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Fire Threatens Destruction of Wingate; Loss is \$15,000

A midnight fire at Wingate Tuesday night destroyed three buildings and for a time threatened to sweep the little village clean, causing a final loss estimated at \$15,000.

The fire originated in the postoffice, and spread to the Security Bank building, which was South, and to the W. L. Spruill merchandise store, which was on the North, destroying both of the adjoining buildings.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It was under good headway when discovered, the post-office building being enveloped in flames, and the fire spread to the two adjoining buildings before a bucket brigade could be formed. Only by heroic work of fire fighters armed with all kinds of vessels for carrying water from nearby wells, prevented the fire from spreading to other buildings.

The water had to be pumped by hand or by windmills, and the strong arm power with everybody carrying water kept the flames from spreading.

Postmaster Rowland was in Ballinger early Wednesday forenoon making arrangements to reopen the postoffice. He stated that his loss was about \$800. The government's loss was light. Mr. Rowland stated that most of the articles in the safe were saved, but the heat was so intense that it melted four dollars' worth of

pennies which he had in the safe, and he now has a chunk of copper which was worth four dollars before the pennies ran together.

W. L. Spruill is the heaviest loser. Mr. Spruill carried a stock of merchandise, and owned his building, and his loss is estimated at about \$8,000 with \$3,100 insurance.

The loss on the Security Bank building and fixtures is estimated at about \$2500. It was not known here whether the bank carried insurance or not, but no doubt had some. The vault was not damaged much, and the securities of the bank were not damaged. M. T. Hensley, Duncan Hensley, J. D. Dunn, John Q. McAdams, Dr. Dixon and James Baron, are among those interested in the bank.

It was announced that work on rebuilding the bank would be started as soon as possible.

SEVENTEEN DEAD FROM BOOTLEG

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Two more deaths from poisoning caused by drinking bootleg liquor were reported here today, bringing the total deaths from drinking illicit liquor to seventeen since Christmas. More than one hundred patients have been taken to the Bellevue Hospital alone.

F. W. Hunter, promoter of the Safety First oil well, is here from Douglass, Arizona. It is reported that drilling in the Safety First well will be resumed, or plans are being worked out that end. The well is now at 2500 feet deep and offers a good showing.

Lee Good came in from Callahan county Monday to attend the funeral of W. L. McAuley. Mr. Good was formerly associated with Mr. McAuley in the cattle business.

OVERFLOW ENDANGERS PART CITY

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3.—All residents in the Northwestern portion of this city were notified by the sheriff's office and the police department early today to leave their homes and seek places of safety because of the danger of flood waters caused by a break in Cave Creek, which broke thru the Arizona and Grand Canals, two large arteries of the Salt River Valley Irrigation District, North of the city last night.

The warnings sent out over the endangered district said that the flood was due to reach Phoenix early this morning. Many people hurriedly left their homes and carried with them what property they could move, while others were waiting further developments, some taking chances on making their escape when it became certain that their homes would be engulfed in the flood.

According to data taken from the report of the U. S. Reclamation Service, Cave Creek is not a part of the water system of the Salt River irrigation project. The project derives its water supply from the Salt and Verde rivers, and is impounded by the famous Roosevelt Dam, considered one of the finest in the country.

It is evident from the above story that a rise from Cave Creek has broken thru and entered into the canal system, below the dam, and is flooding the irrigated area.

The Salt and Verde rivers have a drainage area of 12,500 square miles, or nearly double that of the Colorado River above Ballinger, and have a run-off varying from 5,000,000 acre feet to 300,000 acre feet, or an average run-off of about 1,500,000 acre feet. The fact that the Roosevelt Dam is able to take care of a maximum flow of 5,000,000 acre feet is a tribute to strength and stability of this piece of construction.

HIGH UPS TAKEN IN BOOZE RAID

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Harold L. Hart, former Federal Prohibition Director of New York, was among the score of defendants named in a secret indictment recently returned by the federal grand jury in investigating enforcement of the Volstead act here, according to announcement made today by United States District Attorney Haywood.

Three high officials connected with federal prohibition headquarters in New York city, and two politicians and a number of fake drug concerns are named in the indictments.

Mrs. M. C. Smith and daughter, Miss Maryatte, returned home Sunday from Gainesville, where they spent the holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. F. H. Turberville.

COLEMAN COUNTY OFFICER KILLS HIS NEPHEW IN COURT HOUSE

COLEMAN, Jan. 2.—Norman Weaver was shot and instantly killed by his uncle, John Elkins Jr., deputy constable, in the district court room here at 11:30 this morning. Elkins used a .32 calibre pistol, firing one shot, the bullet penetrating the young man's heart, and he fell to the floor in front of the bar of "justice" and died instantly in a pool of blood.

There were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy, and it is presumed that the two men met in the court room by accident, both passing through the court room to other parts of the building when they met and opened trouble which had been brewing for some

time. Elkins is the son of John Elkins Sr., and the young man whom he is charged with killing was his sister's child, and had been living on the old home place of the Elkins' family about ten miles Northeast of Coleman for some time. It is alleged that Elkins Sr. and the deceased had been having trouble over the refusal of Weaver to give possession of the place and move off same, and a short time before the tragedy Weaver appeared in the court house and made inquiry concerning the whereabouts of his uncle.

John Elkins Sr., father of the man who did the shooting, is one

of the pioneer citizens of Coleman county. He served the county as sheriff for several years, being the third sheriff elected after the county was organized. He is an old man, and his son had been looking after the farm on which Weaver was living.

John Elkins Jr. was raised in this county. He has a wife and several children. He surrendered following the killing and was placed in jail, and Atty. Walter Woodward, who is attending district court at Ballinger, was notified to return here and arrange for defending the man.

Weaver had been married about six months and is survived by a wife.

Marriages and Births Grow; Death and Crime Decrease

Runnels county is a better county at present than it was one year ago, speaking both from a moral and health standpoint, if vital statistics and court records are to be the standard for making the comparison.

There were more weddings and more births in the county in 1921 than in 1920, and there was less crime and fewer deaths in 1921 than in 1920, according to the records.

The best showing is made in births. According to the vital statistic records kept by the county clerk, and according to the clerk by the physicians in this county, there were even one hundred more births in 1921 than in 1920. 341 births were recorded in the county in 1921 while the 1920 records show 241.

The death records in the clerk's office show only 31 deaths in the county in 1921 as compared to 60 in 1920. These records apply only to the districts outside the incorporated towns of Ballinger, Miles and Winters supposed to be recorded by city clerks, but for some reason physicians and the city cities are not complying the law governing the of vital statistic records.

The county clerk's record is complete on marriages in the county, and 1920 and 1921 broke almost even, with slight odds in favor of 1921. There were 284 weddings in the county in 1921 and 270 in 1920. Two of the permits issued in 1921 were for unknown causes not used and returned to the clerk's office to be cancelled, or there would have been 286 weddings. Perhaps the contracting parties changed their minds after the licenses were issued.

If the court records speak for anything in matters moral Ballinger is a better town than it was a year ago. The justice court criminal docket shows that 52 cases were filed in 1921 against 48 in 1920. The city court shows that only 40 cases were filed in 1921 against 57 in 1920, making a total of 92 for the two courts in 1921 as compared to a total of 105 for 1920, and a difference in favor of the last year of 13.

1922 is making a bad start for weddings, the first three days of the year passing without an application to wed.

J. L. Lee and Claud Lee were among those from this county who went to Dallas Tuesday to attend the Farm Bureau meeting.

FARMERS HEAR COTTON TALK

DALLAS, Jan. 4.—The general cotton situation and the progress made under the co-operative marketing system, are under discussion here today at the second annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation.

While the speakers have not had time to go into details of the workings of the marketing system, it is declared that the farmers are well pleased with results, and that a brighter future is promised to the cotton growers of the state.

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

JANUARY CLEARANCE



Wonderful opportunities await you in extraordinary values in this complete Clearance of all our fashionable wear.

There is a double appeal in the bargain which make this Annual Sale as desirable to the woman who seeks economy as it is to woman who will buy only what she knows be fashionable as it is reasonable for everyone making we show is the very best in material and style.

All repriced at figures less and much less than their cost to us.

Clearance of all Dresses One-Half Price

Whether for prettiest wear, or for practical service at home or street wear, we have reduced the prices on every dress, to the lowest clearance figures. This includes all Silk and Wool dresses for both women and children. Lucky, indeed, will be the women who get these dresses at these wonderful bargain prices.

- \$5.00 Children's Wool Dress \$2.50
- \$11.50 Children's Wool Dress \$5.75
- \$13.95 Children's Velvet Dress \$7.00
- \$12.50 Ladies' Serge Dress \$6.25
- \$15.95 Tricotine Dress \$8.00
- \$21.50 Navy and Black Satin Dress \$10.75
- \$22.50 Navy Satins and Tricotines \$11.25
- \$23.50 Navy Satins \$11.75
- \$32.50 Fine French Serges \$16.25
- \$35.75 Navy Canton Crepe \$17.88
- \$36.50 Tricotines and Canton Crepes \$18.25
- \$47.50 Navy Tricotine Dress \$23.75
- \$39.50 Brown Tricotine Dress \$19.75
- \$37.50 Canton Crepe and Crepe Satin \$28.75

Extra Specials Values Up to \$30

- 2 Taffeta Dresses \$7.50
- 5 Taffeta Dresses \$9.95

Clearance Ladies' Suits One-Third to One-Half Off

Most of these are priced at considerably less than the materials alone cost, and every one of them is selected in the best-liked of this season's styles.

