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Us Help You Make the "High Cost of Living" Cost You Less During 1914. Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

PRINCESS THEATRE

TONIGHT

Pictures that cure the "Blues"

Picture Program

THE STOLEN WOMAN—in two parts.

HIS LAST DEAL—Mae Leslie.

PICTURE DAYS OLD.

Admission 10c

New Year to Be Welcomed With Much Merriment

Ballinger people will celebrate the new year of 1914 with merry-making. Bells will ring and whistles will blow at midnight when 1913 will step down and out to allow fresh blood to take up the task of urging people on to their duty.

Parties and other forms of entertainment are now being arranged. Many younger sets for the evening of the 31st of this month will watch parties will be on the scene to usher out the old year and escort the younger generation.

The merchants are placing large orders with fireworks dealers that the new year might be celebrated with much noise. Skyrockets will be sent up into the air in a cluster of beautiful balls of fire, all scheduled for the precise moment 1913 steps out and 1914 is hailed.

Ballinger has many things to be thankful for during the past year. It is true as many say, that the year has not been so wonderful as some of the years that have gone by. It is also true that the year could have been much worse than what it is.

Ballinger has not been very lively in 1914, although the city itself held its own during the past few months. If there has been an increase in the population during the year, the city has grown considerably, when the fact is considered that many residents have moved into Ballinger during the year from the adjacent counties. Many have come to the city for the sole purpose of placing their children in the city schools which have been pronounced

ed by not only the patrons of the institutions but by many university inspectors as being one of the best, if not the best, in this section of the state. It was not so very many years ago that this country had little schools and in many places in this same country the conditions are the same today. Ballinger has outgrown the old spirit, its visitors say and has schools that will rank with any anywhere in the State of Texas.

Business has been remarkably good in Ballinger during the dying months of 1913. Many merchants who expected little business in September were surprised to find that trading was as brisk as in some of the months when Rannels county and surrounding counties were in first place in the state, as far as crops and prosperity were concerned.

In drawing a balance in our books we might say, and it is true that the balance sheet makes a splendid showing for our town and county, our county is free from contagious diseases. We are enjoying health and there is nothing for charity to do. Never in the history of the county were the people facing such bright prospects for another year. No one dare say that the county ever had such prospects for a grain crop at present, nor was the acreage ever near so great. The majority of our citizens are "bubbling over" with optimism. The knock-out has been put out of business and that spirit of confidence so common with the Central West Texas citizen is holding full sway.

The dawn of a new era is at hand, and there is no country that offers a man more for his money than Rannels county at this time

Here's To You.

A Merry Christmas to you all—Whether Customer or not. May cheerfulness and happiness And gladness be your lot. And if you're not our customer We add this wish right here That you'll enroll yourself with us Within the coming year.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"Fathers and Mothers Bank."

16 pounds..	.20	.36	.67
17 pounds..	.21	.38	.67
18 pounds..	.22	.40	.75
19 pounds..	.23	.42	.79
20 pounds..	.24	.44	.83
25 pounds..	.29		
30 pounds..	.34		
40 pounds..	.44		
45 pounds..	.49		
50 pounds..	.54		

PRESIDENT SANDEFER HERE SUNDAY.

J. D. Sanderfer, president of the Simmons College at Abilene, will be a visitor to Ballinger Sunday and will occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Sanderfer is not a preacher, but he is a strong man in the Baptist church and a layman that is doing a good work. He is an able man and the Ballinger church is fortunate in having him with them. Every body is cordially invited to attend each service.

The usefulness of parcels post maps and guides furnished postmasters and the public is not affected by the new rates.

The Dallas News in speaking of The Missouri Girl says: "There have been so many off-color, barn storming aggregations that have taken advantage of the theatre-goers in this city, that it was something of a pleasant surprise not to find The Missouri Girl in the same class.

A good sized audience "took a chance" last night and much enjoyed the clever acting, catchy songs and lean comedy of the production."

Bob Leggett, of Abilene, came in at noon Wednesday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or two.

Judge T. T. Crosson had legal business at Ovalo between trains Wednesday.

J. G. Goetz, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

MANY WEDDINGS CHRISTMAS WEEK

The marriage license market pretty good during the holidays and the records make a good thing. During the past week City Clerk Parish has issued the following named licenses to wed:

W. Holloday to Miss Mollie Land.

J. N. Swilley to Miss E. R. Bryan.

Dr. Preston Hunt to Miss Hattie Hutton.

