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NEW P. P. RATES

EFFECTIVE JAN 1

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

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

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

	1st & 2nd Zones	3rd Zone	4th Zone
1 pound...	\$.05	\$.06	\$.07
2 pounds...	.06	.08	.11
3 pounds...	.07	.10	.15
4 pounds...	.08	.12	.15
5 pounds...	.09	.14	.23
6 pounds...	.10	.16	.27
7 pounds...	.11	.18	.27
8 pounds...	.12	.20	.25
9 pounds...	.13	.22	.39
10 pounds...	.14	.24	.43
11 pounds...	.15	.26	.47
12 pounds...	.16	.28	.51
13 pounds...	.17	.30	.55
14 pounds...	.18	.32	.59
15 pounds...	.19	.34	.63
16 pounds...	.20	.36	.67
17 pounds...	.21	.38	.67
18 pounds...	.22	.40	.75
19 pounds...	.23	.42	.79
20 pounds...	.24	.44	.83
25 pounds...	.29		
30 pounds...	.34		
40 pounds...	.44		
45 pounds...	.49		
50 pounds...	.54		

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

PRESIDENT SANDEFER HERE SUNDAY.

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

K. O. Berry, one of the successful young stock farmers of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

CURRENCY BILL NOW PRAISED BY BANKERS

The bill makes a bank panic impossible, because it will always be possible to get money on good assets. Under this bill we will never have another bank panic. It will not contract credits. Its only danger is that it will make money too easy. It should have a good effect on business generally.—J. F. Downing, president of the New National Bank.

None of the national banks in Kansas City are to stay out of the organization of regional banks that is to come with the passage of new Currency Bill in Washington. The bill as originally drawn was so objectionable that some of the national banks in Kansas City as well as others in other cities threatened to give up their national charters and re-incorporate as state banks, the First National Bank had gone so far as to reserve a state charter under the name of the First State Bank of Kansas City.

Banks to Join Here.

E. F. Swinney, president of the First National Bank, said this morning:

"The bill has been changed very materially, leaving out the features that were so objectionable. Our bank will join the organization of regional banks. It will take probably six months to put the machinery into effect. I think the new law will help rather than disturb business as it now is drawn. We know now what to expect and I look for money to ease up and business to get better. It was the suspense about what the bill was to provide that caused the greater part of the trouble in business. Now we know and can shape our course accordingly."

J. F. Downing, president of the New England National Bank said:

Will Help Credits.

"The bill, as amended, does not work the hardships as it was drawn originally. It makes a bank panic impossible because it will always be possible to get money on good assets. Under this bill we will never have another bank panic. It will not contract credits. Its only danger is that it will make money too easy. I think the money market should ease up now that we know what to expect. It should have a good effect on business generally."

W. T. Kemper, president of the Commerce Trust Company, said:

"It is a good bill, honestly drawn. I think it will work out to the good of the whole country and should make business better."—Kansas City Star.

Mrs. Nathan Passur, of San Antonio, came in Monday on the late train on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rossenwasser and family for a few weeks. Mrs. Passur, was formerly Miss Bertha Rosenwasser and well known and highly esteemed by many friends in Ballinger.

MANY WEDDINGS CHRISTMAS WEEK

The marriage license market was pretty good during the holidays and the records make a good showing. During the past week County Clerk Parish has issued permits for the following named parties to wed:

- W. W. Holladay to Miss Mollie Mreland.
- J. N. Swilley to Miss E. R. Bryan.
- Dr. Preston Hunt to Miss Hattie Hutton.
- W. W. Morgan to Miss Fannie McCauley.
- W. E. Barnes to Miss Mary Lee McCauley.
- W. J. Zihlke to Miss Emma Weseppe.
- Chas. M. Vance to Miss Ruth Lewis.
- H. D. Keel to Miss Annie Dorsett.
- Horace Curry to Miss Iona Hall.
- J. P. Boothe to Miss Ruby Holton.
- E. L. Turner to Miss Carrie Flint.
- C. M. Fulcher to Miss Lidie Wimbarly.
- John D. Sanders to Miss Maggie Byrd.
- E. E. Lipton to Miss Ruby Layne.
- Archie Wiley to Miss Eva Vinson.

HEAVY COTTON HOLDINGS TO BE ASSESSED

The Brownwood Bulletin reports that the cotton buyers of that town are a busy bunch of men in an effort to reduce their cotton holdings before January first. Under the law all cotton held by dealers on the first day of January is subject to tax in the county where it is held. In most cases the local banks hold the tickets for a good percent of the cotton, but the taxes will be assessed against the man whose name the cotton is held in.

There is some activity among the Ballinger buyers, and one of the local buyers stated to the writer today that his firm had disposed of most of their cotton and expected to unload it all before the close of the day. However, we are reliably informed that there is between 2500 and 300 bales being held in the yards of Ballinger at present. Of course some of this is still in the hands of the farmers and is not subject to tax, as the law provides that only the cotton held by the cotton dealers is subject to tax. With this amount of cotton in Ballinger on January first means that the tax valuation of this county will be from one hundred thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars more than if this cotton had been shipped away, and as it is also subject to school tax it will add no small sum to the tax fund of this district.

Some are at a loss to know where so much cotton came from as the receipts here for the present season are only about five thousand, but the five thousand receipts has reference to wagon receipts—number of bales received at Ballinger by wagon, while the compress receipts include all cotton that has been shipped here from other towns.

G. W. FAULKS DEAD.

Mr. G. W. Faulks, one of the highly esteemed citizens of the Maverick country, died at his home Sunday night from heart failure, at the age of 59 years. His remains were brought to Ballinger and embalmed by C. R. Crews and shipped Monday morning to Abilene and was tenderly laid to rest in the family burying grounds at that place that afternoon.

The Ledger joins many friends in condolence and sympathy for the bereaved relatives left to mourn his death.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS \$20,000

- C. C. Culwell and wife to L. S. Lawhorn, lot No. 5 Robinson 2nd addition to Miles, consideration \$350.
- J. B. Num and wife et al to Ben Nunn, 6 1-4 acres of land out of T. T. Williams survey No. 530 and 22 1-4 acres of land out of Willett Holmes survey No. 100, consideration \$700.
- L. A. Bedford and wife to W. E. Rodgers, 246 acres of land being all of block 8, subdivision of the south one-half of the Samuel Hickman one-third league, consideration \$4630.
- A. G. Ellis and wife to W. L. Ellis, several tracts of land situated in Runnels county containing 185 6-10 acres, consideration \$4800.
- Chas. S. Miller to M. M. Smith, 100 acres of land on Coleman and Runnels county line, consideration \$7000.
- J. E. Fowler to F. L. Harper 4 3-10 acres of land out of the W. L. McAuley survey No. 808, consideration \$60.
- P. L. Meeks and wife to J. R. Conlee, all of lot 20 in block 1, Grant addition to Winters, consideration \$2512.
- R. R. Russell to The Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Ballinger, 643 acres of land patented to Wm. H. Letchford by patent No. 286, consideration \$5,750.

AUTOS COLLIDE; ONE MAN HURT

An auto collision occurred on the Ballinger-Winters road Monday afternoon when a car driven by Paul Crews, of Winters ran into C. A. Doose's car as the two were passing each other on the road. Mr. Crews was coming to Ballinger and Mr. Doose was en route to Hatchel. Van Lewis and Oscar Pearson were in the car with Mr. Doose and when the cars collided Mr. Pearson was thrown out and against the Crews car and sustained a bruised face and black eye. No other member of the party was hurt, but Mr. Doose suffered damage to his car in the way of a broken fender and damage to the body. The running gear of the car was not damaged and the party made the trip to Hatchel without delay. The damage to the Crews car amounted to little, and he came on to town.

SOLVING THE HIGH LIVING COST

Deinton, Texas, Dec. 31. — The librarian of the College of Industrial Arts has just received copies of Bulletin 559 of the United States Department of Agriculture, which gives many receipts for the cooking of kaffir corn and cowpeas into delicate edibles. Yeast bread, gingerbread, doughnuts, cookies and many other delicacies are included in a possible menu kaffir corn, and students here claim to have found an other clue to the solving of the high living cost problem. This cereal has never been used extensively as human food in this country, but has been a staple diet in Africa, India and China for many years. The pamphlet also gives many ideas for the making of appetizing dishes from the ordinary cowpeas.

PIONEER CITIZEN DEAD.

L. P. Woods, of old Runnels returned home a few days ago from Abilene where he went to attend the funeral of his old friend C. M. Bradshaw, who died at his home at Bradshaw, Texas, on December 24th. Mr. Bradshaw was one of the pioneer stockmen of this section and was well known and held in high esteem by a host of friends all over this section. He was buried in the family cemetery at Abilene.

COL. HENRY EXALL DIED MONDAY

Dallas, Dec. 29.—Colonel Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress, died at his home here this morning.

Heart disease was given as the immediate cause of death. Colonel Exall was said to have been in failing health for some time and a change for the worse in his condition took place Saturday. He died at 4:40 this morning. Besides his wife and one son, Henry Exall, he is survived by two brothers and two sisters, one of whom Mrs. Annie E. Elrod, resides at Houston. Arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until all relatives have been notified.

Colonel Exall was born in Richmond, Va., Aug. 30, 1848. His education at his father's academy was interrupted when he was 13 years old by the war between the states and two years later he enlisted in the Tenth Virginia Confederate cavalry. He was known as the "boy of the regiment" and at the battle of Ream's Station he was presented with a sword by his brigade commander for gallantry while in action.

Colonel Exall served with distinction until the close of the war and then turned his attention to law. After being admitted to the bar he became interested in manufacturing pursuits. In 1869 he went to Kentucky and became engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. The same year he married Miss Emma Warner of Owensboro, Ky., and three children were born of this union, all of whom died in early life.

Came to Texas in 1877.

In 1875 his wife died and two years later he immigrated to Texas. Colonel Exall's life since that time has been associated with many of the most important of the state's civic activities. In 1887 he married Miss May Dickson, daughter of a prominent Texas family.

Colonel Exall was prominent in Democratic politics and state wide movements of various kinds. In 1884 he was delegate to the New Orleans Cotton Exposition and in 1885 and 1886 he was colonel and quartermaster of the Texas volunteer guards. He was a de-

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ONE SHOT FIRED IN FIGHT AT NORTON

County Attorney Shepherd and Sheriff Flynt were called to Norton early Tuesday morning to investigate and place under the hand of the law parties who participated in a fight at that place the evening before.

An effort was made to learn the particulars of the trouble by telephoning to that place, but the parties phoned declined to discuss the matter over the telephone, and very little is known of the affair. Parties coming in from there today (Tuesday) say that the difficulty was not as bad as at first reported in Ballinger. The first report here stated that a man had been badly cut and another shot. A later report says that no one was cut or shot, and only one of the participants in the fight was hurt, and he was only bruised a little.

From the best information obtainable it seems that trouble over the hire of a hack, or buggy, came up between the Daniel boys and Robt. Hodges and his father. The trouble was in the settlement of the price of the rig which we understood amounted to \$1.50. When the parties began fighting it is reported that a gun was used by one of the fighters and one shot fired. It is also reported that the party using the gun did not attempt to shoot any one, but was using the gun as a club when it was discharged.

This is the first trouble to occur in the Norton country in many years. That country is noted for its splendid peaceful citizenship. In conversation with a citizen of that community today he stated that this was the first fight that had occurred there in several years, and he felt sure that the trouble would blow over and amount to nothing. That part of the country is composed of law abiding people and it is to be hoped that those who have fallen out will drop the matter.

M. Clayton, who had been spending the holidays with his parents near Renoit, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday at noon en route to Abilene where he will resume his school work. He orders the Banner-Ledger to keep posted on the home news.

Here's To You.

A Merry Christmas to you all—
Whether Customer or not.
May cheerfulness and happiness
And gladness be your lot.

And if you're not our customer
We add this wish right here
That you'll enrol yourself with us
Within the coming year.

The Farmers & Merchants
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

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

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Let us save you some money on your Bill.

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CLASSIFIED ADS STRICTLY CASH.

After Jan. 1st we will not accept want ads without cash accompaniment copy for the ad. We are adopting this rule to save the work and expense of carrying so many little accounts on our books. The average want ad runs from 20 to 50 cents and in many cases this amount is the sum total spent with this paper by some people in an entire year, and to keep books on such small accounts is worth more than it comes to. Our rates on this class of advertising is one cent per word for the first insertion, and beginning on Jan. 1st, we will not insert the ad unless the cash is turned in with the copy. This rule will be strictly adhered to and it applies to every one.
The Ballinger Printing Co.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Uncle Henry Weaver, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

CLABE ARMSTRONG REMOVED HOME.

Clabe Armstrong, who has been in the Halley & Love sanitarium since he sustained a broken leg nearly a month ago, was carried to his home Friday afternoon. He stood the trip splendidly and is getting along as well as could be expected. Mr. Armstrong has had quite a time from his accident, and on account of being large and heavy he has suffered a great deal. His friends will be glad to learn that he is improving and in the course of time will be himself again.

WANTED

300 bushels good oats, unsacked, purchaser to do his own hauling. Give location and price.
Dec 19—w3t— JO WILMETH.

H. L. Harwell left Saturday for Midland where he will pack his house hold goods and move his family to Ballinger. They will occupy the Giesecke place on Eleventh street.

NOBODY AT HOME; HOUSE BURNS

The home of Jack Nichols on 12th street was destroyed by fire about twelve o'clock Christmas Eve night, and it is another mysterious fire and makes three that has occurred in Ballinger with in the last ten days.

