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"CHEAP COTTON SALE" Now on In Full Blast at A. J. ZAPPE

On account of former bad weather will continue the Cheap Cotton Sale until December 24th. ¶ This will give everybody an opportunity to get the goods at Cheap Cotton Sale Prices. Don't fail to take Advantage of this Big Sale.

Kaiser Has Pneumonia

By United Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Kaiser Wilhelm has pneumonia and is seriously ill. The serious disease is aggressive by headaches and nervous depression.

It was officially stated by the War Office that his condition is satisfactory under the circumstances.

1000 TO PROTEST RIVERS-HARBORS BILL IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Five special trains, each carrying more than 200 enthusiastic delegates arrived in Washington today for the opening of the eleventh annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors convention. Sessions are being held today and will be continued tomorrow and Friday, to protest against the action of the last Congress in cutting the appropriations for rivers and harbors work from \$53,000,000, as provided by the Senate committee, or \$48,000,000 as provided by the House of Representatives, to a lump sum of \$20,000,000.

Vigorous defenses of the projects which were so bitterly assailed by Senators Burton, of Ohio and Keyton, of Iowa prepared by a number of prominent speakers who were ready to address the convention today. These included Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, who made a strong fight in Congress for the purchase and improvement of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal and Senator Sheppard of Texas, who differed with Burton and Kenyon as to the merits of the Trinity river appropriation, and Representative Baker, of California, whose pet projects, the Sacramento and Feather river improvements, were allowed to go by the board of Congress.

It was the Trinity river, undoubtedly, however, which got the hardest knocks. One serious minded senator asked, if the appropriation was for the macadamizing of the stream's bed, while senator Gallinger, republican floor leader, asked if the appropriation included expenditures for artesian water for the river.

When Senator Sheppard had the temerity to declare that a boat was even then on its way up the river, Senator Norris inquired if it were coming up on a flat car.

EXECUTION DATE OF FRANK SET FOR JANUARY 22

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—The execution of Leo Frank, charged and found guilty by a court in connection with the murder of Mary Phagan, a fourteen-year-old factory employe, was set today for January 22, 1915. Unless the Governor of Georgia steps in and takes a hand by granting a pardon to Frank, he will die.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States supreme court today refused to review the case of Leo Frank, found guilty by a lower court on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Mary Phagan, 14, a factory girl.

The only hope of the Atlanta man is for the governor of Georgia to grant a stay of execution or a commutation.

BANQUET PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

With the program nearly arranged and 200 tickets already placed, the First Annual Banquet of the Young Men's Business League to be held in that organization's rooms next Friday night, promises to be one of the most elaborate affairs ever held in this part of the state. Secretary Boler announced this afternoon that Rev. Father P. A. Heckman of Temple will officiate as toastmaster on the occasion. Father Heckman, in all probability, will arrive either tomorrow or Thursday night from Temple where he is pastor of Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Andrew McBeath of the Temple Telegram will also be here for the occasion of the banquet. That member of the Fourth Estate will make a talk on "Publicity" before the several hundred people who will attend.

The following is the program announced today. It is not complete. As other numbers are arranged, they will be placed in their proper order.

Social and Banquet. Young Men's Business League Friday, December 11, 1914.

PROGRAM.
Prayer, Rev. Doss.
Address of welcome Judge Jno. I. Guion.
Toastmaster, Rev. Father P. A. Heckman.
Address, Chas Metcalf, San Angelo.
Piano selection by Miss Velma Walker.
Good Roads, E. E. Kirkpatrick, Brownwood, Texas.
Vocal number by Mrs. E. L. McAlpine.
Creamery, Fred Wood, of Abilene.
League Work, Will L. Vining, of Austin.
Publicity, Andrew McBeath, of Temple, Texas.
Piano selection by Miss Mary Sue Spill.
Objects and accomplishments of The Ballinger Young Men's Business League, E. R. Boler.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Truly and children came in Saturday night from Milford and will again make Ballinger home. Mr. Truly and family are pioneer citizens of Runnels County and a host of friends welcome them back to their old home.

S. H. Mathews and daughter of the Hatchel country passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to San Angelo on a short visit.

Tom Watkins of Brady, came in Saturday afternoon to join his wife and baby on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen of West End.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cobb and little daughter of San Angelo, came in Saturday afternoon to visit in Ballinger a few days.

ARTILLERY ORDERED TO NACO; DECLARED NO AGGRESSION

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Although a statement from the White House admitted that artillery had been ordered to Naco, Arizona, it said that no aggression is contemplated. Three companies of field artillery and Brig. Gen. Bliss are going to Naco today.

It is supposed that the order for the field artillery to proceed to Naco is the outcome of protests lodged with senators and representatives from the border states made by the citizens of Naco, following wounding a number of citizens and soldiers in that town by stray bullets from the Mexican side.

60 PERCENT COTTON RAISED IN AMERICA

Of the world's mill supply of cotton contributed by each country (growth of 1913), the United States produced 60.9 per cent of the total; India, 17.1 per cent; and Egypt, 6.6 per cent—these three countries contributing more than four-fifths of the world's supply. The United States consumed the largest proportion, 26.9 per cent; the United Kingdom, with 20.6 per cent was second; Germany was third; British India fourth; Russia fifth; and Japan sixth. In the United States, Texas was the leading cotton producing state in 1913, with 27.9 per cent of the total; Georgia was second, with 16.4 per cent of the total; and Alabama was third, with 10.6 per cent. Two states—Texas and Georgia—produced 44.3 per cent of the entire crop of 1913.

The heaviest consumption of cotton (500,000 bales and over) was in Massachusetts and Rhode Island in the North and North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia in the South. These states had the greatest number of cotton spindles.

W. T. Padgett returned home from South Texas Monday at noon and was accompanied home by his father and wife, who will spend some time in our city.

R. L. Sides, C. G. Seible and E. M. Burrow, of Hatchel were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Judge J. B. Wade and family left Sunday morning for Fort Worth where they will make their future home.

J. S. Thompson of Hatchel had business in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET NEXT WEEK

According to President Scott H. Mack of the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger High School, the board will meet one day next week to decide the number of days which will be observed by the pupils of the public schools as holidays. It is quite probable that the usual two weeks will be taken, although no announcement to that effect has been made by any member of the board.

NEW OFFICERS NAMED FOR BALLINGER LODGES

The K. of P. Lodge met in regular session Monday night and elected officers for the ensuing year. There were a number of new applications passed on and the lodge will have degree work for the coming meetings. Following are the new officers elected:

D. C. Claypool, C. C.; Coy Drennan, V. C.; Ed Schuchard, Prelate; E. F. Krebs, K. of R. and S.; H. M. Leach, M. A.; J. P. Martindale, M. F.; J. Whit Patterson, M. E.; Ross Smith, I. G.; Victor Miller, O. G.; R. L. Harwell, trustee.

W. O. W. CIRCLE OFFICERS

The Woodmen Circle met Tuesday night and elected officers as follows: Mrs. Chester Cherry, G.; Miss Mary Phillips, A.; Mrs. Ola Ward, Clerk; Mrs. Mattie Dickinson, Banker; Mrs. Joe Ostertag, Attendant; Mrs. A. Wilke, Chaplain; Misses Thomas and Ghober Sentinels; Mrs. C. C. Schuchard, and Mrs. Kate Gressett, Managers.

McAdoo's Report Declares Optimism Pervades The Business World Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Optimism pervades the business world. The country can look with confidence to the future of its trade, commerce and industry. Such, in brief, is the optimistic outlook of Secretary of Treasurer McAdoo, as given in his annual report made public today.

He admitted that the country might easily have been involved in a "panic of cataclysmic proportions" in the dark days after the outbreak of Europe's war. But he held that the ship of finance steered clear through troubled waters because of the basis economic strength of the country and the "patriotism of its people in every class and walk of life."

"Praise, to, for co-operation of 'Big Business' in the perilous days was given in an unstinted measure. Confidence has been restored and specie payments have been maintained in the face of the world," said McAdoo. "The general revival of business throughout the country is the best evidence that confidence has returned."

That the treasury department performed a gigantic task in ailing a distorted and dangerous financial situation was evidenced from McAdoo's review of department action in the crisis. Issue of emergency currency, amendment of the federal reserve act, cotton and grain conferences, international exchange adjustments, creation of a semi-public cotton pool, these and other undertakings, promptly managed, overcame difficulties of an enormous size.

Of the new federal reserve banking system, McAdoo predicts great things.

"I believe that these reserve banks are going to exert a far-reaching influence for good on the banking system and business of the country," he declared. "It is sufficient to say that it gives promise of being the most important piece of legislation, in the substantial benefits that it will confer upon the people of the country, that has been enacted since the Civil War. I look forward with the greatest confidence to its effect upon American enterprises and American business." He predicted that it would have a stabilizing influence of incalculable benefit. It's organization, he

held, has resulted in no inconvenience of disturbances to the Treasury system.

McAdoo contended that to preserve the sound condition of the Treasury, it would be well to extend the operation of the "war tax."

"I venture to suggest that this limitation to December 31, 1915, should be removed and the act amended so as to provide that it shall remain in force until peace is restored in Europe, that fact to be determined by a proclamation of the president," McAdoo said in this connection. "This is all the more necessary because even with the return of peace it will be a long time, in all probability, before the belligerent nations will be able to restore their productive power and foreign commerce, and even then the process must be gradual."

In commenting on the operation of the Federal Reserve system, McAdoo said he was "extremely gratified" to report that banks throughout the country have changed from opposition to a hearty co-operation.

He said it is a serious defect to have state banks operating under a variety of state laws, and felt that if all of these state banks could be brought into the federal reserve system, it would result in a "great and lasting benefit" to the American people.

The Secretary's report left figures to speak for themselves concerning the new Democratic tariff. The report said:

"When the tariff law was written it was estimated to produce from customs in its first year \$270,000,000. There was actually produced in the year from customs \$292,320,014.51, or \$22,320,014.51 in excess of the estimates, which took into account the estimate revenues for three months under the old law and nine months under the new law. "It was intended by the tariff act of October 3, 1913, to remove the duties from certain necessities of life and lower the duties on others."

On the other hand, the income tax produced less than its framers estimated for the first year of its operations.

"Notwithstanding," the secretary said, "the results from the income tax law for the first ten months of its existence have been satisfactory. The administration of a new law of this character encounters great obstacles at the outset. In the first place, the people of the country, unaccustomed to an income tax, must be educated to the law. This takes time."

That many people dodged the tax was the frank opinion of McAdoo. Many failed to make any returns and the Secretary felt it is necessary to make investigations to determine persons guilty of any tax dodging.

McAdoo suggested revision of the law by which every person with a gross income of \$3,000 or more annually make a return, instead of, as at present making a return on a net income of \$3,000 or more.

The Secretary recommended the building of two more revenue cutters for Pacific coast work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Compton, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were interviewing Santa Claus in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Whitfield, bookkeeper, for the Henderson Auto Co., accompanied by her little niece Miss Cora Fletcher left Monday at noon to visit relatives at San Angelo.

ACCUSED OF MURDER

While no arrests have yet been made, still the evidence grows stronger and more conclusive day by day, and those who have visited the scene and inquired into the charge, came away thoroughly convinced that THE FAIR has with well planned intentions, murdered high prices on all their Holiday Goods.

It is your duty to investigate and satisfy yourself that the above is correct. Come and see while our large stock is complete and the evidence is fresh.

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Audy Gustavus, Proprietor



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We are making special prices on these for the Holiday Trade. Come to our store for useful gifts.

Ostertag Fur. Co.

SUNDAY SELLING LAW UNPOPULAR AMONG TRAVELING MEN.

Ben Hartley, of Weatherford, representing the Southwestern Paper company in Dallas in this territory, was in Brownwood yesterday on business. Mr. Hartley came thru Brownwood Saturday night, leaving Sunday morning for Coleman and other points west. Commenting upon the enforcement here of the Sunday selling law, Mr. Hartley, yesterday afternoon said:

"Personally I believe in enforcing this law, but I find that a great number of the traveling men are opposed to it. Last Sunday morning three of my fellow travelers went west with me because they couldn't buy cigars here. My home town is the only other town in the state, so far as I know where the law is enforced. The main objection of the traveling men is not to the law itself, but arises from the fact that none of the towns in this territory enforce

the law, and they have become accustomed to buying cigars on Sunday; when they come to Brownwood they forget that the law is on and are inconvenienced when compelled to go without smoking. We folks at Weatherford have gotten the habit of buying on Saturday night, and it never worries us."—Brownwood Bulletin.

W. M. ZACHARY DEAD

W. M. Zachary died at his home in South Ballinger at eight o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Zachary was in his 67th year. He was making his home with his wife and several children on what is known as the Mansker place. He is the father of Mrs. A. B. Vandlingham.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Doss Thursday afternoon at one o'clock and the remains laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery.

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RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

Products of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

Fort Worth, Texas.—It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet every economic issue squarely and it is the duty of the organization to promote and protect the interests of the men who follow the plow and we shall do so in every instance where the business of the farmer is vitally affected. The application for an increase in freight rates now before the Railroad Commission is of more importance to the farmer than to any other class of citizens, for he pays directly or indirectly the greater portion of the freight revenues and we want to ask permission of the press to express our views on the subject.

The Farmers' Union in convention assembled at Ft. Worth last January declared "Our railroad facilities should be improved and our mileage increased" and as the set of resolutions, of which the paragraph above quoted is a part, was adopted as the platform of a majority of the members elected to the 34th legislature, it fairly reflects the will of the people as well as represents the views of the farmers of the State, and, if in the wisdom of the Railroad Commission, an increase in rates is necessary to accomplish this result, then an increase should be granted.

We have at present approximately 2500 miles of railroad in Texas in the hands of receivers and during the calendar year 1914 less than 50 miles of new track was laid. It is quite clear that to "improve our facilities and increase our mileage" there must be an increase in net revenue, which can only be obtained by an advance in rates or a reduction in expense of operation. We leave with those who have authority to deal with the problem the responsibility of determining which course should be pursued.

The Farmer Wants a Square Deal.

We are perfectly willing that capital invested in railroad property should receive as good compensation as capital invested in agriculture, which, as a general average, is about 5 per cent per annum, and we want employees on railroads to receive as good wages as employees on the farm, who get an average of about 7 cents per hour, board and washing, and work 13 hours per day. The farmer should not be expected to pay a better wage to capital and labor employed in hauling his products to market than he pays to these same agencies employed on the farm, but he is willing to pay them as well. We do not advocate a reduction of wages as a solution of the present difficulty but think the farmer is entitled to earn as much for his labor as any other class of industry.

Perhaps the regulation of expenses in operating railroads and in constructing and manufacturing railroad equipment and supplies is not entirely within the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission or the legislature, and relief can only be obtained by an increase in rates. If, in the judgment of the Commission, such a course is necessary we want to say a few words concerning the class of commodities that should bear the burden of increase.

Freight Rates Follow Lines of Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchant the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the lumberman and the cattleman have had their traffic

bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved and

they will be at Austin when the case is heard by the Railroad Commission, carefully preserving their interests.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and as a result, the products of the plow bear an unequal burden of the freight expense. A glance at the freight tariffs abundantly prove this assertion. Cotton, the leading agricultural product of this State, already bears the highest freight rate of any necessary commodity in commerce, and the rate on agricultural products as a whole is out of proportion with that of the products of the factory and the mine.

We offer no schedule of rates but hope the Commission will be able to give the railroad such an increase in rates as is necessary without levying a further toll upon the products of the plow. The instance seems to present an opportunity to the Railroad Commission to equalize the rates as between agricultural and other classes of freight without disturbing the rates on staple farm products. This is one instance in which we do not relish a "back to the soil" movement and would like to see it confined as nearly as possible to the city limits.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never heard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the Railroad Commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on hogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can then avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, pianos, and such articles as the tenant farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden, but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands, pay the price of his folly.

Let the Guilty Suffer.

The greed of organized shippers, organized capital and organized labor has contributed largely toward depleting the railroad system of the country and oftentimes outraged the public welfare by its conduct, and the present condition should seek revenge upon those who brought this situation about, and not punish the farmer who is in no way responsible for the results. Likewise the farmer, by his hesitation to work through organized channels, must suffer for his lethargy.

In closing let us again appeal to all farmers who follow the plow to rally around the Union and give their organization sufficient power and energy to cope with the problems that confront agriculture and avoid the penalty of indifference from which they now suffer.

W. D. LEWIS, President, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas. PETER RADFORD, National Lecturer, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America.

"In the doldrums" is a phrase more often employed than understood. It refers to a belt of calms contiguous to the equator and situate between the course of the southeast and northeast trade winds. Long periods with scarcely a stir in the air and a torrid sky above, broken by sudden squalls and violent storms of short duration, make the doldrums a dreaded area for sailing ships.

London's Costly Tree.

Probably the most costly tree in the world is a plane tree which grows in Wood street, London. It occupies a space that would bring a rental of \$1,250 a year, and this capitalized at thirty years' purchase gives a value of \$37,500.

Memory.

Says Jean Ingelow: "They are poor who have lost nothing; they are poorer far who, losing, have forgotten; they most poor of all who lose and wish they might forget."

Our wealth is often a snare to ourselves and always a temptation to others.—Cotton.

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ENGINEER NO LONGER "GOAT" OF BIG WRECKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—No more is the engineer of the fast flier the "goat" of the big railroad wrecks. The Interstate Commerce Commission's annual report issued today, gave him nearly a clean bill of health. Where he used to bear the blame, a new victim has been raised—the flagman, ignorant of the company's rules.

The Commission pointed out that there has been a "considerable decrease in the number of collisions due to the failure of the engineer to obey the indications of the block signal." "At the same time it held that it is unreasonable to expect freedom from wrecks when railroads employ flagmen of little experience without examination as to their knowledge of rules.

Strong recommendation was made for the universal use of a system of automatic train control in conjunction with other safety devices.

During the year the Commission investigated 63 train wrecks which caused death to 169 persons and injuries to 2134. Improper flagging was given as the prime cause of wrecks. Inherent weakness of the train order system was responsible in several cases, and the Commission advised use of extra checks to safeguard against danger of forgotten instruction. Inspection and supervision of work of train service employees is improving, the report stated, but there is still need for standardization of operating rules.

The report declared that there had been no material improvement in bad track and roadway conditions which have been the cause of many wrecks—no material improvement.

The Commission's recommendations, summarized, were:

Construction of a building adequate for the Commission.

