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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH WINTERS

The campaign year is well under way and candidates are bobbing up at different points in the county, but up to date not a single man from Winters has appeared on the political horizon. Is it possible that Winters will not be represented in the line up this year? A prominent member of the socialist party made the statement that the socialist would elect the commissioner from the Winters precinct this year, and if this should prove true it will require along time for the Democrats of that section of the county to redeem themselves. It has also been suggested that probably all the political leaders of that section of the county had moved away, but we can hardly believe this is true. We will await further reports.

THREE SPECIALISTS WILL LECTURE

Dr. A. Ward Miller, of San Francisco, perhaps the most prominent tree and soil specialist in the United States, is a visitor in Ballinger today and at two o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday afternoon) he will lecture at the court house on trees and their diseases, and will tell you more in the same length of time than you ever heard on the subject before. The lecture is free and every man who is trying to grow a fruit or shade tree in this county should not fail to hear this able man talk.

Dr. Miller has devoted thirty-seven years in this work, and he has handled some of the largest propositions ever undertaken in the United States. He superintended the moving of the big trees in the St. Louis park when that park was made ready for the World's Fair, and trees two feet in diameter were moved and made to live under his care.

He is an interesting talker and Ballinger people are indeed fortunate in having an opportunity to hear him lecture.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday morning with Mayor Powell and City Secretary Lusk at their post of duty and Aldermen, Willingham, Alexander and Cockrell present.

The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Some improvements for the city water works system were discussed and continued for action until a full council was present. All bills were properly read and approved. The following committees were appointed as required at the first regular meeting each year: Board of equalization J. McGregor, Chas. S. Miller and M. D. Chastain. Finance and auditing committee, R. W. Bruce, E. D. Futch and C. R. Stevens. There being no further business before the council they adjourned to meet at the call of the mayor.

G. L. McClelland, the agricultural demonstrator and Prof. E. L. Hagan, county school superintendent, left Tuesday morning for Crews and other points in the north part of the county and will spend the week in that section in their respective lines of work.

Mrs. N. Passur, of San Antonio, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenwasser and family and Ballinger friends the past week, left Monday afternoon for her home.

FELIX JONES CASE CONTINUED

Judge Cunningham and about a dozen witnesses spent the forenoon in Ballinger Tuesday. They were enroute to their home in Abilene, from San Angelo where they had been to attend the Felix Jones trial. The case was continued upon motion by the state.

This is the case in which Jones is charged with the robbery of the H. D. Leffel jewelry store in San Angelo about four years ago, at which time several thousand dollars worth of diamonds were stolen. Jones was tried and convicted, and the case was reversed by the court of appeals, and this is the second trial.

Jones is also indicted for a murder that was committed in Gatesville last summer, or early fall, at which time a grocery man was assassinated as he was leaving his store. This case will be called for trial at Gatesville on 26th of this month. It will also be remembered that Jones was tried and acquitted for the murder of A. F. Cogsdell at Abilene several years ago.

In the robbery case at San Angelo there are 42 witnesses from Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Abilene. Jones has a wide acquaintance over this state and both cases are being watched with considerable interest.

BRIGHTEST YEAR HISTORY COUNTRY

The year 1914 starts out under what we take to be the most favorable conditions in the history of Runnels county. The weather record for the past nineteen years, which is published elsewhere in this paper, shows that about five times more rain fell during the months of November and December last year than ever fell for the same period and the weather for the largest small grain acreage ever planted in this county is as favorable as the farmer could wish for, and the crop is in splendid condition. The heavy frost which have prevailed throughout the past month has had a tendency to toughen the crop and prepare it against the hard freeze that will probably come later in the season.

The currency bill which has been a great "booger boo" in the handling of financial matters has been settled and settled in a way that meets with the approval of the people, and the outlook for the future was never more promising.

It is true that many people throughout the country are not as "flush" with ready cash as they would like to be, but when we stop to consider the short crop of three or four years, will readily appreciate the conditions, and admit that they are much better than they could have been at other places under similar crop conditions. The man that can not look just ahead now and see a bright future is living too much in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oden, of Winters, came in Monday on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Walter Parker and family and Ballinger friends for a few days, and will also visit his mother at Goldthwaite before returning home.

T. T. Spann, of Abilene, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from San Angelo where he had been on a sort business trip.

TO OPPOSE RISE IN GASOLINE

Austin, Tex., Jan. 5.—It is certain according to Assistant Attorney General Sweeton, in charge of anti-trust matter, that an investigation, in fact it has already started, will be made by the attorney general's department to determine whether or not the recent increase in price of gasoline and kerosene was in violation of the law. Mr. Sweeton accompanied by Assistant General Keeling, today called on all the local agents of the oil companies represented in Austin.

