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SANTA CLAUS VISITS HIGGINBATHAM STORE.

Santa Claus was a very busy old man at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. store awhile this morning. R. T. Williams, manager found on his desk a nice traveling case containing everything a man could possibly need in the way of a shaving and toilet outfit. The entire force of this store had a hand in making this present, and it was presented with the compliments of J. D. Roberson, Mrs. J. D. Roberson, Miss Alma Snell, Roy Sharp, S. L. Bird, C. R. Crews, R. E. George, George Kerley, E. A. Trail, W. B. Currie, Jack Applewhite, W. B. Dunlap, Ira Thurman, Tull Adams, Ben Middleton, Joe Spoons and Jim Parrell.

All the employees of this store were kindly remembered also, and each one found a check for five dollars in their mail, with the compliments of the firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Spill and baby, of Winters, came in Tuesday and Mrs. Spill and the baby left in the afternoon for Hallettsville, Texas, to visit her parents during Xmas.

Mrs. Earl Pickett and little son and Miss Eulalia Gressett came in from Temple Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gressett and Ballinger friends.

W. F. McShann and little daughter, who live down the river, left from this point Wednesday morning to visit relatives at Brownwood a few days during the holidays.

Jo Wilmeth left Tuesday afternoon for Austin to spend the holidays with his family.

TAKES PRISONER TO SANITARIUM

Clay Smith, a young man about eighteen years old, who is serving a sentence in the Ballinger jail, was carried to the Halley & Love sanitarium Wednesday morning where he was operated on for appendicitis. Smith had been suffering for several days, and the trouble pronounced appendicitis by the physicians, but his condition did not become serious until late Tuesday night. After conferring with the physicians the officers decided that it was very necessary that an operation be performed.

Smith is the boy that fired upon the Miles constable and another man, as the officer was attempting to arrest him between Miles and Ballinger two or three months ago. Smith was tramping through the country when he fired a pistol at a dog near Miles. A chase by the officers followed and Smith made fight when they approached him and fifteen or twenty shots were exchanged. He plead guilty to the charge when arraigned before the court, and stated that he had no money with which to pay his fine, the total amount of which amounted to about fifty dollars. He was being kept in jail until he served out sufficient time to pay the fine.

The young man states that his home is in West Virginia, and since being confined in jail here he has been receiving letters from his mother and grand father, who live in West Virginia. His father is dead, but he has a step father. He had written them of his trouble and letters of sympathy and love from both his mother and grand father have been received, and they wrote him that they would do everything they could to get the money to help him out, but this has never been received, and he says his people are poor people. He wandered out West and it was at San Angelo where he is supposed to have stolen the pistol with which he did the shooting, and the Tom Green county officers have notified the local officers that they would be here to take charge of him when he completed his term in jail at this place.

In speaking of this boy Jailor Sheffy says he is one of the best prisoners he ever had under his care. He is kind hearted and is thoroughly repenting for his wrong. He says he was never sick before in his life, and Mr. Sheffy says he is has the best appetite of any man he ever saw, and that he eats anything that is furnished him.

The young man has about three or four weeks more to remain in the Ballinger jail and then he will be carried to San Angelo where he must answer to the charge of theft.

MRS. ETHERIDGE IS SENT UP FOR LIFE.

Meridian, Texas, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ellen Etheridge today was convicted of poisoning her step-child, and sentenced to life imprisonment. She still awaits trial on charge of killing three other step-children by poisoning.

ROAD BONDS CARRY

Temple Texas, Dec. 23.—Citizens of good roads precinct No. 3, Bell county, voted the issuance of bonds yesterday to the amount of \$30,000. The issue carried by a 7 to 1 majority. The district concerned suffered severely from the floods, and the roads in that section were impassible during that time. This served to emphasize the need of good highways, especially to the farmers, who voted solid for the project.

PLANS PERFECTED CHRISTMAS DINNER

The fatted turkey has been slaughtered and the committee on ways and means and also the committee on arrangements for the big Christmas spread for the poor of the town, announce that everything points to a successful dinner for those who cannot provide for themselves.

The dinner will be given at the City Hall under the auspices of the Nazarene church. This congregation took the lead in this work, and many have contributed to the cause with both cash and provisions, and there will be plenty and to spare for all those who can not provide a Christmas dinner in their homes. In order that the affair may be a success quite a number of families will prepare their dinner at home and carry it to the hall where it will be spread with that provided by others, and the long table will be loaded with the best in the land.