Use of steel cars in passenger service and prohibition of use of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars.

Limitation of three years for filing of actions relating to transportation charges.

Passage of appropriate and adequate legislation for the Commission's control of railway capitalization.

Authority, explicit and emphatic, for the Commission to examine carrier's papers, accounts, etc.

Establishment of a minimum penalty of \$100 for violation of the hours-of-service act.

The report pointed out a continuance of use of cars in defective condition and advised railroads to acquaint responsible employees with the safety appliance laws.

COLD STORAGE BILL GETS PUBLIC HEARING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Passage of the McKellar bill, providing for the regulation of the cold storage of food products, was urged today at a public hearing before the House Interstate Commerce committee which had the bill in charge, was confident today that it would be favorably reported by the full committee, and enacted into law at this session of Congress.

LEGAL BLANKS.

We keep in stock legal blanks of all kinds and will sell in any quantity desired. Following is a list of stock now on hand:

- (1) Warranty Deeds, (all kinds)
- (2) Quit Claim Deeds, (3) Vendor Lien Notes, (4) Promissory Notes
- (5) Chattel Mortgages, (6) Release Mortgage or Deed of Trust
- (7) Crop Mortgage, (8) Charge and Credit Slips, (9) Release of Vendors Lien, (10) Power of Attorney, (11) Transfer of Vendor Lien, (12) Carbon paper, (13) Rental Contracts, (14) Bills of Sale, (15) Deeds of Trust, (16) Bond for Title, (17) Contract between Principal and Agent for Sale of Real Estate, (18) Building Contract, (19) Contract for Exchange of Property, (Single and Double Acknowledgements)
- (21) Affidavit to any fact, (22) Protest Blanks, (23) County Clerks Certificates.

When in need of any of the above call and we can supply you. THE BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

TAILOR INSTALLS STEAM PRESSER

C. C. Gilliam has just installed a new steam pressing outfit, the most up-to-date machine made for the pressing the kinks out of clothing and shaping them for the most fastidious dressers. The machine arrived the first of the week and is now in operation.

HUNTING IN THE DAVIS MOUNTAINS

Rev. W. B. Adkins and R. P. Conn left Thursday morning in Mr. Conn's auto for the Davis mountains, where they will spend ten days camping and hunting.

C. C. Gannaway, who recently moved to Ballinger from the Norton country, ordered the Banner-Ledger Tuesday to his old address for the ensuing year.

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A MESSAGE FROM GAMBILL'S PLAIN PRICE STORE, WINTERS, TEX.

Listen To Santa Claus

He is here, ready for the little folks and their parents, and is making our store the busy store and the toyland of Runnels County. We can say without fear of contradiction that we have the largest stock of toys and Christmas goods on display that can be found in Runnels County. And the beauty of the whole show is that our display is so arranged that it makes buying easy—everything marked in plain figures. You save the worry as well as making your money buy much.

WE BOUGHT BEFORE THE WAR--THE SAVING IS YOURS

All toys have advanced since war was declared in Europe. We bought our Christmas stock in time of peace, hence we saved the money, and the saving is yours. We spend 365 days in the year studying the wants of our customers, and when we go to market we know how to buy, what to buy, and our collection for this occasion will convince you that we are on the job in providing Santa Claus for all ages. **GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY**—We can't name them all; it would take a newspaper. We want you to come and see. Come early and avoid the rush. You'll find in our store gifts for the babies, for the older children and for the grown-ups.

Free \$15.00 Set of Harness Free

During our Christmas Sale we are going to give away with every buggy sold a set \$15.00 harness. This is an opportunity for you to buy your wife a nice Christmas gift. Remember that this is the best buggy on the market for the money, and the prices quoted here are the same for which we have been selling these buggies all the year, and we have sold lots of them. Our prices on these buggies are \$50.00 for Runabouts, \$75 for the auto seat buggies with square cornered body, and \$85 for the round cornered body with slatted bottom. We are making this offer for Christmas trade only. Get a lap robe to go with this outfit for from \$2.50 to \$10.00. **CASH ONLY.**

Alarm Clocks, and Sad Irons

We have many other valuable articles that would make nice presents for Christmas, and would serve useful all the year, such as the Celebrated Fansteel Electric Sad Iron at 3.00. Alarm clocks that we have been selling for \$1 now 60c. These are the Lord Baltimore



Fire Works

Christmas is hardly complete for the boy without a few fire works, something to liven up things. This item every boy is going to have if he can get them. We have provided for the boys with a big line of everything in fire works.

Brist The New Lawn Game

The Brist Boomerang, with which Brist is played, will go down in history as the most wonderful novel invention of the age. If the instructions are carefully observed most anyone can, with but little practice, do with it such incredulous things, that were you to have appeared among your friends for half an hour's entertainment, a century ago, you would duly have been tried and convicted of witchcraft. For instance, the Brist Boomerang can be thrown through the air in a horizontal line, making a perfect curve or circle of from thirty to one hundred feet in diameter, according to size and weight of Boomerang, returning with complete accuracy to the thrower. It may be thrown under a train of cars and made to pass out on the opposite side, curve upward and return to thrower over top of the train. This game will make an ideal Christmas present. It will afford much outdoor pleasure and excels all others for fun and exercise. Let us demonstrate them to you.

Come and see this new out door game

TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Why deprive your child of the happiness that you enjoyed when you were a child. Some people refuse to buy toys for their children, saying "it is throwing money away." They are mistaken. Toys help to educate the little mind. It gives the little busy hands something to do and keeps the child from mischief. You should buy them, and you should buy them here, because we have what the children want at remarkably low prices:

- Glass toy punch sets per set...25c
- Glass toy table sets per set 25c
- Glass toy butter, sugar, cream pitcher and spoon holder per set.....25c
- Toy coffee mills 10c to.....15c
- Toy wash boilers.....15c
- Toy brooms.....15c
- Whistling birds.....10c
- Tops 5c to.....10c
- Blocks 10c to.....15c
- Toy coal hods.....15c
- Toy tubs.....15c
- Toy buckets.....10c
- Rocking horse 10c to.....15c
- Chairs 15c to.....40c
- Real telephones that you can talk over.....25c
- Toy kitchen sets 10c to.....25c
- 3 piece, knife, fork and spoons, per set.....10c

TOOL SETS FOR THE BOYS.

We have these in different sizes to fit different ages, and at prices ranging from 35c to \$1.00.

PICTURE AND STORY BOOKS.

These are gifts suitable for both boys and girls. We have a large stock of these and can supply the child of all ages, at prices 5c, 10c, 15c and.....25c

- Pop guns, big variety, 15c to 25c
- Toy pistols, automatic,.....10c
- Air guns, celebrated Daisy make every boy knows their quality; we have them for 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25,.....\$1.50
- Toy wagons 15c to.....35c
- Toy automobiles.....60c
- Toy fire engines 15c to.....35c
- Toy hook and ladders 15c to.....35c
- Toy carts 15c to.....35c
- Toy pacing bobs.....35c
- Rubber balls 5c to.....15c
- Rubber rattlers 5c to.....10c
- Horns 5c to.....25c
- French Harps 5c to.....75c
- Accordians 15c to.....35c
- Jews harps 5c and.....10c
- Toy drums 35c to.....\$1.50

DOLL BUGGIES.

We have the greatest showing in doll buggies, doll cabs, and doll cart that has ever been shown in Runnels County. They range in prices from 60c to.....\$2.50

DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

Our doll department is so complete that we are able to furnish a doll to every child in Runnels County. We have them attractively arranged on our display tables, and this makes it easy to select what you want.

- Base ball boy dolls, 28 inches high,.....\$2.00
- Eskimo dolls.....\$1.00
- Kid body dolls, 35c to.....\$1.50
- Fancy dress dolls 15c up to.....\$2.50
- Baby character dolls 35c up to \$5

DOLL BEDS AND CRADLES.

These were bought direct from the factory, and we are able to show them in the latest patterns and the following prices should convince you that we are selling them at "peace" prices:

- 12 inch doll beds at.....25c
- 14 inch doll beds at.....65c
- 18 inch doll beds at.....85c
- 24 inch doll beds at.....1.25
- 30 inch doll beds at.....\$1.50

DOLL DISHES AND FURNITURE

We are able to furnish the little folks with complete doll house keeping outfits in doll dishes, and doll furniture. These will attract every child that comes in our store and the prices are right. Doll trunks 15c, 35c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

GIFTS FOR GROWN UPS

For the ladies and gentlemen we have many useful gifts at prices most any one can afford to pay. We list only a few of these:

- Tourist sets \$1.00 to.....\$3.00
- Military sets.....\$1.25
- Shaving sets \$1.50 to.....\$3.00
- Comb and brush sets, to the high grade,.....35c
- Manicure sets \$1.25 to.....\$3.00
- Box stationery from 10c for children, to grown-ups.....\$1.50
- Christmas cards with envelopes to match, per box,.....25c
- Cut glass, big assortment, in sets and odd pieces as low as 35c and as high as.....\$15.00
- Vases, a big assortment at 10c, 15c, 25c, to the higher grades.
- Staple and fancy china and glassware in odd pieces and sets, suitable for gifts.
- 1200 pieces of china imported from Germany. Every piece a useful one. We are going to sell these at 10c and.....15c
- Gold band glass water sets...\$1.25
- Serving dishes \$4, \$5, and...\$6.00

Our silverware department is complete, and we can furnish almost anything you can call for in this line.

- WIZARD POLISH MOPS, regular price 75c; we want to close out on these and will sell until they are all gone for.....55c
- VELVET AND AXMINISTER RUGS, 27x52 inches.....\$1.50

ALUMINUM WARE

This is something that is not only appreciated through Christmas, but a gift from this department will be appreciated throughout the year. We have pieces from 15c to \$5.00 roasting pans. Our best grades are guaranteed for 20 years.

PICTURES

- Big assortment.....15c
- Big assortment.....35c
- Big assortment.....50c
- Big assortment.....75c
- Burnt wood boxes.....15c
- Tie racks.....15c
- Handkerchief boxes.....15c
- Collar boxes.....15c
- Glove boxes.....15c
- Hose boxes.....15c
- Jewelry cases.....15c
- Holly boxes, all sizes, 5c and...10c

POCKET KNIVES, special values during Christmas sale, 25c, 50c, 75c and.....\$1.00

SPECIAL OFFER ON SEWING MACHINES.

We have five New Home Sewing Machines, regular \$40 grades. We are offering them for \$27.50 each. These machines will not last long at these prices. Every housewife knows what the New Home is, and this price is in reach of all.

GAMBILL'S PLAIN PRICE STORE

"THE HOUSE WITH MANY ITEMS"

WINTERS, TEXAS

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The unwritten law should be written.

A poll tax for a Christmas present for yourself. Buy it now.

Let us insist that you save enough money of your Christmas allowance to pay your poll tax.

The man who greets the obstacles in life with a smile is the man who avoids indigestion, enjoys his meals and sleeps sound. Why worry?

If we were all as eager to return a favor as we are to get revenge—even, there would be more contented lives and lighter court dockets.

The happiest mortal in the world is the little fellow who knows there is a Santa Claus. When they get beyond that age his troubles begin.

And now they say Carranza has been arrested by his own followers for looting the Mexican treasury. He should be given a speedy trial for lunacy.

There are many social events staged for the coming holidays. The Business Men's Banquet is the first on the program, and from all indications will be the best of all.

Four ladies have been charged with selling beer in Charlotte. You have to be careful in designating the ladies. Would you call these blind tigresses or boot-lickers?—Houston Post.

Plant cotton, Mr. Farmer. If you don't your children might find time to go to school, and then you would have to buy school books. By all means plant cotton so the price will remain within reach of the speculator.

If you are not satisfied with the class of weather being served in this country, you can move just a little further to the Southeast, where heavy fogs prevail throughout the entire day.

The man who says he is in favor of good roads, yet fails to support any move to bring about the betterment of the public roads for fear it will cost him a little, is inconsistent, to say the least of it.

Quite a number of new pupils were enrolled in the central school building this week. Some of the rooms are badly crowded. The board will retire \$5000 in bonds in February. Why not devise some plan for getting this money back and make the needed improvements in this building?

We have not noticed anything in the papers about the arrival of a Santa Claus ship in Europe, except your Uncle Sam's big Santa Claus ship. It seems that other nations do not take the interest in such matters. We guess Uncle Sam is a pretty good old fellow in spite of the calamity howlers. At any rate he believes in peace.

Why should we worry about good roads? We seldom use them. In fact we have not traveled twenty miles over Runnels county roads during the present year. The farmer is the man who uses the roads, and as long as he chooses to put up with bad roads, we should not interfere with his wishes.

In some respects the United States may profit by the European war, as is often claimed; but we do not believe that the coming of a few million foreigners to this

country will be all profit. Unfortunately we can not select the new comers, and will be compelled to receive all those who get by Ellis Island.

Every farmer we meet now is in favor of good roads. As soon as we pass through this period of moisture they will forget it and declare that the roads are good enough. When a man gets sick he thinks a great deal of the doctor, but when he gets well he looks at the doctor as being a luxury.

The success of the poultry business during the present year is causing other farmers to take in a few chickens and turkeys as a side line. A Coleman county man has just sold 25 turkeys for \$52.25, and has nine gobblers and ten hens left out of an investment of \$10.00 made in turkeys last spring. The 25 turkeys sold were only seven months old. The turkeys were practically all profit.

Ballinger is noted for its fine rock quarries. The city owns a rock crusher, and there is a small mountain of crushed rock that is only serving as an ornament while the main streets and side walks are no better in many places than some of Runnels County's bad roads. We should not quarrel with the farmer about his roads until we set an example for him to follow.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"I cannot speak highly enough in praise of the Magic Washing Stick. It saves half the labor in washing. Makes the clothes sweet, clean and white as snow without the use of rubboard," writes Mrs. R. M. Cardwell, Forney, Texas. Sold by druggists three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards, Co., Sherman, Texas.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS GETTING BUSY

Delayed by the bad condition of the roads, many people from the country have been deprived of the opportunity to do their fall trading. The time was well devoted to saving the big cotton crop during the pretty days in the early fall, and the protracted rains have kept people close at home for almost a month. The rush is on now, and Ballinger stores are crowded with busy shoppers, and as is always the case the merchants who have been using printers ink are getting the cream of the trade, leaving the man who does not believe in advertising the overflow trade to get by on.

FINE TURKEYS.

Ed Cordle, of the New Home community, was in the city Wednesday morning with a wagon load of turkeys, 33 in number says this is the third load he has sold this season, raised on his place this year. The turkeys are large and fat and Mr. Cordle says one turkey hen this season has netted him more than a bale of cotton. He expects to continue in the turkey business another year in connection with his other farm work.

EN ROUTE HOME.

A message received in Ballinger Wednesday morning to C. W. Harper from Ike Honig says he is now in New York and hopes to arrive in Ballinger the last of this week, en route home from an extended visit to his old home in Hungary and other of the old countries.

JEWISH WOMEN HAVE MANY DELEGATES

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—With over 2,000 delegates in attendance the triennial session of the National Council of Jewish Women met today at the Hotel Grunewald. Ten thousand women are represented in the deliberations of the convention which will continue for four days. Mrs. Nathaniel Harris, Bradford, Pa., the national president presided.

FOSTER BEFORE JURY.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 9.—On charges alleging that he transported Delillah Bradley 17 years old, a stenographer, to this city last January Joel M. Foster, a wealthy man of Brown's Mills, N. J., will face trial here today.

Gus Noyes left Tuesday afternoon for his Concho county ranch to look after his cattle and other interests a few days.

Mrs. Peyton left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas to visit relatives a few weeks.

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

To Andrew McBeath of the Temple Telegram: The plural of German is given as Germans; of Englishman as Englishmen. Why the difference in the plural formation?—San Saba County News.

Why is it we say pants when speaking in the singular of that necessity of man? We have only one, yet our wife refers to them as "your pants."

A Gatesville man drove in 700 turkeys yesterday and sold them for a good price. That man is perfectly able to hold his cotton, but the chances are that he didn't raise enough of it to worry him.—Sherman Democrat.

Had it ever occurred to you that the merchant will not take a mortgage on a turkey crop. That Gainesville man must have some cash from his turkeys because he didn't have them mortgaged.

Now is the time for a man to live up to the splendid things his friends will say of him after he is dead.—Bonham Favorite.

A dead man can't hear. If you have anything good to say about a man, say it while he is living and wait until he dies to say the ugly things. That's the way we want you to treat us.

Webster county, Missouri, has a woman sheriff and we are curious to know which pocket she carries her gun in.—Coleman Democrat.

That would not interest us as much as which direction the lady points her gun when she pulls it out of her pocket.

"Honey, let me carry your handbag," said a 50-year-old man to a lady on Elm and St. Paul streets Saturday noon, says the Dallas Journal. The lady called officer Whitner. He placed the man in jail. Saturday afternoon Judge Richardson fined the man \$25 but later reduced it to \$15, when the man pleaded that he had a family to take care of.

Poor man, what was the charge against him? He must have been a gallant old gent, and the terms in which he addressed the lady is one of the most common Webster placed on the list.

In Iowa state convicts working on the roads receive \$2.50 per day for their labor, they themselves paying for their keep and clothing and being at liberty to send the balance to their dependent families. They are still under restriction, but their right to wage lifts them out of the slavery status into that of state wards.—Brownwood News.

Pass that law in Texas and many unemployed men will make a rush to reach the pen, even though they have to sell a quart of bootlegging liquor to get there. We need the roads and the men need the \$2.50 per day.

We have read over the list of Governor-elect Ferguson's appointments for state offices and failed to find that either the name of Brownwood or Brown county is mentioned anywhere. Considering the fact that Brown county is a local option county and that it gave Mr. Ferguson a substantial majority over the prohibition nominee to any open mind it would be apparent that the county was due some recognition from the new executive. Mr. Ferguson's closest friends are saying that his appointments are directed entirely by a desire to reward fitness and ability. There's no doubt of his intentions in that respect, but in handing out the spoils, his partiality to the big cities is somewhat painful.—Brownwood News.

According to your argument Mr. Ferguson should have given the pros who voted for him preference in making up his official family. If he favored the dry counties in making appointments why not favor the dries? It was a sacrifice for both to follow him. Quit your howling.

It even pays to make good as a porter. One of the two request made by Colquitt to Governor Jim was to keep his porter. It is a good idea for the unfortunate who is now dragging along to remember it pays to make good and turn out the best there is in them.—Killeen Herald.

