of any individual party or organization. It is the result of deliberate cool and contemplated thought, extending over a period of time consistent with the responsibility of the undertaking. And it comes from a member of the rank and file citizens who honestly and conscientiously believes that it is the duty of such citizens to make laws for their peers.

I shall conduct a clean, open, fair and square campaign. I am in the race of my own will and will remain until the finish, prosecuting my views and claims with the utmost vigor. I am making an early announcement so that the voters of the district may not unduly commit themselves and in the event there is an opponent my campaign shall be vigorously conducted but absolutely ridden any personalities and disagreeful "dirt throwing" episodes. My candidacy with my views and beliefs is simply one for acceptance or rejection by the people of Rannels and Coke Counties. My platform of principles and views of questions before the people of Texas to which I invite your attention will be forthcoming at an early date.

To those who believe in efficient and undishonored officeholders; to those who believe in cherishing a noble ambition; and who believe in putting honor and responsibility upon one who has grown up in their midst and who believe in rewarding a hard and noble effort. I willingly submit my candidacy.

(Signed)
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SCOTT H. MACK'S MOTHER DEAD

C. R. Crews received a telephone message at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Scott H. Mack at Weatherford which brought the sad news that Mrs. Maria Mack, the mother of Mr. Mack had just died.

Mrs. Mack had been in bad health for some time, and was under the treatment of the physicians here before going to Weatherford where she was visiting relatives at the time of her death.

Mr. Mack received news Tuesday that his mother was seriously ill and left at once for her bedside. He reached her just a few hours before she died, death coming at noon Wednesday, after his arrival earlier in the day.

The remains of deceased will be brought to Ballinger for burial and arrangements are being made for the funeral service, which will be held from the Abilene & Southern train Thursday. The train is due here at noon, but has been running late for some time on account of the heavy traffic. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. J. F. Montgomery, pastor of the Christian Church, and interment will take place in the City cemetery.

Mr. Mack has many friends here who will be grieved to learn of the loss of his mother and who will be at the train tomorrow and render aid and sympathy in the sad hours.

Miss Louise Schawe returned home Wednesday at noon from Dallas to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss S. Mae Jones, of Moody, who had been attending Baylor College at Belton, came in Wednesday at noon to spend Christmas with her friend Miss Elizabeth Alexander.

A THOUGHT WORTH CONSIDERING.

Parents when selecting a school for their son or daughter to attend or your men and women depending upon their own judgment, should take into careful consideration the moral surroundings in which they will be placed when attending school. Our large cities are full of saloons and their accompanying evils. The business college located in these cities cannot control their students when out of the school room, therefore, they are left to roam the streets at will and get into all kinds of company. The Tyler Commercial College is located in the beautiful and healthy city of Tyler, Texas, a town of 12,000 inhabitants, with no saloons or their accompanying evils. Our large crowd of 2000 students annually are controlled with perfect ease, both while in and out of school. The school is opened each morning with exercises that strengthen the moral character of every student within its walls. Lectures by prominent business men from various parts of the U. S. upon the necessity of truthfulness and honesty in a true business education; lectures by some of America's greatest orators, men of extensive travel and careful study. These morning exercises are made interesting, inspiring, and encouraging. They cause our student body to determine to be honest, to be upright, to be industrious, to be ladies and gentlemen who will make the brightest type of citizenship. A business education without the proper moral training is a failure, yet there is not another business college in the state that spend five minutes on the moral training of its students. The moral training given by the Tyler Commercial College has been indorsed by various religious bodies, by prominent business men and presidents of railroads; it is the aim of this institution to see that every student leaves morally strengthened as well as with a practical knowledge of Bookkeeping, Short hand, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance and Telegraphy.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Ed Harbour and children came in Tuesday, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Miss Emmie Pagles is in Winters nursing a case of typhoid fever.

George Dunn of Mitchel county is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black.

Mrs. Springfield came in Tuesday from Winters to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Hinde.

Messrs. C. R. Midgley, N. J. Wardlow and Newt Wardlow visited in Paint Rock Sunday.

O. M. Hood and family of Rowena and Jack Carrol and wife of San Saba are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hood.

Miss Edie Voelkel came in Tuesday from Austin to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Doris Pagles is quite sick with typhoid fever.