Mr. Nichols and his family left about noon the day before Christmas for a visit in Concho County. It is not known whether they left a fire burning in the house or not, as they have not returned to Ballinger up to the time this is being written. However, the fire that destroyed the building did not occur for over twelve hours after they locked the house and left it, and it does not look reasonable that a fire would originate from a stove or other fire carelessly left in the house after that length of time.

The building was aflame all over when discovered and the building burned down before the fire company could reach it. The building was insured for \$750 and the contents for \$400 with the Chastain agency.

Naturally those who are interested in the prevention of fires are suspicious and it is probable some action will be taken to investigate and see if there is any grounds for incendiary origin.

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Ladies Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Beware, each with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Price 10 Cents. 25 Cents. 50 Cents. Always Tell your Druggist you want CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. For 1 year's proven success. Always Tell your Druggist you want CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Max McCary and children and Miss Kathleen Francis, who had been visiting J. W. Francis and Ballinger friends the past several days, left for Calvert Saturday afternoon. Miss Kathleen is teaching music at Marquez, Texas.

Miss Lena Jones, of Dallas, who was the guest of her sisters, Madams Shields and Taylor, during the holidays, left for her home Sunday afternoon.

TRESPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.
GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf
Concho county, Tex

RECEIVES AUTO FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Oscar Pearson is celebrating the Yuletide by taking lessons in auto driving. Mr. Pearson presented her with a nice five passenger Overland, and it is numbered among the prettiest cars in Ballinger.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
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Mr. and Mrs. Creel Grady, of Brownwood, who had been here on a visit to her mother Mrs. T. O. Brown and family and other relatives of South Ballinger returned home Friday afternoon.

Joe Barton and family returned to their home in Glascock county Saturday. They had been here visiting relatives. Mrs. Barton was formerly Miss Sussie Abernathy.

XMAS PRESENTS FOR MR. AND MRS. COLQUITT

Austin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Gathering at the Governor's Mansion at 11 o'clock this morning the state officials associated with the administration presented to Governor O. B. Colquitt a three-carat diamond ring and presented to Mrs. Colquitt a beautiful dinner ring. Ex-Governor Joseph D. Sayers, and now chairman of industrial accident board made the presentation.

The party that went to the mansion consisted of nearly all of the officials who hold office by virtue of appointment, and other officials were present. Mr. Sayers speech was along the lines of appreciation of the administration and especially he emphasized the harmony between the various departments and the state executive. He said, however, that gifts were given and prompted by the Christmas spirit and the love the state employes have for the governor and his wife.

It has been the custom of the state employes under the Colquitt administration to give the governor and his wife each Christmas a present.

I Will Buy Your Seed Cotton.

I am in the market for your seed cotton. Before you sell your remnants be sure to see me, and get the highest price the market will afford. E. M. EUBANKS, wt

SANTA CLAUS VISITS HIGGINBATHAM STORE.

Santa Claus was a very busy old man at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. store awhile this morning. R. T. Williams, manager found on his desk a nice traveling case containing everything a man could possibly need in the way of a shaving and toilet outfit. The entire force of this store had a hand in making this present, and it was presented with the compliments of J. D. Roberson, Mrs. J. D. Roberson, Miss Alma Snell, Roy Sharp, S. L. Bird, C. A. Crews, R. E. George, George Kerley, E. A. Trail, W. B. Currie, Jack Applewhite, W. B. Dunlap, Ira Thurman, Tull Adams, Ben Middleton, Joe Spoons and Jim Parnell.

All the employees of this store were kindly remembered also, and each one found a check for five dollars in their mail, with the compliments of the firm.

FOR SALE—A stallion, 5 years old, weight 1500 pounds, chestnut sorrel color. Can be seen at my place, 9 miles south of Ballinger. Ang. Halfman. 4tw

RECEIVES VALUABLE PRESENT.

Miss Bertha Van Pelt is driving a pretty little auto, a gift from her father. The car is the most attractive thing of the kind in Ballinger, and Miss Bertha knows how to get the worth of such a valuable gift. She knows how to handle the steering wheel much better than many men, who have had more experience.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

ROAD BONDS CARRY

Temple Texas, Dec. 23.—Citizens of good roads precinct No. 3, Bell county, voted the issuance of bonds yesterday to the amount of \$30,000. The issue carried by a 7 to 1 majority. The district concerned suffered severely from the floods, and the roads in that section were impassible during that time. This served to emphasize the need of good highways, especially to the farmers, who voted solid for the project.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Itch. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

P. J. Baron, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, Dec 29, 1913:

Cooke, W. L.

When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.
James J. Erwin P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and children returned home Monday morning from a visit to relatives at Miles. Mr. Nicholson is buying cotton at Hamlin and joined his family at Miles over Sunday.

Jim Osborn came in from the east Monday at noon to visit Ballinger friends.

J. D. Smith of the Winters country, came in Monday at noon to look after business affairs a day or so.

MRS. ETHERIDGE IS SENT UP FOR LIFE.

Meridian, Texas, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ellen Etheridge today was convicted of poisoning her step-child and sentenced to life imprisonment. She still awaits trial on charge of killing three other step-children by poisoning.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S PASTELLESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

MAKING FARM IMPROVEMENTS

Dr. C. M. Alexander, of Coleman, who owns a farm about six or seven miles from Ballinger on the Crews road, has just completed the building of a nice residence on the farm. It seems that the property owners who do not live in this county have confidence in the future and are not afraid to plant their money in this county. They will be the ones to win.

TRAP DRUMMER ADDED.

Princess Theatre Will Add Trap Drummer to Its Musical Department After the First.

After the first of the year, the Princess Theatre's musical department will be reinforced by a trap drummer, according to the announcement of Roy Reeder, manager of the Ballinger theatre. The drummer is one of the best in West Texas having played in Coleman, Brownwood, and other cities in this part of the state for the past several years. He will get a complete set of traps in time and assist the piano player of the theatre wonderfully in dispensing the newest of music for Ballinger show-goers.

OLD MIRRORS.

Re-silvered and damp-proof backing put on, making them as good as new. All work guaranteed. Maxie L. Phillips, phone 299. 13—each Sat d&w-5

Miss Dovie Pipkin, who is teaching the McGill school in Tom Green county, returned to her school Saturday, after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Dunn, who had been visiting her parents in Ballinger during the holidays returned to Winters where she will continue her school near that place the balance of this school term.

W. A. Breedlove left Saturday at noon to join his wife at Miles on a visit to relatives and friends a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry and children, of Sweetwater, who had been visiting relatives in our city and at Miles, left from this point Saturday morning for their home.

Miss Lila Batts returned to Tom Green County Saturday to open her school again Monday. She has been here visiting home folks during the holidays.

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NOTICE

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Big Auction Sale

We wish to state to our customers and friends of Runnels county we will hold our next Auction Sale Jan. 9th and 10th, 1914, and we feel like we are going to have a good sale. If you have any mules for sale we believe we are going to have the best mule market of the season. We will also have some good mares for sale.

Brownwood Horse & Mule Company
McAlister & Fisk, Mgrs.
Per Ben H. Cook

MRS. C. M. SHEFFY PAIN—FULLY INJURED.

Mrs. C. M. Sheffy is confined to her room and is suffering considerably from the results of falling in a hole near the jail Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffy are conducting a hotel and also have charge of the ail, and it was while going from the jail to the hotel last Monday night that Mrs. Sheffy happened to the accident that fortunately was not more serious.

A hole had been left open where some work was being done for the sewer system, and it was dark and Mrs. Sheffy did not notice the hole until she stepped into it. Fortunately no bones were broken and her injuries only amount to some bruises and sprained muscles.

For Cold on Lungs.

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

MARRIED AT METHODIST PARSONAGE.

Mr. J. N. Swilley and Miss E. R. Brian were married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Doss officiating. Mr. Swilley lives near Houston and Miss Brian has been living with her brother six miles south of Ballinger. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for their home near Houston.

For Frost Bites and Chapped Skin

For frost bitten ears, fingers and toes, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, there is nothing to equal Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Stops the pain at once and heals quickly. In every home there should be a box handy all the time. Best remedy for all skin diseases, itching, eczema, tetter, piles etc. 25c. All druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

OPTICIAN GIVES NOTICE.

I will be in Winters Monday, Jan. 5th. If you have eye trouble call on me at Dr. Allred's office. Dr. J. H. Clelands. 1w

\$45.95 REALIZED FROM RED CROSS SEALS

Mrs. W. S. Fleming, local chairman in charge of the sale of Red Cross Seals, phoned The Ledger Thursday morning that the total amount realized on the sales of the little stickers at Ballinger amounted to \$45.49. Mrs. Fleming stated that the state chairman in charge of this work, and that she desired to thank all those who contributed to the work and to also thank the committees from the various Sunday schools and the merchants who assisted in the sale of the seals.

The money realized in this work one year ago only amounted to about three dollars at Ballinger, and while it was the desire of the committee that the entire \$75 worth of seals sent to Ballinger be sold, it is very gratifying to know that such marked increase has been shown in this work, and that Ballinger people are to be numbered among those who are interested in seeing the work of caring for the unfortunate of our land carried on successfully.

At present a hospital for the treatment of convalescents being maintained at Galveston from the money realized by the sale of Red Cross Seals and through other charitable organizations. It is a worthy work, and we are glad to report that the Ballinger people used the seals liberally, and with a good year ahead of us the sales next Christmas days will no doubt more than double.

How's This

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

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

National Bank of Commerce Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

LEFT FOR SAN MARCOS.

Mrs. Lila Mayfield, who has just resigned her position in the West End school, left Wednesday afternoon for San Marcos where she will be with the Normal school of that city. She was accompanied as far as Brownwood by her daughter, Miss Charlotte who will resume her school work in the Daniel Baker College for the ensuing term, after a pleasant visit in Ballinger.

Rheumatic Pains.

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

ROBBERS GET MONEY AT TENNYSON

The officers at Ballinger were notified today (Thursday) to look out for suspicious characters as the safe in the store of Mr. Daniels at Tennyson was blown open and robbed some time Wednesday night.

Tennyson is a little town on the Orient railroad in Coke county. Daniels conducted a general merchandise store, and as that place has no bank, and he had not sent a deposit to the nearby bank in several days she had accumulated considerable cash, and the robbers secured about \$200.

It was first reported that no one was left for the officers to follow in their work of running down the guilty party, but later it was reported that a former Ballinger man was under suspicion.

Wonderful Cough Remedy.

Dr. King's New Discovery is known everywhere as the remedy which will surely stop a cough or cold. D. P. Lawson of Eidson, Tenn., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the most wonderful cough, cold and throat and lung medicine I ever sold in my store. It can't be beat. It sells without any trouble at all. It needs no guarantee." This is true, because Dr. King's New Discovery will relieve obstructed coughs and colds. Lung troubles quickly helped by its use. You should keep a bottle in the house at all times for all the members of the family. 50c and \$1.00. All druggists or by mail.

H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

WILL MOVE GOODS HERE.

As mentioned in the Ledger of the return of J. H. Wilke from Coleman, L. E. Bair also came in from the same place. Mr. Bair and been assisting Mr. Wilke with his stock of merchandise recently bought at Coleman and we were informed that the stock of goods will be moved to Ballinger in a few days and be opened up in Mr. Wilke's rock business house on Hutchins Avenue next to L. B. Stubb's grocery store. Mr. Bair says this is a splendid stock of merchandise and will be quite an addition to the city, when opened up.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

SECOND TAX ROUND

Tax Collector W. T. Padgett requests us to state that he will be in Winters, Saturday, January 10th 1914 to collect taxes, also will be at Rowena Friday, January 16th 1914 and at Miles Saturday, January 17th. Will spend a day in each of the places mentioned.

The subscription solicitor of the Banner-Ledger, C. C. Cockrell, will be with Mr. Padgett on the rounds and will appreciate meeting you on the above dates.

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

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

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Order a trial can today for tomorrow's baking—then judge.

Sold in 10c, 15c & 25c Cans By all Good Grocers.

RUSH TO EVADE EUGENIC LAW IN WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1.—A rush to evade the new eugenic marriage law effective today was made yesterday the busiest on record for the Milwaukee county marriage license clerks. At the regular closing time 84 licenses had been issued and the offices were so crowded it was decided to issue license until midnight.

The new law requires a medical examination of both applicants for a license to wed. Clerks in many counties have asked the attorney general for an interpretation of the law and several have indicated they will issue no licenses until the supreme court has passed on the statute.

For Skin Diseases.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jess McDonald and little daughter returned home Thursday at noon from DeKalb, Texas, where they spent a pleasant Christmas with relatives.

FETERITA SEED—Also choice white and Red maize selected for planting, for sale. Feterita at 5 cents per pounds or \$2.50 per bushel. Maize four cents per pound. Leave orders at Ledger office or see me at my home on J. H. Routh place. J. H. Taylor, 2-3tw

J. C. Thaxton, of the Maverick country, who had been visiting and looking after business affairs in Ballinger the past few days, returned home Tuesday.

I will continue my school on Monday January 5th and will teach entire day and those who wish can go whole or half day, \$1.50 per month whole and 75c half day. Mrs. E. L. Seargent, 403 Strong Ave. 1twpd

W. W. McElroy, who ranches in Schleicher county, came in Tuesday morning to visit relatives and friends a few days.

Acute Sore Throat.

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

Dr. J. L. Denson, of Cameron, Texas, was here looking after property interests left for home Monday afternoon. The doctor is figuring on locating in our section.

Notice.

