

BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

A Dainty Set of Under Silks



Just the thing for an elegant gift for an intimate friend, for wife, for mother, for sister, cousin or aunt.

How women do love these dainty and exquisite garments.

That's why they offer such gratifying opportunities for delightful Christmas gifts.

An especially artistic assortment here for holiday selection.

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Man Shot Near Wingate Over Family Trouble

Grover C. Sanders, 24, was shot and instantly killed about four o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of Andrew Smith, who lives about three miles East of Wingate, or about twenty-two miles from Ballinger. A man by the name of Schultz was taken into custody by the officers, and is being held pending a hearing.

The shooting was a result of family trouble, it is alleged, in which it is said that Sanders and the wife of Schultz figured. According to the best information received here, Schultz set a trap for Sanders, and after finding Sanders in the same room with his wife, followed him back to his room and shot him as he lay in bed. A single-barreled shot gun was used.

Sanders and the Schultz family were cotton pickers on the farm of Andrew Smith, having been here for some time. Sanders came here from Bryan, while Schultz and his family are from Grayson county.

All of the cotton pickers at the Smith place usually slept in the same house, the Schultz family sleeping downstairs, and the others, who were men, occupying the upper rooms. Schultz, it is said, announced Monday night that he would sleep upstairs in a bed with one of the other men, on account of being too crowded downstairs, and went to bed in the same room with Sanders. Early in the morning, it is alleged, Sanders slipped out of the room and went downstairs into the room of Mrs. Schultz. Schultz, following him, it is reported, found the door locked, and in his efforts to get into the room, frightened Sanders and Mrs. Schultz out. After they had gone out a window, Sanders went around the house, it is stated, and went back upstairs to bed.

The noise of the men stirring around at this early hour waked Mr. Smith, who asked Schultz what the trouble was. Schultz replied that he could not sleep and had just come downstairs. Mr. Smith told Schultz to build a fire, and went back to bed, after which Schultz took a shot gun from a closet and went up into the room where he found Sanders apparently asleep in a bed with Autrey, the son of Mr. Smith.

Walking into the room, Schultz, it is said, punched Sanders in the side with the gun and stated that he was going to kill Sanders. Sanders replied that he didn't care, that he would as soon die then as any other time. Another man in the room, J. E. Sammon, rose up from his bed and started toward Schultz in an effort to stop Schultz, whereupon it is alleged Schultz turned his gun on him and made him go back to bed. Then, backing off a few feet to a chimney in the center of the room, it is alleged he shot Sanders thru the head, killing him instantly. Sanders, it is said, made no effort to defend himself. Autrey Smith, crawled out of the bed just before the shooting.

An undertaker was called from Ballinger, and the body of Sanders was brought here. A brother living in Bryan, was notified of his death, and the body is being held in the Lankford undertaking parlors, awaiting the brother's instructions. Local officers went out to the scene and spent the day investigating the affair.

San Angelo man buys bottling works here. J. E. Davis, recently purchased the Ballinger Bottling Works from W. A. Bridwell, and is moving to Ballinger to make his home. Mr. Bridwell has accepted a position with the Harwell Motor Co.

Rev. J. W. Baldrige and Rev. J. L. Speer, of Winters, and Rev. J. B. Curry of Ballinger, left Monday afternoon for Brownwood to attend a conference of the Methodist ministers of this district.

\$100,000 FOR PRIZE FIGHT IN OKLA.

PONCA CITY, Okla., Dec. 16.—The Miller Brothers, owners of the famous One Hundred and One ranch, have offered three hundred thousand dollars to bring the Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier fight here. They announced that they will offer more if necessary.

Carpentier says that this fight will be his last, and that he intends to retire from the ring after this one. Dempsey agrees with him.

BOX OF SNAKES RECEIVED HERE

A box of snakes, was received by express at the local express office this week. A nice Christmas present for some one, but we failed to get the name of the consignee.

The local express office is "snowed under" with business, many truck loads, arriving daily, and the cargo of express consists of almost everything imaginable, as shown by the snakes, oil stoves, baby buggies, talking machines, bedding, candy, chickens, autos, patent medicines, groceries, dry goods, oil well machinery, and a general run of mail order packages, which consist of everything from hair pins to wagon wheels and sewing machines. Only one item is lacking to make the rush a little greater, and everybody can guess what that is, and express companies are not allowed to ship that.

