

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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A Special Shipment Today Brings Us a Beautiful Line of

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Beautiful in Design, Rich in Color.

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B. F. Curry and Albert Gentry of the Northwest part of the county, spent Tuesday night in the city.

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a paste diamond if you could secure a genuine stone at no greater cost? Then why be satisfied with a mere imitation of a singer's voice when by purchasing

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"The Photograph with a Soul"

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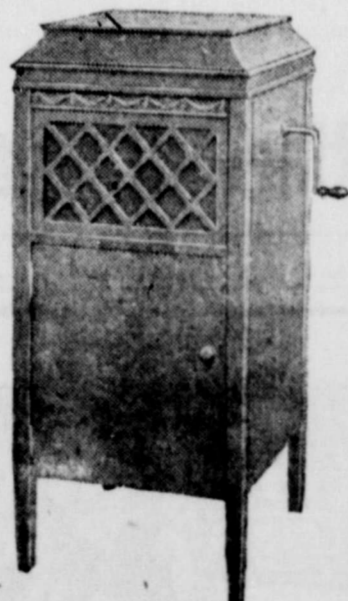


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**Pathe**  
for  
Christmas



Make some heart throb with delight at Christmas by giving that supreme gift—a Pathe—a gift that will add to the joy of living and make some one's Christmas complete.

**T. S. LANKFORD**

The Store of Ideal Gifts

The Pathe plays all makes of Record

# Miners Deliberating on Settlement of Strike

## GEOLOGICAL REPORT PUTS RUNNELS IN THE OIL BELT

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 10.—In a recent survey of Runnels county, made by the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology of the University of Texas, the geologic resources of present economic value were found to be confined to the non-metallic products, such as sand, clay, gypsum, structural stone, lime, road metal, oil and gas.

Under favorable conditions the Bureau believes a number of these may be utilized locally and some of them in a broader way.

The survey disclosed immense beds of red clay in the western part of the county from which brick and tile can be made. One of the citizens of Ballinger called attention to a deposit of Fuller's earth about three and a half miles from the city on the Maverick road. This deposit was not sufficiently opened up to demonstrate its commercial importance.

One bed of gypsum of considerable extent was found just West of Ballinger. It is exposed in the Colorado river bed east of the town is recorded in wells about Rowena, and found in the bluffs West of Hatchel. As with the glass-sands and clay, it is thought that it might be possible to find places where this bed of gypsum is of sufficient thickness to be mined and calcined for plaster of Paris and cement plasters should cheap fuel from natural gas or crude oil become available.

One of the valuable resources of the county is its limestones, which are excellent building material, easily accessible, durable

and of pleasing color. The best and most accessible beds are found in the upper Lueders formation from which stone is quarried. These beds are well located geographically with respect to transportation and the more densely inhabited part of the county. The rich buff shade of the stone, the large blocks in which it occurs, its firmness and durability combine to make it a stone of unusual quality, it is pointed out.

The best road material of the county, as shown by tests made during the survey is the conglomerate (concrete) which occurs along the Colorado River and the larger creeks. These beds are found from forty to one hundred feet above the streams and occasionally nearly down to stream level. They usually have a reddish appearance from the iron with which the gravel is partially cemented together. Where this material is used some of the best roads of the county are found. Another source of road material is the loose gravel found along the river and the larger streams. Tests have shown it is best to screen out the larger pebbles and add a little clay for a binder.

No deep test well has been completed for oil or gas, but the Survey findings indicate that this county is within the oil belt strata.

W. R. Puckett went to Temple Tuesday afternoon, where he left an auto some time ago, and will drive it through the country.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Voss, who have been living on the Russell ranch, are moving to South Texas, where Mr. Voss will engage in the ranching business for himself.

## WANTS \$5000 INSURANCE ON DEAD ROBBER'S LIFE

## Gift Stationery

Just the Gift for Her

BEAUTIFUL STATIONERY

in Hand Painted Boxes.

Weeks Drug Store

Phones 12 and 13

## NOTICE

We will follow instructions for late opening and early closing to save fuel. Please be governed accordingly.

**H. & H. MERCANTILE CO.**

66—Phones—67

## GERMANY MUST SIGN AT ONCE

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—(Delayed

Cable.)—The allied note demanding that Germany immediately accept the protocol to the peace treaty, was received here this afternoon. The tone of the note, according to officials, is considered conciliatory.

"Germany will sign," said well posted diplomats here when the terms of the note were made public here.

In order to save fuel we close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Order your lumber and feed before that hour. West Texas Grain Co. 10-1td.

