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### TESTIMONIAL FROM HIGH AUTHORITY.

Mrs. B. L. Wilson of Nashville, Tenn., is famed the world over for wonderfully delicious cakes. They are shipped to all parts of the globe for special affairs where the best of cakes are demanded. Mrs. Wilson has the distinction of making Christmas cakes for the presidents, in which she uses Calumet Baking Powder.

She writes: "To have complete success, with all the care should be used in selection of Baking Powder. Calumet is complimented with the following testimonial from

Some little time ago I made a full study and investigation of Calumet powder subject and I am fully repaid. I am firmly convinced from the results I have received that there is no baking powder to equal Calumet for wholesomeness and economy, and I also commend Calumet Baking Powder for its never failing results. Calumet also received the High Awards at the World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago; Grand and Gold Medal, Paris Exposition, 1912.

As will, without a doubt, be an interesting and very gratifying to the friends and customers of Calumet Baking Powder. It has always been found that Calumet is economical to use.

W. A. Perry, of Sweetwater, who had been here to attend the funeral of her father, Walter Perry, left Tuesday at noon for home to visit relatives a few days before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox returned home Tuesday morning from Aspermont, to spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

### DAYS LONGER; NIGHTS SHORTER

Had you noticed it? Not many people had and we believe you belong to the category which fails to take notice of the important things of this old world. Of course, the school children knew all about it and talked about Monday being a longer day than Sunday.

Sunday was the shortest day of the year, 1913, and Monday was just a tiny bit longer than Sunday. It takes a very observant person to note that each day is just a little bit longer or a little bit shorter than the previous day, yet such is the case.

Sunday held the record for this year in cutting the performance. The curtain was dropped before six o'clock and many people of Ballinger and elsewhere just rocked along and failed to notice that the matinee was curtailed and the night performance made longer. Until past the middle of June, the days will continue to get longer that the working men might have a better opportunity to see the afternoon show. Those who have noticed the days getting longer have smiles on their faces for they realize that before long their electric light bill will take an appreciated slump.

### LINEN, JUTE, AND HEMP INDUSTRIES IN UNITED KINGDOM

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Flax is as cheap as cotton or cheaper, wages in the linen industry average less than two-thirds of those paid in the cotton industry, and yet finished goods made from flax average much higher in price than finished cotton goods. Manufacturers state that this is due to the fact that flax is a much more different fiber to manufacture than cotton, as it takes many more operatives and a much larger time to obtain the same output, the first cost of a factory per spindle or per loom is much greater, and bleaching and dyeing, owing to the hard and impermeable nature of the flax fiber, are more elaborate and costly operations. Cotton is linen's most formidable competitor, and its growing production and the increasing skill with which it is manufactured (making it difficult in many cases to distinguish from linen) tend to prevent expansion in the manufacture of the older and more durable fabric.

The foregoing is quoted from a bulletin recently issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, in which Commercial Agent W. A. Graham Clark describes the linen, jute and hemp industries of the United Kingdom. As linen manufacture centers largely in Ireland and jute manufacturing in Scotland, special attention is given to these industries in their respective fields. Detailed information is presented as to processes of manufacture, cost of production, wages and condition of employment, cost of constructing and operating factories, commercial usages, and foreign trade. Supplementing the data as to the jute industry in Scotland, is a cheaper dealing with the production and manufacture of that fiber in India, which country has made remarkable strides in its manufacture into yarn and cloth. This part of the bulletin is of particular interest at the present time, owing to the high price of jute bagging used for covering the American cotton crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jayroe, of Crews, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

### HEAVIEST MAIL IN HISTORY OF BALLINGER

Monday was a record breaking day for the amount of mail and parcel post handled through the Ballinger post office. This is the first Christmas for the parcel post business, and not since the first letter was mailed at Ballinger has there ever been such a rush. In round numbers there were just 656 packages received and dispatched at the local office, and many people were lined up for several hours waiting their turn to get to the window and dispatch a gift to mother, sweetheart or some kinsman, and the rush did not let up until late in the day. The same has been the case a good part of today. The idea that the world will not learn that Ballinger is on the map on account of hard times is a bogus idea. The times are not as hard as some would have you believe, and judging from the activity of Santa Claus and the busy scene witnessed at the post office this is about the most prosperous place in Texas. Not only is the outgoing mail heavy, but thousands of packages are being received here, and in all it makes a mighty busy scene at the post office.