"The purpose of the visits," said Mr. Sweeton this afternoon, "was to ascertain when the agents had received their instructions to put into effect the advanced price on gasoline and kerosene. The attorney general's department considered it very significant that the advanced prices were made simultaneously by three of the leading companies doing business in this state."

Mr. Sweeton did not announce what information, if any, was obtained as a result of the visits.

LARGE FIRST MONDAY CROWD

First Monday of the new year in Ballinger was largely attended by citizens from all parts of the county, in fact we noticed quite a number here from the north part of the county, who had not visited Ballinger very often for the past three or four years. Quite a lot of good mules, horses, hogs and chickens were in evidence and the selling and trading was very lively for awhile, though no very big deals were pulled off.

C. J. Doerr and J. L. Atwell, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

WINTERS CITIZENS TO HOLD ELECTION

The citizens of Winters and a number of the leading farmers of that section of the county, met Monday night of this week for the purpose of devising ways and means for building roads in that section.

We have been informed that the meeting was an enthusiastic one and that a petition will be presented to the commissioners court at the next session asking that body to order an election to see whether the Winters precinct, or a road precinct with Winters at the center, shall issue bonds or not.

It is the purpose of the citizens in that precinct to build roads for a distance of ten miles on all public roads leading out of that town, and to improve the roads that are less traveled and which act as feeders to the main roads.

The people in the North end of the county suffered much from inconvenience as well as loss in dollars and cents during the wet weather, and they are disgusted with the condition of the roads, and it is believed by those who have given the matter some thought that the election of the bonds will carry by a handsome majority.

CEMETERY NOTICE.

The Cemetery Association of Ballinger will meet at the residence of Mrs. G. M. Vaughn Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7th, at 4 p. m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the cemetery. All ladies interested are urged to be present. The matters of paying the sexton, paying dues and the planting of more trees will be brought up at the meeting and discussed by the association. Mrs. Jack McGregor, President Mrs. G. M. Vaughn, Secretary

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THIS YEAR
SWEAR OFF
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DAY WILL FIND
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Santa Claus has come and gone but the bill collector is here to stay.

A little nonsense now and then is good for the best of men, and the man that fails to realize this is a grouch.

Look on page 3 in this paper and you will find the candidates Announcement column. This column will grow as the political bee gets in its work.

We have heard the statement repeated over and over every since as far back as our memory records, that a rich man is not as happy as a poor man; yet every man desires and is seeking unhappiness.

Until Ballinger is supplied with a good opera house Ballinger people can not select the attractions but must take what comes. There are few towns in Texas with as many people, but what can boast of a modern play house.

The papers tell almost daily the story of some American who has made his way out of Mexico, after being robbed of his property and in some instances threatened with death. If one half of the stories coming from Mexico are true war is hell and then some.

The taxable values of Texas increased nearly one hundred and fifty million dollars the past year. All this and the present tax rate for the state is the highest for several years. It is a critical period in the history of the state and a time when a sound business man should be placed at the head of the state affairs.

If a man ever expects to buy Ballinger property it is our opinion that now is the most opportune time for him to get busy. From our view point property in Ballinger is cheaper today than it will ever be again. The short time of one year will show a difference that will make the speculator a handsome profit on his investment. The same holds good with reference to farm and country property. Mark our prediction.

Callen Thomas says Mayes and Lane should either play the eliminating game with him or get out of the way and let Ramsey, Ball or Brooks run for governor. In other words, Thomas and a certain bunch down at Dallas seem to be determined to select the next governor regardless of consequences, but the day of the dictator in Texas politics is past. What Texas people want is a real business man for governor, one who can put things aright, and if the politicians could be put out of the way this could be accomplished. The people should elect a governor and not a few self appointed politicians with an ambition to gratify their own selfish interest.

This is the season of the year when that restlessness, so common with many people, gets in its work

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Bears the Signature of *W. D. Galt*

and people are exchanging homes. They move from town to town from county to county and from state to state, and there is a general hunt being made for the land of milk and honey and the place where money grows on trees. No country can build for the future unless its citizens are stable—permanent citizens, and no citizens can build for the future unless they adopt a place to call home and stay with it. Taking the world over, local conditions and people being equal, and if you cast your lot among people of your class you can profit much by moving. In other words, a rolling stone gathers no moss and the man who is continually moving his family can not expect the best environment for his family.

The Banner-Ledger, our weekly paper, has added a new feature for the benefit of our several hundred German readers who can not read the English language, but take the paper for the benefit of their children, and each week a column or two will be printed in German. These articles will be furnished by Otto Von Prillwitz, recently from Germany and a well educated man, who has been in the newspaper work in his native country. The articles will deal with matters of general interest to our German readers, such as agricultural irrigation, and development news notes, etc. The articles are read by a man who places his O. K. on them and nothing of a laughing nature to any one or that is not to the best interest of Ballinger county will be published. We feel that our German readers will appreciate this feature as it makes a paper for them as well as for their children.

