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WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU with everything necessary for the sustenance and comforts of life. Phone 37.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

December 31st, 1915

To Our Patrons and Friends:

With this day the year 1915 comes to a close. To many it has been a most prosperous period. The farmers of Runnels County have turned into the channels of commerce the greatest crops in our history, as a whole the producer has received an equitable compensation for his labor and investment; our people have been blessed with good health, neither pestilence nor calamity has visited our midst. There are many things for which we should be devoutly thankful.

We, as a bank, wish to acknowledge to our patrons and friends that you have made it possible for us to enjoy the most prosperous year in our history. To you we are most sincerely grateful and will endeavor to express our appreciation by careful, efficient and satisfactory attention to your needs.

Reciprocity is to many an adopted slogan, but with this bank it is a live, active principle and those who favor us with their business have the absolute assurance that their requirements will be fully met along lines compatible with the merit of their offerings.

We will consider it a great favor from those who do business with us and you will place us under lasting obligations to you, if, as opportunity affords, you mention to your friends and neighbors the attentive, hearty service accorded you by the clerks and officers of THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK. Granting this courtesy you help yourself, for the larger the volume of our business the more effectively we can serve you.

A special invitation is extended those who have not yet availed themselves of our unexcelled facilities. Start the New Year aright by opening an account with us; none too small to receive courteous attention, none too large to be suitably served.

Very truly yours,

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

"Fathers and Mothers Bank"

The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things

ANGELO FIREMEN HIT POST TO AVERT A COLLISION

By United Press.

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 29.—Harry Miers today deliberately drove a motor fire truck into a steel lighting post, in order to avoid a collision with a light automobile. Fire Chief John Parker's auto truck was demolished, and several firemen injured.

Bargain, 5-passenger car, cost \$1100 about one year old, new tires, electric starter and lights. \$450; 300.00 cash, balance \$12.50 per month. 28-5dlw BALLINGER AUTO CO.

Joe Sommers, of Rowena, was transacting business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

T. & P. WRECK INJURES NINE

SWEETWATER, Dec. 28.—Nine persons were injured, three seriously, when Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 5 chashed into the rear end of a freight train standing on the main line here this morning. The engine of the passenger train was a total wreck. The caboose took fire from an overturned stove and it, with three cars of ties next to it, burned. The line was tied up for ten hours while the wreckers cleared away the debris.

The engine of the passenger train was driven by Engineer Smith. Those injured are Fireman Frank Walling, who was thrown out of the cab of the passenger engine and internally hurt; Madison Terrell, an emigrant en route from Louisiana to Sylvester, who was sleeping in the caboose, who sustained internal injuries believed to be fatal.

I. L. Toland, a Nolan county ranchman, was seriously cut and bruised, and internal injuries are feared. W. W. Eddleman, manager of the Higginbotham-Harris Lumber Company, bruised about the face and shoulders; M. J. Carroll, cut and bruised; Rev. T. J. Griswold, knee injured; W. A. Gilmore, brakeman, cut and bruised; Miss Emma Welty, badly bruised. One brakeman, name not learned, was hurt badly, but went on to Big Springs.

Metz, 4-passenger, bargain at \$250. \$150 cash balance \$10 per month. 28-5dlw BALLINGER AUTO CO.

BUYS EIGHT CYLINDER APPERSON

G. G. Odom received through the local Apperson agent this week a new eight cylinder Apperson car. The car is a beauty and is in the \$1800 class.

3 KILLED IN SANTA FE COLLISION

The Farmers of Runnels and All Others Whom It May Concern, GREETINGS: Whereas, it is the announced and settled purpose and plan of the Texas State Department of Agriculture to secure the organization of a County Farmers Institute in every County in the State and also of a local Institute in every school district in every County of the State, the membership of said local Institute to include the men and women of the farms, and also the boys and girls old and advanced enough to be enrolled as pupils of the 7th grade and upward in the common schools of the counties, all of the said local Institutes of a county to be brought together and made members of their respective County Institutes, and all County Institutes, and all County Farmers' Institute which has been organized by the said State Department of Agriculture, and is and will continue to be under its general authority and direction, and

Whereas, there are fifty-four school districts in this, Runnels County, in three of which namely: Miles Independent District, Hatfield and Rowena School Districts. Local Institutes have already been organized and are in good working condition and

Whereas, at a meeting of representative farmers of said county, held recently in the county court house in Ballinger, by request of H. L. Bentley of Abilene, Texas, one of the duly authorized representatives of said State Department of Agriculture, and in co-operation with him, officers and Committeemen of the County Farmers' Institute in and for said Runnels County were duly selected and appointed, namely: President, C. A. Doose, Ballinger; first vice president, W. T. Murray,

Winters; second vice president, W. R. Hunton, Miles; secretary-treasurer, W. W. Wooten, Ballinger; executive committee, Feb. McWilliams, Ballinger; W. D. Meadows, Winters; J. D. Smith, Winters; C. H. Miles; O. L. Parish, Ballinger and.

Whereas, the said Department of Agriculture represented by said H. L. Bentley, working in active co-operation with said officers and committeemen of the said Runnels County Farmers Institute has secured the cordial recommendation by many of the local farm people in each of the said school districts, of the several persons to be hereinafter mentioned by name, to be appointed as the temporary officers of local Institute in each of said districts, all of said local farmers Institutes to be members of said Runnels County Farmers Institute. There, I as President of said County Farmers Institute, by virtue of the authority in me vested do hereby appoint and designate the following named persons to hold the following designated Institute offices, until those who are or shall be eligible to membership in the local Institute in their respective school districts shall meet and formally organize and elect their successors, namely: In and for the

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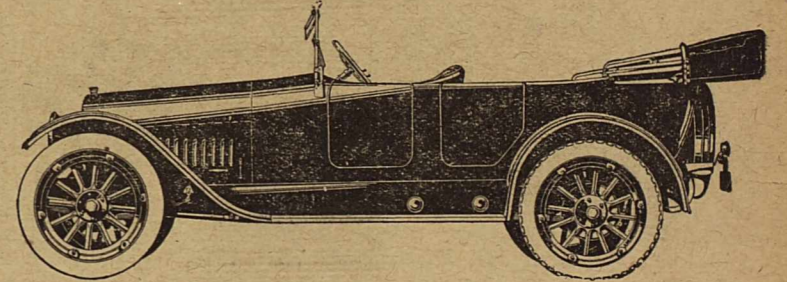
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W. A. Nance Henry Jones



Mitchell Cars on Credit

We are in a position now to sell Mitchell Cars on terms. See us at once.

Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!!

1 Maxwell, been run very little; 5 passenger; in first class condition \$300. \$200 cash balance \$10 month.

1 large 4-cylinder, 5 passenger car in fine condition, good tires, a bargain at \$200.

We cut the price on tires, batteries, gasoline and everything for autos. Best equipped machine shop in West Texas. We can make anything, welding with gas, any kind of casting or aluminum. Storage batteries charged. All kind of electrical work.

Ballinger Auto Company

Opposite Court House Lawn

Statement of Condition ...The...

Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1915

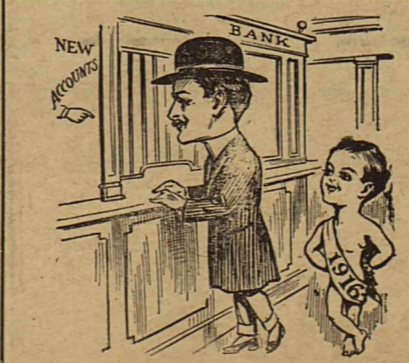
Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$154,826.61	Capital - - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 65,522.74	Surplus - - - - - 10,000.00
Overdrafts - - - - - NONE	Undivided Profit net 6,126.65
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Borrowed Money - - - - - NONE
Other Real Estate 6,896.84	DEPOSITS - - - - - 363,826.32
Interest and Assment in Guaranty Fund - - - 2,217.21	
CASH - - - - - 180,488.57	
	\$429,951.97

The above statement is correct.

JOHN Q. McADAMS, Cashier

The constantly increasing volume of business and growth of resources indicate the satisfactory service we are giving the people of this section.

"A Guaranty Fund Bank"



Start the New Year Right

by opening an account with this bank. Don't simply resolve to do so but come and do it. After you have experienced the convenience, safety and advantages of such an account for a while, you'll wonder why you hadn't opened one before. And the satisfaction is a great for those who open small accounts as for those whose affairs are larger.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. Ballinger, Texas

The First National Bank of Ballinger

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1886

Ballinger, Texas,

1916

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

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

We desire to give to each and everyone of you a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of no more acceptable than a neat serviceable 1916 CALENDAR for you. Our supply is exhausted they are yours for the asking, with us or not.

The plan under which we distributed our calendars last year was very satisfactory and so many of our friends expressed their appreciation that we have concluded to distribute our 1916 calendars in the same manner. We will ask that each and everyone receiving a calendar be registered in a register which will be arranged for this purpose. Children's names must be given in order from parent or guardian. Calendar cannot be mailed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1916 will be our calendar day. We will continue to distribute them until the supply is exhausted.

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

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

Yours very truly,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

"The Bank of Good Service"

BRITISH CABINET IN TURMOIL

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The British cabinet is facing the gravest internal trouble since the present war began, and the crisis was expected to come when the cabinet met at noon today.

It is rumored that several ministers will resign unless the British government agree upon some form of compulsory service in war. According to one report Lloyd George threatened to resign last night, as things were not going to suit him, and it is also rumored that Premier Asquith will resign. If conscription orders are issued another member Grey will quit.

GERMAN LEADER SAYS WILL WIN NEXT FALL

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—In letters to his son Dr. Eugene Mackensen, a practicing physician in this city, Field Marshal von Mackensen in the German army, forecast a sweeping victory for the Germans in the present European war.

Field Marshal Mackensen says the war will continue for another year, and he predicts that the end will come next winter when the Germans will win control of the allied nations.

MEN WITH MONEY MUST FACE TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Federal Judge Hunt today denied a motion to dismiss indictments against eleven former and presents members of the board of directors of the New Heaven railroad. The directors are charged with conspiracy to monopolize a transportation in the New England states.

PRESIDENT WILSON FIFTY-NINE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson celebrated his 59th birthday today quietly with his bride. The only indication that the Executive has passed another milestone was the scores of telegrams from his friends in all parts of the world.

In health and spirit the President is many years younger than 59. His hair is quite grey, but he stands erect, 5 feet 11 inches in his stocking feet. Recently he tipped the scales at 171 pounds. He walks a great deal and plays golf. Woodrow Wilson was born at Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856. His father was the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, a distinguished scholar and clergyman of the south, and his mother Jessie Woodrow Wilson. His ancestry on both sides is Scotch-Irish.

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Hereafter this paper will not be mailed to your address for a longer time than for which you have paid. The label on your paper shows the date to which your subscription is paid, and in addition to this we will send you a notice when your time expires. If you do not renew, your name will be dropped from our mailing list. In order to give you time to renew without missing a copy of the paper, we may send you a copy or two after your subscription expires, but in no case will we send the paper on a credit. When you receive the paper hereafter you may rest assured that it is paid for.

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.

BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Black of Abilene, came in Monday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jarrett, during the week.

THE WHOLE BODY NEEDS PURE BLOOD

The bones, the muscles, and all the organs of the body depend for their strength and tone and healthy action on pure blood.