C. W. Clayton was here from Talpa, Tuesday, looking after business.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—After a two hour debate the mine union chiefs of the coal miners adjourned shortly after noon today without reaching a decision on an agreement to accept President Wilson's proposal for ending the coal strike.

"We will reconvene at one-thirty, and will probably reach some agreement today," said President Lewis of the miners' union as he was leaving the conference.

As far as the public knows the strike is no nearer settled today than it was yesterday. The conference of the miners is a secret meeting and the attitude of the miners is not known.

SHEFFIELD, Eng.—A trout measuring fifteen inches in length stopped the city's water supply for a day. It was drawn into the suction pipe at the reservoir, and workmen seeking the fault, found it tightly wedged, but still alive.

Use Ledger Classifieds.

## Do Your Shopping Early



Dear lady, give me something USEFUL

In these busy, sensible, constructive days, men are giving and expecting useful presents.

So, dear lady, you compliment yourself in his eyes when you give him something useful—something he can use or wear every day.

You can't go wrong on pleasing him if you make your selections here. We know him—we know what he likes.

**Higginbotham Bros. & Co.**  
The Shopping Center

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**BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER**

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Unless the fuel famine ends, the railroads will ask you not to go visiting Christmas.

The man with a full coal bin is the man who should conserve fuel. The fellow without fuel can't.

Farmers have been made to feel the need of good roads, this fall more than ever, but many of them would vote against a bond issue, the only way to build roads.

No, we have no selfish motive in advocating fuel conservation. We have two tons of coal, a credit with the oil man, and know how to cut wood. It is the more unfortunate who need your help.

Press reports say that the bitter cold weather is hampering work in coal mines. If a few striking miners would freeze to death, perhaps it would improve the situation. The others could work to keep warm.

Kindness to others through the holidays, and all other times, is a gift all can give, and is a gift which humanity needs most at this particular time. Don't worry about what to give for Christmas, just be kind and you have given a great gift.

The New Jersey man who shot his wife while she was asleep by his side, and made the police believe that it was the result of a bad dream, may be innocent of murder, but he has set an alarming precedent, and opened the way for a new defense in murder trials.

**Do You Enjoy Your Meals?**  
If you do not enjoy your meals your digestion is faulty. Eat moderately, especially of meats, masticate your food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals and take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and you will soon find your meals to be a real pleasure.

**POLITICS AND PLANETS.**  
The astronomers have been predicting unusual things for the middle of the month and the intelligent portion of the general public have laughed the astronomers to scorn. But we knew something out of the ordinary would happen, and now Joe Bailey has made his engagements to speak on old-fashioned democracy, against paternalism, and so forth, beginning his campaign at Waco on the 15th and at San Antonio on the 17th, which solves the whole mystery. The prediction was that six planets, on one side of the sun and Uranus on the other, an exchange of shots would pass between the two conflicting forces and each, breathing forth lightning flames like Ajax O'Leary when Minerva struck him with Jupiter's bolts, would draw this little ball of dirt into range of the fire and it would be consumed like a snow-ball in the middle of Sheol. And so, with the Anti-Saloon League on one side of this insignificant globe and Joe representing Uranus and the "Association Opposed to Prohibition" on the other, we may as well prepare for a hot time and a wailing and gnashing of teeth. All you who can't swim had better get up on the high peaks!—Comanche Enterprise.

**Splendid Cough Medicine**  
"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago." writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lung, a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

**DO WE NEED COAL?**  
It has been suggested that the business man who can arrange to heat his business house by using wood as a fuel, should be allowed to run independent of fuel orders—open when he gets ready, and remain open until bed time, if he so chooses.

That's an American privilege we should all enjoy, but circumstances are just a little peculiar at this time. If one store can get

along without coal, why can't all stores operate without coal? If all the stores can operate without coal, why can't the town operate without coal, and serve notice on the fuel administration that we do not need their coal, can get along without, will get along without, that we are independent and will run our business to suit ourselves.

If we do this the fuel administration will be under no obligations to us and we will not have to comply with any of the orders issued.

This is a question the citizens will thrash out at a mass meeting this afternoon. If we are going to ignore the fuel administration's rules, we must first declare our independence, and not depend on the administration for coal. The administration has made it clear that towns violating the rules will be penalized and the penalty will be an empty coal bin.

Surgeons agree that in cases of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds, the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Barozene is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by John A. Weeks.

**Citation on Appointment of Temporary Guardian**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels county, a copy of the following notice:

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To all persons interested in the welfare of Jesse A. Seaborn, Nina Inez Seaborn, John N. Seaborn, Maggie R. Seaborn, Ruby Viola Seaborn and Leonard R. Seaborn, minors, Mrs. Cattie F. Seaborn was by the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1919, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the persons and estates of said minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in February A. D. 1920, the same being the 2nd day of February A. D. 1920, at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 29th day of November A. D. 1919.

