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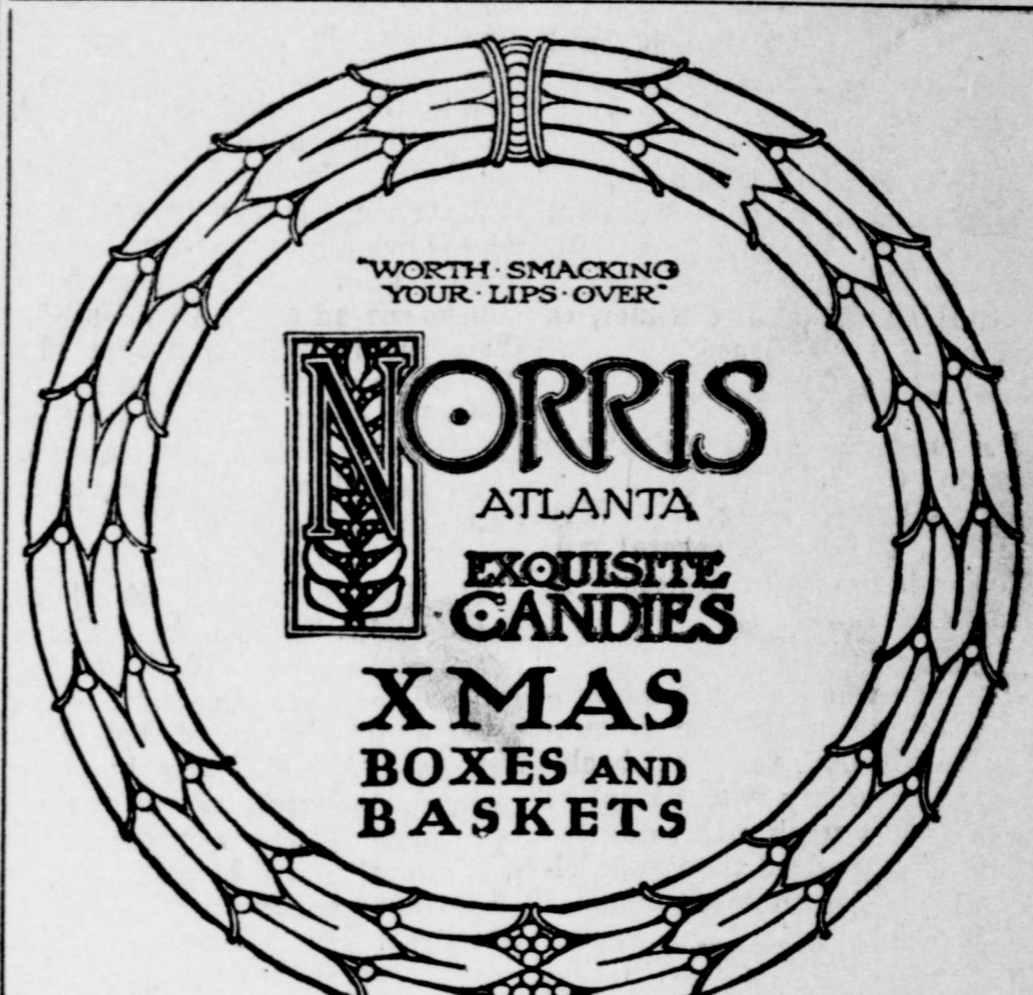
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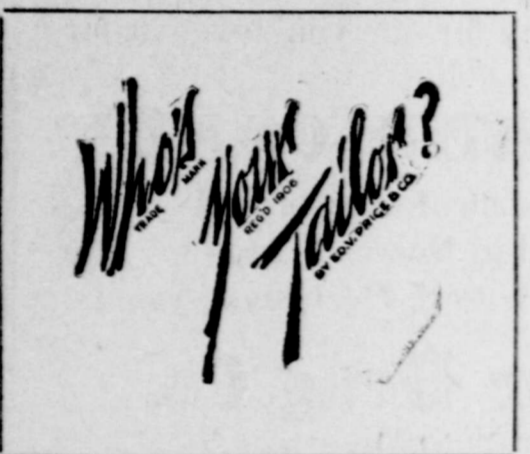
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So far as our information goes the citizens of Coleman and Coleman county have contributed X minus X to the Texas flood sufferers' fund. If every town in Texas had contributed to the flood sufferers' fund there would have been no flood sufferers. Those Brazos bottom people would have been better off than most people who never saw a flood.

