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COOPS FOR POULTRY SHOW COMING

The coops for the big poultry show which will be held in Ballinger some time in the middle of January, were shipped from the factory on the 5th of this month, and they are expected to arrive any day. The exact dates for the show have not been fixed but this will be done in the near future and the premium lists and entry blanks sent out over this section of the state.

A number of those who are interested in the development of the poultry industry met Wednesday morning and determined to do everything possible to make the show the best ever held in Central West Texas, or anywhere else, for that matter. One hundred coops are in the lot now on the road, and with the coops already on hand there will be room for about 450 birds.

To conduct this show in a manner that will give Ballinger a big boost and to insure a successful show the committee must have the financial and moral sup-

port of the business men and the formed by one of the committeemen that they must raise at least \$200 within the next few days to carry on their plans. There is no industry that means so much to the commercial world for the small amount invested, as the poultry industry, and we feel that when our people realize this they will be prompt in subscribing the amount asked for.

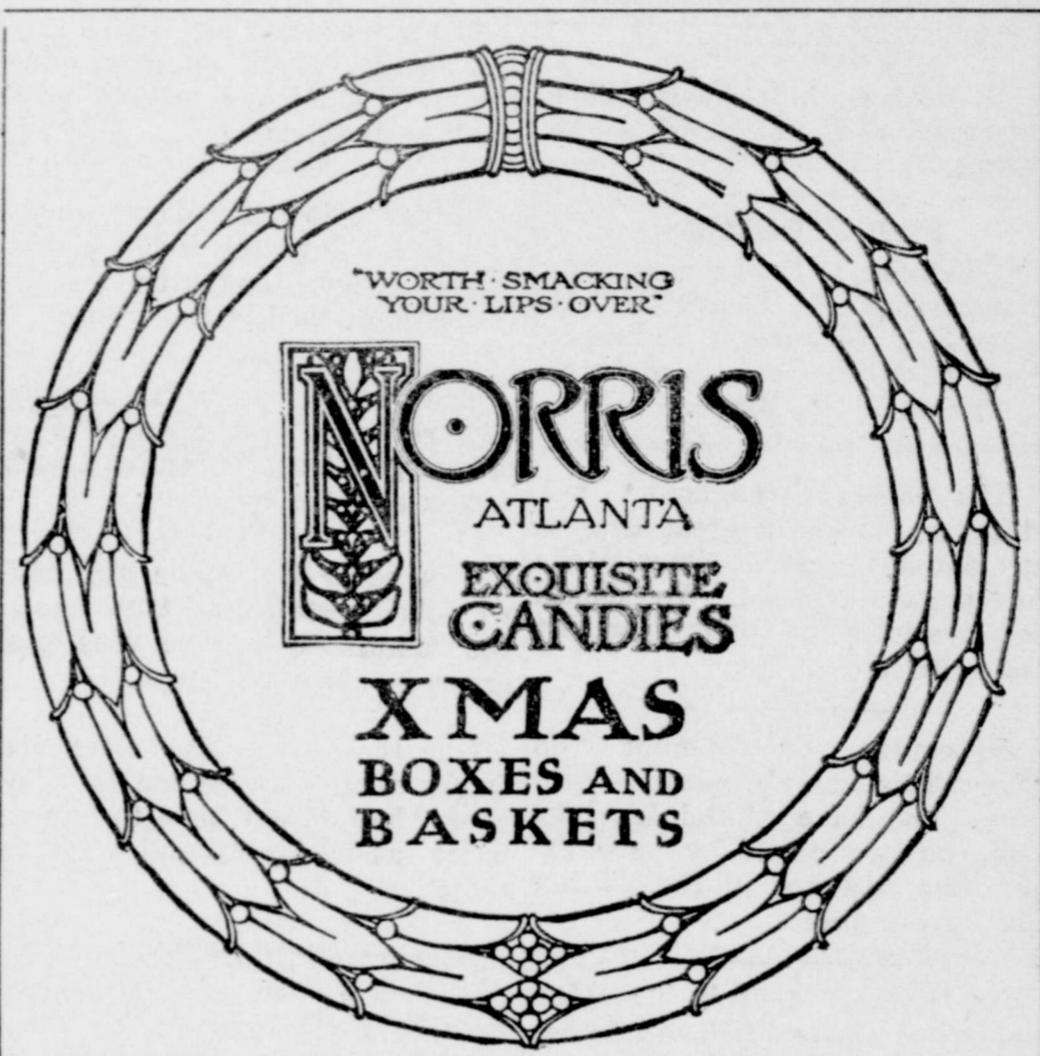
Many inquiries are coming in from towns in the neighboring counties, requesting information about the show, and asking for entry blanks, etc. On account of the great interest being manifested throughout this section the coming show promises to be a great one, and it will be if the committee is given the proper encouragement and help.