The South Ballinger Sunday school continues to improve. The primary department with Mrs. Ben Middleton as superintendent, will have a Christmas tree Friday night for the Sunday school.

ELBERTA PEACH.

J. D. Mangum left Tuesday afternoon for San Antonio, Hondo, and other points in that section to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Wm. Davenport of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives at Jonesboro, Alexandria, Comanche and Brown counties and reports a very pleasant trip.

Keys Williams, of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and informed us that he had just returned from Nolan county, where he and family will make home after Christmas. Keys looked pretty dry after a week's time on the road moving his household goods.

FORMER BALLINGER CITIZEN DYING

A message was received in Ballinger Thursday morning, stating that Hayden Routh was dying at his home in Andrews, Texas. Mr. Routh has been in bad health for some time, and was in Ballinger last summer where he spent some time under the treatment of physicians. Ballinger relatives and friends did not know that his condition was so serious until the message was received Thursday morning.

Hayden Routh is the son of J. H. Routh, and brother of Mrs. Lee Maddox and Mrs. Emma Nash, one of the pioneer families of Rannels County. Mrs. Nash is at his bedside. He spent the greater portion of his life here, leaving here a few years ago and locating in Andrews. Andrews is an inland town forty miles from Midland, the nearest railroad point.

W. D. Gregory, father-in-law, of Mr. Routh, left Thursday afternoon for Andrews, and it is expected that the remains will be brought here for burial by the side of his mother and other relatives in the City cemetery.

COIN SHOVER DISAPPEARS FROM POLICE

GALVESTON, Dec. 21.—R. L. Logan, alleged head of a gang of counterfeiters, who is said to have sold five million dollars of bogus Carranza currency here, made his get-away today and has completely disappeared.

Galveston police have arrested C. Dillinger, who it is alleged, was an accomplice of Logan.

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We are sure the great majority of our readers will approve of this system. It will put an end to "duns" and prevent us from sending the paper to you when you don't want it and will not pay for it.

We appreciate every subscriber on our mailing list, and wish to thank all those who have been so prompt to renew since adopting this system on July 1st. We expect to keep the paper up to where we can feel proud of every issue that leaves our office, and will strive at all times to give you value received for your dollar.

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NOTICE.

Miss Mary Phillips has kindly consented to accept the position as Society Reporter for The Daily Ledger and will handle that department in the future.

She has no telephone at her office in the court house but will call up any parties who desire to have reported any social affair. If you have had any social event at your residence please call 27 and leave the number and Miss Phillips will get the data for the write up.

Please remember that it is our desire to give ALL THE NEWS, and if you have anything or know of anything kindly let us have it. Do not blame us for not reporting an affair unless you give us a chance.

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CHRISTMAS TREES—I have for sale Christmas trees from four to eight feet high, suitable for family and church use. Also take your orders for fruit, shade, pecan and ornamental trees. See me or phone 6100. W. R. WHITE. 27-d26t-w4t-pd.

JERSEY BULL—See me if you are interested in registered Jersey cattle. W. R. WHITE, Ballinger, Texas. 27-26td-4tw-pd

LOST.
LOST—One brown mare mule, yearling past, branded cross on left jaw, disappeared from Hatchel Oct. 20th. Reasonable reward for mule or information. C. K. Williams, Hatchel, Texas. 5-wtf.

POSTED
Trespass Notice
All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, or otherwise trespass upon my Pecan Mott farm, or upon any and all other properties owned or controlled by me in this (Rannels) County.
dwtf C. A. DOOSE.

Aubry Dunn came in from Abilene Tuesday night to spend the holidays with relatives.

Elo Michaelis, one of the prominent young stockmen of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger. He will spend the holidays with his parents near Hatchel.

A. B. Lankford returned home Wednesday at noon from a short trip to friends at Winters.

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BOOZE SHOPPERS SORE.
LY DISAPPOINTED

Parties returning from San Angelo Tuesday afternoon stated that The Ledger had been derelict in its duty and had failed to give the news in its failure to state that Tuesday was election day in San Angelo. The thirsty who had made the trip of thirty miles and more to that city to lay in their supply of Christmas booze were somewhat chagrined when they found the saloons closed. It had been at least sixty days since that city held a bond issue election and the boosters did not propose to let the year slip by without voting another batch of bonds and Tuesday was the day selected for that purpose. We understand that there will not be another election this year, and we make the statement for the benefit of those who wish to keep posted on such matters.

