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## LEGION SCORES PARDONING OF DEBS

### DEPOSED GOBLINS BRING SUIT AGAINST THE KU KLUX KLAN

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.—A receivership for all property and funds and documents of the Ku Klux Klan is sought in a petition filed today in the Fulton Superior Court by 170 persons describing themselves as "bona fide members of the Klan." The petitioners are headed by Harry Terrell, Lloyd Hooper, F. W. Atkins, A. K. Padon Jr., grand goblins of the order who were recently deposed.

### STAMFORD TEAM LOSES FIRST GAME

The championship football game staged here between the American Legion team of Stamford and the Ballinger Legionaires Monday was perhaps the most sensational game ever played on the local grid, and brought together the largest crowd of fans to ever witness a football game in this city.

There were about 550 paid admissions, and many more made their entrance to the park on passes and "otherwise." Every town for miles around Ballinger was represented among the fans. People were here from DeLeon, Coleman, Brownwood, San Angelo, Abilene, Eden, Brady, Sweetwater, and nearer-by points—the visitors coming to see the game, while quite a crowd of supporters of the Stamford team came from that city and country.

The game was a battle royal from start to finish, and the visitors were held off the scoring line, receiving what they claimed was their first defeat. Ballinger scored 10 points. Ballinger first touchdown was made in the second quarter, when White, playing right halfback for the locals, intercepted a forward pass and made a forty-five yard gain, and on the next play broke through an opening in Stamford's fortifications, which was made for him by his teammates. This counted six points, and Blalock, Ballinger's left tackle, kicked the goal, making the score seven to nothing. In the fourth quarter, Penn, quarter back for the locals, kicked a 20-yard goal, fixing the total score at ten points, with a goose egg for the undefeated Legionaires from Stamford.

With only one and a half minutes to play, Bennett, playing left end for the visitors, intercepted a forward pass and made a thirty yard gain which came near counting for a touch down. The locals' defense line held the visitors back, and the whistle signalled the finish with the championship victory for the locals.

Johnson, a former Baylor man, played center for the Stamford squad, while Kirk, Baylor's star center, faced him; and Kirk had by his side right guard Anderson, right tackle Bailey, left tackle Blalock, with Root of Baylor playing half back. Stamford also had one Rice Institute man, and two or three other college men on their line-up.

Metzenhine, of Dallas, college referee, officiated for the hotly contested game.

S. B. Howard returned home Friday from Dallas, where he has been with his son and daughter for some time.

### Bondsman Withdraws Name and Lopez Returned to Jail

S. E. Stout, who came here last Saturday and signed a \$5,000 bond for the release of A. L. Lopez from the Ballinger jail, returned to Ballinger Monday and surrendered Lopez to the custody of the sheriff and took the necessary steps to cancel the bond. Lopez was removed to his home from the jail Sunday, following the approval of the bond by the sheriff. When the bondsman asked to be released from the bond Monday, the sheriff went to the home of Lopez and carried him back to jail. The man, not yet recovered from a gun shot wound, was removed on a cot. He was also said to be suffering from a severe cold.

He will be held in jail pending action of the grand jury, or until another bond is signed and approved by the sheriff.

A. L. Lopez, charged with a statutory offense, was released from the Ballinger jail late Saturday on \$5,000 bond. The bond was signed by Seth Stout and mother of Coneho county; J. M. Tindall, A. M. Brown, and N. Passur, of this city. The sheriff accepted the bond, and Lopez was removed from the jail to his home, where he is recovering from a gun-shot wound inflicted by Chas. E. Coons, of Miles, in a local cafe two weeks ago.

When the physicians announced that Lopez was recovering and could be removed from the sanitarium where he was taken following the shooting, a complaint was lodged against him, charging rape, and Lopez's bond was fixed at \$5,000. He was removed from the sanitarium to the jail, pending the making of bond, and Saturday relatives of his wife came to his rescue and signed the bond, and local friends of the family also signed the instrument.

Lopez is out under bail pending action of the grand jury which convenes here next Monday.

A. Lopez was removed from the Halley & Love sanitarium to the county jail, Thursday afternoon, following the filing of charges in the justice court, charging the man with a statutory offense. After the charges

were filed against Lopez, Sheriff Flynt went to the sanitarium and placed the man under arrest, and he was immediately removed to the jail where a cell had been provided for him, and where he will be under the care of the county health officer until he has recovered from the gun shot wound sustained here last Friday, when it is alleged he was shot down in the Savoy Cafe by Chas. E. Coons, of Miles.

Justice Willingham immediately fixed Lopez's bond at \$5,000, and the officers express the opinion that the man will not be able to make this bond and he will be held pending action of the grand jury which convenes here January 2nd.

Chas. E. Coons, who it is alleged shot Lopez, was released on a charge of assault and attempt to murder shortly after his arrest following the shooting, his bond being fixed at \$500. It was first reported that Lopez was fatally shot, but an operation and examination of the wound disclosed that no vital parts were injured and the injury was confined to a flesh wound. The shooting took place one week ago, and the man has rapidly recovered, his condition permitting him to be removed from the sanitarium to the jail.

The prosecutrix in the case, and the main state's witness will be the sixteen year old daughter of the man who shot Lopez.

### PREACHER FREE MURDER CHARGE

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 27.—Two defendants were dismissed today and eleven bound over to await the next term of district court under bonds of ten thousand dollars each, for trial on charges in connection with the killing of three men at Wilson, Oklahoma, on Dec. 15th.

This decision in the cases was reached by agreement between defense attorneys and Attorney General Freeling today, two hours before the time set for examining trial of seventeen men was to have been resumed.

The cases dismissed were against Rev. Leon Julius, Baptist minister, of Healdton, and John Murray, a worker in the Hewitt oil field.

W. B. Wood, wife, and son Diaz, arrived Thursday night from Granger, and will spend Christmas with relatives in Ballinger.

### BOY PLAYING WITH GUN; MILES FATHER WOUNDED

W. E. Brown, age sixty years, of Miles country, is in the Halley & Love sanitarium here suffering from a wound inflicted by a .38 calibre bullet from a pistol in the hands of his eighteen year old son.

Brown was brought here following the shooting early Saturday morning, being accompanied by his son who did the shooting, and other parties.

According to a report of the shooting as given The Ledger,

Brown was accidentally shot by his son. The young man was playing with a loaded gun, when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet penetrating the lower part of the abdomen and lodging in the man's hip. The surgeons who dressed the wound stated that the bullet did not penetrate vital parts, and while the unfortunate man is suffering greatly, the wound is not necessarily serious.

### FEUD NOT CAUSE OF SHOOTING

Sheriff Bob Miller was here from Eden Wednesday investigating the shooting which took place at Millersview on Christmas Eve, in which Claude Robbins shot Charles Stuart.

Robbins is still in the Ballinger jail and Stuart is in the Halley & Love sanitarium. When placed in custody of the sheriff and brought to Ballinger Robbins was drunk and he told the officer that the trouble came up over the Benge and Miller feud. Sheriff Miller, while here Tuesday, denied this and stated that the shooting grew out of the fact that Robbins was crazy drunk. Mr. Miller stated that the two men had no quarrel and not a word passed between them. According to Sheriff Miller Robbins was crazy drunk and was posing as an officer, and was trying to arrest people and undertook to deputize others to help him make arrests. When it was discovered that the man was armed friends disarmed him, and he later got hold of another gun and walked out and shot Stuart, who was the first man he came to, and who was a good friend of Robbins. Sheriff Miller stated that the two men were out hunting together a day or two before the tragedy and were the best of friends.

Robbins was not a deputy of Miller's as he claimed when arrested. Sheriff Miller stated that Robbins asked him for a deputyship, but that he declined to deputize him and told the man at the time that he would not stay sober through the holidays. The Ledger is glad to make the correction and to note that the recent trouble between Miller and Benge had nothing to do with this shooting.

Robbins will be carried to Millersview for an examining trial next Monday. There were quite a number of eye witnesses to the affair, and Robbins came near shooting others as bystanders tried to disarm him, it is alleged, the gun being fired three or four times in the scuffle. The eye witnesses bear out the statement now that the Benge-Miller case had nothing to do with this trouble, it is stated.

Stuart is an oil driller, and has the reputation of being a quiet, peaceable man. He was not drinking at the time of the affair, as previously reported, and was shot as a bystander, or innocent party, as he had not had any words or trouble with the man doing the shooting. He is getting along very well, but the shooting will cost him one eye.

Charlie Stuart is in the Halley & Love sanitarium recovering from a bullet wound in his head, and Claude Roberts is in the Ballinger jail pending the fixing of bond on a charge of assault and attempt to murder. The two men were brought here from Concho county Saturday evening following a shooting at Millersview.

Roberts is charged with shooting Stuart, the difficulty taking place at Millersview Saturday afternoon. Roberts was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Bob Miller of Coneho county, and was at Millersview ostensibly for the purpose of keeping order, and it is alleged that a quarrel over the Benge-Miller feud between the two men took place, and Roberts used his pistol.

The bullet penetrated the side of Stuart's head, ranging around and lodging in the back of the head, and was removed by local

surgeons after the man was brought to Ballinger. It is said that he will recover. Roberts lives at Paint Rock, and Sheriff Flynt of this county, went to Paint Rock at the request of Sheriff Miller, and brought the man here and placed him in jail.

### MERCHANTS NOT IN BAD SHAPE

Despite the cry of depressing conditions in some quarters of the country, and lack of optimism on the part of some people, inside information puts it out that the commercial life of Ballinger is on a par with any city and far better than many places. The merchants have used good judgment in conducting their businesses, looking ahead they have kept clear of the rough shoals by remaining free from debt, and by paying cash, and buying on a limited scale, but at the same time keeping their stocks well replenished for the actual demands of the trading public.

It is said by reliable authority that the mercantile world owes less than at any period closing the year's business during the last ten years. Despite the slow trading in many lines, there are few bankruptcy cases reported throughout the country, and none in Ballinger.

What is said of the merchants holds good to a large degree with the farmers of this country. Valuable lessons in economy have taught the farmers to remain out of debt, buy only what they must have when crops fail, and pay cash for that. This rule has placed many farmers on easy street, instead of keeping their noses to the grindstone.

While farming activities in this country at present are at a standstill, conditions are promising for a successful year. Rain will come in ample time for paying the way for a bumper crop, and what the farmer makes, in most cases, will be his, and he can handle it as he sees fit.

### BANDITS MAKE RAID ON STILL

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28.—Twenty-five bandits swooped down upon the Blue Ribbon Distillery at Eminence, Ky., early today and locked the five guards in the office of the plant and raided the distillery. The guards were on duty to protect from robbery and smuggling of booze from the plant.

The bandits got away with 325 cases of bottle-in-bond whiskey, according to the report of the Louisville police.

J. Gidwell and Chas. E. Coons, of Miles, were here Thursday night attending the meeting of the Odd Fellows.

DENTON, Tex., Dec. 28.—Resolutions condemning the release from the Federal prison of Eugene V. Debs were adopted at a meeting of the American Legion post of this city last night. The local post strongly denounced the authorities for setting Debs free in the face of his declarations that he will continue to advocate the principles which placed him behind the bars during the war.

