

CHINESE AND JAPS IN RUSSIA

Haparanda, Chinese troops have entered Harbin and Japanese troops have entered Vladivostok to afford protection from disturbances, according to announcement of Petrograd officials of the News Agency.

Harbin is a Manchuria town near the Russian and Chinese border, and Vladivostok is a Russo-Chinese port across the sea of Japan from the Japanese Empire, where both the Chinese and Japanese have extensive interest.—Editor.

Petrograd, Dec. 10.—The objective committee of the Peasant council issued a manifesto today, repudiating the armistice made by the Bolsheviks with Germany. The manifesto also makes a strong appeal for the people to stand against the Bolsheviks and fight against separate peace with Germany.

Gen Kaledines, the famous Cossack leader, supported by Korniloff is heading revolt against the Bolsheviks, while the Leninists are forming a strong army to combat the peasant faction. Civil war in Russia is inevitable.

Bolshevik Controls Railroad

London, Dec. 10.—Reliable reports received here from Russia brings news of increasing trouble between the Bolsheviks and Kaledines factions. The reports state that Bolsheviks is in control of the Siberian railway.

SOLDIER PAYS POLL SO HE CAN VOTE FOR WILSON

Henry Vandevanter, who came home from Camp Bowie to spend a few days with home folks, returned to Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon. Before leaving the young soldier went to the tax collector's office to get his poll tax, saying "next year is not the year to vote for president, and I may be in France, but I want my poll tax so if I get a chance to vote to help Mr. Wilson I want to be able to do so." The American soldiers are backing President Wilson to a man, and we have noted quite a number of times where they expressed their admiration for the man who is leading the fight against the enemy.

T. J. Gardner and R. A. Nicholson went to Brownwood Tuesday.

ALL GERMANS IN HALIFAX ARRESTED

Halifax, Dec. 10.—All German citizens in Halifax are being placed under arrest by government authorities. Whether the Germans are in any ways held responsible for the great disaster of the blowing of the munition ship and killing of four thousand people is not known.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—No official attempt was made here today to check up or revise the long list of dead and injured resulting from last Thursday morning's disaster when a munition ship cargo exploded in the harbor.

The morgue officials held their estimate of four thousand dead, but other observers said that estimate was too great by half.

The admiralty court to determine responsibility for the collision of the vessels that caused the explosion will open its hearings tomorrow. Today the survivors of the Norwegian steamer Imo which rammed the Mont Blanc, laden with munitions were arrested and Captain Lamedoc, and Pilot Mackay of the munitions ship also were ordered detained as witnesses.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—Two thousand dead, five thousand injured, many of whom will die, twenty thousand homeless is the toll of the Halifax disaster caused by the explosion of a French vessel loaded with munitions. Property damage totals more than thirty million dollars. This is the estimate made by the citizens committee. Thousand are exposed to the cold without place to sleep or eat and exposure adds to the awful suffering. Help from nearby places, as well as from distance is being rushed here. Death, wreck and ruin covers the city and part of Dartmouth, and there is not a building in the city that escaped undamaged.

UNITED STATES SENDING AID

Washington, Dec. 8.—Twenty five thousand blankets, six hundred stoves have been ordered sent from Portsmouth navy yard to Halifax by Secretary Daniels of the navy department. Mr. Daniels ordered special transportation provided for rushing the blankets and stoves to the scene of the great disaster and that these be placed at the disposal of the relief committee in Halifax to relieve suffering.

Report of the Condition of The Winters State Bank at the close of business Nov. 20th, 1917, in response to call made by Commissioner of Banking, State of Texas.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$244,993.35
Bill of Exchange, cotton	52,594.94
U. S. Cert. of Indebtedness	25,000.00
Overdrafts	NONE
Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Other real estate	9,500.00
Interest and assessment D. Guaranty fund	3,582.90
Cash and exchange	183,837.67
Total	\$544,508.86
Liabilities	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and profits, net	30,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,059.41
Bills payable	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
Deposits	449,449.45
Total	\$544,508.86

timothy, peanut and prairie had one ear of bran and one ear of shorts. At present feed prices the amount of feed represented about \$7000. The horses burned were good ones, Mr. Street having refused \$200 for one of them.

The barn was owned by Street & Middleton, and covered a space of about 60x120 feet, constructed of lumber and covered with sheet iron. It will take several thousand dollars to replace the barn.

Street & Middleton have been doing an extensive business, cooperating with the government, buying horses and mules. At various times they have had the barn jammed full of stock and only a few nights before the barn was full of horses and mules. They had put in a large stock of feed to take care of stock they were buying and concentrating here.

The burn brings complete loss to the owners of the property, they did not have insurance on any of the property destroyed. We understand that they had recently figured on taking out insurance, but due to the hazardous risk caused by adjoining property they decided to carry their own insurance.

On account of numerous fires throughout the nation, and in most cases the destruction includes feed and food, many are inclined to believe that the fire was of incendiary origin. Assistant Fire Chief Cohen was among the first to arrive on the scene, and says the fire spread through the building almost instantly, and it was impossible to save the livestock.

The fire company did valuable work, playing three streams water from five minutes after until nine-thirty o'clock, enduring the freezing cold weather. At the time the fire had been confined to a pile of hay which had been thrown together when the building fell. Mr. Cohen called for two of men to volunteer to stay with

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13 NEGRO MUTINEERS ARE HUNG

Fort Sam Houston, Dec. 11.—Carrying out the order of the court martial, thirteen negroes were hung early today. The order of the court martial was for forty-one other negroes to be sent to federal prison for life, one given a sentence for two years, while five were acquitted and sent back to the army. The thirteen given the death sentence were carried to a point near Camp Travis and hung at sun up this morning, being pronounced dead at seventeen minutes after seven o'clock.

The negro troops were convicted for participating in the Houston riot on August 23, when armed negroes formed a mutiny and killed a number of officers and civilians at Camp Logan. After the riot the negroes were carried to Fort Bliss, and later returned to San Antonio and tried. Most of the negroes executed came from Illinois and when the Illinois soldiers were brought to Camp Logan.

THIRTEEN MEN ARE CALLED TO CAMP

The local exemption board mailed out notices Tuesday to thirteen registrants notifying them to mobilize here next Thursday, Dec. 13, at four o'clock. The men will be held here until Friday afternoon at 3:55 when they will be taken to Camp Travis. Following are the names of the men called:

- Boyd Cotton, Dallas.
 - Clyde Hampton Harville, Ballinger.
 - Will D. Proctor, Fort Worth.
 - Ralph C. Crouch, Ballinger.
 - Arthur Straach, Miles.
 - William Edward Mann, Salado, Texas.
 - Chas. Almer Enson, Wingate.
 - George Francis Smith, Grandview.
 - Frank Teague, Wingate.
 - Bablo Rodriguez, Ballinger.
 - Clyde G. Allison.
- This is not a new call but men being sent to fill up the vacancies created by registrants being turned loose after they had been inducted into the military service.

AMERICAN DESTROYER SUBMARINED

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer, Jacob Jones, was sunk by a submarine at eight o'clock Thursday night while patrolling in foreign waters. So far only thirty-seven survivors of the Jones have been picked up, so the navy department was notified today. The vessel carried 104 men and the reports received here indicate that 67 were lost, although the others may be adrift in life boats and making for safety.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department is in receipt of a report from the American consul at Tiflis, saying that Czar Nicholas, the head of the overthrown Russian monarchy, had escaped from his place of confinement in Siberia.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary of War Baker's weekly war summary was issued this morning. The outstanding note in the summary is a warning to the American people asking this nation not to minimize the danger of the newly massed teutonic hordes on the western front. The late reports from the front indicating that the enemy is strengthening its forces and preparing to make a death stand to stop the advancing allies and for making probable counter attacks in an effort to regain territory recently lost, is responsible for Mr. Baker's warning to be prepared for any result.

London, Dec. 10.—The war office announces the capture of Jerusalem by the British. Accordingly the British troops are in charge of the city, while the enemy retreated with heavy losses, according to the reports received here.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—Official dispatches from Vienna received here confirm the report of the sinking of an Austrian battleship, the Weim, by a torpedo Sunday. Details are lacking.

Mrs. J. W. West of Coleman, who had been visiting Mrs. R. P. West in Ballinger, returned home Monday.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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Tool Boxes for any make of car put on \$2.50

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P. S. We will take \$135.00 for the Saxon we have had advertised at \$165.00 for quick sale, 6 casing with it. 1 Chevrolet all new casings \$100.00.

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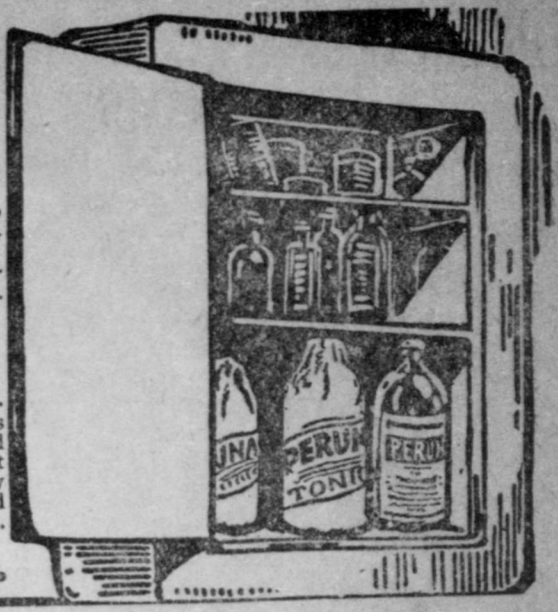
Ballinger Red Cross Chapter Makes Report

Ballinger Chapter American Red Cross Executive Committee presents herewith a detailed report of the financial condition of the Chapter, and the work accomplished since its organization in August, to Dec. 1st.	Nightingales 38 Operating Gowns 100 Operating Caps 12 Operating Leggings 48 Convalescent Robes 90 Bed Socks 80 Helmets 38 Hot Water Bags 24 Ice Bags 24 Total 714
Cash Amount	Knitted Articles
Received from Red Cross war Fund \$858.13	Pairs Socks 81
Chapter Membership Dues 610.00	Sweaters 27
Miles Auxiliary Membership Dues 60.00	Mufflers 24
Winters Auxiliary Membership Dues 43.50	Wristlets 67
Sale of pins and Mdse. to Auxiliaries 80.56	Total 199
Baldwin S. S. for Armenian Relief 12.21	Surgical Dressings
Picture Show Receipts... 81.10	Gauze Compresses, 4x4.....160
Refreshment Stand 22.45	Gauze Compresses, 9x9.....140
Boy Scout Entertainment. 5.89	Total 300
J. Y. Pearce Donation 25.00	Of the above articles, the Winters Auxiliary supplied 14 pajamas, 5 operating gowns, 14 nightingales, 20 convalescent robes; Miles Auxiliary 33 bed shirts, 16 pair socks, 2 sweaters and 3 wristlets. Norton and Wingate ladies contributed time to the work as well as securing members.
Mrs. Clyde Gentry Donation 1.00	Our work is now thoroughly organized in all departments. We now have a good supply of yarn, and Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Carpenter are adding daily new members to the force of knitters.
All Other Sources 50.00	Miss Schawe has enrolled a class from the High School for surgical dressing work. One interesting feature of the work is the pillow department, under the management of Mrs. J. M. Skinner. She has school children of all ages at work and have already completed a number of pillows, made from scraps of cloth.
\$1850.37	The Boy Scouts are doing their bit, by keeping the building cleaned and dusted for the ladies, which is a great help.
Remitted National Dues. \$379.00	The Truth About Cancer.
Merchandise Purchased .. 886.49	A new book giving a most comprehensive explanation of cancer and its successful treatment without the knife is offered for free distribution by medical institution of national prominence. Send for your copy to lay. Address, O. A. Johnson, M. D., Suite 500 1320 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.
Expense 32.70	Dr. W. T. Allen returned Monday from Coleman, where he was preaching Sunday.
Freight and Express 26.21	
Armenian Relief 12.21	
Balance on Hand 513.76	
\$1850.37	
Expense Account	
Stamps \$6.30	
Telegraph and Telephone... 1.75	
Brooms 4.60	
Shades 2.00	
Stationery 3.75	
Drayage 2.00	
Coal 3.80	
Floor Sweep 3.00	
Lights and Power 5.50	
Total \$32.70	
Resources	
Dec. 1st, Cash on Hand... \$513.76	
Yarn 260.00	
Cloth 40.00	
Sundries 10.00	
Total \$823.76	
Liabilities	
Owe for Merchandise \$240.00	
Due National Dues 29.50	
Balance 554.26	
Total \$823.76	
The Chapter has shipped to Headquarters, and have on hand: Pajamas 102 Bed Shirts 158	

Investigate This Place
1600 acre ranch—near Bronte in Coke county. \$15,000 1-3 cash, 1-3 trade, balance due 1922.
W. B. PAGE
Ballinger, Texas

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Ward off attacks of grip, colds and indigestion by timely medication with the thoroughly tested and reliable remedy of the American household
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It's better to be safe than sorry. Many a long spell of distressing sickness might have been prevented if this proved remedy had been resorted to in the first stages. Any article that has been efficiently used for nearly half a century has proved its value. At your druggist's.
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U. S. HAS 1,368,000 MEN UNDER ARMS

The latest figures put the number of enlisted men in the armies of the United States at 1,360,000. This is the force that has grown in eight months out of an army that on April 1, numbered 110,000 men.