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"IS THE YOUNG MAN SAFE" IS SUBJECT

At the evening service at the Methodist Church last Sunday, Rev. E. R. Stanford preached to an unusually large audience on a very attractive theme: "Is the Young Man Safe?"

The text was II Sam. 18:29, "Is the Young Man Absolut Safe." David sat between the gates waiting for news. The young man Absolut had rebelled against his father. With soft words he had stolen the hearts of the men of Israel. He had many good qualities. He was praised for his good looks, he was brave and he was daring.

But he had come to town and lined up with the wrong crowd, on the wrong side. At this writing he was in a great battle.

The young man to day is in a great battle, and we may well ask the question, "Is the Young Man Safe?" The reasons for asking the question are:

There comes a time when every young man must leave home so to speak. A time when he must stand on his own two feet and face the world for himself. He must appropriate and assimilate his early teachings. His faith must be transferred to himself and he must think, feel, act, for himself. He must test his own wings and learn to fly alone.

Because of the possibilities wrapped up in a young man. If in 1830 had you asked the question of a young man in a country store in Illinois, who would have dreamed that there was incased in that rough exterior a future president. If you had asked the question concerning a small boy in a Presbyterian Manse in Georgia many would have said why he is only a preacher's son and none would have dreamed that Woodrow Wilson, our greatest president, was in the making. Intellectually, physically, socially morally is the young man safe?

The third reason for asking the question is because of the dangers that surround the young man. The lure of the city attracts him. The white lights and the music fascinates him. The desire to know and to break all restraint overtakes him. The loss of high ideals and the true view of things undermines his strength. There is danger of lining up with the wrong crowd on the wrong side. A young man's associates can make or mar him.

The last reason is that the

young man of today will be the citizen of tomorrow. Our future progress depends on the young man. This is a young man's age. The need is for clean, strong, well equipped, honest young men. Young men of high ideals and self control who can be absolutely depended upon. The young man is not safe who grows up on the streets, who idles away his time, who keeps fast company, who tampers with strong drink, who reads trashy literature, who lacks ambition and a strong moral fibre.

Let's make a good environment for the young man. Have confidence in young men and cultivate their friendship. Young men take Jesus Christ into your life and into your plans. Without him the snares and temptations will overwhelm you. Let the Principles of Christ dominate you and you will be safe.

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.

J. B. Porterfield of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Capt. A. D. Tally, of Crews, was in the city Monday to accompany his granddaughter, Miss Mabel Jennings, who was en route home at Marlin to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Huffacker, of the Maverick country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Thomas, of the Marie country, were interviewing Santa Claus and shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, left Sunday afternoon for Cleveland, Tenn., to visit relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hardgrege, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

A. J. Zaak, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

Will Hale of Norton was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

LUMBER FOR CHRISTMAS isn't much in demand. But Christmas is a good time to begin planning for that new building or improvement in the spring. Let us suggest that all your plans include our lumber as a part of the specifications. That will mean a better and more enduring job, the truest kind of economy. Merry Christmas to you!

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RUNNELS PUPILS IN STATE UNIVERSITY

Runnels County is represented at the University of Texas this year by the following students:

Joseph Michael Egan, Mary Egan, Cordelia Armour Guion, Eugene Harvey Kipp, Odie Voelkel, Melvina Alzira Walker, Roscoe Hall Wilmeth, Ballinger; Eunice Heavenhill, Josephine Heavenhill, Winters.

Of these, Idie Voelkel and Josephine Heavenhill are candidates for degress and will probably be graduated from the University next June.

The University is now in its 33 season and has registered a larger attendance than at any previous time during its history. Twenty-three hundred students are now enrolled at the Main University at Austin (810 girls.) and 300 at the Medical Department at Galveston. It is likely that the total registration before the end of the session will exceed 2800. Of course these figures take no account of the 1200 students taking work at the University by correspondence.

Texas thus has, easily, the largest registration of any university in the South.

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,
Concho county, Tex

Boost Your Town.

The business league has on hand quite a number of folders advertising Ballinger. These folders fit nicely into a business size envelope. Get some from the secretary and send them to your outside customers when you write.

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

ROBS HIM OF CHRISTMAS TURKEY.