A copy of the resolutions adopted by the local post were telegraphed to President Harding, and in part they were as follows: "To let your official action go unchallenged by us would be to break faith with our fallen buddies."

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Disapproval of the release of Eugene V. Debs, is expressed in a statement by Wayne Davis, departmental commander of the Texas American Legion today. The announcement issued by Commander Davis reads: "The American Legion of Texas feels that the release of Eugene V. Debs, after serving a small portion of his ten year sentence in a Federal prison, following conviction of charges for obstructing the draft, is an insult to those who died for the cause, as well as for those who were in uniform, regardless of the fact that his release was camouflaged with sentiments of mercy as well as being hedged about with political reasons."

### LITTLE BUSINESS COMING COURT

District court convenes here Monday. This is the first mid-winter term under the new law creating three courts a year instead of two.

The court, as far as criminal matters are concerned, promises to be very dull. The criminal docket consists of two assault and attempt to murder cases against two Mexicans which were transferred to this county from Tom Green county. The two Mexicans are charged with shooting Jack Burns, a former Ballinger saloon man, and who was an officer in San Angelo when he was shot. The Mexicans have been tried twice, the jury failing to agree each time.

Only two cases are pending in the justice court to be passed up to the grand jury. These are the cases growing out of the recent shooting of A. L. Lopez by Chas. E. Coons, and the complaint filed against Lopez charging rape. Coons is out on \$500 bond to await action of the grand jury, and Lopez is in jail in default of \$5,000 bond.

The grand jury will convene at one-thirty Monday afternoon.

A phone message from Stuart L. Williams to C. S. Guin, stated that Mr. Williams would not be at home until the last of the week. Mr. Williams was called to Cisco on Christmas Eve to attend the funeral of his brother, and he is remaining with his father and family for a few days.

### Another Year

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

We are thankful to you for the many favors rendered us, and extend to you the season's compliments, with sincere wishes for a joyous and prosperous NEW YEAR.

**The Winters State Bank**  
Winters, Texas

SOCIETY

Langford-Bridwell

An interesting wedding of the season took place Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the magnificent home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell on Eighth Street, when their daughter, Miss Lucille became the bride of Mr. Paul A. Langford, of Dallas, with Dr. Alvin Swindell officiating. It was a very quiet, pretty wedding, with only intimate friends and relatives present.

The music room was artistically decorated with cut flowers and ferns of luxuriant growth, forming a beautiful setting for the bridal party. Also a lovely basket of flowers tied with tulle and suspended from the ceiling added charm to the altar. The spacious home throughout was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Anna Jean Sharp sang "Because" with accompaniment by Miss Ethel Bair, who also played the wedding march, accompanied by Mr. C. B. Conn on the violin.

Mrs. C. B. Gentry, of Los Angeles, California, sister of the groom, as matron of honor, was handsomely gowned in black brocade velvet and a picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

Miss Marthyle Bridwell, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, wore a beautiful black satin trimmed in henna with a picture hat to match. She also carried a bouquet of carnations.

The bride wore a beautiful traveling suit of brown duvet de lane with nutria fur trimmings and all accessories to match. She carried a beautiful bouquet of carnations. The groom was handsomely attired in a brown suit.

The bride's mother wore a handsome black panne velvet with lace and jet trimmings.

Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was given. Much merriment was enjoyed over cutting the wedding cake, and the punch bowl was presided over by Misses Virginia Wood and Nadine Currie.

The happy young couple left on the four o'clock train for Dallas, where they will make their future home.

Miss Lucille is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell, and she has a wide circle of friends here who join in wishing her much happiness.

Mr. Langford is an excellent young man and a very promising young lawyer of Dallas. We congratulate him on winning one of Ballinger's most popular girls.

Mrs. C. B. Gentry, of Los Angeles, California, came in Saturday at noon for the marriage of her brother, Paul A. Langford, to Miss Lucille Bridwell.

A Luncheon

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell delightfully entertained with a five course luncheon Sunday at one o'clock in honor of their daughter, Miss Lucille, bride-elect, and Mr. Paul A. Langford, of Dallas.

The table for the luncheon was vividly suggestive of the season, being centered with a lovely bouquet of poinsettias. Covers for eight guests were marked by place cards with hand-painted poinsettias, and a miniature kewpie bride marked Miss Lucille's place.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CALLED TO CISCO TO CONDUCT FUNERAL

Rev. W. C. Kunze went to Cisco Monday in response to a message to come to that city and conduct the funeral of Littleton Torney Williams, brother of Stuart L. Williams, of this city. P. McGregor accompanied Rev. Kunze and they went thru the country in a car.

Littleton Torney Williams died at 2 o'clock on the morning of the day before Christmas at Ranger, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was working at Ranger when he became ill. Stuart Williams had planned to leave Ballinger early Saturday morning for Cisco to spend Christmas with his parents, but a message called him home on a mission of sadness a few hours before he expected to leave on a mission of pleasure.



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LOVE him, I love him, I love him," Agnes Allen said. And as she was alone in her room, and as no one could hear her, naturally there was no answer to her statement which she had repeated several times.

She was speaking of George Farwell. George was so good looking with his wonderful blue eyes, his brown hair, his fine erect figure.

Wherever she saw men she thought how insignificant they looked beside George. She was glad that she thought that way. She hoped others thought that way about the men they cared for. Then everything would be so smooth and so simple.

She wanted everyone to like her George immensely. But it would be embarrassing if everyone thought just the same about him as she did.

The wedding was to be Christmas afternoon. Then they had planned to go to their own new little home which they had just finished furnishing and fixing up. They were going to have their own little Christmas tree there—quite by themselves, and their friends had left their wedding presents and their Christmas presents there, though almost all of the former they had seen, of course.

"Are you almost ready?" It was Mrs. Allen calling up the stairs. "Almost, mother dear," she answered.

"You'll be late," her mother called. "I'll hurry," she said. "Do you want any help?"

But she had taken longer than she had thought. Yes, if she didn't hurry she would be late! Still she would have George all her life now. How wonderful it would be! She wondered if that was why brides were so often late because they felt they had so much time!

It was a gloriously happy thought to realize how much time she had. She was only ten minutes late. The few friends were at the Christmas day wedding. And her bouquet was of holly and mistletoe. She had always said she would love to have such a wedding bouquet. It would be so merry and Christmasy and such a happy, gay kind of a bouquet.

George had consented of course. He agreed to everything she said, because he loved her so, and she was so fair with him, too, because she loved him so!

The ceremony was over. They drove away in a low sleigh with jingling bells to the small house. There, by themselves, they opened presents. What a glorious time they had!

And she had a little surprise for him. Just a little bit of a surprise. But she knew he would like it. "Open that box, there, George," she said.

He opened it. And looked at some collars, many, many collars, all much too big for him.

"When I was buying my wedding clothes in town that time, George, I remembered that you'd spoken of a wonderful kind of collar you liked. I remembered the name too. I was a little puzzled when the man asked me your size. I told him though that as long as he had the right kind the size didn't make any difference. When he asked me if you were big or small I told him you were big of course!

"Why, George, what is the matter? Won't they fit you? Is the size so important?" "My darling little girl," he laughed, "what does it matter what the size is. That is—it does matter about wearing them I'm afraid, my love. But to think you thought of me even when you were getting the wedding trinkets and remembered the name of the collar."

"They're my Christmas collars," he exclaimed, "and I'll put them away in the box with the Christmas bouquet we're going to save. Such a Christmas gift from a dear little bride should never be mingled by any laundry!"

"What a silly I am," she laughed gaily. "But such an adorable silly." George answered as he kissed her.

Then they had planned to go to their own new little home which they had just finished furnishing and fixing up. They were going to have their own little Christmas tree there—quite by themselves, and their friends had left their wedding presents and their Christmas presents there, though almost all of the former they had seen, of course.

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Ballinger was well lighted Wednesday night, but not as well lighted as the street lighting program provides for when the work of stringing street lights is completed.

The municipal light plant turned the current on twenty street lights Wednesday night, and with the street lights of the old company still shining, the city experienced a double service.

About one month ago the old company requested the city to connect the street lights with the municipal plant as early as possible as the old company desired to use their equipment for street lights here at some other place.

The city's street lighting program calls for about one hundred street lights in the residence section, against only about twenty which have been in use in the past, and for the downtown district, or business district, it is the plan of the city to interest the business men in a white way.

The city proposes to furnish free current to all those who will install a white way light in front of their houses on the business streets, and by this plan it is hoped that a white light will be installed every sixty feet. This can be handled by the business men co-operating in installing the light on the division line between the business houses, where each merchant does not care to bear all the expense.

If this street lighting program is carried out Ballinger will be one of the best lighted cities in Texas.

CALOMEL SALIVATES EVEN WHEN CAREFUL Treacherous Drug can not be Trusted and Next Dose may Start Trouble

Calomel is dangerous. It may salivate you and make you suffer fearfully from soreness of gums, tenderness of jaws and teeth, swollen tongue, and excessive saliva dribbling from the mouth. Don't trust calomel. It is mercury, quicksilver.

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you will be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great. No salts necessary. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and can not salivate.

Patrons of the Santa Fe railroad alone will save \$8,000,000 during the year 1922, as a result of cutting off the passenger and freight tax. The eight per cent tax which travelers and shippers have been paying for the past several years, will be taken off on January first, and due to this repeal the sum total in saving amounts to approximately the above figures, taking the average for the tax years as a basis.

During the year 1920 the Santa Fe collected the enormous sum of \$8,380,706 on passenger and freight tax, and for the present year the tax receipts on the Santa Fe system amounts to \$7,500,000.

According to the Interstate Commerce Commission, a total amount of \$250,000,000 will be saved by the traveling public as a result of the abolishment of the transportation tax throughout the country.

PASSENGER TAX OFF JANUARY 1

To Stop a Cough Quick take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.

A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 5c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

NOTED EDITOR PASSES AWAY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists, died at a local hotel at 6:15 this morning. Col. Watterson was 81 years old, having been born in Washington D. C., Feb. 16, 1840.

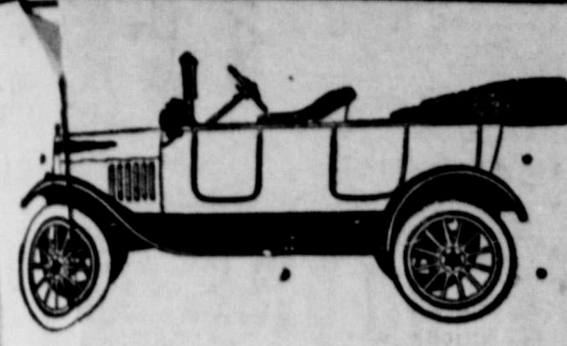
His service as a public official was limited to a fractional term in congress, but he was one of the best known editors in the United States. He accepted a seat in congress in 1876-77. He refused renomination for the full term, but was often urged to run for high offices. "I shall stay where I am. Office is not for me. Beginning in slavery to end in poverty it is odious to my sense of freedom."

Col. Watterson for many years was editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal. He was a typical Southerner and was known as "Marse Henry."