### SIX INCH SNOW FALLS IN TEXAS

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 22.—Snow extending generally over the Panhandle and in several other sections of north Texas, southern and western Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas was reported today, the fall over the Panhandle amounting to six inches. The fall at other points was light. The lowest temperature in Texas was recorded at Amarillo where the thermometer registered 24 degrees. The forecast of the local weather bureau was for freezing weather in north Texas and frost in the south, except on the gulf coast tonight.

### FALSE REPORT.

A report is in circulation that packages cannot be mailed at the post office after the 22nd of December.

I wish to inform the public that packages will be received at the post office until the last minute Christmas Day. So bring them along and they will be given prompt attention and dispatched at once.

J. J. ERWIN, P. M.

### PIONEER LADY DIED TUESDAY

Mrs. Sarah Barbee, the wife of M. Barbee, died at her home in South Ballinger Tuesday morning at 8:25, after an illness of several days. Mrs. Barbee's death was not unexpected as she had been very low for several days, but many heads were made to bow in sorrow when the news was spread over town early Tuesday morning that she had departed this life, and tomorrow afternoon—Christmas Eve, many friends will gather at the cemetery to pay their last tribute to this good woman.

Mrs. Barbee came to Ballinger with her husband many years ago, and she lived to see many changes brought about. She was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church and her influence among the good mothers of this town has been felt, and has ever been for those things that make better homes and better society. A true Christian woman has been taken away, and she will not only be missed by those who have been near her daily, but many friends who have known her for twenty and twenty five years are made to sorrow.

A husband, and four children are left to mourn. There are three sons and one daughter, Mrs. Tomlin, of Paint Rock, W. E. and E. M. of Ballinger and Wade, of El Paso are the children, and they were all present when their mother died.

Arrangements for the funeral have been made, and Rev. R. M. Hammock, of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence in South Ballinger, and the remains will be interred in the Ballinger cemetery.

### NEW RURAL MAIL CARRIER

Ewing M. Taylor, has been appointed to Rural Route No. 3 as carrier and will be on duty January 1, 1914.

Mr. Taylor is now employed by A. L. Spann grocers, and is well known in this city. Eugene Stark, substitute carrier is now filling the position, but will retire on the above date. Mr. Taylor's appointment came from the last examination for rural carrier and he being at the head of list, receives the appointment.

Ed Clayton, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

## The Ideal Xmas Gift.

Gift making is as old as the world.

The presentation of a gift is a voluntarily act inspired by a sense of respect, high regard of affection for the recipient.

An event when gifts are especially due by custom as well as thru affection is now at hand.

No gift exactly may take the place of CUT GLASS. It fills a niche of its own in regard of refined people.

The limpid clarity and brilliant cutting of "KOHINOOR" cut glass should be placed at the head of the list of those gifts to be most desired and appreciated.

## The Walker Drug Co.

### LOSES ALL IN FIRE.

The fire that destroyed the Legate place Sunday night robbed Mrs. Boyington of all her belongings, according to a statement made by J. C. Thaxton, the lady's father, who was in from Maverick Tuesday. Mr. Thaxton stated that the loss amounted to four or five hundred dollars as Mrs. Boyington lost all her clothes, bed clothes, and in fact everything in the way of a house keeping outfit she had. E. M. Setser is circulating a subscription list, and the citizens are contributing liberally towards restoring her loss.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that this Bank desires to express its gratitude to its patrons for the favors it has received during the past year and further assure them that it will assist them in every way possible so that when another year has rolled around they will have increased most substantially their savings through the efficiency of this Bank, and in other ways materially furthered their welfare. We appreciate their patronage and invite them to make use of all the facilities of this Bank during the coming year.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

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Today is the first day of winter, according to the calendar.