R. T. Williams says he will think a great deal more of the fellow who "swiped" his Christmas turkey, of the swiper will return the turkey, and he would like to have him returned by Saturday. Mr. Williams had selected a turkey for his holiday dinner and thought he had it safely penned up at home, but the turkey came up missing, and according to the circumstances Mr. Williams feels that the turkey had assistance in getting out of the pen.

Mrs. P. H. Brooks, of Miles, who had been at the bedside of her brother Jarvis Jones, returned home Monday at noon and we are glad to report Mr. Jones better today.

FARMERS PROTESTING AGAINST ROBBERS

There is an under current sentiment prevailing throughout the South that promises to develop into some organized move that will cause the cotton bears to stand up and take notice. There is no excuse under the sun for the present tendency to keep the cotton market down. With the greatest demand in many years and a crop far short of the supply, the farmers are puzzled when they are reminded of the doctrine of supply and demand which has been preached to them from time to time when bumper crops have been made. Europe wants American cotton; in fact they must have American cotton, and are willing to pay 20 cents per pound for it. The question that naturally follows is why is it the farmers can't get a price for his cotton in keeping with the demand.

The following appearing in a recent issue of the various papers of the state, shows the "kicks" that are being registered, and will lead to a general boycott on the art of the cotton growers, if they are not given a square deal. La Grange, Texas, Dec. 13.—Farmers and business men in this section of the State request that you ask for immediate action against the organized bear cliques now operating in New Orleans and New York for the purpose of illegitimately depressing prices of cotton against the interest of Southern farmers and merchants.

The Government estimate shows the smallest crop produced in the last sixteen years. Consumption today of cotton is the largest in the history of the world. The law of demand and supply should govern values. Bulls who a few years ago operated in the interest of farmers were prosecuted by the United States Government. Let the Government take similar action now against illegitimate depressors of the price of cotton. We await your immediate action. Copy of this message sent to members of Senate and Congress today, also to Southern papers.

A. W. KOLLATT,
For Farmers and Merchants.

We hear a bear saying now that cotton sold for 12 cents in Ballinger this week, and that that is a good price when compared with what our fathers received for their crop. We deny that it is a good price, when compared with conditions and prices of other products. We should remember that a few years ago the fattest and largest beef in the pen only brought \$25 or \$30. You can't buy a calf for that price today, and it is just as easy to raise a yearling today as it was when cotton was selling for six cents.

The South is growing and the European war has created a strength throughout the South that will cause this country to outlaw the illegitimate manipulation in cotton prices, and who is responsible for robbing the South of much of its wealth.

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.

CONTENTS OF BLACKBURN NOTE.

The contents of the note left by H. J. Blackburn, who shot himself with a Colt's .32 automatic pistol while seated in a rocking chair at his home at Valera Thursday afternoon of last week, and about which there has been considerable speculation, did not make any reference to the charges against the man. The note was addressed to Mrs. Blackburn and in substance was as follows:

"Dear Lillie, I am leaving you and this unfriendly world. I want you to get along the best you can and all stay together. My people have gone back on me. Take Claude's advice. (Claude Ledbetter is a brother of Mrs. Blackburn). Tell Gordon to go to Sunday school and be a good boy. Lord bless you. (Signed) Howell."

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

SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLAN FOR XMAS

The various Sunday Schools of the city are busy arranging to entertain the little folks, as well as some of the old folks on Christmas Eve. Some of the churches will devote all their time to looking after those not financially able to have Santa Claus in their home, while others will entertain the members of their Sunday School as well as carrying out charity work also.

Sunday evening at seven-thirty the churches of the city will come together in a Christmas service. The union service will be held at the Methodist Church, and Rev. Chas. Gheislin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will preach the sermon.

Ninth Street Baptist.

The Ninth Street Baptist Sunday school will observe the White Christmas exercises. All members of the Sunday school and their friends are invited to meet at the church on Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock, where a good time will be enjoyed. Each one is expected to bring something for some one else and the presents contributed will be given to the needy of the town.

Eighth Street Presbyterian.

At four o'clock Friday afternoon the primary department of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday school will meet at the church, where entertainment will be provided for them. A short program will be carried out, and refreshments served to the children. Each child will contribute some article of food or clothing and the budget made up and distributed to families that have expressed their appreciation in advance, and who are in need of such things. All the members of the Sunday school and church, and friends who can attend are urged to be present at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

Christian Sunday School.