How's This

We offer one hundred dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Cure.

F. J. CHENNEY & Co. Toledo, O.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

E. G. Thomas, one of the prominent and prosperous citizens of the Marie country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

E. W. Yardley, one of the prosperous barbers of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

For Skin Diseases.
Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run no risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist.

J. R. Holloway, the Norton gin man, and J. R. Harris, of the Hat-chel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger first Monday and Mr. Harris had on the trading grounds a splendid 2-year-old stallion which was a beauty.

T. C. Hall, of Temple, came in Monday night to look after land interest in our county a few days.

Silas Izard, of the San Angelo Marble Works, was looking after business for his company in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. E. Pranch, who spent the holidays with his family, left Monday afternoon for the East in the interest of his grocery firm.

Bill Coffee the big hearted stock farmer of the Leaday country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

We want your job work.

TO PRESERVE FAMOUS HOUSE

Old Morris-Littell Structure of Germantown, Pa., Rich in Historical Association.

Germantown, Pa.—The Germantown Site and Relic society and the Germantown Horticultural society have appealed to the board of education to preserve the old Morris-Littell house, situated on a part of the Butler property, at Germantown avenue and High street, which the board has chosen as a site for the proposed Germantown High School for Girls.

The two organizations have made their request in written communications, which will be submitted to the board. Besides urging the preservation of the old mansion, the local organizations request also that the new high school building be designed along colonial lines of architecture, so as to be in harmony with the general character of the locality.

The old stone house that the two



Old Morris-Littell House.

societies wish to preserve was the home of Dr. Christopher Witt, a Germantown pioneer, who settled in that locality in 1704, and who was for many years well known in the Germantown district as a physician, an astrologer, a botanist and a painter. He was associated with the celebrated John Bartram, founder of the Bartram Gardens, and laid out a botanical garden, which is said to have been the first in America. Christopher Witt was also associated with the band of Pietists that established a community on the banks of the Wissahickon creek, and he painted a portrait of their leader, Johannes Kelpius. This portrait is now in the possession of the Pennsylvania Historical society and is supposed to be the oldest oil painting made in America. Witt died in 1765.

For many years the house was in the possession of descendants of Charles Willing, mayor of Philadelphia in 1748 and 1754 and founder of the celebrated Willing family. From 1812 until 1832 the house was the home of Mrs. Ann Willing Morris, Mayor Willing's granddaughter and a friend of Dolly Madison. Mrs. Morris sheltered in this house one night in 1812 a company of Montgomery county volunteer soldiers, who were on their way to the front in the second war with England. Her daughter, Margaret H. Morris, was the first woman elected a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences. She was a noted naturalist, and is accredited with having discovered the habits of the seventeen-year locusts whereby she was able to predict their reappearance.

HATES RATS BUT LOVES HOME

Muldoon Prefers Them to Having His House Blown Up by "Poison."

Wilmington, Del.—Patrick Muldoon of York's, near here, bought a new drug compound to poison rats. He placed a quantity in the cellar and retired.

Early the next morning he was awakened by an explosion. Hurrying to the cellar he found portions of rat all over the place. The rodent had eaten the so-called poison and had been blown to pieces. Muldoon now says he would rather have the rats than run a risk of the house being blown up.

Sell Washington's Hair.
New York.—A small brooch with a few shreds of Washington's hair sent by his widow to a girl in 1880, brought \$480 in a sale of the John Fiske relics.

The Temple Telegram says that two days have past and lots of swearers-off are still riding the water wagon. Its different in Ballinger. All efforts on the part of some to fall off the water wagon fail.

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MOVING SIMPLIFIED IN BURMA
No Rents, No Landlords and No Vans Are at All Necessary in This Country

London.—Life is simple in Burma. In a country that is underpopulated and that contains vast areas of unoccupied land fit for cultivation, the people need not submit to oppression, as many Oriental nations must. Migration is always a possible means of relief.

Every man is his own carpenter. He puts together his house of bamboo and planks cut by his own hands. He knows how to take it down. He has no need to send for contractors or furniture vans. There are the carts and the plow cattle in his sheds. He has talked things over with his wife, who is a capable and sensible woman.

One morning they get up, and instead of going to his fields or his fishing or whatever it may be, he takes his tools, and before sunset, the wife helping, the house is down, and together with the simple household



Houses Easy to Transport.

goods, is stowed away in the cart. The children find a place there, too; or if they are old enough, they run along beside their mother. If the local magistrate is so blind to his own interests as to oppress the people, there is a wiser man a few leagues away who is ready to welcome them. For what is the good of land without men to live on it?