Yes, that's good doctrine. The man who fails to make good in small matters will not do to trust with more important matters. But did it ever occur to you that the janitor's job is a very important one along about this season, and that it takes a man to fill the bill Colquitt's janitor no doubt draws a salary that when compared with the salary of the average school teacher of this state would make

the janitor feel thankful that he was a janitor instead of a school teacher.

Indiscriminate buying will ruin any man. Just because you possess a good credit is no reason to abuse it. A good credit is an asset we should all cherish and appreciate. Some people are prone to blame everybody except themselves when they have reached the end of their credit and the fact is impressed on them that an "about face" must be made. The time to practice thrift and economy is before it becomes necessary. But how many of us do this?—McGregor Mirror.

"Charge it" is the word that has caused many a good man to be branded as dishonest. The merchant who insist on selling goods to a man on a credit when he knows that man's income is not sufficient to insure prompt payments is responsible for the "dishonesty." Pay cash, and avoid slavery.

Every successful business, no matter its character—has an executive head; some individual who is charged with the responsibility of making the business go. This principle will apply to the management of cities just as well as to business concerns. Therefore, the Sun repeats that the city manager plan appeals to it as no other plan can. It is logic and no argument can go against logic.—San Angelo Sun.

Correct. But the ring leader must have the confidence and faithful support of his subordinates to succeed. In other words it takes a leader of men to succeed in any undertaking where man's influence counts.

Boys, do you know that when you swear in public you are liable to a fine of from \$1 to \$3 an oath? Did you know that congregating on the streets these Sabbath evenings, talking loud and punctuating your remarks with oaths is a violation of the law and that you can be made to pay dearly for such conduct?—Talpa Post.

If that law was enforced in Ballinger, or any other town, the courts would be busy for awhile at least. You can't walk two blocks without hearing the professional swearer rattling off oaths that may make him feel big, but which makes him appear small in the eyes of decent people. Sunday seems to be a special day for street loafing and practicing profanity.

Carranza threatens to destroy the British owned railway between Vera Cruz and City of Mexico, and the British Ambassador protests to the United States. Why don't he protest to Carranza, but we believe the Monroe doctrine prevents the English from protecting their property down there, besides they are pretty busy at home now.—Taylor News.

The Monroe doctrine may be a good doctrine for Uncle Sam to live by, but we object to that clause in the agreement that compels us to do the fighting for the other fellow.

How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2 ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

THANKS THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO ORPHANS.

I want to thank the kind friends who assisted us in sending turkeys to the Buckner's Orphan Home for Thanksgiving dinner for the children of that home. Owing to the heavy rains many were hindered and could not bring their turkeys to town and get them in the shipment we made, but others contributed money. We sent 21 turkeys and \$10.50 in cash. With the chickens furnished the home had enough for their Thanksgiving dinner. We hope to be able to supply turkeys for the Christmas dinner. If you have one to send let it go on to the home. I also want to thank those who helped in shipping the turkeys, and especially the Wells Fargo Express Company for carrying the turkeys to the home.

J. W. ELLIOTT,

Missionary for Runnels County Association.

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 Heals of any time. 25c. 50c. \$1.00

John Sewell, of the Winters country had business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

NO ALUM in Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

LOOK WHO'S HERE--- HE ARRIVED TUESDAY



The handsome little shetland pony and the outfit that goes with him, including a buggy and harness arrived Tuesday, and was unloaded and is being exhibited around town.

This pony is a solid black, and is a pretty little fellow. He was shipped direct from Pony Fairy, land, Greenfield, Ohio, to the merchants that are giving tickets in the contest.

The pony is ready to make the acquaintance of all the boys and girls in the contest. Each one will be given a ride in the buggy, and

a ride on the pony, and you will be able to judge for yourself what a valuable little outfit this is for some boy or girl.

Don't get an idea that this is a cheap outfit. It cost the merchants about \$450.00, and is certainly worth getting out and working for. The boy or girl receiving the largest number of votes will be awarded this outfit. The contest closes Thursday night, Dec. 24th at twelve o'clock. All ballots must be in the ballot box by that hour. Get tickets from the merchants and work for your favorite candidate.

OLD PEOPLE DIE IN WINGATE COUNTRY

ROUTE NO. 2, WINGATE Dec. 8.—It has been too wet for cotton picking and grain planting in this section for three weeks. The people spend the time talking war and low price cotton. Much grain will be planted if the weather is favorable.

We have had several deaths in this neighborhood since our last letter, mostly among the old people.

Grandpa Pillion and Grandma Harwood are among those who have been called to the unknown beyond.

Nick Hayhurst entertained quite a number with a party at his home Thursday night, and George Jackson gave a dance Friday night. Both entertainments were highly enjoyed as they were the first we have had this season.

CATHERINE.

WOUNDED MAN GETTING ALONG VERY WELL

H. E. Petty, of Maverick, accompanied by Mrs. Petty, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Petty called at the Ledger office and reported that George King, who was seriously injured in the gin at that place the first of this week, was doing as well as could be expected. Mr. King was painfully wounded about the face, having been thrown into a cog wheel by his clothing catching in a revolving shaft. His face was caught in the cogs and badly cut and bruised.

Jesse Stroble had business at Valera between trains Tuesday.

J. W. McCollough and family, of Coryell county, near Gatesville, came in a few days ago and have decided to locate in our city.

Mesdames A. H. Lewin and E. T. Davis of Miles, were among the visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

J. M. Jennings, of the Norton country, was marketing cotton and supplying in Ballinger Monday.

W. T. Atnip of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and was exhibiting the champion feterita head of the county. It is now on exhibition at the Young Men's Business League office.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised Dec. 5, 1914 at Ballinger Texas.

- Baxter, J. A. Bates, J. E. Bennett, Seldome Coleman, Maggie Darden, Mrs. Daisy Dedrick, Sherman Fletcher, Miss Marion Frreson, Ed Gerdon, Andie Green, S. L. Hale, W. P. Hudson, Miss Addie Lewis, Guss Loyd, Erwin Marshall, Raymond Massingill, S. H. Miller, C. H. Pool, Alvin Rhyme, W. F. (2) Stanfield, Rev. J. T. Waldrop, G. W. Walker, Jerry Woodward, Tall

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.

WANTED—One large or medium size young mule. Must be reasonable. J. J. POPE, Ballinger, phone 6611. 2w

Cal Proctor, of Midland was greeting Ballinger friends Monday en route home from Belton where he had been on the sad mission of attending the funeral of his mother, who was buried at that place Sunday.

They All Admire Her Even The Mouse PERFECTION HOSIERY. Will outwear any stocking in the market. A guarantee for every pair for one month. Style 130—Ladies' Pure Silk. Style 140—Black, White, Tan, Pink, Light Blue. Style 150—Ladies' Silk Lisle. Style 160—Black, Tan, White. Style 170—Men's Pure Silk. Style 180—Black, Tan, White. Style 190—Men's Silk Lisle. Style 200—Black, Tan, White, Gray, Navy, 3 pr. \$1.00. Style 210—Men's Lisle (heavy weight). Style 220—Boys' Lisle (heavy weight).

JEWELRY---The Gifts Of All Gifts

How Well We Have Succeeded In Getting Together The Biggest And Best Collection Of Appropriate Christmas Gifts

You Ever Saw In Ballinger, We leave for You to Judge. ¶Something that will give genuine pleasure and real service to father, mother, brother, sister, sweetheart, child and friend; and as has been our custom at Christmas time, we are making

Very Attractive Prices

We will be glad to show you and assist you in making your Selection. Wishing EVERYONE the happiness and best Christmas of their life.

JAS. E. BREWER,

JEWELER AND OPTOMETRIST

War Bulletins

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The official communique this afternoon says that the Allies are today continuing their attack on the few remaining trenches of the Germans on the left bank of Yser canal.

The Germans, say dispatches received here, won a great victory over the Russians when they captured the city of Lodz.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—It was officially announced today that Lodz had been occupied by the German forces late Sunday afternoon, following the most desperate battle of the eastern theatre of war. For the past two weeks, a fierce battle has been raging in this vicinity. Every effort the Russians put forth in trying to stop the advance of the Germans on the second largest city of Russian Poland, has been frustrated by the Kaiser's troops.

Lodz is a city of 400,000 population. It is located in the principle manufacturing district of Russian Poland. Numerous mills are located there, a majority of them handling cotton. Besides the cotton mills, it has many machinery plants, breweries, dyeing mills and flour mills. It is seventy-five miles from Warsaw, the objective of the German army in Poland. Owing to its strategic position Kaiser Wilhelm gained a most important victory in taking the city.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The best of good feeling prevails in Berlin today over the announcement that the Germans have achieved a great victory in the capture of Lodz, the city next in size to Warsaw of Russian Poland. The entire German army, it is declared, will be inspired with greater confidence now that the army of the west has gained a strategic point.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Four naval disasters occurred today.

The German submarine U-16 arrived this morning at Ezberg in a critical condition. She was badly damaged and put in for repairs. The cause of the accident is unknown.

Two steamers were sunk in the North Sea after they had struck mines. The crew of one of the vessels was lost. It is supposed that the ships struck mines placed by the Germans.

The Turkish cruiser, Hamidish, struck a mine in the Black Sea seriously damaging herself. No casualties, it is believed, there were.

D. W. Turner of the Norton country, and John Tongett of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

E. S. McWilliams and J. L. Faubion of the Norton country were among the first Monday visitors in the city.

Hugh Jones, of the Blocker ranch, up the river, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE PERMITTED BY NEW P. C. RULING

Orders have been received by the Ballinger postoffice officials from the department at Washington, instructing that the ruling that no stamps other than postage, be placed on the addressed side of letters and packages, be suspended for the time being. The object of the suspension is to allow Christmas stamps to be placed on mail. However, it is provided in the order revoking the ruling for the present, that the Christmas stamps be placed on the reverse side from the address side. This is done so that the clerks will not be confused when cancelling the postage stamps by Christmas seals.

AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Young folks, have you ever wanted a certain article as a Christmas gift, and when Christmas came around you didn't get it and went and bought it yourself? Well that is just the way to do in this case, but first take the matter up with your parents. If you present the matter in the right light, they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to make a good living through out life. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance—the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the larger business offices, but secures these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping, or Shorthand is \$50, or the two \$95, Telegraphy \$55, Business Administration and Finance \$75. Board is from \$11.50 to \$15 per month payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three and one-half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping course, four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our Bookkeeping and Shorthand course combined, five and a half months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain an education that you can use thru' out life to a great advantage. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need.

If you or your parents as the case may be haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in by those who can give first class references. The old saying is quite true "where-

ever there is a will, there is a way."

See about this Christmas gift. Take it up and discuss it seriously. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our claims for this Christmas Present.

Name

Address

Course Interested in

SECOND ISSUE OF SCHOOL PAPER SOON

The second issue of "The Whirlwind," the journal published by the students of the Ballinger High School, will make its appearance within the next few days, according to announcement of the editors today. The journal's copy is now in the hands of the printers, the Ballinger Printing Co., and is being rapidly assembled for distribution. The issue is the Christmas number and is replete with stories concerning this particular time of the year.

MIND AND BODY.

Human Emotions Have a Potent Effect Upon the Physical Being.

A man is handed a telegram. He is eating and enjoying his dinner. He reads the contents of the message. Almost immediately afterward his body is a-tremble, his face either reddens or grows "ashy white," his appetite is gone; such is the effect of the mind upon the stomach that it literally refuses the food; if forced upon it it may reject it entirely.

A message is delivered to a lady. She is in a genial, happy mood. Her face whitens, she trembles and her body falls to the ground in a faint, temporarily helpless, apparently lifeless. Such are the intimate relations between the mind and the body.

Great stress or anxiety or fear may in two weeks' or even in two days' time so work its ravages that the person looks ten years or even twenty years older. A person has been long given to worry or perhaps to worry in extreme form, though not so long; a well defined case of indigestion and general stomach trouble, with a generally lowered and sluggish vitality has become pronounced and fixed.

Any type of thought that prevails in our mental lives will in time produce its correspondence in our physical lives. As we understand better these laws of correspondences we will be more careful as to the types of thoughts and emotions we consciously or unwittingly entertain and live with. The great bulk of all diseases are generated in the body through certain states and conditions of mind.—Ralph Waldo Trine in Woman's Home Companion.

Strong Hack Saw Blades.

The layman watching a tiny hack saw blade working its way through a tough piece of steel is filled with wonder, for it seems like putting a tiny boy to do the task of a giant. The latest idea is that of making a saw which has a soft, flexible back with hard tempered teeth. At a test of the strength of this blade it was found that it would support two men, representing a total weight of 283 pounds, without breaking.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runtels.

By virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Altam County, on the 3rd day of December 1914, by Sam Wilson Jr., Clerk of said Court against I. B. Williams, Henrie Williams and Roy Moore, for the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Seventy-one and eighty-six one hundredths (\$1,171.86) Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from October 21, 1914, and costs of suit, in cause No. 6955 in said Court, styled The Buckholts State Bank versus I. B. Williams et al and placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins as Sheriff of Runtels County, Texas, did on the 8th day of December, 1914, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Runtels County, described as follows, to-wit: "Eighty acres of land, being the West one-half of the Southeast one-fourth of W. C. Railway Company Survey, Number 152, certificate Number 28-13 Patent Number 618, Volume 15, situated about four miles west of the town of Rowena, Runtels County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stake in the original South Boundary line of said survey, at a point 475 varas West of the original Southeast corner thereof; Thence West 475 varas to the Southwest corner of the South east one-fourth of said Section Number 152; Thence North 950 varas to the place of beginning and being the same land conveyed to said I. B. Williams by Sam W. Law, by deed dated March 22, 1913, of record in the deed records of Runtels County, Texas, in Volume 82, page 638."

Said levy being in accordance with said Order of Sale and Judgment as the same provided for a foreclosure of a mortgage lien against said defendants on the above described land, and levied upon as the property of said I. B. Williams, Henrie Williams, and Roy Moore, defenants. And on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of Runtels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., I will sell said property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said I. B. Williams, Henrie Williams and Roy Moore, by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Banner-Ledger, a news paper published in Runtels County. Witness my hand, 8th day of December, 1914.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runtels County, Texas. w 3t pd.

Ed Baggett left Saturday afternoon for the West after a short visit to his uncle S. B. Baggett and family near Ballinger.

R. W. Bruce is now sporting a new five passenger Ford auto, recently bought of R. L. Harwell of our city.

Patronize our Advertisers.

13 MEET DEATH WHEN CAGE DROPS

SCRANTON, Ill., Dec. 9.—Thirteen miners today dropped 300 feet and met instant death when one of the number let fall some dynamite in a descending cage in the mines near this city.

AN OLD DUTCH LEGEND.

How Jantje the Bellringer Saved Sluis From the Spaniards.

An old statue in the steeple near the bells at Sluis, in Holland, which was originally erected in honor of Jantje van Sluis, is worked by mechanical means, which cause it to strike the bell at every hour and a half with a hammer.

Jantje was a bellringer and watchman during the eighty years' war with Spain. On the night of June 12, 1606, Du Terrail, a Spanish captain, resolved to recover Sluis, the principal fortress of Zealand, from Prince Maurice of Orange, who had conquered it two years previously.

When the clock struck nine it was arranged that the Spanish soldiers should sound a false alarm at one gate in order to draw the Dutch soldiers away from another, thus leaving a means of ingress for the enemy.

Provisionally Jantje forgot to wind up the clock till late in the evening, and, being terribly afraid of ghosts, he did it so hastily that he damaged the works. Another story avers that he was intoxicated, the result of Sluis' fair, which had been held on that afternoon.

Be that as it may, Terrail waited in vain to hear the familiar striking of the old clock, and thus the attack was put off till midnight. In the meantime the garrison had suspected something amiss and were on the alert. Consequently the Spaniards were repulsed with great loss.

Jantje had accidentally saved his town, and to honor him his fellow citizens erected the bell ringing statue to his perpetual memory.—London Tatler.

A. L. Kirby of the Crews country was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

WATER ENGINEERS MAKE NEW RULING

According to a ruling made by the State Board of Water Engineers in session at San Angelo this week, where a number of applications were passed on, in order to secure irrigation permits and water rights hereafter in streams where the normal flow has been appropriated, the applicant will be compelled to build dams and impound the water. The board will not grant permits on streams where the normal flow has been appropriated.

The San Angelo Standard in giving an account of the meeting in that city says:

Important action was taken by the State Board of Water Engineers at the hearing held by it on Monday, December 7th, in San Angelo.

It was made clear to the board by irrefutable testimony that the quantity of water in the Concho rivers and their tributaries in their ordinary or normal flow, is about sixty-one cubic feet per second; that the filings by present appropriators and users of water on these streams cover claims aggregating more than five hundred cubic feet per second, which showed that the present appropriations and claims far exceed the possible ordinary flow.

The board made a ruling that as the ordinary or normal flow was all taken up hereafter new permits would have to be based on stored or surplus water in excess of the ordinary or normal flow if there be any, and that under the following section of the law, which is mandatory, the board would have to refuse new permits unless the applicants show they will build dams to impound and store water to use and provide proper and ample safeguards against interference with the rights of prior appropriators now in possession and use of water.

A. S. Pape and family left Saturday afternoon for their new home near Plainview. They expected to get off the first of last week, but owing to the heavy rains and bad roads were not able to ship out until Saturday.

Ellis Petty of Maverick, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.



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ANXIOUS FOR THE WONDERFUL VALUES OFFERED IN

THE REALS SALE

Sale Will Continue Nine More Days

Don't fail to visit the great money saving event. We appreciate the confidence the public placed in this store and will always try to merit it. When we advertise a sale they know we mean wonderful, wonderful bargains. Come

Don't let mud, rain, sleet, snow, cold wind or anything keep you away from this Bargain Feast

Come Come Come

HIGGINBOTHAM - CURRIE - WILLIAMS COMPANY

Ballinger's Greatest Store

Letter from Scotland Recalls the Days of 1880 in Runnels Co.