W. C. McCarver, Clerk  
County Court Runnels County, Texas. d26-3-10

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy, particularly beneficial for elderly men. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

**YANKEE ELARNEY SAVES HIS LIFE**

Dignity meant nothing in Larry Donovan's young life.

He was an American with a little Irish in his blood and he believed in doing whatever he pleased wherever he was.

He slapped the pompous little Latin-American governor on the back, called him "old scout," and asked him out to have a drink.

Blarney saved him with regularity from being spat over the "white-washed wall."

He walked too fast for the professional vampire of the toy republic where he got into trouble.

Donovan didn't fancy the fate of the recent Gen. Angeles in old Mexico. Life to Donovan was just one grand sweet song with a possible note of discord here and there to vary the melody.

"Whitewashed Walls" is a rollicking comedy burlesque on Central American politics with Wm. Desmond as a Yankee adventurer with oddle of crust. You can see it tonight at the Queen, and you can laugh with the rest if you go.

**"MURDER FARM" BONES ARE HELD AS EVIDENCE**

LAWRENCE, Kans., Dec. 10.—The fate of Rufus King, held for trial in the triple murder skeleton mystery, may be decided on the basis of data regarding the supposed skeleton of John Woody alleged "murder farm" victim, which has been prepared by Hubert Shepard of the University of Kansas department of anatomy.

King's trial is scheduled for the March term of court at Lyndon, Kansas.

At the continuance, Shepard appeared, ready to present what may be deciding evidence, regarding age, sex, height and nationality of the supposed John Woody. The skeleton was sent to the Kansas University school of medicine, after being unearthed last August, at Maple Hill, Kans., on property formerly occupied by King.

Two other skeletons, unearthed on property said to have been used by King may be sent to the university for identification. They are supposed to be the bones of Reuben Gutschall and William F. Ringer.

**PNEUMONIA**  
Call a physician. Immediately begin "emergency" treatment with—  
**VICK'S VAPORUB**  
"YOUR BODYGUARD" - 30¢, 60¢, 90¢

Mrs. John Biddle of Athens, Ohio, age 76, was mother of 14 children. Thirteen of her children were school teachers, during their early life and seven of her eight sons are now practicing physicians.

**Chamberlain's Tablets.**  
These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated, give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect.



**Christmas Means Love**

We cannot picture it without seeing the spangled Christmas tree girt with the faces of gleeful youngsters, glad parents, and happy bodies returned home from town or far metropolis. It sounds like bells and crackling logs and shouts of children. And even our old, round-shouldered, sorrow-ridden planet, with his eye knocked out on his cheek, pauses to smile from sea to sea, and love is everywhere rejuvenated.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

**Tasted Suspicious.**  
"My dear, did you make this Christmas pudding out of the cook book?"  
"Yes, love."  
"I thought I tasted one of the covers."

Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of *Herbina* in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Sold by John A. Weeks.

**MODEL IRRIGATION FARM AT EXHIBIT**

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 10.—One of the most unusual exhibits ever offered in an agricultural show will be the 50-acre model irrigation farm to be featured at the Royal Agricultural Society's show soon.

The whole design, planned by R. W. Harvis, a member of the water commission, will be put into execution by government officers. The site for the farm has already been chosen, and upon it will be shown the method of watering crops and trees and the practices generally adopted in irrigation districts.

Land has been subdivided, channelled and graded in a manner suitable for horticulture and mixed farming, embracing dairying, lucerne-growing, pig and poultry raising, and the production of vegetables and fruits. Water will be measured by a new registering wheelmeter. Special building, will also be constructed upon the site.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Sold by John A. Weeks.

**Bread and Rolls**

We make the kind that makes eating a pleasure. They have the home flavor, and their use avoids the drudgery of home baking. They always bring our customers back for more. Stop at our bakery on Eighth St. and carry some home.

W. V. Connelly

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Your interest and ours are mutual. We depend upon you for business and you depend upon us for lumber to satisfy your requirements.

Our customers are our best friends—some of you have been customers and friends for years. You know we have always given you our best in properly graded and assorted yellow pine lumber.

We have all grades and sizes to meet your requirements.