- \$25.75 Brown Velour Suit \$12.90
- \$39.50 Navy Serge Suit \$14.95
- \$35.00 Navy Serge Suit \$14.95
- \$39.50 Brown Velour Suit \$19.75
- \$51.50 Fine Velour Fur Trimmed Suit \$25.75
- \$59.50 Yaldma Cloth Suit \$29.75
- \$22.50 Fine Serge Suit \$14.95
- \$24.50 Fine Serge Suit \$15.95
- \$24.50 Tricotine Suit \$16.35
- \$27.50 Fine French Serge Suit \$15.95
- \$27.50 Tricotine Suit \$18.50
- \$32.50 Tricotine Suit \$19.50
- \$37.50 Tricotine Suit \$24.95
- \$46.50 Fine Tricotine Suit \$32.65
- \$49.50 Fine Tricotine Suit \$32.75
- \$52.50 Fine Tricotine Suit \$35.00
- \$54.50 Fine Navy Broadcloth Suit \$35.00

Clearance All Millinery

- \$15.00 Ladies' Hats \$5.00
- One lot hats values up to \$12.50 \$2.95
- One lot hats values up to \$6.50 \$1.95
- One lot hats values up to \$4.00 \$1.00

Clearance Prices

—on Men's Clothing, All Shoes, Dry Goods, Underwear, Blankets and in fact almost everything. It will pay you well to buy your January wants at OUR BIG VALUE-GIVING STORE.

Rogers-Higdon Co.

For Satisfaction and Money's Worth

Others Relieved— Why Not You?

Catarrh Does Harm—Get Rid Of It. Catarrh of the nose or throat when it becomes chronic weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and may lead to consumption. It impairs the taste, smell and hearing, and affects the voice. It is a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy.

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which by purifying the blood removes the cause of the disease and gives permanent relief. This alternative and tonic medicine has proved entirely satisfactory to thousands of families in three generations. If there is biliousness or constipation, take Hood's Pills.

BALLINGER MAN IS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN N. A. R. D. COMMITTEE

John A. Weeks of this city is in receipt of the following letter, appointing him as chairman of the Committee on Pharmacy Laws for the National Association of Retail Druggists, an important committee in this organization and conferring a distinct honor on the ability of the Ballinger druggist. The letter of appointment is as follows:

"Mr. John A. Weeks, Ballinger, Texas. "Dear Sir: "This is to advise you that Mr. Ambrose Hunsberger, as president of the N. A. R. D., has appointed you Chairman of the Committee on Pharmacy Laws. "It is no doubt needless for me to remind you that the service to be rendered by the N. A. R. D. can best be measured by the character and ability of the men selected to serve in various capacities and that it is with this thought in mind that you have been selected for this important post.

"It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that you may see your way to accept this appointment by so doing rendering service to your fellow druggists. "Attending with pleasant anticipation the receipt of your acceptance of this appointment, and assuring you of our earnest co-operation throughout the year, I am, "Fraternally yours, "SAMUEL C. HENRY, "Secretary."

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

COWMAN IMPORTING FINE DAIRY CATTLE

EL PASO, Dec. 31.—Leonard Pence, cattleman, is experimenting on importing fine dairy herds to this section from Wisconsin and Minnesota. He declares that this part of the country can be made an ideal dairying section by using Jersey and Holstein cows and feeding them on alfalfa and grain crops grown in the Rio Grande valley.

Mr. Pence has brought 25 head of Jersey cattle and 25 head of Holstein cattle here to test out his theory. Blue grass, growing abundantly near El Paso, clover and sugar beets will be used as feed for them. Mr. Pence operated for years at Sierra Blanca, Van Horn and Midland, Texas, and in Mexico with feeder cattle and breeding stock.

Wm. E. Beck, of Phoenix, Ariz., is here visiting his nephew, Joe Beck, and family.

A GREAT BOON

There are many mothers, nervous and rundown in vitality, to whom.

Scott's Emulsion

would be a great boon. It's the very genius of Scott's Emulsion to build strength.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

ALSO MAKERS OF

KI-MOIDS

(Tablets or Granules)

OR INDIGESTION

BANK AT COLEMAN IS CLOSED

News was received here Saturday that the First National Bank of Coleman had closed its doors, having failed to weather a financial storm.

This bank was familiarly known as the Collins' bank, and was one of the oldest financial institutions in West Texas. It had been known in financial circles for some time that the bank was in a distressed condition, and the news of its failure did not come as a surprise to some.

Coleman has two other banks, which are said to be in good condition and the failure of the First National in no way affects the other banks.

The bank at Novice which was reported closed this week, resumed business Friday.

Bilious Headache

When you have a severe headache, a disordered stomach and constipation, take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will correct the disorders of the liver and bowels, effectually curing the headache.

RUSSELL WELL IS GOING DOWN GOOD

Reports from the Russell Production Company well fifteen miles East of Ballinger, state that the rig is working nicely and that the hole is about 250 feet deep. Work for the first 300 feet is slow on account of the walking beam not being in operation. The bit will be hooked on the walking beam in a few days and better time will be made. The Russell Production Company is banking on bringing in this well about the last of February, and the driller is sharing optimism with the company for which he is putting down the hole.

COUNTY FAIR SECRETARIES TO MEET IN ABILENE SOON

Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting of all West Texas county fair secretaries to convene in Abilene on Monday, January 23rd. The Y. M. B. L. of this city, which put over such a successful fair a short time ago, has been notified and will have a representative at the Abilene meeting.

TEXANS RAISE COCKS TO FIGHT IN MEXICO

EL PASO, Dec. 30.—In the Rio Grande valley on the American side of the river are many small American farms and on these farms are grown hundreds of game chickens and trained cocks to fight in arenas in Mexico.

Cock fighting is barred in Texas, but raising game chickens is not, so the Mexican farmers make good profits raising the game roosters and take considerable pride in watching one train for the pit. Money from the sale of many other chickens and sometimes a cow or horse is spent in accompanying a favorite cock to the market, where the owner sells him after exhibiting his prowess with the spurs.

MOVING DRY GOODS STORE TO ANSON

"I'm sorry to leave Ballinger," said A. Heidenheimer, as he was loading out the last load of merchandise from his store here and placing the goods in cars preparatory to shipping to Anson, where he will consolidate the goods with a store he has at that place, "but I can't run two stores." Mr. Heidenheimer's brother was looking after his store at Anson, but gave up the place and the Ballinger man decided to move the Ballinger stock to Anson.

The Zappe building which Mr. Heidenheimer has been occupying, has not been leased, but it will no doubt not stand vacant long, as it is a good stand.

Homer D. Wade, who has been serving the city of Stamford as city manager and also manager of the chamber of commerce of that city, has resigned as city manager and will devote all his time to the management of the commercial organization.

TEMPT MADE TO STEAL AUTO

Auto thieves made a bold attempt and failed to get away with a Buick car on the Wilmett place a few miles North of Ballinger Thursday night. Mr. Crim, owner of the car, discovered the attempt in time to frustrate it and the thieves made their get-away.

According to a report of the matter to the sheriff's department, Mrs. Crim was awakened, or she was awake when the thieves attempted to get away with the car. She heard the horn of the car, presumably blown by accident as the parties were trying to back the car out of the garage. She called Mr. Crim, who frightened the parties away in his efforts to get his gun and investigate the disturbance at the garage.

Mr. Crim stated that he saw two parties run away from the garage, and took them to be two men, as they were both dressed in men's clothes, but an investigation Friday morning showed by the tracks that one of the marauders was a woman. He tracked the parties a considerable distance from the garage, but found no further clue.

This is the first auto thievery reported in this county for some time, and if the parties have not already gotten away with a car they probably will, and auto owners should be on the look-out, and not forget to lock the stable before the horse is stolen.

CORNS

Lift Off with Fingers



Doesn't hurt a bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn instantly that corn stops hurting then shortly you lift it right off with fingers. Truly!

Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the calluses, without soreness or irritation.

DON'T JUMP IN FIRE STAY IN THE PAN

"People who are leaving Runnels county because they didn't make as much money as they would like to have made this year," said H. Giesecke, "are like the fellow jumping out of the frying pan into the fire."

Mr. Giesecke and his brother Charley, returned from San Antonio Friday afternoon, where they had been to spend the holidays, and while gone they visited other places, and Mr. Giesecke states that this county is in better shape than any place he visited.

"I don't know of any place that is in better shape than Runnels county," said Mr. Giesecke, and he was speaking from a financial standpoint and on the outlook for a crop in 1922.

Advertisement for HCG medicine: RELIEVES... \$1.00 at Druggists or prepaid.

MEXICO BOOSTING FOR IRRIGATION

EL PASO, Dec. 31.—A report made by engineers of the Chihuahua state government, a copy of which has been received in El Paso, states that water is the only thing needed to convert Chihuahua, "the Texas of Mexico," into a fertile agricultural country and that the system of canals proposed to be built from the Borquillas dam, at Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua would irrigate one third of the entire state.

N. E. Booth is away from home on a visit to his mother at Gard, Texas.

DRESSING PLANT PICKING CHICKENS

The James Produce Company poultry packing plant is operating on full time, taking the feathers of chickens and packing them in the cold storage vault preparatory to putting out a solid car load of dressed chicken at an early date.

The poultry market, naturally following the holidays, is a little on the drag, but the local buyers are taking all the hens they can get at 13 cents, and will be in the rush if the market improves.

It is some job to pick the feathers from a car load of hens. The minimum car is 20,000 pounds, and hens average about three pounds dressed, and it calls for about 7,000 hens to fill a car.

The car of dressed poultry also represents a nice sum in cash, and when the car is completed the poultry growers who furnish chickens to fill it will have received more than \$4,000 in "pin" money.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. 60c.

NO DEMAND FOR SILVER BULLION IN GERMANY

EL PASO, Dec. 31.—While German markets are expected to be consumers of large quantities of copper, that country probably will not be able to use a great amount of silver bullion for a long time, according to a report received in Juarez from the Mexican consul at Chermnitz, Germany. German mines are producing sufficient silver for that country, the report said.