Col. Watterson was a cousin of Mrs. J. C. Brazelton, mother of Mrs. D. Reeder, of this city, and Mrs. Brazelton has been hearing from Col. Watterson regularly, having received letters from him a short time ago. Col. Watterson spent several months in Galveston last winter, and invited Mrs. Brazelton to come down and spend the winter with him.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass left Friday morning for Cleburne where they will spend ten days at Cleburne and per places.

Miss Myrtle Wright came from Brownwood Friday at 1 to spend the school vacation at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, of the Crews county.



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Complete automobile satisfaction is the result of buying wisely and economically rather than the desire and means to buy extravagantly.

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CHARITY BOARD RECEIVES CASH

The Charity Committee acknowledges with thanks the following appreciated contributions: M. D. Chastain \$2.50, S. P. Hathaway 2.50, J. S. Collins 2.00, Mrs. Estes Lynn 2.50, Mrs. J. McGregor 2.50, J. Y. Pearce 5.00, H. Voelkel 2.50.

The First National Bank of Ballinger advertisement. Includes text: "1886 1922 The First National Bank of Ballinger TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS: As the year draws to a close we find great satisfaction in reviewing our business and personal relationship with you, which to us has been most pleasant. We hope that our co-operation and such service as we have been able to render have been of the sort to cement this relationship, and equal to every expectation and requirement, and it is our desire to increase our usefulness the coming year. It being the custom of our Bank for a number of years and having had so many requests, it is our desire to give each and everyone a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat, serviceable 1922 CALENDAR for your home. Until our supply is exhausted, they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not. Our calendar is a reproduction of the famous painting, 'THE VANGUARD,' by Gordon Coultis. CALENDAR cannot be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian. Calendars will be distributed, commencing January 3, 1922. We thank you for the business with which we have been favored and for your friendship and support which have contributed alike to our success and we earnestly hope that each succeeding year will strengthen and draw closer the ties between us. It is the sincere desire of Officers and Directors that your NEW YEAR be a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS one. Yours very truly, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER"

# CASCARETS 10¢

For Constipated Bowels, Sick Headache,  
Sour Stomach, Biliious Liver

The nicest cathartic, laxative in the world to physic your liver and bowels when you have Dizzy Headache, Cold, Biliousness, Indigestion, or Upset, Acid Stomach is candy-like "Cascarets." One or two tonight will empty your bowels completely by morning, and you will feel splendid. "They work while you sleep." Cascarets never stir you up or gripe like Salts, Pills, Calomel, or Oil and they cost only ten cents a box. Children love Cascarets too.

## BALLINGER GETS COUNTY MEET SUMMER NORMAL WILL COME HERE

The 1922 Inter-Scholastic meet for Runnels county will be held in Ballinger, according to a vote of the Runnels county teachers taken here Wednesday. The county meeting was held at Winters last year, and Winters was a strong bidder for the meeting again.

At the meeting to be held here representatives from the various events will be selected to represent the county in the district meet, where contestants to the state meet will be selected. Prior to the county meet at Ballinger the various schools in the county will go through a series of contests, and teams will be selected to compete for the county honors. The program will consist of declamation, spelling, essay, and the usual track and field events.

This meeting will be held during the early Spring and will be a stimulus for other athletic events to come this way.

The committee appointed to draft plans for a summer normal and select place of holding same, announced in the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute here Thursday that Ballinger had been selected as the place for holding the normal for this section of the state.

The proposition was accepted by the institute and it is now up to the educational leaders of the district to work out plans, fix dates, etc.

The 1922 institute will be held at San Angelo, according to an agreement when the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute was organized, it being agreed that the institute would alternate in holding meetings at Ballinger and at San Angelo. The attendance at the Ballinger institute was very successful, the total enrollment reaching 315. The institute is only two years old, and it is expected to grow until it becomes one of the most important and best attended institutes in West Texas.

### DANDERINE

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35-cents buys a bottle of "Danderine" at any drug store. After one application you can not find a particle of dandruff or a falling hair. Besides, every hair shows new life, vigor, brightness, more color and abundance.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw and daughter, Miss Ione, left on the early morning train Saturday for Fort Worth and Dallas to spend the holidays with relatives.

W. M. Williams, who had been with The Ledger in the mechanical department for the past several months, left for Fort Worth, Friday afternoon, and will spend Christmas with relatives near that place.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham went to Coleman Friday afternoon, and will go to the country from that place to spend Christmas with relatives.

## FRUITS THAT BEAR AND SHRUBS THAT BLOOM

Every product of the soil has gone down in price except fruit.

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## Annual Statement of the Colorado Irrigation Ass'n.

Financial Statement			
Dr.	Cr.		
Ballinger .....	\$2087.50	Pledged July 1st .....	\$4000.00
San Angelo .....	500.00	Pledged Oct. ....	1000.00
Rowena .....	134.00		
Bronte .....	1000.00		
Miles .....	500.00		
State Water Board .....	250.00		
Balance Due .....	523.50		
	\$5000.00		\$5000.00
Disposition Funds			
First State Bank, Bronte, subject to check St. Board .....	\$1000.00		
Miles Nat. Bank, Miles, subject to check State Board .....	500.00		
On hand, State Water Board, Austin .....	250.00		
First National Bank, Ballinger, C/D herewith .....			
Subscriptions by Ballinger, San Angelo, Rowena .....	2721.50		
Balance Due on Pledges .....	523.50		
	\$5000.00		\$5000.00

"Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 12, '21.  
Received of Stuart L. Williams, and placed to the credit of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, subject to check by the State Board of Water Engineers, the sum of \$2721.50.  
"First National Bank, Ballinger."

Membership Fees	
Deposit, First State Bank, Bronte .....	\$ 56.00
Deposit, First Nat. Bank, Ballinger .....	133.50
First National Bank .....	\$ 5.50
E. J. Stockton, expense Austin .....	38.75
Ballinger Printing Co. ....	11.75
C. M. Stanley, expense Bronte trip .....	28.10
H. T. Wilkins, labor .....	6.00
S. A. Kiker, labor .....	6.00
J. W. McClesky, labor .....	6.00
C. S. Guin, expense, Austin .....	33.40
Robt. Knierim, exp. Austin .....	38.75
Ballinger Ptg. Co. ....	9.00
Balance on hand .....	6.25
	\$189.50
	\$189.50

Following is the annual report, in part, of the secretary, Stuart L. Williams, of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, as made to the second annual meeting held at Rowena Wednesday afternoon:

"One year ago on the 9th day of December, the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association was organized at a meeting held in Miles. The organization was further developed by meetings held in San Angelo in January; in Ballinger in February; and Bronte in March; each of these meetings showing increased interest and increased attendance."

"In January, the association sent Messrs. Robert Knierim, E. J. Stockton, Sam Sawyer, C. S. Guin and Stuart Williams as a committee, to Austin, to interview the State Board of Water Engineers and if possible interest them in the Colorado Valley Irrigation Project. The success of their mission is evidenced by the fact that within two months, appropriations had been secured from the U. S. Geological Service and from the State Board of Water Engineers, and a crew from the U. S. G. S. was engaged at Bronte and at work on a topographical survey of the entire district."

"While in Austin, the delegation also represented this section at the Texas Irrigation Congress called by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and assisted in securing needed changes in our irrigation laws."

"During the time which has elapsed additional appropriations have been secured from both of the above departments, and the Irrigation Association has raised in this section about \$4,500.00 as shown in attached financial statement. The survey was a timely one, coming at a time when the \$21,000.00 expended was welcomed by the business men thru this area."

"The Association was recently paid a distinct compliment when the governor of the state appointed our president, Mr. Guin, to represent the State of Texas at the Western States Irrigation Congress at Salt Lake City, thus recognizing our project and our association as the leading one in Texas."

"Practically everyone is familiar with the work which has been done by the surveying crew, and which work will be continued until February 1st. It is the first real authentic survey ever made of the project, and one which will be of record for all time to come, and all or any part of which, will be accessible to the people of this section. It is a survey on which we can proceed with confidence in its accuracy and precision, being based on government bench marks showing exact elevations and levels. It will be our property, and can be used at any time in the future, should this attempt to float the project, fail."

"Aside from securing and helping to finance the above survey,

Children Cry for Fletcher's

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over thirty years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment. Never attempt to relieve your baby with a remedy that you would use for yourself.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea, allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Comfort—The Mother's Friend.

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### AUTO MAN TAKES CHRISTMAS BRIDE

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Swindell, at seven o'clock Wednesday evening, W. R. (Bud) Gray and Miss Pansy Smith were happily married. Dr. Swindell performing the ceremony, which was witnessed by a few close friends of the contracting parties, who accompanied them on their first step towards a better life.

The wedding came as somewhat of a surprise to the many friends of the happy young couple, although it had been known for some time that Cupid was not asleep at his post.

These young people are well known in Ballinger. The bride has been connected with the local telephone office for quite

awhile, and the patrons of the phone company will miss her efficient and courteous service.

Mr. Gray is a valued employe of the Harvell Motor Company, and has many friends in Ballinger who congratulate him for his success in matrimonial affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray will continue to make their home in Ballinger.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Food. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

Mrs. Clara Spence came down from San Angelo Thursday afternoon, and is visiting her sister Mrs. J. McGregor.

Fred Turner is here from Santa Anna to join his wife in a Christ-mas visit to her parents.

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## ABSTRACTS

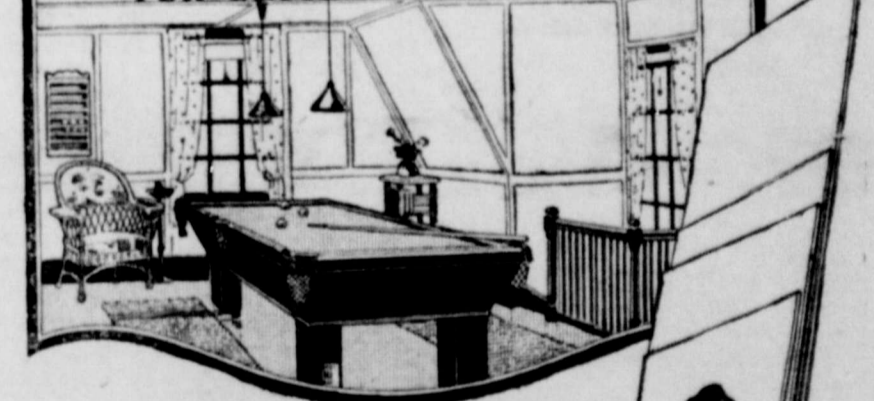
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Miss Virginia Wood came down from San Angelo Friday and will spend the Christmas season with relatives here.

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MORE TALK CONSIDERED JOKE BY FRENCH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—All hope of an agreement on the limitation of submarine tonnage was declared abandoned today at a meeting of the arms conference naval committee.

Cast aside the possibility of harmonizing views on the submarine tonnage the American delegation brought forth a new proposal to limit the size of submarines and other auxiliary craft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—France's last word on the question of limitation of submarine tonnage is a reiteration of her claim set forth last week and will be delivered to the arms conference today.

The reports say that there might be further discussion of the subject with a view of persuading France to pare down on her claims.

A TONIC Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

WOODROW IS 65 TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Woodrow Wilson today quietly celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday at his home here.

While there was no deviation from the daily program at the Wilson home on S Street, the household planned to receive many cablegrams, telegrams and letters of greetings.