But suppose the worst comes to the worst, and the man in power is a fiend, with whom neither property nor life nor honor is safe; even then there is the great forest, in which life, although hard, is a real pleasure to a man; and given a good leader, the oppressed may soon change places with the oppressor.

The Ledger acknowledges receipt of a beautiful calendar put out by The First National Bank. The picture is a bird's eye view of the Panama Canal, and the calendar leaflets are large and the dates can be seen at considerable distance. The calendar is one of the best office calendars that ever graced our office.

Callen's Cracks at the Crowd in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram never missed an issue during the holidays, and some of the boys are wondering how it happened. That's easy, a Christmas supply (of cracks) were arranged in advance and the stuff you read to day was hung on the hook the big celebration came off another thing perhaps you thought of; Fort Worth territory for about nine hours of each day—from nine-thirty to six.

A good lady phoned The Ledger today and asked what she could do to help the family of the unfortunate stranger who was operated on at the sanitarium yesterday. Of course the world is getting better.

Foolish Question
NO. 92,769,531

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I am their only representative in the city.

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Nath Allen left Tuesday at noon for the west on a short business trip.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Sam Woods, of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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

W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer had business at Talpa between trains Tuesday.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Will Doose left Monday afternoon for Coleman on a short business trip.

Acute Sore Throat.

There is nothing better for sore throat than Hunt's Lightning Oil. Put it on at night, and the next morning the soreness is usually gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, of all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

S. B. Caperton, the Maverick stockman, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

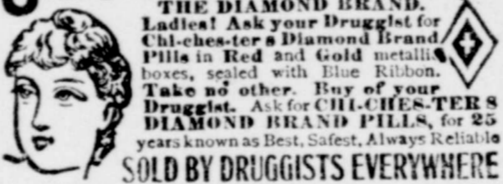
H. L. Chatman, of Winters was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Rheumatic Pains.

Every last one of them leaves. The hurting is gone almost the instant Hunt's Lightning Oil is used. The aching stops so quickly it is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, burns and bruises it acts as a healing oil, soothing the hurting parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Judge M. C. Smith left Monday afternoon for Brownwood, to look after legal affairs a few days.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS



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

Tom Brown, of Hylton, was among the first Monday visitors in Ballinger.

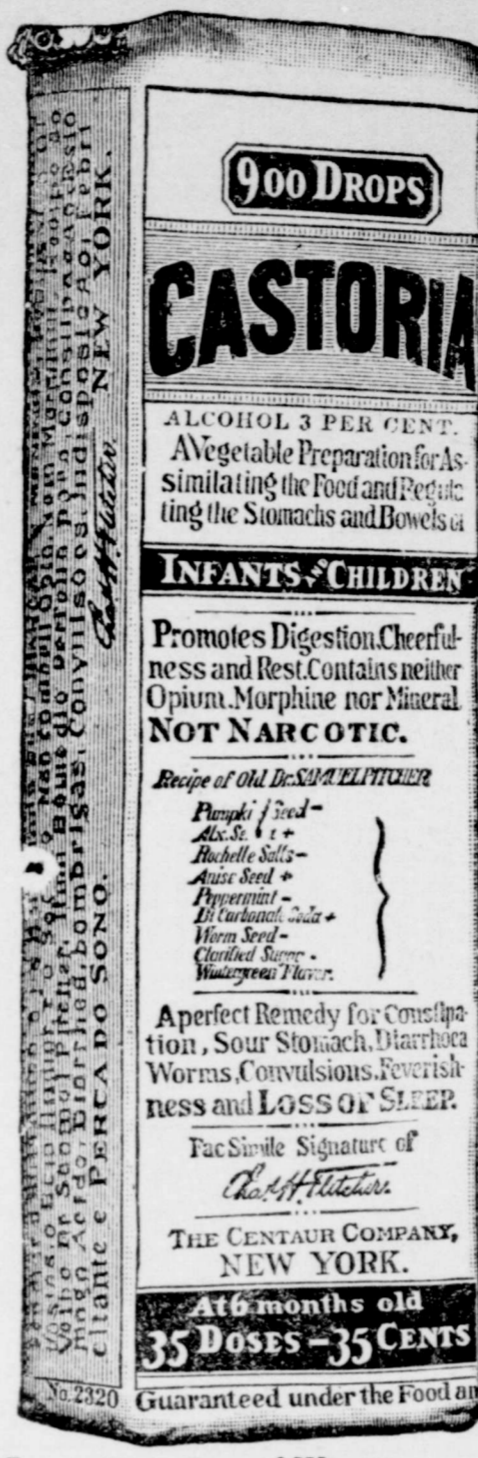
Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tdf

J. W. Rogers of Winters, was seen on the trading grounds first Monday.

LOOK HERE.