"Germany's foreign trade will have to be made on the basis of paper credits, while the small amount of hard money needed in the internal commerce will be made principally of porcelain or baser metals," said the report.

Mrs. Fred Turner spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller, and returned to her home at Santa Anna Friday afternoon.

PLAYS CHRISTMAS TRICK ON PREACHER

Dr. Alvin Swindell's congregation played quite a Christmas trick on him Wednesday night when they staged a "42" party at his house while the pastor was at prayer meeting.

There were no tables arranged for forty-two games, nor dominoes used in the party, but things more substantial were brought into play.

It was nothing more nor less than an old fashioned pounding, but when it leaked out that the pastor was celebrating his forty-second birthday, some of the members referred to the occasion as "a 42 party." Be that as it may, the popular Baptist pastor won all the games, and his groceryman will have to look elsewhere for business for at least a month.

By prearranged plans the members waited until Dr. Swindell and his family had gone to prayer meeting, and then autos began to drive up to the preacher's home on Broadway and stop, unload and drive on. When Dr. Swindell and family returned from prayer meeting they found

the front porch loaded down with everything from a "spud" to a sack of flour, boxes, paper sacks, tin cans, bundles, included, and they had to move a grocery store before they could retire.

If Dr. Swindell was not meeting with such splendid success in his ministerial work he would no doubt be tempted to engage in the grocery business as he has a pretty good stock to begin with.

Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves Key were here from Winters, Friday, coming down to bring Mr. Key's niece, Miss Maggie Lou Deason, to the train. Miss Deason was returning to her home at San Antonio, after a visit to her uncle.

Mrs. J. B. Arterburn left for Coleman Friday afternoon to join Mr. Arterburn en route home after a visit to her mother, Mrs. H. A. Massey.

Advertisement for Bayer Aspirin: Genuine Bayer Aspirin. Never say "Aspirin" without saying "Bayer." WARNING! Unless you see name "Bayer" on tablets, you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians over 21 years and proved safe by millions for Colds, Headache, Rheumatism, Toothache, Neuralgia, Neuritis, Earache, Lumbago, Pain, Pain. Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proper directions. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets—Bottles of 24 and 100—All dry Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monacopolis.

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COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound" Breaks any Cold in Few Hours

Instant relief! Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and sniffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks up any cold. 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" acts quick, sure, and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, contains no quinine—Insist upon Pape's!

COLEMAN BANK MAY RE-OPEN

A report received here thru unofficial sources Tuesday stated that the First National Bank, which closed its doors last Saturday, would probably re-open for business. According to a report, the bank inspector checked up on the bank, and informed the officers that there was no cause for the bank suspending business. It is also reported that the directors of the bank took such steps before the interest of the depositors became endangered, the doors being closed more through fright than any danger of the bank going on the rocks.

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 strengthening tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 50c per bottle.

NOTHING WRONG WITH CITY LIGHT PLANT

The municipal light and power plant was out of commission for about 15 minutes last night, but it was announced Tuesday morning that the suspension of current was unnecessary, and would not have occurred had an experienced engineer been on the job. The Ledger was informed that some little trouble at the plant caused the engineer to become excited and close down until older heads could get on the job.

The shut down came at a time when the city was alarmed about the child of Willard McMillan being lost, and instead of using the electric fire alarm, the oil will which sounded the alarm went out searching par-

Cough Remedy

Safe and reliable for coughs and colds. It has been in use for years and is held in high esteem in households where the best are best known. It is especially recommended for mothers of children, as it contains no harmful drug, and we need of it.

THE MAN

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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR IRRIGATION

BRYAN, Tex., Jan. 3.—Increased interest in reclamation work in Texas was the New Year wish of Lee J. Rountree, state representative from Brazos county.

"The New Year brings with it new duties and new opportunities for every Texan," said Mr. Rountree. "I once believed that the present generation would see a great manufacturing commonwealth, but that view has passed and all of us now know that Texas is primarily adapted to stock raising and agriculture. That means that the best livestock and the best farm, orchard and garden products in the world should be planted and cultivated in Texas. This raises four questions that will confront the people in legislation, business and production:

"The impounding and saving of our flood waters to furnish irrigation for our arid lands, there being tens of thousands of acres of these idle lands richer than the valley of the Nile that will blossom like the rose, if put under water.

"To widen, deepen and straighten our streams, the Brazos, the Colorado, the Red River and other streams that overflow and build approved and sufficient levees to save millions of dollars worth of products every year.

"To drain and reclaim our swamp lands now under water that will produce the greatest crops ever known and increase the value of these lands, adding to production and taxable values. There are more than 5,000,000 acres of cut-over timber land in Texas that is today practically worthless for anything except the production of timber. This land is now unprotected and subject to the ravages of destructive fires that are destroying our future timber supply. This land is worthless for anything except timber and at the present rate of destruction and no system to reforest it, in five years Texas will be without any home material to construct homes for the coming generation.

"Beyond question, Texas is adapted to these native sources of wealth and it should be the patriotic desire of every congressman, legislator, governor, business man, stockman, farmer, professional man and every citizen of Texas to do all in his power during the year 1922 and the coming years to bring about constructive measures that will develop our latent and sleeping resources thru the impounding of the flood waters, irrigation, drainage and reclamation, and reforestation of our timber lands, because the day of cheap lands has gone in Texas."

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

CENTRE COLLEGE TEAM DISBANDS

DALLAS, Jan. 3.—The famed Centre College football team, which met unexpected defeat at the hands of Texas A. & M. College yesterday in one of the most brilliant football games of the season, disbanded after a banquet here last night, and today a majority of the members of the Centre squad are en route to Danville to resume their studies.

Joe Utay, promoter of yesterday's game, said it was possible that there might be a game Saturday at San Antonio between an all Southwestern star eleven and a team comprised of former Centre players.

A. & M. pushed to the forefront in the football world in the game here yesterday when the Aggies defeated the Praying Colonels by 22 to 14. 12,000 fans saw the game.

Rufus Wheeler received a message Tuesday calling him to Dallas for a conference with the officials of the life insurance company for which he has been writing business, and after the Dallas conference Mr. Wheeler will be sent to the head office of the company at Indianapolis. He has been very successful in writing business for the company, and his friends have an idea that he is about to land something bigger in the insurance world.

TELLS JURY TO BILL LYNCHERS

WACO, Jan. 3.—Judge R. I. Monroe, of the 54th District Court, today empaneled the grand jury for the present term and charged them to go their limit in investigating the lynching of Curley McKinney, who was taken from the city prison by a mob on December 13th and hanged.

Judge Monroe said in his charge to the grand jury, "it is a dark spot on the good name of our state that mob violence seems to be an established and protected institution and that members of a mob are above the law and immune from punishment."

He urged the jury to do its duty in convicting those who are responsible for the death of McKinney.

Constipation is the starting point for many diseases that end fatally. Healthy regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine bowel tonic, is mildly stimulative and strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

METHODISTS LEAD IN NATIONAL POLITICS

There are more Methodists in Congress than any other one denomination, according to a survey just made by the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals. There are only two dozen members in the House who are not affiliated with any denomination. The church affiliations of twenty-three members of the Senate are unknown, while only (?) were rated as nonchurch members.

House—Methodists, 91; Presbyterians, 56; Baptists, 29; Episcopalians, 35; Congregational, 23; Catholics, 18; Christians, 11; Lutherans, 10; Disciples, 10; Unitarians, 5; Jewish Church, 3; Quaker Church, 3; United Brethren, Mormon, Independent, Mennonite, Dutch Reformed and Evangelical, have one member each. There are two Universalists.

Senate—Methodists, 17; Episcopalians, 12; Presbyterians, 11; Congregationalists, 7; Baptists, 6; Catholics, 6. There is one Protestant Episcopal and one Christian. The Lutherans, Unitarians, Dutch Reformed, and Mormons all have two members each.

Robert Bruce left Tuesday for Dallas, where he will resume his studies in Southern Methodist University.

Chas. Bailey returned to T. C. U. Sunday afternoon, after spending Christmas week with his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Halley.

Read the ads and profit. Ledger classifieds bring results.

COURT HEARING CIVIL DOCKET

The case of Tad Richards vs. the Interstate Electric Corporation, for \$4,000 damage for the burning of his barn at Winters, was continued Tuesday afternoon until the next term of court on motion of defendant. Judge Woodward immediately dismissed the jury for the week, and took up the non-jury civil cases.

Good headway was made on the civil docket in district court here Monday afternoon and Tuesday, when several cases were dismissed, others compromised and tried.

The petit jury was not used Monday afternoon, or Tuesday morning, being held for jury cases pending, and which went to trial later.

Tuesday morning the court's time was taken up in hearing the case of Pearl Graves vs. J. D. Graves. This was a suit to cancel deed to real estate made by Graves and his wife to their children before the divorce proceedings which were recorded at the last term of court, and which resulted in legal separation of the man and wife, and the awarding of the children to their mother.

The property suit Tuesday was settled by a cancellation of the deed and awarding three-fourths of the property to Mrs. Graves and one-fourth to Mr. Graves. The jury was excused and the questions of law involved in the case submitted to the judge, who rendered the decision.

Tuesday afternoon the case of Tad Richards vs. Interstate Electric Corporation, was called for trial. This is a case in which Richards is seeking to recover \$4,000 damage from the light company for the loss of a barn and contents by fire at Winters, the plaintiff alleging that the fire was caused by electric wires, property of the defendant, coming in contact with his barn, and setting it on fire.

MOTHER! MOVE CHILD'S BOWELS WITH CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

Hurry mother! Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup" and it never fails to open the bowels. A teaspoonful today may prevent a sick child tomorrow. It constipates, bilious, feverish, fretful has cold, colic, or if stomach is sour, tongue coated, breath bad, remember a good cleansing of the little bowels is often all that is necessary.

Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

REVIVAL BEGINS ON NEW YEAR

Rev. T. W. Sharpe, the evangelist who is conducting the revival for the church of the Nazarene, delivered a very able and soul stirring message last evening on the subject of revivals, setting forth the necessity, benefits and the spirit necessary for its promotion. A most beautiful spirit of co-operation on the part of the people was manifested at the close of the sermon, and the revival has already begun in good shape.

From 10:00 to 11:00 o'clock each morning throughout the week he will preach on the subjects of vital interest to the public in general. His message this morning on "Steps in Prayer," was very helpful and inspiring.

His subject for the morning service tomorrow will be "Conditions in Prayer."

Rev. S. W. Hampton, former pastor of the local Nazarene church, was present yesterday and brought the message at the morning service.

Rev. Sharpe announces that his subject for tonight will be "The Good Samaritan."

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

Buck Kornegay spent the Christmas vacation at his home in Winters, and resumed his school duties in the local high school Monday.

Miss Fern Smith returned to her school work in the city schools here Sunday, after a Christmas visit to her home folks at Plainview.

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.



BY THEIR FEET SHALL YOU KNOW THEM

A man or a woman may be ever so well dressed, but if their shoes are run down at the heel, on the side of the sole, at the toe, or on the uppers—be aware! No excuse for shabby shoes when they can be made as good as new at Drennan's repair shop.

COY DRENNAN

BEAVER BOARD FOR BETTER WALLS & CEILINGS



Build More Comfort into the Farm Home

Your farming success entitles you to more home comforts and conveniences. That's what a man works for, after all, so why not have these good things now?

Why let the home get run down just at the time when you should enjoy it most? First, renew the old, cracked, tumbledown walls and ceilings by covering them all with Beaver Board. It will make new rooms of the old ones.

This done, you'll feel like tackling other things because building new rooms with these large, board-like panels is so easy. You can do the whole thing yourself.

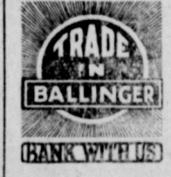
Call or write for a copy of that helpful booklet— "Building More Comfort into the Farm Home"

Wm. Cameron & Co.

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.



Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. logo and address: BALLINGER, TEXAS. Includes text: SERVICE, SAFETY, ACCOMMODATION, MEMBERS FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, CAPITAL \$60,000, SURPLUS \$12,000.00.

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The man who complains about
the Ballinger climate is hard to
please.

It is a gloomy time when we
can't find something to rejoice
over. Transportation tax comes
off Sunday.

This city is to be congratulated
for her municipally owned light
plant, and what we need now is
municipally owned streets.

Why not fix the streets
instead of keeping up a bunch of
paupers? Give them something
to do.

San Angelo is growing better.
There were only 290 cases filed
in the corporation court during
1921 as against 400 in 1920.

No, we are not over-optimistic.
We have been here too long to
think of a calamity coming this
way. And pessimism never helped
anybody.

Judge Woodward says Runnels
county is the cleanest county in
the district. The court is cor-
rect, and no appeal will be made
on the ruling.

Debs' stay in prison seems to
have failed to convince him that
a man's tongue is sometimes his
worst enemy, and he is back at
the same old task.

This country has been enjoy-
ing the ideal climate, but ninety
days of winter are still in store,
and the chances are good for the
full quota to be delivered.

Sister, if you are independent,
and not tied to some man's
apron string, you can pay your
poll tax or let it alone. But re-
member you'll have no say com-
ing on election day.

Some people are always look-
ing for something to complain
about. A calamity howler has
predicted that our public roads
will blow away next March, if it
does not rain.

The year 1922 will bring about
an adjustment of all disturbed
conditions much faster than for
any period since the war. The
1921 year has been a year of
speculation.

The slogan "back to the farm"
has a dry ring to it with only
1.15 inches of rain in six months.
But then we have often heard
that there is a season for every-
thing.

Auto accidents pushed fire-
works off the front seat for
Christmas casualties. Press re-
ports for the last three days
bring news of deaths and in-
juries from every part of the
nation.

San Angelo has passed a traf-
fic ordinance limiting fire trucks
to 20 miles an hour. Good law;
why endanger life just for the
sake of saving a shekel, and of-
ten when it is a false alarm.
Let's be sane.

We may have too much jazz,
skirts may be too short, and there
may be a few more homicides
than the signs of the times call
for, but after all, the world is
growing better. We have passed
the critical stage.

It is an ill wind that blows no-
body good, and Judge Wood-
ward did not have many excuses
to contend with in qualifying the
petit jury Monday. The farmers
have plenty of time to serve
their country.

A New York city women's club
held a misfit gifts party Wed-
nesday night for the exchange of
undesired Christmas presents for
others which would suit better.
It was declared a great success,
and many got rid of misfit gifts.
That's placing a real value on
the goods.

Political signs indicate that
there will be nothing exciting in
local politics during the coming
campaign year, but that is no
excuse for you not paying your
poll tax, and you must do it in
January, if you have a say in the
traucus.

Tentative Program for City During 1922 is Large One

The eighteen pardons granted
by Gov. Neff on Christmas day
were mostly obscure cases, pris-
oners who were without friends
or relatives on the outside pull-
ing for them. Mr. Neff visited
the prison, investigated and ad-
acted. That's dealing in just-
ness.

Of the 12,000 people killed
on highways during the present
year, 7,000 were killed on grade
crossings by trains. If we could
eliminate all these death dealing
devices, and medical science
could make one hundred per-
cent success, just think what a
blow it would be to the under-
takers and coffin builders' trade.

Woodrow Wilson quietly cele-
brated his sixty-fifth birthday at
his home in Washington Wed-
nesday. The nation paused to
honor the occasion much quicker
than expected. Many cities ar-
ranged special programs in
honor of the former president's
birthday.

In leaving prison Eugene Debs
declares that he did no wrong,
has repented for nothing, and
will continue his nefarious
preaching against the principles
for which thousands of America's
best young men died, and for
which millions suffered. We
are to judge by this that the
federal prison failed in its mis-
sion of reform.

"What are we going to do if
it does not rain?" asked a pro-
minent citizen who is growing
just a little pessimistic. There
will be nothing to do if it does
not rain, but that is a "silly"
question. It is going to rain,
and then there will be something
to do for every man who wants
to get up and hit the ball. This
country is in its infancy in the
development of its natural re-
sources.

Two numbers which should
feature the city's program for
the opening of the New Year, is
the week of prayer as observed
heretofore by the churches of
the city in union services each
night, and a citizens' mass meet-
ing as early as possible, for the
purpose of discussing plans for
the coming year. There is noth-
ing that counts for success like
a good start.

In speaking of marketing con-
ditions, strikes, tax paying etc.,
a well-to-do farmer of this coun-
ty who came here a "poor boy"
and has worked his way to
"E-c-y Street" on the farm, re-
marked that the country would
be in a mighty bad plight if the
farmers should strike. The old
world might jump a cog or two
if the farmers should decide to
"go off for awhile, but it is pos-
sible that there are some people
who are not farmers now who
would act as strike breakers.

As West Texas is a white man's
cotton country, it behooves the
farmers of West Texas to keep
the fence up against the pink
boll worm, and never let that
pest get a start in this country.

The farmers have the aid of the
state and national governments,
as well as the aid of every com-
mercial organization in guarding
against the pink boll worm, but
the farmers should not rely on the
"government" or any organization
to keep their farms free from the
pest.

There is no better way to get
rid of the pink boll worm than to
never have it. It will never get
on your farm unless you or some
one else brings it into the coun-
try.

Due to the short cotton staple
produced in this country in
1921, practically every seed plant-
ed next year will be imported,
and the farmer who buys seed
without investigating where they
were grown, and whether they
are free from the worm or not,
will take his chances of infecting
his field with the destructive
pest.

The farmers had better not
plant cotton seed, if they are not
certain they are free from in-
sects. This is not advice to farm-
ers, but merely a warning.

M. F. Treadwell, general man-
ager of the Interstate Electric
Corporation, was here from San
Angelo, attending court Tuesday.

TEDDY O'NEILL TAKES WIFE

WACO, Jan. 2.—The marriage
of Ted O'Neill and Miss Myrtle
Davis, both of Waco, took place
last Friday night in the Seventh
and James Street Baptist church,
with the pastor, the Rev. W. W.
Melton, officiating. For the last
few years Mrs. O'Neill has been
one of the deputies in the office
here of District Clerk R. V. Mc-
Clain and she was stenographer
at one time in the office of R. J.
Windrow, now State Highway
Engineer, when he was County
Engineer of McLennan county.
Mr. O'Neill is connected with
the automobile industry. They
are spending their honeymoon in
Dallas.—Dallas News.

Ted O'Neill is a Ballinger boy,
having been born and raised
here. His sister and brother re-
side here. His Ballinger friends
wish him well.

SLIGHT RAID ON GROCERY STORE

The Cash Grocery Store, con-
ducted by Oscar Harbor, suffered
a small loss between Saturday
and Monday, when some one
robbed the store. The glass in the
door was broken and the burglar
entered the building and loaded
up with chewing gum, safety
razors and pocket knives. The
officers have no clue, but the
goods stolen indicate that it was
the work of a negro or a boy.

BIBLE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The Ladies Bible Class of the
Methodist church had its regular
monthly meeting, Dec. 28, 1921.
Mrs. Meadows entertained the
class as it was organized one
year ago in her home. There
were fifteen members and two
visitors present. New officers
were elected for the new year.
Refreshments were served.

HOME BURNS AT WINTERS

Fire at Winters Wednesday
afternoon destroyed the home of
T. D. Young, and threatened ad-
joining property. The volunteer
fire company confined the flames
to the one building by heroic
work. Mr. Young had recently
remodeled his home at consid-
erable expense and it is said that
he had no insurance.