CHILD LIVES WITH PART BRAIN

Hallettsville, Texas, Dec. 16.—The 9-year old daughter of Joe Morisak, a farmer near here, was kicked on the left side of the head by a horse yesterday. Although a portion of the skull and some of the brain was removed, physicians said there was a chance for recovery.

RELEASED FROM MEXICAN PRISON

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 16.—Dr. Charles I. Harle, son of Mrs. Annie Harle, of this city, has been given his liberty by Gen. Villa, commander in chief of the Constitutional forces of the state of Chihuahua. The news has just reached this city in a letter to Mrs. Harle from her son. The release from prison occurred on December 3, the day that Villa entered the city of Chihuahua. Dr. Harle was convicted of murder about ten years ago and sentenced to be shot. Governor Creel of Chihuahua commuted the sentence about three years later to 20 years' imprisonment. He was first imprisoned at Juarez and then taken to Chihuahua. He was transferred from Chihuahua to Veda Cruz, where he was kept for several years. After the fall of the Madero government he was removed to the City of Mexico and from there taken back to Chihuahua, where he had been held for the past year. He was a prisoner



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in the same cell with Felix Diaz of the City of Mexico.

Dr. Harle has been appointed a surgeon in the Constitutional army at Chihuahua, having joined that army immediately after his release and holds the rank of General. In the letter he states that on the same afternoon that Villa entered the city a friend came to look for him and on that night he was released from prison. The following morning, he says, he was given a \$100 bill to buy some clothing. The case has been a very sensational one and has attracted wide attention. Repeated attempts had been made by friends here, where Dr. Harle resided for several years, to secure his release.

It is said that Gen. Villa had promised friends Harle's release when Chihuahua City was taken. In his letter Harle signifies his intention of visiting his mother here, who has spent the ten years since her son's conviction and imprisonment, earnestly working to secure his release.

MARRIED AT METHODIST PARSONAGE

Last Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. H. Doss performed the ceremony which united in the bonds of holy wedlock two of Runnels county's most prominent young people, Mr. W. A. Caughron and Miss Maud Jones. Mr. Caughron is a prominent young farmer who lives south of Ballinger and his bride is a prominent young lady of the Valley Creek neighborhood. They will make their home in the Willingham place south of town.

The Banner-Ledger joins their many friends in best wishes for a happy married life.

NEW PHONE DIRECTORY ON PRESS

The Ballinger Printing Co. have the forms on the new Telephone Directory made up and ready for the press and the book will be ready to deliver to the Telephone Company in a few days.

NEW DIVORCE LAW

WITHOUT VALUE

The new law preventing persons divorced on the ground of cruelty from re-marrying within one year, probably has been observed in Texas, but the authorities have no power to enforce it, it has been discovered. Men and women who have obtained divorces on that ground could have married at any time afterward or may now do so without any fear of the law.

There is no penalties fixed for the violations of the law.

There is a way, however, for the courts to enforce the provisions of this statute. The district judge, in writing his decree of divorce, may include in it a restraining order to prevent them from re-marrying within one year's time. Contempt of court cases could then be based on violations. This has not been done by any of the judges, however, and the law so far as had no effect in this county.

Some of the judges over the state have discovered this and are beginning to include the restraining order in their decrees. It is optional with them and they are largely influenced by the circumstances in each individual case.

The statute relating to marriage and divorce was amended by the Thirty-third Legislature to read that persons divorced on the grounds of cruelty would not be allowed to re-marry within twelve months.

LADIES TO SELL CAKE AND CANDY TOMORROW.