Todhillwood, Canonbie,
Scotland.
Nov. 23rd., 1914.
A. W. Sledge,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:
A year or two ago one of my American friends when on a visit to the United States, kindly subscribed to your paper and instructed you to forward it to my address in Scotland. I need not say I read each copy with the greatest interest and often long to see old Runnels County again. I emigrated to Texas in 1878, settled in Runnels in 1880, and remained there until 1894. I well remember the railroad being built to Ballinger and was present at the first sale of town lots in your city. I am glad to know the town and county still prosper and that many of my friends and acquaintances live there. Amongst the latter

were a few Germans including Mr. Charles Miller and his brother, (who I hope is still alive). I am well aware the Germans have proved themselves to be amongst the best of American citizens. Indeed before this terrible war broke out, I had the greatest admiration for the whole German race and my relatives who often visit the "Fatherland" made and still have many friends in that country. No doubt your opinion of the Germans was similar to my own. What it is now I am unable to say. From what I have read concerning the opinion upon this war, as expressed by a few of the leading men in America (who naturally being inhabitants of a neutral country, try to take an unbiased view of the conflict) there is little doubt in my mind they sympathize with the Allies. Heaven knows there is sufficient animosity here and in Europe

against the manner in which the Germans (Prussians especially) are conducting this war. So I have no wish to stir up ill feeling between you and the innocent German farmers in Runnels county. Nevertheless I think it may interest you to read the enclosed extracts from two Scotch papers. That marked No. 1 is taken from the "Seotsman" the most influential paper we have and one which always is careful to publish only what the Editor believes to be the truth. No. 2 is from a small local paper. No. 3 a cutting from your own paper.
Often when my thoughts revert to the old days I spent in Runnels it has flashed upon my mind that some pioneer in the county should write a series of articles to your paper, describing West Texas as it was 35 or more years ago. A book would even be better. Might I suggest that you approach Judge Guion regarding it. His intelligence and vast store of information on the land and its people would make such a task comparatively easy. He also must

on many occasions have had long conversations with the late Rich Coffee and other old settlers, who remembered the time when the redman and the buffalo roamed over the praries. Of course there may be many others living in Runnels equally well suited for such a literary effort. I only mention Judge Guion's name, as I know him to be an able man and I was personally acquainted with him. Certainly some record of that period of Runnels County's history should be handed down to future generations.
Wishing the Banner-Ledger and its worthy editor much success and Runnels County the greatest prosperity. With apologies for having written to you at such length. I remain, yours respectfully,
GEO. B. WILSON.
Mrs. W. L. Turner and children of Lamesa, Texas, came in Monday night on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ganneway, for a few weeks.
E. A. Jeanes, the produce dealer,

er, left Wednesday morning for Coleman and Santa Anna to look after his branch houses a few days.
C. C. Hallman of the Marie country was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday and divided his cash with the Ledger on subscription.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halfman, and Aug. Halfman, of the Olfm country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.
C. R. Stevens and R. G. Erwin left Tuesday afternoon for the Schultz ranch on the Rio Grande river, where they will spend ten days on a hunt and recreating. Mrs. Stevens accompanied them and will visit at Hutto, and Waco during Mr. Stevens absence.
Kelsey Wylie came down from San Angelo Tuesday morning, and was the guest of friends and relatives while looking after business.

AUSTRIANS DEFEATED; 15000 ARE CAPTURED?

NISH, Dec. 10.—In what is styled by the Servian war office as being the greatest victory since the war began, the Servians triumphed over the Austrians near the frontier. It is claimed by the local war office that 15,000 Austrians were either killed or wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young of the Crews country, were trading in Ballinger Thursday.

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A Holiday Stock that is First in Variety and Fairest in Price

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¶ **Our Libby Cut Glass is Beautiful, Our Hawke's Cut Glass will please you.**

Our Line of Ivory can not be excelled in the West.

Remember, we are going to be very LIBERAL in our prices.

Come in early and get first choice in our Goods. Don't wait until our line is broken, it only makes your task of buying what you want, HARDER

ASA CORDILL, The Jeweler

ITALIAN PREMIRE WORKING FOR HIS COUNTRY'S BEHALF

DOMODOSSOLA, (ITALIAN FRONTIER) Nov. 3. (By Mail to New York).—With a thoroughly and unanimously homogenous cabinet, for the first time since the outbreak of the present European war, Premier Salandra is today working feverishly for Italy's ultimate participation in the great conflict.

"Armed neutrality, with 1,000,000 men mobilized, to the end that Italy does not lose any rights or advantages accruing to her by reason of her neutrality." This is Italy's present motto.

Reduced to their maximum terms "Italy's advantages and rights accruing to her by reason of her neutrality," means the redemption of the two Italian provinces of Trieste and Trent—Italy's "Alsace and Lorraine"—and the permanent occupation of Vallona on the Adriatic.

Reduced to their maximum terms, these "rights and advantages" Italy will have the solid support of the Triple Entente. That has been officially assured. It was assured even before England consented to supply Italy with coal and other necessities while the war is in progress.

In the event of the success of the Triple Entente, it is already an established fact that the three powers will not allow any portion of the Adriatic coast to remain in the hands of Austria, which might eventually, either through treaty right, the unification of Austria and Germany, or other means, afford Germany a port on the Adriatic. The only other countries to whom this can go are Serbia and Italy, and Italy does not propose that Serbia get all.

Although, as a matter of fact, this was the policy of Premier Salandra from the beginning of the war, a lack of harmony in his cabinet made it impossible for him to work effectively to that end. First of all, the late Marchese de San Giuliano, minister of foreign affairs, was one of the greatest supporters of Italy's al-

liance with Germany and Austria. He sincerely and conscientiously believed that Italy could not turn against them. Under the strain of the fight when he managed to keep up for two months, he died. Premier Salandra took over his portfolio for the time.

Another obstacle in Premier Salandra's first cabinet, was General Grandi, minister of war. The chief of staff of the army, declaring Italy utterly unprepared for war, demanded immense sums for immediate preparation. These Premier Salandra succeeding in getting, but these sums Minister of War Grandi declined to spend. Finally he resigned. General Zuppelli, fully in sympathy with the premier's views, was then substituted.

But still another obstacle developed in the cabinet. The \$200,000,000 which Premier and War Ministers of Finance Rubini was willing to give, but only on condition that it was approved in the usual bureaucratic way by a bill through parliament. Salandra insisted that the exceptional crisis warranted the exceptional measures he insisted upon. Rubini, still objecting, resigned. The resignations of the entire cabinet were presented at the same time.

The King Victor Emanuel, evidently also in sympathy with the views of Premier Salandra, charged him to form a new cabinet. This Salandra did and now for the first time since the outbreak of the war he is entirely surrounded with colleagues in sympathy with his views that Italy cannot afford to see the map of Europe readjusted without realization, at least in part, of her dreams of the past 50 years.

Salandra now has at his disposal the \$200,000,000 necessary for Italy's thorough preparation. The press of Italy is also demanding that the mobilization be increased to 1,000,000. In general, however it is not believed this will be done until the actual moment when it is up to Italy to take possession of the provinces she desires—the provinces that have been openly offered her by Russia and England—and hold them if necessary by force.

Italy at the present time has 500,000 men under arms. These form the nucleus of all the units that would be engaged in a war calling for her full mobilization.

They have already completed every detail of the organization so that the final call to arms merely means the filling out numerically of these units already on a basis for war. For that reason further mobilization at the present time would only mean additional expense without any advantage.

In any event, Italy considers herself ready from now on and she will be fully prepared, fully organized and ready to act when the psychological moment arrives.

SANITARY MEAT MARKET.

"We have our place of business in a perfect sanitary condition, and in compliance with the pure food laws of the State, have just built a perfectly sanitary slaughter house, complete in every respect, and will keep it in splendid shape at all times.

We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, and will always supply you with the best the market affords. We will appreciate your patronage.

CITY MEAT MARKET,
Phone 185.
Stanley Cameron, Prop.

OREGON CONFERENCE OPENS SESSIONS

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 10.—Called for the purpose of hearing reports of committees that have, since their appointment at the regular session held last May, been considering the unemployment situation, greater economy and efficiency in state administration, and the possibility, financially, of developing and fostering more extensive use of electricity in the every day needs of the home, factory and farm through the creation of hydro-electric districts, a special meeting of the Oregon Commonwealth Conference was opened here today. The conference will continue over Saturday and the time will be spent in the discussion of the three committees.

On Saturday committees will be appointed each of which will draft the recommendations of the conference upon its special problem and will submit these recommendations to the proper committee in the Oregon legislature which convenes in January.

Mrs. W. P. Jones of the Valley creek country, was shopping in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

ILLINOIS WOMEN PLANS LEGISLATION

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A three day conference of Illinois women to formulate a tentative program of legislation in the interests of women of the state, opened in the Congress hotel today with indications that the attendance would exceed 1,000. The conference was called at the suggestion of Lieutenant-Governor Barratt O'Hara, head of the Illinois senate welfare commission, whose activities in investigating the causes of vice aroused national interest eighteen months ago.

"The delegates represent women of all classes from the wife of the millionaire who studies civics as a matter of culture and humanitarianism to the working girl who has been forced by necessity to solve problems of existence," said O'Hara. "The best thought of the womanhood of Illinois is represented here today. If the Illinois legislature adopts the program laid out here it will place Illinois in the van of all states in progressive action for the benefit of women and girls.

"The more important subjects to be considered at the conference are: a minimum wage law for women, maximum work day of perhaps eight hours, vocational education, and abolition of the system of finding girl vice victims."

"I believe this conference marks the beginning of a new era in Illinois when office-holders, instead of passing laws that suit themselves will be advised by conferences of this kind."

GODFREY MASSEY BUYING STEERS

Godfrey Massey, who recently returned from Ireland, where he had been for the past two years, was in Ballinger Thursday en route to his ranch in Concho county from a trip to Ft. Chadbourne and the Western part of this county. Mr. Massey had been to the Odom ranch, where he purchased 150 head of steers, and also purchased about 65 head from Jake Stubblefield, of Norton. The steers will be placed on the Massey ranch, and later put on feed.

SUGGESTS THAT OLD JUDGES BE OSTRACIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Following the policy of Supreme Court Justice McReynolds, his predecessor, Attorney General Gregory recommended in his first annual report, published today, that federal judges over 70 years of age be "ostracized"—in the compulsory retirement route. While recognizing the constitutional rights of judges to life tenure during good behavior, Gregory held that if superannuated justices fail to retire at 70 another younger judge should be appointed to take active charge of his court.

"This will insure at all times the presence of a judge sufficiently active to discharge promptly and adequately the duties of the court," said Gregory.

A recommendation, aimed chiefly at railroads controlling coal companies, was presented by Gregory for amendment of the "commodities clause" act. He said that even if the argument wins its test suit against the D. L. & W. railroad and its subsidiary coal company, the act will fall short of its purpose. His proposed amendment would prohibit railroads from transporting in interstate commerce articles which they manufacture or produce, or which are manufactured or produced by any corporation they control, or having the same directors.

The report pointed out that while it is a crime to assault a federal officer engaged in serving process, it is no crime to kill him. Because of this anomalous situation Gregory asked Congress to amend the law regarding interference with federal officers.

Hoping that the District of Columbia juvenile court may have model laws, Gregory recommended

change of the local code.

Gregory also urged passage of a law giving broader search powers to federal officers seeking evidence against advertising swindlers whom he said, "worked great hardships upon the credulous poor."

Other recommendations were: "Legislation empowering any grand jury called in district to investigate any crimes committed in any division of that district; limitation of exorbitant attorney's fees in bankruptcy cases; construction of a new Departmental building.

Concerning pending criminal charges in the New Haven case, the Attorney General said, "It must be borne in mind that the federal government can institute prosecutions in this case only in respect to transactions involving restraints of trade or attempted monopoly. It has no power to institute proceedings for punishment of those responsible for the financial irregularities were committed, improvident or dishonest management of the financial affairs of a railroad company, created by a state, were an offense only against the state and not the federal law."

The report noted 435 indictments, 357 convictions, 53 acquittals, and 46 discontinuances under the white slave law during the last year.

Heavy work in anti-trust investigations and prosecutions was also reported. Gregory stated that violations of the bankruptcy act have become so numerous and flagrant that the department has been forced to give them special attention.

Notice to Teachers of

Runnels County
Through mistake the price of "Charter's Teaching the Common Branches" was quoted in the Institute Program at \$1.00 when it should have been \$1.35. This book may be had at this price from Pearce's Drug Store, Ballinger, or Southern School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas.

W. W. WOOTEN
County Superintendent.

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Mrs. W. A. Schumann, and little son, came down from Rowena Thursday morning and was the guest of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, while doing some shopping.



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THE ONE PRICE STORE. Where The Rich and Poor are Treated Alike



HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.'S GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE

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What This Sale Means To You

A floor space 60x140 feet or 8400 square feet filled to overflowing with over sixty thousand dollar stock of select merchandise that money and experience could assemble under one roof gathered from the best markets in the country and all offered at material price reductions — not for one day—but until the close of business Christmas Eve. Coming at a time, as it does, when most merchants are reaping a bountiful harvest of profits, it offers you the opportunity to enjoy most substantial savings on everything to clothe the entire family. This is a sale that is different from the usual run of sales. It is not an "Odd Lot" and "BROKEN ASSORTMENT" Sale of undesirable merchandise but a sale comprising Fresh, New and Dependable Merchandise. Come and Profit.

There is no place like Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. for value. No such stocks elsewhere

THE CHRISTMAS STORE BEAUTIFUL

Your Christmas Store is now ready to help you with the gift problem

Everywhere holiday goods are given prominence. Throughout the house there is spread a wonderful diversity of gifts things practical and dependable gifts for Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Son or Daughter at money saving prices. Come early while stock is still complete. Bring the children to Toyland. Candy and apples will be distributed to the children. SATURDAY AFTERNOON from two thirty until three thirty. BRING THE CHILDREN TO TOYLAND.

A PHENOMENAL BUSINESS This Store has enjoyed this season and we are thankful despite the low price of cotton, the unusual warm and wet weather our sales have grown by leaps and bounds. For instance compare sales with September, October and November of last year. The September sales show a gain of 10 per cent, the October sales show a gain of 60 per cent, the November sales show a gain of 65 per cent and December promises to have a phenomenal gain of 100 per cent. Ask yourself the reason why?

Saturday Hundreds Will Start to Higdon-Melton Jackson Co.'s

to buy their needfuls and do their Christmas Shopping You too should be among that throng of Shrewd Shoppers whether you have much or little to spend, the saving will be worth while. Come and see for yourself—we assure you that you will find here the largest varieties and best values in town. Don't miss this, the greatest saving opportunity of the entire year.

TOYLAND

Is ablaze with bargains—bring the children and let them see what old Santa Claus has in store for the good children of Ballinger and surrounding country.

Come

How many little girls would like a nice big DOLL FREE

Read On—It Tells How to Get One. The popular little girl, age from 3 to 10 in Ballinger or rural district, will receive this doll. The decision will be determined by the one getting the highest number of votes. Every 25c purchase means 5 votes for her. See Window Display.

READY-TO-WEAR

General Sale of ready-to-wear continued. The prices drop lower. Including all suits, dresses, cloaks and wraps.

SUITS All ladies' suits that sold at \$10.00, \$12.50 and up to \$13.50 Christmas special **\$7.45**

SUITS All ladies' suits that sold at \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$17.50 choice entire lots **\$12.45**

Suits that originally sold up to \$22.50 and many beautiful suits in this lot, and the very best styles in serge, ripple and broadcloth material finish Clean up price **\$14.95**

MILLINERY

Home Stretch Holiday Sale in Millinery All Must Go

READ AND PROFIT Every shape in the house goes at half price and less All Children's Hats at One-Half Price

Extra 1 Lot, 25 Pattern Hats Values \$10.00, \$12.50, and up to \$15 to close at **\$4.95** Other Hats at One-Half Price and Less

Great are the Savings on Cotton Goods

36 inch brown domestic, worth 7 1-2c the yard **5c**
20 yards dress gingham \$1 worth 8 1-3c the yd. **5c**
20 yards check gingham \$1 worth 7 1-2c the yard **5c**
Best grade cotton checks worth 9c the yard **7c**
Indian Head canton flannel worth 12c the yard **7c**

Blankets and Quilts

10-4 gray blankets full size, only **98c**
10-4 grey blankets worth \$1.75 only **\$1.19**
\$2.50 and \$2.95 full size blankets **\$1.95**
1 lot \$1.25 quilts single size, only **90c**

All wool blankets and down quilts reduced.

Slaughter Prices on Men's and Boys' Fine Suits and Overcoats

Every Suit in Our Stock for Men and Boys to be Closed out at Radical Reductions

Men's Suits, value up to \$12.50, Slaughter Price \$ 8.95

Men's Suits, value up to \$18.00 Slaughter Price 12.95

Men's Suits, value up to \$25.00 Slaughter Price 17.95

Bonafide reductions, genuine in every respect,

Boys' Suit Specials

1 Lot Boys' Double-Breasted Suits, latest styles, ages 8 to 16 years, positively cheap at \$3.50, Xmas Special Price

\$2.50

Extra Christmas Specials

Men's heavy all wool overshirts values up to \$2.50 at only **\$1.49**

Heavy fleeced undershirts 50c values **43c**

75 men's sweaters to close out at only **43c**

200 men's corduroy pants at only **\$1.49**

1 lot of men's Big Four hats white and black \$5.00 values Xmas special at only **\$2.95**

1 lot \$10.00 ulster 50 inch overcoats at **\$5.95**

SHOES For The Entire Family

\$10,000 Stock Here to Select From

Howard & Foster Eamous \$4.50 Shoes worth 5.00 now going at **\$3.99**

100 pairs of men's Tan and Black work shoes, best values at \$3.00 the pair, special price **2.65**

75 Pairs of Men's Lace and Shop-Made Boots, easily worth \$8.50, real values at \$7.50, Choice **6.98**

100 Women's Shoes, sizes, 2 1-2 to 4, a few 5s— values up to \$4.00, now going at **2.50**

Wickert & Gardner make, very special at \$5.00. 100 pair of best style at \$4.25.

Unusual Xmas Price \$3.99

175 pairs of Ladies' all-leather shoes, plain and cap toe the Pair **\$1.50**

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., "The Store Ahead"

Ballinger, Lampasas, Teague

THE BANNER-LEDGER

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1914.

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CARLOAD MOON BROS. BUGGIES, PHEATONS AND SURRIES just placed on exhibition at our store

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

BALLINGER SCHOOLS THE BEST; BUILDING DANGEROUS TO LIFE

In company with Scott H. Mack, president of the school board of the Ballinger Independent District, the writer had the pleasure of visiting the central and high school buildings Friday morning.

