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**IRRIGATION PROJECT
AFTER HOLIDAYS**

Engineer Chas. M. Stanley, Thos. A. Strayer, an associate, and Homer Wilkins returned Tuesday morning to Bronte, after campaigning at Ballinger, Rowena and Miles the past three weeks. Mr. Stanley now has his irrigation plans and proposition well before the people at the points mentioned and for the present is somewhat inclined to let the farmers think over the matter quietly and free from haste or pressure. Indeed, if he desired to campaign among the farmers and land-owners, or to have his assistants do personal work out of either of the four towns, the weather and roads are too bad for travel. Then, as the holiday season approaches, men are less inclined to talk about irrigation or any other business, and think more of Santa Claus and Christmas cheer, or where they will visit during the holidays.

The conditions as about outlined, may operate to lessen the activity of the irrigation forces, but any suspension of effort will not continue beyond the first of the new year, unless the weather still hinders. Mr. Stanley is very strongly encouraged and hopeful, thus far, and with the beginning of the new year will renew the campaign and push it with more vigor than heretofore. He feels that he is offering the people of the Colorado river basin the greatest and most valuable proposition ever submitted to the land-owners of this section, and they surely will accept, to a man. All ready, several thousand acres are pledged, and other farmers are ready to sign. This proposition is worth too much to let slip from us. Let us help Mr. Stanley dam the Colorado by doing the reasonable part he requires, and then see this country bloom and blossom as a rose.—Bronte Enterprise.

Byers—Actual work on the construction of the \$30,000 bridge is being pushed, along with a 16 foot driveway and known as the 98th Meridian bridge.

**PLEADS GUILTY TO
CHARGE OF STEALING**

Tom Altman, a young man about 19 years of age, was arrested last evening by Deputy Sheriff J. D. Perkins, and pleaded guilty Saturday morning to a complaint filed against him, in which he was charged with stealing a watch from Mrs. Tom Osteen who lives on 9th street.

Young Altman had been in the city for 19 years and had been visiting one of the boys at the home of Mrs. Osteen. The watch was missed several days ago and immediately word was sent to the sheriff's office, notifying the department of the disappearance of the jewelry.

Last Friday evening Altman was arrested and charged with the theft.

Altman's home is in Bronte. He had been in Ballinger several days and often came over here to visit friends. His father died with meningitis several years ago. He was one of the best known business men in this section of the state and owned and operated one of the largest establishments in Bronte, it being known at the time as the store of Price and Altman. The boy pleaded guilty to the complaint Saturday morning and the lowest fine, one dollar and costs was assessed against him.

**FAKE LAND DEALERS
FACING BIG EXPOSURE**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Some recent land swindles, some of them of gigantic proportions, is being investigated by the post-office department in collaboration with the department of justice. An avalanche of indictments in various parts of the country, but particularly in the west, is expected to result from the inquiry within the next few months.

One of the fake land selling games which was brought to the attention of the government less than a month ago involves mail order operations by which more than \$1,000,000 had been obtained from small investors by a ding of promoters in the Northwest. The literature sent out by the gang depicted fertile acres and blooming orchards to be obtained for only \$p00 an acre. It is charged that a large part of land so glowingly represented was in reality a desert.

The mail order and swindling industry took on new life as a result of the policy of former Postmaster Hitchcock, who abandoned the policy of barring the literature of fake concerns from the mails by the issuance of fraud orders.

He was of the opinion that these sharks could be suppressed more effectively by criminal prosecutions. But the result was that while the few swindlers who were arrested were awaiting trial they continued to enrich themselves by their operations through the mails.

**STREET SPRINKLER
ON THE JOB AGAIN**

The wind from the west soon had the dust moving Friday and there was work for the street sprinkler all day Saturday. While the ground is thoroughly soaked and the roads over the county are in bad shape, the paved streets of Ballinger are as dry as if it had not rained in many moons. Its the farmer that is suffering on account of the bad roads. He should get busy and call on the man in town to help him build roads that will enable him to travel regardless of whether it is muddy or not.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight fair, somewhat colder; Sunday fair.

You will find Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubb. 6-11-d

**ANOTHER CARRIER
DURING HOLIDAYS**

Another carrier for the city will be put on by the postoffice department within a few days, in Ballinger, according to the announcement of Assistant Postmaster D. A. Swett. Mr. Swett stated the extra carrier would be given his route within a few days, or about the time that the Christmas packages begin to stack up on the clerks.

The nouncement of Assistant Post-clerical force is already large and it is believed by the department it will be able to handle the Christmas business satisfactory to all concerned. The sending of parcels for Christmas has already begun and much of the heavy business has passed through the office.