If you want a sewing machine I will sell you a Singer for cash or time on any kind of terms desired. C. A. Freeze, agent, Ballinger. 31-26td

W. H. Boozer, of the Norton country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday and took advantage of the Banner-Ledger clubbing list while here.



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In Use

For Over

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

F. E. Lee, of Seymour, passed through Ballinger Tuesday. Mrs. J. D. Norwood and little daughter returned home Tuesday at noon from a short visit to relatives at Santa Anna.

PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS

MUFFINS

When properly made, there is nothing more appetizing for breakfast or tea than muffins, or gems, as they are sometimes called. With honey, preserves or marmalade, they readily make the chief feature of the meal, and there are so many ways to vary them, that one can have a different kind about as often as she likes. Below I give a few choice and successful recipes.

Nevada Briggs

A great many housewives have had trouble in making rich, light, moist muffins without their falling, and to overcome this, they have resorted to making the batter so stiff that when baked, the muffins are very dry. A muffin can be made almost as light and just as palatable as a pop-over, but to make a light, moist muffin which is not soggy in the center, a double-raise baking powder such as K C must be used. K C Baking Powder has two separate and distinct raises: one when moisture is added, and the other when heat is applied, so that the raising is sustained until the muffin is baked through, and all danger of falling and becoming soggy is past. Like biscuits, the softer the dough goes into the oven, the lighter the muffins that come out of it.

One-Egg Muffins

2 cups flour 1 teaspoonful salt
 2 slightly rounded teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder 1/2 cup sugar
 1/4 cup melted lard or butter
 1 egg 1 cup water or milk
 Sift dry ingredients together three times. Add to this the unbeaten egg, melted shortening and water or milk. Then beat all together until perfectly smooth. Oil muffin or gem pans and have oven slow until the muffins come to the top of the pan, then increase the heat to bake and brown the muffins. This recipe makes 12 large muffins. Raisins or currants may be added if desired.

Graham Muffins

1 cup graham flour 1 cup pastry flour
 2 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
 1 to 2 level tablespoonfuls sugar
 1/2 teaspoonful salt 1 egg
 1/4 cups milk or water
 2 to 3 tablespoonfuls melted butter
 Mix and bake as One-Egg Muffins.
 Graham batter should always be quite soft to insure lightness and a moist muffin.

Corn Meal Muffins

1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup sugar
 2 eggs, well beaten 1 cup milk or water
 1 1/2 cups corn meal 1 1/2 cups flour
 1/2 teaspoonful salt
 1 level teaspoonful K C Baking Powder
 Cream the butter; add the sugar and eggs. Sift together, three times, the meal, flour, salt and baking powder. Add this to the first mixture alternately with the milk. Bake about twenty-five minutes, baking a little slowly to start, then increase heat to bake brown.

Bacon Muffins

2 cups flour 1 teaspoonful salt
 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
 1/2 cup sugar (if desired)
 1/4 cup melted lard or butter
 4 or 5 slices of bacon fried crisp and broken into small bits 1 cup milk or water
 Mix and bake as One-Egg Muffins above.
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Next Week's Lesson: PUDDINGS

Date Muffins
 1/2 cup butter 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup milk or water 1 egg
 2 cups pastry flour 1/2 teaspoonful salt
 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
 Scant 1/2 pound dates
 Cream the butter, add the sugar and the egg, beaten light. Sift together three times, the flour, baking powder and salt; add these to the first mixture, alternately with the milk; beat thoroughly and add the dates, stoned and cut in pieces. Bake rather slowly to start, increasing heat to brown.

Some Helpful Suggestions

Muffins would be served on many more breakfast tables if this meal were not prepared so hurriedly that there is not time enough to stir up muffins and bake them. With K C double-raise baking powder, the batter may be stirred up the night before and if set in a cool place, it will remain in a partially leavened condition all night, and the raising will be completed when put in the oven in the morning. No difference will be noticed between muffins mixed the night before and those mixed immediately before baking. This should not be attempted however, with any of the old fashioned single-acting baking powders.

The old fashioned way was to bake muffins in a hot oven, but this makes a thick heavy crust and a soggy center, which is unpalatable and hard to digest. The proper and healthful way to bake muffins is to start the oven at a low temperature, just as for baking cakes. When the muffins come up to the top of the pan, the heat should be raised, and they should be baked until a crisp crust is formed. This crust will be thin, and the centers will be found light and fluffy, but thoroughly baked.