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The Brown county demonstrator says that the Brazos flood could have been prevented by early plowing, claiming that if the land along the river had been broken to catch the rain the flood would not have occurred. It is a pretty theory, but it would

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There may be a very few folks who will desert the Brazos bottoms because of the overflow, but we have an idea that most of the people who have property there will try to get some kind of a plant by means of which the future calamities, if there be any, may be kept back and all danger eliminated.—Brenham Banner.

The farmer who owns land in the Brazos bottom will be compelled to stay with it, and replace the improvements that he has lost, and trust to the best for safety. It is safe to say that there will not be as many people in that section a year from now as there is now. The average American is the same the world over, and it is perfectly natural that he will become dissatisfied under such conditions and will try his fortunes elsewhere. We see this in every day life.

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Master George Wright, Jr., of San Angelo, came in Friday afternoon to spend a few days with relatives in Ballinger during the Christmas vacation.

George Royalty of Gatesville, Texas, came in Friday night on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Royalty, and Ballinger friends.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson and children returned to Ballinger from Rosewell, N. M., on Friday night, and Gene says he is at home for good this time. Mr. Robert Richardson accompanied them to visit friends during the holidays.

See the Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co., for best prices on eggs poultry of all kinds, and butter. d&w-1f

Ed. Walker, Jr., returned home Saturday from Rosewell, N. M., and has accepted a place in the Ballinger State Bank, and Mr. George, who had been with the bank, has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

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

G. W. Wilson, one of the successful farmers, three miles down the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewa for the Ledger for himself and son-in-law, J. A. McKinzie of Mart, Texas.

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. E. 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.

Miss Maurice Truly left Saturday morning for Santa Anna to spend the day and will be joined this afternoon by her sister, Miss Ann Truly and together they will go on to Milford, Texas, to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Truly and family.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid 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.

WANTED—Man to handle our line of goods in Ballinger, on commission; bond required, wagon furnished; good proposition. Write Grand Union Tea Co., Denver, Colo. 18-d3t

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.

There is no substitute for Royal Baking Powder for making the best cake, biscuit and pastry. Royal is Absolutely Pure and the only baking powder made from Royal grape cream of tartar.

Mrs. J. W. Powell left Friday afternoon for Lampasas where she will be joined by her daughter, Miss Luciel, from Denton, and they will spend Christmas in that city with relatives and friends. Judge Powell will join them one day next week to take Christmas dinner together.

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.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson left Friday afternoon for Bonham, Texas, to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Riser and family, and Jo B., who is attending college at Columbus will join them during Christmas to take his winter vacation.

CASH FOR XMAS.

We pay spot cash for all second hand clothing and all kinds of Furniture. Now is the time to get cash for Xmas needs. We pay the top prices on secondhand goods. See us before you sell. Phone 281. C. A. Freeze, the Second-hand man. 18-d26t

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Speed and little daughter of the Wingate country, came in and left from this point Friday afternoon for Mr. Vernon, Texas, to spend the holidays with relatives and old friends.

OLD MIRRORS.

Re-silvered and damp-proof backing put on, making them as good as new. All work guaranteed. Maxie L. Phillips, phone 299. 13-each Sat d&w-5t

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. Shoeshop in connection
Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas.

OTTO DAVIS No. 113,492
MY REGISTERED JERSEY BULL IS LOCATED AT THE UNION WAGON YARD IN BALLINGER. FEE \$2.50 CASH WITH COW. RETURN PRIVILEGE FREE. PHONE 235.
M. C. BRADEN

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

Letters to Santa Claus

Hatchel, Dec. 16, last year. My name is BUSTER TALLEY.

Dear Santa Claus:

There is many things I would like to have, but knowing you such a big family, I will only ask for a few things. I want a ring and a bracelet, a purse and a good story book. Now, Santa, be sure you don't bring me any chewing gum jewelry. I want the real stuff, and please don't bring me any tea sets for I am tired of them. I have nearly everything that you ever brought me. I have the little chair that you brought me last Christmas. Now I will close with much love. JUDITH TUCKER.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and sparkler and fireworks, sewing machine, dining table, chairs, oranges, nuts, a baby doll and bouncing ball. FRANCES MAY SMITH.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring my little sister and me a big doll apiece that opens and shuts its eyes, a locket apiece, doll buggy and bed, candy, apples and oranges. EUTA AND FRANKLIN HINSON.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bicycle, please, and a doll and a story book and a tea set and candy and fruit, and that's all. Good-bye. RUTH SKINNER.