Postmaster Erwin urges all who have intentions of sending packages during the holidays to immediately do so. By dispatching them now they are more likely to reach their destination by Christmas and will avoid likelihood of breakage en route.

J. L. Atwell of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

Mrs. Emmett Thomas and little daughter of Miles were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

**WOODMEN LODGE
ELECTS OFFICERS**

At the regular meeting of the Ballinger Camp W. O. W. Lodge Friday night, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

- J. R. Lusk, C. C.
- C. H. Midgley, A. L.
- R. E. Willingham, Banker.
- J. F. Lusk, Clerk.
- B. F. Allen, Escort.
- J. E. Witt, Watchman.
- W. W. Chastain, Centry.
- R. S. Griggs, and B. C. Kirk, Managers.

The attendance on this occasion was good and the Ballinger Camp is growing and taking on new life. New members are received almost at every meeting, and the Camp is called on to act upon new applications.

In order that the members might become better acquainted, and that every one might know who are members of the Ballinger Camp, an order was passed authorizing the clerk to have the membership names printed in a little folder or booklet form, and Clerk Lusk is busy copying the names and preparing the copy for the printers. There are over three hundred members in the Ballinger Camp, and a copy of the booklet will be printed and furnished each member.

**RECEIVES WORD OF
DEATH OF FATHER.**

A letter was received today from Rockford, Ala., by C. E. Allen, of the firm of Hidgon, Melton, Jackson Co., in which the news of the death of R. M. Allen of that city was conveyed. Mr. Allen's father died last Monday morning about 3:30 o'clock, but owing to the distance that the family lives from the railroad and telegraph station, no telegram was sent. The letter, which was mailed immediately after the death, was delayed en route on account of the high water between Ballinger and Temple.

Mr. Allen left a wife and daughter at home. Several of the children are married. He was past the seventy year mark. Friends of Mr. C. E. Allen offer sympathy in this hour.

Sulphur Springs—The first copy of the Morning Telegram, a new publication launched here was issued December the first. This paper is edited by Joe J. Murray, and the initial copy was replete with news and other modern features.

**TRAFFIC RESUMED
ON SANTA FE**

Floods have receded in Texas today and traffic on railroads has been resumed. Train No 75 running from Temple to San Angelo and due in Ballinger at a few minutes past midnight, arrived Saturday morning for the first time since Tuesday night. Train No. 77, running between Temple and San Angelo arrived today at noon for the first time since Tuesday. For three days a train has been running out of Belton for San Angelo.

The train that arrived last night carried mail that had accumulated at the scene of high water during the past three days. The noon train carried much mail that had been tied up in the vicinity of the wreck. It is believed that the heavy mail will continue to arrive through Sunday.

An Associated Press dispatch from Dallas states that 35 lives have been lost in high waters in Texas during the week. Over two million dollars have been lost.

Flood sufferers at Waco are suffering severely today from the cold wave which has struck the city. Many are homeless and the high winds which have followed the rain, have been detrimental to the welfare of the sufferers.

The Colorado river at Ballinger has receded fast during the past 36 hours. It is likely that it will be within its banks within the next 12 hours. Reports from up an down the river in this county, are to the effect that little damage has been done. Several fields have been flooded and it will be several days before work can be resumed in them by the farmers.

The Bryan levee, protecting the low lands of three counties, went out Friday and caused considerable damage. The situation at that place is announced by the press associations as being the most serious to arise from the recent heavy rains in Texas. Bryan citizens wired Galveston immediately after the breaking of the levee asking for motor boats to come to the rescue. Those in the harbor available for use were immediately dispatched to the scene of the catastrophe. Boats were also sent out from Houston.

THE MERCHANT MATINEE.

The Merchants Matinee at the Princess Theater is in height of its popularity and promises to exceed the highest expectations of its promoters.

The farmers who get matinee tickets from our merchants seem to appreciate them as witnessed by the crowded houses with out of town habitues.

The program is the regular Mutual service and pleases one and all.

W. F. Whitaker left Saturday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

**POSTAL RECEIPTS
SHOW INCREASE**

The postal receipts for November of this year show a handsome increase over that of last year for the month of November. The total receipts for last month amounted to \$788.85. Of this amount \$776.42 were derived from the sale of stamps. The balance came in on second-class postage and box rent.

Postmaster J. J. Erwin and assistant Postmaster D. A. Swett are very proud of the record established last month. The amount far exceeded their expectations. It is believed by the local authorities that the December business will far surpass any of the office in the corresponding months.