If the blood is very impure, the bones become diseased; the muscles become enfeebled, the step loses its elasticity, and there is inability to perform the usual amount of labor. The skin loses its clearness, and pimples, blotches and other eruptions appear.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. It is positively unequalled in the treatment of scrofula and other humors, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling. Be sure to get Hood's and get it today. All druggists.

Mrs. Freeman of Abilene, came in a day or two ago, and will spend the week with her son J. A. Freeman and family.

Special copies of the Prosperity Edition of The Daily Ledger, wrapped ready for mailing, 10 cents at The Ledger office.

W. A. Tillery, J. A. Williams and Arthur Terrell of Concho, passed thru Ballinger Sunday en route to points East to visit during the holidays.

Judge J. B. Wade of Fort Worth, was greeting Ballinger friends Monday. He and his family are spending the Christmas with Mrs. Wade's father, J. W. Norman, of Paint Rock.

F. B. Creighton of Fort Worth, who joined his wife here, on a visit to her father, Rev. G. W. Newman and family, during Christmas, left for his home Monday afternoon.

We have issued the largest paper ever issued in Ballinger. The price is 10 cents, cheaper than you can buy the blank paper. Why not mail a copy to your friend back east.

J. T. Billups of the Truitt country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Santa Anna on a short business trip.

Tom Grace, who had been spending Christmas with his wife, and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for Dallas, and other points in the state.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hutchings*

MOTHER SERIOUSLY ILL.

Judge J. W. Powell left Tuesday afternoon for Baird, in response to a message stating that his mother, was seriously ill at that place.

Golds Need Attention

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey 25c all Druggists.

J. P. Flynt spent Christmas with home folks, left Tuesday for Winters, where he is buying cotton and grain this season.

Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

H. L. WENDORF
dtdf Hutchings Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maddox, who were here from the Loomis ranch to attend the funeral of Mrs. Maddox's brother, Hayden Routh, last Sunday, returned to their home Monday morning.

Stomach Catarrh Is Very Prevalent

In this climate catarrh is a prevalent disease. Catarrh affects the stomach as often as any other organ. Perhaps every third person is more or less troubled with stomach catarrh. Peruna is extensively used in these cases.

PERUNA THE RELIABLE FAMILY REMEDY

B. B. Crim, of Los Vegas, N. M., a former valued citizen of this county, came in Friday to visit his father, G. F. Crim and family of the Valley creek country.

many more returns of this happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Voglesang of San Angelo, came in Friday to visit relatives and friends.

Col. J. R. Taylor of Norton, was in the city Friday celebrating his 72nd birthday and is still hale and hearty and bids fair to see

J. J. Pope, of the Wylie ranch section, left from this point Friday to visit at Fort Worth and

other points in that section during the holidays. He renewed with the Banner-Ledger and says it is one of the best county papers he has ever read.

G. W. Tyree of Miles, who spent Christmas with home folks, returned to his place of business at noon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shultz of the Eden country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to Fort Worth.

L. D. Clark of the Valley Creek country, came in Monday to meet his wife who returned from Paint Rock where she had been to attend the funeral of a little niece.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY! WATCH THIS NEWSPAPER FOR THE

UNIVERSAL

Greatest of all Photo Play Serials
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SEE THE PICTURES

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Queen Theatre

Don't Cheat Yourself!

We are not only a convenience but a **MONEY SAVER** for you.

PIANOS MUSIC

We must satisfy you because nothing else will satisfy us.

The Music House Reliable

GEO. ALLEN
of Western Texas,
SAN ANGELO

Established in 1890

LOMETA POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Temple, Dec. 27.—Information received here yesterday of the burglarizing Friday night of the postoffice at Lometa, in Lampasas County, seventy miles west of Temple, on the Santa Fe railway. The robbers are reported to have secured \$400 and the supply of stamps. Fuller details are lacking.

J. J. Sayers left Monday afternoon for Brownwood on a business trip.

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o | M. C. SMITH. | o
o | Attorney-at-Law. | o
o | Office up-stairs in C. A. | o
o | Doose Building. | o
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Ballinger, Texas.

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Office with Security Title Co.
Will Practice in all the Courts.

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Ballinger, Texas.

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THE BEST COMPANIES
Prompt Service
Your Business Solicited.
Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in
old Fidelity Credit Co's office.
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Are You a Woman?
Take **Cardui**
The Woman's Tonic
FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

DIVERSIFICATION, THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS

By A. E. Burges, Secretary Y. M. B. L.

It is poor management, not laziness, which prevents the average farmer from being more prosperous. And diversification is the best road to prosperity and happiness. Farmers work hard, awfully hard, when they work, but it is because their work is crowded into certain seasons that this is necessary. Most farmers are of the opinion that no other class of people work as hard they do (and they are right to a certain extent), yet farm surveys or investigations made by Cornell and other universities show that one of the principal causes of small labor incomes among farmers is lost time, especially time lost by idle work animals. Diversification, more than any other thing, will serve to distribute the year's labor on the farm and enable farmers to work only reasonably hard and long but to keep at it more steadily. The cotton farmer does most of his year's work at chopping time and picking time. At other times, especially in the winter, he is comparatively idle. If the same farmers had a half dozen crops instead of one they would never be badly rushed at any one time, yet have something profitable to do at all times.

Diversification makes a total crop failure impossible for the reason that if the season is not right for the principal crop it certainly will be for a good part, if not all, of the others. However, it is not best to plunge too heavily into strange crops suddenly, for one's ignorance of the best way to handle each of them may bring one to grief. Do not stake much on a new crop until you have learned to grow it well.

Indications are that a heavy crop of cotton will be planted next year because of the good price this year. But European war is not over and is not likely to be when the next cotton crop is thrown on the market, hence no man can tell what the price of cotton will be next fall. Statistics show that many million dollars more were received by the farmers for the short crop this year than for the bumper crop in 1914. Of course, if you and a few others plant a big crop and every other cotton farmer plants a small crop the chances are that you will come out ahead, but other farmers will reason just like you are reasoning and the chances are that there will be another big crop in 1916 and, consequently, a small price. Be on the safe side—diversify.

The farmer who raises enough food for himself and family and enough feed for his livestock next year, need give himself little concern as to what the price of cotton will be, anyhow. He will already have his living and need buy nothing but clothes. Farmers here can raise practically everything they eat, and, except in the case of a few articles, it will pay them to raise their food rather than buy it. When you buy food you pay some other fellow for raising it, you pay the grocer for handling it, and you pay a commission to an unknown number of middlemen. This being true, can any argue that it is cheaper to buy? Even the grocer profits in the long run by your living more at home; for what grocer would not rather be located in a community of prosperous, home-owning farmers than in a community of debt-burdened renters.

Raise your own meat; nothing could be more foolish for a farmer than to buy it. A farmer is supposed to be a producer, and the farmers in this county certainly have the means at hand with which to produce meat profitably. Besides maize and corn, the humble, but profitable peanut will thrive here. Raise a few acres and let your hogs do their own harvesting—it pays.

If you do not care to feed your peanuts there are quite a number of oil mills in the State which are anxious to pay you 60 cents per bushel of 30 pounds and take all you can raise. The average yield here ought not to be less than 50 bushels per acre, and the hay, itself, is almost as valuable as alfalfa. Hence you can see how profitable peanuts might be made. But threshers would have to be brought into the country before peanuts could be handled on a large scale.

You have cows, of course? If not get some and get good ones. Milk and butter will do a great deal toward feeding you. If you want to sell your butter there is a good market in Ballinger. If you want to sell the cream or butter fat only, there is a milk depot here which will take all you bring in. But if you really want to make a profit from your cows, talk up the idea of a co-operative creamery among your neighbors. In either case, you can feed your skim milk and peanuts to the growing pigs and, six weeks before marketing, finish them off with corn. The result in pounds gained and profit made will surprise you. You can further increase your profits by marketing through the Hog Raisers' Association here.

In diversifying, don't forget the broom corn. A representative of a

broom factory in Weatherford assured the writer that farmers here could count on selling all the broom straw they were likely to raise for \$110 per ton. The same factory has frequently paid as much as \$140 per ton for straw the past season. It is safe to assume that the land here will produce one-third ton per acre on an average and in some as much as a ton. This is \$37 dollars per acre, minimum, and the cultivation costs but little.

In diversifying, plant one or more legumes, cowpeas being the usual one. Rape, soy beans, and other such plants would be excellent if it is found that they will grow here. Graze these crops with hogs or sheep and then turn the remainder under deep. Both the animals and the plants will serve to build up the fertility.

The rotation of fields which usually goes with diversification will serve to kill out the weeds and discourage plant diseases and insects. Certain plant diseases attack certain families of plants. Learn the plants they attack and don't plant any two in succession on the same land if you are trying to get rid of a disease.

No farmer who wishes to diversify should ever overlook poultry. Ballinger offers a steady market for poultry. Poultry, especially turkeys, will very nearly feed themselves on a farm and in doing so will destroy countless thousands of insects and weed seeds, thus increasing your crop without any effort on your part. Turkeys will eat boll weevils. There is a steady growing market for infertile eggs which every farmer in this section should be aware of.

To the sandy land farmer in this section watermelons offer the most attractive means of diversifying. There is no end to the demand for good melons if the market can just be found. A number of farmers near Ballinger have recently organized themselves into an association for this purpose. Get in with them and get your part of the coming profits. Peaches and other truck may be profitably raised here and marketed through the same association. The Business League has a display in its show window which brings out forcibly the contrast between one-crop farming and diversified farming. Drop by and see it when you are in town. At the same time you might step into the office and talk with the secretary; he would be glad to see and get acquainted with you.

TEXANS RESCUED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY

Find Swift Relief From Ailments of Years' Standing With First Dose of Treatment.

Many Texans needlessly suffer from stomach ailments and disorders of the digestive tract which appear to be particularly prevalent in the South. Many others have found a way to health by the use of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy.

The first dose of this remedy proves what it will do. T. B. GOODPASTURE, 802 Sabine St., Houston, Texas, wrote: "I took your treatment last spring. I don't think I will have to take any more—it completely cured me."

R. L. RANDELL, Laredo, Texas, wrote: "I have just finished my fifth bottle of your treatment and passed several gall stones. Your preparation has worked simply wonderfully during my course of treatment."

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 returned.

ALARM TURNED IN FOR FLUE FIRE

An alarm about eight o'clock called the fire company to the home of W. F. Whittaker, on Twelfth street. The fire proved to be only a flue burning out and there was no damage.

In reporting the fire, Judge Powell says he did not hear the alarm and knew nothing of it until he was later informed, although he owns the property. He stated that he now owns about twenty-five houses in Ballinger and has owned that many for about twenty-five years, all frame houses and rented to white and black tenants but he never suffered a fire loss. Says he keeps them all insured, and has spent over six hundred dollars for fire insurance policies, but has never had a loss.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

TEACHER RESIGNS; NEW ONE ELECTED

Miss Elizabeth Alexander, one of the teachers in the Central school tendered her resignation this week, and asked the board to release her from further duties. The board met and accepted the resignation. Miss Alexander stated in offering her resignation that she wished to attend school and better equip herself for teaching and she will leave within a few days for Austin where she will enroll in the University.

The board met Monday and elected Miss Myrtle Bridwell to succeed Miss Alexander. Miss Bridwell had been teaching in Big Springs, and was at home on a holiday visit to her parents. She has tendered her resignation to the Big Springs board, and will remain and teach out the remainder of the term in the Ballinger school.