W. W. Morgan to Miss Fannie McCauley.

W. E. Barnes to Miss Mary Lee McAuley.

W. J. Zihlke to Miss Emma Wesepie.

Chas. M. Vanceil to Miss Ruth Lewis.

H. D. Keel to Miss Annie Dorsett.

Horace Curry to Miss Iona Hall.

J. P. Boothe to Miss Ruby Holman.

L. Turner to Miss Carrie Embury.

A. Fulcher to Miss Lidie Embury.

John D. Sanders to Miss Mag. Byrd.

E. E. Lipton to Miss Ruby Embury.

Archie Wiley to Miss Eva Vinson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor and Mrs. M. McCary and children, left Wednesday at noon for San Antonio and will spend New Year's at Mr. and Mrs. Estes' friends.

REALSTATE TRANSFERS \$20,000 NEW P. P. RATES EFFECTIVE JAN 1

C. Cavell and wife to L. S. Lawhorn, No. 5, 2nd city streets, consideration \$350.

J. S. and wife et al to Ben Nunna, 1/2 acre of land out of T. T. Wessley No. 530 and 22 1/4 acre and out of Willett Holmby No. 100, consideration \$480.

L. E. and wife to W. E. H. 246 acres of land being block 8, subdivision of the one-half of the Samuel Hiebel third league, consideration \$300.

All is and wife to W. L. Ellinger, 185 acres, consideration \$480.

C. Y. Miller to M. M. Smith, 100 acres of land on Coleman and county line, consideration \$700.

W. L. and wife to F. L. Harper, 4 acres of land out of the survey No. 808, consideration \$600.

W. L. and wife to J. R. G. of lot 20 in block 1, addition to Winters, consideration \$512.

W. L. and wife to The Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Ballinger, 643 1/2 acres patented to Wm. H. L. patent No. 286, consideration \$750.

Tom Patterson, of Ballinger, died in Wednesday at 10 o'clock after business at Ballinger friends a

Postmaster J. J. Erwin has received instructions from Postmaster General Burleson relative to the change in parcels post weight limits and rates, to become effective January 1st. The limit of weight for parcels to be delivered in the first and second zones will be increased from 20 to 50 pounds and for delivery in the third, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth zones from 11 to 20 pounds. The rates for parcels to be delivered in all zones except the first and second have also been reduced, as the table below will show.

On and after March 16, 1914 parcels may be mailed under parcel post regulations, at the usual rates, with the provision that for books weighing 8 ounces or less the usual printed matter rate of one cent for two ounces will apply.

The following table shows the rates under the new order of the Postmaster general:

	1st Zone	2nd Zone	3rd Zone	4th Zone
1 pound..	\$0.05	.06	\$0.06	\$0.07
2 pounds..	.06	.08	.10	.11
3 pounds..	.07	.10	.12	.15
4 pounds..	.08	.12	.15	.18
5 pounds..	.09	.14	.18	.23
6 pounds..	.10	.16	.21	.27
7 pounds..	.11	.18	.24	.31
8 pounds..	.12	.20	.27	.34
9 pounds..	.13	.22	.30	.38
10 pounds..	.14	.24	.33	.41
11 pounds..	.15	.26	.36	.45
12 pounds..	.16	.28	.39	.48
13 pounds..	.17	.30	.42	.51
14 pounds..	.18	.32	.45	.54
15 pounds..	.19	.34	.48	.57

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 better 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

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A man was recently arrested in Dallas for stealing a Bible. The man will no doubt be sent to the rock pile or placed with the chain gang on the street. If he had killed a man in Dallas he would have been released on bond, and in the course of time acquitted. Texas laws are just a little too slack in dealing with murderers and that accounts for Texas leading in the number of murders over other states, population considered.

I have been a firm believer in advertised food products, primarily because I know that an advertisement rarely pays for itself in direct orders; it is the re-orders that make advertising profitable to the producer, and if an article has been misrepresented in the advertisement, the re-orders will become a negligible quantity and the publicity, in such an event, results in dead loss to the advertiser. Again the manufacturer usually fixes the price of an advertised commodity and so protects the consumer against imposition on the part of the middle man; and paradoxical as it may seem this matter of price-fixing is the greatest safeguard that a manufacturer in a competitive field can provide for his customers.

If the town has a lot of vacant stores, idle factories, mills running on half time, there can be no substantial value to property. Therefore, to keep the stores rented, the dwellings occupied and a general good tone to property values it is necessary that you take to your home people your entire support. Patronizing mail-order houses not altogether limited to poor people or to farmers or to people who do not know the hurt they are doing to their home town, but it is a common practice among certain well-known, well-to-do men. I believe this is more the result of thoughtlessness and of being misled by embellished and highly exaggerated descriptions than through a spirit of antagonism to the home merchant. Moreover, I firmly believe that when you think over this matter seriously and carefully, analyzing it in every detail, hereafter you will give your home merchant your trade.