The Ladies of the Eighth street Presbyterian church will give their Christmas cake and candy sale in the old Katy building on Eighth street tomorrow. All kind of good home-made candies and cakes will be for sale at reasonable prices. They will appreciate your patronage. d-1t

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The papers throughout the state are having a great deal to say about the great damage the heavy rains caused. We should not overlook the great benefit the rains did.

Of course, you cannot do your Christmas shopping early now. You have waited too late, but you can profit by your experience and get in the market early next year.

The man that is kicking about the rain will have another kick coming unless he owns an irrigation farm. A kicker can usually find something to kick about.

The Ledger is receiving many Santa Claus letters, and these will be published in Saturday's paper. No letters will be published after Saturday, and all children who intend to write to Santa must have their letters in the Ledger office not later than Friday at noon.

One of the big mail order houses of Chicago cleared \$8,822,610 last year. The likelihood is that some of its employees were paid as much as from \$3 to \$5 per week. Most of the money made by this firm came from the pockets of confiding people hundreds of miles away who did not care to spend their money at home.

Many of our people in commenting upon the devastating flood that has swept down the Brazos and Colorado rivers, leaving thousands of people homeless, are inclined to say "I told you so." This does not mean that the people throughout this section are not truly in sympathy with the unfortunate people. The fact that over 2200 pounds of clothing and bedding were shipped from Ballinger to the relief committee, and also that money was contributed to the sufferers, attest fully to the fact that our citizens sympathize with the people of South Texas in their great loss of property and loved ones. The sarcastic remarks are occasioned by the fact that people have left this country during the past few years because the seasons have not been as plentiful as they might have been. The American is a restless being, and people become dissatisfied regardless of conditions, and pull up and move. Notwithstanding that local conditions have not been as favorable as we would wish the last three years, people have moved here from other sections and located, while others residing here have sought greener fields elsewhere.

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

RESULTS OF A BRAIN FEVER

An Iowa woman has married her daughter's divorced husband. She probably wants to show Sis how to manage a man.

The handsomest girl in the city is a reader of this paper, we are proud to state, and she is now reading this item.

Women's love for dry goods and man's love for wet goods, causes about nine-tenths of the domestic discord in the world.

The record for high jumping was recently broken by a Vincennes girl. There must have been a mouse in the room.

You never heard the girl who wears silk stockings kick about the muddiness of the crossings or the height of the steps.

One reason why bachelors live longer than married men is because they do not have to buy so many school books and circus tickets.

Somewhere in the Bible it reads: "In that day seven women shall take hold of one man." They must have held church fairs when that was written.

The average young lady thinks it is perfectly awful if there isn't a bath tub in the house. Her mother used to splash around in the family wash tub after the men folks went to bed.

There are as good fish in the sea as were ever caught is mighty poor consolation to the fellow who has just lost a four-pound bass or a 125 pound sweetheart.

A Babylonian tablet, just unearthed, contains laws that existed 2300 B. C. One refers to bankruptcy, but none of them say anything about riding wheels on the sidewalks.

The good old days when a man drove a horse with one arm and supported a dainty bit of calico with the other are only memories of middle aged couples. The present generation only imagines it is enjoying itself.

The average boy will not walk across the room to do a favor for his sister, but he will steal eggs to get money to take some other fellow's sister to the picture show.

The president of the American Butcher's Association says that "much of the virile force of the American people is derived from rich, red, juicy beef." The American people of the immediate future will be minus the "virile force," with round steak selling at 23 cents per pound.

How brave and proud the average young matron looks. She can wear a gingham dress and propel a dimple baby in her baby carriage along the sidewalks and look straight in the eye any silk-robed daughter of Eve who hugs a Boston bull terrier or fondles a poodle.

Some of the brightest, most piquant faces we ever beheld were covered with freckles. One brilliant young lady whom we knew in our youth, and who was a leading belle in her town, used to declare that her freckles were a valuable adjunct to her personal appearance, and without them she would be bereft of half of her powers to charm. There are spots on the sun; why should there not be spots on the daughters?

S. B. Baggett, one of the successful farmers east of the city four miles, was marketing a load of turkeys in Ballinger Tuesday and reports having killed a year old hog last Saturday that weighed 368 pounds and rendered out 100 pounds of lard without cutting the meat very close. Can you beat it?

A BIT OF ADVICE.