BROTHER DIES AT ALPINE

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Nixon left
Thursday morning for Alpine in
response to a message that Mr.
Nixon's brother, W. H. Nixon,
was dead at that place. They
went through the country in a
car, and it is expected that the
funeral will be held in Alpine
Friday.

W. H. Nixon had been in feeble
health for some time, suffering
with kidney trouble, but the news
of his death came as a surprise to
his brother here, and to friends
who have known deceased for
many years. He visited his
brother here from time to time
during the last twenty years and
was well known among the stock-
men of this country.

ASKS GOVERNORS PROMOTE PEACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—In
an effort to prevent "public
apathy on world peace," after
the close of the Washington dis-
armament conference, the Na-
tional Council on Limitation of
Armament announced today that
it had written the governors of
48 states asking their support for
the "educating of public senti-
ment for the coming year, for the
next step towards permanent
peace," and that thirteen re-
sponses in the affirmative had
been received.

H. W. Lynn and Ed Eason
were among the Winters folks
here attending court as witnesses
Tuesday.

Gates Tires are the best. Har-
well Motor Co. 20-d&w-14

MANY CARS ARE VIOLATING LAW

"We have no choice in the mat-
ter, and must enforce the auto tax
law," said Sheriff Flynt Monday
morning. "But we will give auto
owners three more days," added
the officer, "and will not begin
filing complaints until Thurs-
day."

It is a violation of the law to
drive a car on the highways with-
out a 1922 seal. This law was
stretched a little last year, due
to the failure of the highway
commission to get the seals out
on time, but the tax collector re-
ceived the seals two months ago,
and gave notice of same, and the
auto owners have had ample time
to get their seals.

Many waited until Saturday,
which was the last day of grace,
to get their 1922 tag, and the col-
lector was crowded. About 250
seals were put out Saturday. Only
1377 seals have been issued a-
gainst 2331 in 1921, thus leaving
at least 1,000 cars in the county
without seals.

FIRE DESTROYS MERETA STORE

The general merchandise store
of Dr. D. L. Hess at Mereta, 25
miles South of Ballinger, was de-
stroyed by fire early Tuesday
evening, according to informa-
tion received at Ballinger Wed-
nesday.

The fire started when oil ig-
nited from the dropping a kero-
sene lamp. A son of Dr. Hess
started from one part of the
building to another with a lamp
in his hand, stumbled and fell,
the lamp breaking and the oil
bursting into flames rapidly
spread over the building.

The store consisted of a one-
story frame building valued at
about \$2000, while the stock and
fixtures were valued at \$19,000.
The loss was protected by \$13,000
insurance.

MARY'S DIVORCE WORST ITS KIND

CARSON CITY, Jan. 3.—Mary
Pickford's divorce from Owen
Moore was "the worst of its
kind, and should be the last of
its kind," Attorney General Fow-
ler declared in closing a brief
filed in the supreme court here
today in action seeking to have
the decree set aside.

PENN. GOVERNOR TO QUIT OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—
Predictions that Gov. Sproul, of
Pennsylvania, would within the
next forty-eight hours announce
his intention of resigning, and
accept the appointment to the
United States Senate to succeed
the late Senator Boies Penrose,
was made today by Senator Wat-
son, of Indiana, one of the Re-
publican leaders in the Senate,
after he had called at the White
House.

R. S. Bowdon, of the Maverick country, was looking after busi- ness in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Mary Coulson and Corine
Allen, came up from Coleman
Tuesday to visit their aunt, Mrs.
J. A. Weeks.

Rev. S. W. Hampton returned
to his home at Penile Tuesday
afternoon, after a visit to his
sons here. Rev. Hampton was
formerly pastor of the Nazarene
church of this city. He is now
serving the Nazarene church at
Penile.

Standing on the "ragged
edge" of one of the worst
drouths in the history of West
Texas, the possibilities for rapid
development in Runnels county,
and the building of a great city
upon the firm foundation of al-
ready supporting Ballinger are
far greater than even the most
optimistic dreamer can picture.

The time to stick is when oth-
ers are sliding. The time to buy
is when others are selling. There
is a better day not far
ahead, and the man who can't
see it is a chronic pessimist who
would not appreciate it should
some magic wand thrust upon
him a Paradise for an abiding
place.

At no time in the history of
Runnels county did the future
offer a brighter outlook for the
builder who is willing to put
his shoulder to the wheel and
help push the band wagon. At
no period in the history of Bal-
linger did the signs of the times
offer more encouragement for
the development of the county's
natural resources which will
push this city forward as the
logical marketing and trading
center for a large territory.

It is within the possibility of
those who have in hand the de-
velopment of the county's re-
sources to carry out a program
which will not only keep Run-
nels county in the forefront of
all West Texas counties, but es-
tablish here what West Texas
must have—a real commercial
center.

There are larger cities in
West Texas, but no city can claim
the natural advantages which
Ballinger has at her very door.

As a farming county Runnels
county ranks first, is the banner
cotton county of West Texas.

Runnels county is to be trav-
ersed by the big irrigation canals
and is therefore to supply the
land to be placed under the
ditch.

Runnels county is the only
county in West Texas with an
oil well which "spouts" when
the cock is turned.

Ballinger is known all over the
state as "the biggest little city
in Texas," with the liveliest com-
mercial organization, and no
other city of its size in the state
is supporting a daily paper car-
rying Associated Press service.

Ballinger gets as many date-
lines in the state papers, and in
the smaller papers of the state as
any city of its size in the state,
and more date-lines than many
cities larger than this. Publicity
has placed the city prominently
before the outside world, and the
county's natural resources make
it possible for Ballinger to con-
tinue to occupy the prominent
point on the map.

Looking to the future there is
a tentative program which can
be carried out if the citizens
stand together, push together and
co-operate, taking advantage of
the opportunity to develop the
natural resources.

Tentatively speaking the fol-
lowing projects should be per-
fected:

The creation of an irrigation
district, voting of bonds and
placing under irrigation 200,000
acres of as fine land as there is
in Texas. This project can not
be completed in a year, but the
success or failure of the propo-
sition will be determined before
the year ends.

The development of the Russell
oil field, the Safety First field,
and the opening of an oil boom
within fifteen or twenty miles of
Ballinger which will make Bal-
linger the center of all trading.

The voting of \$500,000 county
road bonds for building good
roads, bridges, and the result in
saving thousands of dollars in
wear and tear on motor vehicles.

The production of a 75,000 bale
cotton crop.

The production of a big feed
crop, resulting in more hog and
livestock raising and dairying.

The shipping of \$250,000 worth
of poultry and eggs, and dairy
products.

The building of a new Presby-
terian church.

The harvesting and preserving
of the largest fruit crop in the
history of the county.

The repairing of the A. & S.
tracks and the inauguration of
a respectable train service over
that road.

The building of a large cotton
warehouse.

To say nothing of the hundreds
of minor projects which will
naturally follow close on the
steps of the launching of the
more important work.

The 1922 program is the big-
gest one in the history of the
county and city. Will you help
to carry it out, or will you sit
down and whine about hard
times and wait for somebody to
thrust prosperity upon you?

On Road to Boneyard

"I have just finished a treat-
ment of your wonderful remedy
and can say it has done wonders
for me already. For the past
five years I have been unable to
eat any but the lightest food and
that but sparingly, as any food
caused me to bloat with gas. I
was reduced to a skeleton of
ninety pounds, and was on the
road to the boneyard. A friend
in Birmingham sent me a bottle
of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy,
which I took, and I am sure it
will entirely cure me of my
trouble, judging from what it
brought from me and the way I
feel." It is a simple, harmless
preparation that removes the cat-
arrhal mucus from the intes-
tinal tract and allays the inflam-
mation which causes practically
all stomach, liver and intestinal
ailments, including appendicitis.
One dose will convince or money
refunded. At druggists every-
where.

SEED CRUSHERS CONSIDER TARIFF ON COTTONSEED

DALLAS, Jan. 2.—Action on
the federal tariff on cottonseed
oil and other vegetable oils is ex-
pected at both of the general
meetings of Southern cotton seed
crushers. The first meeting was
that of the Texas Cottonseed
Crushers' Association at Dallas
on last Wednesday, Dec. 28, and
the other will be a meeting of
the Interstate Cottonseed Crus-
hers' Association at New Orleans
on January 24.

The Dallas meeting was for the
purpose of determining a major-
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The paving of streets in the
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trict.

The building of one hundred
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The building of a new high
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The building of a new Baptist
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SHERIFF TAKEN IN ROBBERY CASE

HILLSBORO, Ill., Jan. 2.—The arrest of Sheriff John Wilson and six other men in connection with the \$31,000.00 robbery of the Panama State Bank, resulted from the disclosures of a woman, it was announced by state's attorney Rainey today.

ITALIANS ATTACK AMERICAN GOBS

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 2.—Serious trouble between sailors on an Italian warship and an American warship developed in this port today. About two score Italian sailors surprised and attacked a dozen American jackies in a cafe.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; FIVE ARE KILLED

BEAUMONT, Jan. 2.—Five persons were killed, four of them almost instantly, when a Southern Pacific train No. 101, going west, struck an automobile on the grade at the crossing of Cade and Louisiana streets, about five-thirty Sunday afternoon.

KU KLUX FURNISHES FLOWERS FOR FUNERAL

Funeral services for W. O. Miller, Texas & Pacific engineer, who died at a local surgical institution Saturday following an operation, were held at the First Christian Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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George Kirk returned to Baylor University Sunday afternoon after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Kirk.

Judges C. O. Harris and W. A. Wright, of San Angelo, had business in district court here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bateman returned home Saturday from Cleburne, where they spent the Christmas week with relatives.