The Christian Sunday school will give a Christmas tree, and carry out a program in keeping with the occasion. The old folks will play children, and enjoy the occasion together. The members of the Sunday school will gather at the church at seven-thirty Friday evening, and enjoy the program arranged for the occasion.

Methodist To Have Big Tree

An eleven foot Christmas tree was brought to the city Monday for the Methodist Sunday school and the committee is busy getting the tree in shape for the children. The Christmas entertainment will be given Friday evening, and the presents distributed from the tree to the members of the Sunday school. Baskets will be provided for contributions for the poor and all members of the Sunday school have been requested to bring food and clothing, or anything else that will be of use to families that are in need. These goods will be brought to the Young Men's Business League room and turned over to the charity committee.

BANKS TO CLOSE XMAS AND NEW YEAR.

The local banks have given notice that Christmas Day and New Years Day will be observed and business at the banks will be suspended for the days. On account of Christmas coming on Saturday there was some question in the minds of some as to whether the day would be observed as usual.

Notwithstanding that the day falls on Saturday the business houses of the city will remain closed for the day and the holiday observed as usual. It is not thought that the business houses will close on New Year however. Those having business to transact should govern themselves accordingly, remembering that Ballinger people are patriotic and mindful of the occasion and will not keep open for business on Christmas day.

SELLING SAXON SIXES

The Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. delivered two Saxon Sixes this week, one going to Post Baron at Wingate, and the other to Mrs. Will Currie of Concho County. Country people are the heavy auto buyers this season, realizing their value as well as a great deal of pleasure.

Charlie Shum of the Coyote creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday with his household goods en route to the Miles country, where he will make home in the future.

I Buy, Sell and Trade For Most Any Old Thing.

Violens and Bicycles Repaired. Also Furniture Storage.

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CHARITY COMMITTEE.

The business men of Ballinger met last week and selected a business men's charity committee for the City of Ballinger for the present and coming year. This committee accepted their duties, met and selected Mr. R. T. Williams as chairman. This board has selected Mr. Elmer Sheppard to solicit and collect from all the business men and citizens annually, amounts sufficient to meet the needs to carry out the purposes of this board. I feel sure this board will give the subject a good business like management and those deserving need will find this board their friend and they should not hesitate to make their wants known and when they find imposition they will turn it down, as business men should do and in some cases direct the attention to the proper officers to cases which should be made to move on. The city will insist on no street begging or going to store or residences for alms. Let us aid this committee liberally with our means and they will relieve us of much annoyance and some fraud.
J. W. POWELL.

DANGERS OF A COLD

Ballinger People Will Do Well to Heed Them.

Many bad cases of kidney trouble result from a cold or chill. Congested kidneys fall behind in filtering the poison-laden blood and backache headache, dizziness and disordered kidney action follow. Don't neglect a cold. Use Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of kidney trouble. Follow this Ballinger resident's example:

Geo. B. Eskridge, Mai nSt., Ballinger, says: "I had a spell of La Grippe that settled on my kidneys. I suffered so severely from my back, that I could hardly keep going and I had dull, throbbing pains across my loins. My sight blurred and I had dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and they strengthened my back and relieved all symptoms of kidney complaint."

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

BALLINGER HOGS TOP THE MARKET.

Mr. J. H. Taylor, who went to Fort Worth with the several cars of hogs shipped Tuesday by the local Hog Raisers' Association and returned Friday, reports that the Runnels County hogs topped the market for their class. This is certainly encouraging to the farmers who participated in making up the shipment.

The truck growers of this vicinity will meet in the league room next Tuesday the twenty-first to perfect their organization for the marketing of watermelons and other truck crops, and all farmers concerned should take note of how well co-operation is working among the hog raisers and come out resolved to join the new organization and get the advantages which will result from a similar organization among the truck raisers.

AUSTIN BURGESS,
Secretary Y. M. B. L.

J. T. Snellgrave of the Maze-land country, was in Ballinger Monday looking after a lot of grain he had stored in the flour mill, recently burned.

Max Winkle of the Millersview country, and W. F. McShann and J. W. Bigby of the Pony creek country were among the business visitors in the city Monday.

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Our trees are now ready for market. We will be prepared to deliver same at any time after December 1st. Can supply Holbert, Stuart, Fratcher, Money-maker, Kincaid, Oliver, Texas Prolific and a few from the noted Raby tree, a native of Runnels County.