P. S.—Santa, I forgot, I want all kinds of fireworks.

Dear Santa Claus: You are a real scary looking old man, I cry every time I see you, but if you will bring me what I want, please just give the things to my daddy down at the office and he will bring them to me. I want a big horn, a whistle, a gun, some firecrackers and a baseball mit. C. A. DOOSE, JR.

Dear Santa: Please don't forget me. I want a nickel brush and comb, and a small doll. Don't forget Bill, he wants a wagon and a shovel. Alva wants a little red chair. JOHANNA GLOBER.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. I want a good story book and I want you to fix my bicycle. I want a doll. I want a doll buggy. I have no more to say. Your friend, DORRIS CONN.

Dear Santa Claus: Please don't bring me anything to eat or drink, just things to play with. I would like to have a train on a track, a pop gun, a man to go back and forth, baseball, dolls, blackboard, a thing to ride and make music while you ride. A cowboy suit and a water pistol, and anything else you want to bring me. Please bring me something to give G. W. I forgot. I want a little Roman candles. Good-bye. Don't wake me up. PHILIP WALKER.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a big doll with long brown hair and a necklace, also a pair of gloves. I want a balloon and some firecrackers, nuts, candy, oranges, apples and bananas. Oh, Santa, I forgot, I want some Roman candles. With love. OBANA HADDEN.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a tricycle, a doll, some candy, some fishes, a cook stove and a doll bed. That's all this time. LOUISE EVELYN SHEPHERD.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a drum and a train that runs on a track, a story book, a carion sparkler, a cool chest, and some firecrackers. Roman candles, skyrockets, a clown playing a fiddle, a pistol with some caps. I believe that is all. I am a good little boy. WALTER M. TALLEY.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a little toy pistol and some caps. I want a little pop gun and a little drum, a train and I want a little blue mule like I got

Dear Santa: I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a suit of clothes, a knife, air gun and cap pistol and some fireworks. I want lots of candy and nuts. Well, good-bye, I will write again next Christmas. I am the boy of W. R. Clark. LANTON CLARK.

Dear Santa Claus: I want an air gun, a cap pistol and some caps for it. I want you to bring me some firecrackers and Roman candles, some nuts, apples and oranges. Don't forget all the poor children. LUTHER OSTEN.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a bat, a ball and a ball glove, nuts, candies, firecrackers, roman candles, also apples and oranges. Don't forget all the little poor children. EARL OSTEN.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me an air gun, automatic pistol, a rifle and a pop gun, a belt that will hold lots of big cartridges. I am going to Mexico and help scrap. You can bring me a few other things to play with until I am needed in Mexico. Respectfully a good boy. GEORGE H.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a small tricycle and some toys, and if it is not asking too much I wish you would get me another large rocking horse and a large train and please bring me a large elephant. My brother is too small for fireworks so please bring him a rubber ball and a cart and a pony and some candy. Please don't forget the little children that have no papa and mama. RAMON MCCLAIN AND BUD-DIE.

Dear Santa: My old horse is about worn out please bring me a little donkey to deliver my papers on. I would be glad if you would bring me a nigger doll and a little pistol and some caps to go with it. Everybody likes me, Santa, and that is all I want. EDWIN S.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little mule that will wind up, so I can ride him and deliver my papers. I also want a tin whistle to blow and a big red apple and some chewing gum. That is all I want this time, Mr. Santa. RICHARD.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll, doll trunk, and a little doll stove. That is all. MARY ADAMS.

First Baptist Church. No preaching at our church on Sunday, but every member of the Sunday school is urged to be



"THE EMPTY STOCKING"

An empty stocking is the dreariest tragedy of a motherhood. There is no picture more appealing, no emotion that carries a deeper pang and no sensation as sorrowful in human life as a Christmas stocking limp and dejected. Explaining an empty Christmas stocking is the most pitiable task that Christianity ever assigned to a mother, and to be forgotten by Santa Claus is the most dreadful day in the life of a child.

Christmas is built around the love of a mother for her babe and where want and hunger huddle in the shadow of a home and the children lie in cold and dream Christmas dreams that never come true, it is there that the betrayal of the Christmas tradition becomes the greatest disaster.