Most of them are still in the training camps. Many of them are not yet disciplined troops, fully equipped and armed for battle.

But there are 1,360,000 of them, already one of the biggest factors Hindenburg is reckoning with for the campaign of 1918.

To lead them there are over 80,000 officers. When the graduates of the second training camp get their first orders the number will be over 100,000—as many officers as there were privates nine months ago.

The whole military establishment, with the marines and the auxiliary forces thrown in, numbers 1,500,000. The expansion that has taken place is as if Grand Rapids had grown in eight months to be virtually as big as Philadelphia.

Since Xerxes led his 1,500,000 of assorted Asiatics across the Hellespont, Europe has seen many a campaign conducted on the grand scale. American battles have been fought as stubbornly but with smaller forces engaged. There were 2,700,000 enlistments in the federal army in the civil war. But many of this number were re-enlistments. The highest total engaged at any one time was reached in the last year of the war. On March 31, 1865, the Union Army comprised 980,000 men.

For the Spanish war an army of 275,000 was raised. Only 60,000 saw service.

The present American army is the largest armed force the western hemisphere has ever seen—unless the Mound Builders were more numerous and pugnacious than we have any reason to believe they were. If the whole army could be gathered together to-day and lined up in a solid infantry column, four abreast, it would reach across Ohio from Cincinnati to Toledo and on to the Michigan line.

A million and a half men! it is as if the entire population of the State of South Carolina, or of the states of Wyoming and Nebraska put together—men, women and children—were suddenly to be converted into young men clad in olive drab and organized into companies and battalions.

When Great Britain entered the war it was with a much smaller army. The first expeditionary force numbered barely 100,000. The Kaiser called it a contemptible little army. Yet without its work at Mons; Paris might have fallen. One hundred thousand men and the encouragement they have brought to the French, were enough to avert defeat in the first year of the war.

It is the hope of the allies that another new force, 10 to 12 times as great, will be enough in the fourth year of the war to insure victory.

If it is not enough America has the men and the machinery to make a greater effort.

What is LAX-FOS
LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c
HERE ON FIVE DAYS FURLOUGH
Henry Vandevanter came in from Camp Bowie Sunday to visit his wife and children and mother for a few days. He has a five days leave of absence. Henry went from Ballinger to Camp Travis, Dec. 15; Morgan, Dec. 16; Breckenridge, Dec. 17; Stamford, Dec. 18; Ballinger, Paint Rock and Eden, Dec. 19.

HOLDS WIFE UNDER WATER 'TILL DEATH

Sweetwater, Dec. 10.—A telephone message received here this afternoon from Colorado stated that in the case of the State vs. Jeff Brimberry, the defendant was given a life sentence in the state penitentiary.

The defendant was charged with drowning his wife near Deek in this county several months ago. The case was transferred to Colorado for trial.

Defendant plead guilty to the charge and through his attorneys plead for the mercy of the court. His attorneys in their argument urged that his life be spared.

Many of our people are familiar with the particulars of the case. After his wife was drowned, relatives of the woman became suspicious and made complaint upon which arrest of Brimberry was made, he being in Haskell county, working on a farm at this time.

After the arrest, officers told him that the Orient pump man saw the tragedy and it was generally known throughout the country, whereupon, defendant made a confession before Judge Cochran and District Attorney Leslie.

The confession was reduced to writing and was signed by the defendant. Later he denied committing the crime and repudiated the statement.

In his confession he said that he and his wife had gone fishing and while she was standing near the water he pushed her backwards into the water. She arose in the water which was only about waist deep. He then went in and held her head under the water until life was extinct.

Gustavus Grocery sells Highest Patent flour \$2.75 per sack or \$5.45 per hundred.

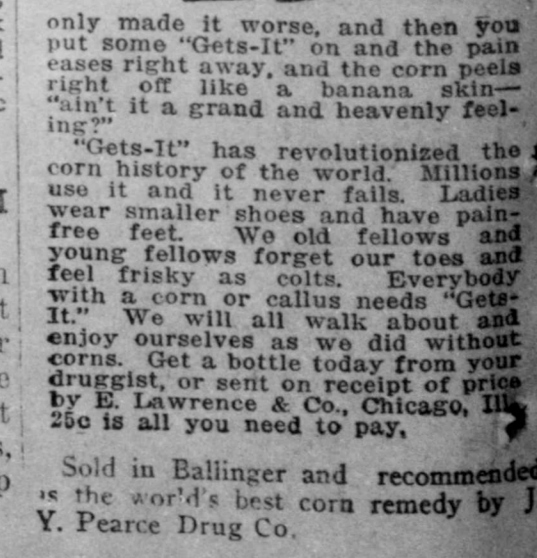
RUNNELS COUPLE WED AT ANGELO

A marriage license was issued Thursday afternoon by County Clerk Keating to J. L. Mapes and Miss Lucille Bell. These young people are from Runnels county. —San Angelo Standard.

W. A. Tally left Monday for Brownwood to see some oil interests.
Sid Caskey of San Angelo was in Ballinger Sunday.

Corn Pain Stopped Quick

Corns Lift Right Off With "Gets-It"
Blessed relief from corn pains is simple as A B C with "Gets-It." When you've been limping around for days trying to get away from a heart-drilling corn or bumpy callus, and everything you've tried has



only made it worse, and then you put some "Gets-It" on and the pain ceases right away, and the corn peels right off like a banana skin—'aint it a grand and heavenly feeling?
"Gets-It" has revolutionized the corn history of the world. Millions use it and it never fails. Ladies wear smaller shoes and have pain-free feet. We old fellows and young fellows forget our toes and feel frisky as colts. Everybody with a corn or callus needs "Gets-It." We will all walk about and enjoy ourselves as we did without corns. Get a bottle today from your druggist, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. 50c is all you need to pay.
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Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

BLANTON TO SPEAK HERE DECEMBER 19

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Blanton gave out the following statement yesterday:
"Inasmuch as the legislature program will be well worked out by the end of this week and about the only contested measure that will likely be considered before Christmas is the prohibition amendment, concerning which I am already paired in favor of the resolution and in favor of which I have spoken several times, I am going to take advantage of the lull of proceedings that will precede the holiday recess and leave for Texas the last of this week."

"I will speak on our government's war policies, the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. war service, and will fill the following appointments: Mineral Wells, Dec. 10; Palo Pinto, Strawn and Ranger, Dec. 11; Gorman and Rising Star, Dec. 12; Cross Plains and Baird, Dec. 13; Roscoe, Dec. 14; Hamlin, Dec. 15; Morgan, Dec. 16; Breckenridge, Dec. 17; Stamford, Dec. 18; Ballinger, Paint Rock and Eden, Dec. 19."

THE NEW TRIPLE COMBINATION

Treatment for the blood, nerves and liver—purifying, strengthening, cleansing, winning its way wonderfully just now—is:
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 What are your troubles? If such as to need all three medicines, why not have perfect, well-rounded relief by getting the combination?
 If you need only one medicine, get it and take it—but do it now.

BULLISH GOVERNMENT COTTON REPORT

The cotton market advanced 160 points Tuesday morning on the strength of the government report, or on the strength of the manipulators. After making 100 point gain a slight decline followed, but the bullish sentiment seemed to prevail, even on the local market.

The report in figures shows a crop of 10,949,000 bales against 11,363,915 for same date last year. The report shows the shortest cotton crop for quite a number of years, with the demand greater than for any period in the cotton growing history of the country.

HERE'S WHERE WE MISSED GOOD PICKING

The ginner report, showing number of bales of cotton ginned up to November 14th, shows that this section of the state only ginned about one-third as much cotton as in 1916 up to November 14th, while a bunch of counties over in the northeast part of the state made much more than for a number of years in the past. Kaufman county ginned 58,215 bales up to November 14 last year while this year 71,251 bales were ginned, a net gain of 13,036 bales. Lamar, Rusk, Smith, Cooke, Denton, Fannin, Grayson and even the old county of Van Zandt all come up with big crops, the total ginnings showing an increase of about twenty-five per cent over last year. The prospects are that the price of cotton will continue to be high and this country will reap a harvest next year, or there will be a general giving up.

Prof. D. W. Arnette of Simmons College was in Ballinger Sunday, preaching at the Ninth Street Baptist church at both services.

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MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY PLANS UNDERWAY

The various committees are working out plans and details for the Municipal Christmas tree to be given at the court house Monday evening, December 24th. The first rehearsal of the children was held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, and the chorus singing promises to be a big feature of the entertainment.

The committee in charge of the program has announced that the program will be presented twice, or in other words there will be "two shows." On account of the unusually large crowd that is expected to attend the entertainment and for the benefit of those who live at a distance in the country, the program will be rendered at five o'clock in the afternoon, lasting about one hour. After about one hour's intermission the program will be presented again, beginning at seven o'clock. The program will cover about one hour.

Every one is invited, the Christmas tree being free for all and the people from the country are especially invited to come and bring the children. Following is the program, which is incomplete, a number of changes now being discussed by the committee:

1. Opening Chorus—Boys and girls of the different Sunday Schools of Ballinger.
2. Mrs. Cornelius' orchestra will furnish several selections.
3. Readings—Mamie Gean Hale, Frances Holman and Katherine Corum.
4. Vocal Duet—Rev. Self's little son and daughter.
5. Readings—Misses Ethel Bair and Vera Nicholson.
6. Music from First Presbyterian Church.
7. Reading—Marie Bradt.
8. Male Quartet from Methodist Church.
9. Eighth Street Presbyterian Church will furnish a musical number.

All the Sunday Schools of the town will cooperate with the Civic League in this Christmas exercise.

Mr. Lankford has kindly offered to get the Christmas tree for the Civic League.

The following committees have been appointed:
 Committee to get the piano and place it in the court house:
 Messrs. Elmer Simpson, Holt Smith, Claud Lynn, A. W. Sledge, John Weeks, Clappitt, Nance and Dr. Halley.

Committee to get fruit, etc., and the funds—Messdames Giesecke, J. B. Curry and Scott H. Mack.

Committee to give out fruit, etc. to the children—Messdames Scott H. Mack, Edwin Day, A. W. Sledge, Kelly and Misses Marryatt Smith, Lucile Powell, Hester Padgett.