Several of the ex-president's more intimate friends called to extend personal greetings.

The scars left by the World War are written plainly upon Mr. Wilson's countenance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Women from all over the United States are here today to attend a luncheon commemorating the birthday of former President Woodrow Wilson.

Harwell Motor Company will guarantee that a Gates Tire will run further than any tire made.

Miss Ferda Edgecomb returned to her home in San Antonio Wednesday, after a visit to Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kunze.

R. B. Bigham left for Kansas City, and will resume work on the road, after spending a vacation with his father, R. W. Bigham, and other relatives.

Mrs. F. E. Clayton, of the Talpa country, called at The Ledger office and ordered The Ledger to go to her daughter, Mrs. R. O. Hamby, at Hendricks, Okla., for a Christmas present.

Comes to Ballinger to Aid In Constructing City Dam

Dean Nagle, of Dallas, one of the best known authorities on irrigation and water projects in the Southwest, is in Ballinger for the purpose of advising with the city commission and Young Men's Business League committee looking to the construction of a big dam on Elm Creek for the purpose of impounding water for the city supply.

Dean Nagle was brought here by the Y. M. B. L. and he will analyze the survey report recently made by Chief Engineer C. C. Holder, and give the city an estimate on the cost of the project, if it is deemed feasible after a thorough investigation.

The city will work out some plan for relieving the water shortage which occurs here from time to time during the summer season when the demand on the city supply is so great for irrigation and other purposes.

The city has an abundance of water at present, and probably

would never run short of water as far as the quantity counts. The Colorado river is flowing at present and offers the supply, but the water for power purposes has been condemned.

A report recently furnished the city by Chief Holder offers a proposition for building one of the most gigantic water systems in the country. The building of a dam on Elm Creek a few miles above Ballinger would impound water sufficient for a city as large as Houston.

The citizens are vitally interested in some scheme which will solve the water problem and a report from Dean Nagle will be awaited with interest.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY BRIDGE

Sealed proposals addressed to Paul Trimmer, County Judge of Runnels County, Texas, for the construction of a certain highway bridge across the Colorado River in Runnels County approximately fifteen miles above Ballinger, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge, Ballinger, Texas, until 2 o'clock p. m. January 9th, 1922, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of work to be done: Class "A" concrete (1:2:4 mix) 32.29 CYS., Class "B" Concrete (1:2:1-2.5 mix) 178.38 CYS., Reinforcing steel 7,421 lbs., Structural excavation, dry 44 CYS., Structural excavation, wet 10 CYS., Earth embankment 310 CYS., Lumber (90 per cent heart) 46,188 ft. B. M., Piling 1,287 Lin. Ft., Painting and erecting 200 ft. steel span to be furnished by Runnels County at Ballinger, Texas.

Detail plans and specifications may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of U. Stephens, County Engineer, Ballinger, Texas.

A certified or cashier's check for \$1,500.00 made payable without recourse to order of Paul Trimmer, County Judge of Runnels County, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with the requirements of the specifications.

The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all bids or to waive all technicalities.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, and shall be marked "Bids for the Construction of the Colorado River Bridge, Runnels County."

The bids received will be retained by the County and will not be returned to the bidder. d-dec 28-jan 2.

Restaurant Man Couldn't Eat His Own Food

"It's pretty tough for a restaurant man to have stomach trouble. My customers were always telling me I ought to eat in a good restaurant. The fact was I couldn't eat a thing that didn't bloat me up and no medicine or doctors helped me. I tried everything recommended, and at last May's Wonderful Remedy, and I assure you I didn't have to look any further. Since taking it I have been a well man."

BALLINGER COUPLE WED AT ANGELO

Playing a Christmas trick and a surprise on their friends and kindred, Wainwright Chastain and Miss Bruce Legg, motored to San Angelo Tuesday afternoon, where Dr. Lyons, pastor of the Baptist church of that city, spoke the solemn words which united the young couple as man and wife.

announced their marriage, and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willingham, where they are making home for the present.

The bride is the sister of Mrs. Ralph Willingham, and has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Willingham for some time. The groom is the "baby" son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain, and is one of the valued employees of the Santa Fe railroad, being night ticket agent at this place.

You can't have good health with a disordered stomach. Correct your stomach disorders with Tanlac and you will keep well and strong. John A. Weeks.

YOUNG LADY DIES AT AUSTIN MONDAY

The remains of Miss Stella Miller, age 27, daughter of J. D. Miller, arrived here from Austin Tuesday night, and were carried to Norton by Undertaker Crews Wednesday, accompanied by members of the family, and at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon they were laid to rest in the Norton cemetery.

Deceased had been in bad health for some time, and was in Austin for treatment when she passed away. For a number of years she lived with her family at Norton and has many friends in that country who will be grieved to learn of her death.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks Special Agent.

CRAIG ROGERS RETURNS TO HOUSTON HOSPITAL

Craig Rogers left Tuesday morning for Houston where she will re-enter the Public Health Service Hospital for treatment.

For three years now Craig has been suffering with mastoid trouble and has had seven major and minor operations, but none so far have done him any good and he has gradually grown worse until cerebral paralysis has developed and other complications set in, and his condition is very serious.

Judge J. H. Baugh returned Tuesday from Brownwood, where he spent Christmas. Mr. Baugh remained for a few days' visit.

Look Who's Coming Back!

BRUNK'S COMEDIANS

will open a week's engagement in Ballinger Monday Jan. 2nd Under Auspices of the American Legion Post. Featuring Harley Sadler Texas' Favorite Comedian.



30 PEOPLE 30 BAND AND ORCHESTRA New Plays New Vaudeville The show you know—where everybody goes. Peoples Popular Prices Children 25c Adults 35c Everything brand new. Tent guaranteed waterproof and well heated with big stoves making it as comfortable as your own fireside. Tent located opposite Santa Fe depot. Don't Forget the Date.

One drunk and one fight, and that by the same parties, was the sum total of Ballinger's Christmas disturbance.

Resolutions are worth while, even though they crack quick, for it is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all.

Old times declare that it was the driest Christmas ever experienced in Ballinger, looking at it from two angles, and old timers are authorities on such matters.

The man who believes there is no money in this country, and who thinks the country is bankrupt and on the road to the bow-wows, probably did not attend the football game here Monday.

The few contemplated changes in this city's commercial line-up for the New Year indicates that everybody is pretty well pleased, or either situated so they can't turn loose. As far as we have been able to learn no important business changes will take place.

Many people were out joy-riding Christmas, and no serious automobile accident was reported. The writer witnessed the shattering of one wind-shield when the driver failed to slow down when he struck the bumps in Hutchings Avenue in the business district.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere.

JACK RABBITS COME TO TOWN

A big mule eared rabbit appeared on Hutchings Avenue during the busy hours of the day Wednesday, and apparently made himself at home until a move was made to capture him, when he galloped down the street and made his get-away.

The Ledger recently carried a story about rabbits dying in the country, presumably for want of food. During the last few days rabbits have become numerous near the city. A stroll thru the brush near the outskirts of the city frequently causes the rabbits to scatter in every direction.

ABILENE DRAUGHON COLLEGE

Will guarantee good positions to a few more young men and women who can begin training at once, either at College or by Mail. Holiday rates extended few days. Graduates earn \$85 to \$125. Money-back contract insures you similar position. Write today.

Drewser 38, Abilene, Texas. 27-3td-1tw

PEARSON HELPS CHARITY BOARD

The United Charity Board acknowledges receipt of a five dollar "William" from Oscar Pearson, and the cash will be used in relieving poverty. The Goodfellow Club will have a nice cash balance to turn over to the Charity Board. The Goodfellow Santa Claus committee will make its report in a few days, and all cash left on hand will be transferred to the Charity Board to be used just as the occasion demands.

Gates Tires are the best. Harwell Motor Co. 20-d&w-tf

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown visited relatives and friends in Ballinger during Christmas.

Blanton and Dr. Bizzell of A. & M. College, it is hoped to get the unfortunate boy the treatment he needs.

The local Legion post is determined to push this matter just as rapidly as it can be put thru until some treatment is given that will relieve his condition. Late legislation has made it possible for the hospitals to call in specialists where the doctors in attendance can not handle a case, and this has not been done in Craig's case.

Feb McWilliams and Chester Cherry visited in San Angelo Christmas day.

Miss Verna Mae Gillie returned to her home at Temple Tuesday.

after a visit to Miss Nellie Os- teen.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE SIBCOMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of H. W. GROVE.

Mrs. Tom Pickett and children returned to their home at Temple Tuesday, after a visit to Mrs. Pickett's relatives in this city.

Mrs. W. W. Fowler and little son, Graham, left for Dallas Wednesday, where they go to spend several weeks with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kunze spent Wednesday in San Angelo on business connected with the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kearney spent Christmas here with relatives, and Mrs. Kearney remained for a few days longer visit with A. H. Van Pelt and family.

Orland Sims, of Paint Rock, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

# CORMICK DIVORCE SUIT ENDS TODAY

**For** CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The superior court rendered a decision in McCormick divorce case this afternoon, granting Mrs. McCormick the right to a divorce. No provisions for alimony were made in the court's decree. Headed by the agreement as to division of the largest property is left up to the principal in the case according to the counsel for Mr. McCormick.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick today filed suit in the superior court against Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company, for divorce.

Mrs. McCormick is the only daughter of John D. Rockefeller Sr. The suit alleges desertion, Mrs. McCormick pleading that McCormick had deserted her. Simultaneously with Mrs. McCormick's action, her husband filed an answer to the petition admitting the charges. The case has been assigned to Judge Chas. McDonald's court.

Mrs. McCormick returned to America a few weeks ago after spending eight years in Switzerland. Upon her return she took up residence in Mr. McCormick's town house, while Mr. McCormick moved to his estate at Lake Forest. Although they are joint backers of the Chicago Grand Opera Association and attend almost nightly, they occupy boxes on the opposite sides of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holloway and two daughters, Lola Belle and Kathleen, and son Youra, and Mrs. E. A. Holloway and daughter, Mildred, returned home Monday from a prospecting trip to Llano, San Marcos, Seguin, and San Antonio; Seguin being Mrs. Holloway's old home town. They report a pleasant trip, having only a small amount of rough road to contend with.

People who have been helped by Tanlac are always anxious and willing to tell others about it. John A. Weeks.

## FIRE WRECKS OLD THEATRE

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—A man is being held for investigation in connection with the fire which destroyed the Capitol Theatre last night. The police arrested the suspected incendiary following a brief investigation. Loss caused by the fire is estimated at \$50,000.

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Fire of an undetermined origin was discovered in the interior of the Capitol Theatre at three o'clock this morning. The four-story brick building, an old landmark of Dallas' downtown section was wrecked. The building was formerly known as the Majestic Theatre, but has lately been conducted as a legitimate house.

Buy a Gates Tire from Harwell Motor Company; they guarantee them. 26-d&w,tf

## INGERSOLL BROS. IN BANKRUPTCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the federal court here today against Robert H. Ingersoll & Brother, manufacturers of the Ingersoll watch.

The liabilities were set forth at three million dollars, with assets, exclusive of good will, at two million dollars.

## BIG INCREASE IN CANCER DEATHS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Deaths from cancer in the death registration bureau of the United States in 1920 total approximately 73,000, according to the bureau of census report made public today. This is an increase of 5,000 over 1919.