W. E. Bartlett went to Santa Anna Saturday afternoon, spent Sunday with relatives and accompanied his family home Sunday.

Miss Emma Alice Walker returned home Saturday afternoon from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Bartlett Mann, at Garden City.

Miss Ethel Bair spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bair, and returned to Brownwood Sunday afternoon, where she is teaching school.

J. J. Erwin Jr., and wife returned to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon, after a New Year's visit to Mr. Erwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin.

Prof. J. B. Pace, teacher in the Ballinger schools, spent Christmas with his father near Winters, and returned to his school work Sunday.

H. E. Harkins, of the Wingate country, passed thru the city Sunday afternoon en route to Houston, to be with his wife, who has been in that city for her health for some time.

J. R. Lusk left for Dallas on business Sunday afternoon, and hinted that he would take advantage of the opportunity to see the "Prayin' Colonels" and the Texas "Aggies" in the gridiron clash.

C. A. Doose and H. M. Linecudm returned home Saturday afternoon from a deer hunt, and their car was decorated with the game when they returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caperton returned home Thursday from a visit to Mr. Caperton's mother and sister at Austin.

Will Globber is here from Austin visiting his mother, Mrs. Aug. Globber.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coulson, and Miss Mary Coulson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen have been here from Coleman for several days with the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Coulson, who is in the Halley & Love sanitarium.

F. C. Eckert, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Wednesday, and squared up with the county while here.

Miss Virginia Mills returned Sunday from Houston, where she spent the holidays with her mother, and resumed her duties in the Central Ward school Monday.

Miss Ursula McShan returned to her school at Brownwood Sunday, where she went on business.

W. M. Knowles and wife returned to their home in Houston after spending the holidays with home folks, M. G. Knowles and family.

Mrs. A. R. Crews and little son went to San Angelo Friday at noon, where they will join Mr. Crews to make home.

Mrs. John Morgan returned to her home at Yoakum, Thursday afternoon, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Cockrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Golden and little son returned to their home in Kansas, Thursday afternoon, after a Christmas visit to Mr. Golden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Golden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Rogers and children of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Midgley, of South Ballinger.

HAYS UNDECIDED WIFE MAKES CASH FRENCH WANT ON MOVIE OFFER RAISING POULTRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Postmaster General Will H. Hays said today that he had not yet decided whether he would leave the cabinet and accept the place offered him in the motion picture industry, and would not likely make a decision in the matter before ten days.

BASEBALL LEAGUE MEETING JANUARY 9

The West Texas Baseball League will hold a meeting at Stamford on Monday, January 9th, at which time it is expected to perfect the circuit and get things in shape for the coming season.

President Northern is busy lining up the towns to complete an eight club circuit, or determine definitely whether the circuit is to remain a six club league.

At present Ballinger is a member of the league, and has a team under contract, and the necessary paraphernalia for starting the ball to rolling.

The salary limit has been reduced to \$2,000 including the manager's salary, and the league directors are working out a plan which it is declared will make it much easier for the clubs to finance the sport and make the league a success.

Rev. J. Gilmore Smith, superintendent of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Albany, was here Wednesday en route to Sweetwater on business.

D. Reeder received a telegram Thursday announcing the arrival of a new grand-daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreyes in Dallas.

Judge A. K. Doss went to Millersview on business Thursday. Doss & Baugh have been retained as counsel in the Robbins case, in which Claud Robbins is charged with shooting Charles Stuart at Millersview on Christmas eve.

Miss Carmen Carr returned to her school duties at Galveston Sunday afternoon, after spending Christmas week with her sister, Mrs. H. F. Demmer.

Miss Winnie Trail left Wednesday morning for Houston, where she goes for a visit to her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw returned home Tuesday night from a Christmas visit to their children at Dallas and Fort Worth. Their daughter, Miss Lona, remained for a longer visit.

W. A. Francis spent last Saturday at Brownwood attending a meeting of Walker-Smith managers. He returned home Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Wright returned to her school duties at Brownwood Tuesday afternoon, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright, near Crews.

M. C. Bright, of the Token country, served his country as a grand juror this week.

Dick Eckert returned home Wednesday at noon from Bellville and San Antonio, where he spent the holidays.

M. J. Golden is here from Blythe looking after business. Mr. Golden moved to Blythe about two months ago.

Sid Garrett, who had been here visiting his family for a few days, left for San Angelo Wednesday at noon.

J. R. Lusk returned home Wednesday at noon from Dallas, where he went on business. He witnessed the A. & M. football sound clean up with the Prayin' Colonels.

Paul Kirk left Wednesday afternoon for Abilene, where he will continue his work in Simmons College.

W. W. Farmer left for Dallas Tuesday afternoon, where he goes to attend the state meeting of the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson returned to Ballinger Tuesday night from Moody, where she was called to attend the funeral of her nephew Leonard Hill, who was killed in an auto accident at Waco on New Year's day.

Editor Ledger: "I wish to give my experience and show the profits from one hundred Rose Comb White Leghorn hens during the year just passed, as it may help some farmer's wife in the future who is now worrying over short crops, dry weather, and no money to spend.

"Cash returns from my flock was \$285.75. The feed cost \$59.10, leaving a clear profit of over \$200. I am not giving the hens any credit for the eggs and fryers we used at home, or for the 875 eggs which were incubated.

"Owing to dry weather and no green feed for my hens, the profits are less per head than for any previous year since I have been raising chickens.

"Anyone who gives one hundred hens the proper care can count on handling \$200 in twelve months' time, and they will always have a little spending change, and will not have to quarrel about the hard times and be always calling on hubby for money. Instead hubby will be coming to wife for money in short crop years like 1921.

"MRS. R. F. SMITH."

FEW KILLINGS ON RANGER FORCE

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—Killing of Ben Joe Buchanan, Texas ranger, by unidentified Mexicans at a Christmas dance in Presidio county, was the first fatality in the state ranger force in nearly two years, according to records in the adjutant general's department.

While the duties of the rangers, especially along the border, are hazardous, few casualties have been reported since the Mexican revolutions. During a three year period beginning in 1915, the deaths in the ranger force were greatest, according to officers at ranger headquarters.

Since 1918, however, there have been few deaths in the state ranger service and the dangers have diminished considerably, officers say. Experience has helped make the men more secure from harm, officers believe, and carelessness has had a part in the more recent fatalities.

Cattle rustlers, thieves and smugglers, as well as liquor runners, are requiring most of the attention of the rangers along the Rio Grande, according to headquarters. The prices paid for cattle in Mexico, which are said to be much higher than in Texas, have furnished an incentive to smugglers who see large profits in the contraband transportation of stock across the river, it is believed.

The cattle situation, with the liquor smuggling, keeps the state rangers along the border busy and the federal authorities in enforcing the laws, as well as protecting the ranches from thefts of stock. Revenge for activity in investigating cattle thefts was advanced as one theory for the murder of Ranger Buchanan. The ranger, who was formerly a cattle man, is said to have been active in investigating cattle thefts along the border in the Big Bend section recently.

COUPLE WEDS AT THE COURT HOUSE

Troy Stambaugh, a young merchant of Abernathy, Texas, and Miss Elvise Dahlgren, of Rowena, were married in Ballinger Wednesday morning, the ceremony being performed at the court house by County Judge Trimmer. The bride and groom returned to Rowena for a brief stay before going to their home at Abernathy.

Stuart L. Williams, secretary of the Y. M. B. L., returned home Sunday from Cisco, where he had been for several days with his parents. Mr. Williams was called home on Christmas Eve to attend the funeral of his brother, who died from an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass returned home Sunday night from a ten days' visit to relatives at Cleburne and other places.

LONG SESSION FOR CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Practical completion of a report to be submitted by the committee of naval experts to the naval committee of the arms conference, and an agreement of the sub-committee on a Chinese tariff of five percent effective basis, were the two important developments today in the arms conference situation.

CANNES, France, Jan. 4.—Premier Briand and M. Loucheur, at the head of the French delegation to the allied supreme council, arrived here today to confer with Premier Lloyd George. The question before the conference is a plan to save Europe from complete economic disintegration and the necessary steps to prevent the entente from falling apart.

The premiers are undertaking the task of working out some plan for solving the questions. The train that brought Briand to Cannes also carried copies of newspapers quoting the French premier as favoring an alliance of France and England as the best possible solution of the European problems.

Thousands of weak, run-down men and women have reported astonishing gains in weight from the use of Tanlac. John A. Weeks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In the face of Southern opposition the House voted today to dispense with other business and plunge into a debate on the Dyer anti-lynching bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Congress is facing a mass of business that may keep it at work until late in the summer. This developed today when the lawmakers got down to work today on the 1922 program.

Along with the routing of the load of appropriation bills to be handled for the first time on the budget form, there confronted the Senate the probability of more or less protracted debate over the new international agreements, while the House faced important issues including the pending anti-lynching bill.

ROBBINS RELEASED ON \$2,000 BOND

Claud Robbins, charged with shooting Charley Stuart, an oil driller, at Millersview on Christmas eve, was released from the Ballinger jail last Saturday on \$2,000 bond, after waiving examining trial. Stuart is still in the Halley & Love sanitarium, but is getting along as well as could be expected. The shooting cost him one eye.

BANKS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Table with 2 columns: Resource, Amount. Includes Loans and Discounts, Bonds and Stocks, Real Estate, etc. Total: \$292,650.07

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital Stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc. Total: \$292,650.07

STATE OF TEXAS: We, M. Feist, as president, and County of Runnels, and Fred Kiechle, as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, A. D. 1922. W. A. Hakamick, Notary Public, Runnels Co., Texas.

Correct Attest: P. P. Ewald, C. R. Roeder, Jno. Smecek, Directors.