War Upon Pain.

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal. writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared. Four hours after the second application I was as good as new." March, 1915. At Druggists 25c.

H. O. RHODES SELLS HOME.

A deal has been closed, and within the next few days Claud Wilmet will move into the home now occupied by H. O. Rhodes on Broadway, Mr. Rhodes having sold the place to Mr. Wilmet.

Mr. Rhodes bought this place from Dr. W. W. Fowler about one year ago, and added considerable improvement to the place. Mr. Wilmet moved here more than a year ago from McKinney, and has been on the lookout for a home in the city for his family, while he looks after his farm near Ballinger, and succeeded in buying Mr. Rhodes' home this week. Mr. Rhodes has rented the Lee Maddox home near the First Presbyterian church and will move into the same the latter part of this week.

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.

NOTICE.

It has been reported to me that a number of punch boards were being run in the county, and I assume that those who are doing so do not want to violate the law. I want to advise that these and kindred devices are in violation of the lottery law and hereafter will be prosecuted if found running.

It is not necessary to dwell on the purpose of the drastic lottery law, but suffice it to say that they breed the gambling spirit in small boys and cultivate the habit of wanting something for nothing.

I have instructed all the officers over the county to look out for all such devices and report to me. C. P. SHEPHERD, County Attorney, Runnels County, Texas.

FOR PROTECTION OF BIRDS AND OTHER PROPERTY

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. Hardy, J. L. Williams, W. A. Summers, Max Russell, A. V. Livingston. 4td&w-17-24-31-jan 7-pd.

Car Alabama Coal Just Received. Place your orders now and get coal delivered for \$9 per ton. W. H. GREER, Phone 219. 2wpd

THE GERMANS AND ALLIES

Are fighting to beat the band and ROTEN is selling Groceries without fighting at all. One on 'em! What? Phone 101.

H. G. ROTEN PHONE 101

MISS WILSON TAKES PART IN NATIONAL CIVIC MEET.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Eleventh Annual convention of the American Civic Association was convened here today by men and women prominent in social and scientific work. Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, is to take a prominent part in the sessions. The convention is simultaneous with those of the American Historical association, American Society of International Law, American Political Science Association, American Sociological Society, American Association for Labor Legislation and the Pan-American Scientific Congress.

At the morning meeting Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin, Tex., president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia, secretary of the National Municipal League; Frederick Law Olmsted, Brookline, Mass., chairman of the National Conference on City Planning; Dr. Henry Sturgis Drinker, president of Lehigh University and of the American Forestry Association; and Lord and Lady Aberdeen of Scotland, on behalf of the British Civic Workers, extended greetings from their respective organizations.

This evening J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Pa., president of the American Civic Association, will make his annual address on "What Shall We Do With Niagara."

Other speakers tonight will be Enos Mill, Estes Park, Colo.; Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, Chicago; Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Washington; R. B. Marshall, Washington; Richard B. Watrous, Washington; Dr. H. O. Reik, Baltimore; and Robert S. Yard, of the Interior Department.

NEGRO CHURCH AT BRADY BLOWN UP; BLACKS FLEE

BRADY, Dec. 27.—There is much excitement here among the negroes following two dynamite explosions which damaged property of colored residents.

The rear end of a negro residence was demolished by one explosion, and a second explosion shattered a negro church. The explosions occurred Friday night.

The negroes of Brady are badly frightened, and have appealed to the county officers for protection. One of the leaders of the negroes here asserted that they are seriously considering flight. Sheriff Wall has offered a reward of \$500 for each of the dynamiters. It is believed that the trouble is a result of the man hunt for the negro who last week shot and wounded Jim Hill in the Waldrip community.

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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JUSTICE COURT BUSY.

Monday was civil docket day in the Ballinger justice court. A case styled F. Westley Gray vs. H. Giesecke, was tried and resulted in a hung jury. The case grew out of the sale of an auto by Mr. Giesecke to Mr. Gray, Gray claiming that he had to buy certain repairs for the car before he could use it after it was delivered to him by Mr. Giesecke. The amount at stake in the case was about \$25.

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

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Conecho 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,
Conecho county, Tex

We Sell the Earth

---AND CAN PLEASE YOU

If it's a farm or ranch you want we have it any size and from \$5.00 to \$50.00. From \$1.00 per acre to 1-4 cash down and from 3 to 20 years time, 6, 7 and 8 per cent. Plenty of good water at a shallow depth. This is one of the best stock farming counties in Texas. We raise all kinds of gardens, and the year round this land will produce from 1-3 to a bale of cotton to the acre, and from 20 to 50 bushels of corn to the acre, and is king of forage crops. We raise some fruit; peaches, plums, figs, grapes and oranges. We never have much ice.

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.

Come look at what we have and you will be pleased. I will give you a sketch of the way we have some land for sale; say 500 acres. it will class 95 per cent farm land and is as good as you will find at \$35 per acre. \$1,000 down and 1-4 of the crop a year until paid out. Where can you beat this? Don't this prove what our land will do?

We have black gumbo mixed sandy. If you look our lands over and find that we have misrepresented it to you we will pay your fare both ways. We refer you to the First National Bank of Oakville or any merchant in the town. We have 50 miles of graded roads and still building.

Nueces Valley Land & Abstract Company

OAKVILLE, TEXAS

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Resolve to do it better next year.

We can begin now to frame our resolutions.

Some people can spend the next few days repenting for the way they observed the occasion.

Why not include a good roads resolution in our budget and then make it stick?

Farmers should not allow 12 cent cotton to pull them back in the rut. DIVERSIFY.

It is an ill wind that fails to blow good to someone, and the cold wind is blowing business to the plumbers.

Christmas is over, and the next best thing to do is to qualify yourself for the coming political fracas. One seventy-five will make you a citizen.

We have a number of candidates ready for the race, but procrastination cuts the cigar bill shorter.

The Ledger has received so many compliments from the boys over the state about our recent Prosperity Edition, that we are suffering just a little with the big head.

It has been suggested that to make mention of the work of the charity committee would attract objects of charity to this city. Don't worry, they'll come.

The boy who through error was paid fifty cents instead of five cents for a rabbit scalp and refunded the money to the commissioners' court should be recommended to Uncle Andrew for a hero medal.

While we claim to give the news worth while, we positively refused to chronicle everything that has happened in Ballinger

of plenty and are enjoying health, and we should be thankful. Let us remember that every cloud has a silvery lining and that without rain there would be no sunshine. We should feel thankful that we live in a community where selfishness is held at a low ebb, and where our friends forego their own pleasure and plans in stopping to lend a helping hand and speaking a sympathetic word in the dark hours through which we are all called upon to pass at some time in our experience.

TEXANS WHO BUY IT OUT OF TEXAS.

The Dallas News offers the following timely suggestions to the farmers of Texas. It is food for thought. The News says:

"We have in Texas a variety of soils and a wonderful climate. There are few if any valuable products that cannot be produced in Texas. This being true, why not take advantage of our opportunities?"

"The farmer up in Sweden or Russia has a good excuse for limiting himself to wheat or rye. He can not raise sweet potatoes or melons, or even corn. Whether he prefers to do so or not, he must buy these and many other products of the producers of other lands. Farmers of New England raise beans because they must, on account of a brief farming season. But in Texas the season is long enough to insure the maturing of any crop, and even long enough to raise two or more crops in one year.

"In Texas we can produce anything that is worth while. The thrifty man who owns a Texas farm is not absolutely bound to buy anything, there actually being in sight on many farms, growing wild, medicinal plants that might be utilized for all necessary medicines.

"Isn't it out of the question for a Texan with cattle on a thousand hills to be sending up in Illinois for butter? Think of a resident of Texas buying tomatoes canned up in New Jersey! Do the farmers of Massachusetts buy their beans and green corn in Texas? Do the Jerseyites leave their tillable lands to lie idle and send down to Texas for things they can raise at home?"

"Many people in Texas fail to succeed because of an accumulation of unnecessary charges. They pay freight upon things shipped to them from other States and countries which they could

JUST FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE.

The Coleman Democrat-Voice tells about a farmer there who sold 34 turkeys for \$41.77. These turkeys cost less than 25c a head and saved more than that amount by eating grasshoppers. Another man sold 220 head for \$340. Coleman has shipped three cars of turkeys of 2000 head each.—Synder Signal.

Good for Coleman, but read on. A farmer sold 47 turkeys in Ballinger for more than \$100, and this writer paid \$3.60 for his Christmas turkey. Ballinger shipped eight carloads of dressed turkeys, 2000 to the car, making Christmas dinner for about a quarter million of people. Come to Ballinger to get your turkey.

Blanton says it is, Wagstaff says it isn't. Then Wagstaff says it is and Blanton says it isn't. What we would like to know is, which is it?—Merkel Mail.

We are waiting to see what Smith says about it, and then the people will speak and settle the question.

Tennessee is a prohibition state, Tennessee is a Democratic state. Malcolm R. Patterson, first the idol of the anti and later an eloquent campaigner for the dries, went down to an ignominious defeat in the run-off election. Friends of Carmack paid off old scores. McKeller won the senatorial toga in the old Volunteer state.—Fort Worth Record.

The pros of Tennessee do not owe Malcolm R. Patterson anything. He is asking for his reward too early. In fact he has done a great deal more to defeat prohibition during his life in Tennessee than he has to help the cause. Let him work in the common ranks.

Talk about the iniquitous fee system as much as you like; but how does this sound. Prisoners carried to the city jail in the city automobile in Corpus Christi must pay a fare of fifty cents for themselves and also fifty cents for each officer accompanying them, the amount to be charged to the "costs," in the cases filed against the said prisoner.—Bowie Blade.

That does not come under the head of fees; that just common graft.

Albert Afferbach returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Winters.

HATCHEL NOTES.

The Hatchel settlement has enjoyed two years of great prosperity and bids fair to enter upon the third year of this era.

Health is good at this writing, except a few bad colds. Mrs. Gunner who has been sick for some time is reported improving.

The Christmas tree at the Methodist church Christmas Eve was a great success and enjoyed by all. Santa Claus was there with many presents.

Mrs. Earl Holiday is spending Christmas with her brother at Fort Worth. E. D. Bowen is visiting relatives in Hunt county, this week.

Mrs. Lula Weatherford and husband are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. M. Sprinkle and family. They will return for their home in Stephens county, Wednesday.

Bro. Williams, student of Simmons College at Abilene, filled the pulpit Sunday and Sunday night at the Baptist church.

The Christians are building a new church which will be completed within a few days.

School was dismissed Thursday afternoon until after the holidays. The Hatchel school is making splendid progress under the new management of Prof. A. M. Sprinkle, principal, Mrs. Earl Holiday, intermediate teacher and Miss Orelia Truly primary teacher. Many improvements have been made by which the school might receive state aid. Final improvements are being made this week, which will fulfill all conditions required by law and assure the maximum aid. Hatchel is noted for its school spirit and always maintains a good school. This is one of the best recommendations a community can offer.

"TEXAN."

Messrs. J. A. Hancock, Klack and Horace McKinley, of Miles, motored over Tuesday afternoon to look after business affairs a few hours.

WILL MOVE ON THE FIRST.

N. Passur and C. C. Gilliam will exchange places of business on January first. Passur moving in to the building occupied by Gilliam and Gilliam moving into the Passur stand.