We found the teachers and several hundred school children working under disadvantages, but notwithstanding doing splendid work. We were particularly impressed with the good order maintained in all the rooms, and the splendid discipline carried out throughout the entire school.

We first visited the high school and the last room visited was the primary. Our attention was attracted by the crowded condition of the rooms in the primary, or lower grades, while in the high school the enrollment is light. The fact that more than one-half of the children drop out of school before they reach the high school grade was impressed upon us.

In one room that we visited there are two more pupils enrolled than there are seats in the room, and when the full enrollment is present temporary seats

are provided, and the children are not provided with desks. In another room we found every seat occupied.

In the high school building the rooms are heated by steam, and the building is provided with all conveniences and is sanitary throughout. But it is said to be the shame of the patrons of the school the central school building is unsightly, unsanitary, inconvenient, unsafe and a disgrace to the town. One would not judge this to be the case from outside appearance, but a visit to the school and an inspection of the rooms will cause the patrons of the school to feel for the safety and comfort of their children.

This building was not properly constructed to begin with. It has stood for many years with its wooden partitions and ceilings. The windows are small and afford a poor light. Water flowing in from the poorly constructed roof and cornice has damaged the walls, is causing the ceiling to break, and left the interior of the building unsightly.

The teachers and pupils are greatly handicapped in their work in this building. The building is heated by stoves, and the exit to the building is such, that notwithstanding the splendid discipline, it would be difficult to get the children out of the building.

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JOHN A. LOOMIS SELLS RANCH FOR \$285,000.00

The largest land deal made in this section of the state in several years was closed this week when Jno. A. Loomis, of Concho county, transferred 13,000 acres of land located in Concho county to R. F. Scott, of Paris, Texas, for a consideration of \$285,000.00.

This is one of the best known ranches in Central West Texas, and is a fine body of land. Over 4000 acres is in a high state of cultivation, and at present there is 2500 acres sown down in grain.

In the deal Mr. Loomis gets a large hotel and business building located in Muskogee, Oklahoma, at a valuation of \$150,000, and the remainder of the purchase price of the ranch was paid in cash. The building taken in on the deal by Mr. Loomis brings rentals amounting to \$600 per month.

The price paid by Mr. Scott for the Loomis land figures about \$275,000 and live stock and other items included in the deal runs the total consideration to \$285,000.

The deal was made through Lee Maddox, who has been working on the proposition for some time, and Mr. Maddox returned from the Loomis ranch Friday and reported that all papers had been examined and that the deal had been closed.

The new owner of the ranch will stock the ranch and devote it to growing high-grade stock for market. He shipped \$44,000 worth of high-grade steers from Oklahoma to the ranch this week and placed them on grass, and expects to carry them through the winter on the large grain field.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT

D. Reeder has just closed the lease for the J. F. Currie building next to the Hub Store on Hutchings Avenue, and will begin at once to put in a modern up-to-date store building, cement floors, reinforced concrete and steel blocks and when completed will be one of the nicest and most popular places of business in the city. Mr. Reeder is one of Ballinger's foremost business men, always in the front ranks of progress and when he gets moved into his new place of business will be in shape to display his large stock to splendid advantage and will give to the trade of this section a modern store of everything in his line. He hopes to be in his new place about the first of next March. The work of remodeling will begin at once.

A MONSTER BEET

J. L. King of the Thompson-Casey section east of the city, brought into C. A. Doose's office Saturday a monster beet raised on his place this year.

The beet has 6 or 8 different heads and weighed 38 pounds. All Runnels county land needs to grow the biggest and best in everything, is the rains, and they are coming again this season the same as last fall.

W. S. Davis of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

TWO VACANCIES

IN BOARD FILLED

At a directors meeting of the Young Men's Business League held late Friday afternoon, two vacancies were acted upon by the body. John A. Weeks was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Paul Trimmier, Jo Wilmeth was named by the body to fill the place made vacant by the resignation due to his removal to Fort Worth from this city, of Judge J. B. Wade.

The following directors were present at the meeting: President C. A. Doose, Victor Miller and Harry C. Gardner. The new board will meet after the annual banquet next Friday night.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

C. A. Doose has on exhibition in his office a bunch of volunteer oats that is headed out and well matured which is a new departure in the grain world as he says he never saw the like before. The oat crop the past summer on R. W. Tendall's farm 12 miles north east of Ballinger and this bunch is from this year's volunteer crop and is something marvelous. But you can never tell what the rich bands of Runnels county will do with seasonable rains.

AGED LADY VICTIM OF SOMNAMBULISM

Clad in her night clothing, with a pair of delicate house slippers on her feet and a little shawl casually thrown over her head and shoulders, Mrs. J. F. Thomson walked from her bed room and out into the cold at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Penn, Thursday night while asleep.

At present Mrs. Thomson is making her home with Mrs. Penn and occupies a room with Mrs. Penn and other members of the family, in which there are two beds. It is not known exactly what time Mrs. Thomson left her room, but it was shortly after two o'clock that Mrs. Penn awoke and found her mother missing from her bed, and after searching about the house Mrs. Penn became alarmed and notified others of her mother's disappearance. Neighbors were called on to join in the search and the fire alarm was turned in and many citizens responded to the call for help.

For about three hours Mrs. Thomson walked in her sleep, and despite the fact that many were searching for her, and the telephone was in almost constant use spreading the news of her disappearance over the town, no trace was found of her until she was seen by Mrs. Jack Bingham as she passed the Bingham home in South Ballinger, nearly a mile from town and more than a mile from the Penn home. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham had been awakened by the alarm and Mrs. Bingham looking out the window saw a lady dressed in a white garment going up the road in the opposite direction from town. Mr. Bingham hurriedly dressed himself and overtaking Mrs. Thomson carried her into his home where she was given attention, and the news that she had been found was given by the sounding of the fire alarm. It was near five o'clock when Mrs. Thomson was carried into the Bingham home, making three hours during which time she was out in the coldest weather experienced here this season, and which was cold enough to cause ice almost an inch thick to form over water, and which left a hard crust on the ground.

When found Mrs. Thomson was carrying her slippers in her hand. She was soon made to understand that she was in the hands of friends, and did not appear to be excited but little. She told of her experience out in the cold and her travel which seemed to have been to a great extent a dream. She remembered passing by where there were many bales of cotton, and it is supposed that she must have either passed the cotton yard or the compress. She also told of crossing the railroad and said that she fell down on the rain road. She stated that when she crossed the Colorado bridge she thought she was coming towards town.

Mrs. Thomson is near seventy years old, and is a frail lady, but notwithstanding this she has suf-

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger public schools held last night, two vacancies in the board were filled and a new depository for funds was selected.

J. W. Clampitt was selected as trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jo Wilmeth, and Mr. Wilmeth was in turn chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge J. B. Wade, who will move the first of next week to Ft. Worth.

The Ballinger State Bank was made the new depository for the funds of the schools.

In all probability \$5,000 worth of school bonds will be retired next February, according to statements made by members of the board today. The matter has not been fully acted upon, but the common opinion is that that amount will be retired within the next sixty days.

At the meeting last night, a new janitor was selected for the Central and High schools, the same man officiating at both these schools. Gene Richardson was chosen to replace J. D. Haden, who resigned to again take up landscape gardening with the Santa Fe. Mr. Haden, it is understood, will again become gardener at the Ballinger Santa Fe park. His resignation is effective immediately.

EXPRESS BUSINESS SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Express Agent Stokes says that in balancing his books for November, the month just closed, a nice gain in business is shown over the same month for last year. The same was true for the month of October.

In dollars and cents Mr. Stokes says that for the last month the gain amounted to \$400 over November 1913, and an equal amount was gained for the month of October of this year over October last year.

This gain is due to the increase in every line of business, and what has been said of the express business is true with all lines of business, with few exceptions.

J. W. Carr of Coke county, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday.

ferred no serious consequences from her somnambulist experience. Aside from injury to her feet she is reported to be getting along nicely today.

This is the first time that Mrs. Thomson has been known to walk in her sleep, and it is the most remarkable case of somnambulism in the history of Ballinger.

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RED CROSS SEALS NOT YOUNG LADY FOR WAR SUFFERERS NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH IN RUNAWAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—None of the proceeds from the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals which are being sold widely throughout the United States for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis movement will be used for war relief purposes, according to a statement issued today by Ernest P. Bicknell, National Director of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Bicknell says: "The American Red Cross is deeply appreciative of the sympathetic interest which has inspired the suggestion from various parts of the United States, that a certain percentage of the Red Cross Sales Fund which has been used for the last six years exclusively for the prevention of tuberculosis in the United States, be expended this year to aid the European war sufferers. While the Red Cross is trying very hard to raise a large war relief fund and is anxious to secure contributions that will increase this fund, we do not feel justified in adopting any policy which will tend to cripple the tuberculosis work in this country which is dependent for its support to so large an extent on the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. The announcement that a percentage of the Red Cross Seal money would go to our war relief fund might possibly increase the sale, but in our opinion, the final results would show a distinct loss in that part of the proceeds going for tuberculosis work."

"At the present time there are over one thousand anti-tuberculosis societies distributed over nearly every state in the Union, and even in Vera Cruz, the Canal Zone and far off Hawaii, which are dependent almost entirely upon the receipts from the Red Cross Seal sale for their work during the year 1915. The people of the United States must support this local war against tuberculosis, which annually kills 200,000 people, and at the present time is leaving a trail of a million wounded."

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; Herbine is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

SCHOOL BOARD WILL RETIRE BONDS

In making mention of the meeting of the school board of the Ballinger Independent District last Saturday, we stated that the board was discussing the advisability of retiring \$5,000 worth of bonds. We should have stated that the bonds would be retired. The board passed favorably on retiring the bonds, and the matter was made a matter of record and placed upon the minutes. This will reduce the indebtedness against the district \$5,000.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McKinney Tuesday morning. Mrs. McKinney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harmon. We are glad to report that the mother is getting along nicely, and the new arrival seems to be well pleased with Ballinger.

Dashing down Hutchings Ave., about three-thirty Tuesday afternoon, the Higgingotham, Currie, Williams Co., double team hitched to a delivery wagon, created much excitement and came near costing the life of a young lady who was seated in her buggy in front of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack Stokes.

The team started when the driver in some way let one of the lines slip out of his hands while driving down Hutchings Ave., near the oil mill. The team first struck a wagon loaded with cotton in front of the Ledger office. The team turned at such an angle that it did not stop them. The cotton wagon was badly crippled and W. B. Ray who was sampling a bale of cotton on the wagon at the time was knocked off, but not injured.

Miss Holton, the daughter of P. P. Holton was seated in her buggy in front of the store of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, and was ready to leave for her home south of town, when the team ran into her buggy, demolishing the buggy and entangling Miss Holton in the wreck in such a manner that escape from death seems almost a miracle. The young lady was removed from the wreckage with her clothing badly torn, and badly righted. It was at first thought that she was seriously injured, but she sustained only a few scratches and light bruises.

The team fell after striking Miss Holton's buggy.

This is the first runaway to amount to anything in some time, and as the streets were crowded with vehicles and people at the time it is very fortunate that others were not hurt.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"The Magic Washing Stick is just fine. It did just what you said it would do and the clothes were so nice and white with all that hard rubbing left off," writes Mrs. Sarah Goodale, Preston, Texas. The Magic Stick is not a soap nor a washing powder. Sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c, or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF RUNNELS COUNTY

I wish to announce that we are now ready to open our club list for another year's contest in the Feterita, Kaffir, Maize, Corn, Cotton Peanuts etc., I have received about fifty reports on club work while this does very well there should have been at least one hundred or even more, however we understand the method of doing things which will make it much easier for you. Several of the boys got prizes at the Agriculture Exhibit, and I am getting reports every few days from some boy who has sold his Feterita for \$10.00 or \$15.00 from sale of crop, and some have fed pigs and have gotten from \$18.00 to \$20.00 for them, and such as this is what helps the boy and girl to get a start in the world. And this is my greatest ambition to help the boys and girls help themselves. You know the way, and the how so come in and lets get busy.

I am very truly yours,
GEO. P. McLELLAND,
Agent

Keep it Handy for Rheumatism

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and raw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle to day.

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for any thing in leather goods, also shoe work and general repairing.
O. W. JOLLY, Mgr.

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G. H. Dierschke, of the Olin country, was in Ballinger Tuesday to meet his wife and children, who returned here Tuesday at noon en route home from Austin and Fayette county. While here Mr. Dierschke ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

To Our Country Friends
The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.
Special Attention to Hurried Calls.
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NOTICE
Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest, and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on
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Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.
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We have just thoroughly overhauled our entire gin plant and added new machinery and have just installed a new seed conveyor, and are doing good work and making splendid turn out. Give us a trial.
Highest price paid for remnants.
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STOLEN HORSES LOCATED AT ANGELO

By diligent and constant search and enquiry, Sheriff Perkins located the three horses that were stolen near Ballinger last week.

The horses were stolen on Friday night, Sunday night and Monday night, from W. H. Seerest, J. W. Pipkin, Ed Eubanks, all living in the same neighborhood.

A man by the name of McFadden, of San Angelo, was here Monday attending public sales day and overheard Sheriff Perkins talking to other parties about the horse and giving a description of the horses stolen, when McFadden informed Mr. Perkins that he purchased a horse from a negro at San Angelo last Wednesday that suited the description of the horses. Further investigation brought to light the fact that all three of the horses were sold at San Angelo by the same negro McFadden bought the Eubanks horse, and Jim Johnson of San Angelo bought the Seerest and Pipkin horses.

The stolen horses will be returned to their owners and within the next few days it is expected to have the negro in the lock up.

Mr. McFadden stated that he got the horse from the negro in a trade, and that the horse cost him \$38. He did not know what Mr. Johnson paid for the two he purchased. The negro told the parties buying the horses that he had been picking cotton over the country and had been trading horses and got these horses in a trade.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

ART SALE FOR THE RELIEF OF BELGIANS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Thousands of dollars is expected to be raised for the relief of families and dependents of French and Belgian artists, by the sale of art works, all donated by American painters and sculptors, which began here today. The auction sale will continue for eight days.

Sculptors, pictures and other decorative objects, all done by persons of recognized merit, comprise the offerings. Those who put in bids today took little risk, as no objects will be permitted to leave the Art Club until the last day, in expectation of a higher offer.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"The Magic Washing Stick is the finest thing in the world. Cleans the clothes without rubbing—makes the whitest clothes I've saw. I cannot do without it anymore. All you say is true, it does all you say it will. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. Hope every lady will try it," writes Mrs. W. F. Gammil Ashdown, Ark. This peculiar article is sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

One red steer, 2-year-old, branded J H. C. connected; one big red bull two-years-old, branded J. H. C. connected, J. M. CORDELL, Ballinger, Texas. 7-1td -1tw

T. A. Baekert, of the Wilmethe country, and Elo Micholes, of the Wingate country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

War or No War
We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.
No informal red tape proceedings. When you get your loans through us, we handle them right off the reel.
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can be maintained by adapting the right nourishment, and Nature's own oil in **Scott's Emulsion** has strengthened thousands of men and women to continue their work and usefulness for many years.

Scott's Emulsion is a food, a medicine and a tonic to keep the blood rich, avoid rheumatism and thwart nervous conditions. It is free from alcohol or harmful drugs. The best physicians prescribe it.

JERSEY COWS FOR FARMERS AT COST

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce have just disposed of a carload of Jersey cows at actual cost. The cows were purchased for the purpose of distributing among the farmers and they were sold to the farmers at just what they cost the Chamber of Commerce.

The Abilene boosters are pushing a campaign that will no doubt be a great help in creating a market for poultry and dairy products. The Chamber of Commerce have had painted and placed at the prominent road crossings on all roads leading into Abilene seventy-five signs, about 2x3 feet, bearing the inscription: "Mr. Farmer, equip your farm with three dairy cows, two hundred chickens, two brood sows and be independent—miles to Abilene where you will find a market."

E. Shum, of the Maverick country came in Monday afternoon from San Angelo where he had been to attend a meeting of irrigation engineers.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHIT TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Preston Watson of Ballinger and Miss Ada Watson passed through Saturday en route to Bronte where they go to the bedside of their brother, Ben, who is ill there.—San Angelo Standard.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen
One sorrel horse, about eight years old, little mixed white in his face, four feet are all white, no brand, about 15 hands high. Was first missed Saturday morning. Five dollars reward for information leading to the recovery of the horse. Notify J. D. Perkins, sheriff, Runnels County, at Ballinger w2t

COTTON! Don't Sell Your Cotton at Present Prices
You can realize more money by shipping your cotton to us where it will be properly stored and insured against loss by fire and you can hold for higher prices. If you need money to pay off some of your obligations take out Bill Lading and draw on us for as much as you need no to exceed \$20.00 per bale. We have warehouse space for 20,000 bales cotton and until this number is reached we extend to you a helping hand. We make a customary charge of \$1.00 bale commission which includes weighing, classing, selling charges and one month's free storage and insurance. After first month fifteen cents per month storage, and in surance at current rates which is now ten cents bale month. Shipping tags furnished on request. Ship now before your cotton damages. Satisfactory sales and prompt returns can be relied on.

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Are you going to build a store, a house, a barn, a fence, or anything at any time in the near future? Take our advice and do it now. Lumber and other expenses will never be lower than they are now. See us about your lumber, lath, shingles, casings, cement, lime and anything else you need.
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"GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago. Gets-It" sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce, The Walker Drug Co. and City Drug Store.

14 CLEAR \$400 IN COTTON FIELDS IN PERIOD 3 MONTHS

ABILENE, Dec. 7.—Can a man with twelve children and a wife make money picking cotton in Central West Texas? That question has been heard many times and it has most of the time been answered in the affirmative. However, Morgan Jones, conductor, on the Abilene and Southern and nephew of Morgan Jones, Sr., owner of the Abilene and Southern, gives the details of a case which make the answer all the more in the affirmative.

Here's the story substantially as Mr. Jones related it:

"A man and his wife and a dozen children, the eldest eighteen years of age, boarded my train at a point in Jones county and travel ed south. They were en route to Abilene where they were to take the Texas and Pacific for Fort Worth, thence to their home at a point in Mississippi.

"During the course of the ride on my train the man informed me that the fourteen members of his family arrived in the Golden West of Texas last September, about the first part of the month. He secured a place to pick cotton for the family, working part of the time in Taylor and the other part in Jones Counties. Cotton prices were ranging around the 60 cents per hundred with board as a side inducement.