S. B. HOWARD

**CAUSE OF HOG
CHOLERA AND CURE**

(By Austin Burges, Secretary Young Mens Business League.)

Hog cholera is the most serious disease of hogs which occurs in the United States, and any farmer who has ever had an outbreak of the disease in his herd knows how serious it may become to him. If no intelligent effort is made to control the disease when it breaks out in a herd, it may result in the death of 90 per cent of the hogs in that herd. But if the disease is properly handled, the efforts may result in the saving of 90 per cent of the herd.

Hog cholera is a germ disease and cannot occur in your herd unless by some means the germs have been carried to your hogs or have remained in the soil from a previous outbreak. The ways in which the germs may be carried are almost numberless, but the following ways are the most common: 1. by the owners of diseased hogs visiting well herds; 2. by owners of well herds visiting diseased herds; 3. by hog buyers and careless veterinarians; 4. by dogs, cats and other animals that go from farm to farm; 5. by pigeons, crows, and other birds; 6. by pasturing well hogs next to sick ones; 7. by buying new stock and turning them in with the well herd; 8. by streams that run thru or near infected premises; or 9. on wheels or vehicles. When cholera breaks out in your neighborhood provide against all such means of carrying the infection to your hogs.

For the benefit of those who have not had experience with hog cholera, some of the symptoms are here stated. A hog suffering with his nose close to the ground eyes dull or half shut, back arched and tail straight, he may breathe fast, have loose bowels after the second or third day, usually with a loss of appetite. Upon catching him and examining the skin along the belly and between the legs, you will find dark red or blue spots. The only sure sign of hog cholera, however, is brown red, or black spots on the lungs, accompanied by an enlarged and spotted spleen (melt), splotches on the outside of the stomach and intestines, and tiny spots on the liver. If the pig has been sick some days you may find ulcers on the inside of the intestines, especially where the small intestines enters the large one.

When you see one or more of your hogs acting in such a way as to make you think they have cholera, put them in a pen by themselves and phone for the nearest competent veterinarian. In the meantime post signs at every gate on your farm reading "Hogs Sick—Keep Out," and take all other precautions against the possible spread of the disease. If you cannot get a veterinarian, call on the secretary of the business league in Ballinger. He will examine your hog and advise you what to do.

In case the hogs are found to have the cholera, the following treatment is the proper one. The one who is to treat the hogs will, after first giving directions as to how to prevent the spread of the disease, wire to the Veterinary Department of A. & M. College, or to some reputable commercial company for a sufficient amount of serum to treat all the hogs in the herd, both sick and well. The injection of the serum will prevent the well hogs from contracting the disease for a period of from four to six weeks and it may possibly save the sick hogs also. Serum is blood which has been taken from hogs which have been given the disease but have recovered, hence are immune. This blood properly injected will make other hogs also immune for a short time.

It is very important that the serum used be fresh and clean. The serum should be injected by a hypodermic syringe into any part of the hog except the ham or fleshy parts, but the large vein in the ear is probably the best place. The greatest possible care and cleanliness should be used in the process. The hands should be washed in disinfectant, the hog's ear shaved and carefully disinfected, and the instruments should be dipped in disinfectant between every operation. A five per cent solution of carbolic acid or a three percent solution of Compound Cresosol may be used for disinfectants. Persons without experience should never attempt to do this inoculating.

Hogs which have died with the cholera should be burned right where they die or else buried not

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less than four feet deep and the ground round about well disinfected. Except where a number of hogs have contracted the disease before you discover the fact, the cheapest, and certainly the safest thing, is to kill and burn the sick ones without making any attempt to treat them.

By far the best way to fight cholera is to prevent it. Keep your hogs on pasture as much as possible. They will cost you less, grow better, and not be likely to take the disease. Clean up the hog lot thoroughly and keep it clean. Whitewash all the buildings inside and out with whitewash containing five per cent carbolic acid. Then get rid of lice and worms and keep the hogs healthy. A healthy hog like a healthy person is usually able to fight off disease. All of us breathe the germs of consumption occasionally, but few of us take the disease, because we are healthy enough to resist it.

**FORT WORTH WOMAN
TELLS ABOUT HEALTH**

Mrs. Reed, Long a Sufferer From Stomach Ills, Can Eat and Now Sleeps Like a Baby.