The Runnels County Farmers Union will meet in regular quarterly session at Winters on Wednesday, January 7th, 1914. Business of importance is on hand and full delegations are respectfully urged. T. F. RAGSDALE, President. R. B. WORTHINGTON.

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

PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS

CAKES, (Continued)

In last week's lesson, I gave full directions and two simple recipes for cake baking. The great essentials in making cakes, are to use good materials, to measure carefully, and to use care in baking. A cake should look appetizing. A careless cook will seldom make a good cake or one that looks good. It is worth while to use a little extra care and attention in order to have a nice appearing cake.

Nevada Briggs

White Cake

1/2 cup butter 1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup milk or water Whites of three eggs
2 cups sifted pastry flour
3 level teaspoonsful K C Baking Powder
1 teaspoonful vanilla extract.
To mix white cake, measure the flour and sift it at least three times with the baking powder. Next cream the butter and sugar together until creamy and white; then add the water or milk and the flour mixture a little at a time, alternately to this creamed mixture, stirring it all the time. After all moisture and flour are added and the batter is perfectly smooth and glossy, beat the whites of the eggs until they are very stiff, adding these to the batter last. Bake in two medium sized layer pans and together with chocolate, pineapple or plain icing.

Simple Chocolate Fudge

1 1/2 cups of powdered or confectioner's sugar and enough milk water to dissolve the sugar. Work it into a smooth paste by stirring, then add 2 tablespoonsful of melted cooking chocolate and when smooth, spread upon the cake. To melt the chocolate break in lumps, place in a cup set in boiling water or over the steam of the tea kettle.

Uncooked Pineapple Icing

2 cups powdered or confectioner's sugar
Put egg white in bowl with the pineapple; take a rotary egg beater and beat the sugar in a very little at a time and continue beating until icing is stiff enough to spread. This icing is improved by long beating and adding sugar gradually, not much at a time. This recipe may be varied by using 1/2 cup of any kind of crushed fruit, such as grated sour apple, strawberries, peaches, bananas, orange juice, or lemon juice diluted one half with water.

Boiled Icing

1/2 cup boiling water Whites of 1 egg
1 cup granulated sugar.
Stir sugar and boiling water until sugar is dissolved; put over fire and cook without stirring until the syrup will form a soft spongy ball when dropped in cold water, then pour into the white of egg slowly, beating constantly until stiff enough to spread. Flavor to suit and spread upon the cake; a little lemon juice added to the syrup makes the icing spongy. This makes enough for two layers. Instead of 1/2 cup water use 1/4 cup of any fruit juice to make different icings. Nuts, raisins or figs can be added if desired.

Eggless Icing

2 cups powdered or confectioner's sugar; juice of 1/2 lemon and water, cream or milk to soften sugar to consistency to spread. This cannot fail for if one should get it too soft, simply add a little more sugar. This can also be made with any kind of fruit juice to soften sugar instead of water, cream or milk.

Gold Cake

1/2 cup butter Yolks of 4 eggs
1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup milk or water
1 cup flour, less 2 tablespoonsful
2 level teaspoonsful K C Baking Powder
Grated rind of orange

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The next lesson will be on Muffins with several excellent recipes and full directions how to make them light and moist.

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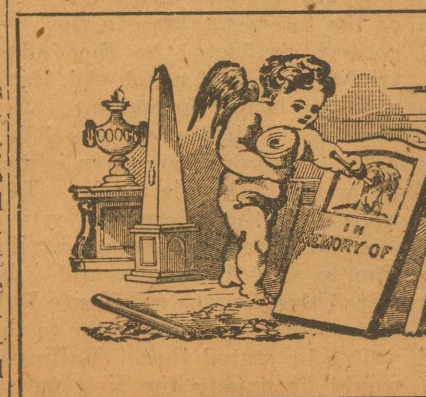
Shippers of eggs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and butter. We pay the highest market price. Ware house and office on corner near Santa Fe passenger depot. Ballinger, Texas.

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Practice writing it 1914.

Make it strong so it will be hard to break.

If you lost out on your 1913 resolutions remember that 13 was a little unlucky, and try it again.

You have had plenty time to practice on those resolutions and test them out. Practice makes perfect.

And still it rains. The Lord seems to be determined to convince the people of this state that they will have to build good roads.—Gainesville Register.

It is not the high cost of living that we hear so much about, but it is the low cost of high living. Some people are not paying half enough for their high living.

If you have not spent all your money for Santa Claus, you might divide up with the tax collector, and get a poll tax receipt. You might want to vote against some candidate before the year is gone.

There are some people right here in Ballinger who are too lazy to open the door when they hear the knock of opportunity. In fact they love to do the knocking themselves.

We still contend that Runnels county would support a county fair and that it could be made one of the most successful in Texas. Let's get busy for the New Year.

Medical experts differ as to the danger of kissing. There is nothing to the theory. If kissing is dangerous we know some people in Ballinger that are taking a great risk.

Yes, we are certainly glad that Christmas does not come but once a year, for with it comes the New Year bills. Many pocket books will be mashed flat when the bill collector makes his rounds.

An actress says all girls should dance. She is right, all girls should dance to some tune or another. We admire seeing a girl whirl around a dance hall like a governor on a steam engine with full pressure on.

The man that goes half way to meet trouble generally comes back with what he went after. The coin mon scrub can find trouble, it is not a man's job, and trouble never looks for the man who does the right thing under all circumstances.

Twenty-six women kissed a captain of a steamship running into New York on Christmas Day. We thought that Hobson had made it a felony for women to make raids upon men's lips, when he began advocating prohibition and a thousand battleships a year.

The Houston Chronicle says, "And now it would be appropriate to exclaim: 'An egg! An egg! My kingdom for an egg.'" All of which goes to prove what a great state Texas is, since in this country many are calling: "A nogg! A nogg! My kingdom for a nogg!"

"Nothing less than the fall of Huerta and his banishment from the country ever will be considered as a preliminary towards peace in Mexico," said General Villa. The General has the permission of Uncle Sam to bring the fall and do the banishing act at any time, but it is the opinion that Huerta will be banished to a country from

whence no wanderer returns if he falls into the hands of General Villa and his men. He will no doubt be given the Madero route.

It is now up to the Carnegie medal commission to dish out one of the sparklers to President Wilson for extinguishing a fire in one of the residences near his "winter capital." The sparkler might be given him to serve a double purpose, since his birthday was Sunday and he pulled off the gladiator stunt only a few ours previous to his 57th mark.

A press dispatch from the City of Mexico states that Huerta will resign after the first of the year. We don't believe the old man will do any trick so dastardly pleasing as quitting his old job and promoting in the field himself against the rebels, as he says he will do after the first of the new year. That might be his resolution at the present time but many good intentions are broken before the day is over.

Astronomers have reached the conclusion that it will be fifteen million years before the world explodes and the little fire that we have heard so much about is kindled under the furnace. The Bible says judge not, but we know people who will be in hell before the real show comes off. We refer to the man who will read a paper for five or six years on a credit then say he did not subscribe for it, and stick it back in the post office marked "refused."

It would be no small task for The Ledger to give the names of all those who visited in Ballinger during the holidays, or to give the names of those who went to other places to visit. It was a regular home coming, and many former Ballinger boys and girls were here to spend the Yuletide with parents.

Ballinger may not get the prize for being the cleanest town in Texas, but no one will deny the fact that it is a cleaner town today than it has ever been before. Our people have been educated along sanitary lines that are worth a great deal to the health of our little city. The last few years has brought about wonderful improvements in those things that makes for better health, and much credit is due to Holland's Magazine for working up an interest that has been educative and helpful to the health of the entire state.

Business in Ballinger or any other town will be dull only to the man who makes it a custom to lay off on the months immediately following the holidays. There is no reason logical for a slump in business after the Christmas season than there is after the Fourth of July. It is true that business should be extra good during the holidays along the close of the year, but there is no reason for there not being nothing after they will have passed away. The firm that advertises will continue to reap the harvest after the present season has passed merrily on its way and a new year has entered.

There are candidates and rumors of candidates. In fact from the way the old not is beginning to "sputter and sizzle," there will be so many good men in the race for the various offices in this county the voter is going to feel like he is neglecting his duty in not being able to say "I also ran." There is no danger in the country going to the bow-wows when so many good men are anxious to shoulder the responsibility and sacrifice their time and talent for the good of the government.

The Confederate Veteran organization lost one of its best friends and supporters when S. A. Cunningham, editor of the Confederate, died at his home in Memphis, Tenn. The old soldiers are rapidly passing out, and the time is short when to keep alive this organization the sons and daughters will have to take up the battle cry and march under the banner that is so sacred to those who wore the gray.

In 1907 there were 37 people killed by autos in the city of New York. For the first eleven months of the present year the number of deaths from the same cause in that city totaled 177. While there has been a big increase in the use of the cars the increase does not justify the number of deaths. According to the man who compiled the figures in his report that the majority of the deaths are due to carelessness. We are a careless na-

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tion and if it was not for the guiding hand of Providence, or as some might say luck, many of us would be at the end of the race before we reached the first quarter stake.

The National Press Association will meet in Houston in March. This Association is made up of Newspaper men from all over the United States. Editors of the largest metropolitan papers in the country will be in the state for several days. They will visit different sections of the state. The committee of newspaper men who have the work of planning for their entertainment are busy arranging for their coming, and Texas is going to get some of the best advertising the old state ever received. The big editors will have something to tell their readers when they return home from the Lone Star State.

The Ledger received a copy of the Ford County News, published with its Christmas clothes on, and it exceeds anything we ever saw in the way of a country newspaper. The News is published at Crowell by J. L. Martin, and the business men of that Western town are to be congratulated that they have such a man as Mr. Martin to do the boosting for them. His paper was printed in three colors—red, black and green, and the splendid holiday illustration and artistry arranged ads in that paper will be read and talked about all over Texas—wherever a copy of that paper is received. The paper not only shows enterprise on the part of its publisher, but the advertising patronage shows that Crowell is made up of business men that will make a town, regardless of conditions.

HOW TO CATCH A FIRE BUG. Three homes in Ballinger destroyed by fire within ten days while the occupants were away from home look a little suspicious and is causing some comment. It is dangerous for a man to leave his home when the fire bugs are at work.—Ballinger Ledger.

When a community finds itself at the mercy of the fire fiend the proper thing to do is to inaugurate a series of secret investigations following each fire, call in and question every person who knows anything at all about the circumstances surrounding the burning, get the consensus of public opinion and locate the guilty party. It is a fact that such an investigation in smaller cities will reveal the identity of those most likely to be guilty, after which a watch may be instituted as to their movements and they will be either scared out of business or captured. A local fire fiend can not hide his operations from the watchful eye of the entire community. This method, if properly put into practice, will put the arson scound out of business.—Temple Telegram.

What is a loss to Texas is a loss to Ballinger, and ordinarily when a man prominent in the affairs of the state dies, little is thought of it in Ballinger, further than the mere passing thought that another good man has just past out of this world. With the death of Col. Henry Exall Ballinger and Runnels county people feel the loss keenly. This may be true of many counties in Texas, but the fact that Col. Exall had promised to visit Ballinger and address the farmers in the interest of the work so close to his heart in the near future, and also on account of the interest taking in the crop contest conducted by the Industrial Congress of which Col. Exall was the head, throughout this county, his influence was being felt more than of any man in public or philanthropic work. This writer had the pleasure of extending Col. Exall a personal invitation to visit Ballinger, and he stated that he was coming to Ballinger, and later in a letter to the writer he stated that Ballinger would be among the first towns he would visit during the year. Death has robbed the people of

our county of the pleasure of hearing him talk, and it has robbed the state and the farmers of a man that has done more good and was still in the work at the time of his death, than any other man in Texas. We can not understand why death should be so cruel, but it has often been said that God wants the best for His kingdom.

THE MATING OF MAN AND WOMAN.

Miss Ida Zachman has offered herself as a candidate for the \$500 prize offered through the medical Review of Reviews for the girl who is chosen by experts to be the bride in the eugenic marriage to be arranged for scientific purposes. She is said to be a perfect specimen of womanhood. This eugenic marriage business may be all right, but it does not appeal to The Enterprise, because it places marriage too much on a plane with the mating of animals. God will work out the perfection of the human race in His own way and He is working it out every day. When we think of eliminating love from marriage, it loses its sanctity, and that sweet influence is permeated with a commercial aspect that makes marriage partake too much of a business contract. Miss Zachman may enjoy the experiment, but will she have accomplished anything more than newspaper notoriety when she has presented her progeny to the doctors for examination and classification?—Cleburne Enterprise.

We don't believe the day will ever come when love will be eliminated from marriage except in those cases where it is a match for money, or in such cases as are now practiced. We believe in eugenic marriage and it will be a great day for this nation when the propagation of diseased children, lunatics and degenerates is ended by a physical standard for marriage. It will do more to reduce crime and disease than can be done in many generations by any other method. Do this and love could still be the controlling power in the mating of man and woman. No man and woman should be allowed to marry if they are not physically able to bring into this world children healthy in both mind and body. As for the eugenic method making marriage partake too much of a business contract, this feature of it is overlooked with too many people today. Marriage is a business proposition, and any man who marries without first giving the business side of the contract careful thought will soon realize that he has made a mistake and in many cases this results in unhappy homes and ultimately a round in the divorce courts which are a burden and curse to the nation today.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

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

This is a purely local event. It took place in Ballinger. Not in some faraway place. You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word. To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home is more worthy of confidence. Than one you know nothing about. Endorsed by unknown people. R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas, says: "My kidneys were out of order and I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions. I had a dull pain in my back, over my left kidney, and a cold or stooping made it worse. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., rid me of the annoyance." Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Rutherford had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Extra choice pecans 10 cents per pound. The Globe. 301tw 3d

SPRING HILL NEWS

Health in our community remains fine.