**FORMER BALLINGER YOUTH
MARRIED.**

Friends in Ballinger have received word of the marriage of Walter Boswell and Miss Nellie Hall, of Paint Rock. Mr. Boswell formerly lived in Ballinger and is very well known in this city and the surrounding country. Miss Hall is a Paint Rock girl.

The marriage took place a few days ago at the home of the bride. Many handsome presents were received by the couple. They will remain in Paint Rock where a new residence has been built by the groom.

**ORGANIZE MEN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS.**

The organized Men's Sunday School Class meets at the home of Rev. Bion Adkins Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Those who are not attending Sunday school are invited to attend this class.

"Just the gift for John!"
Handsome, practical—he can use it in his work every day.
Gonklin's
Self-Filling Fountain Pen
It Fills Itself in 4 seconds by one simple thumb pressure. Like This.

In handsome Christmas boxes. Exchangeable after Christmas if point doesn't suit.
Walker Drug Co.

**TO BE OLD AND PENNILESS IS A TRAGEDY.
ARE YOU PUTTING MONEY IN THE BANK FOR THE DECEMBER OF YOUR LIFE?**

There is nothing more pitiful than the sight of OLD AGE entirely on the assistance and charity of others. Yet, many go along, day after day, week after week, letting money slip through their fingers that should be piling up in the bank to keep them comfortable and independent when their EARNING POWER is GONE. Why don't YOU start a bank account NOW?

Make Our Bank your Bank
The First National Bank
Of Ballinger

WE WILL WELCOME

The Opportunity of Proving to You the Benefits and Advantages of Forming Relations With

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"Fathers and Mothers Bank."

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The football season has closed and the death record for the United States will show a decrease for this month.

In case that the big dam is built some claim that Ballinger will be in danger of high water. Admitting the claim, what's the difference of being in danger of high water and in danger of low water?

We should begin now to begin planning for a Home Coming for next fall. Many of those who have left here during the last two or three years will be anxious to come back.

In working to remedy the many evils that burden the human race, we should do our part toward reducing the Christmas carelessness that causes accidents and deaths throughout the nation by thousands.

Man's best friend again made good in the recent flood at Temple, when the high water swept away the home of Mrs. W. C. Polk drowning Mrs. Polk and four children. Searching parties were led to the body of Mrs. Polk by the barking of the faithful family dog. As the searching party approached the body the dog danced about in a high state of excitement, always keeping close to the body of his mistress. Mrs. Polk was 36 years of age. She was born in the house that was destroyed by the flood and that claimed the life of her and her four children.

Nice oak wood, sizes and length to suit. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Phone 312 tdf

You will find Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubb. 6-11-d

HOT AIR BLOWN BACK.

Brownwood has had in the past few days, and still has, some mud, but judging from a report which recently appeared in the Ballinger Ledger the Brownwood mud does not begin to compare, either in depth or sticking qualities with the Ballinger mud. The Ledger says that a chicken got mixed up in the mud near the railroad station and it took the combined efforts of three men to release the fowl.—Brownwood Bulletin.

A press dispatch from Ballinger says that a firm of merchants at Austin are offering 50 cents a head for live prairie dogs. Is this a move in the interest of "hot dog" cannery or the capital—Houston Post.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Germs of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; Herbine is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

WILL CONTINUE RIGHT THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Owing to our large attendance, many students from a great distance and that could not go home or the holidays, others anxious to finish their courses, that they may accept positions awaiting them, we will give no vacation except on Christmas day. New students may continue to enroll and take up work to the very best advantage without being interrupted with a vacation, and will also enable them to secure choice of boarding place before the big January enrollment comes on.

For several months we have not been able to supply the demand for our graduates of Bookkeeping and Shorthand or Telegraphy, we are therefore anxious that new students enroll early. The more graduates that we can place in good positions, the better opportunity we have to demonstrate to the business men the proficiency of our students. Young people interested in a commercial education are finding that life is too short and time too valuable to spend from nine to twelve months taking a course in a college teaching other systems when it is a positive fact that we can give them a better course in half the time and at half the cost with the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping and our practical methods of

Changeable Climate

IS A CONSTANT THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE.

Dr. Hartman, of Columbus, Ohio, discusses an important health topic. He says:

Yes, it is the climate, not the germs, that we have to fear in this country. The germs are present, to be sure, and are of some significance in diagnosis. Climate, a changeable climate, is the true cause of disease. The atmospheric pressure varies, the humidity of the atmosphere changes. Every day the temperature rises and falls. All this presents to the body very great trials to adjust to.