Committee to decorate and light up the Christmas tree—Mr. Forest George, Mrs. Holmes, and Revs. King and Curry.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
 Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

BALLINGER BOY BURNS OUT AT AMARILLO
 Amarillo, Texas, Dec. 8.—Fire which originated from the heating apparatus destroyed the Russell & Cockrell Publishing House here early today, entailing a loss of \$25,000, covered by \$15,000 insurance.

The paper stocks were destroyed, a linotype machine and press badly damaged and a large stock of stationery and supplies were ruined by water and smoke.

The firm will occupy its new building now being erected.
 Clyde Cockrell, the junior member of Russell & Cockrell, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, of Ballinger, and at one time was associated with this paper. His friends here will regret to hear of his misfortune.

RED CROSS WORK IN ARMY CAMP

That the American Red Cross is doing a great work in helping to win the war is evidenced by the following brief resume of the Red Cross activities among the seven army cantonments located in the Southwestern division. These activities have developed since a trip taken by the director through the camps from October 23d to November 1st.

Approximately 41,000 sweaters from Washington and from the St. Louis supply department have been distributed, almost equally among the different camps. Double this number could be used. 5,000 mufflers and 1,000 comfort kits have been sent from St. Louis to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

Three ariel squadrons of 225 men each at Camp Hicks, Fort Worth, and three aerial squadrons also of 225 men each, at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas, have been completely equipped from the Red Cross St. Louis supply department with sweaters, helmets, mufflers, comfort kits and socks. These men are all under orders to sail for France. 568 articles, sweaters, socks, etc., were sent to the 128th Field Artillery, Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla., from St. Louis.

500 suits of pajamas have been distributed at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

A number of special donations from individual chapters for particular regiments have been distributed by the Red Cross field directors. These consist of several thousand articles.

Several hundred individual requests from soldiers for warm clothing, principally for sweaters, have been investigated and when found bona fide, have been supplied.

At Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, a sudden drop in temperature a few weeks ago greatly increased the sickness, resulting in many cases of pneumonia. The Red Cross field director bought 100 comforts and collected from neighboring chapters about 1,000 more with which the hospital authorities were able to keep their patients warm. This field director has telegraphed for 1,000 more sweaters.

A similar drop in temperature has caused the field director at Camp McArthur, Waco, to telegraph for blankets. 100 pairs were expressed to him that night from the St. Louis warehouse and he was given authority to meet the emergency by buying others if needed.

Seed Oats.

For prices on strictly No. 2 Rust proof Oats, see J. H. Taylor, or phone number 3302 rural, or leave your order at The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company. I can save you money. 3td-wtf.

BEAR HUNTERS HAD CLOSE CALL

Preston Dunn and R. P. Conn are at home from a hunting trip on the Rio Grande, where they spent several days in the Big Bend country. The hunters report game very scarce, but say due to their true marksmanship they succeeded in bringing down five big bucks and one bear. They came near bagging Buck No. 6, as the report goes. Mr. Conn shot down the sixth buck some twenty yards away and put down his rifle, when he was attacked by a vicious bear, and it was while fighting the bear that he lost the buck. After he had killed the bear in a fair and open fight he went to tag the buck he thought he had just killed, but the buck had come to life and mysteriously disappeared.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

SINGLE TAXER VISITS BALLINGER

William A. Black, executive secretary of the Single Tax League of Texas, was here from San Antonio Thursday, coming in from San Angelo, where he addressed the tax assessors in state convention. Mr. Black spent the night here Wednesday night and left for the east Thursday morning. He stated that he regretted that he did not have an opportunity to address the people of Ballinger on the Single Tax question while here.

Miss Ala Schwindel of Coleman was visiting Mrs. Alex McGregor of this city Monday.

EGGENTRIC MAN NOT ENEMY SPY

Officers throughout the country are on the alert in keeping a close eye on strangers who dropped into a city and act in a way as to create the least bit of suspicion.

A stranger was called on to reveal his identity, and show his allegiance to the American government Monday when Sheriff Perkins invited a man by the name of Matt Berkle to accompany him to local headquarters.

The stranger had been in Ballinger and operating in the Rowena, Miles and Paint Rock country for the past week or more and his actions were such as to attract not only the attention of the officers but citizens who had called the attention of the officers to the stranger.

When interrogated the man was a free talker and made no effort to evade any question asked him, and proved to be an eccentric character and a native of Germany but claimed to have taken out his naturalization papers some where in Wyoming.

The man stated that he had been thirty-six years in America, but had visited Germany since coming to this country, having visited the old country during the Cleveland administration. He said his father was a German and his mother was born in Hungary.

According to the story told by the man he had been making his home for the most part during the last several years in the mining district of Arizona, and in early summer of this year he purchased a little piece of land near El Paso and was attempting to engage in the poultry business and was in this country for the purpose of buying chickens to put on his chicken ranch. He had succeeded in buying sixty-six chickens and had these in a pen waiting to get enough to make a shipment. He carried the cash with which to pay for the chickens he purchased and furnished references showing where he had other money on deposit. Berkle said he was paying a cent a pound more for chickens than other buyers and would buy anything that had feathers on it and could cackle.

Without waiting to be questioned the man talked fluently, although in broken English, and shows to have seen much of the world in his day. He could speak five different languages, including "United States," and while he was rather rough in appearance, carrying all his baggage, clothing and personal effects, he had with him on his person, he convinced the officers that he was not an enemy to this country, and while he could not give the name of a man in Texas, and had no relatives that he knew anything about, he was released and permitted to go his way.

Wagons and Buggies at Cost.

We have a few more Wagons and Buggies that we will sell at Cost. Also Rubber and steel tired wheels, shafts and poles. Ballinger Saddle and Mfg. Co. 30-5tw.

FIVE YOUNG MEN LEAVE FOR ARMY CAMP

A large crowd of well wishing friends gathered at the Santa Fe depot Sunday afternoon to say good bye to five young men, who left from this place for army training camps. As previously announced in this paper, Claud Stone, Arch Crews and Noel Penn left for Waco, where they go to volunteer in the aviation corps. These young men went to Brownwood Friday, where they conferred with the recruiting officer and took the necessary steps to get in the army. These young men were joined here by Dummie Sims, of Paint Rock, and Claud Todd of Maverick, who are also volunteering. Mr. Sims goes to Fort Sam Houston where he expects to enter some branch of the service and Mr. Todd will also volunteer in some branch of the service at San Antonio.

FURS.

Hides, bones, junk. I buy everything that is loose. I. O. Wood-en. 20-4td 4tw

Misses Kirkpatrick, who are teaching at Millersview, spent from Friday to Sunday with relatives in Ballinger. They were accompanied by their brother, R. D., who is the Millersview gin man.—Paint Rock Herald.

M. Romines returned from Brownwood Monday, after spending a few days there on business.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Nov. 20th, 1917

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$336,868.05
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Liberty Loan Bond	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	87,602.92
Cash and Exchange	271,732.90
	\$761,603.87

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	69,016.33
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	566,087.54
	\$761,603.87

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

Blanton Coming Here to Fight German Propaganda

Washington, Dec. 6, 1917
 Hon. A. W. Sledge,
 Ballinger, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Sledge:

There will be very little business transacted here before Christmas, and because of the things I will mention, I have decided to put in this time in speaking over my district.

German influence is now carrying on in our Government an extensive and very serious propaganda in an attempt to deflect loyalty from a sufficient number of citizens to hamper our Government in the prosecution of this war. You would be astonished to see the amount of propaganda that is placed even on the desks of Congressmen and Senators almost every morning here in Washington. Germany's success in causing a civil strife in Russia has made her bold in keeping up that effort in this country. It is highly necessary that all of the people of the United States should be kept loyal and should stand solidly behind the President and our Government in this crisis. I am becoming more and more alarmed at the trend which seems present in a great many industrial lines and I believe just now it is the duty of every Representative in Congress to answer to the Government for the loyalty of his own district.

I am going to begin a speaking tour in Texas next week, and I will speak at the following places near you: Ballinger Wednesday, December 19th at 10 o'clock a. m.; Paint Rock, Wednesday December 19th at 1:30 o'clock p. m.; and at Eden, Wednesday, December 19th at 4:00 p. m. I will appreciate it very much if the people of Ballinger will kindly furnish me with a place to speak, and will help me

to let the people know about it generally.

With very kind regards, I remain,
 Sincerely your friend,
 Thomas L. Blanton.

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PROS GET 1,000 MAJORITY IN MILAM

Cameron, Dec. 11.—The pros here are celebrating over the results of yesterday's election in which the county voted dry by a majority of about 1000. The campaign was a warm one, both sides contesting every inch of ground.

Judge J. W. Powell returned from Fort Worth Saturday night, where he had been on business for three or four days. Judge Powell says he visited the army camps at Camp Bowie several times. "I saw several Rummels county boys," said Judge Powell, "and among them was Leon Thomas who had been sick. Leon answered the bugle call at twelve o'clock with a tin plate in his hands in the grand rush for dinner. All seemed well and happy."

Boyd Bailey of Brownwood is visiting relatives in Ballinger for a few days.

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Most people are proud of their name, but we often hear names called that sound just a little odd, and names which we would not like to be known by. Bill Kaiser, for instance.

We so often hear some one say "this is hog killing weather." Such remarks are very unbecoming when made in the presence of a man who has no hogs to kill. People should be more considerate of their unfortunate fellowman's feelings.

At last Old Dominecker is coming into fame. The poultry show authorities have announced that in the future chickens will be judged more by what they do and not by their looks. We will take the dominecker that delivers the goods to one that only shows pretty plumage every time.

The war department is working over time to have 20,000 American airplanes ready and equipped with men and guns. If this war does not come to an end before that time, we predict that the kaiser will get a touch of high life that will cause him to stand up and take notice. Dropping American bombs on the kaiser's castle is a possibility and would make great sport for men now in training in American aviation camps for their particular purpose.

Whenever a new oil field is discovered people flock to it by the thousands. That get-rich-quick desire of man to get something for nothing breaks hundreds where one reaches the "gold." Brownwood, in the midst of the most severe drouth in the history of the country, is attracting speculators like a bright candle in the midst of darkness attracts bugs, but the time will come when the name Brownwood will have a "bad taste" for some of the investors. There are thousands of people who do not like to hear the name of Beaumont mentioned. We have such people in Ballinger. Be careful where you plant your surplus cash.

Everyone who joined the Red Cross in this city, should now feel proud that they had an opportunity to contribute their dollar. Press dispatches says Red Cross nurses and doctors are being rushed to Halifax to care for the suffering. It is hard for us who live in the sunny south to realize what the suffering is in a city where five thousand people were almost instantly killed and as many more made homeless with the temperature below zero. The Red Cross is always on the job in times of such disaster, and the man who is able to do so, even at a sacrifice, and didn't join the Red Cross is not worthy the name of an American.

A prominent banker of Abilene declares that every good farm in Taylor county will be cultivated in 1918 and that many of the renters who are taking the farms that are rented out are amply able to take care of themselves. Months ago the tide turned and the people began to immigrate instead of emigrating. Hundreds of wagons loaded with people come west every week and most of them come prepared to make a crop without help. The people have been in the west before or know enough about it to give them confidence that the drouth will not last always.—Abilene Reporter.

Any man who does not find things to his particular liking in a town, or community, has a perfect right to get up and move, provided he pays his debts or makes satisfactory arrangements with his creditors before he leaves. Men often do better by moving to a new country—rubbing out and starting over, and moves are often profitable. But the man who runs from a drouth should not burn the bridges behind him. The movers are coming and going. Farmers are leaving here because they say the drouth has put them out of business. Others are coming here and renting land for next year, and some are buying land, and expect to make a big crop next year. We can't all see things from the same view point and that is what keeps the world going. Let 'em come and let 'em go, the country is here to stay.

"RICH MAN'S WAR AND POOR MAN'S FIGHT."

Senator Bailey's two sons are in the army—one a captain of infantry and the other a first lieutenant of artillery. So it goes. The stern democracy of war sounds a call to duty that resounds in the homes of the great as well as in the cottages of the humble, and the patriot answers.—George Bailey in Houston Post.