DALLAS MAN STARTED SENATOR SHEPPARD IN POLITICAL LIFE.

(By Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald.) W. A. Frazer of Dallas succeeds to the highest position in the gift of the Woodmen of the World. Death has made him the head of this powerful insurance order. Eighteen years ago Mr.

Frazer was city electrician at a salary of \$100 a month. Now he is a wealthy man, the mayor of Highland Park, an aristocratic suburb of Dallas and the executive head of the Woodmen of the World. He is the Hon. Morris Sheppard's closest friend in Texas. When the Hon. John L. Sheppard died, this Dallas leader of Woodmen set the ball in motion in the First congressional district to elect the son to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his lamented father. The keeper of the record happens to know that Mr. Frazer was the leader of the Sheppard forces, although he did not live in the First congressional district. Young Sheppard was elected, and he held the office until the people sent him to the United States Senate as the successor of the Hon. Joseph Weldon Bailey. Frazer is a Scotchman by birth. He came to America when a mere youth. He is as wise and as cunning and as cunning as any Scot that ever crossed the ocean and he has made good in this land of the free. In the old days when the Hon. W. C. Conner was the boss of Dallas politics Frazer was one of his young lieutenants. In the senatorial campaign last year, although a stalwart anti-prohibitionist, this Dallas Woodmen leader was one of the most uncompromising supporters of the Hon. Morris Sheppard, and when the young congressman was elected for the short term as the successor of the late R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post it was Frazer who led the cheering in the galleries in the hall of the house of representatives in the city of Austin. He started Morris Sheppard on the road to Washington and he has been backing him ever since. This is unwritten history in the political records of the old First district and it is true to the letter. W. A. Frazer and the powerful Woodmen leaders of the old First district honored the boy by electing him to the position filled for several terms by his distinguished father.

Resolve to make 1914 the best year in your life, and do it.

All kinds of poultry, and the eggs too are bringing a better price today than ever before. The cost to produce them remains about the same. See what you are missing by not having a poultry yard full of good industrious hens.

HOLLIDAY MORELAND.

Mr. Wade Holliday and Miss Mollie McKinney Moreland, while sitting in their buggy Wednesday at high noon at the court house square, were united in marriage. Judge M. Kleberg, officiating. The relatives and a few friends witnessed the ceremony on the noon train to spend a few days at San Angelo. This young couple are two of Ruppels county's favorites and numbers their friends by the scores and starts out on life's matrimonial sea with the best wishes of a host of friends and The Ledger is glad to be numbered among the list.

Mr. Holliday is one of the prominent and successful young farmers southeast of Ballinger and the bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moreland, prominent citizens six miles down the Colorado River.

John Gressett, of the Benoit country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

City Marshall J. N. McKay left Wednesday morning for Sweetwater to visit relatives and look after official business 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.

Miss Juaneta Durham, of Sterling City, was the guest of her friend, Mrs. W. A. Francis and family Tuesday night en route to Abilene where she is attending Simmons College.

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.

D. G. Hadden, of Martindale, Ark., came in a few days ago on a visit to his brother Joe Hadden and family during the holidays.



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.

Mr. P. M. Cannon, of Texas, who visited his uncle P. M. Cannon and family and other relatives in our county during the holidays left for his home Tuesday afternoon.



NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Ruppels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Ven. Lien Notes bearing 6 per cent. interest, and charge no commission placing your loans. For further information write or call at my office.

H. Gesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

Foolish Question

NO. 92,769,531

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THE BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

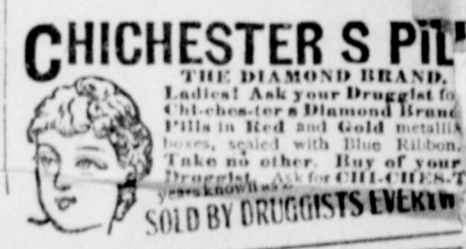
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Extra choice pecans 16 per pound. The Globe. 3011w-3d

J. L. Futch, of Temple, who visited relatives and friends in Ballinger the past week left Tuesday afternoon for home.

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



GUNTER HOTEL

Absolutely Fire-proof, Modern, European. A Hotel Built For The Climate. SAN ANTONIO HOTEL CO., Owners, PERCY TYRRELL, Mgr.

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