Mrs. Sam Reese returned home Wednesday at noon from a Christmas visit to relatives at Zephyr.

ONLY 25 PER CENT POLL TAX PAID

The rush in poll tax payments is again scheduled for January next year. Poll tax receipts does not entitle the holder to a vote unless they are issued before Feb. 1, and the records in the tax collector's office shows that the people are not manifesting much interest in this part of their duty to their country and as usual will hold off until the eleventh hour.

Up to Wednesday at noon only 774 poll tax receipts had been issued, or about twenty-five percent of the number assessed. Last year 2569 poll tax receipts were issued, and it was an off year. The coming campaign should be an inducement for a greater number to pay this year, as some only pay their poll tax in order that they might be able to vote, while others pay as a matter of duty. Following is the payment by boxes up to date, as compared with the total payment for last year:

Box	1915	1914
Ballinger	38	343
Hatchel	26	87
Benoit	12	55
Crews	48	135
Tokeken	33	47
Truitt	23	33
Winters	88	338
Antelope	8	38
Pumphrey	14	72
Wingate	61	131
Baldwin	10	35
Wilmeth	52	109
Cochran	11	42
North Norton	23	59
Marie	13	28
Maverick	34	52
South Norton	19	48
Pearce School House	17	60
Brookshire	12	16
Miles	76	200
Rowena	63	163
Olfen	25	50
Pony Creek	17	71
East Ballinger	51	357

As will be seen from the above, the two Ballinger boxes are slower in paying than the country boxes, in proportion to the number of polls assessed, and it is more convenient for the voters in the two Ballinger boxes to pay than it is for the voters in the country boxes. Why delay and work the collector to death on the last few days of the paying season?

HELP IS OFFERED, and is freely given to every nervous, delicate woman, by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Remember ingredients on label—in Tablet or Liquid form.

In every "female complaint," irregularity, or weakness, and in every exhausted condition of the female system, the "Prescription" never fails to benefit or cure. Bearing-down pains, internal inflammation and ulceration, weak back, and all kindred ailments are completely cured by it. It's a marvelous remedy for nervous and general debility, insomnia, or inability to sleep, Spasms, Convulsions or Fits.
 Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser (1000 pages) will be sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay cost of wrapping and mailing only. Address Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One laxative; two or three are cathartic.

SPEEDING AUTO CAUSE DEATH

The Abilene Reporter gives the following account of the auto accident near Moran, which occurred Tuesday costing the life of one young lady and seriously injuring four other young people:

A speeding car driven by Miss Myra Huskey, 15, dashed into a small sand bed just out of Moran Sunday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock, turned turtle twice, hurling all the occupants from the car except the driver who was held in by the steering wheel and instantly killed by a large file which flew from the tool box.

The file was driven, point first, thru the girl's head. Entering the head near the base of the brain on the right side, it penetrated to a point just over the left eye, extending through.

In the car with her were her little brother, 12; Stella Rudder, 16, and Homer Mahan, 8. They were going on a joy ride, when Myra, who was in the habit of running the car, exclaimed, "This is a fine road, I will show you what a fine driver I am." She put the car at full speed. Mr. Eugene Hooper and Miss Mabel Brooks were walking just ahead of them, and barely had time to get out of the way. Fifty yards beyond them was the sand bed where the front wheels began zigzagging, and almost instantly the awful tragedy was

Unless you cover it with a good fire insurance policy. Why take the risk?

Holding Cotton Is Risky

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

since our last issue. We have a longing to continue to make this our home.

Some people profit by experience while others continue to experiment. The most of our resolutions have been only experiments. We should now try to profit by them.

The editor of this paper is in receipt of a very flattering offer from a publishing house, in which the publishing house proposes to make us county agent for the Life of Booker T. Washington. The publishing house says that agents in other counties are making as high as fifty dollars per day selling this wonderful book, and insist that we can do equally as well in this county. Not knowing how many friends the late Washington had in this county, and as we are not willing to risk the judgment of the publishing house on the volume of business, we have decided to decline the offer. However, we are under obligations to the friend who sent our name to the publishing house and recommended us so highly.

DEATHS AND ACCIDENTS OVERSHADOWS CHRISTMAS.

Christmas 1915 will be remembered by many in Ballinger as the saddest of all Yuletides. For four days, including Christmas Day, and the three preceding days, there were six funerals in this city, and some of them surrounded with more or less tragedy. Four churches of the city were called upon to participate in the funerals, the corpse either being members of the churches, are closely related to prominent members of the churches.

Aside from the deaths there were several accidents to disturb the Yuletide plans and enjoyment of others, and coming with the visit of Santa Claus, the sorrow was of course made more prominent and felt more keenly by those effected.

Yet, most of us are in the midst

produce abundantly at home. They pay two or three profits on even fruits and vegetables from the outside, for the production of which their own lands are really noted. They pay heavy long-distance freight and a number of profits upon their main products, with the proceeds of which they buy from outsiders various things which they could raise at home.

"What are Texas sun and soil for if the people of Texas are not to take advantage of them?"

"The climate and soil of Texas form an ample basis for a declaration of independence. What excuse has any farmer in this State for depending upon distant outsiders for his bread, his meat potatoes, molasses, vegetables, fruits, butter, cheese, or for his clothing? Where did we come from and where were we miseducated, that we are unable to pick up and utilize the opportunities that cover the ground around us?"

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters advertised, Dec. 25, 1915:

Adams, Mrs. May; Allen, Richard; Allen, Van; Akamsey, Lee; Carroll, Jim; Gallaway, Bert; Gentry, Mrs. Katie; Holland, Mrs. Claude; Hollamon, Mrs. George B.; Hogan, Randolph (2); Kyles, Mrs. Lacy; McKinney, J. F.; Merimee, Robt. E.; Miller, Miss Gladys; Mitchell, Robert; Mitchell, Etr.; Nichols, Ed.; Patterson, H. A.; Phipps, E. N.; Tompson, Mrs. Vollie; Truitt, Dave; Watts, J. H.; Whitton, John; Williams, J. J.

When calling for the above letters please say advertised, and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead-Letter Office.

JAMES J. ERWIN P. M.

Mrs. Wesley Gray, of Winters, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Secrest, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Holliday and baby, of Winters, are visiting Mrs. Holliday's father, Dr. W. W. Fowler

SELECTING MAN TO RACE WITH SMITH

Scores of voters from all parts of Taylor county and many from other counties are expected to assemble at the district courtroom in the courthouse here next Thursday night to hear the first joint debate between District Judge Thos. L. Blanton and Representative J. M. Wagstaff, candidates for Congress who have submitted their names to the Taylor county voters in a preferential primary to be held February 5th.

The speaking will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock by Judge Wagstaff, followed by Judge Blanton, Judge Wagstaff having obtained the opening and closing talks by right of the challenge code.

It is expected that a meeting will be held soon at which a master of ceremonies and timekeepers will be chosen. These officials will probably be announced Wednesday.

Interest in the contest is keen, not only in Abilene, the home of the two candidates, but in other counties besides Taylor. The winner will take the field against Congressman Wm. R. Smith, while the loser has agreed to stay out of the race. Both men are eloquent speakers and powerful in debate, and the speaking Thursday night will draw a big crowd.—Abilene Reporter.

WILL KEEP SEAT.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Congressman Buchanan stated this morning that he would not relinquish his seat in Congress because of indictment in a labor conspiracy case.

The Business League has on hand a number of bulletins entitled "Peas and Peanuts" You may have one for the asking.

Ward Moser of Waco, after a pleasant visit to his parents left Tuesday for his home.

TRAIN LOAD COTTON RECEIVED HERE.

A cotton shipment, valued at \$18,000 and consisting of three hundred bales, was made from San Angelo to Ballinger one day last week by Thompson & Sims, local buyers. Twelve cars were required to transport the the staple on the Santa Fe. The shipment was made to East & Latham.

The grade averaged below middling.—San Angelo Standard.

DR. CRUDGINGTON THE GREAT SOUTHERN SPECIALIST.

Has permanently located in Ballinger. His office is upstairs over The Ballinger Saddlery Co. The three front rooms. Dr. Crudginton wants to impress upon the public the fact that he is not a traveling doctor, but is permanently located and is fitting up an up-to-date office for the treatment of old long standing complicated cases that have baffled the skill of other doctors, are my specialty. Don't give up hope before seeing me. If your case is curable I will cure you and if your case is incurable I will give you good advice and we will part friends. Remember the first 50 patients calling on me I will give free examination and consultation.

DR. W. B. CRUDGINGTON. Over Ballinger Saddlery Co., Ballinger, Texas.

My office will be open for the reception of patients, Monday, Jan. 3rd, 1916. Itwtsatd

Trespass Notice.

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

PREPARING TO MOVE.

The South half of the building occupied by the Stroble Meat Market, next to The Ledger office, is being made ready for a confectionery store, and E. F. Elder & Son will move into same within the next few days.

The building now occupied by Elder & Son will be used by D. Reeder in enlarging his dry goods store. The partition dividing the building from the store now occupied by Mr. Reeder will be removed and the two buildings thrown into one, giving the store a front on Eighth street as well as on Hutchins avenue.

The new home of the Elder confectionery will not have as much front as the present quarters, but it will have a greater floor space and will make a very desirable stand for this business.

Frank Schwertner Sr., and son Frank, of Miles, route one, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

John Hoffer of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a business trip to Houston.

A. B. Vandyke of San Angelo, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Bryan Lusk, of Temple, who visited home folks and friends in the city, left for his home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hayden and children of Temple, who had been visiting his brother during the holidays, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Dunn returned home Wednesday at noon from Brownwood, where she had been visiting during Christmas.

Mrs. W. W. McKinley of Miles, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breedlove, returned home Wednesday at noon.

MARRIED AT NOON WEDNESDAY.

Dr. A. C. Cates and Miss Mollie Maurice Truly were happily married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Truly, at noon Wednesday.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, in the presence of the members of the family and a few friends.

After the ceremony a luncheon was served and at two-thirty the bride and groom departed for their home at Petrolia, Texas, showered with congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life.

Miss Maurice is a Ballinger girl in that the term Ballinger girl can imply, for she was born in this city and lived here practically all her life. She is an accomplished violin teacher, and at the time of her marriage was teaching in this city. She is numbered among the best that Ballinger has produced in true womanhood, and the man of her choice is to be congratulated in winning the heart and hand of one so fair.

Dr. Cates is a practicing physician of Petrolia, where he stands high as a professional man and a citizen.

Among the out of town guests were Mrs. D. J. Carithers and Miss Genevieve Truly, daughters of R. B. Truly, of Wichita Falls; Miss Josie Glenn of Houston, and Mrs. Chas. Tibbs of Itasca. Mrs. Carithers and Miss Truly returned to their home with the bride and groom.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE.

In the presence of a few witnesses, Wm. McDougal and Miss Florence Weedle, of the Pony creek community, were married at the court house Wednesday morning. Rev. Jno. W. Milton performed the ceremony and sent the happy couple on their way rejoicing.

Mrs. W. B. Halley returned home at noon Wednesday form Temple, where she visited relatives Christmas.

Farmers Institute In Every School District

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president, L. S. Lawhon; second vice president B. A. Lott; secretary-treasurer, W. R. Hunton, all of Miles.

Old Runnels No. 1. President, W. R. Nunn; vice president, W. M. Davenport; secretary-treasurer Joe Oliver, all of Ballinger.