NO REPEAL FOR WARTIME PRO. BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The hopes of the liquor interests that congress would come to their aid before constitutional prohibition should go into effect vanished today, when the house agricultural committee voted against the repeal of wartime prohibition by a vote of sixteen to three.

This permanently pigeon-holes the measure.

CONTEMPT CASES ARE CONTINUED

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Hearings on the charges of contempt of court charges, which were recently brought against the officials of the miners have been continued indefinitely by Judge Anderson, who is presiding in the cases, except the case of Alexander Sowat, who is president of the Kansas district, and is leader of the "radical" element of the miners. His trial is set for Monday.

Edward Giesecke went to Austin, Monday afternoon, where he will spend a few days with his wife and baby who are visiting in Austin.

DANGER RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES HAS PAST

PARIS, Dec. 16.—All possible danger of a resumption of hostilities with Germany was averted today, as a result of Germany's attitude toward the protocol of the treaty. The supreme council announced that the reply of Germany to the demands of the allies was "most conciliatory." A reply will be dispatched to the Germans as soon as possible.

HARD CIDER IS NEW "PROHIBITION BABY"

Washington, Dec. 16.—Hard cider is the sole survivor of the great drought and has added a new phrase to America's financial vocabulary. That is the "prohibition baby."

New millionaires have been made overnight and in the event that the supreme court holds the Volstead act, the stock of the cider mill, may become as valuable as that of the Standard oil.

When congress passed the enforcement legislation, a special provision exempted from the prohibition law. It was supposed at this time that this exemption only applied to the manufacture of cider for home consumption, but under the ruling of the internal revenue commission it applies as well to the manufacture for commercial purposes so long as nothing is added to it.

UNION SERVICES FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR

A meeting of the local pastors' association was held Monday morning, at which plans for the community services for the next

few weeks were formulated. Due to the fact that only one church building in town, the Methodist, is large enough to take care of the crowd for a union service, it was decided that two services will be held each Sunday evening, and in this way the meetings will be divided among the various churches alternately.

The meeting for the remainder of December will be held as follows: Next Sunday night the services will be held in the Methodist and First Presbyterian churches. Rev. Alvin Swindell will preach at the Methodist church, while Rev. R. T. Phillips will hold the services in the Presbyterian church.

On the night of Dec. 28th, services will be held at the Baptist and Christian churches. Rev. H. P. Bates preaching at the Baptist church, and Rev. J. B. Curry at the Christian church.

The Republic of Brazil has just celebrated its thirtieth birthday.

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Ballinger's Shopping Center

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The most energetic workers feel lazy and low spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

LITTLE TOWN OF MERCURY DESTROYED

(Brownwood Bulletin)
Fire Saturday night in the business part of the town of Mercury, twenty-five miles south of Brownwood, almost completely wiped out the business of the town causing a loss of at least \$100,000, which is covered by not more than \$32,000 insurance. Due to a lack of fire fighting equipment, the fire could not be controlled and helpless citizens were compelled to stand by and watch the flames destroy the thousand dollars' worth of merchandise in the stores and other mercantile establishments.

The blaze was caused by a defective flue in the State Bank building. The citizens of the town quickly gathered and made an effort to fight the flames and succeeded in preventing the destruction of the postoffice building. This, with a blacksmith shop, barber shop, and garage were the only buildings left standing after the fire had burned itself out. The institutions destroyed included the Keystone Hotel, State Bank, J. F. Sawyer Mercantile Co. and the building which it occupied owned by Mrs. Lola Sawyer, the J. B. Sawyer Mercantile Co., the Matlock Drug store, the Cox and Beazley Bros. store, the Bank of Mercury.

SORE THROAT
or Tonsillitis, gargle with warm salt water then apply—
VICK'S VAPORUB
YOUR BODYGUARD—30¢, 60¢, \$1.20

FIRST BAND CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

The first band concert of the newly reorganized band under the direction of Mr. Grant will probably be given on Dec. 28th, according to an announcement given out Tuesday morning. Unless bad weather prevents, the concert will be given in the afternoon at the band stand on the court house lawn, probably starting about two-thirty. The band members are experiencing many difficulties in getting the band into working shape again. Many of the members are beginners, others have no instruments, and above all music is especially hard to get. Music which had been ordered for the band several months ago arrived here, however, last week and after a little time to practice on it, the band will be ready for regular concerts.