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SECOND HAND STORE

**Children Cry for Fletcher's**  
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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

**What is CASTORIA**  
Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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American Beauty Cream Meal  
*It Cost More, But Worth It.*  
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Phones 93 and 94

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR  
Imitation "Ford" parts are being sold by many mail-order houses and garages to unsuspecting Ford owners as "Ford" parts. But they are not Genuine Ford parts, made by the Ford Motor Company. They are made by concerns who have no connection whatsoever with the Ford Motor Company. These imitation parts are not even made from the same grade of steel, or under the same formulas used by the Ford Company. They are counterfeit parts. Tests have shown them to break when the genuine Ford parts didn't even bend and they generally are from thirty-five to one hundred per cent lower in quality.  
The Authorized Ford Dealer is your protection. As such, we handle nothing but the Genuine Ford parts. They are made from the famous Ford Vanadium Steel and each part—according to its use—is heat-treated in the way that will give it the longest wearing qualities.  
**Harwell Motor Company**

**Make your Home Attractive by its Lights**  
It Won't Cost much and helps the looks of any home.  
Now that the school year is open and your children are studying at night, don't let them ruin their eyes studying by a poor light. A MADZA lamp gives you more and is smoother and restful to the eyes.  
**Ballinger Electric Light, Power & Ice Company**

## HOW WEAK WOMEN ARE MADE STRONG

Mrs. Westmoreland Tells in the Following Letter.



Harrison, N. Y.—"When my first child was born I did not know about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and had a very hard time. I read in the newspaper about the Vegetable Compound and when my second child came I took it and was well during the whole time, and childbirth was a hundred times easier. Ever since then I have used it for any weakness and would not be without it for the world. I do all my work and am strong and healthy. I am nursing my baby, and I still take the Vegetable Compound as it keeps a woman in good health. You may publish my testimonial for the good of other women, if you choose to do so."—Mrs. C. WESTMORELAND, Harrison, N. Y.

Women who suffer from displacements, irregularities, inflammation, ulceration, backache, headaches and nervousness should lose no time in giving this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial, and for special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Falls have both been ill at their home in South Ballinger, and Mr. Falls has not been able to look after his work at the court house for several days.

Try Want Ads for results.

### For Sale My Confectionery For Cash

No monkey business.  
No notes.  
No automobiles.  
No farm or city property.  
No oil wells.  
Nothing but

### Cash Talks.

My reason for selling is I want to engage in another line of business in Ballinger.

**N. PASSUR**  
Watch Me Grow

## DRASTIC FUEL ORDERS ISSUED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—In face of the expected settlement of the coal strike in Indianapolis, Dr. Garfield put into effect the most drastic regulations for fuel economy since 1918.

Even if strikes are settled, he declared fuel saving measures will be necessary for several weeks. Plants using bituminous coal or coke will be restricted to operation of three days a week on the basis of present working hours. Exception will be made only to plants manufacturing what is considered necessary products and those consuming anthracite, gas and other fuels. The order includes curtailment of street lighting, lights and heat for buildings and industrial plants and current for street railways.

### Should Be Quarantined

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you will find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

London.—"When strikers die they will get up a strike in Heaven till they get a 47 hour week at golden harp-playing," declared a prominent Salvation Army preacher.

### A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

### STOP—LOOK—LISTEN

The Ladies of the Christian church will have a bazaar all day Saturday 13th at the Hall Hardware Co.

Get your adding machine paper from the Ballinger Printing Co.

## YULETIDE BUSY TIME FOR CUPID

Some Christmas Love Superstitions, Customs and Practices in the Old World

### PURSES FOR POOR BRIDES

Money Collected and Presented in a Way So as Not to Offend Girls—Flowers Used in Proposals by Shy Young Natives of Alps.

Good St. Thomas, serve me right And send me my true love tonight, That I may gaze upon his face, Then him in my fond arms embrace.

After placing a piece of holly under her pillow, many a girl in the north of England especially, repeats these lines to herself before retiring to rest on Christmas eve, according to a writer in London Tit-Bits.

Cupid plays an important part in many of the superstitions and customs that are still extant at this season.

Another queer custom in the north, although it is not now so prevalent as it was, is that of gathering maidens' purses. The money for these purses is collected some weeks before Christmas from the inhabitants of the mining towns, and they are given as marriage portions to the poorest among those girls who are soon to be married. On Christmas eve a full purse is quietly thrown in at the girl's window, so that her feelings shall not be wounded by an ostentatious distribution.

A Christmas practice among superstitious girls who wish to dream about their future lovers is that of abstaining from food or drink or speech during the whole of Christmas eve. Then, after all the family have retired, they make a cake of flour, salt and water, called a "dumb cake." This they eat just before retiring to bed, in the belief that their somewhat indigestible supper will cause them to dream of their future husbands.

In the Alps there exist several charming Yuletide customs of proposing marriage by the language of flowers. If a girl accepts a bouquet of edelweiss from a man during the period from Christmas day to New Year's eve the action denotes that she accepts him as her future husband.