The area of high pressure forms in the northwest. Moves rapidly southeast, subjecting millions of our population to its influence. The result is, thousands upon thousands of people catch cold. A small per cent. of these thousands do not get well of their cold. It goes into pneumonia, or chronic catarrh, or bronchitis, or laryngitis, or pleurisy.

Now, what I am getting at is this. These climatic changes are inevitable. No one can prevent them. The very best we can do is to prepare for them, defend ourselves against them.

Good health is the best preventive. The very best, vigorous health, with excess vitality, this is Nature's own preventive and protection.

We do not all have this, however. Some of us must have assistance. The assistance that I use for myself, would recommend for my friends to use, my neighbors and my countrymen, is Pe-ru-na. Keep Pe-ru-na in the house.

If the children indicate they are catching cold, give them Pe-ru-na. If the parents, the grandfather or grandmother, present those symptoms that are so well known which precede a cold, a few doses of Pe-ru-na and the deed is done.

Some people are very subject to colds. Others who have weak lungs and are timid about our winter weather, take Pe-ru-na off and on during the whole winter season. The plan is a good one. The medicine is inexpensive. It does no possible harm to the system. It keeps the appetite regular and keen. It assists digestion and helps the user through the inclement weather of winter.

Ask your Druggist for free Peruna Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

teaching Telegraphy. They are also finding that a graduate that has the training given by these practical modern systems obtains a better salary than one graduating from a school using the old difficult faulty theroretic systems. We guarantee a better course in less time, at a less expense, and a better job with a better salary than any other school using other systems.

Fill in name, address and course interested in, and mail to Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, and receive catalogue setting forth plainly why we can afford to make the above claim with regard to our systems and the amount of time and money we can save you. Also read our cash guaranty of \$100 in our catalogue. Name..... Address..... Course Interested in.....

Rugs, Art Squares, Pictures, Rockers, Clothes boxes, marked at prices that you can afford to pay. They make useful presents. Inspect our stock before you buy. T. S. Lankford. 2t-d-w

Father Gorman of Brownwood, was among the visitors to Ballinger on Saturday morning between trains.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling, Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tdf

Commissioner C. N. Craft of Miles and Commissioner Edgar Jayner of Crews, who had been here at the meeting of the Commissioners Court, left for their homes Saturday afternoon.

GO TO THE RESCUE.

Don't Wait 'Till It's Too Late—Follow the Example of a Ballinger Citizen.

Rescue the aching back. If it keeps on aching, trouble may come.

Often it indicates kidney weakness. If you neglect the kidneys' warning.

Look out for urinary disorders. This Ballinger citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

E. G. Smith, farmer, of Ballinger, Texas, says: "I have soreness in my back and was troubled by my kidneys for two years. I had trouble in passing the kidney secretions. I felt miserable. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and I began using them. Soon after I had taken them, I felt their beneficial effects and when I had finished one box, I was completely cured."

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

WITH THE CHURCHES.

Methodist Church. Sunday school 9:45. Communion service at 11. Preaching by pastor at 7:15. Special music at evening service. Everybody cordially invited. W. H. DOSS, Pastor.

Nazarine Church. In the absence of the pastor, Miss Ila Hurley will have charge of the Sunday services. Sunday school at the usual hour.

Episcopal Church. Services at this church Sunday. Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Christian Church. Worship at the usual hour on Lord's Day. Subject for the morning sermon "Women and the Gospel." Evening Lecture, "Restoration." A hearty welcome for all. FRED CARTER, Pastor.

NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. Subject for morning sermon, "Closed Doors, or the Incomplete Life." Evening subject, "The Gospel of the Age." Special music for each service. Sunday school at usual hour. BION W. ADKINS, Pastor.

Who Suffers Pain? Those who suffer pain should try Hunt's Lightning Oil, the world's greatest liniment. It is the finest thing for Rheumatic Pains, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Backache, etc. All druggist sell it.

We make mattresses to order and guarantee every one of them. Ballinger Mattress Factory. 2t-d-w

Fort Worth—It has been definitely announced that an interurban line between this point and Denton will be constructed. The proposed line is financed by Denton and Fort Worth people exclusively. Col. Wm. Capps of this city is at the head of the movement.

Miss Myrtle Currie, one of the teachers in the Winters public schools, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Miles to visit her folks over Sunday.

J. J. Bedford of Winters passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon en route home from a business trip west.

IF CONSTIPATED OR BILIOUS "CASCARETS"

For Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Sluggish Liver and Bowels—They work while you sleep

—Get a 10-cent box.