We are having some ideal winter weather. Cold enough to save meat.

There was a Christmas tree at the Spring Hill school house Christmas evening, the tree was nicely decorated and the house was well filled with people of the community. There was presents for all the little folks and fruit and candy for the big people. A most appropriate program was rendered for the occasion was gotten up by our school teacher Miss Stella Hicks assisted by Miss Flora Compton.

Mr. Tom Dean of Longview, visited his nephews Mr. George and John Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers are visiting relatives in Central Texas.

Mrs. Samson and children are visiting relatives in Limestone County.

Mr. Ray Compton is visiting in Bell County.

David Davis is visiting in Greenville, Texas.

Miss Stella Hicks, our much esteemed teacher visited in Midland Texas during the holidays.

Mr. Aug Voglesang and family spent Christmas with his parents at Hatchel.

Mr. and Mrs. Colburne spent Christmas in Ballinger.

Mr. Owen Ayeoek and little daughter, Coy, spent Christmas in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheelis entertained her mother and father during the holidays.

Grandma Dean is visiting in Winters.

Mrs. Duncan of Valley creek visited her daughter Claude Compton.

Mrs. J. R. Walker and son Walter of Ballinger visited her daughter Mrs. W. S. Davis.

Mr. Vanlaningham has moved on the Dean place.

Mr. Coviser has moved to the new house Mr. Wardlow recently erected.

Mr. Ingle has moved on Mr. Casburg's place.

We are certainly proud to see they are putting up banisters to the approaches of Sand creek bridge and we do hope that when they get through with that they will come on out and fix us a crossing at Spring Hill branch as it is impossible for a loaded wagon to pull through it. Mr. Ayeoek has already dug several out and pulled some out with his teams. It interferes with his plowing and for his sake and the public generally.

We wish the Banner-Ledger and every one a happy and prosperous New Year.

"KNOX."

TWO THOUSAND STUDENTS.

We have just been informed that the slogan of the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas for 1914 is 2,222. It's record for 1913 passed the 2000 mark.

You may take the editor's word for it that our young people could not do better than to spend from \$90 to \$100 for board tuition and books, completing a course of shorthand, bookkeeping or telegraphy in this famous institution or better still, spend about \$75 for two of these courses. What young person can place a hundred or two hundred dollars and three to five months time to a better advantage than to invest it in a thorough business training that will bless this community, who a few years ago borrowed the money to attend this institution, are today out of debt and on the road to success as a result of having the courage and determination to make an effort to do something to be somebody and add further proof to the old saying, "Where there is a will there is a way." There is plenty doing for those who are prepared. Be ambitious. Be one of the 2,222 to enter this famous institution during 1914 that you may go into a good salaried position or into a business of your own with some assurance of success.

No institution could attain such a wonderful enrollment and lead all other American business training schools, unless it merited it. It cost no more to attend the best school with a nation-wide reputation, than it does the next best. Write today for free catalog. They will gladly send you one.

Miss Mary Morgan, of Sterling City, came in Wednesday afternoon and will be the guest of her cousins, Mrs. Audy Gustasus, en route to Frost, Texas, to visit relatives a while.

ECHOS FROM CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Praise God for that beautiful Star in Bethlehem. One more Christmas day to be long remembered in the minds of those who attended the City Hall in beautiful Ballinger on Christmas Day we say beautiful because everything that is good is beautiful. God is love and God's people is lovely. Christ was born on Christmas Day and in honor of Him who died to save the world, we announced that we would, under the auspices of the Nazarene Church have a feast for the soul and body on that day. The committees were appointed and was soon touching the royal telephone and God himself responded through the hearts of the people of Ballinger and surrounding country. This dinner was made especially for those who was not able to prepare a dinner for themselves and God looked on the scene and crowned it with success. Praise his holy name Thursday morning's beautiful sunlight of God brighten the shadows that hovered over many hearts of both old and young in Ballinger and it was a love feast to all. God bless the loyal hearts of Ballinger, they have no fear, they always came to the front when called upon and respond to any good cause. We can not praise them enough. Words cannot express the goodness of God.

Christmas morning came with all the glory of God flooding the souls of both old and young as they gathered at the City Hall for no other purpose but to worship our Lord with songs, recitations reading and prayers and at 11 a. m. a message "His Name Shall Be Called Jesus" was delivered by Rev. E. W. Wells which was rich and fine. Later dinner was announced and about one hundred people were seated to partake of the beautiful spread of almost every thing that was to be thought of and about 20 waiters were busily engaged in waiting on the tables. At the same time quite a number were preparing dinners for about one hundred to be sent out to those who were sick and unable to come from different causes, which were gladly received. The tables at the same time being respread for the second meal. Dinner was served to about three hundred people all toll. Then the choir sang, "There'll be no shadows on the other side," followed by heart to heart talks from those who felt that God had honored this grand and glorious day. Supper was served to about fifty people and some meals were sent out. Glory! Glory! God was with us and directed a goodly number to the Nazarene Church at night for prayer service.

May the dew drops of Heaven forever sprinkle the path of each one that helped in any way in this feast of soul and body is the prayer of one whose heart is in the work.

Mrs. E. L. Seargent.

START YOUR LIVER. DON'T STOP WORK.

Dodson's Liver Tonic Acts Mildly but Surely. Livens up the Liver and You Stay On Your Feet.

It is the experience of camonal users that if they take enough of the drug to have the desired effect, it seriously interferes with their work the day after. But this is the least important item, for camonal is often a dangerous drug and acts on the system violently. Don't take chances with camonal. Get a bottle of the pleasant safe and perfectly harmless Dodson's Liver Tonic, guaranteed to take the place of camonal. Instead of making you feel worse the next day it makes you feel better—and you actually are better, for no remedy in the world livens up the liver, regulates the bowels and really rejuvenates the system any better than this dose.

You are the sole judge of its merits. The Walker Drug Co., is fully authorized to hand you back your money without question if it fails to please you—and relieve you.

Remember if you feel constipated and liver weak all you need is a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic for 50 cents from the Walker Drug Co.

LOST—Cog-wheel about one-foot in diameter on road to my farm. Return and get suitable reward. W. W. Fowler, M. D. 1wd

Mr. and Mrs. E. Buchwald, of Winters, were among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

K C Baking Powder is guaranteed absolutely pure and wholesome. There is no Rochelle salts, no harmful residue left in the food that is leavened with K C.




Even the most delicate can eat hot breads raised with K C without distress. Try K C Baking Powder breads if yeast-raised bread does not agree with you.

ADVERTISING TEXAS

Money Follows Line of the Least Resistance.

BY W. HOLT HARRIS



STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try **Thedford's Black-Draught**, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it. I have now been taking **Black-Draught** for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it. I am so thankful for what **Black-Draught** has done for me." Thedford's **Black-Draught** has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest. Get a package today. Only a quarter.

BLOCKER FEEDING 1000 HEAD CATTLE

Russell & Blocker, who own part of the old R. K. Wylie ranch, and one of the largest irrigation plants in this section of the country, are feeding about one thousand head of cattle, at the ranch eight miles west of Ballinger. The bunch on feed consist of steers and calves. It will be remembered that Mr. Blocker bought 500 calves from the Sawyer Cattle Co., of Reagan county about the first of November, and these were brought to Runnels county and placed on feed on the Russell & Blocker ranch. The finest feed crop ever grown any where was raised on this ranch this year, and two big silos were filled and much feed otherwise saved, and the cattle now on feed are being fed ensilage and oil cake from the Ballinger mill. These gentlemen fed a large bunch of cattle last year, fattening them on ensilage and cake and the fact that they are doing the same thing again this year indicates that they met with success. With the coming of the big silos, acting as a canning process for the enormous feed crop that is raised here every year, means a new era of prosperity for the farmer who takes advantage of this opportunity to grow the feed and then convert it into meat, milk and butter.

ISSUES WARNING TO BOOZE TOTERS

"It is not a pleasure to prosecute sixteen and seventeen year old boys for violating the law at the suggestion of some grown man," said Sheriff Flynt Saturday morning, "and I wish you would state in your paper that we are going to make it interesting for those who have been sending boys to San Angelo after booze." Sheriff Flynt is correct. We learn from him that his attention has been called to two cases this week where two boys went to San Angelo and brought back whiskey for older persons—grown men, and to this extent as carriers for the other parties. Of course those accepting the liquor from the boys are also guilty of violating the prohibition law. Another question which comes up, while it does not come under the jurisdiction of the Runnels county officers, it has been taken up and Mr. Flynt says will be pushed, and that is how the boys got hold of the whiskey at San Angelo. If the evidence which is in the hands of the local officers count for anything, some liquor dealers in San Angelo are up against it, and Mr. Flynt says he is going to make it interesting for the parties that made it possible for the boys to get the whiskey and also for those who are responsible for the boys going to San Angelo after the booze. He requests us to publish fair warning to others, and if possible keep other innocent boys, who do not know what the prohibition law is relatives to bringing booze into a dry territory, from getting in trouble. You can take his statement for what you think it is worth and govern yourself accordingly.

HEISKELL'S OINTMENT

One application soothes and heals a rough pimply skin, and when repeated, quickly effects a cure. Eczema, Erysipelas, Tetter, Ulcers and all skin diseases yield to its curative properties. 50c a box. At all Druggists. Send for free sample and book, "Health and Beauty." JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., 1730 Spring Garden St., Phila., Pa.

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County Attorney Runnels Co. Civil Practice Solicited

Ballinger, Texas.

MUCH has been said and more written about advertising the resources of Texas abroad and our glowing opportunities, when properly safe-guarded, will make the eagle on every American dollar spread its wings and fly to Texas. But the thing most essential to our growth and progress is the proper alignment of our laws and conduct and a clearer understanding of the necessities and requirements of progress. When this is done, it will be a unnecessary to solicit capital to come to Texas as it will be to invite the bees to make honey. Money follows the lines of least resistance and capital flows wherever profit is greatest and conditions most stable. The bank vaults of the nation are filled with dollars that are searching to and fro, up and down the earth for safe and profitable investments but it is of first importance that the house be put in order before the guests are invited.

There is nothing that so weakens the foundation of industrial achievement as the knockout drops of uncertainty, and capital will never seek investment where a myriad of scornful fingers are pointing toward it and neither will it give serious consideration to opportunities that are scarred by fear. No amount of publicity, however adroitly presented, can bring about profitable results under such circumstances. Such a country can only hope for satisfactory development through some freak of nature.

We have so many laws and rumors of laws and Dame Duty is such a fickle goddess when flirting with Ambition, that it keeps industries guessing as to the true status of affairs lest they all become companions in adversity.

The press of Texas has been groaning for the past few months under a burden of announcements of progress made by the State in its efforts to visit the pains and penalties of law upon industry and the incandescent flashes of malice and prejudice that have lighted the horizon have had a tendency to wither and blight our destiny and we still hear threats of war. Not only has it done violence to progress but it has very effectively placed fetters upon our growth and development by giving the State millions of dollars of bad advertising.

ISSUES REPORT ON COTTON GINNING

According to a preliminary report of the Department of Commerce, there had been ginned in Texas prior to December 13th, 3,627,410 bales of cotton. In 1912, there had been ginned prior to the same date, 4,368,915 bales, counting round as half bales and excluding linters. The number of bales is considerably smaller than that of 1912 or that of 1911, when 3,862,143 bales were ginned. The number of bales ginned in the cotton growing states, however, for this year prior to December 13th, exceeded the amount ginned in 1912 for the same period by several hundred thousand bales. In 1912 prior to Dec. 13, 12,439,036 bales had been ginned, and in 1913, 12,923,606 bales.

FOUND DEAD WITH SKULL FRACTURED

Temple, Tex., Dec. 29.—H. L. Parker, 48 and a bachelor, a man without a known enemy and a man who had never been known to have a love affair, was found dead Sunday morning at 8 o'clock on the floor of his store at Heidenheimer, a small town near this city, with six distinct fractures in the back of his skull, any one of which would have been sufficient to have caused death. His clothes were burned from off the body.

A purse containing \$100 in currency and 65 cents in silver was found behind the counter near the spot where Parker is supposed to have first fallen. The cash drawer was apparently untouched. An iron casting weighing about five pounds shaped like a club with crimson stains and with several strands of hair clinging to it, was found where it had been placed on the end of the counter near the body.

Parker slept in a curtained-off room in the back of his store. It was his custom to wait on trade at all times of the night, but it was said he never allowed a stranger to enter his store at night, unless he, Parker, was armed. Officers found one of Parker's revolvers under his pillow, fully loaded. Another loaded gun was found in a show case near the front of the store.

Van Ness Lewis and Wm. Smiley of Winters had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mrs. P. H. Brooks, of Miles, who had been here on a visit to her brother Jarvis and W. C. Jones and families, left Monday at noon for her home.

Walter Allen came in from his Concho county ranch Sunday night to visit home folks and friends a few days and look after business affairs.

Miss Beatrice Vining, of Austin, came in Monday at noon to visit her aunt, Mrs. Jno. A. Weeks and family and her grand father, Col. C. L. Morgan and family for a few weeks.

L. L. Walker, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Sam Brookshire, of Benoit, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Judge J. W. Powell returned home Monday at noon from Lampasas where he spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

N. W. Gustavus returned home Sunday afternoon from San Angelo, where he spent Christmas with his wife and baby there on a visit to her parents.

