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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1914.

NUMBER 303

Let Us Help You Make the "High Cost of Living" Cost You Less During 1914. Van Pelt, Ki

PRINCESS THEATRE

"The Mutual House"
TONIGHT

The most and
best for the
money.

Mutual Pictures

Mother's Boy—Keystone

The Farmers Daughter—
Thanouser.

The Love of Conchita—
Majestic.

Watch for a Multiple
Reel Feature coming
soon. Not just a split
reel expanded but a
Real Put-Across.

Admission 10c

W. A. Davis and R. Rutherford
went East Wednesday morning on
a short business trip.

Joe Peacheck, who spent the
mid winter vacation with his
parents and Ballinger friends,
left Tuesday afternoon for
Dallas where he is attending the
Dallas University.

Master Jack Stathart, left from
this point Tuesday afternoon for
San Marcos to join his aunt,
Mrs. Lila Mayfield to make his
home.

Austin Ward and sister Miss
Euphia, after a pleasant
vacation with their mother
Mrs. Tom Ward and family
and Ballinger friends returned
to their respective schools at
Dallas. Miss Euphia is
attending the Ursuline Academy
and Austin the Dallas University.

AUTO FIRE TRUCK FOR BALLINGER

At the regular meeting of the
City Council Tuesday of this week
a move was put on foot looking to
the reduction of the fire insurance
rate. It recently developed that
Ballinger property owners were
paying a higher rate than some
forty-odd towns in Texas in the
same class, and upon investigation
it was shown that this difference
was due to the fact that the in-
surance companies doing business
in Ballinger failed to make a re-
port showing the number of fires,
the aggregate loss, etc. This mat-
ter will be taken up with the local
agencies and it is expected that
the report will be forthcoming.

Another matter that was dis-
cussed in the council meeting, and
which will be put through as soon
as possible, is a proposition to sell
the fire team and truck and re-
place same with a modern auto
fire truck. The mayor was au-
thorized to advertise the team and
truck for sale, and as soon as a
buyer can be found an order will
be placed for the auto truck.

The council figures that it will
be much cheaper to maintain an
auto truck than it costs to keep
the team, and better fire fighting
can be done with the truck.

RETURNS TO RUNNELS.

G. A. Phillips and family with
their household goods returned to
Ballinger first of the week from
the east where they spent the past
twelve months. Mr. Phillips says
the east didn't suit him and he is
now back to Runnels county for
good. He closed the deal Tuesday
afternoon with Preston Dunn for
his farm eight miles down the river
and will take possession at
once. Mr. Dunn had rented the
Booth place near his former home
and will remain in the same neigh-
borhood and still raise big water
melons, sweet potatoes, etc.

BAND REORGANIZATION.

At a meeting of the musicians
belonging to the Ballinger Band
last evening, it was decided that
a re-organization take place in the
institution and the work of in-
struction would continue as it has
in the past.

Harry Lynn was elected to act
as director in the place of S. L.
Bird, who recently had charge of
the band. Diaz Wood was re-elected
business manager. The band
will continue to practice during
the present year.

O. Hasten, of the Crews country,
was supplying in Ballinger Tues-
day afternoon.

News Told In a Hurry For the Busy Reader

A flat boat was wrecked on a
rock in the Frazer river in Can-
ada and 72 laborers drowned
Monday. The employer, were em-
ployed by the Grand Trunk rail-
road and they were crossing a
swift current when they lost con-
trol of the boat. Only 25 of the
laborers made their escape.

24 men, including seven officials
of the Structural Ironworkers'
Union, who were convicted for
participating in the dynamite
plots, must go to the pen, the cases
having been sustained by the higher
court.

An operation was performed on
Mert Carey in Fort Worth Tues-
day to cure him of mania for
fighting. A tumor on the brain
was removed.

A Temple policeman fatally
wounded a Mexican who tried to
escape after robbing a jewelry
store at Temple. The Mexican fired
upon the officer as the officer
went to arrest him.

Ford Motor Company, of De-
troit, Michigan, will give away ten
million dollars to their 25,000 em-
ployees. It is a division of the
profits and the lowest man in the
service of the Ford company will
receive \$5 per day for his work.
The floor sweeper gets his five dol-
lars per day in the future.