It is the purpose of the committee to carry out a program on this occasion and it will cover both the forenoon and afternoon and the program was published in this paper a few days ago. Rev. Wells, pastor of the Nazarene church, informed us this morning that they expected to have with them on this occasion Prof. J. E. Elmoore, president of the college at Stamford, and he will deliver an address.

Everybody is cordially invited, both to the dinner and the exercises. If you can't come to the dinner on account of other engagements your presence will be appreciated at the afternoon exercises.

Weather Forecast.

Tonight fair, colder, freezing; Thursday fair.

RECEIVES VALUABLE PRESENT.

Miss Bertha Van Pelt is driving a pretty little auto, a gift from her father. The car is the most attractive thing of the kind in Ballinger, and Miss Bertha knows how to get the worth of such a valuable gift. She knows how to handle the steering wheel much better than many men, who have had more experience.

Elder Arthur Holten came home Tuesday night from the east to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Holten and Ballinger friends.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS BOY COMPANION

San Angelo, Dec. 24.—Park Montgomery, the young man who was accidentally shot by a comrade Friday night, died from the effects of the wound at 9:15 o'clock Monday night. While it was known immediately that his injury was serious, it was not at the time thought to be mortal. Since Saturday morning the condition of the young man steadily grew worse until death ended his suffering.

Edgar Duncan, the friend whose hand fired the fatal shot, is completely overcome with remorse and grief, and he keeps repeating that he did not mean to pull the trigger.

The father, John M. Montgomery, is an old resident of San Angelo.

PECOS VOTED 2 TO 1 FOR THE GOOD ROADS

The good roads bond election for \$85,000 in Pecos county was carried for the bond issue by a two to one vote.

Dick Thorp left Tuesday afternoon for Rockdale to visit with relatives and friends during Christmas.

Mrs. Lee Barnhill and children of Sterling City, came in Tuesday afternoon and will be the guests of her mother Mrs. John Dunn of West End during Christmas.

SHOPPING STILL VERY HEAVY

Having postponed their Christmas shopping until the last moments, hundreds of people were on the business streets today buying something which they might give to their friends and relatives as expressions for the love which they have for them. Although the crowd now doing their Christmas shopping is large enough, it has been noticed by the merchants, that the number of people who failed to do their shopping early is appreciatively small in comparison with the one of last year.

The cool weather has stimulated the shopping to a certain extent. Especially in this so among the townspeople. Many city ladies have been on the streets since early in the day, making a last raid upon the Christmas counters.

A majority of the country people have done their shopping, they having purchased the greater portion of their presents last week. The roads, which were practically impassible in some places several days ago, have become so that vehicles can pass, and many farmers who had been cut off from the city did their shopping this week. A fairly large number were present today.

The stores remained open last evening later than usual and will remain open tonight until a late hour that the eleventh hour shoppers might be accomodated.

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.

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Don't look back with regret. If your Christmas has not been what you think it should have been, just forget it and remember that the coming year offers you an opportunity to improve your conditions.

The man that went down in his pocket and helped to make some little heart beat with joy is the man that has that spark of one of the greatest virtues in his make up, and regardless of his other faults, he has cast bread upon the waters that will return to him in days to come.

Yes, we are certainly glad that Christmas does not come but once a year, for with it comes the New Years bills. Many pocket books will be mashed flat when the bill collector makes his rounds.

The editor acknowledges receipt of a very attractive Christmas greeting from Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith. The greeting is in the form of a little folder artistically gotten up and the front cover carries appropriate lines from Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith and within the folder is found a beautiful Christmas story, "Picture of Motherhood." We appreciate the kind remembrance of Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith and we most heartily wish for them every blessing that this Yuletide can bring.

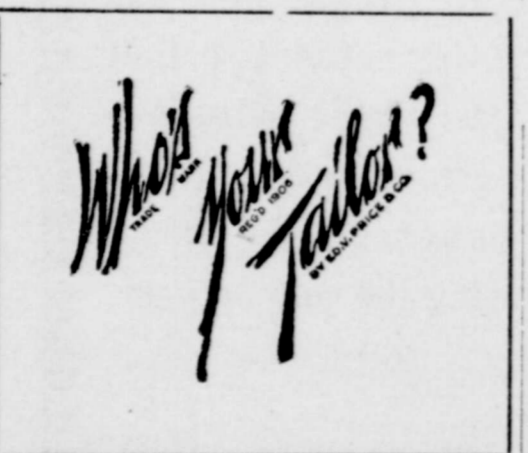
PICTURE OF MOTHERHOOD
(By M. C. Smith)

In passing through the cycles of time should we pause and inquire at each eventful epoch, for the one most preeminent of the moral forces, bringing mankind to the realization of high and lofty ideals, the needle in the compass of truth would point with out variation to the blessed influence of the world's honored Mothers.