The time for Santa's coming is now being measured by hours instead of days.

It is believed that Mr. Jaet Frost has located for the winter in Ballinger.

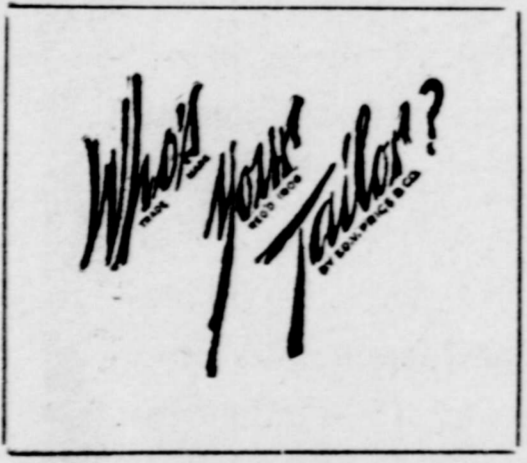
The flood sufferers of the Brazos bottom will ask the U. S. Government for one million dollars to rehabilitate their loss. Uncle Sam is a mighty good old uncle to fall back on when you get in trouble.

Judging from the number of Christmas trees being delivered in Ballinger Santa Claus will use this method of delivering his presents more this year than ever before. Many homes will have Christmas trees.

After Christmas what next? The New Year should be started with a good roads boom, and 1914 should be made a red letter year not only for better roads, but for better stock, better poultry and more stock and more poultry. The future of this county depends on the progressive citizenship. To be progressive good roads must come first—other things will follow.

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

A child loves toys, and, if I had my way, every child in the whole world would have this innate long ing gratified. I have recently been in one of the cities of North Texas near Cleburne and spent some of my time watching the people come and go, like glotsam and jetsam on the tide. There was a very great difference in the circumstances of the various people. I could easily distinguish from their appearance the class to which most of the people belonged. They were busy with Christmas buying, the rich with their plithoric purses and the poor with their pennies. Christmas is one time of the year that there are many tragedies to me. When I see the poor woman shivering in her inadequate wraps, leading a little, thin, pale, ragged child, trying to induce his eager eyes to turn from the pretty windows, with some fictitious story of Santa Claus, when she knows, poor soul, that Santa Claus will not be able to enter her humble home, one's eyes grow dim, and



ones heart rises up in his throat. The rich, clad in furs and handsome garments, buy diamonds and luxurious presents, and pass along the streets, elbowing the poor, who counting their nickles, hunger for the simplest things that they may give their little children something for Santa Claus.

Will there be a place where they will even these inequalities of life? Will the suffering of the poor be recompensed with joys the rich do not know in the world to come, or is it just a part of the Great Eternal Plan, each individual meaning nothing except the final outcome of mankind? Who can make this mystery clear?

No matter how we view it, I am one of those who believe that in making others happy one finds greatest happiness himself.

And can there be greater joy given than making a little child feel happy during the Christmas times, when there should be "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

It is in the little acts of human kindness that one finds the most exquisite pleasure.

It is possible for almost every one who reads this article to make at least one child smile with just a simple little gift or two.

It requires so very little to bring the laughter-light to little eyes, and make the lovely lips curve in an angel smile.

Maybe that is why there are poor little children. Perhaps God wants to give us an opportunity to exercise our sympathies that we may grow nearer to that Great Universal Heart that is working out the destinies of mankind.—Cleburne Enterprise.

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F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O.  
Sold by Druggist, price 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Dr. J. W. Bladdell, returned home Sunday from a short visit to San Marcos and other points in that section.

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Proctor, of Midland, came in Monday afternoon in their auto, to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days. Mr. Proctor is an old friend of R. L. Harwell, the manager of the Fort Auto Co. just established in our city and says he can cordially recommend him to his many Runnels county friends.

W. A. Glenn of Marie, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from the Devil's river country, where he had been on a hunting trip the past few weeks.

We want your job work.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. 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 at my office.

H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

OLD FABLES IN SLANG

By George's Aide.