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. Sold by John A. Weeks.

At one time snail racing was a great fad in Austria. Vienna had a fashionable snail racing club, where fortunes were frequently wagered on the ridiculous contests.

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.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Hark! Hark! I hear a distant bell,
And now a chime—they softly ring;
What joyful tidings do they tell
As back and forth they swing.

'Tis mid of night—who rings those bells!
Perhaps some doves there nestling,
And while each little bosom swells,
And warm, they touch with gentle wing
The tuneful metal, and it feels
So incubated it would swing
To life, and wake the world with peals
Of gladness as for new-crowned King

These midnight bells, how sweet they chime,
The welkin vibrates with their sound;
To hearts attune they are sublime,
Nor spread they dread alarm around.

Lo! now I see, from East afar
A light shines through the steeple's
frame,
'Tis brighter than the brightest star,
It glides the bells with golden flame;
There, too, I see some cherubs cling
Fast hold the ropes. How fair they be!
They swing the bells and sweetly sing
'Tis the Christ's nativity."

Wake every heart, join in their song
Of praise to Christ, our new-born King;
To him our sweetest strains belong,
And his, our richest offering.

When wakes the god of day, and shines
Attendant the heavens, what of glee
Will wake as well? With box and pines
And flowers gay, you house will be
Adorned, and while the anthem swells
With organ's voice, all Christendom
Will vibrate be as are those bells
That Christ's nativity has come.
—J. William Pope.



ANCIENT CHRISTMAS TOYS

Dolls That Delighted Children of Rome and Greece in Early Days Recently Excavated.

Rag dolls are as old as the hills and so are dolls with movable arms and legs, toy dogs, rocking horses and a host of other things that bring delight to the children on Christmas morning.

Recent excavations in the ruins of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt have placed the British museum in possession of an interesting assortment of these relics of early Christian days, some of which may possibly have been given to the children of the followers of Christ at a time when the observation of Christmas day was an innovation.

In the nursery of a newly excavated house at Behnesa, Egypt, a fairly well preserved rag doll was found with arms and legs still intact and painted face. The doll is by no means a beauty and does not compare with the Christmas dolls of today, but nevertheless it must have brought joy to a little girl's heart nearly 2,000 years ago.

The jointed dolls of long ago were made to sit down, stand up and move their arms, but they didn't close their eyes or squeak "mamma." Among the toy dogs, horses and donkeys are some made of stone and baked clay and others carved out of wood.

A CONVENIENCE.



"So you think the Santa Claus myth is a good thing?"
"Yes, it's a great convenience to have some imaginary person to take the responsibility when the children are disappointed Christmas morning."

A Christmas "Suppose."

We would not change the children's Christmas. But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instead of my giving you a present and your giving me a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have a Christmas. There are hundreds of them somewhere. Or, if we do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?—Christian Register.

Touched His Heart, Not Purse.

A very ragged individual invaded the office of a millionaire one Christmas eve and started describing his woes and sorrows in so graphic a manner that the millionaire was more affected than he had ever been before in his life.

At last, with tears in his eyes, he rang the bell for his servant, and when the latter arrived, said to him in a broken voice: "John, put this poor fellow out at once. He's breaking my heart."

Their Annual Resolve.

Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past: "Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."

A NERVOUS WRECK

From Three Years' Suffering, Says Cardui Made Her Well.

Texas City, Tex.—In an interesting statement, Mrs. G. H. Schill, of this town, says: "For three years I suffered untold agony with my head. I was unable to do any of my work."

I just wanted to sleep all the time, for that was the only ease I could get, when I was asleep. I became a nervous wreck just from the awful suffering with my head.

I was so nervous that the least noise would make me jump out of my bed. I had no energy, and was unable to do anything. My son, a young boy, had to do all my household duties.