Whatever else may be said of the great war, it cannot be truthfully stated that this is a "rich man's war and a poor man's fight." People from every walk of life are rallying to the nation's call very much after the order of the beginning of the Great Revolutionary war when every class joined in the fight for liberty. Everywhere people while realizing the great danger in combating such a treacherous foe, are offering their lives upon their country's altar. Regardless of what may have been said about Senator Bailey, he is every inch a patriot and it is not surprising that his sons are now enlisted under the stars and stripes.—Sweetwater Reporter.

The man who says that this is a rich man's war and a poor man's fight only speaks ignorance and speaks false. The only reason there are not as many rich men's sons in the army as there are poor men's sons is because there are more poor men's sons than rich men's sons. Some of those who have volunteered from Ballinger are sons of men who are well "fixed" financially. The man who thinks he can buy his or his son's responsibility in this war is a traitor to begin with and if he undertakes to use his money he should be treated as a traitor. Mr. Wilson says so, and Mr. Wilson is right.

BALLINGER BANKER'S FRIENDS ELATED

"Twelve years ago I became afflicted with stomach trouble which steadily became worse until 2 years ago I frequently became prostrated with colic attacks and bloating. My doctors wanted to operate for gall stones. I wished to avoid an operation and on advice of a friend tried Mayr's Wonderful Remedy with excellent results as since taking it about 2 years ago my trouble has entirely disappeared. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract, and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

REFUSED APPOINTMENT; DRAFTED FOR SERVICE

(Brownwood Bulletin.)
When Fred S. Abney of the Citizens National Bank received, several days ago, an appointment as county manager of the government war savings stamp campaign, he declined the honor because of the press of private business affairs.

The government agent wrote Mr. Abney a letter urging him to accept the appointment, and again Mr. Abney declined. A telegram then came to him, declining to release him from the appointment, and strongly urging him to accept it. Mr. Abney telegraphed in reply that it was impossible for him to do so.

Thursday Mr. Abney received a telegram from the government headquarters, announcing in no uncertain terms that he had been drafted for the service of the government, and that every day's failure or refusal to perform the service required would subject him to a heavy fine. Naturally the Brownwood banker decided to accept the job.

A meeting of the county chairmen of Texas was scheduled for Saturday but Mr. Abney could not attend. He is arranging to take up the work at Waco, but Mr. Abney could not attend. He is arranging to take up the work early this week, and will conduct a strenuous campaign in this county.

FOR SALE.

At my place on Valley Creek, 8 miles Northwest of Ballinger, a close price will be made, and if you need any of the things listed below, you had better call early: 1 Van Brunt Grain Drill; 1 Broad-cast Binder; 1 No. 2 John Deere Grain Grader; 1 Sharpless Cream Separator; 1 ex-Roy Incubator; 1 Disc Plow; 1 Standard Cultivator; 1 Standard Planter; 1 Rock Island Disc Harrow; 1 Sled Cultivator; 1 buggy; 1 Davenport. R. E. Jeans, Rt. B, Ballinger. Phone—Long Distance. D6tW1t-pd

JUDGE GUION GOES BEFORE PROBE COM.

Judge Jno. I Guion is at home from College Station, where he went to appear before the legislative investigating committee. In appearing before the committee Judge Guion held up for the A. & M. College, of which he is president of the board, and made comparisons showing that the A. & M. was doing better work than the State University, and was not trying to cover work the University was supposed to do, while on the other hand the University was attempting to take over work that justly belongs to the A. & M. college.

The following report of Judge Guion's testimony before the committee, was given by the state daily papers:
Opposition to a one-third control of Texas' higher institutions of learning was voiced Friday by Judge John I. Guion of Ballinger, chairman of the board of directors of the A. & M. college, who appeared as the first witness before the legislative committee investigating the University of Texas and its branches, that committee having begun its sessions here Friday. Diversify of interests was the reason given, contention also being made that a paid board will not give as much satisfaction as able men who serve for the love of the work.

At the outset, Judge Guion said the A. & M. college had been lifted out of the mud in five years, that dilapidation had given way to adequate discipline succeeded riots and strikes, until the morale of the student body is 100 per cent improved. He said hazing had been responsible for the student explosions and that it has been abolished. President Bizzell refused permission to a star football player to participate in the recent Thanksgiving game because he left school in violation of the rules. "That refusal would have meant a strike a few years ago, but the president was indorsed at a pep rally."

Another declaration was "this institution used to be honeycombed with politics, while merit rules now." Also that professors are not now given leave on pay and "that there has been no wholesale increase in salaries," the late increases having ranged from \$50 to \$200 annually, and to the lowest paid men to meet the increased living cost.

Judge Guion asserted that the college is turning out splendid men, as attested by the demand for its graduates. "The university has not grown like this college," said he, "nor has it rendered the services to the state. There seems to be something lacking at the university, but I favor a university of the first class."

He added significantly, "Our instructors eschew politics for strive for efficiency in teaching. Our aim is learning. Salaries are not as large as paid at other institutions, but none of our instructors have threatened to leave."

In saying the university is different from the college, he also said "there is duplication of work which should be stopped. Some of it is superficial and done as an advertisement. All agricultural work should be centered at the college, a snattering of it is given at the university, and the state agricultural department attempts it." He maintained that the university is a classical school and the college vocational. An institution should not try to teach everything. The college is not teaching anything it should not teach.

Reasonable doubt was expressed by Judge Guion as to whether, under the constitution, the legislature can make appropriations for erecting college buildings not for the university. He denied there is any friction between the two institutions, declaring such rumors were talk. He thinks the university land should be sold and the proceeds divided, being willing to accept one-fourth as the college's share. "I don't think Texas can spend too much money on education, but do it properly."

Judge Guion severely condemned establishing an A. & M. college at Abilene, declaring it was prevented by "intervention of the Lord," but favored six junior colleges, in time. He also objected to a normal at Alpine, which Representative Tilton defended, predicting it will become the most popular normal in the state because of healthy location.

Judge Guion objected to the system of high school affiliation, arguing that if a student can not pass entrance examination he should not be admitted on diplo-



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ma. He said his boy of twelve finished arithmetic and spelling and wanted the high school curriculum fixed to prevent such absurdities. He also expects to send his son to the university law school.

Get the Most Out of Your Food

The digestive organs absolutely need the influence of pure blood for the proper performance of their functions. Persons that sleep in small, ill-ventilated rooms complain of little or no appetite in the morning and of disagreeable dryness of the mouth and throat. Why? Because, as a result of breathing air that is impure, their blood is impure and fails to give their digestive organs the stimulus they must have for perfect work. It is necessary that we should have pure blood if we want to get all the good out of what we eat that there is in it and to get it comfortably. Hood's Sarsaparilla is distinguished for making pure, rich, vitalized blood, perfecting the digestion and building up the whole system. Get it today.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

There has been some misunderstanding about the new traffic law in Texas all this year and for that reason City Marshal Pilcher has been a little lenient on the public in reference to violations of the traffic laws of the state.

The Regular session of the 35th Legislature 1917, passed a lengthy traffic law containing 44 sections, some of the sections were penal and some civil in their nature, but for some reason in framing up the law, its makers failed to attach ANY PENALTY whatever to any of the penal sections, so of course, the penal sections were a dead letter on the laws of the state, so when the First called session of the 35th Legislature met, it passed an amendment to this said act

of 44 sections, known as section 45 which attempted to provide a penalty to all penal section in the said original 44 section act, but again the law makers got ball-ed up and failed to include section 8a, which section provides, "That every motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle, or bicycle shall carry, when in operation, two lighted lamps in front and one red lighted lamp in the rear, when in operation 1-2 hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, etc." so this section was a dead letter till the second called session of the 35th Legislature met later on, and amended section 43 and included section 8a, and this law became effective on and after October 10th, 1917, and provides a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than 10 nor more than \$100 for second offense.

So we see by reviewing the legislation on this question that we have today a valid law on the statute books of our state covering the subject.
Mr. Pilcher is asking that all drivers of motor vehicles and riders of bicycles and motor cycles take notice, as he intends to enforce the said section 8a in the future to the letter, and if there is anyone who thinks that there is now, no effective law governing this matter they have another "think" coming, as is explained above.

So after this notice, be careful to have your lights in operation as provided by law or else you will be subject to a fine for the violation thereof. 2d-1w.

JUDGE KIRK HERE WITH WOUNDED BOY
Judge W. W. Kirk of Snyder was here today en route to Abilene with his son who had the misfortune of having his leg broken

some time ago. The boy happened to the unfortunate accident about nine weeks ago, but the wound is not doing well and he is being taken to a sanitarium for treatment.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Judge Kirk is related to our Kirks, and formerly lived in Ballinger. He was at one time a teacher in the local schools, and has many friends here who will regret to hear of the misfortune of his son.

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives mature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. 25 and 75 cent bottles. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

ROWENA SENDS MONEY FOR RED CROSS

A check for a little over \$109.00 was received in Ballinger Tuesday from Rowena to be used for the general expenses of the Red Cross. This money was realized from a home-talent play recently given there, and was added to partly by individual subscriptions. This is a neat little sum, and sets a good example to the larger towns in the county.

James Callan, Marion Sansom, and a number of other Fort Worth stockmen, passed through Ballinger Monday, enroute to San Angelo to attend the executive committee meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association.

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Want Ads

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WANTED—Farms, ranches or city property to sell or exchange. I make a specialty of equitable exchanges. T. A. Tidwell.
11-d&w2-pd

WANTED—Sacks wanted; highest market price. I. O. Wooden.
3-d&w4t.

FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS TREES—Place your order for churches and schools now. See me or phone 577. W. R. White.
11d4w1-pd

FOR SALE—or trade, good Jersey cows and coming fresh. Will sell or trade for stock cattle. T. J. Bryan, Ballinger.
7-2tw-pd

FEED—Tennessee river bottom corn, \$1.75; Oats 90 cents; Gray shorts \$3 per hundred; cream shorts \$3.45; mill run brand \$2.20. Get our prices on all kinds of hay. Ladwig & Taylor.
7-w2t.

WOOD FOR SALE—Restacked Mesquite cord wood at \$3.00 per cord. E. H. Voelkel, Rowena, Texas.
w3t.

LOANS

MONEY TO LOAN—5, 7 or 10 years, with all kinds options in repaying. Lee Maddox. 17-tfw

TRESPASS NOTICES

Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen.
27-6td8w

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE WED SURPRISE TO FRIENDS

The marriage of Mr. A. R. Crews and Miss Azelie V. Tulme on the eve of Mr. Crews' departure for the army, came as quite a surprise. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. P. Bates, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at the Presbyterian manse, at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. Miss Augusta Joyner, an intimate friend of the bride, and Mr. Noel Penn, an intimate friend of the groom, accompanied Mr. Crews and Miss Tulme to the Presbyterian manse and witnessed the ceremony.

The news of the wedding soon flashed over the city and telephone wires were kept busy carrying congratulations to the popular and happy young couple.

Mr. Crews visited the recruiting station Thursday, where he enlisted in the aviation corps. Returning home he spent Friday arranging to report at the army camp, and said nothing to his closest friends about the important event in his life which was about to take place. A few minutes before four o'clock, while out riding in the bride's car, the party drove to the manse, and the announcement of the wedding was indeed news to every one.

Miss Tulme came to this city quite a number of years ago to accept the position as head nurse in the Halley & Love sanitarium. She has had charge of the sanitarium for the past several years, handling the business of this well known and popular institution and her friendship and acquaintances extends over a large territory. She is possessed of that sweet disposition and noble traits of character that makes for man's help mate in true womanhood.

Mr. Crews was born in Ballinger and has spent practically all his life here. For several years he has had charge of the prescription work of the Walker Drug Co., now known as the Weeks Drug Store. The young man has made good at home, and has offered his services to his country, and goes into the army with best wishes of a host of friends, who will bespeak for him a successful sojourn.