"Did this family make money? Well, I think so. They have remained here three months and just what they realized with an even dozen children—this man and his wife. The amount they swagged off with to spend in dear old Mississippi was \$400. They are now half way home and the children are getting all the good things from the train butcher, besides numerous promises for a Merry Christmas.

PROMINENT CITIZEN HERE.

Willie Brown, a prominent citizen of the Tenyson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday, and among other things said, Chas. M. Stanley, the irrigation man, has two outfits working out the levels and putting down the permanent stakes and getting the true levels between Bronte and Miles on his irrigation proposition and Mr. Brown says the prospects for the proposition grow brighter each day. When the work is completed the surveys will be made to each man's farm, and maps will be made showing exactly each farm that can be reached, showing the exact cost etc.

Mr. Brown feels sure the proposition will be a success and the farmers all along the line are better satisfied since this substantial evidence is being placed before them by Mr. Stanley.

Lame back may come from over work, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Williams and two children, of Norton passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives in Johnson county.

Mrs. J. A. Land, of Mbody, came in Tuesday on a visit to her daughter, rs. John Mansker and family a few weeks.

Sudan Seed

Proclaimed by A. & M. College and some of the seed houses as among the very best in the state. Nearly 100 percent cream-hulled.

Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed. Many planters and seed houses are advertising this seed at \$1.00 per pound.

I have what you want, at home at from 50c to 35c per pound. Every farmer should plant Sudan for pasturage and hay.

But—Be sure it is pure.
W. W. FOWLER, M. D.
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Mrs. M. T. Morgan and son, J. P who had been visiting their son and brother, John Morgan and family left Monday afternoon for Waco.

RUNNELS CO. SUPPLIED TURKEYS FOR ORPHANS

The children in Buckner's Orphan Home at Dallas were supplied with turkeys from Runnels County for their Thanksgiving dinner. The turkeys were contributed by different parties and through Rev. J. W. Elliott, field missionary for the Runnels County Baptist Association, shipped by express to Dallas.

Rev. Elliott states that on account of the bad weather that prevailed throughout the time the turkeys were to be delivered at Ballinger, that the number engaged was cut down, but twenty-one big fat gobblers were sent by express, and \$10.50 in cash to supplement the shipment with, and buy other turkeys or what ever was needed to make the Thanksgiving dinner complete.

The express company did not charge anything for transporting the turkeys to Dallas, and they were shipped by express as fast as they were assembled here.

This was a worthy work and Rev. Elliott deserves much credit for securing the turkeys and those who contributed should be made to feel good to know that they had a part in providing the Thanksgiving feast for several hundred orphan children.

Let me show you my cutter. Let me try it on your farm. Satisfaction guaranteed or no sale. Will cost less than a one row cutter and do three times the work and better. Home invention, home made. Place your order today, so your machine will be ready for you when you need it. L. S. EVANS, R-1-4 Ballinger, Texas. 20-4tw

FIRST PENSION ISSUED TO BALLINGER MAN.

AUSTIN, Dec. 7.—The drawer of the first pension warrant under the pension laws of the State of Texas is dead. This was the report received yesterday by the Comptroller's Department. Application No. 1 for a pension was made by J. M. Clendennen of Ballinger in 1899. The application was made from Anderson County and was the first to be approved under the pension law enactment.

He continued to draw a pension quarterly since 1899 until the one drawn on Nov. 30, 1914, when the warrant was returned to the Comptroller's Department with the notation "deceased" there on.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.

Win. Havenhill, of the Winters country, J. W. Tippett and John Hardigree, of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

A Nervous Wreck

Had No Desire To Live

Peruna Is A Tonic and Strength Builder So Says

Mrs. Frank Stroebe, R. F. D. 1, Appleton, Wis. Her letter reads: "I began using Peruna a few months ago when my health and strength were all gone, and I was unable to eat or rest properly, and felt no desire to live.

"Three bottles of Peruna made me look at life in a different light, as I began to regain my lost strength. While my recovery took nearly four months, at the end of that time I was better than I ever had been before. I had a splendid color and never weighed more in my life.

"I certainly think Peruna is without a rival as a tonic and strength builder, and it has my endorsement." Mr. Charles Brown, R. R. 4, Box 79, Rogersville, Tenn., writes: "I have tried many different remedies, but have found that Peruna is the greatest tonic on earth, and a perfect system builder."

S. U. COMMISSION SUBMITS REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States Commission on Industrial Relations today submitted to Congress its first annual report, covering the year beginning October 22, 1913, when the funds appropriated by Congress first became available.

The report presents an outline of the research and investigation work now under way and a summary of the testimony of more than 500 witnesses, including employers, workmen, trade unionists, economists, public officials and others, who have appeared before the commission at public hearings in various cities from New York to San Francisco.

No conclusions are stated by the commission and the report is intended to be merely a record of progress. Under the Act creating the commission the final report, containing conclusions and recommendations, will be submitted to Congress before next August. Probably the most interesting part of the report is the summary of testimony at the public hearings. These have been held in Washington, New York, Patterson, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Lead, South Dakota, Butte, Montana; Seattle, Portland, Oregon, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trasspass 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.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair. At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "How to Treat Women's" sent in plain wrapper. 1-cm

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, coated with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. A 60-CENT CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

R. R. Cogsdell, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon for the East to visit a few weeks.

W. O. Woods, of the Oxeen country, was transacting business in Ballinger first Monday.

THE GREAT DEFIANCE SALE

SALE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY, 12

On account of the low price of cotton and the unusually mild weather during the fall, we have that will move the goods, nothing reserved. This is to be the bargain event of the year--

Ladies' Shoes	
\$5.00 Red Cross Shoes at	\$3.85
\$4.50 Red Cross Shoes at	\$3.65
\$4.00 Red Cross Shoes at	\$3.40
\$3.50 Red Cross Shoes at	\$2.90
\$3.00 Red Cross Shoes at	\$2.45
\$2.50 Red Cross Shoes	\$1.90
\$2.25 Shoes at	\$1.75
\$2.00 Shoes at	\$1.50

Children's Shoes	
\$3.00 Shoes at	\$2.45
\$2.50 Shoes at	\$1.98
\$2.25 Shoes at	\$1.79
\$2.00 Shoes at	\$1.50
\$1.75 Shoes at	\$1.40
\$1.50 Shoes at	\$1.23
\$1.25 Shoes at	\$1.05
\$1.00 Shoes at	85c
75c Shoes at	60c
50c Shoes at	43c
Extraordinary values in odd lot shoes about 100 pairs \$3.50 to \$5.00 shoes at	90c
One table Children's Shoes, Tan, Patent and Gunmetal, values up to \$3.50, choice	\$1.40

Phoenix Silk Hose	
\$1.50 values Silk Hose at	\$1.23
\$1.00 values Silk Hose at	95c
75c values Silk Hose at	65c
50c Dixie Silk Hose at	43c

Notions	
25c William's Taleum Powder, per can	14c
15c Shaving Mirrors	11c
Hair Pins, at per package	1c
5c Pearl Buttons, 3 cards for	10c
20c Velvet Grip Garters	16c
10c Dress Cords, each	6c
25c Shinola Shoe Shine outfits	21c

Children's Hose	
CHILDREN'S TRADE BOOSTER HOSE 50 dozen, all new stock 15c quality, Sale price	11c

Ladies' Coats	
\$20.00 Values at	\$13.35
\$16.50	12.15
\$12.50 Values at	9.95
\$10.00 Values at	7.55
\$8.00 Value at	5.35
\$6.00 Values at	4.95
\$5.00 Values at	3.95

Children's Coats	
\$5.00 Values at	\$3.95
\$4.50 Values at	3.65
\$4.00 Values at	3.20
\$3.50 Values at	2.90
\$3.00 Values at	2.35

Warner's Rust-Proof Corsets	
\$2.50 Values at	1.95
\$5.00 Values at	\$3.95
\$3.00 Values at	2.40
\$2.00 Values at	1.58
\$1.75 Values at	1.45
\$1.50 Values at	1.23
\$1.00 Values at	85c

Brassiers	
75c Values at	48c
50c Values at	35c

Ladies' Sweaters	
\$8.00 Values at	\$4.50
\$5.00 Values at	3.25
\$4.00 Values at	2.75
\$3.00 Values at	2.15
\$2.50 Values at	1.65
\$1.50 Values at	1.15

Ladies' and Children's Knit Caps	
\$1.00 Values at	60c
50c Values at	35c
35c Values at	22c
25c Values at	18c

Dress Goods	
\$2.25 Dress Goods, at only	\$1.45
\$1.50 Dress Goods at only	1.15
\$1.25 Dress Goods at only	1.05
\$1.00 Dress Goods, at only	79c
75c Dress Goods at only	57c
50c Dress Goods at only	38c
35c Dress Goods at only	23c
25c Dress Goods at only	19c
20c Dress Goods at only	16c
15c Dress Goods at only	11c

Table Linen	
\$1.50 Values at only	\$1.20
\$1.25 Values at only	98c
\$1.00 Values at only	85c
75c Values at only	55c
50c Values at only	38c
35c Values at only	27c
25c Values at only	19c

Ladies' Gloves SIMMONS MAKE	
\$2.00 Values at only	\$1.58
\$1.75 Values at only	1.45
\$1.50 Values at only	1.28
\$1.25 Values at only	1.05
\$1.00 Values at only	85c
50c Values at only	42c
25c Values at only	18c

Ladies' and Children's Underwear	
\$2.50 Values at only	\$1.98
\$1.50 Values at only	1.20
\$1.25 Values at only	1.05
\$1.00 Values at only	85c
50c Values at only	43c
35c Values at only	23c
25c Values at only	19c

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To first 12 c purchases am will give as a

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A Beautiful Set--FREE.

Calico at 3 3-4 cts.

9-4 Peppell Sheet- ing at 19 cts

10-4 Pep- perell Sheet- ing at 23c

Extra Heat 10c Outing all Colors at 8 1-2 cts.

All 10c Gingham- s at 8 cts.

Cotton Checks 27 yds. \$

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SALE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH

have decided to place our immense stock of Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes on sale at prices -the sale you have been waiting for. Comparison of prices will be our best advertisement.

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Customers whose amount to \$25.00

MIUM
7 Piece Water

Our Choice

Cheviot at 8 1-2c yd.

Hope Domestic at 8 3-4c per yard

10c Ladies' Hose at 7 cts.

35c Ladies' Vests at 22 cts.

Boys 50c sweaters 39 cts.

Men's blue wash shirts 39 cts.

Men's Clothing

\$25.00 suits at	\$19.50
\$22.50 Suits at	16.70
\$20.00 Suits at	14.95
\$17.50 and \$18.00 Suits at	13.20
\$15.00 Suits at	10.90
ONE LOT MENS SUITS ALL SIZES, VALUES FROM \$12.50 to \$25.00	\$7.98
ONE TABLE MEN'S SUITS, SIZES 32 to 36 VALUES UP to \$12.50, CHOICE	\$2.75

Men's Pants

\$6.50 Values at	\$5.45
\$6.00 Values at	4.90
\$5.00 Values at	3.90
\$4.50 Values at	3.65
\$4.00 Values at	3.10
\$3.50 Values at	2.90
\$3.00 Values at	2.40
\$2.50 Values at	1.98
\$2.00 Values at	1.43
\$1.50 Values at	1.20

Boys' Suits

\$15.00 Values at	\$10.99
\$12.50 Values at	\$8.85
\$10.00 Values at	7.15
\$8.50 Values at	6.15
\$7.50 Values at	5.35
\$5.00 Values at	3.90
\$4.50 Values at	3.65
\$4.00 Values at	3.15

Men's Hosiery

50c hose at the pair	43c
25c Hose, at the pair	21c
20c hose at the pair	16c
15c hose, at the pair	11c
10c hose, at the pair	7c

For His Christmas

A full line of beautiful combination boxes sock, tie and handkerchief to match. All go at Sale Prices.

Men's Hats

\$7.50 Stetson Hats at	\$6.15
\$6.00 Stetson Hats at	\$4.85
\$5.00 Stetson Hats at	\$3.90
\$4.00 Stetson Hats at	\$3.40
\$3.50 Stetson Hats at	\$2.95
\$3.00 Hats at	\$2.45
\$2.50 Hats at	\$1.98
\$1.50 Hats at	\$1.20
\$1.00 Hats at	85c

Men's and Boy's Caps

\$1.50 Values at	\$1.15
\$1.25 Values at	95c
\$1.00 Values at	79c
75c Values at	48c
50c Values at	43c
35c Value at	27c
25c Values at	18c

Men's and Boys' Underwear

\$2.00 Values at	\$1.65
\$1.50 Values at	\$1.23
\$1.25 Values at	98c
\$1.00 Values at	85c
50c Values at	43c
35c Values at	23c
25c Values at	18c

Men's Gloves

\$2.50 Values at	\$1.98
\$2.00 Values at	\$1.63
\$1.75 Values at	\$1.43
\$1.50 Values at	\$1.23
\$1.00 Values at	73c
50c Values at	43c
25c Values at	21c
Men's \$6.00 Corduroy Coats, Sale price	4.95
Full line of Corduroy pants at Sale Prices.	

Men's Shoes

\$6.50 and \$7.00 Strong and Garfield	\$5.65
\$5.50 Regal shoe	\$4.55
\$5.00 Regal shoe	\$3.85
\$4.50 Regal shoe	\$3.65
\$4.00 Regal shoe	\$3.35
\$3.50 shoes	\$2.90
\$3.00 Shoes	\$2.45
Special lot Strong and Garfield \$6 and \$6.50 shoes to close out at	\$2.75
One lot \$4.00 and \$5.00 Regal shoes at	\$2.15

Men's Shirts

\$2.00 Arrow Shirts at	\$1.55
\$1.75 Arrow Shirts	\$1.40
\$1.50 Arrow Shirts at	\$1.23
\$1.25 Monarch Shirts	98c
\$1.00 Shirts at	79c
75c Shirts at	55c
50c Shirts at	39c

Men's Sweaters and Wool Shirts

\$4.00 Values at	\$3.20
\$3.50 Values at	2.86
\$3.00 Values at	2.45
\$2.50 Values at	1.98
\$2.00 Values at	1.55
\$1.50 Values at	1.20
\$1.25 Values at	98c
\$1.00 Values at	79c
50c Values at	39c

Trunks and Suit Cases

\$15.00 Values at	\$11.25
\$12.50 Values at	9.15
\$10.00 Values at	7.35
\$8.50 Values at	6.20
\$7.50 Values at	5.90
\$6.00 Values at	4.95
\$5.00 Values at	4.15
\$4.00 Values at	3.25
\$3.50 Values at	2.95

TH AT TEN O'CLOCK P. M.

REMEMBER THE DATE AND BE HERE EARLY

DRY GOODS CO.

Ballinger,
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The Trey O'Hearts

By

Louis Joseph Vance.

CHAPTER XXIX.

Jailbird.

The period of restraint in duration suffered by one Thomas Barcus in consequence of conduct riotous, unseemly, and in general projected to the public peace of the New Bedford waterfront at half-past four in the morning, proved in the upshot far more brief than had been fondly hoped, not only by his just judge, but, singularly enough, by the misdemeanant himself.

Taking everything gravely into consideration, including a person anything but prepossessing, the judge reckoned that, in default of a fine of one hundred dollars, a ten-day layup for repairs and repentance was not too much to mete out to the prisoner at the bar.

He was sentenced at 10 a. m. and it was little short of 10 p. m. when his post-prandial repose was disturbed by the rattle of a key in the lock of the door to his cell.

Sitting up, Mr. Barcus rubbed his eyes and combed his hair with his fingers.

"What did I tell you?" he observed resignedly. "It begins again already."

Conducted with every evidence of disesteem on the part of his jailers to the office of the warden, he was acquainted with the fact that his fine had been paid by no one less than the judge himself; then present in person and solicitous person.

"If only you had told me you were a friend of Mr. Digby's," the judge hastened to say as soon as the two were enclosed in the privacy of the judicial limousine. "I would have known better how to guide myself in this unfortunate affair."

"And if you will be good enough to indicate how else I may serve you?"

"Digby didn't offer any suggestions in his wire, I gather?"

"One moment: I have it here."

"Naturally I'd like a bath and a change of clothes," Barcus pursued while the judicial breast-pocket was being explored; "and I could do with transportation to New York by the first train out of this God-forsaken hole, and—"

"This is what Mr. Digby says," the judge interrupted, laboriously deciphering the message by the light of a match: "Please see to immediate release of one Thomas Barcus, probably in jail in your jurisdiction for rioting on waterfront this morning. Pay his fine and instruct him to report to me in New York at earliest feasible hour. Give him all the money he wants and look to me for remuneration—"

"Eh?" Barcus interrupted, sitting up smartly; "what's that last again?"

Patently the judge repeated the sentence from the message.

"Thanks. Please don't read farther. You might come to something that would spoil it. It's almost too beautiful as it stands," Barcus observed.

"Law owes me five thousand or so liquidated damages—but I'll be reasonable. Frisk this burg for a fifth of that sum before train time—and I promise to ask nothing more!"

His private comment was: "I've suspected that this was a fairy-tale all along. Now I know it!"

And this phase of incredulity persisted in coloring the complexion of his mind until the moment, some hours later, when the train connecting at Providence with the Midnight Express for New York pulled out of New Bedford bearing a transformed Barcus—almost impenetrably disguised in a

bath, a shave and a haircut, an outfit of clothing originally tailored for a gentleman of discriminating taste, but no whit less disguised in the sense of affluence that goes with the possession of one thousand dollars in cash.

Not until a sound night's sleep had topped off the beginning of his rest in jail did Barcus come down to earth.

He demonstrated his return to common sense by making a round breakfast in Grand Central station before looking up the residence of Digby in the telephone directory.

The information he gathered from the voice that answered the name of Mr. Digby over the telephone shook only momentarily Barcus' innate conviction that intimate acquaintance with battle, murder and sudden death was the inevitable reward of association with this friend of his heart.

"Alan being married to Rose Trine in Jersey City at this very minute!" he breathed skeptically as he emerged

from the booth memorizing the address of the alleged officiating clergyman. "I don't believe it; it's too sudden."

Forthwith he engaged a taxicab to convey him to Jersey City, at top speed, for an exorbitant reward.