At the age of five Percival was wearing nose decorations and a loud colored cap. His friends of about the same age thought he would be a second Soerates when he reached the age for beer buying and had nothing to do with the lad because of his over worked brain.

The kid rambled the streets only when his back itched and he couldn't read classics because of the ailment. He spund around the block of his home every afternoon late to get a little exercise and breathe a little of the necessary floating stuff.

Percival returned to his study at half-past six and began reading Plutarch, Lyeurgus, Sophocles, Cicero and other wampus cats in their days. He scorned the works of George Fitch, Claude Callan, State Press, George himself and the writer. He pursued the villy through all the masterpieces and talked in his sleep of the heroine and her slit skirt.

He digested the latest high-class magazines until his lamps were weak from the arduous work that accompanies such reading.

Percival was nick-named by the village cut-ups Perey and he hated to think of the day when he was grown and away out in the Golden West when he should meet some of these tormentors and they should call him the childhood cognomen. His mother and father stuck to the original name and kept it from becoming obsolete.

When he was in the seventh grade, he took a fancy to the magazine advertisements and went the following year to the nearest university. He continued to wear glasses and his pants of the 1911 style. The girls frisked about his carous and chewed the rag with him-over the latest admittance into the family household back in the old town. He was the guiding light in college and told how the baby at home swallowed the nipple without being rubbered at by the passersby.

During the holidays he blew back to the old homestead and was the whole cheese with the father and mother for a night or two. The boys on the corner winked at prof might be. He stood the gab like a hero he read about the each other and asked who the swell well enough and took the night before.

The old class gave him the glad hand and the girl he left behind was noticed to be buying more of the fact decorations than while he was away from home. A cigar was offered by the senior in the high school class and Percival turned the smoke to take a hot chocolate.

The college chap was of the breed that never visit the neighboring wet towns and the lovers of dry territory waked and said "There will be a man for you." Most of the girls thought there was much daddy about him and left well enough alone.

When the New Year blew the life out of the Old twelve months, Perey returned to school and got along well after a fortnight's slumber in the old burgh.

When he quit the old college, he returned home to find a job. After investigating all the large establishments he discovered that it takes more than brains to run a business concern, and Perey was dissatisfied. He was fond of his education and had been led to believe that he could go through the slums on a good salary with his brain, if he thought that was absolutely necessary.

He took flying trips to the neighboring towns and found the world to be a little cooler than the village ice house.

He finally was convinced by an ink slinger that bookkeeping was the profession of the day, and Perey pulled the old man's leg for a commercial course. He batted three hundred in the business school and thought he had found God's country. He quit the college with a sheepskin and with it displayed all over his new checkered suit, he trained into the old hamlet again.

He interviewed the merchants and other business concerns for a

Children Cry for Fletcher's



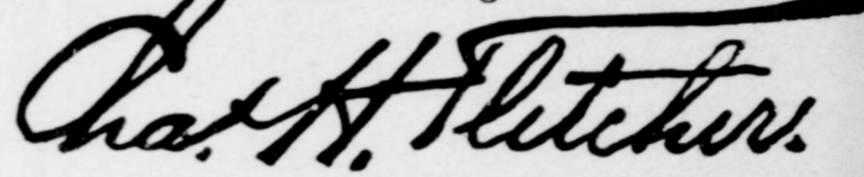
The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that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

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job. He finally reached the conclusion that the business school he attended along with several hundred others had been turning out keepers of the ledger for many years and that the supply exceeded the demand.

Percival got a job as assistant drayman in the old home town at forty bucks per, and he thought he was the whole carriage. He showed people up and down and over the city and had lots of free riding thrown in with his position. He worked several years at the job and let his whiskers grow out.

When an old man he was cutting grass for one of the bookkeepers that went to school before Perey was issued on the last run.

UNMORAL: Percival Should Have Read The Works of George Fitch, Claude Callan, State Press, George Himself and the Writer.