Miss Franc Baker returned home Monday morning from San Angelo where she spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

ADVANCING UNDER PROTECTION OF CANNON FIRE



Some of General Villa's men are here seen advancing under the protection of cannon fire to engage the federals in hand-to-hand fighting.

MALT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

Mild Stimulants Taking the Place of Strong Drink.

The manufacture of malt liquor ranks fifth in importance in Texas manufacturing industries from the standpoint of capital invested and ranks third in value added by the manufacturing process. According to the last Federal Census Report we have twelve establishments engaged in the manufacture of malt liquors, employing 931 persons, with an investment of \$7,027,000 and an annual payroll of \$900,000. The records of the Federal Government show that the capital invested, and the value of the Texas output, have been doubled during the past decade. During the past five years two new establishments have been erected and two million dollars of new money put into the manufacturing business. There are no distilleries in Texas and no whiskey is manufactured within the State.

No authoritative figures are available on the amount of foreign malt liquors consumed in the State, but reliable estimates indicate that 22 per cent of Texas' consumption is manufactured outside the State. Probably 95 per cent of the Texas products are consumed within the State. We consume in Texas approximately 2 per cent of malt liquors manufactured in the United States, while we have 4 per cent of the population. The Texas products have taken first premium at world's fairs, and their purity and perfection is universally recognized. We manufacture in the State approximately 700,000 barrels of beer per annum.

The factory value of the annual Texas output is shown by the census enumerators at \$6,464,000, and the value of the raw material used in manufacturing is \$1,695,000. The value added by the process of manufacturing is \$4,769,000. The principal materials used are barley and rice.

The manufacture of malt liquors in the State has shown an increase of 60 per cent against an increase of 27 per cent in population during the past decade. The increase in malt liquor manufactured in the United States during this period is twenty per cent. Less than one per cent of malt liquor establishments of the United States are located in Texas.

The increased demand for malt liquor indicates that mild stimulants are taking the place of strong, poisonous drinks and is evidence of more temperate drinking and sobriety.

Three homes in Ballinger destroyed by fire within ten days while the occupants were away from home look a little suspicious and is causing some comment. It is dangerous for a man to leave his home when the fire bugs are at work.

We want your job work.

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Attorneys-at-Law—
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and Land
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Office over Ballinger State
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EVERYTHING IS WHITE

Even the Treatment we Hand
You. Our highest aim is to
Please you. We want you to
be an advertisement for us.

Give us a trial.

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The House Moving Man
I am prepared with a new
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PLANT TREES

Did You Ever See A Better Time For Planting Trees and Shrubby?

The Brownwood and West Texas Nursery

has as fine a stock of Fruit and Shade Trees, Roses, Shrubs, and Vines of all kinds as can be grown, and at reasonable prices. Send and get my price list before ordering your trees. I have no agents and so save you the middle man's profit.

Respectfully,
W. J. Schulze
Bangs, Texas

1914

Thanking you sincerely for your liberal patronage the past year and wishing everyone a very prosperous and happy New Year I am yours sincerely.

JAS. E. BREWER
THE JEWELER

We thank you for the business you have given us, and extend best wishes for 1914. Let us help you dress well.

C. C. GILLIAM
The Tailor

Plan to make our store your supply for groceries during 1914 and the year will be one of good food for you. We most heartily thank you for your liberal patronage, and promise you the same efficient service for 1914.

Miller Mercantile Co.

We wish all our friends happiest New Year Greetings. When you are in Ballinger and get hungry be sure to look for us. Meals and short orders at all hours.

Green Front Cafe.

We do not wish our friends any auto troubles during the coming year, but we wish to remind you that we can help you settle your troubles. If you need the services of a first class garage don't pass us. We thank you for past favors.

Ballinger Auto Co.

We thank the thousands of people whom we have feed during the year 1913 for their patronage and solicit your meat and bread trade for 1914. The best to be had and prompt service is what we offer you.

Ed and Will Glober
Meat and Bread

SCHAWÉ
GROCERY
COMPANY

Solicits Your Patronage.
Phone 228.

W. B. Wood & Son

—are paying for this space so they can thank their many customers for patronage and wish for them 365 prosperous and happy days for 1914. You can help make the year a happy one by using White Dove Flour. Fresh car just received.

W. B. WOOD & SON.

In closing the old year we pause long enough to thank the people for the patronage given us and wish for one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We will appreciate your business and give you value received for your 1914 trade.

A. J. ZAPPE

1914

We Desire at This Season to Extend to You Our Appreciation

—of the cordial relations that have existed between us during the year and to express the hope that they will be as lasting as we know them to be sincere.

Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

We Are Both Thankful

If you protected your land title with a Blue Back Abstract you should be thankful for that, and if you did we are thankful because the Blue Back Abstracts are made by us. To those who have visited our office during the past year and transacted business with us, we extend a hearty thanks and best wishes for a year overflowing with plenty. Abstracts, real estate and conveyancing is our line. We also loan money on land. Come to see us,

SECURITY TITLE CO.

We Appreciate Fully

All business that has come our way during the year 1913.

We use this opportunity to thank our customers throughout Ballinger trade territory for their patronage, and to wish for every one—those who are our customers and those who are not our customers

A Happy New Year.

If we can be of any service to you during the year 1914 we do our best to please you and guarantee to give good goods, good service, and value received for your money. Come to see us when you come to Ballinger We will be glad to see you whether you are in the market for anything in our line or not.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

...The...

Hall Hardware
C O M P A N Y

Wish you one and all
The Compliments
of the Season

We trust that you may enjoy a bright and prosperous New Year. We have tried to serve you honestly, faithfully and capably in the year just drawing to a close, and on the same basis we solicit your valuable business for the coming year. We assure you that it will be appreciated and carefully attended to, no matter how large or how small, your orders will have prompt and proper attention.

Respectfully,

The Hall Hardware Co.

The Saddle and Harness Man

Extends to every one the compliments of the season and best wishes for a prosperous year. To those who have patronized him during the year just closed he expresses his sincere thanks, and to those who have not seen fit to patronize him he extends a cordial invitation to become a customer of his store when you need anything in the leather goods line. We do anything from repairing shoes to making the very best saddle and harness.

H. L. WENDORF

WE Wish to Thank the people of Ballinger and vicinity for their liberal support and patronage for the year gone by, and to wish them a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And hope that the coming year will be the best they have ever had, and the worst they ever will have. Soliciting many opportunities to serve you during the coming year.

We Remain With Best Wishes

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.
"Quality First"

Let us help you make the New Year a Happy one by furnishing you with high grade groceries, and supply you with the best bread that can be baked, at prices that are as low as goods can be sold, quality considered

We have enjoyed a splendid business this past year and at this season of good cheer and good will we want to thank you sincerely for your kind patronage. We earnestly trust that the year just closing has brought to you and yours many heart throbs of friendship and abundant prosperity and our wish for 1914 is unprecedented blessings.

The Season's Greeting

The Walker Drug Co.

IN STEPPING in upon the threshold of a professional men of Ballinger join hands in Ballinger and Runnels county hearty and for the most prosperous year in the filled to overflowing with health and happiness of Ballinger we feel grateful for the splendor to the thousands of people who have made tend our thanks. It has been our purpose cent you have spent with us, and any error our part, if such has been made in dealing to the heart. We have also tried to pay all your produce. We appreciate fully the fact lines of business depends to a great measure of interest of this county. And with minds we stand ready at all times to go on strength in co-operating with you in building sources.

Those of us who have been citizens of who have observed closely the conditions, least bit of exaggeration, that prospects for promising than at present, and those who have way through the drouth that has been broken at the close of another year.

For 25 Years We Have Been Thanking the Public for Their Patronage

Honest service to honest people by honest methods has made this store the biggest and best known in Runnels County. Make our store your headquarters.

J. Y. PEARCE, Druggist

We hope that the New Year will have much happiness and success in store for you, and we assure you that we face 1914 with a renewed determination to help you all we can; for we sincerely appreciate your friendship as well as business

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
"Fathers & Mothers Bank"

West Texas Telephone Co.

"THE SYSTEM RELIABLE"

Thanks its patrons and the public in general for a patronage and good will during the past year and desires a continuation of same in the future.

Happy New Year Greeting To Our Friends and Customers---

We desire to express sincere thanks for the business which we have enjoyed the past year and trust that 1914 will be as prosperous as the year 1913.

Simpson Printing Co.
TELEPHONE 18

1914

BENNETT ABSTRACT CO.

We wish to thank our friends and customers for all favors of 1913, and earnestly solicit your patronage for 1914, promising you prompt and accurate service.

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Of Ballinger

The Season's Greetings

May the future bring to all Great good and Prosperity

Extends to its Customers and Friends

New Year, the Business and Profit extending to the people of Ballinger sincere greetings and best wishes from the City of Runnels county and one of its citizens. As business men and citizens of Ballinger you have given us and our family their trading point we extend to you value received for every dollar or mistake that has been made on our part with you, is due to the head and not the market would justify in buying from us that our success in our respective business are upon the success of the agricultural fact well impressed upon our minds for full length and devote our full energy to developing our natural resources of this county for many years, and we feel that we can say without the least doubt that a good crop year were never more likely to have remained here and made their money will have cause to rejoice with us.

BALLINGER BUSINESS MEN.

We Rejoice That the Passing Year

has been one of health and happiness with us, and that our many friends throughout the county have given us a liberal patronage. We extend our cordial season's greetings and our wish that the dawning year may bring to you a full measure of life's best gifts.

THE HUB

1884 1914

WE ARE thankful for past favors during the aforesaid mentioned epoch of times.

Wishing you one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

We are yours cordially

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

We Have Furnished Light

To help make Ballinger a pretty town by night as well as by day. We feel that we have given the people good service, and it affords us pleasure to return thanks to our many customers for the patronage given our plant, and to wish every one another year filled with happiness.

You can make your home happier by making it a better lighted home

Ring 15 and Call For Our Electrician

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Happiest New Year Greetings from City Meat Market, and thanks for patronage.

J. A. NICHOLS, Prop.

May 1914 be the best year in the history of Runnels County and may you get your share is the wish of—

E. A. JEANES & CO.

Fruit, Vegetables, all kinds of produce and seed.

Happy New Year Greetings!

H. GIESECKE

Real Estate and Mortgage Broker

If we have had the pleasure of doing any of your tailor work, we are thankful for it, and we wish all our friends happiness, health and prosperity in the coming year.

Gilliam & Poor

Drink at our fountain. Eat our candies and make 1914 a happy year for yourself. You have helped to make 1913 a good year for us and we thank you.

E. F. ELDER & SON

We Are Always Thankful

And it affords us pleasure to wish for you a happy New Year and a year filled with prosperity. Remember we appreciate it, when we can serve you with anything in our line.

T. S. LANKFORD

Wishing our patrons a most prosperous New Year is the most natural thing in the world. We go on better and wish for our patrons and our friends a very happy and extremely prosperous 1914.

JOHN PHILLIPS Confectioner

1914

Jones, Walton & Co.

Desires to express the greatest thanks for favors and patronage given them during the year 1913. The big Ballinger Hardware Store also desires to ask for a share of the 1914 business. A Prosperous New Year is Our Sincere Wish.

To those who have attended the shows at the Princess Theatre we extend our sincere thanks, and to all we extend best wishes for a Happy New Year.

For pleasure and the best kind of entertainment we invite you to attend our shows

Princess Theatre

AT THE? BOTTOM?

Yes, We are Always at the bottom of LOW PRICES

That fact accounts for our continued increased business. December sales of holiday goods far exceeded any previous records. We are thankful for your patronage in the past year and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year 1914.

Let us remain your servant

THE FAIR

L. L. MILLER, PROP.

**A TRUE
BOWEL CLEANSER**

A remedy that purifies the bowels mildly yet thoroughly, strengthens the bowel channels and promotes regularity.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is an effective system regulator and bowel tonic. Persons of a constipated habit find it to be just what they need to re-establish regular bowel movements and to correct the evil effects of the disorder in the skin and blood. It drives out the impurities that have accumulated in the system. Removes sallowness, bad breath, pimples, skin eruptions, and restores the ruddy hue of health to the complexion.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.
Price \$1.00 per Bottle.



**RED CROSS SEAL
SALES ARE GOOD**

That the sale of Red Cross Seals in the city of Ballinger this year statement of several chairmen of has been very successful is the various committees which has the charge of selling these stickers. From all indications the sale this year will surpass that of 1912 by many hundred. Mrs. W. S. Fleming, chairman of the local committee, is elated over the manner in which the citizens of Ballinger bought the seals.

Just what amount was realized from the sale of the dainty little stickers is not known at present. The seals are still on sale at the various downtown stores and will remain there until after the first of the year, when the committees will give reports on their work and return what seals are unsold. This year 7,500 seals were procured by Mrs. Fleming and it is believed that a greater portion of the lot has been sold.

The first seal to be sold in Ballinger was auctioned off to the highest bidder several weeks ago and was sold for \$5.00. The proceeds of the sale in Ballinger and elsewhere over Texas will go towards maintaining the Walter Colquitt Hospital for the treatment of children afflicted with tuberculosis of the bones.

H. E. Dickinson, of Reagan county, who had been spending several weeks, left Monday at noon for his home.

Miss Willie Mae James, who had been here to spend Christmas with her parents, left Monday at noon for Sonora to open her school for the coming term.

Mrs. Lee Barnhill and children of Sterling City, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. John Dunn and family the past several days, left Monday at noon for their home.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

S. D. Williams, of Hatchel, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

S. S. Martin, of the Crews county, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. E. Ramsey, of San Angelo, who had been here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams and family, left for her home Monday at noon.