The Texas committee in charge
of the relief work in the flood dis-
trict of Texas, will ask the U. S.
government for \$200,000 for re-
lief work.

Chairman Walker in charge of
the elimination primary, has called
a meeting of the dries to meet
in Dallas at ten a. m. January 10.

The conscience fund of the United
States treasury has been in-
creased by the remittance from a
man in Oregon, who said that
about forty years ago he made use
of a three cent stamp that had
been used once before. He made
good the three cents with com-
pound interest which amounted to
25 cents.

At Newark, Ohio, on Tuesday of
this week, 7 people were burned
to death and 3 injured in a hotel
fire.

The Southern Publishing Co.,
a company organized for the pur-
pose of publishing a prohibition
daily in Texas, have purchased
the Waco Morning News.

Harris county, with Houston as
the center, recorded forty-six
killings and thirty-five suicides
during 1913.

J. W. CLAMPITT BUYS S FARMERS GIN

The Farmers Union Gin prop-
erty, located near the Abilene &
Southern track, was sold at
trustee sale Tuesday of this week
and J. W. Clampitt, who had a
mortgage on the property bought
it in. Mr. Clampitt expects to sell
the property, but in case he does
not find a buyer he will operate
the gin next fall.

NEW DRY GOODS STORE MOVING IN

J. H. Wilke is opening a stock
of dry goods in his building op-
posite the court house, and in a
few days will be ready for busi-
ness. L. E. Bair has charge of the
business, and will manage same
for Mr. Wilke.

BUYS FARM

C. E. Ward of Coleman, who
had been in our city on business
the past few days, closed the deal
while here with his brother-in-law
W. R. Clark, in which he buys Mr.
Clark's interest in their farm a
few miles up the river. Mr. Ward
and family will likely move to the
farm before a great while to make
their future home. Mr. Ward's
married son and family will move
here at once to take charge of the
farm.

C. A. Doose, L. P. Woods and N.
F. Norris left Wednesday morning
in Mr. Doose's auto for Comcho
county. Mr. Woods goes to look
after his cattle interest and C. A.
Doose goes on land business while
Mr. Norris goes to do the sight-
seeing.

A. C. Homan the Rowena banker
had business in Ballinger between
trains Wednesday.

Brock Jones of Copperas Cove
who had been in San Angelo as a
witness in court, spent the time be-
tween trains in Ballinger Tuesday
with friends and left for his
home in the afternoon.

B. F. Corum, the painter, has
just finished repainting the Dun-
lap Pool Hall, which adds greatly
to the appearance of that side of
the street.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express through
the columns of this paper our sin-
cere and heartfelt thanks for the
many kindness shown us during
the sorrow that has just befallen
us. Your kind acts and words of
sympathy were a great help to us
and we appreciate them more than
any words can express. Our prayer
is that you will have such
friends as we feel that we have
among you, when the death angel
visits your home.

M. BARBEE and Children
dwpd

The Best Test

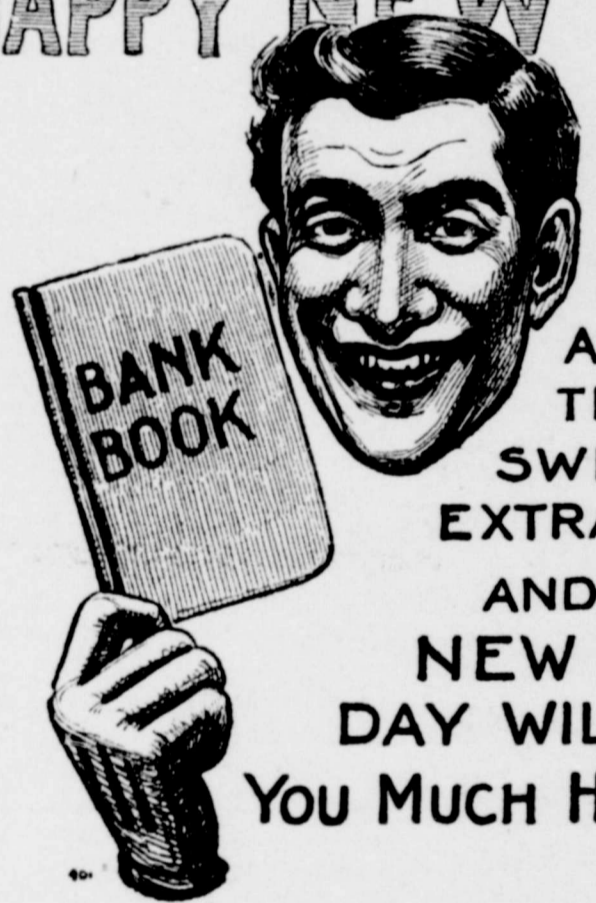
The one true test as to your success in life is this:
"Are you saving money?"