I was not able to do anything until I took Cardui. I took three bottles in all, and it surely cured me of those awful headaches. That has been three years ago, and I know the cure is permanent, for I have never had any headache since taking Cardui.

Nothing relieved me until I took Cardui. It did wonders for me."
Try Cardui for your troubles—made from medicinal ingredients recommended in medical books as being of benefit in female troubles, and 40 years of use has proven that the books are right. Begin taking Cardui today. NC-134

Soap manufacturers have found soap weed, or Spanish bayonet, excellent for toilet soaps and soaps intended for washing woolens.

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 lungs, a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

Had Nothing on Her.

It was Christmas week and the janitor was on his usual round wishing his patrons the compliments of the season, hoping, of course, to be remembered in some way.

He came to the door of a new tenant and on it being opened he wished the lady the usual compliments, at the same time adding: "I'm the man that empties the garbage can."

"Thank you, same to you," was her reply; "and I'm the lady that fills it."

A Regular Christmas Feeling.
"Oh, Mr. Flipperley," she exclaimed soulfully, "have you ever felt a dim, uneasy sense of oppression as if the mere weight of life were a burden too heavy to be borne by the chained spirit panting with psychic longing to be free?"
"I invariably have such a feeling at Christmas time," was the callous response; "but hitherto I have attributed it to pudding!"

Over 99 Per Cent Growth.

An interesting sidelight on the nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church is contained in the budget of the Chicago diocese just completed. In explaining the purposes to which the fund of \$502,475 a year sought there for the next three years, is to be put. It is pointed out that less than 1 per cent of this amount is to be used for debts "and this upon conditions which require a fourfold reciprocity on the part of the beneficiaries."

Use Ledger Classifieds.

Ledger classifieds bring results.



"PECK'S BAD GIRL" STARS MABEL TONIGHT

In her role of Mabel Peck in "Peek's Bad Girl," her latest Goldwyn picture, to be shown at the Queen Theatre tonight, Mabel Normand the inimitable funster, will gladden the hearts of her admirers. She has received hundreds of letters from her adoring followers requesting that she appear in a play as the Mabel Normand of old and "Peek's Bad Girl" comes as the answer to their requests.

Here are a few of the breezy, pertinent comments of the film reviewers on the picture:

"Peek's Bad Girl" in which the town cut-up foils the city hold-ups."

"She made 'em bite the dust, she did."

"She was a devil in her own home town."

"The story of the town scamp who became a heroine."

"Peek's Bad Girl" in which the village scamp foils the city vamp."

"The exciting career of a village wildflower."

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, Borozone is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Brussels Will Have Big Exposition Next Year.

Brussels—This city will have a big exposition April 4 to 21, next year. It is announced that German exhibitors will not be admitted. The exhibitors will be limited to allied countries and neutrals.

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.

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THEY ALL COME FROM THE FARM
The milk and cream, and butter, and eggs which form a part of our daily food. Our creamery handles only the best of these farm products, and if you will leave your order with us you need never give another thought as to the freshness of what we send you.
JACKSON DAIRY

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* 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.
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American Beauty Flour
American Beauty Cream Meal
It Cost More, But Worth It.
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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 an death 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
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No matter how modest your home you can afford electric lighting with **ADISON MADZA LAMPS**

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QUEEN THEATRE

Entire Change of Program

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.

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W. V. Connelly

The Biggest Stock of

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Watch Me Grow

President Asks People to Help in Taking Census

Several thousand employees of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, are working faithfully in perfecting plans for taking the Fourteenth Decennial Census.

Director of Census, Sam. L. Rogers, announces that the work in his department is now pretty well up to the four hundred supervisors of America. The supervisors are busy making appointments and sending out supplies and instructing the enumerators.

The canvassing campaign will begin on January 2nd, except in districts where no enumerators have yet been selected and as rapidly as enumerators can be appointed the work will be started in all enumeration districts.

The coming census will be the best and most complete in the history of the United States. Every person in the land is to be enumerated and the names, ages, birthplaces and occupations of Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews will be set down and made a matter of permanent record at Washington.

Much valuable information will be compiled in taking the census. Not only will the government find out many things about the people, but a vast lot of information concerning agriculture, and all resources of the country will be compiled together with data concerning farm lands, buildings, mining, and manufacturing industries, etc.