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

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

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

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver, and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be refunded.

**HUNTERS RETURN;
REPORT GOOD LUCK.**

Diaz Wood, Will Dunlap, Ed O'Kelley, Will Gross and J. W. Gross, of Bonham, returned Sunday night from a deer hunt in Val Verde county. They report some pretty tough outing, but plenty game, and returned with six deer to their credit.

**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.

**TAYLOR COUNTY
VOTES OUT TICK**

By a vote of 455 to 131 Taylor county adopted the tick eradication law last Saturday. Three boxes in the city of Abilene voted solidly for the law. The vote was light however, and little interest manifested on the part of the county as a whole.

Posted—Keep Out!
Notice is hereby given that no hunting or fishing is allowed in my pasture.
SAM BROOKSHIRE.
10-Stw-pd.

**WILL RURAL MAIL
DELIVERY BE STOPPED?**

Some time ago The Ledger sounded a note of warning to the people of this country, and especially to those who are supplied with free mail delivery every day. We quoted an interview with Postmaster Erwin, in which Mr. Erwin briefly told what was required of him by the postal department in reporting the condition of the roads over which mail was delivered to the rural patrons. At that time Mr. Erwin stated that unless the roads were fixed the mail routes would be discontinued.

We are again reminded this week of the danger of delay. Mr. Erwin stated that one of the autos serving on the rural route out of Ballinger was stuck up in the road for one hour and a half on account of a bad mud hole. Mr. Erwin is compelled to report such matters to the department at Washington, and if the patrons living on such routes don't believe that they are going to be deprived of daily mail advantages, they will wake up surprised when an order is issued to discontinue the route, and such an order is sure to come if the roads are not improved, and that at an early date.

Uncle Sam does not quibble over such matters, and it is one of the requirements—roads must be kept up or the mail carrier will lose his job and the rural people daily mail.

The people receiving mail on the rural routes out of Ballinger cannot say they are not to blame. Two propositions during the present year have been put up to them, either of which would have settled the bad road trouble, but the people turned them down, and now it is up to them to suffer the consequences.

There are people living twelve or fifteen miles from Ballinger who receive their mail—delivered free of cost to their very door daily. They have been induced to subscribe for daily papers, and in many instances have paid for them a year in advance. If the rural routes are discontinued they will receive their mail about once a week, and some times not quite so often, and then a daily paper will not be of much value to them.

Aside from the benefit of free daily mail, good roads are needed for travel for the general public and when the farmer comes to town he will find it a great advantage to be able to travel over good roads, and make the trip in less time and with less wear and tear on wagon and team, or his auto, if he should own one.

Why is it the people will delay building good roads, and there by hinder one of the greatest means of progress known to a country bidding for a higher standard of civilization?

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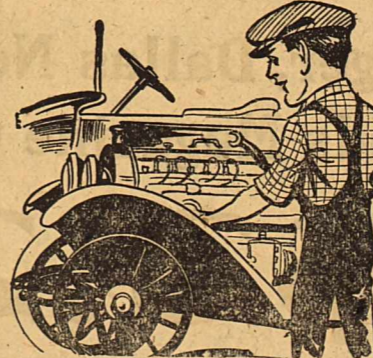
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A. J. THORP BUSY INTEREST.

Mr. A. J. Thorp, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, has purchased interest in the E. Shepperd & Co., insurance agency. The agency will be managed by E. Shepperd as usual and Mr. Thorp will not have an active part in the business.

This agency was launched in January 1909 by M. D. Chastain and was run under the name of M. D. Chastain & Co.

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And Build Up The System
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S
TASTELESS chill TONIC.** You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

THE LUCKY NUMBER.

R. P. Kirk, agent for the Studebaker auto, held a drawing at the Fletcher Garage Saturday afternoon and little Master Bertram Fuetcher draw the lucky number for Will Bryson of Millersview. Mr. Bryson held two tickets in the contest. Jno. A. Weeks of our city and Judge Howze and Warren Puit of Paint Rock acted as judges.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kalterman of San Antonio, who had been visiting her father Max Zeechang and family, left for their home Saturday.