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache; headache or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble—they are recommended by thousands. Can residents desire more convincing proof than a statement of a citizen of this locality?

Mrs. S. F. Flynt, Winters, Texas, says: "Five years ago I was in bad shape as the result of kidney and bladder trouble. I suffered from an almost constant pain across the back. I was unable to get any remedy that would give me relief. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I got a supply. After taking one box, I felt greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar way is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Flynt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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The following ten commandments are offered for the guidance of catalog house patrons:

1. You shall sell your farm products for cash whenever you can, but not to us. We do not buy from you.
2. You shall believe our statements and buy all you need from us, because we want to be good to you, although we are not personally acquainted with you.
3. You shall send the money in advance to give us a chance to get the goods from the factory with your money; meanwhile, you will have to wait patiently for a few weeks, as that is our business method.
4. You shall apply to your nearest city to aid you in building good roads so that you can conveniently get the goods from the depot, for we do not build country roads.
5. You shall buy church bells and church fixtures from us and forward the money in advance, for this is our business method, and you shall collect from the business men in your city as much money as you can for the benefit of the churches, for it is against our rules to donate any money for country churches.
6. You shall buy your tools from us and be your own mechanic in order to drive the mechanics from your vicinity, for we wish it so.
7. You shall induce your neighbor to buy everything from us, as we have room for more money—the less money you have in your community the sooner we can put your local merchants out of business and charge you any price we please.
8. You shall look often at the beautiful pictures in our catalog, so your wishes will increase, and so you will send in a big order, although you are not in immediate need of the goods, otherwise you might have some money left to buy some necessary goods from your local merchant.
9. You shall have the merchants who repair the goods that you buy from us, book the bills so you can send the money for his labor to us for new goods, otherwise he will not notice our influence.
10. You shall, in case of sickness or need, apply to your local dealer for aid and credit, as we do not know you, nor care to.

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.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call at my office.
H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

Electrical Conveniences

Don't cost much but add greatly to the convenience of the housewife and gives her many an hour of recreation. Don't put the matter off; but **See to it at once.**

Phone 15.
Ballinger Electric Light Plant
Ballinger, Texas.

The Ballinger Dairy

Wants to sell you milk. Prompt service. QUICK DELIVERIES.

Good Milk is Our Motto
The Ballinger Dairy. Phone 210

GRAIN FOR WHISKY.

The prohibition cause has a rival in method, at least, in the proposal of a number of Illinois citizens who have petitioned congress to prohibit the use of any article of food in the manufacture of alcohol liquor. The petitioners assert that 132,000,000 bushels of good grain are taken out of the food supply of the country annually for the purpose, which results in higher prices and higher living cost of the people.

The basic statistics given in the petition are that in the year 1912 there were used in the United States in the manufacture of distilled spirits 26,016,759 bushels of corn, 5,559,667 bushels of rye, 25,055 bushels of wheat, 1,943 bushels of barley, 4,075 bushels of malt, 6,563 bushels of oats and 50,576 bushels of other food products.

It is argued that the law prohibits the killing of wild game or the taking of fish from the streams in certain ways and seasons in order to prevent scarcity of game and fish, and that it would be just as logical and legal to prohibit the use of grain in the manufacture of 132,734,104 bushels.

It is argued that if farmers would feed their grain to livestock the supply of meat animals would be increased and the price of meat would be reduced.

The proposal, while fanciful, has the merit, at least, of striking directly at the production rather than at the sale of alcoholic liquors.—Fort Worth Record.

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 druggists sell it.

Dr. J. W. Blvsdell left Tuesday afternoon for San Nieuos, to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

You will find the Evans Butter at our store. L. B. Stubbs. 6th

S. B. Carpenter was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

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 up on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick 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.

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MRS. EDWIN DAY

Purely Personal

Miss Bonnie May Lawrence of San Angelo, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends, left Wednesday at noon for her home.