# 10 ARE POISONED; TWO DIE

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Ten persons are seriously ill, two of whom it is believed will die as the result of eating hog's head cheese here last night. The cheese came as a Christmas gift to the family from relatives at Farmersville.

As soon as it was discovered what caused the illness a warning was sent to Farmersville to prevent others from eating the meat. Physicians saved the lives of the group by the use of stomach pumps. R. A. Smith, age thirty, and R. A. Warren, age four years, are still in a critical condition with little hope for their recovery.

## TRIES TO STOP PRISON CREDIT

AUSTIN, Dec. 27.—Assistant Attorney General Tom L. Beauchamp and W. W. Cayes, will leave for Houston tonight, where they will represent the state tomorrow in a suit filed by the Houston Exchange National Bank which is seeking an injunction to prevent the Texas Prison Commission from borrowing more money until the bank receives payment of the notes it now holds.

## Too Poor to Wed Couple Ends Life

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 27.—Too poor to marry is the reason which impelled Thomas Brands, age 18, and his sweetheart, Matilda, age 17, to take their own lives in a double suicide plot revealed here today. The boy told the police that he and his sweetheart preferred poison to being separated in this world, and that their financial condition prevented them from marrying.

## FIRE SPOILS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Fire at the home of T. J. Starkey at noon on Christmas day, did some damage to the home and did much damage to a Christmas dinner. The family were commencing dinner when the fire was discovered, and the work of the fire company with the chemical engine disturbed the festivities as well as playing havoc with the dinner.

The fire originated from the flue, bricks falling out of the back of the fire place, igniting the wall and burning its way to the ceiling. It was necessary for the fire fighters to cut a hole in the roof to get in with the apparatus and stop the blaze.

## EDEN FOLKS IN AUTO WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McVay, son and daughter, of Eden, were here Monday visiting friends and to see the Legion football game. They came over in an automobile with other parties and suffered a severe shake-up, slight bruises, and experienced a narrow escape when their car flopped over while going about thirty miles an hour. Mr. McVay was bruised about the lower limbs and his son Minor slightly hurt, while other occupants of the car escaped injury. The car turned over when a Ford running ahead struck a sand bed and suddenly stopped and the driver of the car which turned over had to make a quick turn to prevent a rear end collision, and then the Ford was entirely prevented as a wheel on the Ford was smashed off as the big car swirled by and flopped over on the side. Fortunately the driver had time to slow down some and the car did not turn completely over, the occupants escaping by crawling out thru the curtains.

Miss Lucy Stephenson returned from Tennyson, Monday, where she spent Christmas with her parents.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF BALLINGER:

Under the Hoffer administration there was an ordinance passed that prohibited the storing of hides North of Blum Avenue. I moved to my present location in compliance with that ordinance. That ordinance is now, and has been violated for the last ten years. Will you enforce that ordinance, or shall I move up town? I. O. WOODEN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin were here from Abilene first of the week, looking after business. Mr. Martin was formerly proprietor of the Central Hotel here. He has purchased a rooming house in Abilene.

David Coulter, who is attending Trinity University, where he is studying for the ministry, came home for the school vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coulter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blagg and baby, of Brownwood, were the guests of Mrs. Blagg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmet, during Christmas.

Chas. Tibbs came in from Itasca Saturday, and was here to be with his wife who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory, during the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Tibbs and daughter, Miss Grace of Itasca, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Roberts of Sweetwater, motored over Christmas day to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tibbs, of Itasca, who were here visiting relatives.

Morris Crews came up from San Antonio and spent Christmas with his father, C. R. Crews and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Corum and daughter, attended a family reunion at their son's home in Coleman, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, of Coleman, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thorp.

Arno Schawe left Christmas Eve for Chicago, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jay, of Roby, spent Christmas with Mrs. Jay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson spent Christmas day with Mrs. Simpson's family in Abilene.

Ed Ballou is here from New Mexico for a visit with his mother, Mrs. E. Ballou.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Thomson and baby, spent the Christmas with relatives in Ballinger.

A. C. Cervenka and wife, of San Antonio, are here visiting Mrs. Cervenka's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Herring.

J. M. Cordell is in San Antonio visiting his daughter, going down Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. L. L. Williams went to Dallas Saturday afternoon for a Christmas visit with relatives.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strength giving tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 50c per bottle.

Rubber Stamps.—The Ballinger Printing Co.

**REASON ENOUGH**  
Doughbag—What! Marry my daughter? Why, you must be destitute of reason.  
Knowdough—I admit I am destitute, but that view is my reason.

**PERTINENT QUESTION**  
"Which would you rather be, a brave or a fool?"  
"I don't know. What has been your experience?"

**NO INDEED**  
He—I forget everything when I hold you in my arms.  
She—I hope you won't forget that brooch you promised me.



## FLIES FROM MEXICO IN FOUR HOURS

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Taylor are visiting Mrs. Taylor's parents at Winters this week. They left their home in Mexico last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock by airplane and ate supper with the family in Winters that evening, making the trip of about 500 miles in a little over four hours. Mr. Taylor went on to Brownwood Monday, where he will visit his parents and will be joined there the last of the week by Mrs. Taylor and will return from there to Mexico by plane.

## SOUTH BALLINGER STAGES XMAS TREE

The Christmas tree exercises at the South Ward school, given by the South Ballinger Sunday school, was a great success, with a large crowd present. A brief exercise preceded the visit of Santa Claus, who distributed from the beautiful tree presents for every child present. It was a splendid program and a jolly time for the children and grown folks who attended the exercises was reported.

## YOUNG TEACHER GETS CHRISTMAS BRIDE

Elzie Brown, teacher in the Wingate schools, and Miss Thelma Sanford, of Wingate, were married at the home of Rev. W. H. Doss in South Ballinger at three o'clock on Christmas day. Rev. Doss tying the knot.

Prof. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, of South Ballinger, and a graduate of the Ballinger schools, and later a student in the state university. He has chosen one of the Wingate country's most popular and worthy young ladies as his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Frazier came in from Fort Worth Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frazier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Strobble.

W. W. Chastain left Tuesday morning for Ft. Worth, where he will attend the annual meeting of the salesmen of James A. McCord & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Runkles returned to San Angelo Monday, after spending Christmas with the Chastain family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hill returned Tuesday from Abilene, where they spent the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Jackson Shields and her three little boys came in Monday at noon from Tulsa, Okla., and will visit Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood and family returned Tuesday morning to Grainger, after spending Christmas with their children in Ballinger. Mr. Wood is a Runnels county booster and while away from home is always talking the merits of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus J. Wheeler and son Jack returned home Monday at noon from Abilene, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Vaughn visited in San Angelo on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore are here for a visit to Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Emma Nash.

Cecil Thorp went to Round Rock to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Strain and children left Saturday afternoon for Lancaster to spend Christmas with Mrs. Strain's father.

Paul Trimmier spent Christmas with his family in Temple, the family going down earlier in the week.

Miss Eunice Lilly, who is attending the State University, is here for the holidays, arriving last week.

Mrs. Nell Routh and children, of Abilene, visited Mrs. Routh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory, Christmas.

Will Hearrel was here from Bronte Tuesday to bring his brothers, U. S. Hearrel, of Cameron, and J. B. Hearrel, of Lubbock, who were en route home from a visit to relatives at Bronte. They were also accompanied by Lee Good, of Clyde.

Miss Carmen Carr, who is attending a business college in Galveston, is here for the holidays on a visit to her sister, Mrs. H. F. Demmer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Levy, and family, of Sweetwater, visited Mrs. Levy's sister, Mrs. N. Passur Sunday and Monday.

Joe Eagan came home from Dallas and spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eagan.

Elam Elliott, of the Rogers-Higdon Co., spent Monday in Brownwood.

## DEBS TO MAKE WAR ON WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—War against war will occupy the great part of the time of Eugene V. Debs, just released from federal prison, where he served a term for violating the espionage act during the war, according to his own announcement here today.

In a statement Debs said that he would devote his activities in fighting war. He said that it was his determination to obtain from as many men, women and children as possible in this country a vow never to take up arms. He said that he might visit other countries and plead with the citizens that they refuse to take up arms are go to war.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec.

27—Terre Haute is aswarm today with Socialist leaders from organizations in all parts of the country, who are assembling here as an advance guard of the thousands who are expected to welcome Eugene V. Debs on his arrival from Washington Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Holmes spent Christmas with relatives in Coleman.

## EGGS EGGS

Start your hens laying now—use **Martin's Egg Producer**. Keep them free of bugs—Put **Martin's Blue Bug Remedy** in their feed—Disinfect your hen house with **MARTIN'S DIP**. To cure and prevent roup and sore head put **MARTIN'S ROUP REMEDY** in their drinking water. **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**. Get it at your Druggist or Dealer.



## The Thrifty Instinct

EVERY day, a group of men and women visit us to talk over their financial problems.

They are interviewed by a quiet, efficient corps, who are interested solely in the service of our clientele.

You too, will be accorded, we are sure, advice and service which will win you to our methods. It does not matter how trivial your banking errand.

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

## A MESSAGE TO THE NEW YEAR

from the old one—get your welding of auto parts done by the Ballinger Welding and Motor Works. They are specialists in this line and you will be on the safe side if you let them do all your welding work. They have the facilities and the experience.



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### Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

TAKE

## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I found after one bottle of Cardui I was improving," adds Mrs. Crosswhite. "Six bottles of Cardui and . . . I was cured, yes, I can say they were a God-send to me. I believe I would have died, had it not been for Cardui." Cardui has been found beneficial in many thousands of other cases of womanly troubles. If you feel the need of a good, strengthening tonic, why not try Cardui? It may be just what you need.

All Druggists

HAS BABY CLOTHES 63 YEARS OLD

J. H. Tucker, of the Hatchell country, has among his family relics a suit of his first baby clothes, together with his first tin-type baby picture. Mr. Tucker is sixty-six years old, and the baby clothes which have been preserved for three score years were used by him when he was about 3 years old, and consist of a little waist and a pair of knickerbockers. The style and hand work shown in the making of the little garments, as well as the substantial texture of the material is interesting. The blouse and knickers are both finished with little ruffles around the edge.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GRYE'S FINEST LITTLE GIRL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strength giving tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or discard the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Hugh Campbell returned home Friday from a visit to his old home at Cameron. Mr. Campbell went home to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his father and mother. He stated that four generations were present at the celebration.

Mrs. C. V. Johnson, of Pene-lope, is here visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Simpson.

### Renews Strength!

Where there is need for a building-up tonic after prostrating illness,

**SCOTT'S EMULSION** taken regularly, usually spells renewed strength and vigor.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. ALSO MAKERS OF **KI-MOIDS** (Tablets or Granules) FOR INDIGESTION

## BROTHER DIES AT RANGER

Stuart L. Williams, secretary of the Young Men's Business League, left at three o'clock Saturday morning for Cisco in response to a telephone message stating that his younger brother, Littleton Torney, age 27, passed away at Ranger, at two o'clock Saturday morning, following an unexpected turn from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Williams received the sad news a few minutes after his brother died and as soon as he could get ready he left in an automobile for Cisco, where his father lives, and where his brother will be buried on Christmas Day, probably.