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

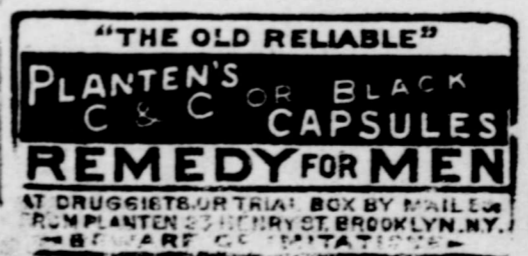
Mr. and Mrs. Sid McKandass, of Hemleigh, came in Tuesday at noon on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Ebb Cathey and family of West End.

R. A. Nicholson came in from the east Monday night to spend the holidays with home folks and Ballinger friends.

Hunt's Lightning Oil.

This is the liniment which has caused so much talk. So many people are telling how it has relieved them of pain that one can no longer doubt that it is truly a wonderful remedy. Every druggist handles it.

Jim Rodgers and M. M. Slaton, of the Winters country passed through Ballinger Tuesday at noon en route home from Paint Rock where they had been on a cattle deal.



The farmers of Runnels county have not become independent rich during the last three or five years, but there are many who have bank accounts, and who are what we might call "comfortably fixed." Their families are enjoying good health and have the best prospects for a good crop that this country has been promised in many years. far back as there is any record winter can be called to mind where the ground was as wet as at present. In the old reliable belt of Texas, where land from \$100 to \$200 per acre is considered cheap, there are thousands of people homeless without food or clothing except what is being received from a relief fund. The farmer who stands on his job and who has not confidence in this country, will add to match dollars and give odds to the fellow who been discouraged and fled from drouth.

Many people do not realize true spirit of Christmas give Christmas day will find many people almost sick from work and work brought on by trying to select something that will please those to whom they give gifts. We would rather have smallest gift from a friend loved one, given with the spirit which Christ himself would than to have gifts of great value from those who only seek a fish gain, or with a motive of winning our admiration. It is better not to give at all than give selfishly.

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Jake Stubberfield, of Norton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

We give the highest cash price. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

C. F. Rasoner, of the Talpa country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Quality counts. Our quality is the standard in Ballinger. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 263. 26t

C. J. Thaxton, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Give us a chance before you sell your hens, friers and turkeys. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

G. W. Ray, of Maverick, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Nice oak wood, sizes and length to suit. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Phone 312 tdf

G. W. Houston, of the Tennyson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

We handle everything in our line. The T. E. & P. S. Co. d&w-tf

Ed Coffee, of the Leaday country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Eight pounds real Holly for \$1 to close out. Higdon-Melton Jackson Co. 20-d3t

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Trammell, of the Norton country were shopping in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

See the Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co., for best prices on eggs poultry of all kinds, and butter. d&w-tf

J. M. Garlington left Monday afternoon for Belton on a short business trip.

The farmers' friend—The Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co. d&w-tf

Sam Monroe, of the Talpa country, was shopping in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Real Holly, 8 pounds for \$1, to close out. Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. 20-d3t

Miss Ann Varr Doren left Monday afternoon to spend Christmas with her mother and friends at her old home at Belton.

For Rent—My residence on 8th street. Apply to Maleomb Wardlow. 22-6td

J. L. Walters, of Coneho, came in Monday to do some shopping and returned home Tuesday afternoon.

We will sell you your winter hat at a much cheaper price than any other millinery in town. Breedlove and Meadows. Phone 263. 26td

G. G. Odom came in from his Coke County ranch to spend the holidays with home folks and Ballinger friends.

If you want Xmas money sell me your secondhand clothing and furniture. C. A. Freeze. Phone 381. Always pays the best prices. 18-d26t

Mrs. T. N. Cackey of Lampasas came in Monday night from Lampasas to visit her son Sid Caskey and wife a few days.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar k'ndling. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tfd

Wm. Coffee, of the Leaday country, left from this point Tuesday for Stephenville, Texas, to spend a few days with relatives during Christmas.

**PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS**

CAKES



*Nevada Briggs*

I often hear housekeepers attribute their success or failure in cake baking to luck. Others have the idea that cake bakers are born, and that unless one is naturally adapted to it, she cannot succeed. In reality anyone can bake the nicest of cakes if she will follow closely the few simple rules which are given below in full detail.