The census enumerator will be subject to penalty for divulging the result of their work by giving

the population of precincts, cities or counties, or for giving out any other information. This will be reported direct from Washington as fast as the enumerator's reports are compiled and the totals made up.

Ballinger is in the Seventeenth District, and the department forecast that this district will show the largest increase of any district in the United States, due to the rapid development of the oil industry in this district. The population of the district made up of nineteen counties, was 292,000 in 1910. It is expected to total about a half million in the coming year.

A. W. Sledge, supervisor of the district, who has charge of organizing the work in the district, has appointed 116 enumerators, while about 300 are needed. The director of census has authorized the maximum pay in this district on account of the demand for help in other lines of work, and the high cost of living. Eight dollars per day for eight hours work will be paid in some counties of the district, while in other counties the pay is based on per capita.

The President has issued a proclamation calling on the people to co-operate with the census employees and offer every assistance possible in making the census complete. Laws governing the answering of questions have been fixed, and enumerators have been instructed to report to the department the names of parties who refuse to answer questions to the best of their ability.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. All Druggist, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

E. W. Brownrig went to Brownwood to get a car of Jersey cows which Higginbotham Bros. & Co., purchased in East Texas, and were shipped here for sale. It was necessary to hold the cows at Brownwood for dipping and inspection.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper, each sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. **ASST. DRUGGIST—THE DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, 1-125** (from name of Bott. Sold Every Where)
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Mrs. W. McCuller returned to her home at Dallas Monday, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Horace Murphy.

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

Miss Eula Durham went to Lampasas Monday afternoon to spend a few days with home folks before opening her school at Dry Ridge. Miss Durham has been staying with Bernard Batts for some time.

COLEMAN ROAD WORK TO BEGIN JANUARY 1

W. E. Dickerson of this city, head of the General Engineering Co., has entered into contract with the commissioners' court of Coleman county for engineering supervision of road construction in the Valera and Coleman city road districts in Coleman county, and will begin his duties shortly after the 1st of January. The work will probably require more than a year since slightly less than a million dollars' worth of road construction is to be done.

Mr. Dickerson is an experienced engineer and road builder, and has been in conference with the Coleman county authorities relative to the construction plans there for some time. Other road districts in Coleman county have yet to employ an engineer to superintend their construction, but when the entire program is completed a little more than a million dollars will be available for road construction work. Bonds have already been voted for roads which will cross Coleman county from east to west and from north to south, and within eighteen months or less that county will be ready to boast of the best system of cross-county highways in this entire section of the state.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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.

Notice

Anyone caught getting wood off the C. O. Harris place, 3 miles East of Maverick, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. G. W. DARK. 16-17w

Try Want Ads for results.

An ad a day keeps the wolf —!

WHERE SANTA WAS BORN

Russian Legend of Saint Klaus and How He Came to Be Known as the Children's Friend.

Very many years ago there lived in Russia a nobleman and his wife, who had a little son named Klaus. He was such a good boy that everyone used to call him Saint Klaus. In course of time his parents died and left him a large fortune, not the least part of which was three large bars of gold.

Saint Klaus one day happened to be passing a house, and overheard a father telling his daughters that he had lost all his money, and that he didn't even know how he was going to buy food for them. This worried Saint Klaus very much, and he wondered how he could help them. So that night he took one of the bars of gold and threw it through the window. The next night he threw the second bar, and crept quietly away, but on the third night when he was about to throw the third bar, the man who had lost all his money came out and caught him. He tried to thank Saint Klaus for his goodness to him and his daughters, but Saint Klaus told him to pay his thanks to God, whose servant he was.

And there, boys and girls, you have the story of Saint Klaus (or Santa Claus as we call him).

PRECIOUS MOMENTS WASTED.



Mrs. Stumba—They're not going to have the Christmas tree at the church tonight. Not till next Friday night, Jimmie!

Jimmie—Gosh! Will I have to wash me hands agin nex' week, too?

Christmas is the poker that rakes the dull ashes of the past and brings smoldering memories and resolves to light for the warmth of man throughout the year that follows. It is modern civilization's greatest involuntary stimulant.

Real Christmas Joy. For somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long years through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

The Question of Importance.