Mr. Williams had arranged to go to Cisco Saturday, where he expected to spend Christmas with home folks, and return to Ballinger Monday morning.

### Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

## IRRIGATION ASS'N. SEEKS MEMBERS

The Colorado Valley Irrigation Association has started its membership drive for 1922, and is soliciting memberships at \$4.00 per annum. The Association is in immediate need of \$750.00 to apply to the survey fund and current expenses, and is urging former members and others to sign up at once.

The Association has pledged and raised during the year nearly \$5,000.00 to assist in the survey work, which sum was supplemented by about \$16,000.00 furnished by the U. S. Geological Service and the State Board of Water Engineers.

It is hoped to raise the membership for 1922 to over one thousand members in order that a resident engineer and an attorney may be employed to proceed with the work. No salaries are paid to officers or directors or others except those engaged directly in the surveying work.

The funds for completing the survey must be in the bank before January 15th, in order that the work may be properly financed.

### COUNTY ROAD BONDS FOR SALE

The Commissioners' Court of Rannels County will receive bids until 2:00 o'clock p. m. January 9, 1922, at the office of the County Judge, Ballinger, Texas, for the sale of \$40,000 worth of Road District Bonds. Bonds are thirty year, serial, bear five and one half per cent interest, payable semi-annually and are dated August 1, 1921. Certified check for \$500.00 to accompany bid. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Further information may be obtained from U. Stephens, County Engineer, Ballinger, Texas. d-17-23-30-31w

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
Druggist refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, smarting, bleeding or protruding Piles. Usually relieves Itching Piles, and you can get relief after the first application. Price 6c.

Roy Sharp arrived home from Fort Worth Friday night, coming to spend Christmas with his mother and family. He reports an unlucky and expensive trip through in his car, being held up on the pike for passing faster than the speed law allows, and then suffered two break downs on the road.

## If Your Trouble Is Scrofula

As Often Acquired as Inherited.

You have eruptions and sores, and perhaps enlarged glands of the neck. This blood disease affects the internal organs, especially the lungs, and if neglected may develop into consumption.

It causes many troubles, and is aggravated by impure air, bad water, too much heat or cold, and want of proper exercise.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the blood-purifying medicine that has been used with so much satisfaction by three generations, is wonderfully successful in the treatment of scrofula. Give it a trial.

If a cathartic or laxative is needed, take Hood's Pills.

## PIONEER LAID TO REST AT BENOIT

The remains of John Huffman were laid to rest in the Benoit cemetery at three o'clock Friday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. W. Chas. Kinze, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city.

Deceased had been in this county more than thirty years, locating here in 1890. He was born in Germany on Aug. 1, 1844 and came to America at the age of eight years. In 1881 he married Miss Rosie Stumpp in Brown county, and to them were born nine children, six of whom are living and are Joseph, John, Arthur, Frank, Mary and Mrs. Gertrude Pullin.

Mr. Huffman was a member of the Catholic church, and was a good husband and father.

Just received a large shipment of the wonderful remedy, Tannalac. This is the great medicine you have been hearing so much about. The remedy that's made such a wonderful reputation and which has accomplished such remarkable results all over the United States and Canada. Get your bottle now at John A. Weeks.

### NOT FROM MISSOURI

D. F. Eaton, with Walker of Randall county and Griffin of Brown, one of 3 of the best county agricultural agents in the United States, who—

By cheerful greetings does his hypnotic powers display. And steal every "dog gone" fellow's heart away. That these hypnotized fellows can not coldly seem, Unmoved by an idle dream. Says to me— "Rannels county farmers are the most progressive, thorough going, intelligent, up to date, 'best to do' of any in the State."

Now, I am not from Missouri, but the farmers whose praise friend Eaton so sweetly sings, "must show me."

There is not a set of the 20 volumes of the wonderful Book of Knowledge in any Rannels county farmer's home. When 100 sets or more of these most wonderful books in the world, beginning with the county agent himself, are placed in the homes of these progressive farmers, I will then "be shown."

Doubtfully, (?) CAPT. J. D. DICKSON, Distributor of The Book of Knowledge.

### WEDDING IN TELEPHONE CIRCLES

John Skipper, manager of the West Texas Telephone exchange at Paint Rock, came here Wednesday afternoon, and at five-thirty robbed Ballinger of one of her popular and most efficient telephone employees when he led to the marriage altar Miss Olive Cates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cates. Dr. Alvin Swindell performed the ceremony, and the happy young couple left for Paint Rock, where they will make home.

For some time Miss Cates has been with the West Texas Telephone Company at this place, and for the past several months has been holding the position of chief night operator. She has many friends who will join in best wishes for her happiness in her new home and under the new surroundings.

C. L. Gault came in from McCulloch county Saturday and is here for a Christmas visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eaton. Mrs. Gault came in last Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Eaton.

Mrs. Mary Horn and son, Gerald, and Miss Annie Wilmet arrived Friday afternoon from Snyder to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser.

## EDUCATORS GET NICE PRESENTS

At the close of the Concho-Colo-rado Teachers' Institute here Thursday afternoon three of the prominent leaders in the institute were made recipients of valuable Christmas presents, and made to feel that the path of the educator was not such a rough route after all.

The rural teachers of Rannels county presented County Superintendent Bugg with a handsome bed, the nicest to be found in stock in Ballinger. In commenting on his good fortune Mr. Bugg said to a Ledger reporter, "I have the finest bunch of teachers in the world, and I wouldn't trade with any county in Texas." He declared that the bed was for Mrs. Bugg, but he was wearing the appreciative smile.

The Tom Green county teachers also expressed their appreciation of their county superintendent, and presented him with a valuable traveling bag. Superintendent Armstrong was also overcome with gratitude for the Christmas remembrance and, like Prof. Bugg was not seeking an opportunity to trade off his teachers.

Prof. J. M. Skinner, superintendent of the Ballinger schools, came in for a nice remembrance from his teachers. The city teachers presented Prof. Skinner with a beautiful fountain pen as a token of appreciation for his leadership in conducting the affairs of the Ballinger schools.

The teachers were free in expressing themselves concerning the success of the institute and for the hospitality accorded them by the people of Ballinger.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

### VICTORY CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM

The Victory school is claiming the championship in the basketball field of the county. The Victory school team has played ten games and won them all.

A hotly contested game was staged here between Miles and Victory Tuesday, many of the teachers here to attend the institute witnessing the victory for Victory. The basketball season has not closed yet, and it is up to some other school in the county to defeat the pennant holders.

Miss Lucy Stephenson, assistant to the Y. M. B. L. secretary, went to Tennyson Thursday to spend the holidays with home folks.



NOTICE

### Prescription Ground Glasses Specially Low Price

A special low price on prescription ground glasses till Dec. 26th. Never in the time of low prices has special Ground Glasses been made to order for this small price. We have several thousand dollars worth of rough material that must be made up and turned into cash. Open from 9 till 11 o'clock on Sundays. We keep a full line of all the latest styles of mountings and frames. Extra special low price to School Children. We are manufacturers of Prescription Ground Glasses and guarantee results. We are here to stay and look after your future patronage. Please don't be misled by fakes that try to mislead you that we are not going to remain in Ballinger. The Ballinger Optical Company will be running in Ballinger after we are all gone to the great beyond. The price that suits you suits us till we reduce the material we have on hand. The Ballinger Optical Company, manufacturing opticians, 820 Hutchings Avenue.

I will be in my office every day after Xmas. Dr. W. S. HENDERSON, Mgr. Opposite the new Ford Garage. 2-4tw

### PIONEER CITIZEN BURIED AT BENOIT

John Huffman, one of the pioneer citizens of this county, died at his home near Benoit Friday morning at three o'clock, and was buried Friday afternoon in the Norwood Cemetery.

Mr. Huffman came to this county in early days of the development of the county, and located in the Benoit country, where he has been living for many years. He was 77 years old at the time of his death.

For several years Mr. Huffman had been in bad health, and was stooped with rheumatism which he had suffered during this time. He had been growing more feeble for some time and his death did not come as a surprise to his friends, and those who had been watching after him.

Advertise in The Ledger regularly and see your profits grow

DR. F. J. BROPHY  
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### CARSEY, the Boot and Shoe

man, will make you a pair of genuine hand made Cowboy Boots or Shoes, and guarantee perfect fit and satisfaction or money back. Forty years of boot making in West Texas.

A up to date repair department, that is the best in the city.

Call round for our prices or drop us a line.

CARSEY, THE BOOT AND SHOE MAN.  
(In old Zappe Building.)

### Land Bargains, Rannels County

200 acres, 3 miles West of Ballinger, 75 acres in cultivation, dandy set of improvements, \$25.00 per acre. Will give any kind of terms.

103 acres, 3 1-2 miles North of Ballinger, 65 acres in cultivation, very good house, barn and well, adjoining creek, 50 acres susceptible to irrigation, only \$40.00 per acre, some terms.

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## NOTICE

The Farramore pasture of 5000 acres of unimproved land has been subdivided into small tracts and is now on the market at reasonable price and terms. For sale by H. Glesecke Ballinger, Texas.

## Wanted to Send Money to Schrobenhausen

He wasn't sure we could reach out into the little town in Bavaria, but we soon explained our method of handling the matter which protected him and insured against red tape at the other end. He didn't have any more bother than simply signing a check, as he had an account with us.

You, no matter whether you are a depositor or not, may have the same facilities in sending any amount of money, great or small, to any part of the world.

## The First State Bank

ROWENA, TEXAS

Ask us about our Super Safe Insured Bank Checks.

## Put Your Car In Good Hands

No matter what work you may want done on your car, you can rest assured it will be properly done if it comes to us. We handle accessories, gasoline and oils. See us for anything your car needs.

## Rowena Garage

A. L. Ruppert, Proprietor

Rowena, Texas

# COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound" is Quickest Relief Known

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing—A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks any cold right up. The very first dose opens clogged nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness.

"Pape's Cold Compound" costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, contains no quinine—Insist upon Pape's!

## SIXTEEN DEAD IN WINTER STORM

MEMPHIS, Dec. 24.—Nine persons, one white and eight negroes, were killed and more than a score injured, and property damages amounting to \$200,000, is the estimated result today of the windstorm which swept this section yesterday.

MONROE, La., Dec. 24.—The village of Spencer, Union parish, was wiped out by a storm today. Seven persons were killed and twenty-five injured according to reports received here.

AMARILLO, Dec. 24.—The mercury dropped to eight degrees here during last night, bringing the coldest weather of the season for the holidays.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The Northwest storm warnings which last night were ordered displayed on the Texas coast from Matagorda Eastward, were this morning extended from Matagorda to Brownsville.

The severest blizzard of the season swooped down upon Ballinger Friday night, bringing the coldest weather of the season for Christmas eve. The temperature dropped from 60 Friday afternoon to 25 by Saturday morning, and ice greeted the early bathers Saturday morning.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio is a constitutional remedy taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

## FREIGHT RATES ON COTTON CUT

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The Texas Railroad Commission today granted a ten per cent reduction in rates on cotton in Texas. An application for such a reduction was made by the railroads. This is the first commodity which rates are reduced under agreement that the railroads reduce rates on all farm and ranch products ten per cent. It is expected that the roads of Texas will immediately submit an application for reductions of rates on other products.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—The four-per cent railroad rate reduction on wheat and twenty-three per cent on corn and coarse grains, which was scheduled to go into effect on December 20th, has been postponed to January 7th, by order of the railroad commission. The reduction in flour rates was also postponed. It was stated that postponement was necessary because of inability to get the new tariffs published in time.