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Wingate No. 12: President S. L. Eason; vice president, C. P. Pruitt; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Brice, all of Wingate.

Barnett No. 13: President, A. J. Tyree; vice president, A. D. Barnett; secretary-treasurer, Chas. Allen, all of Ballinger.

Bell No. 14: President, Sam Thomas; vice president, Charley Kemp; secretary-treasurer, M. B. Parmer, all of Miles.

Norton No. 15: President, W. L. Williams; vice president, G. S. Walker; secretary-treasurer, R. P. Taylor, all of Norton.

Old Norton No. 16: President, D. W. Turner; vice president, Joe Snellgrove; secretary-treasurer, T. J. Tubbs, all of Norton.

Center Point No. 17: President, U. E. Thomas; vice president, A. E. Gentry; secretary-treasurer, R. N. McGuire, all of Marie.

Elm Creek No. 18: President, R. L. Williams; vice president, T. J. Brown; secretary-treasurer, S. H. McDams all of Winters.

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Pucket No. 20: President, J. T. Burns; vice president, J. B. Riggs; secretary-treasurer, L. J. Bryan, all of Wingate.

Cochran No. 21: President, Wm. Minzen Mayer; vice president, M. H. Williams; secretary-treasurer, Ben Nitch, all of Winters.

Mazeland No. 22: President J. F. Hudson; vice president, R. L. Hancock; secretary-treasurer, Jno. Ballew, all of Wingate.

Dry Hollow No. 23: President, Henry Clark; vice president, W. M. Harris; secretary-treasurer, W. H. McKnown, all of Wingate.

Cross Roads, No. 25: President B. F. Pope; vice president, J. L. Jackson; secretary-treasurer, I. C. Browder, all of Miles.

Baldwin No. 26: President, T. R. Dorsett; vice president, John Sowell; secretary-treasurer, W. P. Gardner, all of Winters.

Antelope No. 27: President, R. A. Yates; vice president, L. Helm; secretary-treasurer, R. L. Shaffer, all of Winters.

Millar No. 28: President, W. R. McDonald; vice president, T. W. Whidden; secretary-treasurer Ed Jones, all of Ballinger.

Harmony No. 29-30: President, J. A. King; vice president, F. L. Gerhart; secretary-treasurer, P. H. Martin, all of Winters.

Dietz No. 31: President, I. L. Dietz; vice president, D. J. McDaniel; secretary-treasurer, W. O. Wood, all of Ballinger.

Spring Hill No. 32: President, H. Kasberg; vice president, Geo. Dean; secretary-treasurer, Julius Henkhaus, all of Ballinger.

Greenwald No. 33: President, P. J. Englert; vice president, Jno. Simicck; secretary-treasurer, Jno. Jansa, all of Rowena.

Lone Star No. 34: President, R. L. Bates; vice president, John Burson; secretary-treasurer, G.

C. Avant, all of Novice.

New Home No. 35: President W. J. Wilkerson; vice president, Sam Boyer; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Wade, all of Ballinger.

Hardeman No. 37: President, J. F. Sanders; vice president, Roy Bates; secretary-treasurer, E. T. Meeks, all of Ovalo.

Brookshire No. 38: President A. E. Brookshire; vice president, R. S. Harris; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Houston, all of Tennyson.

Olin No. 39: President, B. Matheison; vice president, Clemens Hoelscher; secretary-treasurer, Peter Lehnert, all of Rowena.

Valley Creek No. 40: President, F. Mountz; vice president, C. M. Sisson; secretary-treasurer L. B. James, all of Ballinger.

Drasco No. 41: President T. P. Massengale; vice president, Owen Ingram; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Smith, all of Bradshaw.

Kirby No. 42: President, J. T. Brandon; vice president, W. A. Hale; secretary-treasurer, Joe Calder all of Talpa.

Jameson No. 43: President A. M. Nicholson; vice president, S. P. Boswell; secretary-treasurer, Robert Tindall, all of Ballinger.

Stone No. 44: President, A. J. Watson; vice president, N. J. Alexander; secretary-treasurer, Wm. Bahlman, all of Winters.

Franklin No. 45: President, L. G. Goetz; vice president, L. C. Hill; secretary-treasurer, John Minzenmayer, all of Winters.

Hatchel No. 46, organized July 20, 1915, its elected officers being: President, W. W. Wyiggle; vice president, J. R. Harris; secretary-treasurer, E. D. Brown, all of Hatchel.

Pleasant Retreat No. 47: President, T. L. Eubank; vice president W. M. Robertson; secretary-treasurer, Oscar Davis, all of Winters.

Crockett No. 48: President, S. C. Mann; vice president, A. S. Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Aug. Seipp, all of Winters.

Eagle Branch No. 49: President W. H. Martin; vice president, Ellis Tindall; secretary-treasurer, J. L. Kennedy, all of Ballinger.

Sweet Home No. 50: President, F. Blumentritt; vice president, H. A. Lisso; secretary-treasurer, Anton Matejowsky, all of Miles.

Midway No. 51: President, E. T. Branham; vice president, Dick Barnett; secretary-treasurer, R. A. Bishop, all of Winters.

Rowena No. 52, organized Sept. 1st, 1915, its elected officers being: President W. F. Redman; vice president, Hy. Kasberg; secretary-treasurer, John Simecek, all of Rowena.

Paramore No. 53: President, R. S. Davis; vice president, T. B. Inman; secretary-treasurer, Gus Prusser, all of Winters.

And, whereas, a few of the persons named above either in person or through their neighbors have expressed their willingness to serve in the offices to which they are now being appointed, but have expressed some doubt as to their being the best men for the said offices, therefore, I take this opportunity of assuring them, that a careful canvass of the sentiment of their neighbors in their respective school districts has thoroughly satisfied me, and those acting with me in this matter, that the prompt acceptance by every man named above in the list of appointees will meet with the cordial approval of their said neighbors, and I hereby earnestly request that each and every one of them will do so, and will do all in his and their power to make the Farmers Institute in their several home school districts each one a definite success. In this connection I will further state that it is quite the custom of the school districts to serve as members of the executive committee of their respective school district institute and cooperate with the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurers of their respective local institutes, and whereas I cordially approve of this plan, and,

Whereas, at the meeting held as aforesaid, in the court house in Ballinger, it was unanimously recommended that the school district Trustees of Runnels County should be appointed to and should be invited to serve as members of the executive committees of their respective school districts, therefore, I do now and hereby appoint the trustees of the several above named school Districts of the county, who have not herein been appointed as above to other official positions, to serve as members of the executive committee of their respective school district Farmers' Institutes, and I ask of them, very earnestly, that they will take an active part in the work of making their said local Institute each one a definite and positive organization for the good of the people generally of said school districts, especially

of the people on the farms.

In this connection, I will add that sometime soon, when the several schools shall be again open and at work, a day will be agreed on for the simultaneous meeting of the farm people in their school houses in every school district in the county, when the several local Farmers' Institutes will formally elect its own officers, it being now distinctly understood that those appointed as above stated are to hold over until they or their successors shall be duly elected. Further, it should be explained that, at the same time the local Institutes that have heretofore been formally organized will be asked and expected to meet and reorganize and elect officers to serve until the time fixed by the constitution and by-laws of the Farmers' Institute for the regular annual election shall arrive, namely, June 1, 1916.

All of which is by me personally and in my official capacity hereby respectfully submitted.

C. A. DOOSE,
Pres. Runnels Co. Farmers Institute.

We the undersigned do most cordially approve of and endorse the action of President C. A. Doose of Runnels County Farmers' Institute as above, and very earnestly join him in requesting that each and every one of the farmers of the county named by him will accept the official position to which he has appointed them, and that all of them will cooperate actively with him and with us in the efforts we are all making and will continue to make in their interests and in the interests of the farm people generally of the county. The time has come when the people of the farms here as elsewhere must for their self-protection get together and act together and all of us must recognize the fact that there can be no successful co-operation without organization and we thoroughly approve of the purposes and plans of the State Department of Agriculture looking to that end.

1st Vice Pres. W. T. Murray
2nd Vice Pres. W. R. Hunton
Secy-Treas. W. W. Wooten

Runnels Co. Farmers Institute.

I beg leave to join the officers of the Runnels County Farmers Institute in the request that the men appointed by Pres. Doose as officers and committeemen of the several school district Farmers Institutes of the said county will each one accept the appointment tendered him and will do his best to have his farm neighbors, men and women, boy and girls enroll themselves as members of their respective school district Institutes and that all of them will attend meetings of the said Institutes and take an active part in the effort to make them not only interesting but of much value to themselves and their communities generally. At this time the State Department of Agriculture is making an earnest effort to secure the active cooperation of the farm people in all of the counties of this section of the state to the end that the said counties and their several communities shall be speedily and permanently rid of the destructive birds rodents and other animal pests that have been and are still greatly plaguing, and unless exterminated will continue to greatly damage crops, pastures and trees and destroy young chicks and stored grain, in Runnels County and in all of the nearby counties. It is now a well known fact that the rats, ravens, rabbits, prairie dogs, English sparrows and other pests are causing a loss to the farm people of from \$25000.00 to \$50000.00 annually in some of these counties, to say nothing of the disease germs that some of them are scattering throughout all of this section of Texas.

The rats now infest almost every home, barn and poultry yard and are destroying young chicks, and stored grain and are now known to carry many different diseases, including diptheria and hog cholera, and when these diseases are planted, they may be had for a long time. The raven is a carrier of hog cholera; anthrax (cholera) and black leg, and a destroyer of grain and peanut crops. The rabbit destroys cotton, grain and other crops, and like the prairie dog, destroys an immense amount of grass.

The area now known to be most seriously infested by these noxious animals extends from Eastland county west to the Pecos river, and from Tom Green county to and including Lubbock county. It is estimated that the damage done in this area ranges from twenty to sixty thou-

sand dollars per annum.

Your county being in the infested area and probably suffering from the devastation of one or more of these pests make it necessary to have your cooperation in the work that the State Department of Agriculture is doing, and each and every one of you named above by President Doose is urged, not only to assist actively in the work; but to do all in your power to have your farm neighbors and the people generally of your county cooperate earnestly in said work. Permit me, my friends to further state to you and through you to your neighbors that I have very recently completed my Institute organization work in the nearby counties of Taylor and Tom Green with a live County Institute and also a local Institute in each and every school district in each one of them, and in the very near future, I am confident that I will secure similar Institute organizations in each one of the other nearby counties of Concho, Sterling, Coke, Callahan and Eastland, and very soon thereafter in every other County in this section of the state of Texas.

The State Department of Agriculture, which I have the honor to represent in this Institute work means business, and will not rest in this special work until there shall be a live local Institute organized and working in co-operation in every school district in Texas.

H. L. BENTLEY,
Dist. Organizer Farmers' Institute.

RETURNS FORM VISIT TO WIFE

W. L. Brown, country treasurer, returned home Tuesday night from a visit to Tyler where he went to spend the holidays with his wife, who is in school at Tyler. Mr. Brown passed the wreck on the Santa Fe below Brownwood, where two freight trains collided, and he says it was a bad smashup, the engines being completely wrecked and quite a number of box cars torn up. The crew that were in charge of the eastbound train, and who escaped death by jumping, returned to Brownwood on the train that Mr. Brown came home on. The engineer, fireman and brakeman on the other train were killed. The passengers were transferred at the wreck, and the eastbound train turned back, arriving here at three o'clock this morning.