Another Christmas custom in Switzerland is for the young man to place a flower pot containing a single rose, and a note on the window sill of the girl's room when she is absent from home. He then waits for a reply. If the maid accepts the flower before New Year's eve, then the young man boldly enters the house to "ask papa." If, on the other hand, the rose is not touched, but is allowed to fade away, the proposal is rejected without a single word of love having been exchanged between the couple. This is a useful custom for bashful bachelors!

In Sardinia Christmas wooing is far more complicated. If a Sardinian father has a marriageable daughter, the would-be suitor applies to him for permission to speak to her by means of a species of telephone that has been in use for the purpose for centuries of Christians.

It is a long string with a wooden knob at each end. The girl drops one knob out of her window and, the shutters being closed, places the other knob to her ear. Down below her would-be lover pours words of undying devotion into his knob!

On every New Year's day in Roumania a fair of marriageable girls is held. The girls are all drawn up in one line and the men in another, with the parents of both behind them. If a young man likes the look of any particular girl he steps out of his line, goes up to her and enters into conversation. If he is favorably received by the girl, his parents and her parents compare notes as to the marriage settlement and similar practical matters.

Many quaint superstitions are associated with the festive season in various parts of Britain. In Hertfordshire the wearing of new shoes on Christmas day is considered to be very unlucky; while in other parts it is thought to be inviting ill luck to allow any new leather in the house during the whole of Christmas week. Some folk say that "a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard," but in Devonshire they say that a green Christmas makes a prosperous year.

Superstitious people assert that one should be careful about the choice of the holly for the decorations. Part should be smooth and part prickly. Then, providing both kinds are carried into the house at the same time, all will be well. But should the prickly variety be taken in first, then the husband will rule the household during the coming year; if the smooth is brought in first the wife will be "top dog."

### A BELL.

Had I the power To cast a bell that should from some grand tower, At the first Christmas hour, Outring, And fling A jubilant message wide, The forged metal should be thus allied: Not iron of pride, But soft humility, and rich-velveted hope Cleft from a sunny slope; And there should be White charity, And silvery love, that knows not doubt nor fear, To make the peal more clear; And then to firmly fix the fine alloy, There should be joy. —Clinton Scollard.

## MAKING THE CHRISTMAS LIST

Rock Your Brain, Count 'Em Again, to See That No One's Missed.

"There, of course, is Aunt Maria, Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Jane; they're pretty old, but have to go down on the list again; and Uncle Joe and Uncle Pete and good old Uncle Lem; I wish I really could decide just what I should give them. And Cousin Nell and Cousin Kate and Cousins Belle and Sue, and Cousin May and Cousin Mudge must be remembered, too. And Cousin Sam and Cousin Bill, and Cousins Jack and Ned—I'm sure if I had any more I would go off my head.

"There's Grandma Smith and Grandpa Smith, Grandma and Grandpa Jones—what shall I get for folks who have rheumatics in their bones? There's pa and ma and Brother Hal, and Sisters Maud and Grace; before I get through I think I'll be in the crazy place. Now what can I give all the girls who always give me to? Gladys, Hannah and Hortense and Lulu—let me see, and Clementine and Rose and Pearl and half a dozen more—my gracious, I must make a trip through every shop and store.

And there is Frieda, household girl, and Mary Ann, the cook—ere I forget I'll put their names right down now in my book. And, Oh! what shall I give to Will? Tee hee, what shall it be? I feel sure that a diamond ring he will present to me. He says he only wants a kiss, and maybe that is so, but how to hang it on a tree there is no way I know. A nice silk four-hand might do, with stripes of green and white; I know he wouldn't be like pa and say it was a fright.

"And now I think I'll go to bed and put aside my list; tomorrow I am sure to think of some one I have missed. I will be bankrupt when I buy the things from ties to muff—yes, Christmas comes but once a year, and gracious! that's enough."—Brooklyn Standard Union.

### DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Holly Wreaths Help to Make the Home Cheerful—How to Keep the Tree Bright and Green.

It is not Christmas without a big, gorgeous, glittering Christmas tree and plenty of greens hung wherever possible.

Of course you have your tree chosen and ready for its great purpose. When it's time of cutting, invite your boy and girl friends to help, and make the bringing in of the Christmas tree a real ceremony. In England this is one of the big events for young and old.

The kind of tree to be used depends upon where you live. Red cedar, white pine, spruce, fir or hemlock are all good. To keep the tree bright and green set it in a deep bucket or low barrel, brace and fill the space between the tree and bucket or barrel with coal. Then pour in water until the receptacle is full.