'Tis her loving and controlling power that generates the exalted elements of refinement and culture, and all that is good in the human race, and moves the world to worthy and righteous acts.

'Tis her gentleness and purity ever molding that type and quality of influence which becomes the woof in the warp of the loom that weaves the true Christian character.

In the achievement of all that is worth while and for deeds, wearing the crown of heavenly approval, seek where you will, and wherever they are found, in what-



ever nation, clime or land, there you'll find the finger-prints of a Mother's hand!

Her smiles are rays of sunshine ever dispelling gloom and bringing gladness to the soul. In the hour of distress her counsel is ever sought. In sickness she is ever present ministering the balm of motherly love. When the storm of adversity is raging and strong men are faltering we find her there speaking words of cheer and by her moral support turning darkness into light, defeat into victory!

The imposing of costly granite which we erect today to the memory of great men, will on the morrow crumble and fall. But that hallowed monument of Love and Veneration, consecrated to Christian Motherhood, rests upon the "Rock of Ages" and will endure forever!

Of the beautiful picture that were ever conceived within the realm of human thought, or that were ever thrown upon the canvass of the human mind, there is not one so grand and sublime as that of the pure and noble Motherhood of this land! They—

Can laugh through their tears,
Can smile in the midst of a sigh,
Can mingle their youth with their years,
On the road to the Sweet By-and-by."

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.

OPTIMIST AND PESSIMIST
By Chas. Grant Miller.

Jim Jones is an optimist and Bill Brown of the same town is a pessimist. When it rains Bill Brown complains that it is going to be muddy; but Jim Jones wreathed in smiles, says that rain is a mighty good thing to lay the dust. When the sun shines again Bill kicks about the heat; but Jim, still smiling, says that sunshine is a mighty good thing to dry up the mud.

Bill complains that business is not half as good as it was when it was twice as good as it is. Jim congratulates himself that business is twice as good as it was when only half as good as it is.

These men living in the same town and under the same natural conditions see things differently, and the one is always happy and the other always miserable. The

difference lies back of their eyes, not in front of them.

They are not any peculiar types of men. They are not confined to any particular town. They are everywhere throughout the world.

The pessimist goes about with a lantern, peering into the dark places, looking for meanness and things to find fault about. The optimist goes about in the bright sunlight, looking for the beautiful things, and finding lots of them.

The optimist rises in the morning with gladness in his heart sunshine in his face and smiles upon his lips. The mere privilege of living and enjoying nature is price less satisfaction to him. He gets good out of life every moment of his existence. He is a man to be envied, if envy is ever allowable.

The pessimist not only warms his mind, but his physique as well, and his influence on others is decidedly bad.

Neither, in extreme, sees things as they actually are to others; but as each seems them they actually are to him, and his life is lighted or darkened according as he lets sunshine into it or shadows.

Happiness, it has been said, is a mosaic composed of very small stones. Each, taken singly, may be of little value, but when all are grouped together, combined and set they form a pleasing whole.

One who must try to get away from himself and out of his usual environment to find happiness will never find it. If one is miserable and gloomy by nature, let him go where he will, his jaundice and spleen will get there with him. We carry with us the beauty we visit and the song which enchants us, or else they don't exist for us anywhere.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING.

Will Bring Twenty Million Dollars Worth of Toys.