ADDRESSED TO WOMEN

**IS YOURS A
Case of "Nerves?"**

Hot flashes, dizziness, fainting spells, headache, bearing-down pains, nervousness—all are symptoms of irregularity and female disturbances and are not beyond relief.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

is that of a famous physician unusually experienced in the treatment of women's peculiar ailments. For forty years it has been recommended to suffering womankind. Thousands of women can bear witness to its beneficial qualities. Perhaps its aid is all that is required to restore to you perfect health and strength. Now is the time to act, write Dr. R. V. Pierce's, Buffalo.

I AM NOW CURED

Mrs. DOMINIC RODGERS, of San Francisco, Calif., writes: "I take pleasure in recommending your wonderful remedies, and wish to say in behalf of your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' that through their use I am now cured of the various troubles that a woman is heir to. These remedies cured me when others failed and I therefore resolve to take no other. I thank you for your advice."

YOUR DRUGGIST CAN SUPPLY YOU IN LIQUID OR TABLET FORM



Mrs. Rodgers

**REV. CARTER LEAVES
FOR NEW HOME**

Rev. Fred S. Carter, pastor for the past several months of the Christian Church of this city, preached his farewell sermon last evening at the Methodist Church, and left with his wife early this morning for Brownwood, from which place he will go to Winslow, Ariz., where he will take charge of a church.

At the morning services of the Methodist Church Sunday, an invitation was decided upon and issued by the authorities of the local church, to Rev. Carter and his congregation to visit the Methodist Church that evening. Rev. Carter agreed to preach his farewell sermon in the Methodist Church and with his congregation and the Methodist congregation occupied the large building last evening.

Rev. Carter had been in Ballinger for the past several months and had gained a number of friends in this city. He was extremely well liked by many who knew him, and his resignation as pastor of the Christian Church was regretted by not only his congregation but by many of other churches.

Six O'Clock Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stephens entertained Friday evening with a most unique six o'clock dinner, given to compliment the hunters who made such a prolonged stay hunting deer. The attractive house was effectively decorated with ferns, poinsettias and China lilies. The dining room where dinner was served was artistically decorated with ferns and potted plants. As the dinner was a pleasant reminder of the hunt of those present, a very appropriate centerpiece was placed on the dining table, being a can of Velva syrup with a crystal bowl on top containing a beautiful plant. The first course was served in a handsome dinner set of game design.

Much laughter was indulged in as each one told of his experience while in camp and the evening was one to be long remembered by each one present.

- The menu was as follows:
HUNTER'S DINNER.
Rock Spring (1902) Goat.
Shiny Mast Turkey
Forest Nut Salad.
Cedarberry Sauce
Creamed Potato Roots.
Soto Tips.
Doughless Biscuits.
Seasoned Nut Bread
Olive's Green Acorns
Velva Syrup
Ellis Pumpkin Pie.
Goat Milk Custard Orchard Cake
Erwin Bo' Bons and Nuts.
Mountain Home Coffee
Lynn Tank Water.
Song: "Where is My Wondering Car Tonight?"
Dr. James Guckenheimer Douglas
Jennie and Sid.
Mr. Oscar C. Claytor Roots
Ess'e.
Mr. Him-bim Warren Lynn.
Mary Minor.
Mr. Ralph Gotaway Erwin
Bill and Nogi.
Mr. Cactus R. Stephens.
Fannie.
December 26th, 1913.

Walter Murray, of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**BALLINGER TEACHER
WILL LEAVE SOON**

Mrs. Lilla Mayfield will leave within a few days to become primary critic teacher in the San Marcos State Normal. The telegram received by Mrs. Mayfield asks that she be in San Marcos about Jan. 1st, and it is very probable that she will leave within the next few days for her new work.

The following telegram was received by Mrs. Mayfield in regard to her position at the state normal, from C. E. Evans, president of the San Marcos State Normal:

"Position as primary critic teacher tendered you subject to approval of president of board of regents. I expect immediate approval. Notify me of acceptance by Friday night or Saturday morning. Be in San Marcos about Jan. 1st. Letter follows."

Mrs. Mayfield was one of Ballinger's most gifted teachers and the promotion has been a signal one for her. This is a position to be aspired to by teachers of the first rank, and the offer of it came to Mrs. Mayfield all unlooked for and unexpected. The people of Ballinger while sincerely regretting to lose her here, know her eminent fitness for the position and her worthiness of the honor, and so are not surprised that the authorities at San Marcos sought her out and called her to the place.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache; headache or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble—they are recommended by thousands. Can residents desire more convincing proof than a statement of a citizen of this locality?

Mrs. S. F. Flynt, Winters, Texas, says: "Five years ago I was in bad shape as the result of kidney and bladder trouble. I suffered from an almost constant pain across the back. I was unable to get any remedy that would give me relief. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I got a supply. After taking one box, I felt greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar way is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Flynt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Thos. E. Jones, of Manchester, Tenn., came in a few days ago on a visit to his daughters, Madames W. A. Taylor and Buck Shields, and families a few weeks.

G. W. Ray, of the Maverick country was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Andrew J. Nichols, of the Pony creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**SMALL NUMBER
1913 LYNCHINGS**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Only forty-four lynchings, known to be such beyond doubt, have occurred in the United States during the year 1913. This is the lowest number on record more than 550 being recorded last year and as many as 250 in some previous years. Six lynchings occurred in Texas this year.

The record for the year shows decided improvement in other respects than in mere number of victims. So far as the newspaper accounts show none of the victims were burned at the stake, an atrocity that has been indulged in by infuriated mobs more than once in the past. Nor were any of the lynchings cases this year accompanied by the so-called race riots, which always added to the number of victims and served to intensify the antagonism of the white and black races.

The town of Harriston, Miss., furnished the nearest approach to a "reign of murder," when two drug-crazed mulatto boys, on Sept. 28, ran amuck and started a riot in the course of which three white men, four negro men and one negro woman met death. The two boys were killed by the citizens, but as they met death while resisting capture the case cannot strictly be classed as one of lynching.

In the forty-four lynchings the victims of all but one were negroes, and all but two of the cases occurred in Southern states. No woman was included among the year's victims.

North Dakota and Montana were the two Northern States in which the lynchings occurred. At Ray, N. D., Cleve Culbertson, a white man, accused of the murder of three persons, was taken from jail by a mob and hanged. The only other case in a Northern State occurred at Mondak, Mont. in April when J. C. Collins, a negro, who shot and killed the sheriff and deputy sheriff of the county, was hanged by a mob.

The states in which the lynching occurred during the year and the number in each were as follows: Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 8; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 4; Mississippi, 8; Montana, 1; North Carolina, 1; North Dakota, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 6.

There was at least one lynching for every month in the year, August, the hottest month, leading lynching by months: January, 3; February, 5; March, 3; April, 1; May, 2; June, 4; July, 4; August, 8; September, 4; October, 1; November, 4; December, 5.

Double lynchings occurred at Blanchard, La., Cornelia, Ga., and Pauls Valley, Okla. At Houston, Miss., two negroes were lynched a day apart, both being accused of complicity in the same crime. At Drew, Miss., a negro was lynched by members of his own race after he had shot and killed two negro women and two negro men.

As in previous years, murders of white persons and crimes or alleged crimes against white women caused most of the summary executions. The murders were in the big majority, however, and the number of cases in which attacks

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on women were charged showed a gratifying decrease over the figures of previous years.

Nineteen of the victims of the forty-four lynchings were accused of the murder of white men. Four were charged with murdering white girls or women. Attempted criminal assault is on record as responsible for nine of the lynchings. Two negroes were lynched for frightening white women, one for insulting a white woman, and another for being found concealed under the bed in a woman's room. Two negroes were lynched for shooting or assaulting white men, one for robbery and shooting, one for assisting a negro murdered to escape, and another for horse stealing. In one case the crime charged against the victim was not stated.

Mrs. A. B. Vandyke and children of San Angelo, who had been visiting relatives in Ballinger during the holidays, left for their home at noon Monday.

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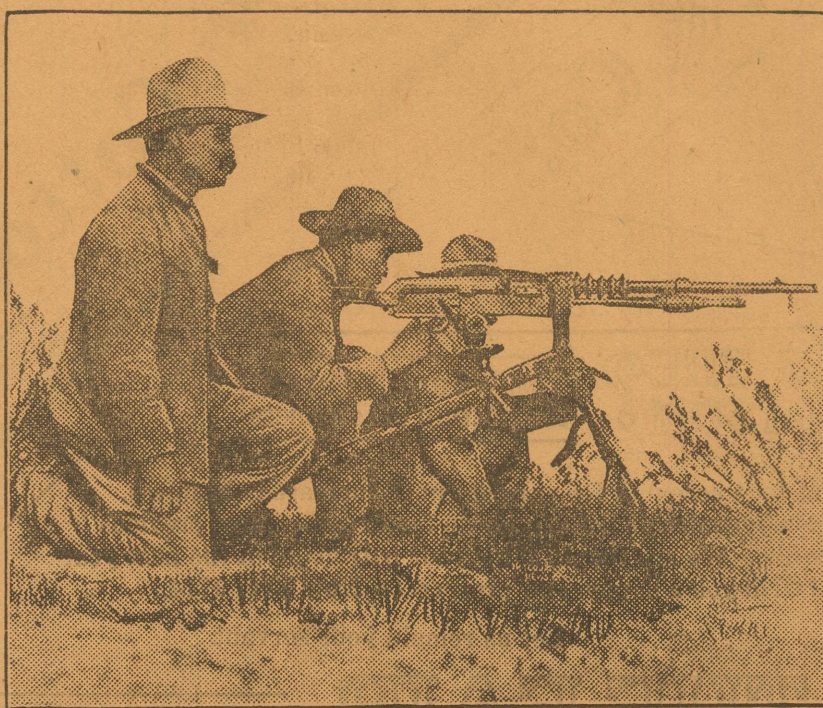
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No. 3lb Van Camp Hominy, per can... 7c
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Also Empsons Kraut and hominy at same prices.

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All 25c size Baking Powder at per can... 16 2-3c

(Larger sizes in proportion)

1lb pink salmon, per can... 7c

1lb Cove oysters, per can... 7c

2lb standard corn, per can... 7c

2lb standard tomatoes, per can 7c

3lb standard tomatoes... 10c

1lb Campbell's soup, per can 7 1-2c

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10lb package soda at... 45c

1lb soda per package... 5 1-2c

All other canned goods not mentioned at exactly cost.

We expect to close out this stock in next 15 days. So Come Early.

Flour, Meal, Coffee, Syrup, Etc.

Extra High Patent Flour sold regular at \$3.00 per hundred \$2.70

at \$3.00 per hundred, now... \$2.70

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Best grade meal, per sack... 70c

Bran, best grade, per sack... \$1.38

Green Velva syrup, gallon can 50c

Red Velva, gallon can... 46c

Red Karo, gallon can... 40c

Blue Karo, gallon can... 38c

Royal Sorghum, gallon can... 38c

Mary Jane, gallon can... 37c

Mary's Pure Cane Syrup... 50c

Seudders Maple Syrup, per gallon... \$1.15

Seudders Maple Syrup one-half gallon... 65c

Barrell Moliasses, per gallon... 37c

Good grade Rio Colle, at... 16c

Bucket coffee at... 85c

Preserves, Pickles and Condiments

Pickles regular 25c size at... 16 2-3

Pickles, regular 35c size at... 19c

Pickles, regular 50c size at... 35c

Pickles, regular 90c size at... 55c

Pickles, regular \$1.10 size at... 65c

Prepared mustard, regular 25c size at... 16 2-3c

10c size pickles at... 7c

10c size pepper sauce at... 7c

25c size pepper sauce at... 16 2-3c

25c size bottle vinegar at... 17 1-2c

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Garrett Snuff, per case... \$9.50

Garrett Snuff, per bottle... 19 1-2c

Honest Snuff, per bottle... 19c

Honest Snuff per case... \$9.25

All 10c snuff, per box... 8c

All 5c snuff, per box... 4c

Tinsleys Thin Plug tobacco, per pound... 55c

Tinsleys thick tobacco at... 52c

Brown Mule tobacco at... 34c

Schnapps tobacco at... 41c

Star tobacco at... 43c

New Hope tobacco at... 44c

Bones Old Virginia weed tobacco at... 55c

All smoking tobacco at cost.

1 pt. bottle grape juice... 17c

1 qt. bottle grape juice... 35c

1-2 gallon grape juice... 60c

25c size oat meal... 19c

10c size oat meal... 7 1-2c

Post Toastes, per package... 11c

Rope from 7 1-2c to 10c per pound.

Crockery ware at 8c per gallon.

All 10c shoe polish Shinola and etc. at per box... 7c

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QUIET IN CITY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Business was at a standstill in Ballinger today, it being the first day of the year and not many people availing themselves of the opportunity to visit the downtown section of the city. The day was a holiday in nearly every respect. The postoffice, banks and the public schools were closed for the day, all the clerks of the institutions spent the day as they pleased.

Several bill collectors ventured out during the day with a handful of bills but little money was exchanged during the day because of its being a legal holiday.

The clerks of the banks and postoffice either visited home folks to take New Years dinner with them or went on some expedition to the country in search of sport.

It is believed by many in Ballinger that not a single home in the city failed to have a good dinner, made up of turkey, and cranberry sauce on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. The turkey market has been soaring in the neighborhood for fifteen cents. However, this fact did not alter the plans of the family which has been in the past making it a custom to serve the best dinner of all the year on the first day of the year.