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

FOR SALE—\$15 Winchester Rifle. Good as new. A rare bargain. Enquire at The Globe. 17—3td

Walter Murray, of Winters, had business in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

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

FOR SALE

Extra choice Pecans 10 and 12 1-2c lb. "The Globe." 17—3td—1tw

Luther Pumphrey of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

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

Zappe's Special Sale on all Winter Goods—Prices Smashed, began Saturday, December 13th, and continues through the holidays. 17—1td—1tw

TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides. w1mo-d1mo Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

J. H. Walker left Wednesday on the late train for a short business trip west.

Amay in British West Indies writes: Wherever I am I find Hunt's Lightning Oil in dispensable. It is truly a wonderful remedy for pains, etc. you should just try it and be convinced. Your druggist sells it.

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R. W. Gilliam and J. W. Clappitt left on the late train Wednesday for the west on a short business trip.

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

A. P. Holman, one of the prominent druggists of San Angelo, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guenter of Taylor, Texas, formerly of our city, came in Tuesday night to visit Ballinger friends for a few days. He says that the Banner-Ledger is a welcome visitor in their new home until they return to Runnels county.

Hearthburn 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.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

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In Use For Over 30 Years

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

The many friends of M. C. Braden are urging him to allow his name to be used as a candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Braden is one of the most expert road builders in the west and is a level-headed, conservative business man and would no doubt make the precinct and county a splendid commissioner. His announcement will appear after the first of the new year.

Phone 263 and allow us to show you our new hats for ladies. They are the cheapest and as good as the best. Breedlove and Meadows. 26td

Jeff Riggs, of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Quality counts. Our quality is the standard in Ballinger. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 263. 26td

C. M. Doyle, of the Valley Creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

A. Levy left on the late train Wednesday for points west on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Voelkel of Rowena, were shopping in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

John King, of Conho, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. Fouain of Bangs, who had been here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Nuney and family, left Wednesday for her home.

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W. J. Wilke of Wichita Falls, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends the past few days, left Wednesday afternoon for his home.

NOTICE TO CHILDREN

Don't forget to write your letter to Santa Claus in time to get them printed in Saturday's paper. All letters must be in the Ledger office by Thursday at noon. Address your letters to Santa Claus in care of The Ledger Or you can bring them to the Ledger office and mail them in the Santa Claus mail box.



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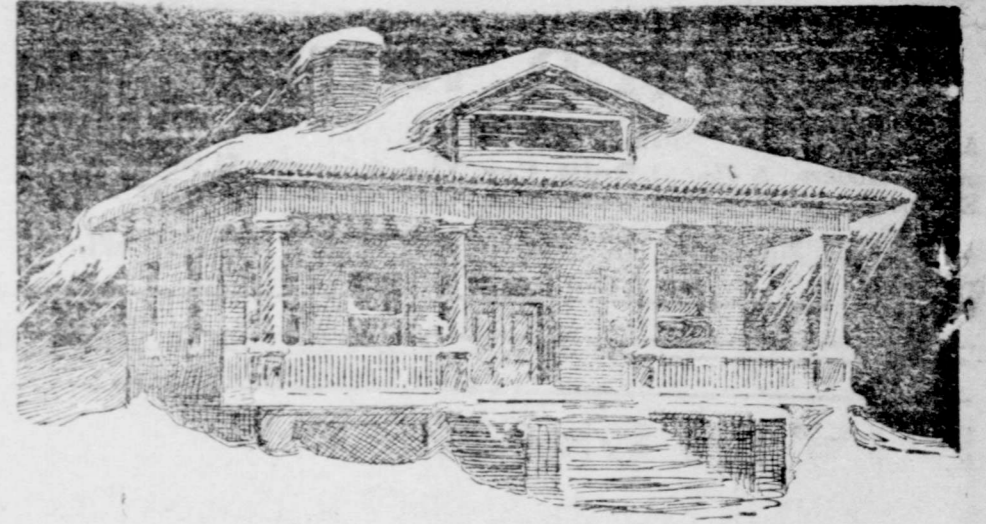
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J. Morgan Nussbaumer, Manager



THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOUR HOME IS WITH A BANK ACCOUNT — THE BEST WAY TO GET A HOME IS TO PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK. OUR BANK IS A SAFE HOME FOR YOUR MONEY.

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Hunt's Lightning Oil.
This is the liniment which has caused so much talk. So many people are telling how it has relieved them of pain that one can no longer doubt that it is truly a wonderful remedy. Every druggist handles it.

OLD PEOPLE GAIN.