Every home should be decorated at Christmas. Gather holly for wreaths, make ropes of laurel, and have several bowls filled with partridge berries. Mistletoe is beautiful and can be found as a growth on the top of sweetgums, live oaks and other deciduous trees in the territory south of New Jersey, southern Indiana and Missouri, and in Oregon and northern California. Other fine plants for decorating are Christmas fern and polypody. Black alder and box or ink-berry can also be used. Every district has some special green that is adaptable for decorating. In gathering greens, never destroy the plants; cut and pick carefully and the growth will not be injured.

### THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS TREE.

To make a birds' Christmas tree, take an evergreen, if possible, but any kind of tree will do if you tie the sheaves of wheat, corn-stalks and evergreen branches all over it to make it dense. If it is a large tree, plant it securely in a partially protected place. A smaller tree can be put on the feeding shelf outside your window. Hang on it wire baskets filled with suet, boxes with fronts removed, containing nut meats, millet, sunflower-seeds, rolled oats, etc. Coconut shells cut in half and filled with dainties that the birds love can also be hung from the branches. Have several shelves on which place apples, lettuce, cabbage and vegetables.

In all cold districts, have at least one or two deep boxes almost filled with cotton where the half-frozen birds can find shelter and warmth. Many birds suffer from thirst during the winter. Heat a brick or large stone and place a pan of water on it.

### The Real Christmas.

The real Christmas is an invisible presence, a joyful glance of the eye, a wonderful expansion of the heart, a sense of comradeship with all mankind. It is an abandonment of ourselves to all good impulses and an almost reckless waste of good feeling and generosity and love, and no army of pessimists can banish that kind of Christmas from our hearts.

### Under the Holly Bough.

Ye who have scorned each other, Or injured friend or brother, In this fast-fading year, Ye who, by word or deed, Have made a kind heart bleed, Come gather here!

Let sinned against and sinning Forget their strife's beginning, And join in friendship now, Be links no longer broken, Be sweet forgiveness spoken Under the holly bough. —Charles Mackay.

## SEEKING BOND IN BILLY DANSEY CASE

HAMMONTON, Dec. 10.—Instigation of habeas corpus proceedings to force the release of Chas. S. White and Mrs. Edith Jones, who are held at Mays Landing, in connection with the death of Billy Dansey, was the forecast here today of the arrival of their attorney. The lawyer refused to say, but intimated that he would apply the writ unless the county officials "show their hand" in the case.

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### THE BANK OF DEPENDABLE SERVICE

## Treasurers' Quarterly Financial Statement

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared O. L. Parish, county judge and R. P. Kirk, W. D. Meadows, J. D. Smith and I. A. Curry, Commissioners' all of Runnels County, Texas, who being duly sworn on oath, depose, and says that he has fully complied with the provisions of Art. 1450 R. S. as set forth in said Article, taken in connection with Chapter No. 164 Acts 29th Legislature, 1906 known as the depository law, having actually counted the cash in the hands of W. L. Brown, county treasurer of Runnels County, as set forth in said county treasurer's report for the quarter ending October 31, 1919, and the same is as follows:

Jury Fund, cash balance	\$917.27	
Road and Bridge Fund, cash balance	4,646.38	
General County Fund, cash balance	4,196.20	
Special General Co. Fund, cash balance	14,287.84	
Special Fund, cash balance	3,116.28	
Adv. Fund, cash balance	74.00	
C. H. B. Skg. Fund, cash balance	1,347.51	
B. B. Skg. Fund No. 1, cash balance	1,839.32	
B. B. Skg. Fund No. 2, cash balance	1,722.25	
Jail Warrant Skg. Fund No. 1, cash balance	1,661.83	
Bridge Warrant Skg. Fund No. 1, cash balance	601.54	
R. & B. F. W. Skg. Fund, cash balance	21.82	
Spec. R. & B. Fund, cash balance	8,682.66	
Road Dist. No. 1, cash balance	43,915.71	
Road Dist. No. 1, Skg. Fund, cash balance	540.91	
Road District No. 2, cash balance	22,153.36	
Road Dist. No. 2, Skg. Fund, balance due	\$952.45	
By outstanding checks	7.00	
By checks returned unpaid	52.12	
To balance cert. by depository	108,757.29	
By deposit Nov. 10	6.38	
	\$109,716.12	\$109,716.12

O. L. Parish, County Judge.  
R. P. Kirk, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.  
W. D. Meadows, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.  
J. D. Smith, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.  
I. A. Curry, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 11th day of Nov. 1919.

(SEAL) W. C. McCarver, County Clerk Runnels County, Texas.