Take a Cascaret to-night to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascares—or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascares immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the intestines and bowels.

Remember, a Cascaret to-night will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

Foolish Question NO. 92,769,531

What Your Tailor?

W. H. ROARK, The Tailor "OF COURSE"

OUR RECORD IS GOOD

In 1911 we sold every article in our store that could be given as a present. In 1912 we again cleared our shelves, having sold nearly double the amount of goods sold in 1911, and we expect to make prices so low that we will clear our store by Dec 24 1913. Our November sales were far better than last November.

Our Stock is complete with Indian Wood Baskets and Clothes Hampers, Popular Books, Toy Books, Bibles, Pictures, Toys of all kinds, Fancy Stationery, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Smoker Sets, Hand Painted Puff Boxes and Hair Receivers, Dolls, Games, Toy Blocks, Drums, Guns etc. A Beautiful line of Bar Pins, Beauty Pins etc. Cassarole Sets, everything in Staple Dishes and Enamelware.

Prizes For Little Friends

See the prizes for the little folks. Get tickets, and help them win, and save 5 percent on all you buy.

THE FAIR "The Home of Santa Claus."

WILL MOVE TO BALLINGER. FREE LECTURE TO-MORROW.

R. L. Harwell, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Friday and rented a business house from Gus Noves and will at once open up a place for his Ford and Overland autos, and will move here to make his home.

FOR SALE—25 two and three year old mules next spring. Apply to B. B. Westbrooks or Ledger. 6-3rd pd.

Mrs. John A. Weeks left Friday afternoon for Coleman, where she goes to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Coulson, in Coleman, next Wednesday.

J. D. Drake, of the Pumphrey country, was transacting business in Ballinger Ballinger Friday.

Nothing will make a more appropriate gift than a nice rocker for mother. See them at T. S. Lankford. 2t-d-w.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, the dentist, returned home Friday afternoon from a professional visit to Sterling City.

Cash Prices for Old Rags

The Ledger will pay cash for old rags. They must be clean. Bring them quick.

You Eat to Live and Live to Eat. It's our business to furnish your table with the Best Groceries. Our deliveries are prompt—our goods are first class. Phone 66. Miller Mercantile Company

DON'T FORGET

H. L. WENDORF, the Saddle and Harness Man. Wants your business however large or small. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas.

REMEMBER---

I Represent Mrs. Steffens Brownwood for Cut Flowers, Bulbs and Potted Plants, the Best and Cheapest Florist in West Texas. Telephone 131 or 111.

Mrs. Edwin Day

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M. C. BRADEN

FREE TO YOU—MY SISTER



Free to You and Every Sister Suffering from Woman's Ailments. I am a woman. I know woman's sufferings. I have found the cure. I will mail, free of any charge, my home treatment with full instructions to any sufferer from woman's ailments. I want to tell all women about this cure—you, my reader, for yourself, your daughter, your mother, or your sister. I want to tell you how to cure yourselves at home without the help of a doctor. Men cannot understand woman's sufferings. What we women know from experience, we know better than any doctor. I know that my home treatment is safe and sure cure for Leucorrhoea or White Discharges, Unpleasant or Falling of the Womb, Profuse Scanty or Failing Periods, Uterine or Ovarian Tumors, or Growth; also pains in head, back and loins, bearing down feelings, nervousness, creeping feeling up the spine, melancholy, desire to cry, or flashes, weariness, kidney, and bladder troubles where caused by weaknesses peculiar to our sex. I want to send you a complete ten day's treatment, entirely free to prove to you that you can cure yourself at home, easily, quickly and surely. Remember, that it will cost you nothing to give the treatment a complete trial; and if you will not interfere with your work or occupation, just send me your name and address, tell me how you suffer if you wish, and I will send you the treatment for your case, entirely free in plain wrapper, by return mail. I will also send you free of cost, my book—"WOMAN'S OWN MEDICAL ADVISOR" with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer, and how they can easily cure themselves at home. Every woman should have it, and learn to think for herself. Then when the doctor says, "You must have an operation," you can decide for yourself. Thousands of women have cured themselves with my home remedy. It cures all old or young. To Mothers of Daughters, I will explain a simple home treatment which speedily and effectually cures Leucorrhoea, Green Sickness and painful or irregular Menstruation in young Ladies, Pimples and health always results from its use. Wherever you live, I can refer you to ladies of your own locality who know and will gladly tell any sufferer that this home treatment really cures all women's diseases, and makes a woman well, strong, plump and robust. Just send me your address, and the free ten day's treatment is yours, also the book. Write to-day, as you may not see this offer again. Address MRS. M. SUMMERS, Box H, Notre Dame, Ind., U. S. A.