Always sift the flour and baking powder together at least three times, no matter what kind of pastry is to be made. This will insure its rising evenly and the flour is lightened by having air sifted into it.

Either water or milk may be used for muffins. Milk will make the richer muffin and brown better, but water will answer the purpose very nicely when milk is not to be had.

A most excellent "spread" for muffins, hot biscuits and hot cakes is made by creaming together about equal parts of butter and honey either strained or in the comb. If the butter is solid it will work up to about the consistency of hard sauce and it is simply delicious.

Year That Just Closed Was Very Wet One

Perhaps it had not occurred to the average citizen that last year was the wettest one this country has had since 1906, and that there has only been two years during the last twenty that has more rain fall than the one just closed. We are publishing below a correct report of the rain fall since 1895 and the year just closed is only exceeded in the total rain fall by two other years—1900 and 1906.

Total rainfall for 1913 is 29.54.

October, November and December furnishing 17.63 or practically 60 per cent of the total. There is no year in the eighteen years to compare with this. While the total for 1910 was 35.23, only 4.09 fell in October, November and December. In 1906 we had 37.82, only 3.05 fell in Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1908 we had 29.32 only 3.00 fell in Oct., Nov. and Dec. The years approaching this are 1907, the fall being for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 9.89. 1899,

7.86, 1896, 7.42 and 1911, 6.90. It goes without contradiction that we will enter the year 1914 with the best season in the ground we have ever had.

Following is the rain fall for the eighteen years—from 1895 to 1912 inclusive as shown by month together with the average for each month and the average for each year during that period.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
1895.	.57	2.92	.00	1.89	3.68	2.48	4.16	2.37	2.04	2.13	.94	2.93	27.11
1896.	1.86	.98	.04	1.22	.11	2.06	5.74	1.47	5.68	4.93	.27	2.22	26.58
1897.	1.17	.01	2.62	.65	2.75	1.23	3.28	2.67	1.08	2.01	.11	1.03	18.61
1898.	.70	.26	.16	2.67	2.78	10.85	1.29	.74	4.97	.00	.30	2.37	26.99
1899.	.10	.00	.01	2.65	5.21	7.27	1.73	.00	.31	1.92	2.56	3.38	24.14
1900.	.57	.39	1.84	7.83	6.08	.07	2.99	4.12	7.55	2.54	.93	.62	35.23
1901.	.16	1.01	.08	2.19	3.25	.12	.83	.63	1.06	1.54	1.65	.22	12.74
1902.	.27	.50	.75	.58	7.08	2.20	5.98	.62	1.25	.88	4.09	.24	24.44
1903.	2.14	3.67	.80	.14	4.44	2.91	1.47	2.97	8.02	.67	.00	.24	27.67
1904.	.65	.79	.00	1.57	.91	2.12	1.00	.92	2.71	1.41	.79	.54	13.41
1905.	.11	1.39	4.54	3.57	2.29	2.68	1.86	.17	.78	1.82	.83	.77	20.71
1906.	.35	.45	1.09	2.64	2.85	4.55	7.19	11.54	4.11	.95	1.25	.85	37.82
1907.	.06	.00	.40	.20	2.04	.19	3.27	.00	2.40	6.69	2.50	.70	18.44
1908.	.40	.20	1.40	7.22	5.52	.00	2.12	2.44	6.92	.16	2.84	.00	29.32
1909.	tr	.00	.14	.06	1.30	3.21	1.82	2.05	2.67	3.55	.99	1.16	17.05
1910.	.00	tr	.26	2.92	.82	1.72	.60	.35	2.02	1.42	.85	.58	11.54
1911.	.10	4.55	.43	3.04	1.40	tr	2.12	4.02	3.70	2.20	.76	3.94	26.26
1912.	.00	1.61	.56	1.39	5.05	1.50	tr	1.16	tr	1.35	1.75	1.38	15.75
Avr.	.54	1.00	.85	2.39	3.15	2.56	2.82	2.13	3.35	2.04	1.30	1.05	23.53

Runnels County has the largest acreage of grain this year in its history. We are going into the new year with our grain prospect the brightest ever known and with an increase of fully 25 per cent in acreage.

The lightest rainfall of which

we have record would have produced a good crop based on a season like the one we now have, so the farmer who fails to harvest the coming year will have to attribute his failure to other causes than lack of rain. Failure is bad

enough at best, but it is very consoy to be able to place the blame on causes beyond our control, so let's conserve the moisture play good seed, thoroughly cultivate and reap great things for 1914.

J. D. PERKINS ANNOUNCED FOR SHERIFF

To The Voters of Runnels County:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Runnels county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I am now serving the people as deputy sheriff of this county.