Answer it honestly with yourself. No matter how much you MAKE,
unless you are also able to SAVE, you are a failure and you had just
as well face it squarely. Come in and talk it over. We will show you
the advantages of a bank account with our bank and how to become a
successful saver. It means much to you.

The Farmers & Merchants
State Bank

Office and Mothers Bank.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



START
A
BANK
ACCOUNT
THIS YEAR
SWEAR OFF
EXTRAVAGANCE
AND NEXT
NEW YEARS
DAY WILL FIND
YOU MUCH HAPPIER

Happy New Year to you. This means everybody.
Our friends in particular and the whole community in
general. Next New Year will be here as surely as
this is. If you put money in the bank all this year
NEXT New Year's day will find you happier and bet-
ter satisfied. Each succeeding year should find each
of us better prepared for OLD AGE, which we should
enjoy in comfort.

Make OUR bank Your bank.

The First National Bank
Of Ballinger

THE DAILY LEDGER

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Complimentary Afternoon at Cards.

Miss Lois Crews entertained the Beau Nots Tuesday afternoon with cards in compliment to Miss Hattie Hutton. The colors of the Club, pink and green, furnished the color motif in the decorations, and pink carnations and foliage plants were used effectively throughout the rooms. Dishes of mints, conforming to the color requirements, were placed upon each of the tables used in playing.

Following the game salad, and sandwiches and a mint ice was served and a second course of coffee and cake. Pink carnations were given as favors, and the ride-a-let, Miss Hutton, was presented with thirteen pieces of Haviland china, a gift from the club. Miss Crews was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Homer Alexander of San Antonio.

Those present were: Miss Florence Davis of Portland, Texas; Miss Vining of Austin, Misses Hattie Hutton, Etta Hutton, Kate Union, Bertha Van Pelt, Florence Vestbrook, Winnie Trail, Mamie Gregory, Mrs. Harold Tucker and Betty Miller and Bertha Resbury.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Some People We Know, and Who Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event. It took place in Ballinger, or in some faraway place.

You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word.

To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home.

Is more worthy of confidence than one you know nothing about.

Endorsed by unknown people.

R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas, says: "My kidneys were out of order and I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions. I had a dull pain in my back, over my left kidney, and a cold or tooping made it worse. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., rid me of the annoyance." Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Rutherford had from Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Herman Otken of the old Runnels neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says he has begun farm operations for another year, and the conditions for a bumper crop is favorable.

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. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce Toledo, O.

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.

H. B. Holfman, of the Rowena country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Oliver, of Winters, passed through Ballinger en route home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. A. Terry and her brother Dick Oliver, of South Texas.

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

Emory Williams, left Tuesday afternoon for Teague, Texas, where he will open up his pool hall in a few days.

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

TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides.

Wm. D. Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

THE FARMERS FUTURE.

The day of "clod-hopper" and the "hayseed" farmer is a day that has past, if there ever was such a day, and the farmer has things coming his way and at a speed that will never be overcome by the oppressive hand of any class of people. In fact the farmer is really coming into his own, and the world today looks upon him as the sinew and backbone of the universe, the source of supply and the fountain head of the necessities of life.

Law makers and those who shape the rules of government are today devoting more time to the study of those questions that concern the agricultural interest of our country than ever before in the history of the world. More legislation favorable to the man with the hoe is being enacted, appropriations made for his benefit, demonstrations and experimental work put under way and carried out. The United States government is paying particular attention to the credit and market system, and a committee appointed to investigate the marketing system of other countries is about ready to make its report and the next two years will witness a great forward step along this line, which is of such great importance to the man that produces the wealth.