**The Right Materials**

Bear in mind that the best materials make the best food.

A soft Winter wheat pastry flour is as necessary for cakes as for biscuits. In fact, it should always be used with baking powder, as it absorbs moisture more readily than hard Spring wheat bread flour, which contains much slow dissolving gluten. If bread flour is used for cake, one must use at least one-third more moisture than is called for by the recipe, for all cake recipes are written for pastry flour.

A great deal of the uncertainty of cake baking is eliminated by using a double-raise baking powder such as K. C. The batter need not be hurried into the oven, nor need one be careful about slamming the oven door, or jarring the stove. K. C. is really a blend of two baking powders, one of which commences to raise as soon as moisture is added; the other is inactive until heat is applied, so that the raising is sustained against all danger of falling until the cake is baked.

Cane sugar is always to be preferred for cakes, because beet sugar is hard to dissolve and is likely to sink to the bottom or stick around the edges of the pan, making an imperfect cake.

If impossible to get granulated cane sugar, then as the next best thing, buy bar sugar. This is very fine and easily creamed.

**Measure Everything**

It will save time and many steps if you will get everything required by the recipe on your mixing table before starting. Everything should be measured correctly. If the recipe calls for sifted flour, sift it once before measuring. Measure flour by filling the cup with a spoon. If you dip the cup into the flour, it will pack and there is danger of over measuring. Measure the baking powder carefully, using level, rounding or heaping teaspoonfuls, according to the recipe. Sift the flour and baking powder together three times in order to get them thoroughly mixed, so that the cake will raise evenly; also to loosen up the flour.

**Mixing**

The flour and baking powder having been measured and sifted, measure out the sugar and butter and cream together. If the butter is cold and firm, warm the sugar slightly in the oven. After creaming the butter and sugar, separate the yolks from the whites of the eggs and with a rotary egg beater, cream the yolks until light lemon colored and very creamy. Add this to the butter and sugar, and blend all together. Now add a little of the water or milk and stir it in thoroughly; then a little flour, stirring it in thoroughly; then more moisture and more flour alternately, stirring each time until all the flour and moisture are in the batter, when it should

be beaten until smooth and glossy. If the whites of the eggs are to be used, beat these with a flat or spoon whip until they are stiff enough to stand up, putting them in last. A little salt added to the whites of eggs helps in the beating. If yolks of eggs are not used, add the moisture and flour alternately to creamed butter and sugar and add the whites last. Where much more sugar than butter is used, as in Orange Cake, half of the sugar may be beaten into the yolks of the eggs.

**Baking**

One of the most important things about baking cakes is to have a moderate oven at the start; in fact, in using a gas, oil or gasoline stove, it is not necessary to light the stove until the cake has been put in. Then there should be a very low flame at first. After the cake has doubled in bulk, increase the heat and bake until a brown crust is formed and the center will respond to the touch. Never allow a crust to form over cake before the batter has doubled. In a wood or coal range, have a very light fire in the fire box. After the cake is in the oven, replenish the fire and by the time it has burned up the batter will have doubled and is ready for the hot oven to finish it. It is impossible to specify the length of time to bake cakes, for the larger and thicker the layer, the longer it takes to bake.

**Orange Cake**

1/2 cup butter Grated rind of 1 orange  
1 cup sugar 1/2 cup milk or water  
1 1/2 cups sifted pastry flour  
2 level teaspoonfuls K. C. Baking Powder  
Yolks of 2 eggs, beaten light  
Whites of 2 eggs, beaten dry.  
This makes two small layers.

**Filling for Orange Cake**

The unbeaten white of 1 egg, add to this 1/2 cup orange pulp and juice, with the rotary egg beater gradually beat in 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, beating it in slowly. When stiff enough to hold its shape spread upon the cake. Long beating makes this filling spongy and white.