Rev. R. R. Rives and T. S. Lanford of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church and Rev. G. Shell of Winters, attended an adjourned meeting of presbytery at San Angelo Tuesday and returned home in the afternoon.

J. F. McMillan of the Ballinger compass, sends the special edition of the Ledger to his friend George Huebner, at LaGrange. This is a splendid way to let your friends know of Runnels county.

12,000 BALES IS COTTON RECEIPTS

The records of the local cotton weighers show that about 12000 bales of cotton have passed into the local yards during the present season. Quite a lot of this cotton is still in the hands of the farmers.

The farmers of the Ballinger section are also holding considerable cotton at their homes, having hauled to their homes from the gins, preferring to take the risk of holding at home instead of in the yards and the warehouses.

The receipts for the present season is several thousand bales short of last year, but the long price more than make up for the shortage when the crop is figured in dollars and cents. By the close of the season it is expected that the total receipts for 1915-16 will figure around 15,000 bales.

INCENDIARY FIRE DESTROYS HAY

The officers are working faithfully in an effort to ferret out a clue to the burning of a quantity of hay and a hay press on the Doose farm up the river above town. Two fires occurred on the farms of L. B. James and C. A. Doose this week that cost the owners 1000 bales of hay and a hay press. One of the fires occurred Monday morning about five o'clock and the other Thursday morning about the same hour, when some one set fire to stocks of hay in the field.

L. B. James and R. W. Sisson were in partnership on a quantity of hay that was stacked in the field, and they planned to begin baling Monday. Monday morning the pile of hay they had planned to bale that day burned up. They moved the press to another stack in the Doose field and had baled several hundred bales when some one set fire to it Thursday morning and burned the remainder of the stack and the press and a good part of the baled hay.

The Thursday morning fire was discovered in time to save part of the baled hay. The men were up and saw the fire when it first blazed up, but the party who touched the match to it had escaped. Sheriff Perkins is working on the case, and the guilty party may be brought to time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Doose returned home Tuesday morning from Caldwell, where they spent a pleasant Christmas with Mrs. Doose's parents and other relatives.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Representative 11th District:
WALACE E. HAWKINS.

A RIPE OLD AGE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner, of the Norton country, passed thru Ballinger Thursday from Hill county, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Turner's mother, who died at their home at the age of 93 years on Christmas day. She had lived in Texas 80 years, and she and her husband built the first log house in Hill county.

The family have many friends in this section who join the Ledger in sincere condolence and sympathy in this sad hour.

G. D. Williams of Somerville, came in Tuesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Jas. McWhirter and family during the holidays.

Mrs. George Kearney, of Belton after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends, left Tuesday for her home.

Mrs. H. M. Lincoecum of Miles, who had been visiting in Ballinger with relatives the past few days, returned home Wednesday at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bennett of Lipin Flat, near Miles, who had been visiting at Abilene, were the guests of his cousin E. R. Norred and family, while en route home Wednesday.

Millar Baldwin of Ford county, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Winters to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Baldwin and other relatives. Judson Baldwin of Winters, who had been visiting his brother, accompanied him to Winters.

E. H. Colburn of South Ballinger, returned home Tuesday morning from a Christmas visit to friends and relatives at Buckholts and Cameron.

Miss Ophelia Graham, of Winters, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Phillips.

Mrs. Cole, of Bryan, Texas, came in Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus and other relatives.

Judge M. C. Smith had legal business west between trains Tuesday.

W. L. Brown, the country treasurer, returned home Tuesday night from Tyler, where he had been to spend Christmas. He reports a freight headon collision near Mullin on the Santa Fe in which three trainmen were killed.

Jack Guy, the Talpa hardware merchant, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

WATCH FOR THE GREAT PHOTOPLAY SERIAL

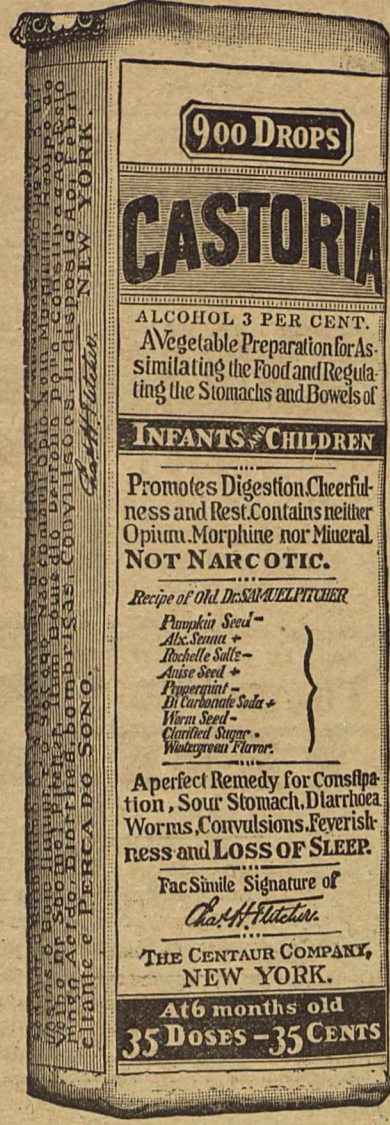
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THE LEDGER WILL START "GRAFT."

"Graft" is one of the most familiar words in every day use in the present age. When a man hears the word graft mentioned he tightens up on the draw strings to his money bag and watches every comer with suspicion.

The Ledger is not going to start a graft, but we are going to print the great serial story—"GRAFT". At the same time The Queen Theatre will show the picture. Graft is written by sixteen American writers, and the movies will start the year with it as a big winner in the moving picture line.

The story will be released at an early date and will appear at once in The Daily Ledger and the Banner-Ledger, one installment being published each week preceding the showing of the picture at The Queen. The first episode will be shown about the middle of January. Get on the Daily list of readers so you get the full benefit of this great story.

Why You Should Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Because it has an established reputation won by its good works. Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities.

Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

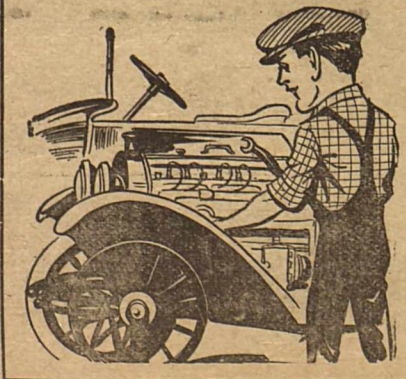
Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic. Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Thomas, of Marie were in Ballinger Friday to meet her brother Dr. Hollis, who came in from San Antonio to visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nixon of Alpine, are the guests of his brother Green Nixon and family on Eighth street during the Christmas times.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Killingsworth of the New Home neighborhood, left from this point Friday to visit relatives at Coleman.

John Hoffer of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Houston on a short business trip.



WHATEVER THE TROUBLE we can remedy it if you send your auto here. No phase of auto repair work is beyond our ability or facilities and none is too trivial to command our best skill and attention. Send your car here and it will be repaired and repaired right.

Leach Auto Works

NEGRO DIES IN DEPOT.

Abilene, Tex., Dec. 24.—Mary Rice, negress, died in the T. & P. depot here this morning from pellagra. She was en route from Colorado to Ballinger. No one was present.

Justice Ford held an inquest and pronounced her death due to natural causes.

This colored woman had been living in Ballinger for some time and went to Colorado to pick cotton several weeks ago. Her remains were brought here and interred in the City cemetery, the funeral being conducted from the Methodist church for colored folks.

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.

CHRISTMAS FIGHTS NOT FUNNY

The justice court docket shows that Christmas was not free from fights, and in most cases the fighters can attribute their trouble to booze, having "tanked up" for a Christmas drunk and robbing themselves of their normal senses. Aside from sore heads, and disgrace brought upon themselves the participants had to part with cash, which in some cases were earned by hard labor at so much per day. Where does the fun come in, boys?

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass in any way on my property or property controlled by me or you will be dealt with as the law directs. JAKE STUBBLEFIELD, Norton, Tex. 17-tfw

FIRST TIME IN 28 YEARS HE MISSED CHRISTMAS DINNER

For the first time in twenty-eight years, R. P. (Arkansas) Smith, San Angelo groceryman and president of the United Board of Charities, Saturday failed to eat Christmas dinner in Ballinger, Runnels county. He had a gripe and remained at home while his daughter, Miss Bernice Smith, and Mrs. G. B. Wright, accompanied by David Smith and G. B. Wright and son, motored to the nearby town and enjoyed the day. They were the guests of C. A. Doose and family—San Angelo Standard.

MAN PULLED FROM GRAVE AT OIL MILL

H. G. Stokes can now tell and experience that will taste of death. Mr. Stokes was in a manner pulled from the grave at the oil mill early Monday morning, and those who rescued him says that only a few minutes more would have smothered out the man's life.

Mr. Stokes was engaged in loading cotton seed hulls on a wagon. He had backed the wagon up under a high bank of hulls and was busy pitching the hulls into the wagon when an avalanche of hulls came down upon him, burying him to a depth of eight feet, and that too with his body bent across the edge of the wagon in such a position that his back was almost broken.

Fortunately others were nearby and calling for help, the men with forks removed the bank of hulls in time to save Mr. Stokes' life. He could be heard grunting under the big pile of hulls, and his grunts were growing weak mightily fast when the workers reached him and pulled out to fresh air and from under the load of hulls. It was a close call and one Mr. Stokes does not want to experience again. The man was able to resume work again in a few minutes, but not without considerable nervousness, however, and with an eagle eye constantly on the big pile of hulls.

To Drive Out Malaria 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

PROMINENT PREACHER DIED LAST SUNDAY

Rev. P. M. Fitzgerald, a prominent Presbyterian evangelist, died at Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Dec. 18th. Rev. Fitzgerald died of heart trouble and he was only ill a few hours. He was a healthy appearing and active man up to the time of his sudden taking away, and had just returned from a successful evangelistic campaign and was preparing to enjoy the holidays with relatives. This good preacher was fifty-four years old.

Rev. Fitzgerald held two successful revivals in Ballinger at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, several years ago, and he will be remembered here by many, who will regret to read of his death.

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 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, Main St., Ballinger, says: "I had a spell of La Gripe that settled on my kidneys. I suffered so severely from my back, that I could hardly keep gain 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.

The Ledger reporter is just in receipt of letters from J. R. Harris and E. D. Bowen, of Hatchel, who are visiting relatives during the holidays and both report very pleasant visits. Mr. Harris is at Centreville, Ala., and Mr. Bowen at Dixon, Texas.

Bun Morgan, the stockman, left Monday afternoon for Houston, on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Vaughn returned home Monday afternoon from a Christmas visit to relatives and friends at San Angelo.

HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS? CHRISTMAS SERVICE CONTRIBUTES \$72

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles? Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

Scott's Emulsion contains pure cod liver oil which peculiarly strengthens the respiratory tract and improves the quality of the blood; the glycerine in it soothes and heals the tender membranes of the throat. Scott's is prescribed by the best specialists. You can get it at any drug store. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

BURLESON MAY RACE FOR SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Senator Culberson will make a definite announcement on January the first as to whether he will be a candidate for re-election or not. It is rumored that his health will not permit Mr. Culberson to enter the contest, and it is expected that he will retire when his present term expires. In case Mr. Culberson does not make the race it is reported here that Postmaster Burleson's friends will urge him to run.