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## SANTA BANNED BY PURITAN FATHERS

No Christmas Festivities or Gifts for Children in Massachusetts in Early Days

### DAY JUST LIKE ANY OTHER

Condition Somewhat Better for Youngsters in New Amsterdam—Holiday Observance Toyless in the Colonies in Seventeenth Century

In the early days of this country's history Christmas festivities were not generally observed and poor old "Santa Claus," and all he represents, had a hard time of it.

In Massachusetts the observation of Christmas was utterly denounced as an evil, ungodly and pernicious custom, and any child daring to think of as much as a plum pudding on that day would make herself liable to reproof by the authorities. All along the stern and rock-bound coast, Germaine Ames writes in the Churchman, the only Christmas trees in the days of the Puritan domination were those that nature had planted there and had adorned with fleecy snow. The trees burned brightly on the open hearths, but as far as the children knew Christmas was just like any other day in the calendar. Even after the Puritan reaction against the forms and customs of the old church had spent itself to some extent the children of the seventeenth century still expected no gifts in honor of the birth of Christ.

New Amsterdam the outlook was a little better for the children. The Hollanders had brought with them their St. Nicholas, and his birthday was celebrated joyously by young and old just before Christmas, but Christmas was also observed. Of course, they had not many real toys as we know them today, but in the shoes that the little Hollanders set by the fireplace in the shining kitchen, which was also the living room, were homemade gifts. Many of these were of a useful character, such as hand-knit caps and mittens, but now and then a skillful Hollander would carve a model of a boat such as that which had brought them to New Amsterdam, or a miniature chest of drawers, and one can fancy the recipients showing these with pride to the wondering little Indian boys and girls when they came to be on terms of sufficient amity with them for such conferences.

In Virginia, where the church of England was strong and its adherents steadfastly observed the holidays as in the home country, there was always more of the Christmas spirit and abundant cheer and merrymaking than elsewhere at this season. Here the Yule log held its place and here were the games and the feasting that made it indeed the merry season of the year. Later when New Amsterdam became New York and the English came in to power the character of the Christmas holiday was changed somewhat, although the Dutch influence continued dominant for many years.

Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observations were not frowned upon by religion, feasting and good cheer were abundant, and bond and free, rich and poor, old and young, shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from over seas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their young or brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own, to fondle and cuddle. A toy was a thing to be cherished in those days. Some of the gifts were of real intrinsic value, for the shipping and trading were growing to be important factors in the colonies, and men brought treasures of all kinds from the far East to the seaports, whence they were distributed to other parts of the colonies. The war for independence interrupted this and the children shared in the self-sacrifices and deprivations that were undergone by all the families living in the colonies at that time. When soldiers were starving at Valley Forge there was little thought in their homes of Christmas merrymakings and little out of which to provide it.

After the war there were still lean years, but by the opening of the nineteenth century peace and plenty smiled upon the land and Santa Claus found it safe to resume his visits and make his distributions.

#### Remember Old Friends.

"What? A holiday greetings card with old Bill's name scribbled across it? . . . Good old Bill! Why, it's 11 years almost since we saw each other, and here he's not forgotten me even yet! . . . Huh, Mary, you needn't be so all-fired proud of that scarf Aunt Susie sent you. This may be only a colored postcard, but, by George, it's from Bill! . . . Well, well—this sure is Christmas!"

#### The First Christmas Card.

The Christmas card cannot claim to have been established so long as other of our Christmas customs. The first Christmas card came into the world in 1846, when Sir Henry Cole, an Englishman, sent Yuletide greetings to his friends.

## WANTS \$5,000 INSURANCE ON DEAD ROBBER'S LIFE

(Continued from first page.)

in Idaho, Crouse spent money, pretty fast, drawing heavily on the forty thousand dollar bank account which was created from the sale of the ranch and sheep. He purchased several high priced cars.

After moving to the Twin Falls city Crouse fell in love with another woman, according to the story, as related to the officers and reported to The Ledger, and the man Crouse and his paramour skipped in a big Page car, leaving Mrs. Crouse with the bag to hold, as the saying goes.

Mrs. Crouse put detectives on the trail of her disloyal husband and he was trailed to Ballinger. She came here with pictures of the man, and pictures of the car, and called on the officers here to help her locate the man. She made a trip to San Angelo, at the suggestion of the local officers, with the intention of filing a complaint against her husband for violating the Mann act, but her heart failed her, and when the local officers expressed a willingness to push the case and file a complaint against the man, the woman stated that she did not want to prosecute him, as she believed that if she could find him and have a heart-to-heart talk with him, that he would repent of his ways and return to her love.

An investigation by the officers developed that a man by the name of Crouse was on a farm near Ballinger, and that he was the possessor of a Page car. Before these facts could be made known to Mrs. Crouse and the two brought face to face, Crouse and the woman with him skipped in the Page car.