STATEMENT of Condition... THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER OF BALLINGER Dec. 31st, 1921. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts \$429,254.75, U. S. Bonds 26,500.00, Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc. 6,525.00, Banking House, F. and F. 28,400.00, Real Estate 17,500.00, Cash and Exchange 161,875.97. LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$100,000.00, Surplus and Undivided Profits 54,390.94, Circulation 24,700.00, Dividends Unpaid 6,000.00, Rediscounts NONE, Bills Payable NONE, Deposits 484,964.78. Total: \$ 670,055.72. Not a dollar of interest bearing Public Money in the above statement. The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin, Cashier

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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.

District Judge Would Ban Pistols and Football Games

"If I had my way I would pass a law which would make a penitentiary offense for a man to carry a pistol," said District Judge Woodward in his charge to the grand jury here Monday afternoon.

Judge Woodward was referring to murder cases, and stated that he was meditating as he came along the road to Ballinger Monday morning over the fact that he had a clean docket at Coleman, and also at Ballinger, having only one murder case on the docket, and he had not been here twenty minutes when he learned that a killing had occurred in the court room in his home town.

"Show me a man who is a pistol toter," said the judge, "and I will show you a man who is a coward nine times out of ten. Thousands of men would be living and be with their families today if it had not been for pistols."

Judge Woodward was giving his grand jury charge concerning felony cases when he made the above statement, and when he called attention to misdemeanor violations of the law, he landed just as heavy on poker playing, betting on baseball, football, etc.

"If I had my way there would never be another game of football," said the judge, "there is nothing in it but a few bruised heads, twisted noses and broken ribs. Yet every college wants it. They are straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

Judge Woodward advocated stricter moral codes for our everyday living, and stated that if a man would get on the side of good morals he would always be right, and he declared that few men were made criminals in one day.

"I hope the day will come," said the judge, "when a man can send his son or daughter off to college, and that she can be just as safe in her boarding house or dormitory as she is at home."

He congratulated Runnels county for a lack of crime, and said it was one of the cleanest counties in his district, and stated that if he was forced to say which was the cleanest county in the district he would say it was Runnels. He told the grand jury the way to keep the county clean was to enforce the law, and he complimented County Attorney Shepherd for keeping the misdemeanor matters in such shape that the grand jury did not have to spend much time on investigation of minor matters.

"Unless the necessity demands

I am not going to call a grand jury for the next term of court in this county," said Judge Woodward. "It is expensive on your county to have a grand jury every four months, and I hope that it will not be necessary to have a grand jury at the next term."

After his charge Judge Woodward sent the grand jury to their room, with Sam Baker as foreman, and W. A. Halameck, J. B. Bass, Edgar Jayroe, W. H. Arnold, B. J. Atkins, W. T. Baker, Mack Wilson, C. Black, W. H. Boozer, W. L. Poe, and J. W. Bright making up the dozen. D. P. Moser was appointed door-keeper and S. D. Williams walking bailiff.

District Judge Woodward, Attorney Early and Court Reporter Vaughn, arrived Monday morning and the court machinery for the first term in the district for 1922 was put in operation at one-thirty Monday afternoon.

The petit jury for the week was tested out and legal excuses granted, and the grand jury put to work in short order.

The docket, as well as business brought to the attention of the officers since the last term of court, indicates that the term will be a short one, as far as criminal work is concerned. Two Mexicans, charged with assault to murder, transferred here from Tom Green county, will be tried next week, this week being jury civil week. This will be the third trial for the Mexicans, the first two at San Angelo resulting in hung juries. Jack Burns, a former Ballinger saloon man, and who was serving as night watchman at San Angelo at the time he was shot, is the man whom it is alleged the Mexicans tried to kill when Burns caught them raiding a store. The Mexicans introduced evidence to prove an alibi, alleging that they were at another place at the time the shooting took place. Quite a number of witnesses will be brought here from San Angelo to testify.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or dizziness to head. Remember the full name on the box for the signature of E. W. GARDNER.

D. F. Eaton and family returned home Friday from a visit to relatives at Brownwood. Mr. Eaton says general conditions in Ballinger are equal to the best at other places, and better than at some places, according to his way of viewing the close of the old year.

IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.

BOOTLEG WHISKEY KILLS 7

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Four more victims from bootleg liquor drinking were received at Bellevue Hospital today, swelling the toll from the New Year's revel to seven dead and scores sent to the hospital for treatment. The first report from the New Year's celebrations claimed three dead.

Five more victims of the poisonous liquor were taken to the hospitals in a critical condition just before noon. Two were women, one of whom was found at the entrance of an apartment. Three deaths by violence were reported to the police blotter on New Year's day.

Constipation

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed.

MINOR BUSINESS CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED HERE

A few minor business changes showed up around town on New Year.

N. Passur, who has been carrying a stock of dry goods in his confectionary store, has rented the Zappe building, and moving the dry goods to that building and will sub-rent half of the building which he has been occupying and retain the other half for his cold drink stand.

Weinberg & Wardlaw will get larger quarters for their haberdashery and cleaning plant, by taking in more of the building occupied by Ladwig's dry goods store. Ladwig is moving to the building which had been occupied by the Piggly Wiggly, the Piggly Wiggly having suspended business a short time ago.

Other minor business changes are pending which will probably be made public in a few days. Merchants are about through taking stock and figuring their losses and gains for the year, and so far as The Ledger has been able to learn all will be able to continue in business serving the public.

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 is 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 druggist, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

SOME NOISE, BUT QUIET NEW YEAR

The usual blast of the whistles and ringing of the bells and a few cracks from six shooters, announced the departure of the old 1921 and the arrival of the new 1922 Saturday night. The New Year baby was ushered in with a little noise, and the first day was a quiet one in Ballinger. A pinching South wind kept the joy riders down to a minimum, and the more comfortable place was behind closed doors and around the fire.

After a week's vacation, school resumed as usual, and business takes up the regular routine, as though the calendar had not moved up a cog.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Syler were here from Winters Sunday afternoon, to accompany their son to the train. The young man was returning to his school work at A. & M. College.

DIES AFTER HALF CENTURY HERE

One of the oldest citizens in point of residence in this county, passed away Sunday afternoon about two o'clock when death claimed W. L. McAuley. Mr. McAuley passed away at his home on Tenth Street after a lingering illness and after it had been announced for several days that he was expected to die at any minute.

Deceased was a pioneer stockman of West Texas, and for many years lived on his ranch in the Maverick country. When his health gave way about fifteen years ago, Mr. McAuley was forced to retire from active work in the cattle business, and for about twelve years he had been confined to his room, and for most of the time to his bed. He moved with his family to Ballinger a few years ago, and while he had the attention of the best medical experts, he continued to grow weaker and soon became an invalid.

"Bill" McAuley was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, citizens, in point of residence in this county. He was seventy years, ten months and thirteen days old at the time of his death, and for more than a quarter of a century he had resided in Runnels county, coming here in 1868, he had resided here continuously for more than fifty-two years.

The country was an open stock range when Mr. McAuley came here, and with his associates, he paved the way for others, and saw the country developed into one of the most progressive agricultural and successful stock-raising countries in the Southwest.

Deceased was the father of fifteen children, one by his first wife and fourteen by the wife who survives him. Eleven of the children survive, and all were present when their father died, except one son, Sam, who lives at Cedarville, Kans.

Coming here before the Red Man left the country, Mr. McAuley naturally suffered many hardships. He was a true citizen of the Western type, well known for his hospitality, and a friend to all who knew him, especially those who came here in the early days of development of the country.

It was announced Monday that the funeral would be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, an interment made in the Bronte cemetery.

MANY ATTENDING PIONEER'S FUNERAL

Many of the early settlers gathered here Tuesday morning and accompanied the remains of W. L. McAuley to Bronte, where the funeral was held at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon and interment made in the cemetery at that place.

The funeral procession left Ballinger at eleven o'clock, the remains being accompanied by members of the family, other relatives and friends. At Bronte it was expected that Rev. D. M. West would conduct the funeral services.

Among those who came here to attend the funeral were a number of the associates of the deceased thirty and forty years ago, when the pioneers enjoyed a free and open cattle range here.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

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THREE ESCAPE FROM PRISON

HOUSTON, Jan. 2.—Three narcotic addicts who had been confined in the county jail, escaped last night by picking the lock to the matron's room and taking the keys needed to make their get-away. Twelve patients confined in the insane ward were offered an opportunity to escape but refused to leave.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bedford, of Winters, were here Monday to bring their son, Alda, to the train. Alda was returning to the state university after spending Christmas at home.

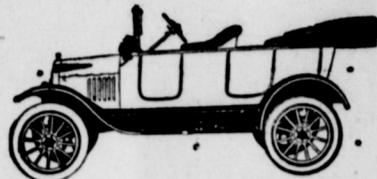
MISSING CHILD CAUSES ALARM

The city was considerably stirred, and the father and mother almost prostrated for a time early Monday night, when the little seven year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Willard McMillan failed to return home from school. When the child failed to return by dark, a hurried search was made among neighbors and friends, and no trace of her could be found. The alarm was given and searching parties organized and a general search of the city and surrounding country was about to start when the child returned home with a man who was working for Mr. McMillan. It seems that Mr. McMillan had sent the man to the country on some mission, and the child wanted to go with him, and she picked her up and carried her

along, thoughtlessly not realizing that her parents did not know where she was. The little girl was brought home shortly after seven o'clock, not realizing that several hundred people were looking for her.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It is the remedy that men use for purifying the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

J. L. Lee was in the city Friday from the Maverick-Norton country, to bring his daughter, Mrs. Ella May Underwood, to the train. Mrs. Underwood was en route to her home at Hot Wells, Texas, after a visit to her father and other relatives.