Read the ads and profit.

## NEW BRIDGE FOR COLORADO RIVER

The Commissioners' Court is advertising for bids for the construction of a steel bridge at what is known as the Spring Crossing 15 miles above Ballinger on the Colorado river. The new bridge will span the river on the Maverick-Miles road. The ad calling for bids will appear in The Ledger.

The steel removed from the old bridge at Ballinger when the present concrete bridge was erected will be used in the construction of the Spring Crossing bridge. Additional material will be necessary in the construction of the bridge, the plans calling for modern approaches to the steel spans, but the total cost of new material and work of construction is expected to figure in the neighborhood of \$13,000.

County Highway Engineer Stephens stated that work would begin as soon as the contract could be awarded, and bids are to be received up to January 9th.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days "LAX-POS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60¢ per bottle.

## ROCKS AND GUN USED BY WOMEN

Mrs. McFarland, who lives alone in the Western part of the city, took a few shots at a neighbor woman with a pistol Thursday, and for a short while Mrs. McFarland was in the custody of the sheriff. After ascertaining the facts in the case the officers released the woman.

According to Mrs. McFarland, a neighbor attacked her house and for some time had been disturbing her by throwing rocks at her house, and otherwise harassing her. Growing weary of this neighborly treatment, Mrs. McFarland stepped to the door with her pistol and fired at the other woman.

The officers did not file a complaint against Mrs. McFarland pending the taking of a statement from the other woman in the case.

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low-spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Jas. A. Weeks, special agent.

## WILL MAKE RACE FOR LEGISLATURE

C. E. Carter, of Robert Lee, a student in the law department of the State University, passed thru Ballinger Thursday en route to his home from Austin to spend the holidays. He stopped long enough in Ballinger to interview a few of the citizens and feel out his chances for being elected to represent this district in the State Legislature. Mr. Carter is a young man, says he has lived in this district all his life, teaching school since graduating and is doing his third year's work in the university.

The young man stated that he expected to make a hard fight for the place if he entered the race, and would make his formal announcement at an early date.

It is also reported that Prof. J. N. Key, principal of the Drasco school, is being urged to make the race, and may get in the running. Under the new redistricting bill, Rannels, Coneho and Coke counties make up the district.



**RELIEVES** the most distressing conditions of the urinary tract. Painless, non-poisonous. Package contains all needed, will not cause dizziness. \$1.00 at Druggists or prepaid. Manufactured by H. C. C. Co., Ltd., San Francisco, Cal.

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## A Christmas Movie

By ALDEN CHAPMAN



THE sweet voiced Christmas chimps were echoing out a chorus melodious and reverent and Mabel Durand sat in the parlor of her cozy little flat absorbed in reveries that the season naturally brought to her. Her face was not a happy one, for her memories were freighted with a sadness that had shadowed her life for nearly ten years.

She had wedded Rodney Durand, a close friend of her brother, now dead, and both had been employed in the prosperous mercantile house of her father. He, too, had now passed away and Mabel was alone in the world, except for her little daughter, Erna, only ten years old. The little one came tripping joyously into the room at that moment.

"Oh, mamma," she cried, "what do you think? Our neighbor in the next flat, Mrs. Brayton, wants us both to be ready in an hour to go with her to the movies."

Mrs. Brayton had been a cheering element in the lonely life of Mabel Durand for over two months. Mrs. Durand had more than once during their brief acquaintanceship conversed with the neighbor she seemed to especially like about her past history. It was a tragic one. Two years after her marriage to Rodney Durand her husband had been arrested and sentenced to prison for embezzlement from her father.

"I loved Rodney and I always shall," insisted Mabel. "There must be some mistake in the fearful charge they have brought against him."

"There is none," replied her father sternly. "He has disgraced us. He stole from me boldly."

Still Mabel hoped and waited and at the end of two years when Rodney was released from prison she bore silently the reproach of never hearing a word from him.

So Mabel had talked of her broken life and now it was Christmas time again and the occasion brought a sad remembrance of those days in the happy past when she and little Erna had known a tender-hearted husband and a gentle indulgent father.

Mrs. Brayton chatted casually all the way to the theater and told her she had seen the picture play twice and was greatly impressed by it. "It is the story of the life of a wronged, unjust man," she said, "and I know it will interest you."

The screen outlined the course of business in a modern counting room. Then as there entered a new figure, little Erna pressed close to the side of her mother and exclaimed:

"Oh, mamma, that actor looks just like the picture you have of dear, absent papa."

Mrs. Durand gasped and tottered in her seat. The gentle, soothing hand of Mrs. Brayton steadied and quieted her.

"Do not be startled or excited, dear friend," she whispered. "I had a purpose in bringing you here, as you will soon know, perhaps gratefully. The principal of this movie is Rodney Durand, your husband and my brother."

For his sake I have got acquainted with you; for both your sakes I have brought about this climax.

The story of the embezzlement crime was faithfully depicted and it showed another as the real criminal—her own brother. Her husband had taken his blame, bearing the penalty and reproach to save her brother from disgrace.

At a critical moment her brother had sent a full confession to Rodney, taking the blame for the crime. In plain view Rodney, in the action of the scene, destroyed it.

"Do you comprehend now?" questioned Mrs. Brayton softly.

"Oh, how we have wronged my poor dear Rodney," sobbed Mabel. "Can you forgive him? Will he ever forgive me? Oh, that I could find him."

"You shall," and when they reached home, Mrs. Brayton left her friend for a few moments to reappear with her brother.

Higher swung the gladsome chime bells, merrily echoed the happy sweet voices, and beside the little Christmas tree that had been trimmed for Erna, those three earnest souls joined in the joyous knowledge that their paths could lead together from the threshold of that Christmas eve into broad sunny pastures of love and happiness.

## BUSY DAY FOR GOODFELLOW SANTA CLAUS

Despite the biting cold, the Goodfellow Santa Claus committee went on the job early Christmas Eve, and scattered sunshine in the homes of more than fifty children in Ballinger, where there was no sign of the appearance of Santa Claus.

The Goodfellow members put up a total of \$207 for making cheer where the sting of poverty was biting, and in addition to the cash with which to buy fruits, candies, etc., for the poor children, the Goodfellow Club distributed a large quantity of warm clothing, and in several cases substantial groceries were supplied to drive out hunger on Christmas day.

Mike Boyd kept his car busy hauling supplies, and he was assisted in the work of mercy by Mrs. J. W. Blasdel and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes. The charitable spirit revived through the efforts of the Goodfellow Club caused others to pause and extend the hand of help to the needy in this city. Individuals did charity work, without throwing in with the Goodfellows.

Previously reported: \$156.00

C. R. Stone	2.50
W. B. Currie	1.00
W. D. Seales	1.00
Cash	3.00
B. F. Jones	1.00
W. E. Allen	1.00
Catherine Cline	2.00
A. R. Jones	1.00
H. S. Strain	1.00
Pete McGregor	1.00
Leroy Nicholson	5.00
R. E. George	2.00
J. Y. Pearce	5.00
C. B. Laxon	1.00
E. J. Cathey	1.00
Mrs. E. A. Jeanes	2.00
Alex McGregor	2.50
L. B. Stubbs	2.00
W. V. Connelly	1.00
NanEll Jones	1.00
Henry Leach	1.00
C. D. Richards	1.00
Roy Hull	1.00
Dr. O. R. Lasater	1.00
Miss Jennie Bennett	.50
Joe Dean	1.00
David Coulter	.50

G. A. Phillips	1.00
Mrs. G. A. Phillips	1.00
E. L. Dewitt	1.00
E. P. Talbot	2.00
Miss Maxine Chastain	1.00
W. F. Chastain	1.00
W. V. Connelly, one cake	
Katrina, Dorothy and Arthur Doose Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doose, contributed a box of apples.	

Merchandise Donated:  
Ballinger Dry Goods Co., D. Reeder, Higginbotham Bros. & Co., Rogers-Higdon Co., Ladwig store, The Globe.  
Van Pelt Pyburn furnished a nice lot of merchandise. Noel Penn contributed a nice bill of groceries for one family in need.

W. A. Bruce, of Groesbeck, stopped off here this week, while en route home from San Angelo, and is spending several days with his uncle, W. C. Jones.

## IF STOMACH IS BAD LET DIAPEPSIN END GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" has proven itself the surest relief for Indigestion, Gases, Flatulence, Heartburn, Sourness, Fermentation, or Stomach Distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief and shortly the stomach is corrected so you can eat favorite foods without fear. Large case costs only few cents at drug store. Millions helped annually.

Mrs. Ola Whitley left for her home in Wagoner, Oklahoma, Thursday afternoon, after a visit to her father, N. W. McMillan and other relatives.

Feb. McWilliams is here from Coleman to spend Christmas with home folks.

## Make the Cook's Christmas Merrier and Happier by Using BELLE OF WICHITA FLOUR "Flour Perfection"

We know it is good—we guarantee it. The best evidence as to its worth for all baking purposes is what many West Texas housewives say of it. They are unanimous in their praises—they declare it best for all baking purposes.

Why Not Try a Sack?  
Who's Your Grocer?  
We Should Be!

Staple and Fancy Groceries—Fruits and Vegetables and Feeds.

Also a Complete Line of Dry Goods and Notions.

We especially solicit the patronage of the farmers. We can supply your needs complete!

## WIESNER & PUSTKA ROWENA, TEXAS

## The First State Bank of Rowena Wishes its Many Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and also announces a new system in check protection.

This Bank continually strives to give you, as a depositor, the maximum of safety in handling your funds. With this thought in mind, we have purchased for your use, Super Safety Insured bank checks, which are tamper-proof. A glaring white spot gives instant warning when a Super Safety check has been tampered with. The sensitive surface color disappears, leaving a vivid white splash when acid, rubber or knife erasure is attempted, giving warning of spuriousness.

We furnish you an individual Super Safety Check Alteration Bond, which protects you against loss in case your checks are fraudulently altered or "raised" by the use of acid, rubber erasure, knife scratch, or pen change, when properly written with ink or a standard check writing machine. You are insured up to the amount of your average balance for three months preceding any such fraudulent alteration, up to a total of one thousand dollars. Your average balance, therefore, regulates the amount to which you are insured. If you desire insurance above one thousand dollars, speak to one of our officers, as this can be increased as the occasion may demand in individual cases.

When writing your checks, always use ink. Never use pencil. Begin writing amount at extreme left of the line. Write figures close together and near the \$ mark. Make no change or alteration on any check. If mistake is made, destroy or cancel check AT ONCE, and write another. "Raised" checks are becoming more common every day and we ask you to cooperate with us by drawing your checks properly, as described above. Help us defeat the professional and amateur "check raiser."

Carefully check your monthly statement with returned checks, or vouchers, and notify this bank not later than the fifteenth of the month, of any irregularities.