Mrs. Crouse took possession of the household goods left behind by the man and woman, and moved them to Ballinger. She remained here for a few weeks, and left for other parts, after disposing of her furniture, or the furniture abandoned by her husband when she was close on his trail.

Nothing further was heard of the woman, and the incident had become ancient history and forgotten, until this week, when the representative of a big life insurance company appeared in Ballinger seeking evidence that would identify the man who was killed in the battle between a posse of citizens and bank robbers near Winters, as the husband of Mrs. Crouse.

After leaving Ballinger and locating in another Texas city, Mrs. Crouse put in claim for \$5,000 life insurance which she stated her husband was carrying, and she made affidavit, that her husband, Crouse, alias Al Enman, was killed by the sheriff of Ballinger. She stated in the affidavit, executed before a notary public, that she visited Ballinger where her husband's remains were being held by the sheriff, and the sheriff permitted her to see the remains and that she identified the man as Crouse, her husband.

It is a fact that a man by the name of Crouse spent several weeks on a farm near Ballinger,

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## CHRISTMAS LEDGER TWO FREEZES HERE TO BE ISSUED WITH 12 DEGREES

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The two papers will carry a double circulation, going to many people in Runnels county, and to points out of the county, and the merchants of Ballinger are taking advantage of the opportunity to catch the late Holiday shoppers by offering bargains in many lines.

The special edition of the paper will be complete with both advertising and Christmas reading, and we are making an effort to make it a paper which our friends will be glad to mail to their friends, and thereby help to advertise Ballinger and Runnels County.

Deep seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a Herrek's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by John A. Weeks.

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The old timers say it is unusual weather for this country, and the weather recorder says that it breaks the record for December weather in this part of the country.

Tuesday morning the temperature dropped to twelve degrees above zero, and the mercury refused to go above the freezing point during the day, dropping again to twelve above for Tuesday night and remaining at that point until Wednesday's sun pushed it up.

The cold snap we are about to emerge from is the third for the present winter, or fall, and if the class of weather already experienced is a sample of what is to follow, it stands in hand for the citizens to get busy and formulate some plan for conserving the fuel, and making as much heat as possible from the supply on hand.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men, it cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.



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## Daily Ledger Want Ads

SEWING—For plain and fancy sewing, see Mrs. R. J. Newton, 203 Eighth Street.

LOST—\$15 reward for return of grip; lost between Winters and Ballinger, Friday, Nov. 28. Notify C. H. ADAMS, San Angelo. 10-1td.\*

FOR SALE—Two brand new Fords. If you want one of them, phone 586. 9-2td

LOST—Somewhere on the streets of Ballinger, a fur neck-piece. Finder please leave at Ledger office. 9-3td

FOR SALE—Cord Wood, delivered in Ballinger. \$12.50. Telephone 524. 8-6td.\*

FOR RENT—Furnished bed rooms, close in, large comfortable rooms. Phone 179. d-4f.\*

FOR SALE—at a bargain, home in South Ballinger, 4 room house and five lots, good well and windmill, good barn. See J. A. Street. 6-7td.\*

WANTED—Colored man and woman to cook and work on farm. Phone Wylie Ranch, Rural 6602. 3-tfd

and it is also a fact that a bank robber was killed near Winters and his remains held by the sheriff here for several days and the man identified by bank detectives, and by penitentiary records as Al Enman, an ex-convict.

It was three weeks, however, after the bank robbery when Mrs. Crouse called on the local officers with her troubles, and the man in the Page car remained here until after Mrs. Crouse made her presence known, and mysteriously disappeared before Mrs. Crouse could see him.

Sheriff Perkins denies that any woman claimed that Enman was her husband while he held the remains of the dead man, and no claim has ever been made for the remains, the county bearing the expenses of a burial in the potter's field.

The question for the detectives to settle now is, was Enman Crouse, and who is Mrs. Crouse, and if Enman was Crouse, who was Crouse—the man who disappeared when Mrs. Crouse appeared here three weeks after the bank robber had been buried? If Mrs. Crouse proves that Enman was Crouse what is she going to do about the Crouse whom she caused to leave a happy home near Ballinger between sons?

Local officers have been called on to help solve the latest riddle in criminal annals, and the closing chapter in the bank robbery case is yet to be written.

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SYDNEY, N. S. W.—A rabbit-catcher, robbing a hen-roost, at Mudgee, New South Wales, stumbled on a 14 lb. nugget, shaped like a Maltese cross, and of practically pure gold.

LONDON.—Family washing hanging out to dry in the gardens of mansions on Park Lane, London's most exclusive and richest street, evidences the revolt against the present high laundry prices.

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