And when, from the forward deck of a ferryboat, he beheld a dense volume of smoke advertising a conflagration on the Jersey shore, not far from the waterfront, he shook a moodily sagacious head.

"If Alan isn't mixed up in that, somehow," he declared, "he's missing a bet for once—and I'm a sorry failure as a prophet of woe and disaster!"

There was as much futuristic apprehension as humor responsible for this remark; witness the fact that, on landing, he risked the delay required to turn aside and have a look at the fire.

It proved to be situated in the heart of a squalid slum—a wretched tenement of the poorer class, whose roof had already fallen in and whose walls were momentarily threatening to go by the time Barcus arrived on the scene.

At a considerable distance from him a small disturbance had broken out—a clamor of protesting voices lifting about the rumor of the mob—as a number of men, case-hardened roughs one and all, began to force their way in a V-shaped wedge through the throng, making toward its very heart, the point on the fire-lines nearest the burning building.

What this meant, Mr. Barcus had not the slightest idea. But his attention was first distracted by the maneuver, then fixed by the face of a man who was following in the hollow of the V—an evil white face that seemed somewhat vaguely familiar, somehow reminiscent of something strange that had happened in the history of Mr. Barcus.

At the same time, at the point where the V had paused, a wild uproar lifted up and, coincidentally, a wilder confusion became noticeable. A cry was audible—"Firebug! Lynch him! Lynch him! Lynch the firebug!"—and at this the mob turned as one man and streamed away in pursuit of an invisible quarry, who chose to attempt his escape by a route directly opposite to that which would have led him within view of Mr. Barcus.

Startled, and of a sudden persuaded that there might have been more in his "hunch" than was sane to be credited, Barcus started up and was on the point of stepping out of his cab, if with a rather aimless purpose, when he was eyed by sight of that evil white face returning the way it had come—still in the hollow of the flying V, which now made faster progress, thanks to the disorganization of the mob by the chase of the alleged incendiary.

And now, Barcus saw, the man of the white face was not alone. There was someone with him—someone whose head was bent and face concealed, but who seemed to be feminine.

And so, Barcus argued, why might it not be Rose Trine, suffering new persecution at the hands of her unnatural father's creatures?

He was too far away to make sure and attempt any interference; but he pointed White Face out to his chauffeur as the V reached a touring car on the edge of the mob and the woman was lifted in (unresisting and apparently in a dead faint), and when the touring car swung round and picked up its heels, the taxicab of Mr. Barcus trailed it as unostentatiously as if it was a pertinacious shadow.

Ten minutes later, from the rear deck of a ferryboat in midstream—a boat bearing back to New York not only the touring car of White Face, but the cab of Mr. Barcus—the latter gentleman formed one of a small but interested audience witnessing an incident of uncommon character.

He saw a young man, hatless, coatless, almost shirtless, tear down to the edge of one of the Jersey wharves, his heels snapped at by a ravening rabble, jump aboard a square-rigged vessel which lay moored there, and execute a maneuver of despatch by climbing up the rigging in a hopeless attempt to escape his persecutors. They were too many for him, and what was worse they were headed by a squad of police apparently as grimly bent on compassing the destruction of their quarry as was the mob.

And they swarmed up the rigging after him without a moment's hesitation.

Hotly pressed, the fugitive climbed higher and still higher, until at length he gained the topmost yard; with three policemen not half a dozen feet below him and popping away for dear life, if haply with the notoriously poor marksmanship of policemen generally.

None the less, there was no telling when some accident might wing a bullet into the young man; and it was evident that he so decided.

For, juching out to the end of the yard, he waved his hand toward his persecutors with a gesture of light-hearted derision that unmistakably identified him as Alan Law to Mr. Barcus, and forthwith dropped to the water, feet foremost.

Alan later took the water neatly, came up uninjured and clearheaded, and without an instant's hesitation struck away toward the middle of the Hudson.

As this happened the police ran to the stern of the square-rigger, unmoored a dory that was riding there, and threw themselves into it.

During the (to Barcus, at least) breathless suspense of that chase, the ferryboat drew stolidly farther and still farther away from the scene. Barcus could not tell whether, as it seemed, the police-laden dory was real-

ly overhauling Alan, or whether the illusion of perspective deceived him.

All events, it seemed a frightfully near thing when the interruption befell which alone could have saved Alan.

Out of the very sky dropped a hydro-aeroplane, cutting the water with a long, graceful curve that brought it, almost at a standstill, directly to the head of the swimmer, and at the same time forced the police boat to sheer widely off in order to escape collision. Immediately the swimmer caught the pontoon of the hydro-aeroplane, pulled himself up out of the water, and clambered to the seat beside the aviator.

Before he was fairly seated the plane was swinging back into its fastest pace.

With the ease of a wild goose it left the water, mounted the long grade of an air lane, described a wide circle above the bluffs of Weehawken, and swept away southward.

In that quarter it was presently lost to the sight of Mr. Barcus, engulfed in light folds of haze that were creeping in from seawards to dim and tarnish the pristine brilliance of that day.

CHAPTER XXX.

Birdman.

About eight o'clock in the evening of the same day a motorcar deposited at the Hotel Monolith a gentleman whose weather-beaten and oil-stained motor-ing-cap and duster covered little clothing more than shirt and trousers and assorted oddly in the eyes of the desk-clerk with the rather meticulously turned-out guest known to him as Mr. Arthur Lawrence and to the management of the hotel as Mr. Alan Law in-cognito.

Eventually persuaded, the clerk yielded up the key to Mr. Lawrence's suite of rooms, together with two notes superscribed with the same nom-de-guerre.

Alan's impatience was so great that he could hardly wait to examine these



Shook Out a Trey of Hearts.

communications until he was quit of the public eye.

The first proved to be a characteristic conviction:

"Dear Ulysses—Thanks for the jail delivery. I got in this morning just in time to motor over to Jersey in hopes of seeing your finish as a bachelor; instead, I was favored by being made an involuntary witness to your spectacular ascent, following your almost equally spectacular high-dive."

"But to business: my time is limited; in half an hour more I am to double in black-face for the purposes of the author of this melodramatic farce which you, no doubt, call the history of your grande passion."

"I mean to say—well, several things, to-wit: When I saw you snatched out of the North river I was engaged in trailing a pale-faced villain in a motorcar concerning whom you probably know far more than I; he on his part was busy being a bold, bad kidnaper; Rose was in his power, as we say in such cases. His intentions, however, were nothing more blameworthy than to return her to the arms of her dotting parent. I know, because I sleuthed after 'em, even to the house of Seneca Trine. Later I sleuthed some more, following a furtive young man from the house of Trine to the office of the general manager of the New York Central, where he made arrangements for a special to convey the said Trine and retinue to Chicago and points West. It leaves at three this afternoon. I was unable to ascertain whether or not Rose is to participate in this hegra, but I know I shall. On the off-chance of being useful, I have bribed the train crew to let me impersonate the porter. So, should you be moved to follow and succeed in catching up with us, and observe anybody who looks rather off-color in the party—don't shoot: the said party will be me."

"Yours for the quiet life."

"TOM BARCUS."

The second note yielded a communication written on notepaper of the simplest elegance in a woman's hand—a hurried scrawl:

"They are taking me West by special train—I don't know where or why. A servant has promised to see that this reaches you. Save me!"

Over this Alan wrinkled an incredulous nose. The hand was the hand of Rose, but the phraseology was not in her spirit. He examined it more closely and thought to detect beneath its semblance of haste a deliberate and carefully guided pen. He picked up the envelope to compare the handwriting of the address with that of the enclosure—and shook out a Trey of Hearts.

This last was covered, as to its face, with a plainly-written message.

"With the compliments of Seneca Trine to Alan Law. We are due in Chicago at eleven tomorrow morning and leave immediately for the Pacific coast via Santa Fe route."

Comparison between this and the message purporting to be from Rose distilled the conviction that the same hand was responsible for both.

Alan shrugged. So he was to be lured away from New York and Rose by this transparent trick, was he? No fear!

He glanced at his watch, finding the hour far too early to attempt what he had in mind.

With plenty of time on his hands, he gave the matter serious consideration and concluded to take no chances: it was just possible that Trine had taken Rose with him on his western trip, after all. In such case the only possible way of overtaking the special would be by air line.

Promptly Alan called up the aviation fields at Hempstead Plains and got into communication with a gentleman answering to the surname of Coast: the same birdman who had come to Alan's rescue with his hydro-aeroplane.

Their arrangements were quickly consummated, Coast agreeing to wait for Alan with his biplane in Van Cortlandt park from midnight till daybreak, prepared if need be to undertake a transcontinental flight.

Thereafter Mr. Law proceeded to rehabilitate himself in decent clothing and his own esteem; after bathing, he dined alone in his rooms, from a tray;

ing in a chair outside a closed door had not fallen asleep and begun to snore until the moment when Alan set foot upon the lower step of that final ascent.

Turning the head of the stairs, Alan paused for a little, speculatively intent on this man who must somehow be disposed of before he might solve the secret of that shut and guarded door.

Aside from actual violence no solution offered to the puzzle—and violence was abruptly forced upon him.

No sound warned him of the door that opened at his back as he stood watching the sleeping guard. A piercing shriek was his first intimation he received that the presence had been discovered. It served as well to move him instantly into action: a single glance overshoulder showed him the figure of a maid-servant in cap and gown, her mouth still wide and full of sound—and Alan fell upon the guard like a thunderbolt. The man had barely time to jump up and recognize the alarm: then a fist caught him on the point of his jaw, and he returned promptly to deep unconsciousness.

No time now for qualms of compunction on account of the savage ruthlessness of that blow: no time even to search the fellow for a key to the closed door: already the maid was taking the stairs in full flight and cry, four steps and a howl like a warlock's to every jump.

Backing off, Alan took a short run, cleared the prostrate body of the guard with a leap, and flung himself full force against the door, his shoulder striking a point nearest the lock. With a splintering crash it broke inward. Without dignity or decorum he sprawled on all fours into the presence of Judith Trine.

"Poor Mr. Law!" she cried, with a mocking nod, "always disappointed! I'm so sorry—truly I am!"

"Oh, spare me your sarcasm," he begged resentfully. "It's ridiculous enough, this whole mad business—"

"But I am not sarcastic," she insisted with such sincerity that he opened his eyes in wonder. "Believe me, I am sorry for once it is I and not Rose whom you find locked up here! For, you see, I am locked up, by way of punishment—thanks to my having had pity on you once too often—while my father decamps mysteriously for parts unknown—"

"You don't know where he's gone, then?"

"Do you?" she asked sharply.

"In a general way. By special train to the West—"

"Taking Rose?"

"So I'm told."

The woman choked upon her anger, but quickly mastered it.

"He shall pay for this!" she asseverated.

"Your father? I wish him nothing more nor less than your enemy," Alan assured her civilly. "But since it seems that he has gone, and Rose with him, if you'll forgive me, I think I'll be going—"

"Alone?"

"That one word, uttered with all the significance that this woman knew so well how to infuse into her tone, checked him suspiciously on the threshold."

"Why—yes."

"You wouldn't care for a companion du voyage?" she suggested.

"Oh—really!" he protested.

She held up an arresting hand. "Listen!" she begged.

From the street below came the unmistakable rattle of a policeman's locust on the sidewalk.

"That damned maid," Alan divined thoughtfully.

"The same," Judith agreed with ominous calm. "Has it struck you that you may have some trouble getting away without my permission?"

"I'm not so stupid as not to have thought of that," he countered.

"Then be advised—and take me with you."

"In what capacity, please? As enemy or—ally?"

"As ally—you're right: we can't be friends—until we overtake that special train. After that, by your leave, I'll shift for myself."

"It's not such a bad notion," he reflected; "with you under my eye, you can't do much to interfere—"

"If I promise—" she suggested.

"I'll take your word," he agreed simply. "But you're in for a lot of hardship, I'm afraid. The one way to catch up with your father is by aeroplane—and I've got one waiting."

She nodded intently. "Don't consider me as a woman when it comes to hardship," she hinted obliquely.

"I've no reason to, going on what I know of you."

"Give me one minute to find my coat and hat."

In less than that time she was at his side in the hallway.

The police entered by the front door as the two crept out of the area window.

CHAPTER XXXI.

Via Air Line.

Not once in the course of the next sixteen hours but a thousand times Alan questioned (and, it will readily be allowed, with all excuses) his sanity in permitting himself to be influenced to humor Judith's insistence and make her a party to this wild aerial cross-country dash.

Between whiles the plane flew fast and high, cutting a direct line, as the crow flies, athwart the eastern and western states.

Chicago they raised as a smudge on the northern horizon about one o'clock in the afternoon; thereafter some little time was lost in descents to ascertain the identity of the many railroad lines that criss-crossed the swimming

landscape. Only at the third cast did they succeed in picking up the line of the Santa Fe. And it was some hours later, though still daylight, when they picked up the special train, flying like a bunting across the levels.

There was scant room for doubt that it was the train they sought. Specials are not common. Moreover Alan contrived with considerable difficulty to focus binoculars upon the rear platform of the car, and caught a fugitive glimpse of a white-coated figure with a black face that was watching the biplane in the same manner, that is, with glasses.

The man in the white coat, Alan assured himself, was positively Barcus. And hardly had he comforted himself with this assurance when his sardonic destiny struck the motor dumb.

In response to his look of dashed inquiry the aviator merely shook a weary head and muttered the words: "Engine trouble."

Swiftly the earth rose to receive the volplaning mechanism. Under Coast's admirable handling it settled down al-



Escape of Alan and Judith.

most without a jar, on the outskirts of a city whose name Alan never learned. For the biplane was barely at a standstill before he was out and, reeling with the giddiness that affects men after long flights, making his way as best he might toward the manager's office connected with a trainyard immediately adjacent to the spot where they had come to earth.

Lavish disbursements of money won him his way against official protests that what he demanded was an impossibility. Within twenty minutes, leaving Coast to follow on when and as best he might, Alan and Judith were spinning through open country in the cab of an engine running light, with only clear track between it and the special.

The several hours that ensued before the rear lights of the special were brought to view were none too many for the task imposed upon Alan of overcoming the scruples of the engineer and fireman.

Another minute, and less than fifty feet separated the two—the special train and the light engine, both hurtling through the light at top speed.

With a word to the engineer Alan crept out along the side of the boiler, with only a greasy handrail and a narrow foothold between himself and what meant death, or something closely resembling it, should he be shaken off by the tearing wind and the swaying of the locomotive.

It seemed an hour before he worked himself up to the cowcatcher—now within four feet of the rear platform of the special.

On this last he could see a woman's figure indistinctly silhouetted against the light through the door, and beside her a man in a white coat, clinging for dear life to the knob of the door—holding it against the frantic efforts of some persons inside to tear it open.

Another hour of suspense dragged out—or such was the effect—while the light engine with intolerable slowness bridged those four scant feet.

At length it was feasible to attempt the thing. Rose (she could see her strained white face quite plainly now) was half over the rail of the car ahead, ready to jump.

His heart failed him. It was too hazardous a risk. He dared not let her take it.

Something very like a shot sounded from the train and something very like a bullet whistled past his cheek, and proved the signal for several more.

Strangely, that knowledge steadied his nerves. Straining forward and holding on to a bar so hot that it scorched his palm, he offered a hand to the girl on the rail.

Her hand fell confidently into it. She jumped. His arm wound round her as she landed on the platform of the cowcatcher. He heard her breathe his name, then hurriedly passed her between himself and the boiler to the footway at the side. The fireman was waiting there to help her. Alan turned his attention to Barcus.

To his dismay he found that the engine was losing ground. The space was widening rapidly as Barcus released the knob and threw himself over the rail.

By a miraculous, flying leap, the man accomplished that incredible feat and gained the platform.

An instant later ten feet separated the engine from the special, as the engineer applied the brakes.

And this he did none too soon: for at the same time Marrophat and another appeared on the rear platform and opened a hot, but, thanks to the widening distance, ineffectual fire.

The engine ground slowly to a halt as the rear lights of the special train swept from sight round a bend

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Ballinger Bootlegger Arrested at Rochester But He Escapes Again

Sheriff J. D. Perkins was made to feel good Monday afternoon when he received a phone message from Haskell informing him that the man Baker, charged with bootlegging in Rannels County, and who broke jail here about two weeks ago, had been arrested and was in the hands of the officers at that place. But Sheriff Perkins received another message about nine o'clock Monday night from the same officers that shattered his hopes and again gave him a hard luck feeling that will require several days to wear off.

This man broke out the day Mr. Perkins qualified as sheriff, and for two weeks Mr. Perkins has been making an effort to locate him. He had spent nearly fifty dollars on the job, having just returned from a several days trip up through the counties north of Ballinger, where he traveled all Thursday night, and succeeded in locating his man at Rochester, Texas, and phoned the officers at that place to arrest him.

The man was arrested and Mr. Perkins notified. Mr. Perkins in-

structed the Haskell county officers to guard the man closely, and advised them to handcuff him as he would take desperate chances to escape. The Rannels County sheriff had arranged to leave Ballinger Tuesday morning over the A. & S. en route to Hamlin where the Haskell county officers were to meet him and deliver the prisoner.

About nine o'clock Monday night the Haskell county officers informed him that the man had escaped from them. While en route to the train to bring the man to Hamlin after taking their prisoner out of jail, a stop was made for supper, and while eating supper the prisoner jumped out of the hotel window and made his escape. He is still at lodge and Mr. Perkins has little hopes now of capturing him, as he will probably get into Oklahoma. However, the Haskell county officers have promised Mr. Perkins that they would do everything possible to recapture the man and make good for their carelessness in failing to use the precaution given them by Mr. Perkins.

HALLEY NAMED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Dr. W. B. Halley returned Sunday afternoon from Waco where he attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Mason order last week. At the convention of the Masons, Dr. Halley was named by the body as District Deputy Grand Master of the 105th District, which embraces Rannels County.

Fore SORE or WEAK EYES, use Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water. Don't hurt. Feels good. 6-1-14 5m.

J. H. Tucker of Hatchel, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

David Smith of San Angelo, came in Sunday afternoon to visit in Ballinger a few days.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough

When you first catch a Cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough) break it up at once. The idea that "It does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c at your druggist.

R. L. Sides, the Hatchel merchant left Monday afternoon for Brownwood, to look after business affairs a few days.

NAGO CITIZENS IMPLORE HELP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"For God's sake help us" read telegrams sent late last night by citizens of Naco, Ariz., to Senators Henry Ashurst and Marcus A. Smith from Arizona, and United States Senators Albert B. Fall of New Mexico and William A. Smith of Michigan. The telegram implored that protection be given the people of Naco from the fire of Mexicans across the border. During the last two months, five persons have been killed and forty-two wounded.