The gift of the Bethlehem stable sent a thrill of delight thru the veins of mankind and taught us new lessons of unselfish love. We feel this Christian sensation warming our hearts when we touch a drum, a sled or a trumpet and hear the gleeful shouts of happy children as they explore the well-filled Christmas stocking.

TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted by the law provides. Wm. d. Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

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

We handle everything in our line. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

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 the people make it very important that you look well to your insurance matters. If you are not properly insured you should phone our office. If your property should burn tonight what would be your loss.



M. D. Ghastain & Co.

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 Dr. J. C. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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

J. C. Fletcher

The Kind You Have Always Bought

In Use For Over 30 Years

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

present, and come on time. R. T. WILLIAMS, Supt.

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

F. F. Moore, who had been visiting at his old home in Collin county, returned home Friday afternoon, and was accompanied home by the Misses Stove, sisters of Mrs. Moore, who will spend the holidays in our city.

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.

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

LOST—Broach set with seventy-two pearls and diamond center. Reward if returned to Mrs. Audy Gustavus. 20-2dt

Something Any Lady Would Appreciate

In selecting presents for your lady friends remember there is nothing that will make a more appropriate inexpensive gift than a nice package of—

Visiting Cards

We Can Supply Them in the Latest Style, Printed or Engraved.

Phone 27
For Prices

BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

No preaching at our church on Sunday, but every member of the Sunday school is urged to be

It is with the greatest of pleasure that this Bank desires to express its gratitude to its patrons for the favors it has received during the past year and further assure them that it will assist them in every way possible so that when another year has rolled around they will have increased most substantially their savings through the efficiency of this Bank, and in other ways materially furthered their welfare. We appreciate their patronage and invite them to make use of all the facilities of this Bank during the coming year.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Will Hale of Talpa, was a visitor in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

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

G. E. Williams and J. L. Atwell, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. C. J. Doerr and little son left Saturday at noon for Miles where they will make their home.

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

Prof. Leslie Fowler, who is teaching near Winters, came in Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks and Ballinger friends.

Tom Collins came in from Waco Friday to spend the holidays with his parents and Ballinger friends.



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

Xmas Presents---

Give me your orders now for potted plants, holly wreaths and holly by the pound, cyclamers, primroses, ferns and all kinds of potted plants and beautiful cut flowers. Accordion pleating done. Phone 131

MRS. EDWIN DAY

GUNTER HOTEL

Absolutely Fire-proof, Modern, European. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Rates \$1.00 to \$3.00 Per Day. A Hotel Built For The Climate. SAN ANTONIO HOTEL CO., Owners, PERCY TYRRELL, Mgr.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Of Quality Plants and Cut Flowers

SURE TO PLEASE.

American Beauty, White and Pink Roses, Carnations, Sweet Peas, Violets, Etc., in Cut Flowers. We guarantee our Plants to be satisfactory and arrive in good condition. Try them.

Holly 25c per lb. Wreaths from 50c up Well Berried.

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The Nussbaumer Floral Co.

San Angelo, Texas

J. Morgan Nussbaumer, Manager

LET IT SLIP AND WAS RUINED FOR LIFE

What's the matter? Why are you letting this opportunity slip thru your fingers? Don't you know that out there in bustling business world opportunity is calling for trained men and women? How much longer will you stand aside and make excuses? Aren't you afraid that if you "Put it off" to another time that something will arise between now and then to prevent you from getting this training?

Stop making excuses and delaying. Invest your hours. Invest your powers while you have a chance.

Tick-tock! tick-tock! your chance is slipping by. Use your gifts—develop your latent talents—gain the ambition-arousing, skill-creating confidence, upbuilding training that we stand ready to give you while you have the chance.

You can succeed. Other people those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve or muscle than you possess. Their success slipped away from them because they hit it.

Look around you! There are your eye turns you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no greater general education or "school learning" than you, but who were wise enough to become specially trained in some one special line and who today is going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special business training unnecessary.

You must not think of success as a kind of Santa Claus and expect it to drop presents into your stocking while you sleep. You have the present hour—improve it. We are eager to give you the best, most thorough-going training for business as a Stenographer and Bookkeeper, auditor or an operator.

The best way you can improve this very hour that finds you reading this, is to take the first step toward enrolling with us. THAT WILL BE YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS A GREAT SUCCESS. You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision NOW. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring an enrollment NOW.