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However, statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous bronchial and lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists.

SUNDAY SELLING LAW MUST BE RESPECTED

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd has addressed to the city officers of Winters, Miles and Ballinger, soliciting their aid in the enforcement of the Sunday selling law. The last grand jury called the officers to task on account of their failure to enforce this law, and handed out a hint that will be well for the officers to consider in the discharge of their duty in this connection.

We are publishing herewith a copy of the letter addressed to the city attorneys of the three cities above named, and the people may read for themselves what steps are being taken to put an end to selling on Sunday, goods that are prohibited by law:

"You will remember that the last grand jury in their report asked that the Sunday law be enforced. And you will further remember that I had published in The Daily and weekly Banner-Ledger the Sunday law shortly afterwards and asked that the law be respected by those parties who had been in the habit of selling on Sundays.

"I call your attention to the fact that the city courts of Winters, Miles and Ballinger each has jurisdiction in all cases arising in the city limits to which the justice court takes cognizance of.

"As prosecuting officers of the cities above mentioned, I ask you to co-operate with me in enforcing the Sunday law, and I ask you to instruct your city marshal and deputy marshal to report any violations of the Sunday law to the proper authority, thereby assisting me in the enforcement of the law of this state. It has come to my knowledge and has been reported that the officers did not intend to enforce this law, thereby placing said officers in a compromising position.

"It is my intention to prosecute every violation of the Sunday law that is presented to me in the proper way, and I am hoping to have your co-operation in this matter.

"Yours very truly,
"C. P. SHEPHERD,
"County Attorney."

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

ATEXAS WONDER



The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

Rev. Stanford left Tuesday for Brownwood to visit the Presiding Elder and other friends a day or two.

Miss Bernice Smith of San Angelo, was the guest of relatives and Ballinger friends during Christmas.

Miss Franc Baker returned home Tuesday morning from a Christmas visit to relatives at San Angelo.

Mesdames Stephens and Berringer, of Miles, who had been visiting in Ballinger, left for home Tuesday at noon.

Sure Signs of a Torpid Liver.

If you have spells of dizziness, biliousness, or constipation, look to your liver for the cause. You can get relief by taking Po-Do-Lax. It acts quickly on the liver, helps it to discharge the poison and tone up the system. Helps the stomach too. Only 50c at Druggists.

Rev. A. R. Holton, pastor of the Brady Avenue Church of Christ, spent Saturday and Sunday in Ballinger as a guest of his parents. While there he conducted Christmas services for the Ballinger congregation.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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 tonics 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. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

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AUTO CRASHED TO PREVENT TRAGEDY.

What came near being a serious accident occurred on Tenth street late Christmas Eve, when W. B. Ray, driving his big car, a new Mitchell Six, crashed the car into a curbing to keep from colliding in to the rear of a lighter car that had cut across the street ahead of him.

Mr. Ray had been to a funeral and had several parties in the auto with him. He was driving at a speed of ten or twelve miles per hour when the car crashed into the curbing, damaging the car considerably, but not injuring the occupants in any way. One of the front wheels to the big car was crashed off, the axle bent, and the car otherwise damaged. This was necessary, however, to prevent colliding with the other car, which would probably have proven serious.

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Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. Emma Nash, Will Aycock, and T. J. Carr, who accompanied the remains of Hayden Routh to Ballinger, returned to Andrews, Texas, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and son, of San Angelo, were the guests of C. A. Doose and family, Christmas, and returned home Sunday afternoon.

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

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Rev. Stanford left Tuesday for Brownwood to visit the Presiding Elder and other friends a day or two.

Miss Bernice Smith of San Angelo, was the guest of relatives and Ballinger friends during Christmas.

Miss Franc Baker returned home Tuesday morning from a Christmas visit to relatives at San Angelo.

Mesdames Stephens and Berringer, of Miles, who had been visiting in Ballinger, left for home Tuesday at noon.

Sure Signs of a Torpid Liver.

If you have spells of dizziness, biliousness, or constipation, look to your liver for the cause. You can get relief by taking Po-Do-Lax. It acts quickly on the liver, helps it to discharge the poison and tone up the system. Helps the stomach too. Only 50c at Druggists.

Rev. A. R. Holton, pastor of the Brady Avenue Church of Christ, spent Saturday and Sunday in Ballinger as a guest of his parents. While there he conducted Christmas services for the Ballinger congregation.—Brownwood Bulletin.

C. A. Smith and R. A. Jones of the Valley creek country left Friday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

W. M. Sellers of the Wingate country, left from this point Friday to visit friends at Brownwood.

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

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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 Prolife and a few from the noted Raby tree, a native of Runnels County.

S. B. HOWARD

NATIONAL REPUTATION FOR THE DAILY LEDGER

Among the copies of the Prosperity Edition of The Daily Ledger mailed out was a copy addressed to the Merchants Trade Journal at Des Moines, Iowa, by R. S. Sharp, advertising manager for the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. The Merchants Trade Journal is a magazine with a National circulation for retail merchants. The big journal acknowledges receipt of the big issue of the paper very promptly, and in commenting on the paper says:

Mr. R. S. Sharp, Adv. Mgr., Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—We have your favor of the 18th, and also under separate cover have received the copy of the "Prosperity Edition" of your local paper, and we certainly want to congratulate you and the other business men of your city as well as your publisher.

An edition of this kind should be worth a great deal to the entire business interests of your city. It is big, and without a doubt will impress your people, and of course it is a well-known fact that people seem to need a jolt once in a while to awaken them from the even tenor of their every day life.

We are particularly impressed with your own section in this great edition. It is good advertising, and in this day and age good advertising is one of the big things in modern business.

Assuring you that we are always glad to have items of this kind from our readers, we are

Yours truly,

MERCHANTS TRADE JOURNAL.

Bear This in Mind.

"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.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carroll and two children of Richland, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. O. M. Hood and family, of South Ballinger during the holidays, left for home Tuesday.

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SOCIETY

Miss Mary Phillips, Editor Phone 27

It is the chime of wedding bells! And it comes that Dan Cupid has been just about as busy a fellow as Santa Claus during the holidays from the number of weddings that have taken place recently. We find him uniting hearts in the rural districts as well as in our own little city. And with the joys of the season may happiness with all that goes to make a life worth while be for you and yours in the coming New Year and for many more that are to come.

GAMBLE-FLIPPEN.

Two hearts were made happy when Rev. J. W. Milton, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist church spoke the words that united for life Mr. G. O. Flippen and Miss Ora Gamble Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gamble in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Flippen number their friends by their acquaintances who extend congratulations. Being of the ambitious and energetic type of true Americans we predict for them a prosperous and happy married life. They will make their home on the farm nine miles from Ballinger.

GREY-BEARD.

Mr. Jack Beard and Miss Cora Grey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Grey, were married Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. Jno. W. Milton, officiating.

A sumptuous wedding supper was spread consisting of turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, pies, cakes and all the accessories that go to make a delightful wedding supper complete.

A large number of relatives and friends were present to wish them God speed and to see the cutting of the handsome wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Beard are both popular among a large circle of friends who wish for them the best there is in life. They will be at home to their friends in their pretty new home on the farm near Ballinger.

MYNATT-MOORE

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moore on Seventh Street Sunday at eleven o'clock, a. m., the marriage of Mr. J. H. Mynatt of Gunter, Texas, and Miss Annis Moore was solemnized, Elder Arthur R. Holton, minister of the Church of Christ, of Brownwood, officiating.

Being a quiet home wedding only the relatives and a few friends were present to witness the ceremony. A splendid wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Moore, brother of the bride, on Tenth Street at 1:00 o'clock.

The bride wore a beautiful navy blue coat suit, with a large black hat trimmed in saucy black plumes, white kid gloves and boots to match. Mrs. Mynatt has lived here only a short while coming here from Gunter, Texas, but has become endeared to a wide circle of friends with whom she is very popular. The groom was handsomely attired in black and is a prominent young business man of his home town.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mynatt left amid friends and congratulations Sunday afternoon on the Santa Fe for Gunter, Texas, where they will make their home.

WOLF-LINCECUM

Mr. Garrett Wolf of Burnett County and Miss Fanny Mae Lincecum of Crews were happily married at the court house, Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Justice of the Peace Paul Trimmier, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf left on the afternoon Santa Fe train for Burnett County, where they will make their future home.

GEORGE-McELROY.

An event of much interest to a wide circle of friends was the marriage of Mr. R. Erwin George and Miss Margaret McElroy which took place at the home of the bride on Eighth street Christmas Day at eleven o'clock.

The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors and flowers smiled at you from every nook and corner.

As Mrs. Jno. F. Currie played the piano to the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bride and groom wended their way into the parlor where Rev. J. F. Montgomery, pastor of the First Christian Church, said the solemn words that made them one.

The bride was dressed in a pretty combination tailored suit of navy blue chamuse and velvet, with hat, gloves and shoes to match. The groom looked his best in the conventional black.

Being a simple and quiet home wedding only the relatives and few close friends were present.

Mrs. George has lived in Ballinger a number of years, and has made a host of friends here. She is numbered among the valued employees of Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., of this place, managing the ready-to-wear department.

Mr. George has been here several

years and occupies the responsible position of bookkeeper for the same firm. Mr. and Mrs. George were showered with congratulations and many handsome and useful gifts.

They will be located at the beautiful home of Mrs. Tom Ward on Eighth Street.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

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Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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RETURNS WITH BRIDE.

Bruno Zechang took his many friends by surprise when he returned home Tuesday at noon accompanied by his bride. They were married at San Antonio during the Christmas holidays.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Zechang, highly esteemed citizens of the Jamison neighborhood. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for the happy young couple.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The merriment and good old western hospitality that surrounded the delightful country home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Holton was evidenced on Christmas Day when the great turkey with all the delicious cats to make it complete, greeted the happy hearts that had assembled to do justice to "dat" turkey's last earthly career.

Added to this pleasure was the presence of their son, Arthur, who is minister of the Church of Christ at Brownwood, Texas, and a number of friends who had accompanied him home for the holidays.

Hunting, kodaking and auto drives helped to make up the Christmas spirit. A number of fat quails were brought in from the hunt, which always find a welcome in any home.

It was after the sun had begun to lower itself in the golden west that happy and refreshed hearts returned to the city for the further joys and blessings of the beautiful day, which were lengthened by listening to a splendid discourse at the church by Elder Arthur R. Holton.

The ones enjoying the day in this most pleasant home were: Misses Essie Rambo and Bobbie Blackwell, Arthur R. Holton and Dee Rambo of Brownwood. Misses Nelle and Bessie Allen of Christoval, Miss Vada Holton, Abilene, Miss Estelle Hunt, Miles, Misses Bessie and Alice Smith, Blanche Tomlinson, Pearl Holton, Pansy Smith, Eunice and Mary Phillips, Messrs. Robert Allen of Sanderson, Frank Ward, Bud Grey, and Quincey Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Boothe, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Holton, host and hostess.

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,
Farmer and Merchants State Bank.

Mr. Will Meeks of Talpa, who was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Wright during Christmas, returned home Monday afternoon.

Posted—Keep Out!

Notice is hereby given that no hunting or fishing is allowed in my pasture.

SAM BROOKSHIRE.
10-Stw-pd.