J. F. Kuhn of Rowena, motored over Monday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. MACK.

The remains of Mrs. Maria Mack, the mother of Scott H. Mack, arrived over the A. & S. road at one o'clock Thursday afternoon. The remains were met at the train by a large number of friends and a procession formed and the remains were carried to the City cemetery where Rev. J. F. Montgomery conducted the funeral services, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest.

CHRISTMAS TREE

CALLED OFF

In view of the sad bereavement that has come to our Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Scott H. Mack, the Christmas tree and entertainment will not be given; but we wish all of the children of the Bible school to come to the Christian church on Tenth Street at 7:30 Friday evening and the teachers will deliver the presents to them.

C. R. CREWS,
Chairman of Board
J. F. MONTGOMERY,
Pastor

On behalf of the church and Sunday School.

If you are a Ballinger booster you will spend 10 cents for a copy of the Prosperity Edition and mail it to a friend or relative.

JITNEY TURNS TURTLE; PASSENGERS ESCAPE

A jitney turned turtle on Eighth Street early Wednesday night, and two passengers, a young man and a young lady and the driver, Charley Pumphrey, had a close call from injury. All three of the parties came out of the wreck without a scratch.

Mr. Pumphrey was delivering the passengers to their home, when in some way the steering gear of the machine went to the road, and he lost control of the car, and it struck the curbing and

turned completely over.

The young man proved himself a hero, and realizing the car was going to turn over, he jumped out grabbing the young lady by the arm and pulling her out at the same time. They both landed clear of the car, while the driver was pinioned under the auto between the seat and the windshield. Parties who happened to be nearby rushed to the scene of the accident and lifted the car upright and the driver crawled out stating that he was not hurt.

THE WHITE CHRISTMAS.

Much is being written and spoken today about observing the real spirit of Christmas. No more beautiful service has even been written than the "White Gifts for the King." The real joy of Christmas is making others happy. Many Sunday schools and churches have adopted the splendid idea of a giving Christmas.

The thought of the White Christmas is to emphasize the idea of purity, peace and unselfishness by bringing gifts for others in white.

General Booth once sent a New Year's greeting to every Salvation Army post in the world and he simply said, "Others."

The origin of the "White Christmas" came possibly from the legend of Cathay. "This strange country is called Cathay, and the ruler thereof is one Kublah Khan, and by reason of his strong arm and trusty sword he became ruler of the whole land." His government was wise and just and poor and rich alike learned to love him.

On the king's birthday the people observed what is called the White Feast. The king and his court assembled in the white room of the palace. The floors were white marble, white curtains of silk hung from the walls, all were dressed in white and they offered white gifts unto the king in honor of his birthday.

"Nor doth the great king regard one gift above another so long as all be white." "The King's birthday! Why that is just what Christmas is!"

The Methodist Sunday School of Painesville, Ohio, was the first to use this service but the idea is being adopted in many Sunday schools.

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church of Ballinger will have a Christmas Program Friday night and "White Gifts for the King." Provisions, fruit and candy wrapped in white will be banked in front of the great Christmas tree.

On Sunday 26th., the church and Sunday School will bring the White Envelope with a pledge of self, of service, and of substance. The offering will go to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco.

The Christmas program is as follows:

Processional — "Joy to the World."

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

Hymn "Watchman tell us of the Night."

Scripture lesson.

Hymn by the children.

Offertory "White gifts for the King."

Sermon—"The Joy of Christmas" by the pastor.

Benediction.

FORD QUILTS HIS SHIP TO GET REST

By United Press:

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 23.—When the Oscar II sailed today for Stockholm Henry Ford, leader of the Ford peace party, was missing and the party left here without him. Physicians who waited on Ford when first taken ill here, said it was necessary that he detach himself from his party in order that he could take a needed rest. Ford's whereabouts were not made known.

S. S. McClure, the newspaper man, and leader of the insurgents members of the party who are not in accord with Mr. Ford in his opposition to the Wilson preparedness policy, on the Oscar II will also leave the party, and with Gov. Hanna, of North Dakota, will tour the belligerent countries.

Norwegian newspapers, in giving an account of the Ford peace party visit, refer to Henry Ford as "noble peace prize."

JAPANESE STEAMER IS TORPEDOED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A French warship rescued nearly three hundred passengers of the Yasaka Maru, a big Japanese steamer, and landed them at port.

The steamer was submerged in the Mediterranean without warning, according to an agent of the liner who was aboard the vessel.

According to dispatches received here the passengers included

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