In conjunction with your Indemnity Bond, we are furnishing for your further convenience and protection, a Sensitized Identification Card. This carries your personal signature, your finger prints and your photograph. Your signature and finger prints are taken in the presence of an officer of this Bank. Have a good snapshot photograph made of yourself, the size of a half-dollar. This will be attached to your card, and thru the margin of it our Bank Seal will be stamped.

Finger prints are rapidly coming into common usage in banks and elsewhere as a means of identification. In order to keep abreast of the times, we are adopting this system for our mutual protection and your identification. The system was originally introduced in India by the British authorities. A system of classification was worked out by Scotland Yard, which enabled them to locate prints at a moment's notice.

Finger prints are more easily read than is generally supposed. Recently a man was found dead with nothing on his person to identify him. His finger prints were taken and sent to Washington. So complete is the military system of classification, that within one week reply was had stating that the prints were not on file, which showed that he had not been one of the millions in the Army or Navy. Finger prints were taken by the United States Government of all men entering the Service during the war, as a positive means of identification.

Experts claim that the possibility of persons having the prints of their fore-fingers precisely alike, is only one in 50,000,000. The same percentage holds good for the thumb prints and those of the other fingers; so the possibility of two persons having exactly the same prints of three fingers would stretch almost into the bounds of infinity. Barring a wound or other accident which causes a scar, finger prints never vary from cradle to the grave.

Your insured checks mean added protection, as your checks are your currency while in circulation.

Your Identification Card will enable you to establish your identity, beyond question, anywhere in the World.

This additional Service of Safety and Identification is furnished without charge.

Come in and let us give you a book of Super Safety Insured Checks.

## Teachers Ask for Many Reforms in Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed by the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute, in session in Ballinger, December 19-22 inclusive, 1921.

"We the teachers of the Concho-Colorado Institute, in convention assembled, reaffirm our belief that the greatest task confronting this State is the task of providing adequate and efficient educational opportunities for all the children and youths within its borders, and we pledge our united strength for a constructive program that will accomplish this result.

"Resolved, That we view with alarm the tendency in certain legislative circles to array the so-called lower schools against the so-called higher schools, and the tendency to support one class of schools to the neglect of another class of schools. There cannot be efficient lower schools without the trained leadership thru the higher schools. Indeed the fountain of education cannot rise higher than its source.

"Resolved, further, That in our candid judgment there are abundant sources of revenue in this State to provide adequate support for all the schools from the humblest one-teacher schools at the cross-roads to the highest institutions in the State.

"Resolved, further, That we enter a solemn protest against the action of the retrenchment committee in the last called session of the State Legislature in its efforts to cripple the work of the higher educational institutions by reducing the appropriations below what is required to maintain standards heretofore established, and we heartily thank those members of Senate and House who stood like a stone wall against the destructive efforts of the retrenchers, and thereby succeeded in saving the institutions from more serious consequences.

"Resolved, That we call upon the Legislature and Governor of the State to submit to the electorate of the State at the next regular session of the Legislature an amendment to the Constitution providing for an independent tax that will be adequate for the proper support of higher educational institutions, the income of which shall be under the control of the Regents and Boards of Control of the various institutions.

"Resolved, That we favor the raising of the State ad valorem school tax from 35c to 50c on \$100.00, and that a plan be provided whereby this increased State support can be used most effectively in equalizing educational opportunities for all the boys and girls of this State, including especially the boys and girls who live in the rural districts.

"Whereas, There is a tendency in some quarters on the part of school boards to retrench in the matter of teachers' salaries, and whereas efficient teachers are absolutely essential to good schools, therefore be it resolved that we do not look with favor upon such tendency and we respectfully call upon those in authority to hold up the standards of the schools by refusal to reduce teachers' salaries.

"Whereas, The county unit plan of school administration is in operation in a number of the best states in the union, and whereas such plan has always resulted in greatly improving conditions in rural districts and in general educational efficiency in schools wherever tried, therefore be it resolved that we endorse the county unit system for Texas, and call upon the law making body of this state to provide for its adoption throughout the state.

"Whereas, The best interests of the schools demand that those responsible for their administration shall be removed as far as possible from the domain of partisan politics, and whereas the present system of selecting state and county superintendents has the effect of making these positions political and unattractive to many of the best educators, therefore be it resolved that provision be made for the appointment of state and county superintendents in this State by lay boards.

"Resolved, That the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute looks confidently forward to the day when the business of teaching will be recognized as a real profession ranking with other learned professions in America, as it now does in other enlighten-

ed nations of the world, and to this end we welcome the day when only those who have had adequate professional training will be admitted to our ranks. To further this end we urge the Legislature to make greater appropriations for the training of teachers.

"Resolved, That we endorse the Governor and State Superintendent of this State and those associated with them in the administration of school affairs for their services in behalf of the cause of education and we pledge them our cordial support in a further program of educational development.

"Resolved, That we favor a plan by which the funds for support of the public schools shall be apportioned on a basis of average daily attendance instead of census enrollment as at present.

"Resolved, That we endorse the present laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors and we pledge our united support not only in the proper enforcement of the laws but in the proper instruction of the youths of the land in respect to their value and importance.

"Resolved, That we recommend the passage of a law by the next legislature of Texas forbidding the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers in the state of Texas.

"Resolved, That we urge the organization of County Teachers' Association be affiliated with the State Teachers' Association.

"Resolved, That the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute urge upon the Governor and legislature of this state the immediate enactment of a severance tax on the natural resources of Texas, by which a substantial portion of our natural resources when severed from soil or water shall be taken by taxation and set aside for the support of education in Texas.

"Resolved, That we recommend to the legislature that the present teachers' certificate law be not amended in any way until after it is in full operation, which will be in 1925.

"Resolved, further, (1) That we extend a vote of thanks to the Christian Church for the use of their building; we also extend thanks for the use of other buildings in town. (2) To the Y. M. B. L., American Legion, Mayor, ministers, committee on entertainment and others for the entertainment given to the Institute. (3) To The Ballinger Daily Ledger for the reports published through its columns during the week. (4) To the citizens of Ballinger who have opened their hospitable homes to the teachers. (5) And especially for the visits and services of Col. T. N. Jones of Tyler; Dr. Bizzell of A. & M. College; Pres. R. L. Marquis of Sul Ross Normal, Alpine; Mr. L. D. Borden, Chief Supervisor of Rural Schools, Austin; Mr. Dinsmore W. Hume of the National Treasury Department, Dallas; Miss Nina B. Glass, Primary Supervisor of Waco City Schools; Supt. C. H. Hufford of Coleman City Schools, and others who appeared on the programme.

"Respectfully submitted,  
"B. T. WITHERS  
"MRS. J. C. BLOXOM,  
"J. C. COLEMAN,  
"W. R. HARDY."

### WHY THAT LAME BACK?

That morning lameness—those sharp pains when bending or lifting, make work a burden and rest impossible. Don't be handicapped by a bad back—look to your kidneys. You will make no mistake by following this Ballinger resident's example.

Mrs. J. C. Cline, 1205 Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, says: "I have been using Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for a good many years and have found that they are the most valuable kidney remedy I know of. I was troubled a great deal with sharp pains across the small of my back and at times the headaches I had were pretty bad. I got a great deal of relief from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills which I bought at Weeks Drug Store and once in a while I take a dose now to keep my kidneys in good shape."

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

## Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE—Turkeys from prize winning stock. Toms \$9.00, Hens \$6.00. Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Phone 4003. 2-5tw

WANTED—FUR. I will buy yours. I will sell mine. If we can't trade, I will furnish sacks, twine and tags, free and you can ship to anyone that suits you. I. O. Wooden. 15-4td-4tw

WANTED—Salesman in this town to handle our selected line of Coffee, Tea and Groceries. For further information write, Grand Union Tea Company, Colorado Springs, Col. 27-5td-1tw

## NEGRO MAY BE HAITI MINISTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Dr. C. W. Choates, a negro physician of Leavenworth, Kansas, was recommended to President Harding today for appointment as minister to Haiti. Senator Curtis and Representative Tinch were in the party that called at the White House in Dr. Choates' behalf and urged the president to select the negro for the post.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

G. M. Reid, of Bay City, came in Friday and went to Winters to visit his brother, H. K. Reid. H. K. and W. H. Arnold were here to meet the Bay City man.

## NEW U. S. SAVING STAMPS ON SALE

With reference to the new issue of United States government savings securities, the following important changes have been officially announced by Postmaster Erwin:

"Registered Treasury Savings Certificates of the new issue are now procurable at the postoffice in three denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000. The all-year-round prices are \$20, \$80 and \$800, respectively. The interest rate is 4 1/2 per cent, compounded semi-annually, if held until maturity, which is five years from the date of purchase. Investors have the right of cashing in their certificates before maturity at purchase price plus 3 1/2 per cent, compounded semi-annually. This is a great convenience for the person who wants to invest his money safely but may wish to draw it out again. All certificates are registered in the owner's name and the United States government guarantees the owner from loss or depreciation in any way whatsoever. The investment limit has been raised from \$1,000 (maturity value) to \$5,000 (maturity value); this means that \$5,000 of government securities may be obtained for \$4,000.

"The 25 cent Thrift Stamp and the \$5 War Savings Stamp will not be issued after December 31, 1921. Persons who have partly filled thrift cards have the option of applying their value on the purchase of a \$25 or \$100 certificate or exchanging them for cash at the postoffice after January 1st.

"The \$5 Savings Stamps are as good as gold. There is no reason for cashing them in unless the owner has need of his money," the postmaster said.

"In Runnels county it is estimated that there are unfilled thrift cards approximating \$1000 outstanding. These should be filled out before the first of the year and exchanged for interest bearing \$5 savings stamps or

exchanged in one of the two ways outlined by the postmaster.

**When You are Constipated**  
To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

Miss Stella Nash, assistant county superintendent, left for Jacksonville, Thursday afternoon, where she will spend Christmas.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Stearns*

Garland Parks came in from Fort Worth Thursday night to spend Christmas here with Mrs. Parks, who has been here for some time visiting her father, W. C. Penn.

Tanlac is made of roots, herbs and barks and contains no minerals or opiates. John A. Weeks.

# You can be — INDEPENDENT!

By carefully planning your affairs, setting aside the necessary money for household and personal use and a definite sum to be deposited regularly in the Ballinger State Bank, you have more than an even chance to become independent and a factor in the community and business life of Ballinger.



Anyone who cannot and does not save money, cannot and will not do anything else worth while.



# Effective at Once Willard Storage Batteries are reduced in price

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A NEAT PAIR OF ANKLES is pretty to look upon, but not if below them is a pair of shoes all out-of-shape, heels worn down, toes worn ragged. Pretty ankles deserve shoes in perfect shape and condition. That is where our expert shoe repairing skill comes in. Let us take that comfy old pair of shoes or slippers and make them like new. Small cost.  
**COY DRENNAN**

## The Modern Dealer Sells More Than Automobiles

If nothing except the delivery of the car was involved in the sale of an automobile, the public would buy all cars direct from the manufacturer.

But both public and manufacturer depend upon the dealer to see that the maker's ideals serve the owner's expectations.

Buicks are made to give satisfaction. We see that they do it locally.

Make the Whole Family Happy This Christmas With a New Buick

# Shelton Motor Co.

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