W. M. Sellers, of the Wingate country passed through Ballinger Tuesday at noon en route home from a visit to Brownwood.

We are sorry to report W. E. Branch of South Ballinger quite ill this week with la grippe.

RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS

We are glad to note that W. G. Dunlap is able to be down town again after an illness of several days that caused the family and physicians considerable alarm. Mr. Dunlap's condition was considered serious for two or three days.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.

The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves pain and heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Miss Kate Reilly of Brownwood, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Britton and family, of Winters returned to her home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. H. R. Schooler and daughter, Miss Janie, returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to relatives at Goldthwaite.

LEGAL BLANKS.

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

(1) Warranty Deeds, (all kinds)
(2) Quit Claim Deeds, (3) Vendor Lien Notes, (4) Promissory Notes, (5) Chattel Mortgages, (6) Release Mortgage or Deed of Trust, (7) Crop Mortgage, (8) Charge and Credit Slips, (9) Release of Vendors Lien, (10) Power of Attorney, (11) Transfer of Vendor Lien, (12) Carbon paper, (13) Rental Contracts, (14) Bills of Sale, (15) Deeds of Trust, (16) Bond for Title, (17) Contract between Principal and Agent for Sale of Real Estate, (18) Building Contract, (19) Contract for Exchange of Property, (Single and Double Acknowledgements), (21) Affidavit to any fact, (22) Protest Blanks, (23) County Clerks Certificates.

When in need of any of the above call and we can supply you.

THE BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and two children returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to relatives at Crockett and Madisonville.

Rev. Father Crane, of San Angelo, was the guest of Rev. Father Goldback and returned home Tuesday at noon.

J. S. Worsham, of the Stamford county, came down Tuesday to move his son-in-law Fred Byerly and family to his section. Mr. Worsham don't seem to be as well pleased with his new home as he was in Runnels County.

F. H. Turbeville, of Gainesville, came in a day or two ago, to join his wife on a visit to her parents, Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith and family.

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JANUARY 1ST, 1916.

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

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

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

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

WHITING—"The World Beautiful"

MORTUARY.

NINE YEAR OLD BOY DIED.

G. A., the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, died at the family home in the Bethel community, at nine o'clock Christmas night. The boy died of diphtheria.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon and interment made in the City Cemetery. Many relatives and friends gathered around the grave to see the little remains laid to rest, and to offer words of condolence to the grief stricken parents.

J. F. Shaffer.

After lingering at death's door for several weeks, and after feeble health extending over a period of several years, J. F. Shaffer passed into the world beyond at 6:30 o'clock Friday morning, Dec. 24th.

It had been known for some time that "Uncle Johnny" was very low and his death did not come as a surprise, all the relatives being kept posted as to his condition daily. Funeral arrangements were perfected shortly after his death, and the services held Friday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock, Rev. R. R. Rives conducting the services at the home of deceased on Eleventh St., and interment made in the City cemetery.

Deceased was seventy-seven years old. He came to this country about twelve years ago, and was numbered among the most jovial, wholehearted and best men in this community. He was indeed a friend to all who knew him.

Mr. Shaffer served in the Civil War and he took a great interest in the old settlers reunions held here from time to time. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, formerly the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

A wife and several children, including Tom Shaffer, of this city; Bob Shaffer, of Winters; Mrs. Arthur Doose, of this city; Mrs. W. A. Foreman, of Talpa and Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Miles. All the children were present at the funeral, and to these the many friends of the family join the Ledger in extending sympathy.

Little Boy Meets Tragic Death On Christmas Morning.

While rejoicing over the visit of Santa Claus, and excited over the many presents he had received, R. L., the eleven year old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harvey, sustained burns at five o'clock Christmas morning that caused his death at three o'clock the following morning.

R. L. had been looking forward to the coming of Christmas with a great deal of anxiety, and like most children he was out of bed a long time before day light, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Harvey in bed. He rushed down stairs and started a fire, and it was while rejoicing over what he found placed about the fire place and on the mantle as Christmas gifts from the loving parents that in some way his clothing caught on fire and he was fatally burned before his parents could get to him. He had been calling to his mother, who was in bed upstairs, telling her what he had found, and in his excited condition over

the many presents left for him, he could not make his mother understand when he discovered that he was on fire, and he rushed to the kitchen and was trying to draw water to put out the fire that was burning him to death when his mother reached him. Mr. Harvey was in another part of the house and did not hear the calls of his son in time to prevent the burns that proved fatal.

The little boy had not dressed himself, and was clad in his night gown and a union suit, and it is believed that his night gown caught fire while he was either placing his Christmas presents on the mantle or taking them off. A watch given him by his father was on the mantle.

The tragedy was the saddest to visit this city in a long time, and coming on Christmas day made the burden all the harder for the parents and a host of friends to bear. Everything that could be done to relieve the suffering of the little boy or prolong life was in the hands of two physicians, yet it was feared from the beginning that the burn was fatal.

R. L. was a favorite among a large circle of playmates. He was the only child in this happy home and was well provided for with presents, but death snatched him away before he could count his presents. He was a member of the First Baptist church, joined that church within the last year, and was active in Sunday school, taking an interest in helping to arrange the seats and perform little duties in the Sunday school room. He was conscious up to a short time before he died, and repeatedly asked the physicians and those about him if he was going to get well.

At one-thirty o'clock Sunday afternoon, the funeral services were conducted at the home on Broadway, and the remains were shipped to Texarkana where they were laid to rest by the side of other relatives. Rev. J. W. Milton, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist church, in the absence of the pastor of the First Baptist church, conducting the funeral, and a long procession of sorrowing friends followed the remains to the train. The members of the Sunday school class of which R. L. was a member, acted as honorary pall bearers.

There are no words that can express the sympathy of the many friends for the parents who are heart broken. Time can only lessen the sorrow, but the coming of Christmas season will be a season of sorrow as long as the devoted parents can count time, and we can only say to the broken hearted parents, remember that it is God's will we must submit to.

Pioneer Citizen Buried Here.

The remains of Hayden Routh arrived in Ballinger at noon Sunday from his late home, Andrews, Texas, and were interred in the City cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The remains were accompanied to Ballinger by the wife of deceased and three little children, a sister, Mrs. Emma Nash, a son-in-law, Will Aycock, T. J. Carr, a mason, Mrs. Routh's sister, Mrs. Chas. Tibbs, of Itasca, and W. D. Gregory, the father of Mrs. Routh who went from this place in response to a telegram that Mr. Routh was dying, and Miss Ada Kirk, of Abilene.

Members of the Masonic lodge

met the remains at the train and marched with the hearse to the Ninth Street Baptist church, where at three-thirty o'clock the funeral services were held. Rev. J. W. Milton, conducting the services at the church and the Masons having charge of the burial ceremony.

Hayden Routh died at nine o'clock on Christmas Eve, after an illness covering a period of about one year. His condition was not considered near the death stage until Tuesday before he died on Friday, when he was taken seriously ill very suddenly. He was up and able to be down town early in the week, and the day before taking suddenly ill, and while he had been in bad health, his death came as a shock to a large circle of relatives and friends.

Deceased was the only son of J. H. Routh, one of the pioneer citizens of this county, and he spent the greater portion of his life in Ballinger. He leaves besides his wife, six children, Mrs. Will Aycock, Miss Verlin Routh, who will graduate in school this year, and "little" Hayden, twelve years old, and three small children. Also the father and two sister, Uncle Joe, and Mesdames Emma Nash and Lee Maddox. Uncle Joe is in feeble health and was not able to accompany the remains to Ballinger. A host of other relatives and old time friends reside in Ballinger, and a long funeral procession followed the remains to the last resting place Sunday afternoon, from the church, where a large crowd assembled to pay the last tribute to the memory of this good man.

To this home, Christmas will be remembered as long as life holds out to those left behind at the saddest of all seasons of the year. There was no Santa Claus for the little children, for death had overshadowed those who make for the children the real meaning of Santa Claus.

Yet, we shall not complain, and with the friends of those who sorrow, The Ledger must say all that we can do is to submit to God's will and remember that he rules for the best.

TO THE PEOPLE OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

Permit me to wish you a Happy New Year; while I beg to inform you that I will announce myself again as a candidate for the office of tax assessor of Runnels County, in the near future.

Respectfully,
C. C. SCHUCHARD.

W. T. Nichols, of the Bethel neighborhood, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a visit and business trip to Meridian.

H. A. Porter, of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Prof. Lee Little, of Maverick, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to Christoval. Prof. Little teaches the Hayrick school in Coke county this year.

J. T. Riddle, of the Bethel neighborhood, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a Christmas visit to relatives at Cameron.

Willie Brown of the Tennyson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

13-YEAR OLD BOY KILLING RABBITS

The officers at the court house will reward Ira Burns, a thirteen year old boy, for his honesty. Ira killed a jack rabbit, and having heard something about the county paying a bounty on rabbit scalps, he carried his scalp to the court house when the commissioners court convened last week. The clerk was authorized to issue a warrant for five cents, the amount allowed for rabbit scalps. The boy was directed to take his warrant to the county treasurer who would give him a check for it. The treasurer issued the check for five cents and the boy was directed to take it to the bank where he would receive his money. The bank made a mistake and paid the boy fifty cents.

Receiving the money Ira returned to the court house and calling on the commissioners court asked when he should bring the other rabbits. The court was not quick to understand the boy but after a time the boy made it plain that he had received four bits when he had only brought one rabbit and he was ready to deliver the other nine rabbits, and only wanted to know when the court would be ready to receive them.

The forty-five cents was returned to the bank, and we have it from one of the commissioners that the boy was amply rewarded for his honesty, and is still in good standing with the court.

W. T. PADGETT TO MAKE SECOND ROUND.

W. T. Padgett, the tax collector informed us that through urgent requests he has decided to make the second round to Rowena on January 13th; Miles, January 14 and 15; Winters on January 21 and 22.

The Ledger representative will make the rounds with the collector and look after new subscriptions and renewals for the Banner-Ledger and The Daily Ledger.

Miss Maggie Taylor of Moody and her sister, Mrs. Jones, of Collin county, who had been visiting their father Col. J. R. Taylor and family and other relatives of the Norton country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to their home.

T. J. Jones and wife, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy, born to them Sunday morning. Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brunson, of that neighborhood.

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On All Chronic, Private and Nervous Diseases Has Permanently Located in Ballinger.

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My office will be open for reception of patients Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Charlie Ransbarger of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

F. E. Clayton of the Benoit country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives in Collin county.

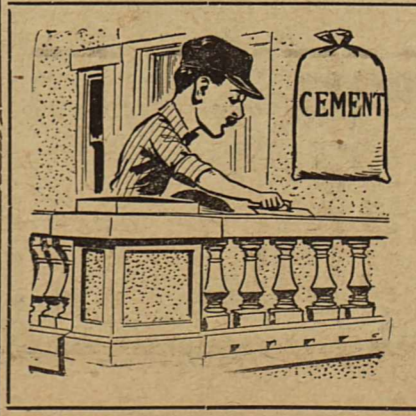
T. E. Brown of Brownwood, who had been visiting his sons Pink and Rad Brown and families during Christmas, left for home Tuesday.

R. J. Queen of the Wingate country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Misses Uyrle and Abbie Crawford, of San Saba, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Huffstetter, of Valley creek, the past two weeks, returned home Tuesday.

F. Armbricht of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Coren Russell of the Pony creek country, left Wednesday afternoon for Abilene on a short business trip.



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