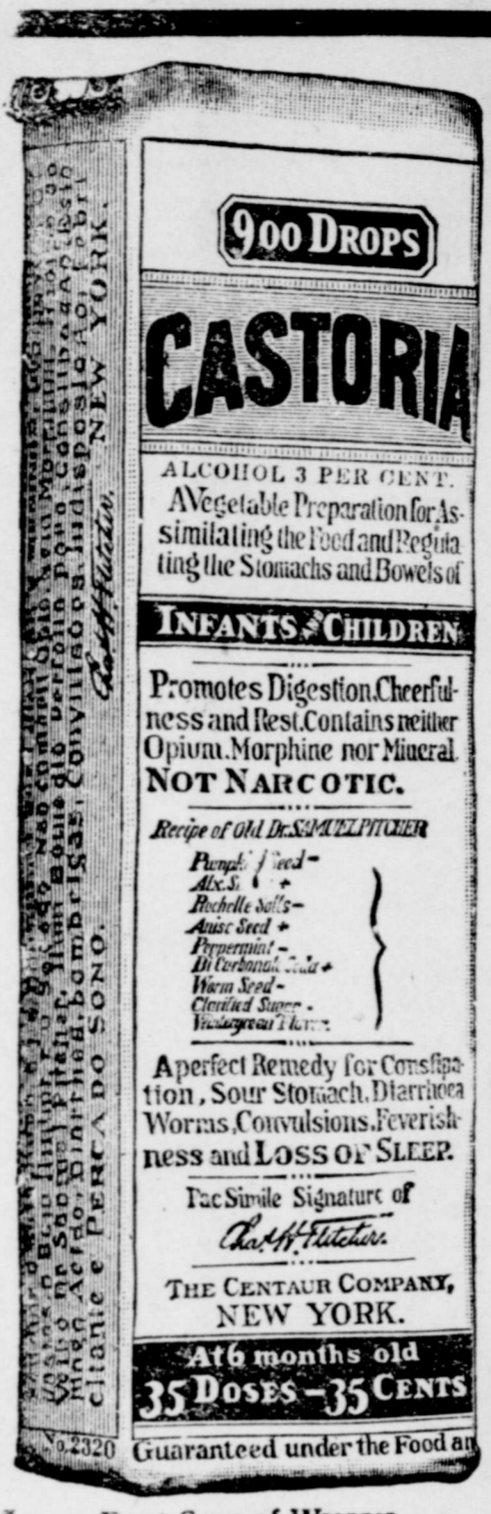
Santa Claus is going to bring the children of the United States an assortment of toys valued at \$20,000,000 this Christmas, and nearly a million dollars worth will be distributed among Texas kiddies. Assuming that this amount will be apportioned, each child's allotment will amount to one dollar. These statements are based upon facts and figures contained in a recent report issued by the Federal Department of Commerce relating to the importation, production and exportation of toys in the United States, and the prices used represent wholesale value. According to this bulletin the theory that our Christmas playthings come from Greenland has been exploded as it is shown that more than one-half the toys consumed in this country, or approximately \$11,000,000 worth, are manufactured in the United States, while the remainder is imported principally from Germany.

There are 226 toy factories in continental United States, but none of them are located in Texas, and consequently our annual expenditure for Christmas trifles leave the State.

Since Santa Claus made his last visit a year ago, the toy factories of the United States have been running full time preparing for his next annual tour. These establishments have employed 6,072 persons, who have earned \$3,000,000 in salaries and wages and whose unceasing labors will brighten the lives of 20 million good little boys and girls when they wake on Christmas morning.

The consumption of this class of merchandise in the United States has grown with remarkable rapidity. Importations in 1893 were less than 3 million dollars; in 1903 they had grown to four and one-half million, and for the calendar year of 1913 it seems likely that they will reach the enormous sum of nine million dollars. While the domestic manufacture of toys has increased materially in recent years, the yearly factory output is no nearer the annual demand than it was twenty years ago, and as a result the imports, production and consumption show approximately the same percentage of gain during this time. Exports of toys from the United States are comparatively small when the manufacture and importations are considered. The exports amount to less than a million dollars annually and have somewhat declined in recent years.

We want your job work.



CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* In Use For Over Thirty Years **CASTORIA**
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Ed Coffee, of the Leaday county, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rube Field, the Missouri mathematical wizard, died at the county farm in Johnson county, Thanksgiving morning. He was about 70 years old. Field lived for many years near Fayetteville, Jackson county and was well known there. If you gave Field the distance by rail between two cities and the dimensions of a car wheel he would tell you almost as soon as the statement left your lips how many revolutions of the wheel would be necessary to travel from one place to the other. If you call any number of columns of figures down a page he would tell you the sum as soon as you reached the bottom. If you gave him the number of yards or pounds of an article and the price, he would immediately return the total cost. He could keep up the performance all day apparently without fatigue. In addition to his mathematical gift, Field possessed the power of telling time. It is positively asserted that when he was awakened from a deep sleep, he could instantly tell the exact hour and minute of the night. The thing was tested often with him in the day time. Your watch might be a little different from what time he gave you. In that case, your watch was wrong and that was a good time to set it. If you told Field how far off your watch was, and you asked him again the next day

what time it was, he would tell you first the correct time and then the time by your watch. How Field did these things was a mystery to mathematical experts. — Salisbury, (Mo.) Press.