After today many college boys and girls will begin packing their suitcases for the trip back to the old school. In many cases school opens Monday morning and there will be quite a number of Ballinger boys and girls who will leave Saturday and Sunday for their respective schools over the state and outside the state, for that matter.

NORTON NOTES.

The Christmas Holidays have passed very quietly. The weather has been fine and every one has seemed to enjoy the holidays very much.

The Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon was well attended and enjoyed by the children of the Sunday school.

A box supper was given at the school house Friday night in order to raise money for putting in the third teacher. A good sum of money was raised and the social side of the supper was enjoyed by both old and young. Those who have been away attending school at different places and were home for the holidays were: Nettie Mackey, Katherine Bass, Archie Holloway, Ben and Ollie Taylor, Myrtle Willis and Clay Rayburn from Ballinger, Chas. Rayburn from Ft. Worth and Eva and Eunice Lilly from Denton.

Mr. Jas. Taylor spent the holidays with homefolks and returned to Dallas Friday via San Angelo.

Miss Ila Garlington and Harry Lynn of Ballinger, were the guests of Miss Katherine Bass Friday and Saturday.

S. T. Taylor who is working at Colorado City spent the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Ballinger visited Messrs. Lilly and Bowden Friday and Saturday.

Mr. John Morgan and family of Ballinger spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Taylor last week.

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This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

1914 USHERED IN WITH EXERCISES

Another file has been made, bound and placed on the shelf for bound and placed on the shelf for ped down and out to allow 1914 to step in. The successes and failures, the joys and sorrows, the errors and achievements of the year 1913 have been brought to a close by Old Father Time. The Ledger of the year has been closed and all accounts have been posted up.

The year 1914 has entered. Its hopes and promises are to be realized during the coming twelve months. There may be sorrow with the entree of the new year, but Father of all has said "all is for the best in the end."

Bells rang and whistles blew last night at midnight in every village, hamlet, and city of the universe where the calendar reads "January is the first month of the year." Fireworks were displayed by the younger generation in every community where there is belief in January as the initial month of the year.

Ballinger and her citizens did their share in ushering in the new year—1914. Watch parties had been arranged and with appropriate exercises the Youth 1914 stepped into the arena to take hold of the lines for three hundred, sixty-five days.

Several minutes before midnight every bell in the city was put into use by those industrious night owls who remained up to greet the new year and give a last handshake to 1913. The clang of bells was heard for thirty minutes, even long after the new year had been born and was merry in its way. Several minutes before the last tick of the clock, every whistle

in the city was turned loose and the blatent effect of their cappings over the noisiness of the night, was heard by every person in the city, regardless of whether he might have been asleep or awake.

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A foul, disagreeable breath, dark circles around the eyes, at times feverish, with great thirst; cheeks flushed and then pale, abdomen swollen with sharp cramping pains are all indications of worms. Don't let your child suffer—Kiekapoo Worm Killer will give sure relief. It kills the worms while its laxatives effect add greatly to the health of your child by removing the dangerous and disagreeable effect of worms and parasites from the system. Kiekapoo Worm Killer as a health producer should be in every household. Perfectly safe. Buy a box today. Price 25c. All Druggists or by mail. Kiekapoo Indian Med. Co. Phila. or St. Louis.

George Predecker, the popular tinner for Schuhmann & Co., of Rowena, was among the visitors at the Ledger office Thursday and reports a very pleasant Xmas and the New Year was ushered in as usual by shooting fire works, ringing bells, etc., and a merry time all round.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McShann, of Wichita Falls, who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. Rutherford and family and W. F. McShann and family down the river during the holidays, left Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Schooler, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit his parents and family in our city a few days.

GRAVEL ROADS STAND FLOOD TEST

Temple, Tex., Jan. 1.—As a result of the recent floods and high waters the dirt roads in Central Texas are in a frightful condition," said D. E. Colp, San Antonio, president Texas Good Roads Association, who recently visited this city, in the interest of improved highways.

"On my trip I have inspected over 500 miles of road and all except five miles of dirt road were almost entirely washed away.

"It was a great satisfaction to me to note that 95 percent of the gravel roads, over which I traveled were as good as when first constructed and the action of the waters had little or no effect on the surface or grades.

"The traffic over the mud roads following the rains cut deep ruts into the roadbed and rendered the highways impassible for further travel, but conditions on the gravel roads were very different.

"As heavy farm wagons rambled over the roads the surface held up as well as concrete and no amount of heavy travel could render the thoroughfares impassable.

"It is being demonstrated more and more every day that good gravel roads can be and are being built in all parts of Texas whether the soil be black or sandy."

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VITAL STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—The report of State Registrar of Vital Statistics R. P. Babcock for the month of November shows 4162 births and 1973 deaths during the month.

One case of leprosy in Galveston and two cases of infantile paralysis, one in Red River county and the other in Erath County, are reported.

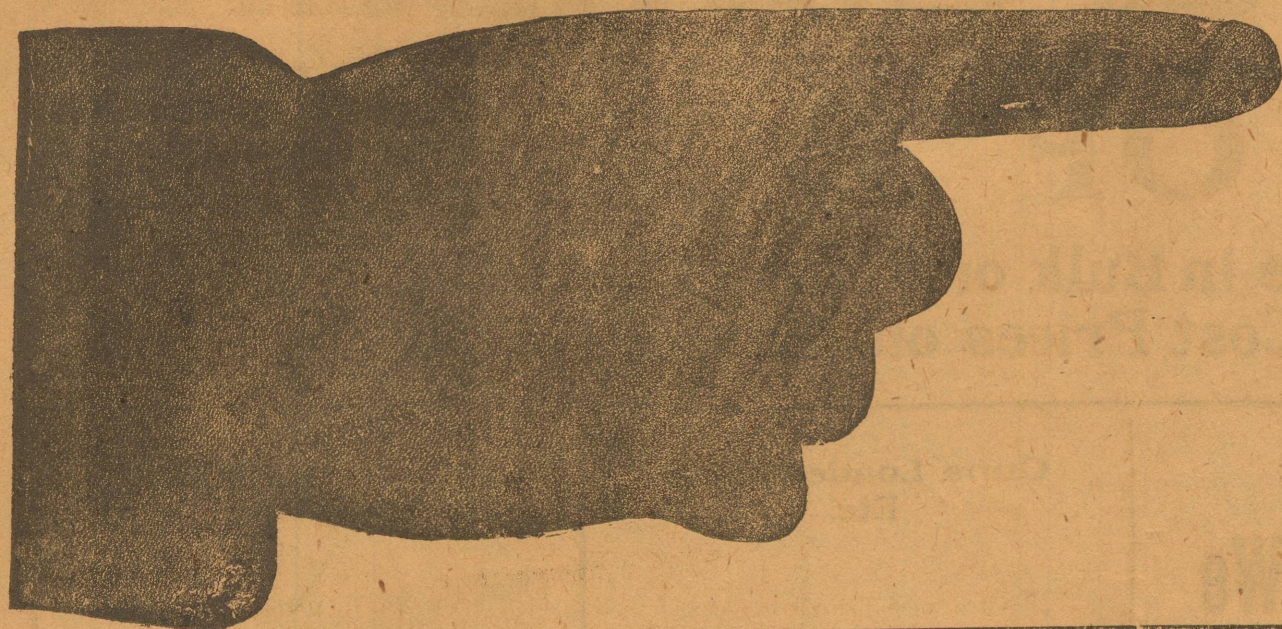
Six deaths of persons of 100 years of age and over are noted. Those are a negro man 118 years old, Kaufman County; white woman 115 years, Tom Green County; negro woman, 108 years, Harris; negro woman, 106 years, Navarro; negro man 105 years, Smith county; negro woman, 100 years, Washington County.

The leading cause of deaths was tuberculosis of the lungs, the victims numbering 191. The greatest number of deaths occurred among children under 1 year of age, the number being 368.

Forty-nine sets of twins were born.

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Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was the troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all druggists.



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It is interesting to look over these papers and note the trying times through which the paper and the country has passed. It has withstood the hardships and to-day it is on a substantial basis, and we feel is doing its part towards the development of Runnels County. We do not claim all the credit for this. To our predecessors and our friends throughout the county much credit is due for the success of the paper. To-day the paper is going to

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If you have given us any business we thank you for it. If you have not been a reader of the paper, or for any reason have not seen fit to patronize our splendidly equipped Job Printing Department, or have not talked to the thousands of people of this county through our advertising columns, or have not been a reader of our paper, we feel that we have both lost by that fact, and we most cordially invite you to co-operate with us during the year 1914, and by such co-operation we can both profit and make the year a happy and prosperous one. Our desire and purpose is to serve you in the best way possible, and to carry out our intentions we have equipped a plant for the work.

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When in need of anything in the building line don't fail to figure with us for we can save you money.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guenter, of Taylor, Texas who had been visiting in our county the past two weeks returned home Friday afternoon.

Tom Greer, of Winters, was here on business Saturday. Mr. Greer formerly lived in Ballinger and while here was a contractor.

J. R. Holliday, the Norton gin man, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to San Angelo on a visit.

Joe A. Jones, of Somerville, Texas who joined his wife and babies here on a Christmas visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

Mrs. M. A. Davis left Saturday at noon to visit her daughter, Mrs. Preston McKinney and family at Miles a few days.

Wallace Moser, of Belton who

spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moser, left Friday afternoon for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gerhardt, of the Crews country, passed thru Ballinger Friday en route home from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Goetz of Rowena during Christmas.

The children of Pony Jones returned to their home at Miles Saturday, after a visit to their grand parents, Uncle and Mrs. Johnny Shaffer.

Mrs. A. R. Votow, of Ft. Worth who had been the guest of her brother, Jas. McWhirter and other relatives during Christmas returned home Friday afternoon.

L. O. Wooden and Sim Middlebrooks left Monday at noon for San Angelo, where Mr. Middlebrooks has accepted a position in an auto shop.

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A Tender Juicy Steak is something that every man wants. We have 'em.

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

J. A. NICHOLS, Proprietor.

Does Any One Know About R. R. Wreck Near Chicago?

Generally speaking a railroad conductor can answer anything from the surface measurement of a fat man's stomach to the name of the newly born child of any peasant in Europe. He can tell you the name of the daily excitement in each town and knows that Sundays are chosen as the days for census taking in most burghs of a few hundred miserable souls. He knows how many kids Mrs. So-and-so has and how many she should have. He realizes that trains shouldn't run too fast with poor equipment and he doesn't hesitate in telling the boy's mother that John should not speed up with the old gentleman's cash, since the kid is not normal. He knows all the boys at each of the stations where the schedule appointment is made and knows the lads are similar to all others with reference particularly to the girl question.

But occasionally a conductor on a fast express bumps up against a question that he can not answer off hand. He runs to the porter and pumps the propounder into him. If he finds to his dissatisfaction that the colored heap is not fit for a conductor's station, he asks the brakie and so on until the passenger's question has been answered. Occasionally he has to refer to the butch for the reply for the rider and there he usually loads with the necessary information.

A conductor drifted into Ballinger today on one of the fast passenger trains from the north and told of a question that had been asked him. The man who asked it came into town afoot for fear there would be wrecks on the trains. He peeped around the corner of the passenger station when he heard the train coming and backed off town when he heard the first whistle escape. He borrowed a telescope and saw the conductor leave the train for his noon meal down town. He stepped lively to the hash joint and sneaked up to the man in blue. Finally deciding that the conductor carried no wrecks around in his clothing, he asked this question: "Air there been any wrecks between Ballinger and Shekoga?" On account of decent eating joints being lacking between Ballinger and Chicago the conductor did not make the run between this place and the burgh to the far north. It was discovered that the gentleman was awaiting the coming of his son from Chicago and he wanted to know whether there had been any wrecks between Ballinger and that place since his kid boarded the eleven-forty for the old home town. He was due to eat Christmas dinner and he hasn't arrived. The conductor referred the father to the railroad guide for the information which was missing in the con's cranium.

AUTO KILLS FORMER BALLINGER MAN

Houston, Dec. 26.—W. I. Wayland, advertising manager for the Foley Bros. Dry Goods Company died at St. Joseph's Infirmary shortly before noon Thursday as the result of a collision between an automobile and a Houston Transfer Company wagon last night at 10:30 o'clock. When the machine in which he was riding collided with the wagon Mr. Wayland was thrown through the windshield on to the pavement.

The wagon was driven by H. Martin. The car was driven by G. H. McCormick. The accident occurred at Main and Pease. At the street intersection Mr. McCormick was blinded by a street light and failed to see the wagon until he was almost upon it. When he attempted to stop the gasoline lever hung and as he tried to turn the car it gave a sudden swerve and Mr. Wayland was thrown out.

Mr. Wayland was 1608 Tuam. He has a wife and two children. Immediately after the accident he was taken to the infirmary suffering from hemorrhage of the ears. Mr. McCormick escaped serious injury.

Mr. Wayland was a citizen of Ballinger for a sort time. He was here during the 1911 prohibition campaign and had charge of the publicity work for the antis in that campaign. He was a citizen of San Angelo for a number of years, having been manager for the Winkler Hudson Dry Goods Co., and later editor of the San Angelo Press. He is well known thru out this section of the state, and has many friends who will regret to hear of his tragic death.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning apply at once the wonderful oil reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

TURKEY DINNER.

J. W. Clappitt entertained his Sunday school class Friday with a splendid turkey dinner and a pleasant and enjoyable occasion was reported by all fortunate enough to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Cox returned home Saturday at noon from a visit to relatives and friends at Talpa.