Modern conveniences have been adopted by the citizens in the rural districts. The establishment of rural telephones and mail lines have brought the farmer closer to the business side of his work, and millions of farmers throughout this nation are now receiving daily papers, and are studying those questions of vital importance to their interest, and in many cases are better posted than the average man in town, and can cast an intelligent vote on any question that comes up. They keep in daily touch with the markets of the world through the daily press and the telephone, and they are in a position to take advantage of opportunities that were never presented to them before.

It is a day of enlightenment and progress for the coming farmer, on good roads. The day is rapidly coming when the majority of the farmers will own his auto and when these wonderful eliminators of space will be as common in the country as buggies. It is no uncommon scene in the present day to drive up to a country church and see a dozen or two autos standing among the other vehicles that brought the congregation together. Teams of fine horses and mules will be used for farming and on Sundays they will be allowed to rest, and for pleasure riding the auto will relieve them. This day is coming and with it will come good roads.

No county in Texas, or any other



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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.

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

Good Milk is Our Motto The Ballinger Dairy. Phone 210

state for that matter, will make a more rapid progress along the line of modern improvements, conveniences, and comfortable living than Runnels county. We have the conditions for an ideal country home life. Health, climate and citizenship insures this. The quality of the land is such that when the modern method of farming is followed the yield will be increased. Demand for every kind of product from the poultry yard to cotton field, from the pasture to the silo is all that a farmer could ask for. The price is a profit giving one at present, and when the marketing system is improved and there is a fixed price for everything, another epoch will be recorded in the agricultural history of our country.

It is true that every line of business has its calamities, and no country is exempt from the ravages of destruction of some nature. The farmer does not suffer alone when such things occur. Diversification has brought a new era for this country, and the farmer who diversifies can not fail. There is no year when every crop is a failure, and there are few years in any country when every crop is a success. By paying attention to every department on the farm every farmer can succeed, and where this is being done the farmers are prosperous and independent.

The future for the farmer is brighter than for any other line of industry, and the future for the Runnels county farmer is brighter than it was ever before.

A device has been patented that will enable any one to tell whether an egg is fresh without breaking the shell, whether it is what is called a yard egg or one that has been kept a long time in cold storage.

But there is another way of determining whether an egg is fresh which is said to be effective without the employment of any patented device and that is as simple as it is reliable.

All that is needed for the test is a glass of water in which to place the egg and a long time ago an old lady who had great confidence in the test is said to have declared that if the egg were fresh it would either sink or swim, she had forgotten which. According to the theory which is vouched for by the New York American, a fresh egg, placed in a glass of water will sink and rest on its side. If three weeks old it will incline slightly, with the small end down. If three months old it will stand

on the small end and if older it will float, with the large end out of the water.

The dealer may not go to the trouble of subjecting all the eggs he buys or sells to such a test, one might sometimes avoid an embarrassment by one but the careful housewife playing situation by assuring herself of the freshness of this high-priced table delicacy before preparing it to be served.

The man who fails to arm himself with a poll tax receipt have no right to "but in" on a political game that is going to be played in Texas this year. Judging from the present line up there will be times when a man will want to say something, and he should arm himself with the necessary credentials.

We want your job work.

Foolish Question

NO. 92,769,531



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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.

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

enhance the value of property.

The high price of all kind of farm products should cause a "back to the farm" movement that would reduce the population of every town in the nation. The opportunities for the farmer are growing as the population increases.