Lena with "ARIZONA" at Princess. Thursday, Dec 25.



Cyril Scott with "ARIZONA"

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Oak for Coupling Poles, Tongues and Etc.
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The Best Companies
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Your business solicited.
Miss Maggie Sharp.
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Everything in Hardware

Competent Plumbers Always Ready to Attend to Rush Orders

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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

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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.**

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Ballinger, Texas.

-- The Ballinger Dairy --

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

Good Milk is Our Motto
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W. R. BUSHONG

THE FREIGHT MAN

Always on the Dot at the Right Time

Nothing too Heavy

Nothing too Small

Phone City Drug Store for Orders

Purely Personal

W. S. Graham left Tuesday afternoon on a short business trip to Temple.

For Rent—My residence on 8th street. Apply to Malcomb Wardlow. 22-6td

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

Rev. G. W. Newman, will lecture Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Nazarene church on the "First Resurrection" and the "Second Death." The public is cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

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

If you want Xmas money sell me your secondhand clothing and furniture. C. A. Freeze. Phone 381. Always pays the best prices. 18-26td

Forrest Nevans, of Brownwood, who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past few days returned home Wednesday morning.

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

Lee Brooks, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

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

Alex Hinson, baggage agent of the Santa Fe, left Wednesday morning to spend the holidays with relatives in East Texas.

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.

LOST—Between town and Santa Fe railroad on Winters-Ballinger road, a fur muff. Finder will confer favor by returning same to Mrs. H. Vandevanter or leaving at Ledger office.

W. L. Smith and family, of the Chentof school community, came in Tuesday to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Prior Mapes are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy born to them Wednesday morning.

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

See the Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co. for best prices on eggs poultry of all kinds, and butter. d&w-4f

Rabbi Rosenwasser, of Baten Rough, La., came in Monday to visit his parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenwasser and family and left Wednesday morning for San Francisco where he goes to take up a new charge in his church work.

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

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

We Wish You

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

and thanks for your liberal patronage in the year 1913 and will appreciate your patronage for the year 1914.

A. J. ZAPPE

Mr. and Mrs. George Spidell, of Winters, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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 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.

J. L. Walters, of Concho, came in Monday to do some shopping and returned home Tuesday afternoon.



BUY AND USE.



RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS

One cent each and thus aid in the movement to secure a County Hospital and Dispensaries in this County for the care of the sick and afflicted. Every Seal you buy helps to provide hospitals, dispensaries and visiting nurses for the care of the sick and the prevention of disease.

Christmas Seal Campaign.

Headquarters, State Capitol, Austin. Mrs. O. B. Colquitt, General Chairman.

Mrs. Will S. Fleming Chairman.

Foolish Question NO. 92,769,531

Whom Must I Follow?

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

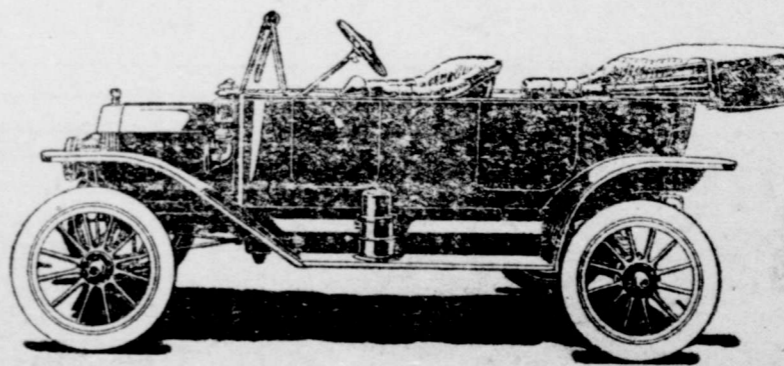


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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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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WRITE

The Nussbaumer Floral Co.

San Angelo, Texas

J. Morgan Nussbaumer, Manager

A. C. Homann, the Rowena banker, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday afternoon.

John Henry Lewis, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metal 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.



D. N. Cox left Wednesday morning to join his family at Talpa on a visit with relatives a few days.

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, Burns, Sprains. Ask your druggist.

Mrs. J. F. Holliday, of Winters, came in Wednesday at noon to spend the Christmas holidays with her father, Dr. W. W. Fowler and family.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

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.

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

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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.

THE REMAINS OF MRS. BARBEE LAID TO REST.