**Cream Cake**

1/2 cup butter 1 cup sugar  
Yolks of two eggs beaten light  
1 1/2 cups sifted pastry flour  
2 level teaspoonfuls K. C. Baking Powder  
1/2 cup cold water  
Whites of two eggs beaten dry  
Flavoring to suit.

**Cream Filling**

1/2 cup sifted flour 1/4 teaspoonful salt  
1 cup hot milk 1 egg beaten light  
1/2 cup sugar 1 ounce chocolate  
1 teaspoonful vanilla extract  
Mix flour and salt with a very little cold milk; stir into the hot milk and cook ten minutes, add the chocolate and stir until it is melted and evenly blended with the flour mixture; then beat in the egg mixed with the sugar, and lastly the vanilla.

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J. W. Tippett and two little sons, of the Crews country, were interviewing Santa Claus in Ballinger Monday.

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

Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Mangum and baby left Monday afternoon for Rochelle, Texas, to visit her parents during the Christmas days

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd left Tuesday afternoon for Toyah, Texas, to join his wife and baby on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Uekett and family during the holidays.

Albert W. Woods, manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., of Ballinger, left Monday afternoon to spend the holidays with his mother and friends at Jefferson, Texas.

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### GREAT HOLIDAY SHOW "ARIZONA" AT PRINCESS

At this time when military circles are active and in a busy state of preparation, the popular Augustus Thomas play "Arizona" produced by that Director in moving picture form by a cast of notable players, should prove particularly welcome. Strong as was its plot, complete as was its staging, the play will be found to be even more intensely interesting and pleasing to the eye, for the scenes have been laid on Nature's broad plains with the hills and sky forming a background that formerly in the play version had to be represented by makeshift, manufactured scenery.

In the picture "Arizona," one sees the boys in blue galloping over the hill to the call of the bugle and going through their various evolutions. While on the stage this bit of realism was furnished only by word pictures.

No more perfect piece of photo-

### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the  
Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

graphy has yet been presented to moving picture theatregoers than this first release of the All Star Film Service, which has undertaken to present in photo-plays all the big dramatic successes bearing metropolitan endorsements.

Manager Reeder at an unusually high price has secured this picture for Christmas night, but feels that in doing so he is but repaying his patrons for their generous support in the past.

It is not necessary to give the story of the picture here, for few plays have toured so extensively as has that of Augustus Thomas' "Arizona" which has been spoken of at length in newspaper columns and magazines all over the country.

The picture is divided in six parts, each one thousand feet long and requiring one hour and a half to show in its entirety. Altogether there are 210 scenes.

Our hats are the best and the cheapest. Allow us to show you our new line. Breedlove and Meadows, Telephone 263. 26td

We are closing out our Christmas supply of real Holly. 8 pounds for \$1. Higdon-Melton Jackson Co. 20-d3t

S. L. Yates, of Lampasas, came

in Tuesday at noon to join his wife on a visit to her father, Mr. McWhirter and family during the Christmas holidays.

### CASH FOR XMAS.

We pay spot cash for all second hand clothing and all kinds of Furniture. Now is the time to get cash for Xmas needs. We pay the top prices on secondhand goods. See us before you sell. Phone 381. C. A. Freeze, the Second-hand man. 18-d26t

### STAMFORD OIL MILL BURNS.

W. A. McShann, who lives on one of the rural routes out of Ballinger returned Tuesday from Wichita Falls, where he had been visiting for the past several weeks. Mr. McShann reports that the oil mill at Stamford burned Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock, while he was in that city en route home. The loss was heavy according to reports.

Mr. McShann says much rain has fallen in North Texas lately and has put a wonderful seasoning in the ground.

### TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides. w1mo-d1mo Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

Phone 263 and allow us to show you our new hats for ladies. They are the cheapest and as good as the best. Breedlove and Meadows. 26td

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Beaumont, and baby, of San Seba, came in Tuesday at noon to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward and family.

LOST—Between town and Santa Fe railroad on Winters-Ballinger road, a fur muff. Finder will confer favor by returning same to Mrs. H. Vandevanter or leaving at Ledger office.