A Test for Liver Complaint—Mentally Unhappy—Physically Dull

The Liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your Liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the Bowels freely, tone up your stomach, cure your constipation and purify the blood. 25c at druggists. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.

Miss Gertrude Dickinson passed through the city Saturday going to Ft. Chadbourne where she will teach. She comes from Ballinger.—San Angelo Standard.

Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

J. S. Reese left Tuesday afternoon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

Joe Oliver of the Hatchel country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. L. Harwell, the Ford auto dealer, is having a self starter and electric lighting attachment put on the Ford autos which makes the equal of any car on the market.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

J. H. Mills of the Winters country, E. D. Bowen of Hatchel, and D. W. Payne of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

H. E. Dickinson of Reagan county, came in Sunday to visit relatives and look after business affairs a few days.

Will Trade Horse for Cotton.

On account of hard times I am going to sacrifice my registered German Coach Stallion. He is a beautiful black 17 hands high, 8 years old, weight 1600 lbs. Cost \$2400.00. I will take \$1500.00 in strict middling cotton at 10 cents per pound, or cotton seed at 30c per bushel. Geo. W. Gordon, Granbury, Texas. 4-3twpd

CONGRESS CONVENES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—With Speaker Clark's resounding smash with a mallet big enough for croquet in the House of Representatives, and Vice-President Marshall's light tap with a little piece of ivory in the Senate, both precisely at noon, Congress met today for the short session which will end March 4, 1915.

This short session will be the last one of the sixty-third Congress, a Congress that will go down in history as one which worked almost the entire two years of its existence (only one six weeks recess except the Christmas vacations) and as one which put through a number of bills which will affect the country, in all probability, for generations.

The program that must be carried out is the passage of the appropriation bills. These must be passed, and every short session of Congress in the past which has found difficulty in passing them. But no Congress in the past which has gotten them through successfully has had so many perplexing complications which threatened to kill weeks of time and prevent the passage of the appropriation bills.

The most dangerous of the immediately imminent complications is the cotton legislation. While there is no chance of any very radical legislation being passed, this temper being clearly shown by both House and Senate just prior to the adjournment, democratic leaders feared today that the Southerners who have been making the most noise about the cotton problem will not regard their work as completed to the satisfaction of their constituents unless they make a large number of speeches.

The difficulty of choking these off lies in the fact that this can only be done by bringing in a rule insuring a vote without more than a certain number of hours debate. And the chairman of the Rules Committee is Representative Robert Henry, of Texas, acknowledgedly the leader of the protection legislation group.

There are several bills for the relief of the cotton growers, however one of these is a bill providing for the licensing of cotton warehouses, and their inspection. This bill passed the Senate, with a number of amendments, so that it included not only cotton, but grain tobacco, naval stores, canned salmon, and several other products.

The other piece of cotton legislation which apparently will be passed without trouble consists of amendment to the Federal Reserve act. One of these permits member banks to keep all of their reserves in the regional reserve banks, and the other permits the issuance of the equivalent of 100 percent of the unimpaired capital and surplus of the bank in emergency currency, instead of only 30 per cent as under the present law.

Then there is the conservation in its many phases.

Fights were also expected today to occur during this session on three pork barrel bills, the rivers and harbors, the public buildings, and the good road bill.

The attitude of the President will probably determine the fate of the Ship Purchase bill, so far as the House is concerned. There is strong opposition to this measure in both houses, and, while it was admitted today that it would be easy enough to force it through the House by means of a rule, there is no assurance that the President could force the bill through the Senate in the brief time which will be available. Opposition in the Senate centers with those senators who are intensely opposed to government ownership as a general principle.

One of the hottest fights expected on the appropriation bills is that on the armament question. The European war has, in their own minds, strengthened the arguments of both the little navy men and the big navy men. The big navy men declare that the suddenness of this war proves emphatically the necessity of being prepared. The little navy men point to the destruction of battleships and cruisers by submarines, and say: "Why build battleships until we find out if there is any way to protect a battleship from submarines—all ships constructed along present lines may be made obsolete any day by some development in this war."

Over in the Senate the problem is much more difficult, owing to

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the fact that there is no way of putting an end to the debates on any question so long as any senator wants to discuss it. Possibilities in this direction are still fresh in the mind of senators from successful filibuster of Senator Burton last session against the rivers and harbors bill.

Besides the conservation measures already mentioned which have been passed by the House and are awaiting action by the Senate there are a number of other important bills which have been acted upon by the House but which have not passed the Senate. Among these the one which is probably the most important is the Immigration Bill. The point of difficulty about this bill is the literacy test, which the President is said to be opposed to, while there is a wide difference of opinion in the Senate. Senator O'Gorman, who has been off the administration "reservation" considerably recently is leading the fight against the literacy test, for once with the President.

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A Cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucous, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist.

Miss Gertrude Eagan, daughter of Tom Eagan, a few miles east of Ballinger, left Monday afternoon for San Antonio where she will teach in the Sisters of Charity school.

The Magic Washing Stock.

"All glory to the Magic Washing Stick—my clothes were as white as snow," writes Mrs. Sallie Cummings, Marquez, Texas. Not a soap nor a washing powder but a peculiar article which makes dirty clothes clean and beautiful without a bit of rubbing. Sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Mr. Chadress, the Miles hotel man, had business in Ballinger Monday.

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"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cobb and daughter, Miss Mozelle, of 206 West College, left Saturday for Ballinger where they will visit Mrs. Cobb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain, the next few days.—San Angelo Standard.

E. B. Walker, of Hatchel, who was in the city Monday remained over night to wind up some business affairs and returned home Tuesday at noon.

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F. L. Gerhardt, of the Craws country, was marketing cotton and supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

POULTRY SHOW IN JANUARY

It is the purpose of the Rannels County Poultry Association to hold the largest poultry show at Ballinger some time during the month of January that was ever held in this county. The committee will meet at an early date and fix the exact time for holding this show, and a move will be put on foot immediately to arrange the most attractive premium list ever published for any county exhibit.

A very successful show was held last season, and that too in the face of many difficulties. The association had no equipment for taking care of the poultry placed on exhibit here. It was necessary to raise the funds for which to buy pens. This required considerable money, and on account of the short money conditions that prevailed at that time it was a big undertaking, but the work was carried out, the money raised and the pens purchased. This is an expense that the association will not have to contend with this season.

Another great advantage that the association has this year over last, is the increased interest that has been manifested in poultry production, and the large number of entries that will no doubt be made.

Plans will be adopted, and with the co-operation of the citizens of the town, carried out that will put Ballinger and Rannels county prominently on the map as a "chicken country."

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved for better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.

J. W. Pipkin returned home Tuesday at noon from a business trip to Brady and Brownwood.

Miss Annie Harmon, one of the county's accomplished and successful teachers left Saturday for Ballinger where she will attend the County Institute before going to take charge of her school near Winters.—Robert Lee Observer.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mothers' Favorite

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergriff, Pa. "It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers.

Wm. Pumphrey, had business in Ballinger between trains from Winters Tuesday.

G. W. Ray, of the Maverick country was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

Sewell Havenhill, of the Winters country, was among the large crowd in the city first Monday.

Scrubs Fatten Quickly

You want your pigs to eat as much as possible when you fatten them. Give them a great variety of feed, keep the appetite keen and the digestion in good order, and you will obtain the desired result; especially if you mix with the grain ration a dose of

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Regular 50c work shirts38c
 Regular 65c work shirts44c
 Jumbo \$1.25 shirt89c
 1.25 wool shirt89c
 \$1.00 wool shirt79c
 \$2.00 dress shirt\$1.49
 \$1.50 dress shirt\$1.24
 \$1.25 dress shirt93c
 \$1.00 dress shirt83c
 65c dress shirt47c

Hosiery

Men's 15c socks7 1-2c
 Men's 18c socks11c
 Men's 25c socks19c
 Men's 50c silk socks41c
 Women's and children's just as cheap.

Shoes

Men's \$4.50 shoes\$3.69
 Men's \$4.00 shoes\$3.24
 Men's \$3.00 shoes\$2.69
 Men's \$2.50 shoes\$2.09
 Ladies' \$4.00 shoes\$3.24
 Ladies' \$3.50 shoes\$2.69
 Ladies' \$2.50 shoes\$2.09
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 A few job lots, mostly small sizes at less than ONE-HALF PRICE.

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Heavy Fleece suits79c
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 \$1.50 ribbed underwear98c
 Women's underwear same prices.
 Women's 75c union suits48c
 Women's \$1.25 union suits93c
 Child's 25c union suits18c
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Blankets

\$2.50 wool nup blankets\$1.69
 \$1.50 blankets\$1.19
 \$1.25 blankets91c
 \$1.00 blankets69c
 1.50 comforts\$1.24
 \$1.25 comforts89c

Gloves

Men's, women's and children's gloves, big lot of them 33 1-3 per cent off.

Dress Goods

All Calicos, the yard4 1-2c
 7 1-2c gingham, the yard5c
 10c gingham, the yard8 1-2c
 15c Teb' Panord gingham, the yard10c
 All wool dress goods 25 per cent to 50 per cent discount.

Ladies' Coats

All coat suits less than one-half. All \$15.00 to \$27.50 coats 48c on the \$1.00. Too many different kinds to name prices. Have all the latest styles to select from.

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We Give Free Votes In the Pony Contest.

Clothing

Men's and Boy's Clothing at 6c cotton prices.
 A man's all wool serge suit for \$7.98.
 Have too many size 40 to 44 \$25 suits. Come and get one for \$16.09.
 Lots boys' suits, prices from \$1.49 to \$7.97.
 10 per cent off on all Tailor made suits. Now's your chance to get a suit right.

Over Coats

Men's and boys' overcoats and raincoats at 6c cotton prices.

Overalls

Best Overalls the suit\$1.74

Men's Hats

\$5.00 Stetson hat\$3.29
 \$3.50 Nutria hat\$2.34
 1 lot men's hats, values up to \$2.00, choice74c

Men's Drawers

Best elastic seam drawers41c

Notions

11 dozen pearl buttons25c
 7 spools crochet cotton24c
 7 spools O. N. T. thread24c
 1lb can talcum powder9c
 2 oval cans talcum powder15c
 Best 10c shoe polish8c
 7 men's handkerchiefs25c
 9 ladies handkerchiefs25c
 25c ties14c
 35c ties23c
 Cotton bats6 1-2c
 Sheltard floss7c
 6 paper pins5c
 2 papers gold eye needles5c
 2 dozen safety pins5c
 1 dozen lead pencils9c

SWEATERS

\$1.25 roll collar sweater89c
 Boys' \$1.00 sweaters69c
 Ladies \$3.00 all wool sweater \$1.93

Bath Towels

Large bath towels, each9c
 Larger bath towel14c
 Extra large massage towels, each39c

Suit Cases

Nice large suits cases33c
 \$2.50 suit cases\$1.89
 Best table oil cloth, the yard16c

Do not compare this sale with the ordinary every day sale. We have the goods and prices to speak for themselves. Will not disappoint you.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS

J. H. WILKE

Ballinger Schools the Best: Building Dangerous to Life

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ing in case of fire without confusion and risk of life.

The problem of making improvements that are absolutely necessary before the beginning of another term of school is confronting the school board, and the patrons of the school should give the board their loyal support in whatever plan they adopt for carrying out the work.

The third month of the present term is rapidly drawing to a close, and the work of the Ballinger schools has been most successful, and the attendance is holding up well.

IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW

What a Heap of Happiness It Would Bring to Ballinger Homes

Hard to do housework with an aching back.

Brings you hours of misery at leisure or at work.

If women only knew the cause—that

Backache pains often come from weak kidneys.

'Twould save much needless woe.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

Many residents of this vicinity endorse them.

Mrs. J. E. Tomlinson, Winters Texas, says: "I was troubled by backache nearly all my life. My kidneys were weak and the kidney secretions bothered me. I had a tired feeling most of the time and often felt very nervous. After I had taken a box of Doan's Kidney Pills I began to get relief. Since then, I have never been without them in the house. I have tried several other remedies, but can say Doan's Kidney Pills did me more good than any of them."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Tomlinson had. Fester-Milburn Co., Props. Buffalo N. Y.

CAPES GALORE, IS THE FASHION HINT

BY MARGARET MASON

(Written for the United Press.)

Eve's mantle has descended on the modern maid they say. But just what sort of mantle do they mean?

The only mantle poor Eve knew was when a rosy blush had mantled all her snowy brow serene.

The only coat she had, no doubt, was just a coat of tan. Her only wrap when she was wrapped in thought.

The modern maid don't give a rap for any wrap like that. For they sport every cloak that can be bought.

They wouldn't even give a fig for Eve's bareskin outfit. Selected sealskins they prefer I've noted;

They have a different wrap and cloak for everything they do. Why even when they're ill their tongues are coated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Keeping up with the Fashion means adapting a bit of brogue and "capeing" up with them this season. Such a bewildering array of capes and wraps and mantles and loose and coats and jackets and flaring cloaks are offered for each and every occasion.

The sumptuous evening wraps of brilliantly tinted velvet, fur collared, cuffed and edged are the same wonderful creations as shown earlier in the season. The military capes and flaring Cossack cloaks, the braided and frogged military jackets have their staunch adherents still. It is of the new sports coats however, delightfully appropriate for golf, for motoring, for skating, for hiking or just plain knock about wear that descriptions are now in good order.

There is a great run of corduroy for sport coats and they are shown in all the brilliant colorings as well as in the more conservative tones of "tete de nigre" Russian green, sand putty, mustard and particularly stunning model in this material is almost ankle

length with a flaring bell shaped black and a belt consisting of two stitched straps across it. The collar is the new military effect and buttons up tightly about the throat. Short box coats buttoned up high around the neck and widely belted come in the corduroy as well as in the huge horseblanket plaid effect just like big brothers mackinaw. These shorter coats are of course more desirable for skating and golf but going them one better for these sports are the lovely light weight but fleecily warm belted sweaters of angora wool in softest pastel tints of old rose, old blue, old gold, sage green and grey. With jaunty caps to match what skittish skater or girlish golfer could ask for more perfect apparel.

As usual clever woman has helped herself to the best of masculine garb for her own needs. She has taken his new peadilly raglan of Scotch mixture or English tweed and lifted it bodily to her own fair shoulders. There to do for a storm coat, a motor coat, a hiking coat or travel coat of much and varied service.

A novel raincoat of transparent rubberized crepe de chine is the latest chic covering to keep milder from the wrathful elements. They come in shimmering and shining greens and yellows and are as durable as they appear delicate. Perky little hats to match make up a moisture proof outfit guaranteed to keep their lucky wearers as dry as the state of Kansas. You are sure to be spotted as ultra smart if you are wearing a leopard skin coat this winter. These seems to be something particularly fitting about this feline fur that adapts itself to most types of femininity.

Certainly not, Gerdaline, no catty insinuations are meant. There's something fascinatingly barbaric and elemental about it that makes it especially alluring to a sinuous brunette with glowing olive skin and scarlet lips and dusky eyes.

Thus coated lovely woman has it on the leopard whose skin she is sporting in as much as she can change her spots with impunity by simply shedding his hide. Leopard skin coats collared and cuffed in beaver or seal skin are very striking but even simply trim

med they have a three weekish effect that out far Glyn's Eleanor's old tiger skin.

PROVISIONS FOR THE ARMY IN THE FIELD.

Importance of Keeping body well nourished.

In time of war, the greatest effort is always made toward cutting off the enemy's base of supplies. It is the well-nourished people who fight the strongest and live the longest and contribute most to human progress. Is your stomach doing its duty—does it convert food into good blood and tissue?

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has been so successful in the treatment of indigestion that thousands of former sufferers owe their good health of today to its wonderful power, and testimonials prove it.

It arouses the little muscular fibres into activity and causes the gastric juices to thoroughly mix with the food you eat, simply because it supplies the stomach with pure, rich blood that causes stomach weakness. Get Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and you will have no more indigestion.

It is the world's proved blood purifier. It's not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on the wrapper. Start to take it today and before another day has passed, the impurities of the blood will begin to leave your body through the liver, kidneys, bowels and skin, and in a few days you will know by your steadier nerves, firmer steps, keener mind, brighter eyes and clearer skin that the bad blood is passing out, and new, rich, pure blood is filling your veins and arteries.

The same good blood will cause pimples, ache, eczema and all skin eruptions to dry up and disappear. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the helpful remedy that nearly everyone needs. It contains no alcohol or narcotic of any kind.

Dewett Underwood returned home Thursday from Canada where he had been for the last year or more. His many friends are glad to welcome him home again.

SUGGESTIONS THAT LEAD TO SUCCESS.

(By T. J. Conway.)

A flock of at least 100 hens. Have pure bred stock. Provide clean comfortable houses.

Leg-band your pullets and sell all birds over three years old. Carefully select breeders. Select hatching eggs carefully. Hatch chickens early. Rear the young chicks separate from the old hens. Provide shade during the summer. Feed the hens as well during summer as during any other season. Provide some nitrogenous feed in the ration such as beef scraps. Keep yards green. During winter provide some green succulent food. Unsanitary conditions spread disease. Clean houses often and regularly. Allow plenty of sunshine and ventilation into the houses. Spray roosts and houses often for mites and diseases.

Cattarrh Cannot Be Cured, with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cattarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cattarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cattarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing cattarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Arno Schawe, who is traveling in Texas the past year, came in Thursday and will spend the holiday with his parents.

A WARNING TO MANY

Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Troubles.

Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of their kidneys.

The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness, makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the state of New York alone. Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.

An ideal herbal compound that has had remarkable success as a kidney remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy.

The mild and healing influence of this preparation, in most cases, is soon realized, according to sworn statements and verified testimony of those who have used the remedy.

If you feel that your kidneys require attention, and wish a sample bottle, write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Mention this paper, enclose ten cents and they will gladly forward it to you by Parcel Post.

Swamp-Root is sold by every druggist in bottles of two sizes—50c, and \$1.00.

J. W. Bigby of the Pony creek country, and Aug. Voglesang and M. Kasbury of the Spring Hill community, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Coggins and children of West Point, Miss., came in Friday to visit his aunt Mrs. N. S. Mullins and will make this section their future home.