Kenzie Routh returned to his ranch in Glascock county Saturday after spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wilkerson, of Fort Stockton, returned to their home Saturday. They had been visiting Mr. Wilkerson's mother and other relatives in the Crews country. Mr. Wilkerson says it was the first visit to his mother in two years. We are glad to report that he is getting along nicely in Ft. Stockton.

TRAGIC STORY FLOOD VICTIMS

That is a pitiful story told of the three young men, of Bryan, who perished of cold and exposure while engaged in rescue work flood in that section. Four—Tom Evans, Howard Cavitt, Clifton Elsie and Asa Robbins, the oldest only 30 years old—had started up the river with provisions for a settlement of Italians and other foreigners who were reported starving. The boats hit a snag and upset. They floated down the river holding to the bottom of one of the boats and reaching a tree three of them climbed up, the fourth one Elsie, climbing into another 50 yards on down the river. A little later Elsie swam to the tree in which the others were in. One of them, Evans, climbed down to the water and tried to right the boat. He failed and then Robbins tried, also without success. Robbins was so exhausted he could not get back into the tree and he cried for help. Cavitt and Evans climbed down to him, but they were so weak they could not pull him up into the branches. So they passed a rope around his shoulders to keep his head above water. There he died. Elsie was taken with convulsions and Evans and Cavitt took between their bodies to warm him but without success, as, he, too, died. They then tied themselves to limbs and at day break Monday morning Cavitt died in Evans arms. Evans, nearly dead, was rescued in the afternoon by two negroes coming down the river in a boat.

City Marshall J. N. McKay left Monday morning for the east on official business.

John Ray of Abilene, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Brownwood to visit his parents and friends a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drennon, who spent Christmas with their son and family at Sonora, returned home Saturday afternoon.

Rosecoe DeMotive came in from Wichita Falls last week to visit his parents and Ballinger friends a few days.

Jimmie Taylor came in from Galveston Monday to visit relatives and Ballinger friends and his parents at Norton.

O. Voglesang and Fred Prusser of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Rutherford, of Temple, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rutherford and Ballinger friends during Christmas, returned home Friday afternoon.

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ALCOHOL 3 PER CENT.
A Vegetable Preparation for Assisting the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of
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Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. **NOT NARCOTIC.**
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CHAS. M. STANLEY RENTS HUTTON HOME

About the first of the year 1914 Chas. M. Stanley, will arrive from Houston, and with his family will become a citizen of this town. Mr. Stanley is now in Houston spending the Yuletide and looking after business. He has rented the J. K. Hutton home on Eighth Street, and will take charge of same as soon as he returns from Houston. This is one of the nicest homes in Ballinger. Mr. Hutton is here arranging to move his family to Clifton where he is engaged in the drug business. We regret to lose this family from Ballinger, but we rejoice to know that we gain a good family to take their place. Mr. Stanley will take up his plans for the big irrigation project and push that work as soon as he gets located here. He has rented offices in the F and M. Bank building and will open same at an early date. The real estate department of the Chas. M. Stanley Co., will be located here, but the irrigation end of the company will be maintained at Bronte for the present, as that is near the site where the big dam will be built and it more convenient for the handling of the details connected with that big undertaking.

We hope to be able to give the readers of this paper more good news in connection with the big irrigation project in the near future.

NOTICE OF STOCK HOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stock holders of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. of Ballinger, Texas will meet at the Banking House of said bank in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, January 13, 1914 at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the ensuing year and any other business that might come before it.

CHAS. S. MILLER, President

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BALLINGER LOSES ANOTHER TEACHER

The patrons of the Ballinger schools, as well as the citizens in general, will regret to learn that Mrs. Lila Mayfield has tendered her resignation, and same has been accepted by the school board, and that she will leave in a few days for San Marcos where she has accepted the position of the primary department of the State Normal. Mrs. Mayfield has been a teacher in the Ballinger schools for a number of years. For the past two years she has been principal of the West End school and her work there has been a success in every respect. She has many friends in Ballinger who regret to see her leave here, but rejoice that she has been honored with a position much higher in her work.

The place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Mayfield has been tendered Miss Sammie Padgett. Miss Padgett is at San Marcos attending the Normal, and it is not known yet whether she will accept the place or not.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Beaumont and baby of San Saba, who had been spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward and family, left Saturday afternoon for their home.

Dr. Alexander, of Coleman, came in Monday at noon to look after land interests in our country a few days.

Albert W. Woods, manager of the West Texas Telephone Co. who spent the holidays with relatives at Jefferson, Texas, returned home Sunday and reports a very pleasant visit.

The man that went down in his pocket and helped to make some little heart beat with joy is one of the greatest virtues in his make up, and regardless of his other faults, he has cast bread upon the waters that will return to him in days to come.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthening. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

BUICK CARS PASS IN SEVERE TRIAL

J. W. Atwood, manager Buick Automobile Company, and president of the Texas Buick organization is still wearing a pleased smile. Two weeks ago local tests were made with a Buick six cylinder and a Buick four cylinder car. The tests were on fuel economy and they came in a most satisfactory manner, as was told at the time.

What Mr. Atwood is now pleased about is a report in the last issue of Motor Age, showing results of a most severe all-round test made at New York on December 6, in the annual 500-mile New York reliability run.

Four Buicks entered. Two of them tied for first place with a perfect score—no penalizations. A third Buick captured fourth place, being penalized for a loose fan bolt, one loose nut and a loose electrical connection. The two cars which made the perfect scores were a six cylinder and a Model 25, or the small four cylinder five passenger car.

According to Motor Age, this year's penalization was the most severe which has yet obtained. The run lasted for three days, the cars starting and ending the daily trip at the same point, but going over a different route each day. As to the severe requirements, the following is quoted: "Although there were but eleven entries in the run, it was the most severe and remarkable test in many ways that was ever held in this country. Not only were the cars penalized for being late on controls and for being late on controls and for chassis trouble, but also for defective equipment and for work done on road. This was the first defective electric equipment and also the first time blowouts and other tire trouble have been considered. Besides these other subjects of penalization were speedometers, horns, springs, tire racks, baggage racks, shock absorbers, gas tanks, and in fact every bolt, nut and screw in the car, except tops, windshields and tire carriers."—Dallas Times-Herald.

Mrs. George Wright and Master George Jr., and David Smith, of San Angelo, who had been spending the past several days with Ballinger relatives, left in their auto Monday afternoon for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Banman returned home Tuesday morning from a visit to relatives and friends at Miles.

Miss Sammie Padgett returned home Tuesday at noon from San Marcos where she had been attending the Normal and will take charge of the West End ward school to succeed Mrs. Mayfield who resigned a few days ago.

Rosecoe DeMott, who spent a few days with home folks and Ballinger friends during Christmas, left Monday afternoon for Temple.

J. D. Miller, the druggist, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday afternoon.

Miss Jessie Routh Nash, after a pleasant visit to her mother and family during the holidays, left Monday afternoon to resume her school work at the Baylor College at Belton.

John Alexander, of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pumphrey of Pumphrey, came in and left from Ballinger Monday afternoon for Goldthwaite to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pumphrey's sister who died at that place Sunday night.

Gus Prusser, of the Winters country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

G. W. Caswell, of the Norton country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday and laid in a year's supply of the Banner-Ledger for the year 1914.

E. Schum, of the Valley creek country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Pyron, of Talpa, who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Crockett and family southwest of Ballinger during Christmas left for their home Monday afternoon.



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"Look out, and not in; look up and not down; look forward and not back; and lend a hand."

THERE'S a good motto for all of us for the New Year. We're not sure that the quotation is exactly correct; but we've got the general idea there; Edward Everett Hale said it.

It's a good motto for men in business; for women in the home or in business, for all of us in all our relations to each other. We're trying to carry out that idea in this business. It is shown by having here

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the most forward, upward, outward looking clothes made; the best and most advanced styles; the most perfect tailoring; the most worthy fabrics. They're clothes that will help a man look and feel like that motto.

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This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes.

MANY BOYS AND GIRLS ON THE FARM AT TEXAS U.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 31.—Farmers children are the predominating class of students enrolled in the University of Texas, according to data just compiled by Prof. A. Caswell Ellis. Out of 2116 pupils, 516, or 25 per cent are from the farm and ranch. The percentage of the student body represents 94 separate lines of endeavor. The percentage of other scholars in the rank of their importance as to number follow: widows 274, merchants 206, lawyers 171, physicians 105, real estate 184, bankers 58, teachers 57, railroad men 41, ministers 41 traveling men 32, insurance men 32, miscellaneous 507.

Sam Reese, the carpenter and contractor, returned home Tuesday at noon from Roswell, N. M. where he had been for several weeks past. Mr. Reese is not very loud in praise of Roswell and the New Mexico country he visited while gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Condy Wylie returned to Ballinger Monday afternoon after a short visit to relatives and friends at San Angelo during Christmas.

Rev. J. H. Stuart, of Brownwood presiding elder of the M. E. church of this district, passed through Ballinger Tuesday morning en route home from Winters where he had been at church work. He says he will return to Ballinger and preach at the M. E. church next Sunday.

Joe Sommers, of Rowena and F. Bloomtritt, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Theo Mattheison and son B. A. and F. G. Hoelscher, the Olfin merchant, were among the business visitors in Ballinger a few hours Monday afternoon.

U. H. Kevil, of Falls county, who had been visiting his parents near Marie, and his sister Mrs. R. Gentry of our city, during the holidays, left Monday afternoon for his home.

Mayor H. W. Bigler, of Miles, who had spent the night in our city, left Tuesday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

C. F. Reasoner, of the Talpa country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

New Year to Be Welcomed With Much Merriment

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

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

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

Ballinger has many things to be thankful for during the past year. It is true, as many say, that the year 1913 has not been so wonderful prosperous at least not as some of the years that have gone by. It is also true that the year could have been much worse than what it was.

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

J. A. Freeman, one of the barbers with the City Barber Shop left Tuesday morning for Brownwood to join his wife and children on a few days visit to her parents.

Mrs. N. M. Gustavus and baby returned home Monday afternoon from San Angelo where they had been spending Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Proctor, of Midland, who had been visiting at Norton and also relatives in Ballinger the past week, left from this point Tuesday morning in their auto for home.

CHICKEN COOPS FOR POULTRY SHOW HERE

The pens for the coming poultry show have arrived, and the detail work of arranging for the coming show is in the hands of R. P. Kirk and E. D. Walker, and they will get busy at once and complete arrangements for the big chicken show. It is the intention of the committee to pull off this show some time during the coming month, and if the business men will get behind the proposition and give it the support it deserves the occasion will be a big boost for the poultry industry of this county.

A. Spill Sr., of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

W. W. Paschal, of the Norton-Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Judge M. C. Smith had legal business in Paint Rock a few hours Monday.

Louis Jameson, of the Talpa country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Humphreys, of Crews, passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon for Hico where they go in response to a message telling of the serious illness of their granddaughter.

J. F. White, of the Truitt country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon en route to Comanche to visit relatives a week or two.

Mrs. Ittine Shelborn, of Bishop Texas, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Canale during the holidays left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

Dr. Boone, of Wingate, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. O. Phelps, J. R. Harris and O. Voglesang, representative citizens of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

O. H. Dahlgruen, the Hatchel merchant, had business in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dill of San Angelo, who were the guests of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Burrell and family during the holidays, returned home Wednesday at noon.

Col. Henry Exall Died Monday

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legate to the National Democratic conventions of 1884 and 1888 and to the New Year centennial of the inauguration of the first president. During the same year he was president of the State Fair of Texas. At one time he was chairman of the state Democratic executive committee. In 1893 Colonel Exall was commissioner-at-large for the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago.

One of his ambitions was to improve the farming conditions of the state, and for a number of years he owned and managed "Lomo Alto" one of the finest stock farms in the country.

A few years ago Colonel Exall was induced to accept the presidency of the Texas Industrial Congress, and through his efforts had made that organization a tremendous force for improving farm conditions in the Southwest. Each year thousands of farmers, their sons and daughters compete for the prizes at the congress. To keep up this organization, Colonel Exall is known to have given freely of his private means.

At the time of his death Colonel Exall was president of the National Corn Exposition, which will hold its annual exhibition in Dallas next February. It was during that exposition that Colonel Exall had hoped to give away \$10,000 in prizes to farmers and farmer boys and girls of the state.

HOLLIDAY-MORELAND.

Mr. Wade Holliday and Miss Mollie McKinney Moreland, while sitting in their buggy Wednesday at high noon at the court house square, were united in marriage, Judge M. Kleberg, officiating.

Only the relatives and a few friends witnessed the ceremony and the happy young couple left on the noon train to spend a few days at San Angelo. This young couple are two of Rannels county's favorites and numbers their friends by the scores and starts out on life's matrimonial sea with the best wishes of a host of friends and The Ledger is glad to be numbered among the list.

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

Truck and Fruit Farm.

29 acres located one and one-half miles from town can be bought at a bargain. See J. C. Reese, Ballinger, Texas. 311d2wpd

Wm. Havenhill and son Sewell, of the Winters country, came in Wednesday at noon from Teague, Texas, where Sewell had been quite ill with typhoid fever for several weeks past, and his many friends will be glad to learn he is now able to return home.

A. J. Edwards, who had been in our city a day or two on business, left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo and will go on to Alpine to spend the next few months.

Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Tally, of Crews, came in Wednesday morning to take New Year's dinner with their son, W. A. Tally and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sneed, of the Wingate country, returned to Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a holidays visit to their old home in East Texas.

J. J. Erwin Jr., of Temple, came in Wednesday at noon to visit his parents and Ballinger friends a few days.

J. H. Wilke came in from Coleman Wednesday at noon to spend a few days with home folks and to look after business affairs.

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

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

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