When may we expect you? Write or wire America's largest business training school, with 2000 enrollments this year, if further information is desired, Tyler Commercial College, Tyler Texas.

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.

C. C. Blanchard of Amarillo, came in Saturday at noon to visit old friends in our city and look after business matters.

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

J. D. Norwood came in from the east Saturday to spend the holidays with his family and Ballinger friends.

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bluett of Hollis, Okla., came in a day or two ago on a visit to their uncle, B. W. Pilcher and family, during the holidays.

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, Hardford, Conn. ttd

The farmers' friend—The Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co. d&w tf

WITH THE CHURCHES.

The First Baptist Church.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Every member urged to be present on time. Visitors cordially invited.
R. T. WILLIAMS, Supt.

8th Street Presbyterian Church
We can have a better Sunday school if you are on time. Sunday school opens at 9:45 promptly. Be present and bring some one with you.
SUPERINTENDENT

First Presbyterian Church
The usual services will be held at this church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody cordially invited.
Rev. R. M. Hammock, Pastor.

Methodist Church.
Sunday school at 9:45.
Preaching at 11 and 7:15.
Morning subject: "The Child of Bethlehem."
Evening subject: "No Room for Jesus."
Special music.
You are cordially invited.
W. H. DOSS, Pastor.

Ninth Street Baptist Church
Subject for morning sermon: "God's Christmas Gift to the World."
Evening subject: "The Tenderness of Christ."
Special music for all services.

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 upon 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.

Mrs. J. W. E. Meadows left Friday afternoon for Ladonia Texas, to visit with her parents and friends during Christmas.

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

Mrs. Sam Baker left Friday afternoon for San Antonio to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller.

WANTED—To lease or rent a secondhand piano. Apply to Ivan Hamilton, Ballinger, 19-3td

Eight pounds real Holly for \$1. to close out. Higdon-Melton Jackson Co. 20-d3t

Mrs. Charlie Seible, of the Hatchel country, left Friday afternoon for Brenham, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Who Suffers Pain?

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

W. T. Nichols of the Pony Creek country, left Friday afternoon for Cameron to look after business affairs and spend a few days with friends.

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

Elder W. D. Black of Thorp Springs, came in Saturday and will preach at the Rock Church Saturday night, Sunday and also at night in our city.

Real Holly, 8 pounds for \$1, to close out. Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. 20-d3t

Dr. Mitchell, of Norton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

CATARRH OF THE PHARYNX.

Clearing out your throat every day, all day. That is what you have been doing for months. Possibly years. A little mucus covers the pharynx.

If you were to go to a doctor he would tell you that you have pharyngitis. If you want to look into your own throat you would find just back of the soft palate a red, lumpy, granular appearance of the back part of the throat. Pharyngitis the doctors call it.

Perhaps he would call it, follicular pharyngitis. It causes you constant annoyance. You are always making slight disturbances when seated in an audience. Can't hold your throat still. Slimy mucus bothers you. Worse in the morning.

A-hem! A-hem! A-hem! That is the way you are going nearly all day. Sometimes in the night when you wake up. You ought to pour your throat with salt water every morning. Cold salt water. That clears out the throat perfectly and makes it ready for treatment.

Peruna is the treatment. Begin with a teaspoonful before each meal and at bedtime. Try it for a week. You will be convinced. Of course, Peruna will not entirely relieve you in a week. That is too much to expect of any remedy. But it will benefit you so much you will be convinced. Yes, it will. It has done this many times.

Follicular pharyngitis. Big words. Almost as bad as the disease. But if you take Peruna for one month regularly, you may forget that you ever had such a disease. Then you will have a perfect right to forget the big words too.

People who object to liquid medicines can now obtain Peruna Tablets.

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

Miss Ola McMillan, who has been attending school at Guadalupe, came in Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Prof. L. R. Tignor, who teaches the school in Nichols neighborhood, and Prof. W. F. Dent, who teaches the Pony Creek school, left from this point Friday afternoon for their home at Lovelady, Texas, to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Miss Idoras Sharp, who is one of the teachers of the San Angelo high school, came in Friday afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

Holiday Fares



via Santa Fe are very low this year

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.

Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Memphis Tennessee, December, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for final return.

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

Foolish Question NO. 92,769,531

W. H. Roark

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The Tailor
"OF COURSE"