Mr. Crews left for the training camp Sunday afternoon. For the present Mrs. Crews will remain at her post of duty here, but will probably join Mr. Crews later, and may offer her services to the Red Cross, as she is thoroughly competent for doing Red Cross duty on the battle front.

Wherever they go and whatever may be their lot in life, their many friends in Ballinger will wish for Mr. and Mrs. Crews all the happiness possible.

MOVE OFFICE

Dr. Thos. A. Rape will be glad to see you over Pearce Drug Store. Hours 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. (except Sunday. Phone 20.
-74tw

FIRST CASH COMES FOR FARM LOAN

Runnels county received the first aid granted from the Federal Farm Loan Thursday. Paul Trimmer, secretary for the Runnels County Farm Loan Association, deposited with the Farmer & Merchants State Bank, depository for the association, \$11,170 Thursday.

This money comes from the Federal Farm Loan Bank at Houston, and will be used in filling loan contracts which have been approved by the farm loan board. The amount covers a number of applications and will be paid out as fast as the final papers in the transaction are executed.

Under the terms of the loan contracts, those getting the money have a long time in which to pay and at a low rate of interest. In most cases the money will be used in making improvements or paying out homes for farmers.

This is the first money extended on loans by the Federal Farm board in this county.

DISMISS CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS

Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—Dismissal was had late yesterday in all of the state cases, with the exception of the cases against Former Commissioner of Labor Woodman. It was on motion of District Attorney Shelton that Judge Hamilton of the Criminal District Court dismissed the case against Former Governor James E. Ferguson, this being the case in which he was charged with diversion of public funds.

The other cases dismissed were against John G. McKay, former Secretary of State; Church Hill J. Bartlett, former Secretary of State; Chas. O. Austin, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; Chas. L. Stove, former Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, all of the last four being charged with the misapplication of public funds.

In his motion to dismiss, District Attorney Shelton said that the evidence was insufficient and would not warrant a conviction in any of the cases. The Woodman cases were passed for the present and may be continued for the term. Further investigation is desired in these cases.

Final disposition has now been had on all of the state cases except in the case of Woodman.

A WAR MEASURE.

Never before has the citizenship of the individual been so closely questioned. Never before in our history has the question, "How old are you" been asked so often. This question is of State and national importance and affects every man who enlists in the army now being organized. Common justice demands that the exact age of every man be stated and that no slacker be allowed to shirk military duty by misstating his age. If the sacrifices and hardships of this war are to be equally and fairly divided, the age of each man must be a public record else some will evade military service, while others, who are not matured, and are under age, will enlist.

Frequent requests are received by the Bureau of Vital Statistics for certified copies of birth certificates for those born prior to 1903 in which year the birth registration law was passed and the State has no record of any birth prior to that year.

In order to provide a permanent record of age, parentage, and citizenship of those born prior to 1903, the Bureau of Vital Statistics will accept any certificate where a birth has not been recorded and will preserve for future reference. In order to file such a certificate it must be written on the adopted form, must be complete, must bear the signature of the one attending the birth, or the affidavit of the parent. The certificate should be filed with the city health officer, the county clerk, or sent directly to this Bureau. The family physician will be able to assist the parent in filling out the certificate. Every man enlisting in the army or navy should leave a permanent record establishing his age, parentage, and citizenship and for this reason such certificates will be accepted.

Mrs. E. L. McAlpine returned Tuesday at noon from Dallas, where she had been for a few days.

CATTLEMEN MEET IN SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 11.—The executive committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers association is in session here today. Yesterday's train brought many members of the committee and delegates who are coming here to invite the committee to meet with them in the annual meet next spring.

The executive committee of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas while in session here will attend to many financial matters connected with the organization. It is expected these matters will consume considerable time, as all claims and accounts against the association are handled by the committee. It is possible that several matters that may be disposed of before the annual meeting of the association will be considered by the body Tuesday. Whether there will be discussions and considerations of cattle transportation, feed and the like could not be learned today. A report to the effect that certain recommendations to the food administration concerning handling of empty cars, cattle shipments and feed-stuff would be made by the committee could not be confirmed.

Another matter that the executive committee will consider Tuesday is selecting the place of meeting for the next annual convention of the organization. The organization had selected San Antonio, but that city lately notified the association that it could not provide accommodations owing to the fact that the city is overrun with soldiers at this time. Five cities are avowed candidates for the next meeting place of this, the largest attended convention in the state. These cities are Galveston, El Paso, Dallas, Houston and Oklahoma City. Strong delegations from each of these cities will present their claims for the next meeting to the board Tuesday. It was stated today that delegates and attendants at the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas go not single file, but in herds and droves.

San Angelo has made arrangements for properly entertaining the members of the executive committee and their friends. Friends include visiting cattlemen and convention delegations. Tuesday evening there will be a "stag banquet" in the banquet room of the St. Angelus hotel. No menu has been announced for the occasion. This banquet will begin as soon as the members of the committee have concluded their business, and will continue until every member and his cattleman or convention delegate friend has had what he wants to satisfy the inner man. Speeches will be of the five-minute variety, and the banquet will be concluded in time for a dance that is to be given in honor of the cattlemen, beginning at ten o'clock.

The following is the personnel of the executive committee:

Ewing Halsell, Vinita, Okla.; A. M. James, Dalhart; H. M. Stonebreaker, Kansas City; T. M. Pyle, Longfellow; H. C. Harding, Amarillo; W. E. Weathersbee, Del Rio; C. M. Newman, El Paso; R. R. Russell, San Antonio; R. B. Materson, Amarillo; Abe Meyer, San Angelo; John M. Moore, Richmond; P. L. Childress, Ozona; C. E. Shultsfi Llano; G. D. Scott, Houston; G. R. White, Brady; W. L. Corn, Fort Worth; Ed L. Mears Menard; H. D. Mendel, Ft. Stockton; J. M. Crowder, Midland; G. W. Shield, San Angelo; J. L. Barroun, Cedar Vale, Kansas; W. L. Kingston, Fort Davis; R. C. Sutton, San Antonio; E. P. Lucas, San Antonio; D. H. Snyder, Jr., Colorado City; F. S. Hastings, Stamford; T. T. East, Kingsville; W. H. P. McFaddin, Victoria; J. B. Wood, Victoria; M. Sansom, Ft. Worth.

The following officers and honorary vice presidents are entitled to a vote on executive committee matters and are expected to attend the meeting:

President James Callan, Menard; First Vice President John Landergin, Amarillo; Second Vice President R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville; Treasurer S. B. Burnett, Ft. Worth; Secretary E. B. Spiller, Fort Worth; Assistant Secretary A. C. Williams, Fort Worth; Attorney Dayton Moses, Ft. Worth; Honorary Vice Presidents W. W. Turney, El Paso; Ike T. Pryor, San Antonio; Ed C. Lasater, Falfurrias; A. B. Robertson, Slaton; Sam Davidson, Fort Worth; Al H. McFaddin, Victoria; R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville; J. D. Jackson,

Inventory Sale

In order to clean-up our stock, we will make a sacrifice on seasonable merchandise at about HALF PRICE.

Sale Opens Friday, Dec. 14

Holiday Specials For Ladies

TABLE LINEN, TABLE SETS, TOWEL SETS, BATH ROBES, HANDKERCHIEF SETS BOXED.

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Ladies' Boots

Ladies Boots, special 8 to 11-in. tops, blacks, grays, browns, white kid—good assortment values up to \$8.50, choice lot\$5.00
8-inch Black Boots, values \$4.00—choice at\$3.00
Clean up lot Shoes up to \$3.50—choice\$1.50

Thread

Big lot Thread—Clark's and other brands, per spool.....3c

Hosiery Special

Big assortment Children's Hose—sold up to 25c.....10c
All our 75c Silk Hose.....50c
All our \$1.50 and \$1.75 Blacks and Colors Silk Hose\$1.00

Fleece Underwear

Heavy Fleece Line Shirts and Drawers, worth 75c.....50c

Men's and Boys Overcoats and Mackinaws

Boys Overcoats, value \$6.00, all wool, Nobley styles, 6 to 10 years choice\$2.50
Boys \$10.00 Late style coats—12 to 18\$5.00
Mens warm all wool Coats up to \$12.50—choice for\$7.00
All our \$17.50 to \$22.50 Coats—choice\$12.50
Lot \$20 Suits—special\$10.00
Lot \$15.00 Suits—special\$7.50
\$3.50 Boys Suits, sizes 4 to 18 years, Clean Up Sale

Men's Hats

Full line Stetsons—300 Hats values up to \$3.50—choice \$2.00

Drummer Samples

Just opened \$500.00 Drummer samples—all big saving in Sale—75 odd Coats out of Suits—choice\$1.50

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FULL ASSORTMENT OF NECKWEAR IN HOLIDAY BOXES, CAMP SETS FOR SOLDIER BOYS.

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See us early on Holiday buying. You will double your purchasing power by taking advantage of this sale. Don't ask for approvals or for goods to be charged.

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WANT HALF MILLION FOR OIL LEASE

It is rumored that a party of Comanche people who have a lease on 7000 acres of Brown county turned down an offer of \$30,000 for their holdings, but stated that they would consider an offer of half a million. "We're not in the oil business for our health, and don't intend to be robbed by a bunch of eastern city-slickers," they wired in response to the offer.—Brownwood Bulletin.

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH THE OVERLAND FACTORY

T. H. Conner, who has been with the Ballinger Auto Co. for some time, will leave Sunday for Dayton, Ohio, where he will join his wife and make their home. Mrs. Conner's parents live in Ohio and has been there for some time on a visit. Mr. Conner will accept employment in the Overland Auto factory, either at Dayton or Toledo.

TAKING AUTOMO. BILE COURSE

Floyd Wade, son of T. B. Wade, of Route B, is in an automobile training school in Kansas City, getting ready to enlist in this department of the army. Mr. Wade is subject to draft, but expects to prepare himself to be of the most benefit to his country possible.

WINTER WEATHER BITES HARD

Saturday morning was thirteen degree weather. Sunday was twelve degree weather and Monday morning was also twelve degree weather, according to the government weather man at Ballinger. The forecaster who predicted rising temperature for Sunday only did so, perhaps, to encourage joy riders, and he failed to deliver the goods. Things tightened up in a freeze that breaks the records, for many years at least, for December.

Auditor Cunningham of the West Texas Telephone Company, who had been in Ballinger and other towns in this section for a few days, returned to Brownwood Wednesday. He was accompanied by Guy Stephenson, who will assist in the Brownwood offices for a few days before returning here.

Mrs. E. R. Walker has returned from a visit of about a week with relatives in Garden City.

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadowville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. . . I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Theodor's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose All druggists. J. 69

WANT CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS RALLY

If there were no children there would be no Christmas. If the children of this city don't assist the committee in getting up the program for the big Christmas entertainment to be held at the court house, it will be a failure. But then the children are going to help. Children don't fall down in such work; they are always on the job.

All the children of all the Sunday Schools of this city are requested to meet the committee at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon immediately after school. All children up to thirteen years of age are wanted. The committee will be at the church to instruct the children and show each one what he or she is expected to do. Parents will please take notice and tell their children to go to the practice as soon as they are released from school.

The work for the municipal Christmas tree is well under way.

The committees will all be appointed by Monday and a list of those selected to help published in The Ledger. The big tree will be staged in the court house, and the court room will be used for giving the Holiday entertainment.

It is up to every citizen to fall in and help to make the occasion one of success. So far as we know all the Sunday schools of the city will co-operate in the work.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Judge A. K. Doss and Rev. J. B. Curry left Monday morning for Edwards county, where they will spend the week hunting.

Cough?