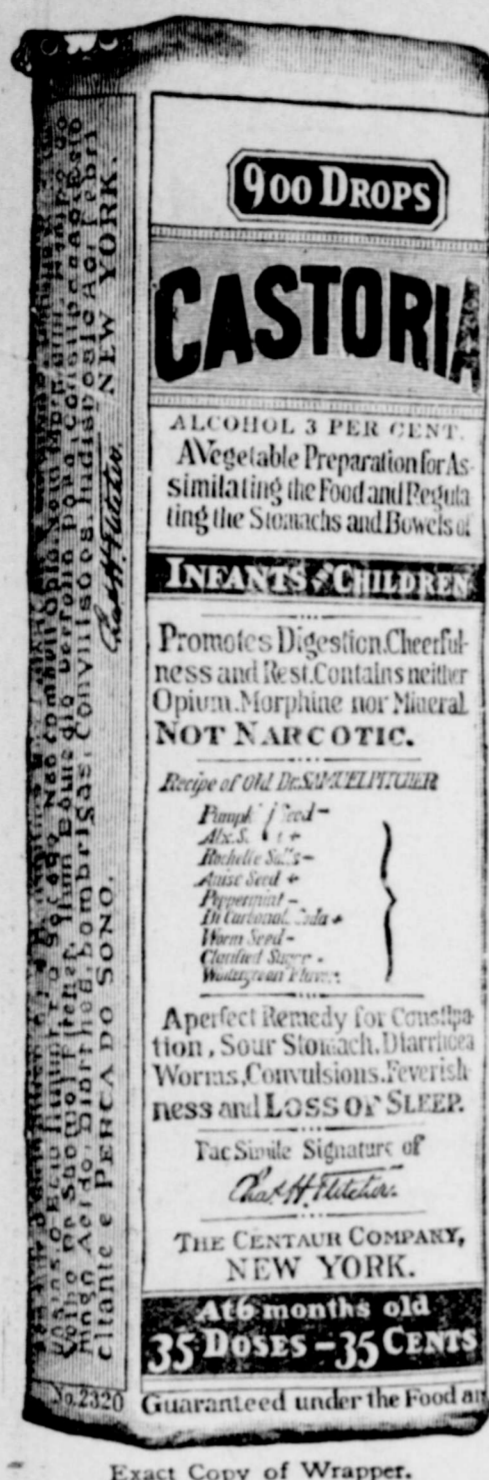
They say the currency bill is a liberally constructed money law, but the banks will continue to do business on the old basis—put up the collateral and pay the interest and you can get the money. The law makes it easier for the other fellow to get the money for you.

The father that lives close to his bank and makes himself one of them will have no trouble in holding respect and confidence, and as they reach that period in life where they need the advice of a friend they will naturally seek the one who has been a real companion to them. It is better to stay down on a level with your boy than to get away from them and leave them to seek the companionship of one who will teach them things that will cause your shame and disgrace. Be a boy with your boy.

Wednesday at noon to look after business affairs in Ballinger betrays.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson



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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature

of

Dr. H. H. Ballinger

Use For Over Thirty Years

CASTORIA

Exact Copy of Wrapper.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

For Sheriff:
JOHN D. PERKINS.
For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD.

BALLINGER BOY MAKING GOOD

The many friends of the young man will be glad to know that Hugo Miller is making good in Arizona where he is engaged in mining engineering and assaying. We recently received a copy of the Oasis, the Nogales newspaper, which was issued in a holiday cover and carried extensive write-ups of the business men of that town and the country, together with splendid half tone cuts of the business men. In speaking of Hugo, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller, of Ballinger and who was born and raised in Ballinger, the Oasis among other things says:

One of the younger of the business men in Nogales, who has located here but recently, yet has built up a fine business within a very short time, is Mr. Hugo W. Miller, whose office and laboratory are in the Marsh Block, on

Grand Avenue, near the Post Office.

Mr. Miller, who is a native of Texas, is a graduate of the University of Texas, Mining Department, taking the degree of E. M. in 1910. Shortly after graduation the young gentlemen accepted a position as assistant engineer with the Chino Copper Company, at Santa Rita, New Mexico, which post he relinquished to accept the position of chief chemist and assayer for the Socorro Mining Company in the Mogollon mountains, which place he held a year going thence to Pioche, to fill a similar position with the Day-Bristol Mining Company, under the management of Mr. George Bent, an operator known well in Arizona and Sonora.

From Pioche Mr. Miller came to Sonora with Mr. Bent, making determinations in mine examinations at the Rey del Oro, and other points that Mr. Bent was reporting upon. While in that employment Mr. Miller noted the excellent opening offered an independent business in the Line City, and he came here and opened his office and laboratory, the latter being one of the finest and best appointed in this vicinity. Almost immediately he was crowded with business, and is doing finely. He is prepared at all times to make mineral and chemical determinations, bullion assaying, mine surveying and examinations and supervise work. He deals also in ores and bullion, giving those producing them the highest market values.



Director D. W. GRIFFITH Staging a Mutual Movie

NOTICE

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

The name at the bottom of this ad will answer that question.