I served the people of Milam county in the capacity of deputy sheriff and constable, and my record as an officer in that county is open for the inspection of any one who wished to investigate it. I am not the candidate of any man or set of men and if elected I shall try to faithfully and impartially serve the people of the county in a fair and impartial way, without fear or favor. I have no special promise to make, only if the law is violated and it comes to my knowledge I shall do all in my power to enforce the law.

I have been a citizen of this county for 14 years. I was raised in Milam county, and all I ask is that you give me a fair investigation before you make up your mind to cast your vote in the sheriff's race.

Your vote and influence will be highly appreciated and I hope to see every voter of the county between now and the primary. Thanking one and all for any favors you may do for me, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,
JOHN D. PERKINS,

Candidate for sheriff of Runnels County. Itdw

Emory Williams shipped out Monday afternoon his pool hall fixtures to Teague, Texas, and will go on there in a few days to open up business at that place.

Joint's that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Tuereck, the Miles druggist had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

E. G. Bowden, of Norton and Tom Puckett, of Wilmett, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Puckett had his fine Percheran stallion on exhibition that day and several of the fine colts of this horse, were also in evidence here Friday Monday.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean the fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

B. C. Keams, of the Hatchel country, was here first Monday making after business affairs a few hours.

Editor Kubela, of Rowena, came over on the auto-bike to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

For Cold on Lungs.

Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold in lungs is dangerous often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggists everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles.

N. F. Smithson, the Wingate blacksmith, came in to look after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday morning.

F. Schaefer, of the Olfin neighborhood, was among the crowd in Ballinger first Monday looking after business affairs a few hours.

John Simmons, one of the pioneer citizens of Runnels county of the Fuzzy Creek neighborhood was greeting his many friends in Ballinger Monday.

J. D. Moreland, one of the successful farmers southeast of the city, was among the visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

We noticed our friends W. H. Williamson and I. C. Browder, of the Miles country, among the large crowd here Monday.

H. K. Lilly and D. W. Paine, of the Norton country, were transacting business and greeting friends in Ballinger first Monday.

E. Graves, of the Hatchel country, was among the large crowd on the streets of Ballinger Monday.

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

C. W. Schwartz, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. B. McCaughn, of the Wilmett country, was transacting business between trains Monday from Winters.

J. J. Erwin, of Temple, left Tuesday afternoon for his home after a pleasant visit of a few days the past week, with his parents and Ballinger friends.

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. ttd

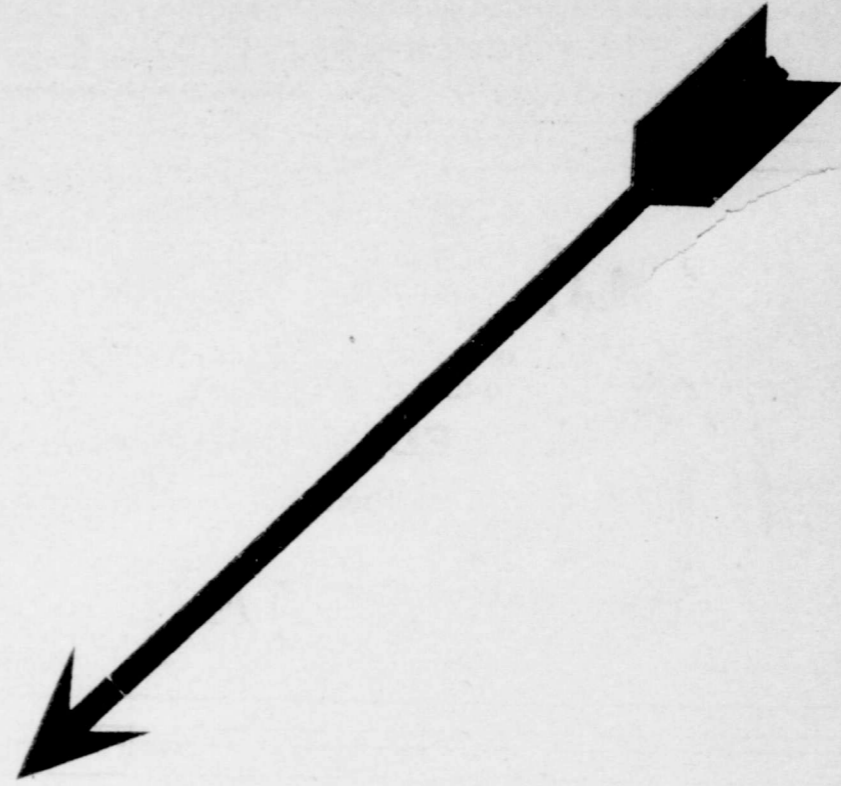
Julius Brosig, one of the prominent stockmen of the Lipan Flat country, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

Rev. W. G. Green, of South Ballinger left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes to visit his son and family for several months.