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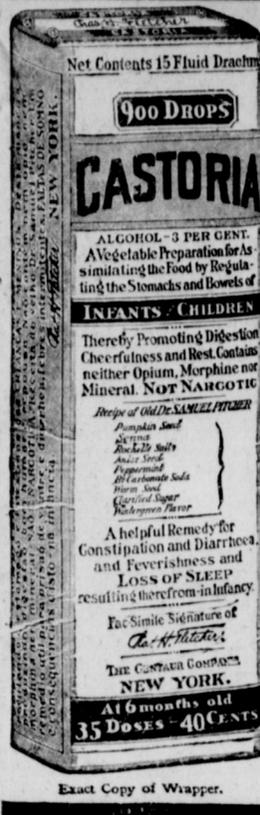
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Four Important Meetings to Be Held in Runnels Co.

A letter to Secretary Williams of the Young Men's Business League from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce announcing dates for four different poultry-dairy-livestock meetings in this county under the direction of the West Texas chamber, Porter A. Whaley, manager, in his letter to Mr. Williams says: "I know that you will feel good when I tell you that this is the only county in Texas where we are showing four different meeting places."

This campaign is launched under the direction of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of stimulating interest in poultry and livestock raising and dairying. The group of experts to tour this county, and their dates are as follows: Winters, January 12. Miles, January 13. Ballinger, January 14. Wingate, January 16. Livestock—C. C. French, Fort Worth Stock Yards. Poultry—Miss R. L. Murray, A. & M. College. Dairying—J. W. Ridgway, Mistletoe Creameries. Exhibits—B. M. Whitaker, West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

These speakers are all experts in their respective lines, and it will be an opportunity for those interested in these important industries to obtain valuable information.

Runnels county is indeed fortunate in being given these meetings. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has had bills printed and is advertising the meetings throughout the county, and the service of the team is offered to farmers, poultry and livestock growers absolutely free of cost.

In view of the fact that Run-

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nels county plans a big county fair next fall the campaign should be a starting point for preparing exhibits in poultry, livestock and dairy exhibits to be shown at the fair. The expert on exhibits will assist anyone who is interested.

In speaking of the meeting at Wingate, Mr. Whaley said in his letter to Mr. Williams, "we have selected Wingate as one of the points to hold a meeting because we believe that you will appreciate having this important work done thoroughly in your county. The speakers who are on the team are absolutely the best known in Texas for this work."

CALOMEL MAY TURN ON YOU NEXT TIME

Next Dose You Take may Salivate and Start World of Trouble.

Calomel is mercury; quicksilver. It crashes into sour bile like dynamite, scrambling and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

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.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. No salts necessary. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and can not salivate.

BALLINGER LOSES OSTEEEN FAMILY

T. M. Osteen left for Clyde with his family Friday, where they will make their home. Mr. Osteen is engaged in the mercantile business in Clyde. Tom came to Ballinger a boy about thirty years ago, and has made Ballinger his home for the greater part of that time. He married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett and they have raised a family of several children here. For the last two or three years Mr. Osteen has been away from Ballinger a good part of the time, but his family continued to make this their home. Ballinger regrets to see them move away.

Miss Lois Crews left for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she is teaching, Friday afternoon, after spending the holidays with her father, C. R. Crews.

AGREE ON BOND IN ROBBINS CASE

A tentative agreement for bond for Claud Robbins, in the Ballinger jail charged with assault and attempt to murder, growing out of the shooting of Charles Stuart at Millersview on Christmas eve, has been agreed upon between counsel for defense and state. The bond will be fixed at \$1500, and Robbins will be released as soon as the court passes the bond and same is made, which it is said will be easy for the defendant to do.

J. K. Baker, of Coleman, has been employed to assist the state in prosecuting the case, and the counsel is expected to meet in Paint Rock tomorrow. Doss & Baugh, of Ballinger, will defend Robbins, while District Attorney Walter Early will be chief counsel for the prosecution, in case the grand jury returns a bill. Court convenes in Paint Rock following the Ballinger term.

Worth Considering

The question is not so much how you contract a cold, but how to get rid of it with the least loss of time and inconvenience. If you will consider the experience of others under similar circumstances, who have been most successful in checking their colds, in their beginning, you will secure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without delay, and use it faithfully. There are many families who have used this preparation successfully for years and hold it in high esteem. It is excellent.

WOMAN'S TRESSES FOUND IN PASTURE

BRONTE, Dec. 30.—Mystery surrounds the finding of a full suit of woman's hair Tuesday in one of the big pastures of J. B. McCutcheon, about four miles from this place, by Rev. D. M. West, pastor of the Baptist church, and W. E. Benson, of Hamlin, Texas, while they were bird hunting. The hair was brought to town, but no solution of how it got into the large pasture was offered.

The finders stated that there were no tracks of vehicles, animals or persons anywhere to be found. There has been no report of any woman having had her curls shorn while she was sleeping, nor has there been any account of a missing woman so far as is known.

The hair is of a golden hue and is of a heavy and beautiful suit.

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LETTER FROM CHARITY BOARD

The local Charity Board wishes to acknowledge publicly the receipt of the deeply appreciated \$67.40 from the Goodfellows, and to state that this is only a small part of the helpful benevolence extended by this splendid organization. Their efforts in the distribution of the supplies so cheerfully placed in their hands by the high-hearted folks of Ballinger, made the work of the Charity Board very light this year. We would also acknowledge, with thanks the receipt of ten perfectly good dollars, from our former townsman, Gus Noyes, which proves that he is not only a "Goodfellow," but still a citizen of Ballinger, even if he is temporarily living in Florida. Respectfully,
Local Charity Board.

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 GROVES 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 Groves 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 35¢.

Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

Jake Wilkins and nephew, who are members of the Colorado valley irrigation surveying crew, have been called to Bronco on account of the serious illness of Jake's mother. The message stated she was dying. Mrs. Wilkins is 72 years old and a pioneer of West Texas.

14.77 INCHES RAIN IN 1921

1921 is going down in the history of the weather record of this country as one of the dry years, with rainfall of only 14.77 inches. Only three other years in the past quarter of a century show as little rain. The total fall for 1901 was 12.74; 1904, 13.41; 1910, 11.51.

A noticeable comparison is shown in the other dry years with this year, in that the rainfall for the other dry years was either distributed throughout the year, or fell during the latter part of the year, while for the twelve-month just ending practically all the rain fell during the first six months of the year, and which made it possible for the county to produce fairly good crops, the total cotton production being about 25,000 bales, with an abundance of feed and unusually good corn.

Out of the total rainfall of 14.77 inches, 13.62 of the amount fell prior to June 25th. Since July only 1.15 inches of rain has fallen in this county, or at least in Ballinger, this report being made up from the record kept by the government weather bureau observer, E. M. Eubanks.

With a record of only 1.15 inches in the last six months, the country is facing the three driest months in the year, the twenty-five year average for January, February and March being lower than for any other three months in the year.

But why worry about this when West Texas is noted for its freakish weather? The country may experience another year with the first six months receiving the entire year's supply of water, and if such should prove true, the country will make another bumper crop.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watson, of Crystal Falls, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Rushing and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese and family spent Xmas day with Mr. Reese's parents at Benoit. Jo H. Brown came in from Brownwood Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. W. E. Branch, returning home on the evening train.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Carroll and family, of Miles, visited Mr. Carroll's sister, Mrs. Cobb Sunday.

Miss Lola and Forest Vanlandingham, of Winters, are visiting Miss Ruby Brown.

Miss Edna Mae Lowry arrived on the noon train Thursday from Brownwood, where she had been spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Watson are visiting their children in Bell county.

Mrs. L. P. Hinde and children, of Breckenridge, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Rushing while passing through Ballinger to visit their daughter and sister near Sonora.

Mrs. Mary West is visiting her parents at Sonora during the holidays.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carroll Tuesday night was attended by a large crowd and all report a good time.

Miss Pearl Haddon, who is attending school at Thorp Springs, is spending the week with home folks.

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CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take one either. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for the name is known as Red, Gold, and Blue. Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen carried their little son to his home in Coleman Friday afternoon. They had been here with the child for treatment. Mrs. Allen is a niece of Mrs. J. A. Weeks.

City Dam Too Expensive for City to Undertake Now

It is out of the question for Ballinger to undertake to put over the big water project proposed by the building of a huge dam four miles above the city on Elm Creek, according to an estimate made of the cost of such a project by Dean J. C. Nagle.

In casting about for a solution of the water problem, the city recently accepted the offer of Chief Engineer C. C. Holder to furnish the city with a report of the geological survey of Elm Creek, which he is making in connection with the survey for the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association. After Mr. Holder had completed the survey and furnished the city with the figures, the Y. M. B. L. brought Dean Nagle here to look further into the project and give an estimate on the cost of building a dam and impounding a large lake of water at a point four miles from the city.

Mr. Nagle spent a couple of days here going over the situation, and without giving a detailed report of his findings in this account, he stated that it would cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars to construct such a project. He esti-

mated the cost of the land and damage to property owners at \$50,000, the piping of the water to the city at \$50,000, and the construction of the dam at \$150,000.

This cost is out of reach of the city at this time. The property values will not justify such a bond issue in addition to the present bonded indebtedness of the city.

The proposed project is said to be entirely feasible and would create a large lake, sufficient water being available from the large water-sheds of the creek to irrigate 2500 acres of land, and the water problem of the city would be solved, but the city can not finance such a project.

Dean Nagle recommended the building of another small dam, and an addition of from two and a half to three feet to the present upper dam, and stated that such addition would more than double the city's present water storage capacity. The cost of such addition and building of new dam would be approximately \$25,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Speck, of Eldorado, are here visiting relatives.



PREPARE NOW for Baby's Coming

THE expectant mother owes it not only to herself to prepare for an easier delivery, but to her child who should be stronger, healthier and more robust thru her care and intelligence.

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