To get quick relief take Dr. King's New Discovery. Used 50 years. Checks the cold. Stops the cough. Try it. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. King's NEW Discovery

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The Evils of Constipation
Leaving waste material in the body poisons the system and blood and makes you liable to sick headaches, biliousness, nervousness and muddy skin. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills. Prompt relief. 25c. At all druggists.

SKOOKUM APPLES FOR LEDGER FORCE

Skookum, W. A. Francis, Walker-Smith Co. These are names that have been indelibly stamped upon the memory of every member of The Ledger force, and to think of erasing those names would be as a big joke as the thought of submitting to the kaiser. The Ledger carrier boys are talking about "Skookum," and the "devil" says Skookums are as big as pumpkins, while the bookkeeper says, "somebody divide with me, I can eat a whole one."

You have heard it said that the best way to reach a man's heart is through his—oh, well you know what we are talking about, and the same route leads to the newspaper man's heart, and a box of Skookum apples presented to The Ledger force by W. A. Francis, manager of the Walker-Smith Co., hit the spot.

Our readers have been reading about Skookum apples and if they know what The Ledger force experienced Thursday afternoon, they will not lose any time in getting a box of Skookums, or a dozen Skookums.

Skookums are raised in Skookum Valley, Washington. These apples have been made famous by the way they are delivered to the consumer, as well as by their delicious flavor. The apples are picked and packed with the utmost care. Every apple placed in the box must be free from specks. From the time the apples are gathered and packed until they are delivered to the dealer they are kept at even temperature. The big ear of Skookums received by the Walker-Smith Co. Thursday were accompanied across Rocky Mountains by a special messenger, and the ear arrived at Ballinger with a little stove in it, which was used en route to keep the temperature at the proper degree for preserving the apples in their delicious flavor and perfectness.

The Skookums presented to The Ledger were some apples in size, six dozen filling a bushel box, but they also contained the juice that tickles the palate. Skookums come in different sizes, even down to the 150 to 175 apples to the bushel and the smaller ones are handled with the same care and carry the same high grade qualities, and the mystery of the skookums is the low cost, being no higher than the common old apples.

Apples are nature's tonic and the greatest of all fruits for nutritious energy. Dr. Harry E. Bernard, chairman of the Food Division of the American Chemical Society, says an apple eaten in the evening will mechanically and chemically clean the teeth and protect them from bacterial ravages.

Skookums are advertised in this paper. If you read the ads you'll want a Skookum, if you get a Skookum, you'll want another Skookum.

Robt. Coggins left Sunday for Brownwood, where he will accept a position with a drug store.

J. E. Bartlett of Santa Anna, who had been visiting his son, W. E. Bartlett of this city, returned home Monday morning.

WILL BUILD BIG OIL STATION HERE

The Agency of C. A. Doose & Co., of this city report the sale of Lots 14 and 15, Block 7, Ballinger, on the corner of Broadway and Hutchings Ave., (being the corner directly across Broadway from the Wm. Cameron & Co. office to the Magnolia Petroleum Co. of Texas, for a cash consideration of \$3000.

It is the plan of the company after the first of the new year to commence the construction on its recently acquired site, of a modern up-to-date up town Oil Station, to be constructed of either brick or stone, which will be set back onto the interior of said lots, the portion of ground space not consumed by its new planned structure, to be made beautiful into a park, surrounding said building, and the driveway into same, which will add another beauty spot to Ballinger and its already inviting appearance, besides which it shows confidence of this gigantic corporation in the future of Ballinger realty values.

We are closing out several hundred dollars worth of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Selz Shoes at big bargains. Gustavus Grocery. 7-lv.

"STUNG" TWENTY YEARS AGO IN LAND DEAL

Pat E. Dooley of San Angelo spent yesterday afternoon in Brownwood and when he left here last night for his home he was trying to figure out whether he was a millionaire or just half millionaire.

It all came about this way: Dooley in his younger days had the right idea about things and made Brownwood his home. About twenty years ago—in 1898, to be exact—he loaned a friend some money, and took a lien against 700 acres of mountain land just west of this city. A year or so later he was compelled to take the ownership of the land, at a valuation of \$2 per acre, to satisfy the loan.

The land was very poor, and after figuring that it would take forty acres to keep a goat alive Dooley resigned himself to a conviction that he had been stung. Tax payments have been made grudgingly ever since.

The oil boom has changed the outward complexion of that seven hundred acres, however, and now Dooley says a man can never tell when he is having good luck. The land that was formerly worth nothing and cost two dollars an acre is now worth all sorts of money and frantic oil men here are clamoring for a lease on it at a rate of \$200 an acre. It is just west of and next to the Westcott property on which a small gusher was recently found.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

BALLINGER BOYS OFF FOR AVIATION FIELD

Three Ballinger boys, Noel Penn, Claude R. Stone and Arch Crews, came down at noon today and enlisted at the local recruiting office. They joined the aviation service, and expect to leave for Dallas Sunday night.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Messrs. Penn, Stone and Crews returned home Thursday night and are busy arranging their business affairs and getting ready to say goodbye to friends and relatives Sunday afternoon. They visited Brownwood where they signed-up with the sub-recruiting station and have only gone through the preliminaries for becoming regular soldiers for Uncle Sam. They will go from Ballinger to Waco where they will undergo further examination and be given further instructions and orders. The boys say they are in for all that they can be worth to Uncle Sam in whipping the kaiser. They will leave Ballinger with the backing of every citizen and will go with the assurance that the home fires will be kept burning.

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. 60 cents.

HIGHWAY AID PROMISED HERE

Mr. O'Dell, a member of the state highway commission, visited Ballinger this week, and as a result of a day's association with our local commissioners and county judge, Mr. O'Dell made the promise that brings to this county financial aid so badly needed in road building at this time.

Mr. O'Dell was on an inspection and road business trip to San Angelo, and County Judge Parish and Commissioner Kirk, visited that city and accompanied the gentleman to this city and held on to him until he had been made to see the great need of help in road work in this county.

The highway commissioner made a trip over the principal highways leading into Ballinger and while he found the roads in bad shape on account of the drought, he expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress made here, and said that he would see that this county received immediate aid in any reasonable amount asked for.

The highway visitor paid Bob Kirk quite a compliment when he said that the road work done here under Mr. Kirk's direction was first class and that he had rather risk Mr. Kirk's judgement than half of the civil engineers now working under the direction of the commission.

The highway commission will be in the middle of this month, and on the 18th or 19th, representatives from the local commissioners' court will appear before the commission and make application for aid. It is expected that the aid in a pretty good sum, will be granted, and then if it ever rains in this county road building will be carried on most successfully.

How to Prevent Croup.
In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

SWEATERS NEEDED BY TEXAS BOYS

The homemakers are being appealed to for help in making sweaters for the boys in the training camps. Those visiting the camps report that the boys are greatly in need of sweaters. Your boy may be amply provided for, but there are hundreds of others who have no mothers to knit for them, or who have not been provided for. Knitting for soldiers has been brought closer home to the knitting clubs and the Red Cross, and the Red Cross needs more knitters. We are told that there are ladies in Ballinger who have no children to care for, and whose home duties are light, who have so far refused to help in the Red Cross work, while mothers with a house full of children are not only looking after their household duties, doing their own house work, but are faithful to the Red Cross work, finding time to knit and sew for the soldiers. It never had occurred to some people that a woman could be a slacker.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
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Miss Inez Butler passed thru Ballinger Sunday en route to her home at Abilene. Miss Butler has been teaching school at Brady, and was recently elected to fill a vacancy in the schools at Abilene, and the school board at Brady very kindly released her after securing some one to take her place.

EARLY DAYS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

A pastoral Narrative—a volume of verse that is interesting from cover to cover, and carries one back to the day when this country was the Paradise of the old time cow puncher. We are in receipt of a copy of the book, printed and bound with the real art of the printer's know-how-to-do-it by Sherman, French & Co. of Boston, Massachusetts. The little illustrated volume comes to us with the compliments of Co. C. C. Walsh, the author.

The volume carries twenty-four illustrations, half-tone reproductions from actual cow boy and ranch scenes in the west and the poems are based upon actual experiences and conditions of early days in this country. Chuck wagon trail camps, lassoing, branding "brone" riding, camp fire tales, told in poem keeps the reader longing for the turning back of time when he could live over the early days on the western range.

The CORRECT TREATMENT FOR COLDS

Colds are contracted when strength is lowered and the inflammation easily develops bronchitis or lung trouble, while grippe and pneumonia frequently follow and any cold should have immediate treatment with

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2 cups sugar Flour
2 eggs well beaten 1 1/2 tablespoons caraway seeds
1 level teaspoon soda
1 cup buttermilk Raisins

Cream Cottolene, add sugar gradually, eggs, soda dissolved in milk, salt, seeds, and flour to make a soft dough. Chill dough, roll, cut. Place seeded raisin in center of each cookie.

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NEW CHARITY BOARD ORGANIZED

The newly elected members of the United Charities held a meeting Friday afternoon and organized by electing Rev. W. O. Self, chairman, and C. R. Crews, secretary and treasurer. The other members of the board are Dr. Thos. A. Rape, Judge O. L. Parish and T. S. Lankford. These men were elected to constitute the United Charities at the union service held at the Christian church on Thanksgiving morning.

The board stated that quite a number contributed through The Ledger when appeal was made for cash a short time ago, and the amounts raised furnished cash for immediate need, all of which the old board appreciates. The amount in the treasury for the new board is a mere trifle when the demand for help is so great.

If the board responds to the call for help from the worthy objects of charity, they must have means with which to do the work, and there is no way to get it except for the people who have the money to go down in their pockets and put up the cash. The committee will put a solicitor in the field within a few days, and they ask for a liberal contribution. The man who is in comfortable circumstances and refuses to help in this work, will be looked upon with an unkind eye.

The board finds opportunities often for contributing clothing, especially children's and women's clothing. Those who have good clothing they wish to give away should gather them up and turn them over to Mr. Crews. They will be placed to a good advantage.

Gustav Grocery are selling the very finest flour at \$2.90 per sack, or \$5.75 per hundred. 7-1w.

BALLINGER'S WHITE WAY.

The Ballinger Light & Power Co. has just made up their up town office conspicuous by placing a large light on the corner of the side walk just in front of their office. This makes four of these lights in the business district, the others being located in front of the Weeks Drug Store, the Melton Dry Goods Co. and the First National Bank. For a block each way the lights illuminated the streets, and with the adding of a few more such lights Ballinger would have a white way that would reflect credit. These lights are being maintained at the expense of the individual firms and bespeaks for them a progressive spirit.

**For Sore Muscles
Stiff Joints
Sprains**

Sloan's Liniment
KILLS PAIN

Citizens and Stockmen Say Good-Bye to Cattle Tick

Out of quite a number of stockmen all have given the most hearty endorsement to the tick eradication work in this county. There was more or less opposition to the work here when the campaign was first launched, but some of those who opposed the dipping of cattle express themselves favorably now, and are hearty supporters of the work.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of a few herds of cattle the entire county is now free of cattle tick. It is up to the county commissioners to see that proper signs on the road leading into the county from tick infested counties, and fair warning given to those who might come in to the county with ticky cattle, and without having their cattle inspected. All transients should be prosecuted and the law enforced.

Following are expressions from a number of the local citizens and stockmen, and shows with what favor the work has met with and what the saving to the cattlemen amounts to:

Jas. Clayton: I think tick eradication will be of great benefit to the whole county. Will prevent heavy annual loss from fever. In 1915 I had 50 head of cattle and lost 8 from fever. In 1916-17 had over 200 and had no loss at all.

W. C. Wright: While the Wood and Wright ranch was already free from ticks and I did not have to dip my cattle, I am certainly glad to see the rest of the county cleaned up and put above the quarantine line. We can ship anywhere now and will have the world for a market instead of only the ticky country. I have never been able to move a bunch of cattle from my place for pasturage without suffering a heavy loss from fever, which worked a great hardship on me whenever my range was short and I had to go elsewhere for grass.