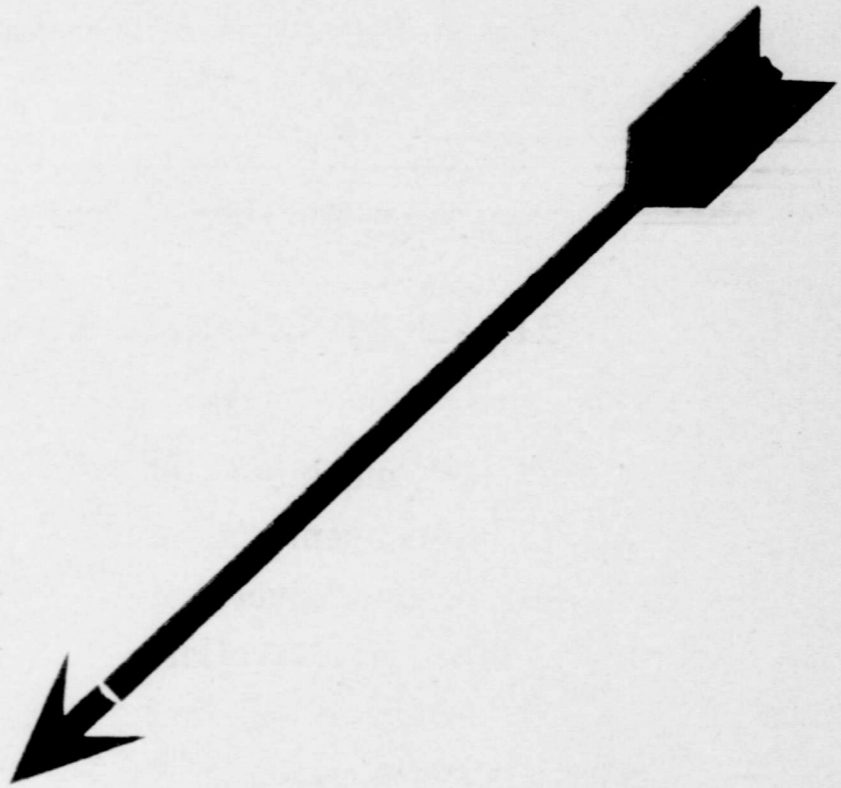
For the next 30 days I want to buy \$500 worth of second hand furniture. Will pay the top cash price. See or phone me at C. A. Freeze, phone 381. 31-26td

Mrs. Walter Parker, returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Oden, of Goldthwaite.

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CHEAP shoddy looking stationery indicates a cheap business, a careless way of doing things. Let us help you avoid this by printing the job just like you want it in a way that is in keeping with a well conducted business. Our job printer knows his business, and we guarantee every job we turn out. Phone 27.



Ballinger Printing Co.

H. Clements, of New Braunfels came in Tuesday at noon to spend a few weeks in our county and city to look after land interests and other business affairs.

We are informed that Jo Hardin will make his formal announcement for sheriff in the papers in a few days and will present his claims to the voters of Runnels county to be acted upon at the coming primary election.

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

Who wants to take salts, or castor oil, when there is nothing better than Dr. King's New Life Pills for all bowel troubles. They act gently and naturally on the stomach and liver, stimulate and regulate your bowels and tone up the entire system. Price 25. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Mrs. J. R. Lusk and little son and her daughter Miss Kathleen Jones, left Tuesday at noon for Alpine. Miss Kathleen is returning from her holiday vacation to resume her school work, while Mrs. Lusk will visit her parents. Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy a short while.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. W. L. Brown returned home Monday afternoon from

Eldorado where she had been on a visit to her parents and friends during the holidays.

Miss Matilda Doose and niece Miss Bernice Smith returned home Monday afternoon from a visit to relatives and friends at San Angelo the past few days.

STOMACH TROUBLES

Mr. Ragland Writes Interesting Letter on This Subject.

Madison Heights, Va.—Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of this place, writes: "I have been taking Thedford's Black-Draught for indigestion, and other stomach troubles, also colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I have ever used.

After taking Black-Draught for a few days, I always feel like a new man." Nervousness, nausea, heartburn, pain in pit of stomach, and a feeling of fullness after eating, are sure symptoms of stomach trouble, and should be given the proper treatment, as your strength and health depend very largely upon your food and its digestion.

To get quick and permanent relief from these ailments, you should take a medicine of known curative merit.

Its 75 years of splendid success, in the treatment of just such troubles, proves the real merit of Thedford's Black-Draught. Safe, pleasant, gentle in action, and without bad after-effects, it is sure to benefit both young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25c. N. C. 128

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