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What Is Woman's Beauty But Health

And the Basis of Her Health and Vigor Lies in the Careful Regulation of the Bowels.

If woman's beauty depended upon cosmetics, every woman would be a picture of loveliness. But beauty lies deeper than that. It lies in health. In the majority of cases the basis of health, and the cause of sickness can be traced to the action of the bowels.

The headaches, the lassitude, the sallow skin and the lusterless eyes are usually due to constipation. So many things that women do habitually conduce to this trouble. They do not eat carefully, they eat indigestible foods because the foods are served daintily and they do not exercise enough. But whatever the particular cause may be it is important that the condition should be corrected.

An ideal remedy for women, and one especially suited to their delicate requirements, is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which thousands of women endorse highly, among them Mrs. C. S. Vance, of 511 S. Ray St., New Castle, Pa. At times she had spells of indigestion so severe that she thought she would die. Syrup Pepsin regulated her stomach and bowels, and she attributes her excellent health today to this remedy.

All the family can use Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, for thousands of mothers give it to babies and children. It is also admirably suited to the requirements of elderly people, in fact to



Mrs. C. S. Vance.

all who by reason of age or infirmity cannot stand harsh salts, cathartics, pills or purgatives. These should always be avoided, for at best their effect is only for that day, while a genuine remedy like Syrup Pepsin acts mildly but permanently.

It can be conveniently obtained at any drug store at fifty cents or one dollar a bottle. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded. You will find it gentle in action, pleasant in taste, and free from griping, and its tonic properties have a distinct value to women. It is the most widely used laxative- tonic in American today and thousands of families are now never without it.

Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it post-paid by addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 419 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. A postal card with your name and address on it will do.

Wichita Falls—The Wichita Mill and Elevator company has completed preliminary arrangements for the erection of an enormous grain elevator in this city. It will be the largest in the southwest and will have a capacity of 500,000 bushels.

Aug. Maas left Saturday on the late train for Miles on a short business trip.

MOTHERS, IF CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED.

If cross, feverish, constipated, bilious, stomach sour, give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company. Don't be fooled!

FIRST RED CROSS SEAL TO BE SOLD

The first Red Cross Seal to be sold in Ballinger will be auctioned off to the highest bidder tonight at the Princess Theater. Mr. B. V. Pileher, an old time auctioneer, who has had much experience in this line, has kindly consented to act as auctioneer for this occasion.

The local committee which has the work of selling Red Cross Christmas Seals in the city feel assured that the first stamp will be sold at a very high price, one that will establish a record for a town with the population that Ballinger has. All firms as well as all individuals are solicited by the committee to bid for the stamp which will launch the campaign as far as Ballinger is concerned when it is sold.

A little history on the Red Cross Christmas Seal will be appropos at this time:

Nearly \$1,500,000 has been raised by Red Cross Christmas Seals in the last five years, and yet a great many people do not know how this charity stamp idea originated.

Some of your grandmothers first played "postoffice" with stickers similar to Red Cross Seals, way back in 1862, when they conceived the idea of selling stamps at fairs for the benefit of relief funds for the soldiers' hospitals in Boston, Brooklyn and elsewhere. Nearly \$1,000,000 was raised in this way before 1865. After the war this method of raising money was discontinued in this country for a generation, although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden and other European countries. There are now thousands of different types of charity stamps used in all parts of the world, as many as forty being used in Austria for children's hospitals alone.

Stamps or seals were first to get money for the anti-tuberculosis crusade in Norway and Sweden in 1904. To Jacob Riis, the well

known social worker of New York and to Miss Emily P. Bissell, the energetic secretary of the Delaware Red Cross, jointly belong the honor of originating our American Christmas Red Cross Seal. In 1909 Mr. Riis' interest was aroused by the receipt of a Xmas tuberculosis stamp on a letter from Norway. He published an article in regard to this queer looking little stamp in the Outlook, and suggested some possible uses for it in this country. Miss Bissell at once saw an opportunity here and prepared a stamp, from the sale of which her society realized \$3,000 for tuberculosis work. So impressed was she with the success that she induced the Red Cross to take it up and the sale began in 1908 on a national basis. With very little organization and hardly any attempt at careful advertising the sale that year brought in nevertheless over \$135,000 for anti-tuberculosis work in various parts of the United States. In 1909, with more thorough organization the sale was increased to \$230,000, in 1910 to nearly \$310,000; in 1911 to over \$330,000, and over 40,000,000 seals, netting \$400,000 were sold last year.