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

Kenzie Ruth came in from his ranch in Reagan county Monday, afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents and Ballinger friends.

Mrs. N. M. Gustavus and baby left Sunday for San Angelo to visit her parents Christmas. Mr. Gustavus will join them Christmas day to visit a few days.

### 102 TREES DONATED FOR NEW CITY PARK.

In the list of those who had contributed trees for the proposed addition to our city parks, the names of J. J. Erwin, R. T. Williams and R. G. Erwin were left out. These gentlemen contributes six trees and runs the list up to 102. That number of trees would make a whole lot of shade and we believe is enough trees for the ground to be covered. What is needed now is a little cash or elbow grease. With these added a pretty good start would be made on what could be one of the most attractive little parks in any man's town.

The city council at a recent session, so we are informed, made an appropriation of \$25 to replace trees on a little park the city owns just in front of the Catholic Church. These trees were set out last year, but for some reason died and another effort will be made to improve this park.

A. L. SPANN & CO.

retiring from business. We will begin just after the holidays to close out our entire stock. Will sell absolutely at cost and less. The fixtures and everything will be for sale, to any one wanting a well established paying business proposition on the entire stock. We would make themantTFFy Further announcement and prices will be quoted about January 1st, 1913.

Very respectfully,  
A. L. SPANN & CO.

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### A TEXAS WONDER

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Frank Atwell, of Dallas came in Sunday to join his wife and children here on a visit to her relatives, Ed, Will and Miss Agnes Flober, and will spend the holidays in our city. Frank has a splendid position in Dallas but says he had much rather make his home in Ballinger under the same circumstances.

WANTED—Saw men for SKAT Soaps. Don't miss this opportunity to secure the selling right for these well known soaps. Experience not necessary. You can devote your entire time or handle as a side line. Write for our offer. Address SKAT, Hartford, Conn. tfd

Miss Belle Gustavus, who is teaching at Bryan, came in Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus and family.

Anna in British West Indies writes: Wherever I am I find Hunt's Lightning Oil in dispensable. It is truly a wonderful remedy for pains, etc. you should just try it and be convinced. Your druggist sells it.

Mrs. Hal Bettis, of Somerville, Texas, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. McWhirter and family, left for her home Monday afternoon, Mrs. McWhirter and baby accompanied her home to visit a few days.

Something Fine for Headaches. If you know how quickly the pain is eased with Hunt's Lightning Oil you would always have it on hand. It is also splendid for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts, Burns, Sprains. Ask your druggist.

Max McCary, of Calvert, came in Monday to join his wife in our city on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis and family. Mrs. McCary and Miss Katherine Francis came in Saturday night to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

## FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With  
Theford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whittaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught.

Theford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day. N. C. 123

### BOOTH-HOLTEN.

Mr. J. P. Booth and Miss Rubie Holten were married in our city Tuesday at noon, Rev. W. D. Black officiating and they left on the A. & S. train for Winters in the afternoon. Mr. Booth is a cousin of J. H. Booth of our county and Miss Rubie is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Holten, of South Ballinger.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
Ladies: Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 22 years known as Best-Sold, Always Reliable.  
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

T. F. Owens, of the Eagle Branch neighborhood, left Monday afternoon for Mexia, Texas, to visit his sisters and friends during the holidays.

### Who Suffers Pain?

Those who suffer pain should try Hunt's Lightning Oil, the world's greatest liniment. It is the finest thing for Rheumatic Pains, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Backache, etc. All druggists sell it.

A. J. Byars, who lives east of the city, came in and left Monday afternoon for Wood County to visit relatives during Christmas.

## Holiday Fares



are  
very low this year

Tickets on sale between all points in Texas, December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for return.

Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Memphis Tennessee, December, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914, limited until January 6, 1914, for final return.

Tickets on sale from all points in Texas to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina Tennessee, Virginia, and to Washington, D. C. Chicago, Ill. Kansas City and St. Louis Mo., and Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Trinidad, Colorado, also to certain points in Louisiana, December 20, 21, 22, 1913, limited to January, 18, 1914, for final return.

For Detailed Fares  
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