Strength by Taking Vinol. Here Is Proof.

So many cases like this are constantly coming to our attention that we publish it for the benefit of others—Mr John Widmayer of Jackson, Mich, writes: "I am nearly 70 years of age and was in a feeble condition but Vinol has done wonders for me. It is the best medicine to create strength that I have ever seen and I have taken a good many of them; Last spring I was run-down and worn out but I took Vinol and soon regained my strength. Vinol is certainly an invigorating tonic for old people."

It is the medicinal curative elements of the cod livers without oil aided by the blood-making and strength-creating properties of tonic iron which are contained in Vinol that makes it so efficient in such cases.

If you have an aged father, mother or anyone in your family who needs a strength-creating tonic try Vinol on our offer to give back your money if it fails to benefit. The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger.

P. S.—For itching, burning skin try our Saxo Salve. We guarantee it.

LOOKING OUT FOR THE GOOD THINGS

The Banner-Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:—Presuming that what is news to us might sound good to others, we take the liberty of referring to having seen in the State press a few days since where some farmer, who is supposed to live in the land of "hogs and hominy" had recently slaughtered a hog that weighed 400 pounds.

Being familiar with the facts we are about to relate we will state that we know of a shoat having been raised in this county and recently he gave up his life for the good of his country, that weighed 524 pounds with his clothes off; and the owner began reducing this carcass to lard and sausage, deriving therefrom 176 pounds of fine home made lard, 200 pounds of sausage (the kind we used to have) besides the hog's jaw, "sausage" sparribs, backbone, pigs feet, etc. We believe that this story would sound good to a hungry person.

For fear that some question might be raised in regard to this we have the hog skin as evidence and if you have a Missouri friend we should be glad to show him.

Friend, Sledge, looking over last week's Winter's Enterprise, I discovered that they make quite a to-do about conservation of our storm waters by terracing their farms. From this item it would occur to many that all of this work was being done in the Winters territory. I had the pleasure of going out a few days ago with one of our Ballinger farmers who is preparing over 100 acres and who is buying his on terracing level and is contemplating spending several hundred dollars making ready his farm to receive the excess rainfall and we know of several who have already adopted the plan this year and are well pleased with it and we believe that you could find many more.

Let us keep up our end of the stick and not let Winters get all of the good things coming this way. Very truly yours, J. WILMETH.

Real Spruce Xmas trees and holly decorations for sale. Place your order early. Prices 75c to \$1.50. Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. 16-5td.

THIRTY-EIGHT MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

New Castle, Colo., Dec. 16.—Thirty-eight men were killed in the Vulean mine of the Colorado

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A Picture Picnic every night at the PRINCESS

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

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Tickets on sale between all points in Texas, December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for return.

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Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina Tennessee, Virginia, and to Washington, D. C. Chicago, Ill. Kansas City and St. Louis Mo. and Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Trinidad, Colorado, also to certain points in Louisiana, December 20, 21, 22, 1913, limited to January, 18, 1914, for final return.

For Detailed Fares Call on Santa Fe Agent

Fuel company today by an explosion of coal dust.

Two union miners were rescued after the undertakings caught fire.

All the victims were married and but six or eight were Americans.

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. I 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.

Buy a Xmas tree for the children at Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co. Prices 75c to \$1.50. 16-5td.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight colder, freezing; Thursday probably fair.

WANTED—Salesmen for SKAT Soaps. Don't miss this opportunity to secure the selling right for these well known soaps. Experience not necessary. You can devote your entire time or handle as a side line. Write for our offer. Address SKAT, Hartford, Conn. ffd

Miss Pearl Camp, the milliner at the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas and Sherman where she will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

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

W. D. Wilson returned to Ballinger Tuesday from Miles and other points where he had been visiting friends for some time past.

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 22 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Dr. Mitchell of Winters passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to San Antonio on a short business trip.

Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

PLANT TREES

Did You Ever See A Better Time For Planting Trees and Shrubbery? The Brownwood and West Texas Nursery

has as fine a stock of Fruit and Shade Trees, Roses, Shrubs, and Vines of all kinds as can be grown, and at reasonable prices. Send and get my price list before ordering your trees. I have no agents and so save you the middle man's profit.

Respectfully,

W. J. Schulze

Bangs, Texas