Despite the fact that the worst blizzard for the present season was prevailing many people from town went to the home of M. Barbee in South Ballinger this afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Barbee who died yesterday morning. The services were held at the residence by Rev. R. M. Hammoek and the remains were interred in the Ballinger cemetery and a bank of flowers were left to mark the resting place of this good woman.

The visit of the death angel brings sorrow at any season of the year, but this death coming at this time, clouds the Christmas cheer not only for the relatives, but for many friends in Ballinger. Today is the sixty-ninth birthday for this good husband, and it is no doubt the saddest of all days in his life, and The Ledger joins his many friends in sympathy.

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

Walter Singletary, of McGregor, formerly with the City Baker of our city remembered his mother with a nice Xmas gift in the shape of a fine cake from the bakery in which he holds a prominent position.

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 a 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

Charlie Furgason came in from the east Tuesday to join his family and spend the holidays with friends in Ballinger.

LOST—Two black pigs six weeks old near compass. Liberal reward for return to City Meat Market. 24-3td

WANTED—Saw men 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. ttd

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HUNTERS' DINNER UNIQUE AFFAIR

Perhaps one of the most unique social affairs planned for the holiday week is a Hunters' Dinner which will be given by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stephens at their beautiful home on Eleventh Street the day after Christmas. The following menu will give the reader an ideal of the entertainment offered the guests of this occasion:

- Rock Spring (1902) Goat
- Shimery Mast Turkey
- Forest Nut Salad
- Cedar-berry Sauce
- Soto Tips
- Douglass Biscuit
- Seasoned Nut Bread
- Olive's Green Acorns
- Velva Syrup
- Ellis Pumpkin Pie
- Goat Milk Custard
- Orchard Cake
- Erwin Bon-bons and Nuts
- Mountain Home Coffee
- Lynn Tank Water.

Song—Where is my wondering car tonight?

Dr. James Guckenheimer Douglass—Jennie and Sid.

Mr. Oscar C. Slaytor Roots—Jessie.

Mr. Him-him Warren Lynn—Mary Minor.

Mr. Ralph Gotaway Erwin—Bill and Nogi.

Mr. Cactus R. Stephens—Fannie.

To fully appreciate the meaning of the above it is necessary to call to mind that the above named gentlemen formed a hunting party that spent a month in the brush of Southwest Texas, and about twenty days of that time they were a very home-sick set. They left Ballinger for a ten days hunt, traveling in their auto, and just about the time they were ready to return home it began to rain and for three weeks they were tied up in camp and could not move a peg on account of high water and mud. They were seventy-five miles from the railroad and their flour barrel got very low before they could get in touch with a supply house, and while they deny living on short rations it is generally believed that they did not live very high for a few days at least.

The party deserted camp one day at a time, and by traveling on foot, horse back, in buggies, wagons and "cooning" railroad ties they finally reached home. Their autos are housed in a goat shed some where on a mountain in Edwards county, provided some Mexican Rebel has not confiscated it and converted it into a battle ship. After so long a time all of the hunters reached home, and it has been whispered around that as far these gentlemen game laws are an unnecessary adjunct to the Texas statutes.

The subjects assigned for the toasts were no doubt the subject that occupied the minds of the hunters while they were sitting around camp praying for dry weather and declaring that it rained more in West Texas than any place on earth.

Amos 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.

Dr. E. R. McKinney returned home Wednesday morning from a short business trip to points west.

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

T. T. Spahn, of Abilene, came in Wednesday at noon on a visit to relatives and Ballinger friends a day or two.

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.

WITH THE DAWN of

this morning, nineteen hundred and thirteen years ago came the world's most sacred holiday—the day of cheer and goodness. More than nineteen hundred years ago was born the babe that first brought that infinite and cherished goodness and it is His birth we celebrate.

So on this wonderful day we take opportunity to greet our many friends, wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Higdon-Melton
Jackson Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gressett, of Wichita Falls, came in Wednesday at noon to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gressett and family and Ballinger friends.

Give us a chance before you sell your hens, friers and turkeys. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

J. M. Hinkle, of the Winters country, left Wednesday afternoon to visit relatives at Lampasas during the holidays.

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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.

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Women who are nervous and fretful and easily fatigued promptly gain strength and natural energy by taking Scott's Emulsion after meals because it is essentially nourishment—not a drug that stupefies or alcohol that stimulates—there is pure, rich medical nourishment in every drop which nature appropriates to enrich the blood and upbuild the latent forces of the body.
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