Millionaire—Tell me, child, that young man who wants to marry you this Christmas, has he got any money?
Miss Innocence—Money, father? Why, he has just given me a cluster diamond ring studded with pearls.
Millionaire—Yes, I know. Has he any money left?

Christmas All the Year!

Every time that Christmas comes around again we wonder why we haven't cultivated the Christmas spirit all the year.

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THE MEANEST OF ALL PROFITEERS

A press report from Topeka, Kansas, says that Jess Willard, former champion heavy-weight prize fighter, has been arrested for profiteering in wood. According to the report Willard did not sell any wood but asked \$4.50 per cord for wood in the stump, while it is claimed that a just price for uncut cord wood around Topeka is \$2.50. The indictment upon which Willard has been arrested is based on the Lever Act, which makes it a heavy penalty to profiteer.

There is some complaint among the fuel consumers of Ballinger who have tried to buy wood, both cut and uncut, and if such complaints reach the ears of the Federal authorities it may be made a matter of investigation.

We have nothing to say against the man who profiteers in dealing in luxuries, but the man who takes advantage of the situation to squeeze the poor consumer by charging exorbitant prices for the necessities of life, is about the meanest man under the sun, and the fuel he is profiteering on will be used to heap coal of fire upon his carcass in days to come.

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The Maverick Box Supper will be Saturday night the 20th. Beautiful girls, ugly men, appetizing eats, thrilling music, lots of fun—don't miss it!

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Get your adding machine paper from the Ballinger Printing Co.

The Best Christmas Gift

For those who need them would be a nice pair of Glasses. For Grandfather or Grandmother—a pair of Kryptoks—the new double vision Glasses.

For Father or Mother

A pair of Tories for Sewing or Reading, giving the Greatest possible results to the wearer.

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A pair of Shur-ons can be adjusted to their lens while you wait. The Best Eye Glasses Worn Today, for appearance and stay on qualities.

For Yourself—

Why not give yourself a nice Xmas gift of a pair of Glasses? Now is the time to have your eyes examined before you do your shopping.

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Houston, Texas.—"I consider Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a wonderful tonic for women. It has been of especial benefit to me during motherhood and I recommend it very highly to other young mothers."—Mrs. WILLIE McNEELY, 2113 Common St.



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San Antonio, Texas.—"Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an excellent medicine for women in a run-down and weakened condition or during and after expectancy to give them strength and keep them in a good healthy condition. I took 'Favorite Prescription' before my youngest child came and it kept me in a strong, healthy state and my suffering was much less than at my previous times. I also took it afterward and it did me all the good in the world. I have always thought well of Dr. Pierce's medicines and always recommend them."—Mrs. S. LEE, 214 Reddie St.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a non-alcoholic remedy that any ailing woman can safely take because it is prepared from roots and herbs containing tonic properties of the most pronounced character.

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Get Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription today, either in liquid or tablet form or send Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c for large trial package.

A. E. Davis of the Winters county left Monday afternoon for a visit to different points in Texas to visit relative, and on business.

SAN ANGELO MAN DIES MYSTERIOUSLY

Ernest O. Milburn, San Angelo grocer and meat-dealer, was found dead near the back door of his home on West Tenth street Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The gruesome discovery was made by Mrs. Milburn as she entered the kitchen to cook breakfast.

The body lay huddled on the ground, Mr. Milburn having fallen only to his hands and knees when stricken. Officers and the undertaker expressed the opinion that death had come several hours before the body was found. The hands, ears and part of the face were frozen.

Death from natural causes will be the coroner's verdict, it was indicated Monday. At an early hour, Justice of the Peace, W. T. George, had not completed his examination, and his report had not been prepared. The bursting of a blood vessel, superinduced by heart trouble of some kind, caused death, it is believed.—San Angelo Standard.

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.

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 Tameless 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, Geraldine 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 decey snow. The fires 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.

In 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 skilful 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 younger 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 smothered 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! . . . Hub, 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!"

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BROWN CO. FARMER RAISES RED FLAG

(Brownwood News) Somewhat of a sensation was raised on the courthouse square Thursday afternoon when C. B. Heard, a well known farmer of the Jones Chapel community, drove up in a wagon with a red flag attached to the bridle, and waving above the heads of the two horses.