W. C. Jones: I am heartily in favor of tick eradication—think it will be a great thing for Rannels county and would like to see the whole state free. I have had no loss whatever from fever since I began dipping my cattle.

G. B. Dixon: I think tick eradication is the greatest move ever made for the cattle industry. Will mean from \$3 to \$8 more per head to be able to get our cattle in the native pens.

Chas Evans: Am now and always have been very strong for tick eradication. We have been losing from 5 to 10 per cent of our cattle every year from fever but since we began dipping have not lost anything.

W. T. Nichols: I know that getting rid of the ticks will be a big thing for me as I have always had big losses from fever before we started dipping.

B. J. Clayton: In normal times, I believe that being able to ship to the northern pens will mean at least \$4 to \$5 per head more for us. I consider that getting rid of the tick is worth hundreds of dollars to me even if I never ship a cow to market as it has done away with the loss from fever.

Spren Bros.: Wouldn't have the tick back for any amount of money. Have already seen the advantage of being cleaned up. In the two years just before the county took up the work, we lost at least \$1200 worth of cattle. During the past two years, while we were dipping, we lost nothing at all from fever. When the county was preparing to take up the work, we heard a great deal about the danger of losing cattle from dipping. In 1916 we dipped at our vat an average of 1500 head every 21 days and in 1917 about 750 head. Not a single animal was killed or injured at our vat.

Lon Muney: I think that the release from quarantine is worth all the time, trouble and expense it has cost us, and then some.

E. L. Rasbury: On account of very upusual conditions, due to drought, we have been denied the immediate advantages we should have enjoyed from this release. However, when conditions become normal again, it will be worth the expense and trouble many times over.

Lon Mapes: I would not have my pastures ticky again even for many times what it cost me to clean up. Being located on the river and having very ticky range I was often unable to buy bunch of tick cattle, no matter how cheap they looked to me as I knew I was sure to have a big loss from fever. However, I have not lost a thing since we began dipping and I know that I can buy

stuff anywhere now, bring them home and be safe from any loss. Although my cattle are now clean I intend to continue dipping my cattle two or three times a year as I know my cattle will do better if they are dipped occasionally.

Earl McWilliams: I will endorse anything good you can say about tick eradication. I certainly think it will be a great thing for Rannels county.

J. W. Bigby: I think the release of the county quarantine is worthy of a great celebration. It is worth a great deal more to us than the time and money spent. I have lost nothing from fever since we began dipping, while in other years I always had some loss. Hundreds of cattle were dipped every 21 days for two full seasons at our vat and nothing was killed or injured from dipping. Ours is a community vat and the cost per head to clean up was very light.

Jno. Huffman: At the start I was not in favor of cattle dipping but when I saw that it did not hurt the cattle but was of great benefit to them, I changed my mind about the matter and now am very strongly in favor of the work. I had always lost a good many cattle from fever but during the past two years have lost nothing.

J. M. Schneider: When the campaign was started in Rannels County, I was against tick eradication, but when I found that the movement was to be statewide, I decided to support it and have done all I could to help it along. I am more than pleased at the success of the work here and I think it will be of immense benefit to the county.

Price Maddox: I would not have one single tick dropped in one of my pastures for a thousand dollars. I can't say too much for tick eradication. I have had no loss whatever from fever since I began dipping. Experience has shown me that dipping does not hurt cattle, in fact it is a positive benefit to them. My cattle are going into the winter in better shape than last year and on shorter grass.

C. S. Miller: I consider the eradication of the tick in our county one of the greatest economic benefits we have attained and is in full keeping with the high ideals of our citizenship who are unexcelled for their loyal efforts to progress and reach the highest standards of health and economic perfection.

H. Giesecke: In the fall of 1915 I bought 80 head of high bred heifer yearlings out of Tom Green county. In the spring of 1916 these yearlings commenced dying with the fever and I lost seven head of them before I could complete a dipping vat on my ranch. Since I began dipping I have not lost anything and all of my cattle are doing extra well in spite of the extremely dry years. I think that the tick eradication law is the best law passed in this county in many years as the loss of cattle by tick fever has always heretofore been very large.

Feb McWilliams: Tick eradication is the longest single step that Rannels county or the State of Texas has ever taken for the advancement of the cattle industry. It means that the world will be an open market to us. We will no longer be confined to the comparatively small area below the line. We can ship to the northern or "native" pens and sell our cattle as stockers or feeders at an average of five dollars a head more than the same cattle would bring in the "Quarantine" pens. On the other hand, we can import, without fear of loss from fever, high grade breeding stock to improve our herds. It means improved cattle for ranchman and farmer—bigger beef cattle and better dairy cattle. Tick eradication has cost me in time and trouble and money as much as any man in the county, but I think it is worth all that to me—and more. From observation and experience, I can state that the stories that are circulated in counties about to take up the work, regarding the injury to cattle from dipping are either exaggerated or wholly untrue. There was an average of over a thousand cattle dipped at my vat every 21 days for two full seasons and not a single head was killed or injured by dipping.

D. F. Eaton: One of the most far-reaching accomplishments, in its ultimate results is the raising of the quarantine in Rannels county against the cattle tick. Especially is this an opportune time

since adjoining counties have also shared in having the quarantine raised thus expanding largely the territory now free from this extremely harmful pest. For years there was a prevalent idea in the South that we could not grow as perfect livestock in this section as in the North; but this has been conclusively proven a fallacy as in both dairy and beef classes shown by Southern breeders, they have taken first places at the national shows in competition with the best breeders of the country. Especially are we fortunate in getting this burden lifted now as soon as the state wide law takes effect and this work would then have been necessary. This section will continue to furnish a large amount of the livestock of the country because of its adaptability and the growing tendency to diversify among its agricultural classes, and also because of the fact that there is an extensive area not suitable to cultivation but well adapted to stock growing and livestock farming. So well may our people give thanks that this task has been completed and by so doing add to the wealth and fold more than has been expended in the effort. Certainly Texas will not take the back seat in so important a move as freeing the state of ticks when other southern states have long since cleared their borders of this troublesome pest for which there is no reason for its existence. Especially now in the face of a world men shortage and when no individual or state can afford to be found in the slacker class. Today Mississippi is having a great feast celebrating her delivery from the ravages of this insect in which celebration our government has been represented by a famous Texan now assistant secretary of agriculture. Certainly an event is important when a great nation joins in celebrating its conclusion.

C. A. Doose: With reference to the eradication of ticks, not only Rannels county, but in all sections of the South where this pestiferous little creature has been depredating for low these many years, owing to the position occupied by the Federal Government relative thereto and which it has so occupied for the past fifteen or twenty years, the Federal Bureau having given out information through the columns of the press and through bulletins it had published and distributed from time to time, after digesting same thoroughly and observing the destructive work and great amount of damage sustained by the cattle interests of the state of Texas, and the so-called tick infested region, firmly convinced me that the government was on the right track, and that its campaign of education had not been waged for naught, and with this end in view I myself voted for the eradication of ticks in Rannels county at the time that the election was held for the purpose of eradicating said ticks, and after the result of the election was canvassed and declared and found favorable, I not only built a vat myself, but encouraged the construction of vats all over the entire county and did whatever I personally could to aid the government in the extermination of said ticks. And now since Rannels county has been released from tick quarantine with a few possible exceptions, which exceptions would not have been had the proper spirit of co-operation on the part of the entire citizenship of Rannels county been injected into this proposition. I want to congratulate the citizenship of my home county for their spirit of co-operation thusly manifested, which in my humble opinion, rebounds to the financial benefit of every man, woman and child in Rannels county. Not only in the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the stock growers of said Rannels county by preventing and precluding the possibility of splenic fever within our home county, but it also enables "Old Betsy," the family milk cow, to put on more flesh on less feed and produce more milk and butter for each respective family she is serving, and do it with greater peace of mind and ease than if her life blood was constantly being sucked away by these said pestiferous little ticks, in addition to which it now permits us to move our cattle at will above the Federal Quarantine line so established by the federal government, thereby opening up to us avenues of sale for our livestock which have never heretofore existed, being permitted to go up in the extreme northwest, thereby obtaining a much better price for our livestock.

In conclusion, owing to the fact that we are yet partially quarantined in certain local localities, may

For the boys in khaki

Bevo
A BEVERAGE

Bevo is a great favorite in the Army Canteens, where none but pure, soft drinks may be sold. After drill or march, you are sure to see a long line of hot and dusty-throated soldier boys making a bee line for Bevo. They know that there lies complete satisfaction, full refreshment and pure wholesomeness. At home or abroad—at work or play—between meals or with meals, you will appreciate what we have done for you in making this triumph in soft drinks. You will find Bevo at inns, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, picnic grounds, baseball parks, soda fountains, dining cars, in the navy, at canteens, at mobilization camps and other places where refreshing beverages are sold.

Bevo—the all-year-round soft drink
Guard against substitutes. Have the bottle opened in front of you, first seeing that the seal is unbroken and that the crown top bears the Fox. Sold in bottles only, and bottled exclusively by

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I not employ you Mr. Reader, in view of your being protected, by Old Glory, which bears the stars and stripes, being sustained by the best government on earth, of which you are a potent factor, if you have not heretofore co-operated with your government in the eradication of the ticks in the proper spirit and manner, that you now get busy and do so and after we shall all have been finally released, yet each citizen of Rannels county resolve himself into a committee of one to look after his cattle carefully and should there be any further development of ticks to immediately commence the further eradication thereof with the ultimate end in view that the eight or ten thousand dollars heretofore expended by the tax payers of this county be not lost in its entirety and the citizenship of this county forced under the present state laws governing this condition of affairs to reinstate this work here at further greater cost and outlay in this work to the tax payers of our said county.

BLANTON ON SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE

Dispatches from Washington announce the appointment of Congressman Blanton, of this district, as a member of another important committee. Mr. Blanton becomes a member of the new house suffrage committee.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

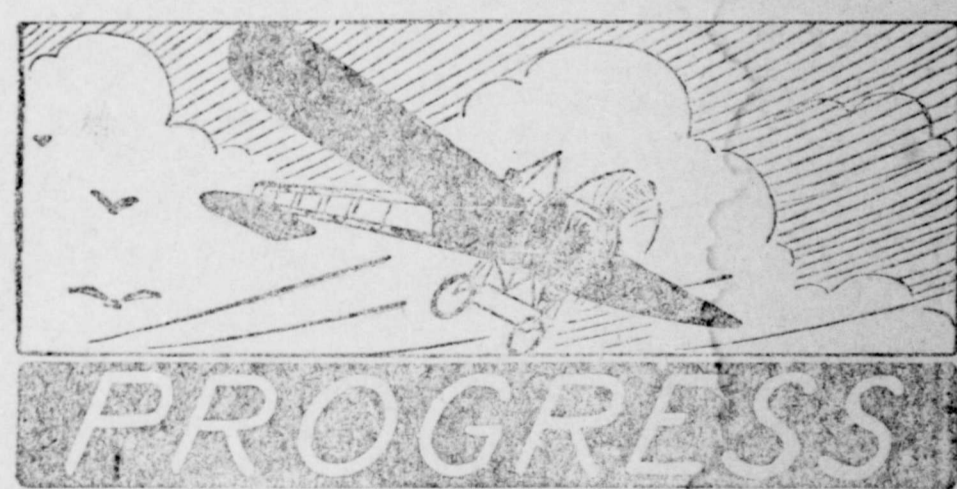
Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Capt. F. D. Shepherd, of the medical corps of the U. S. army arrived in Ballinger Tuesday for a short visit to his brothers, C. P. Shepherd and J. M. Skinner of this city.

NOTICE.

Ladwig and Taylor, dealers in grain, hay, and feed stuffs of all kinds. Phone 63.

Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo was a business visitor to Ballinger Tuesday.



The First

"Medium of Exchange" of which we have any record consisted of shells to which were given stated and generally recognized value. Every man was his own banker.