What Three Cents Did.

A little boy about six years old rushed into a store at Trenton and asked if they kept those stamps that had the picture of Santa Claus on. The clerk said: "Yes, my boy, we do. How many would you like to have?" The little boy looked earnestly into the clerk's face and asked, "How much are they?" The clerk answered that they were only a cent apiece. The child looked joyfully around and said: "I heard my mother talking about how the money was to help the poor sick people that had consumption, I've only got three cents but I want to help them by buying stamps."

He received his three Red Cross Seals and left the store, proud to think that perhaps he had helped some boy's father who had the terrible disease.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

San Angelo—Citizens of this place are endeavoring to raise a \$150,000 bonus to secure the proposed railroad between this point and Keerville and no effort is being spared in this work. Bird M. Johnson of New York City is the projector of this new line and says that construction will begin immediately after the required amount is raised by the San Angelo people.

GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Bring back its gloss, lustre, charm and get rid of dandruff—try the moist cloth.

To be possessed of a head of heavy, beautiful hair: soft, lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine.

It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance; freshness, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two week's use, when you will see new hair—fine new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine is, we believe, the only sure hair grower; destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

How to Detect the Alum Baking Powder

"Which are the alum baking powders; how can I avoid them unless they are named?" asks a housekeeper.

Here is one way: take the can of a low-priced powder in your hand and read the ingredient clause upon the back label. The law requires that if the powder contains alum that fact must be there stated. If you find one of the ingredients named alum, or sulphate of aluminum, you have found an alum baking powder.

There is another and a better way. You don't have to know the names of the alum powders. Use Royal Baking Powder only; that assures you a cream of tartar powder, and the purest and most healthful baking powder beyond question.

Hartley—Forty-five head of full blood Karakule sheep were sold last week by the Middlewater Cattle company of this county to a breeder of fine sheep in Charlottstown, P. E. L., for a consideration of \$13,000. This is the largest price ever paid for Karakule sheep in Hartley county and probably the state.

We will sell you your winter hat at a much cheaper price than any other millinery in town. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 263. 26td

Sherman—The Texas and Pacific Railway company has begun the laying of 75 pound steel rails on the transcontinental division of the road. The first stretch of the work is from this place eastward about thirty miles. The track is also being re-surfaced as the steel is being laid.

Lame back came from over-work cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Hillsboro—The taxpayers of the county recently voted the issuance of good road bonds to the amount of \$250,000. The proceeds of this election will be used to

construct a complete system of modern highways throughout Hill voted the issuance of \$25,000 for county. Hillsboro citizens also street improvements.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured.

with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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

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

Moran—Work will commence some time this week on the laying of the gas pipe line from the oil fields at this place to Cisco, Baird and Abilene. Work will be rushed on this project and an effort will be made to get the line finished and gas turned into the main by January 1.

Dallas—B. B. Cain, president of the Texas Business Men's Association, has appointed Homer D. Wade, O. E. Dunlap and W. T. Wilson as delegates to the American Road Builders Association, which will be conducted in Philadelphia, Pa., December 9th to 12th, inclusive.

Our hats are the best and the cheapest. Allow us to show you our new line. Breedlove and Meadows. Telephone 263. 26td

Rev. M. C. Golden left Saturday at noon on a visit to San Angelo.

LOCAL DRUGGIST SAYS: "TAKE ONLY ONE DOSE."

We want to tell those in Ballinger suffering from stomach or bowel trouble that we are agents for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika, the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This is the most thorough bowel cleanser known and just ONE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost IMMEDIATELY. You will be surprised at the QUICK action of Adler-ika. For sale by the Walker Drug Co.

You will find Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubb. 6-1td

Pittsburg—A precedent was established by way of attendance at the Northeast Texas Fair, that closed its annual exhibition here last week. Something like 100,000 people thronged the fair grounds during the show. Plans to erect more exhibition halls and other facilities for next year's show are being considered.

You will find Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubb. 6-1td

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

We carry a full line building material at all times. Oak for Coupling Poles, Tongues and Etc. Let us save you some money on your bill.

THE BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

FIRE INSURANCE

The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE Your business solicited. Miss Maggie Sharp. Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's Office. Phone 215. See Me.



ARE YOU Protected Against the Christmas Fire?

Ballinger has been fortunate throughout the year just drawing to a close, and the loss from fire has been a small item. That does not insure you for the year to come. The risk is heavy through the holidays. Fire works and the carelessness of people make it very important that you look well into your insurance matters. If you are not protected you should phone our office. If your property should burn tonight what would be your loss.