The flags are described as being about a foot square in size and composed of cloth as red as red dye could make them.

For awhile loungers on the square had an idea that Mr. Heard was heading a holiday parade of some kind, and then others thought he was offering something for auction and was employing the flags to attract attention to the sale. No one had any suspicion at first that the red flags meant anything vicious, and offensive, in the sense that they were raised in support of I. W. W. or Bolshevik doctrines, but it proved that that was Mr. Heard's idea, or rather his temporary purpose.

Someone reported the matter to District Attorney Walter C. Early, who was sitting with the grand jury in the courthouse. Mr. Early came on the street to where Mr. Heard had his wagon, which was now surrounded by a considerable crowd, and, we are informed, the District Attorney ordered Mr. Heard to remove the flags from his horse, and, we understand he did so. Later Mr. Heard was arrested for disturbing the peace and paid a fine of one dollar and costs in the Justice court, and it is said the matter has been reported to the Federal authorities.

The incident for a time created some feeling and indignation, and with all it is a very unfortunate affair.

The News understands, from hearsay, that Mr. Heard, upon this occasion, gathered the spirit

Daily Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE—Car load Jersey mileh cows. Come early and get your choice. E. W. Brownrig at Higginbotham Bros. & Co. 16-5d

FOR SALE—7 passenger Overland auto in good running shape. \$150.00 buy, if it sold soon. Will take one or two Jersey cows fresh in milk, with or without calves. Phone 173, or address, P. O. Box 133, Ballinger. 16-3d-1w

WANTED—Roller top desk, phone Ledger office. 16-5td

WANTED—To wire your house for electric lights. Phone 7, G. P. Teague. 16-3dt

Wanted To—repair your electric irons and lights. Phone 7. G. P. TEAGUE, Ballinger Electric Co. 16-3d

FOR SALE—Victrola, Golden oak dining table, Golden oak dresser. Excellent condition and bargains. See Estes Lynn. 16-3d*

LOST—One corduroy coat, Norfolk style, between Pony store and Ballinger, finder please return to Ledger office. 15-3td-1w

LOST—In Ballinger or on Valley Creek road, 37 1-2 inch mud chains, never been used. Also one 34x4 inner tube, one 35x3 1-2 inner tube, one Harris and William jack. Phone 362 or see R. L. Warren. 15-2td*

WANTED—Some one to take care of two small children. See C. R. Shelly. 15-6td*

FOR SALE—Must be sold at once; one six cylinder, 7 passenger Studebaker car. Driven less than 5,000 miles; a bargain if sold now. New non-skid tire, all around. N. B. Creasy, Phone 121, Ballinger. 15-6td 1w

WANTED—Man to cut and haul wood. Work close to town and good pay. Apply at Ledger office. 11-td

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of resentment that led him to commit an incendiary act, from his failure to sell a load of wheat which he had brought to town. The coal strike has incurred the placing of an embargo against freight shipments of a certain character, and damaged wheat is one of the commodities barred by the embargo, and therefore the Brownwood grain dealers are not at present buying wheat of the lower grades. It is only a temporary expedient to limit freight shipments to necessities and conserve coal while the strike is on.

Mr. Heard, it is presumed, on finding that he could not sell his wheat, became imbued with the idea that he was personally selected as the object of an injustice and an unrestrained impulse led him to the indiscretion of the red flags, which meant nothing more, in his mind, no doubt, than a way of showing his resentment of an imagined grievance.

C. B. Heard is a friend of the writer of many years standing. We have credited him always with the possession of an impulsive nature and a tendency to nurse rather extreme views, but with that his bearing as a staunch and generous friend, as a good father, an excellent provider and a prosperous citizen, are elements in his character that predominate every thing else.

Man, at best, is a creature of impulses and emotions. His highest accomplishments are com-

monly not manifested in what he feels but in what he represses. With most of us regret is our busiest occupation, and, from what we know of C. B. Heard we can easily believe that he feels keenly an overwhelming regret for the incident—that has brought injury to himself and distress to his estimable family.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated; and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions, and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Dr. W. W. Mitchell of Norton, was a business visitor in Ballinger Tuesday.

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