Modern Banking

facilities have kept pace with the progress of civilization until today every self-respecting citizen owes it to himself to have a banking connection. We offer you every convenience known to modern banking.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
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STRENGTH SERVICE

THE BIG FINAL ROUND UP SALE

AT MONEY RAISING PRICES

THE Money Raising Sale with its many money saving opportunities are saving the people hundreds of dollars on their Holiday shopping. Buying of useful presents is the order of the day—they're more appreciated. Plenty of warm Gloves, Dress Gloves for men and women, Sweaters and warm Headwear, warm Blankets and plenty of beautiful styles in Quilts and Comforts, cotton and down filled.

Ladies' Suits

\$22.50 Grades \$14.95.
Brand new garments, beautiful quality—new colorings—about 25 in the lot—choice—
\$14.95

Dress Special

Wonderful Values.
New serges—new silks—garments that are the new ones for 1917—worth up to \$17.75. Money Raising Price—
\$12.45

Men's Suits

\$15.00 Grades for \$11.95.
Well made garments—Blue Serges that are all pure wool—3-piece suits—suits that will give splendid wear—also fancy worsteds—in many desirable patterns—all sizes from 33 to 44—real top notch \$15.00 Suits—"Money Raising Price"—
\$11.95

Pattern Hats

Half Price

Children's Hats—new styles—grades that sold up to \$2.50, choice
95c

Ladies and Misses Hats—made in styles that sold up to \$3.50, choice
\$1.95

Ladies Hats—street and dress styles—that sold up to \$5.00, choice
\$2.95

Ladies Dress Hats—splendid new styles that sold up to \$7.50, choice
\$3.95

EXTRA SPECIAL Silk Dresses

Assorted shades—and styles—grades that sold at \$8.50 and \$10.00 last season—choice—
\$2.95

Ladies' Suits

\$27.50 Grades for \$19.95.
Another big saving—choice styles—new fabrics—new colorings—grades that sold up to \$27.50. Money Raising Price—
\$19.95

Silk Dresses

\$22.50 Grades \$14.95.
It's a shame to sacrifice these beautiful dresses—so early in the season—real \$18.50 to \$22.50 grades—come get yours at—
\$14.95

Men's Suits

\$20.00 Grades for \$17.45.
For 9 years Frankel Bros. Suits have stood the test—hundreds of customers have worn these good suits—and will attest to the workmanship, the fit, and the value. Blue serges—Fancy worsteds—and Velours. Young Men belted styles—also conservative styles for the older man—Money Raising Price—
\$17.45

Melton Dry Goods Co

INCORPORATED
EVERYBODY'S STORE

5 Horses Lost in Feed Barn Fire

(Continued from first page.)

job throughout the night and Joe Pechecke and Elmer Rogers responded and stood watch throughout the cold night.

Will Street was due to arrive home Tuesday night. A few minutes after the fire broke out he called Mrs. Street over the phone, calling from Roseco, and stated he was spending the night at that place to have repairs made on his car, and called up to see how the family was getting along and to let her know that he would not be at home. Of course she told him that his barn was burning, and he hurried home, arriving here early in the day Wednesday.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

Miss Fannie Johnson is at home from an extended visit to Marlin and Houston. Mrs. Johnson went to Houston to visit her son Joe E., who is attending school at that place.

Sheriff Banister, of Coleman, was here Monday, conferring with the local exemption board on some draft matters.

J. Milton Clayton of Benoit was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Wednesday.

Breezes of Prosperity are Coming this Way

Before I creep into my sepulchre I want to say that if a man lives in the West, he ought to have a head hard enough to crack walnuts on. And some have got 'em and some haint. Some are sticking and some are hiking. Some are sitting tight and some have to go to San Angelo, oh! and be soaked like an old wagon.

The drouth covers a large territory.

The war area and the awful tragedy of it are expanding every day.

But mein Gott, we can't afford to organize suicide clubs. Neither can we sit like a crying babe and bawl for milk and bread. The way to get the cream, Ikey, is to go after Old Sookley and juice her good and plenty, and the way to get the bread to crumb in the mill is to plant the little grain that multiplies a thousand fold.

The old hard-headed Red-neck that sticks always wins. He always will.

The old Limberneck that gets "skered" and takes to his heels gets it in the back—gets it in the neck. There is no use side-stepping and throwing jemy fits. Bring your theory and the common practice of the practical farmer together and let them hug and kiss. You must adapt yourself to extremes—extremely dry weather and extremely wet—ex-

remely short crops and big bumper crops.

A Limbernecks chance is like a peach—too green, over-ripe, or out of reach. But you can no more convince some people than you can catch a jack rabbit a foot. Now there goes my pen, letting me in for it again.

My enemies call me "Old Busy Face." Granted, Old Gink.

Every word that leaves my face is the truth, by-gum. Now, Old Bluff, take this from me: Cut loose from your franchised overflow of knocking and gronehing and breaking the dry air into a 1000 pieces with your small squeaking voice. Let the angels do the weeping and you beat it over to my way of thinking and go up against it, proper.

Sure enough, there never was a clearer bugle call, not only to arms, but to the farms, than at present. If an acre of level prairie land in Runnels county will make half a bale of cotton and half a bale will sell for \$80.00 spot, then it stands for reason without saying that land must inevitably sell for that amount per acre.

Day follows night; rain follows drouth. A group of little failures lay the foundation for some big successes. It is not how many little failures we make but how big a success. My advice to friends

and enemies, and I've got some good "un's" on both sides, is to get your toes well grounded in a little piece of Runnels county dirt, while the getting is good and easy. And then go to plowing and hoeing and sowing and mowing. Cheer up—you can do your best work when cheered up. Think hard. Think hard and straight. Smile on and sing on. Work hard, play hard, then rest. Get the "Go" spirit and put springs in your heels and wings on your feet, young sprout. You can make as much here as any other where. If I couldn't cultivate 100 acres here I would buckle on a kicking machine and start it at a thousand volts a minute.

We must get into harmony with environments and confine our powers to one particular channel—producing the "cots."

Youngster, let what you do be in your bones. The drawing of a new day is in sight.

The breezes of prosperity are going to come whistling and singing farmward. Mark my prediction! Put away your tear jug.

Turn your mental artillery loose and get you knee joints made acquainted with the moist furrow. It gives birth to a thousand joys. Get homes of your own, boys, and be "Somebody." What applies to Runnels county applies elsewhere.

"Your Uncle."

Mr. Baskin and son, of Athens, Texas, are here on a visit to their brother and uncle, Dr. E. C. Baskin and family.

AUTO BREAKS

MECHANIC'S NECK

(Brownwood Bulletin.)
George Knebel of Brownwood was killed Thursday afternoon while working in a Menard garage his neck being broken when an automobile under which he was making repairs fell on him.

The body was brought to this city for interment, the funeral being held this afternoon at the home of a sister, Mrs. Brisbane. Young Knebel was a son of H. H. Knebel and brother of Charlie Knebel, both of this city. He had been employed in a Menard garage for some time, having previously working in automobile repair shops in this city.

Yesterday, it is stated, Knebel and John Sawyer, who was also a garage employe, arranged to suspend an automobile so that the wheels could be taken off and certain repairs made underneath the machine. The car was drawn up and left suspended by a chain, and the trucks were removed. Knebel then got under the car and while laboring there he is thought to have shaken the car in some manner so that the chain by which it was suspended was broken and the car dropped without warning. Being caught under the car, Knebel's neck was broken and death was probably instantaneous.

TIRED, WORN-OUT AND MISERABLE

Many Ballinger People in This Condition.

There is little rest for many a kidney sufferer.

The kidneys feel congested, sore and painful.

The urinary passages are often irregular and distressing.

The sufferer, tired, worn-out and depressed.

Weak kidneys need quick help.

They need a special kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

A remedy especially for kidney ailments.

Can any Ballinger reader doubt this statement?

Mrs. S. C. Royalty, 1302 Thirteenth St., Ballinger says: "My kidneys were inactive. There was so much soreness across my back that I could hardly bend over and it was just as difficult for me to straighten up. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage. Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of all signs of kidney complaint."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Royalty had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY MAKING GOOD

News has just been received in Ballinger of the success of Wallace Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis, who came to Ballinger in the early days, and a few years ago moved to Calvert, Texas. Wallace is strictly a Ballinger boy, having spent all his life here up to the time his parents moved to Calvert.

The young man was in the A. & M. College and was finishing his education, when he heard the call of his country, and volunteered his service in the aviation branch of the army. He enlisted in the training camp and for some time has been stationed ind Camp Kelly. He was the only one out of a class of sixteen to receive a commission, recently being made first lieutenant and placed in charge of a squadron of aviators.

Wallace has many friends in Ballinger who will be glad to hear of his success, and to know that he is among those who are going after the Boche's scalp.

Mrs. Jim McWhirter is at home from Fort Worth, where she has been for several months. Mr. McWhirter is in the barber business at Camp Bowie, but will come home Christmas, and Mrs. McWhirter says she is back for keeps and finds Ballinger the best place, regardless of the drouth. Mrs. McWhirter says health conditions are improving at Camp Bowie and that most of the pneumonia cases were due to relapse of measles, the troops being allowed to leave the hospital too early.

SPENT ABOUT HALF HER TIME IN BED

Real Estate Man's Wife Gains 15 Pounds on Tanlac—Now A Well Woman.

"I have gained fifteen pounds since taking Tanlac and am feeling like a well woman for the first time in six years," said Mrs. J. H. Smith, wife of a well known real estate man and living at 215 Callahan, Muskogee, recently.

"I suffered from a severe case of indigestion, nervousness and a general breakdown," she continued, "and in spite of everything I could do I kept getting worse all the time. I had no appetite, and for weeks at a time I lived on raw eggs and sweet milk and even that would sometimes disagree with me. I had dizzy spells and my head would swim so I couldn't walk across the room without holding on to something. My nerves were all on edge and I couldn't hardly sleep at night at all for worrying about my condition and by morning I would be so weak and fagged out that I was hardly able to get up at all. I was fast going down hill and I actually got so weak and listless at last that I had to take my bed and stay there half the time.

"One day my mother came to see me and she told me so much about the good Tanlac had done her that I ordered a bottle and started taking it, and I had taken only a few doses when I knew I had at last found what I needed. I have improved right along ever since and I can now eat anything I want and it agrees with me. I don't have those dizzy spells any more, my nerves are all right again and I sleep like a baby. I have gained so much in every way that I am strong enough to do all my housework and find it a pleasure instead of a task. I have taken many different kinds of medicines during the last six years but Tanlac was the only one that really did me any good."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Tokteen by J. W. Bright.

BALLINGER PHYSICIAN ON DISTRICT MEDICAL BOARD

Dr. A. S. Love of this city has been appointed a member of the District Medical Advisory Board No. 4, which has its headquarters at San Angelo. The members of this board were selected from the various towns in this district by the governor of this state and received their appointments from the president.

The members of this board are all physicians, and their names are as follows:

Boyd Cornick of San Angelo, Chairman; C. M. Alexander of Coleman; A. G. DeLong of San Angelo; Joe Diddy of Brownwood; G. L. Lewis of San Angelo; A. S. Love, Ballinger; S. C. Parsons of San Angelo.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all those who were so kind to me during the recent illness and death of my husband. I appreciate your kindness more than words can express, and my prayer is that you will all have such good friends when death visits your home. Your kindness has made my sorrow and grief lighter to bear.

Mrs. Susie Jackson.
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CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE PAIN-KILLER
Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Kidney Pills. They are sold with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Box of 100 Pills. Ask for 100 PILLS. CHICHESTER'S PILLS. 25c. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

Judge J. W. Powell returned from Brownwood Wednesday. He says oil excitement is attracting many people to that city, and several Ballinger citizens are on the ground, and some of them are making money buying and selling leases. Many wells are in operation producing from fifty to fifty barrels of oil per day, and many others are being drilled.

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