I want your cleaning and pressing I can please you. I want to suit next for you, tailored by

gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, of all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Pat Mapes, the Pony creek merchant, had business in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

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 is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, bruises and bruises it acts as a healing oil, soothing the burning parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Mrs. Estes Lybb, of San Angelo, after a short visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor and friends left Wednesday at noon for her home.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take as directed. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, correct. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

S. A. and N. W. Kiker and Ed Rollins, representative citizens of Bronte came over in their auto Wednesday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

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.

George Stokes and family came in from Dallas Wednesday at noon and will make Runnels county their home again. We understand Mr. Stokes will farm in the Valley creek country this year.

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

Lonnie Baldwin, one of the prominent grocery merchants of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

such but add convenience of d gives her recreation, ter off; but once.

Phone 15.

Ballinger Electric Light Plant
Ballinger, Texas.

Hall Hardware Co.

Everything in Hardware

Competent Plumbers Always Ready to Attend to Rush Orders

Your Business Solicited

Hall Hardware Co.

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

Purity Guaranteed

under all State and National Pure Food Laws. You can pay a higher price, but you cannot get a baking powder that will raise nicer, lighter biscuits, cakes and pastry, or that is any more healthful.

Your money back if K C fails to please you. Try a can at our risk.



R. P. Kirk, Jack McKay and Sheriff Flynt returned from Gainesville Tuesday afternoon where they were called as witnesses in the case.

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

Mrs. E. A. Zureher, of Houston who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wyke and family and Ballinger friends the past few weeks, left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

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

My Registered Jersey Bull

Fox's Blossoms Noble No. 112356

will be delivered to any pen in town after January 5, 1914. Terms \$3.00 cash in advance. Free return service. Phone 384.

Robt. H. Corum, Ballinger, Texas.

SEE **GEORGE ALLEN** The Transfer Man, day or night he is always on the job. Your patronage will be appreciated

Day Phone 165 Prompt and Careful Service Promised. **388 Night Phone**
GEORGE ALLEN, Ballinger, Texas

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.

THE ALMANAC THEN AND NOW

Some one tossed a 1914 almanac on the editor's desk one day this week. We were carelessly chucking it into the waste basket, being provided for already, when an elderly citizen present in this office asked to see the pamphlet. He remarked that it was not rejected, so contemptuously when he was a boy.

He went on to explain that in his early home reading matter was very precious. "The Old Farmer's Almanac," still cherished in many homes, used to turn up about this time of the year, and it was warily welcomed. The few books in the house had long ago been squeezed dry. If the almanac was a few days late, his mother, who had a keen and never satisfied hunger for books, used to lament because Father had not brought home the new copy.

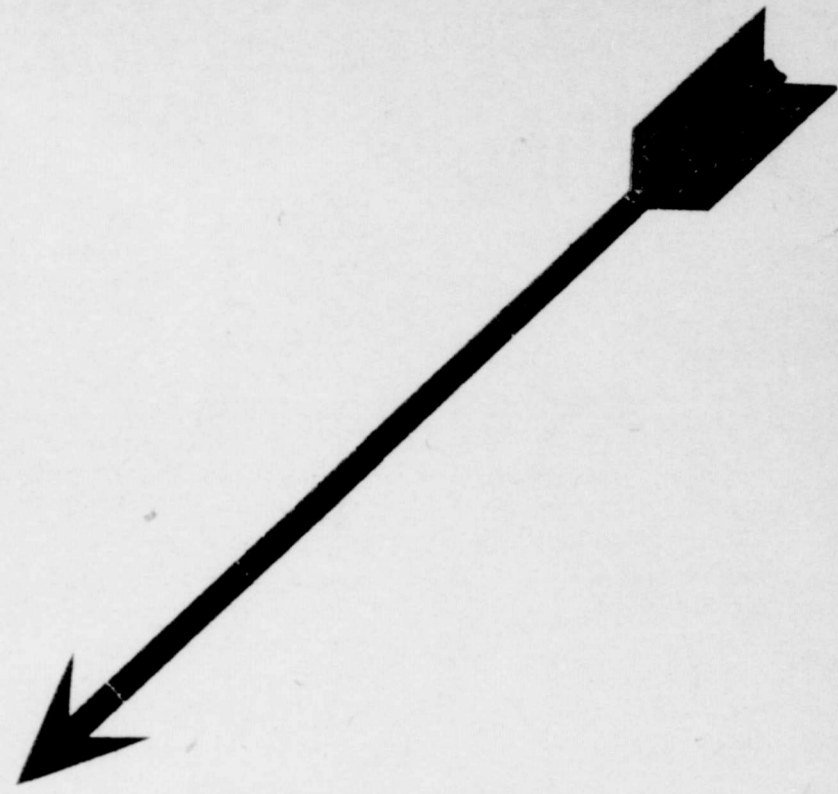
The quaint old yellow backed compendium, and others of its type, had tables of eclipses and signs of the zodiac, information about farming, puzzles, anecdotes, etc.