M. D. Ghastain & Co.

"My Mamma Says—
It's Safe
for Children!"

FOLEY'S HONEY and TAR FOR Coughs and Colds

CONTAINS NO OPIATES

For Sale By All Dealers

Christmas Clothing

should now be made ready, and you will do well to follow Santa Claus' lead and have your garments cleaned and pressed in honor of the festive day. At our shop you will find our facilities for doing this work of the very best, as our skill in cleaning all kinds of gentlemen's and ladies' garments bear witness.

W. H. ROARK

The Tailor Telephone 290

WE DON'T SELL ANYTHING TO WEAR
But When It Comes To Feeding
WE TICKLE YOUR TASTE EVERY TIME

If you use our groceries your Christmas dinner will be a success. We go on the theory that the best is none too good for our customers.



WE can fill your bill with every item that your bill calls for. The goods we deliver are fresh. No stale groceries comes from our store.

We Are In The Baking Business

We now own the City Bakery, the most modern bakery in this part of the state—sanitary throughout. The health of your family depends a great deal upon the class of food they eat. The bread is the staff of life, and a meal without good bread is a poor meal. Our bakery will stand the test and is conducted in keeping with the strictest rules governing sanitary and pure food laws. Upon this claim we are bidding for your bread trade. We do all kinds of baking except the sorry kind. Joe Hodden is still our baker.

IF IT'S TO EAT WE'VE GOT IT

Let us fill your orders for Xmas nuts and fruits.

Our delivery wagon goes in a hurry. Phones 94 and 363

L. B. STUBBS

P. S. You will find Evans butter at our store.

Frank Carter returned to Ballinger Saturday from Belton, where he has been on a visit for the past ten days.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears in stantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous, and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Oscar Talbot passed through Ballinger at noon to spend Sunday with his family at San Angelo. He is with the oil mill crew at Winters during their run at that place.

WHAT'S INDIGESTION? WHO CARES? LISTEN!

"Pape's Diapepsin" makes Sick, Sour, Gassy Stomachs surely feel fine in five minutes.

Time it! In five minutes all stomach distress will go. No indigestion, heartburn, sourness or belching of gas, acid, or eructations of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, foul breath or headache.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in regulating upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest and most certain indigestion remedy in the whole world, and besides it is harmless.

Millions of men and women now eat their favorite foods, without fear—they know Pape's Diapepsin will save them from any stomach misery.

Please, for your sake, wet a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store and put your stomach right. Don't keep on being miserable—life is too short—you are not here long, so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and digest it; enjoy it, without dread of rebellion in the stomach.

Pape's Diapepsin belongs in your home anyway. Should one of the family eat something which don't agree with them, or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement at daytime or during the night, it is handy to give the quickest, surest relief known.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of



In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Select your Christmas present from our big stock of Furniture T. S. Lankford.

Prof. Wells, principal of the Miles high school, had business at Ballinger between trains Saturday.

Austin—Dallas leads all other Texas towns this year in the way of taxable valuations, having rendered property for taxation to the amount of \$129,550,350. Harris county ranks second with \$105,898,962 and Bexar third with \$97,696,872.

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

Something Fine for Headaches. If you know how quickly the pain is eased with Hunt's Lightning Oil, you would always have it on hand. It is also splendid for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts Brns, Sprains. Ask your druggist

BY I. N. ROAK.
 The big sales, Christmas bells are ringing. To lure your trade to coming: The Big Stick talk may stir the wind, But Roark's Feed Store never fails to win.

Kingsville—A number of citizens of this county are perfecting plans for the organization of a county fair. It is the intention of those interested to erect a number of large exhibition halls and other facilities for this purpose.

Z. T. Griggs, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Big line of new Furniture, Rugs, Pictures, etc., ready for your inspection at the lowest prices. T. S. Lankford.

THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED

Ever Offered to Christmas Shoppers in Ballinger and Surrounding Country will Be Offered You from **MONDAY, DEC. 1 TO DEC. 31**

During This Time

I Will Close Out My Entire Stock Of **Watches, Jeweler, Cut Glass, Silver Ware, Hand Painted China, Umbrellas, Silver Novelties, Etc.**

FOR HALF PRICE

Just Divide By Two--It's Easy
 Diamonds At Actual Cost.

Yours For A **REAL** Money Saving **SALE**

THE JEWELER

JAS. E. BREWER

BALLINGER, TEX.