It was a thrilling moment when this new stock of literature, fresh from the fascinating mysteries of the print shop, enlivened the home. Great was the competition as to who should have the first reading of its crisp pages.

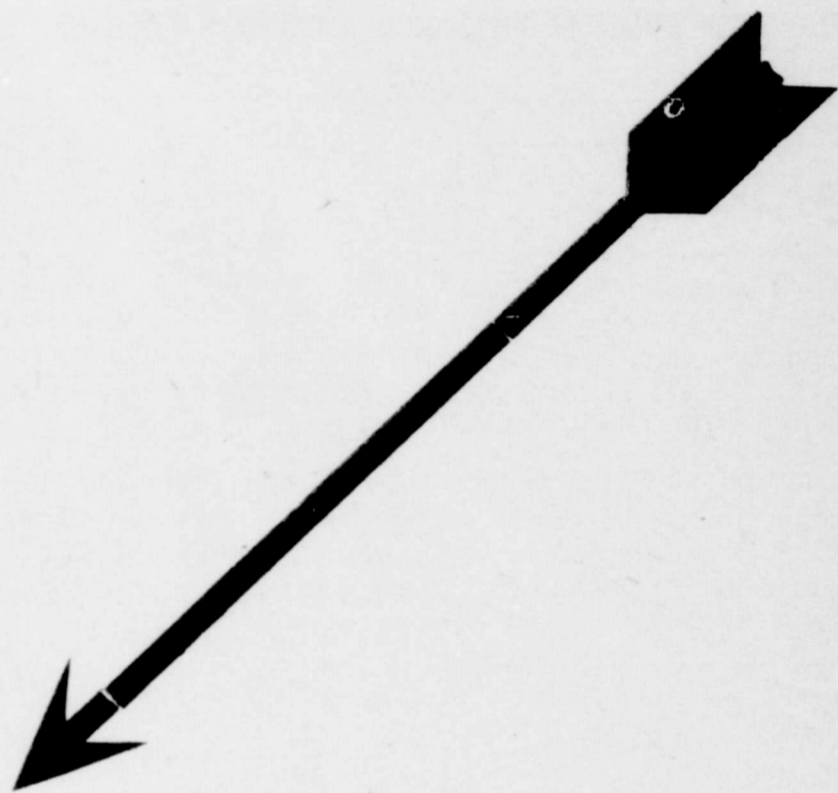
In many homes not so many years ago the patent medicine almanac also supplied some literary eaps. Its lugubrious accounts of diseases, and realistic analysis of symptoms made nervous people morbid. But in places where newspapers and magazines were comparatively scarce and libraries were few, its paragraphs and anecdotes seemed sparkling and newsy.

Many almanacs are still issued, but they are more largely direc-

How's Your Business Rated?



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.

tories of information. They do not find the hungry appetite for reading as of old. A torrent of newspaper and magazine literature floods our homes. Anything must be new fresh, original, or very brilliant to attract much notice in the wide sea of print.

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.

R. F. Green, the dairy man, and his little son, left Tuesday afternoon for Orange Grove, Texas, to visit his brother and family a few weeks.

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T. A. Tidwell and A. B. Burrell, who spent the past few weeks with home folks and Ballinger friends, left Tuesday afternoon for the east in the interest of their grocery company.

S. A. Lee, of Lometa, who had been in Ballinger the past day or two looking after property inter-

est returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Joints 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. Joe A. Jones and two children, of Somerville, Texas, after a pleasant holiday visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin and family, left Tuesday afternoon for their home.

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J. M. Greenhill, of the Pony creek country, while here on business Tuesday remembered the Banner-Ledger with a renewal.

Charles Schlake, of the Miles country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

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