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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 basic economic strength of the country and the "patriotism of its people in every class and walk of life." "Praise, too, 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 evident 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, overcome 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. Its 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

13 MEET DEATH WHEN CAGE DROPS

By United Press. 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.

GERMANS ADVANCING ON WARSAW

By United Press. LONDON, Dec. 9.—From the north, the German army is advancing toward Warsaw, after taking charge of Lodz. The Paris war office today in an official communique admitted that the Germans have taken charge of Lodz and that the Russians have been driven back beyond the city. The French communique admitted that artillery duels are the order of the day along the northern battle front in France.

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.

ARTILLERY ORDERED TO NAGO; 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.

EXECUTION DATE OF FRANK SET FOR JANUARY 22

By United Press. 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.

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.

JEWISH WOMEN HAVE MANY DELEGATES

By United Press. 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.

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.

BANQUET PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

With the program nearly arranged and 200 tickets already placed, the First Annual Banquet of the Young Men's Business League will 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 for 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.

HIT WITH BASE BALL. Wade Guion, son of Judge and Mrs. Jno. I. Guion, was painfully injured while playing on the school campus Tuesday during the noon hour. A base ball thrown by another school boy struck Wade in the face.

Weather Forecast. Tonight colder, fair, somewhat colder, freezing; Thursday fair.

Life Is Constant War For Existence. Nations Prepare for War in Time of Peace. Individuals should safeguard against NEED in time of LARGE HARVESTS. Save the fruits of your labor, by storing your unsaleable products under shelter. Deposit Your Surplus Cash in the Bank Which is Your Best Friend in Times of Need. Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company "We take care of our customers"

INCREASED COST OF LIVING may be due to increased carelessness in spending. Government statistics claim that for household expenses only fourteen percent is expended for actual necessities. There is a big leak in the household purse. Better try a household bank account with THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK "FATHERS AND MOTHERS BANK" The Bank That HELPS YOU Do Things.

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF The First National Bank are keeping abreast of the times without deviating from sound Banking principles, are constantly adding to the value of the service they render to their customers. It is a matter of pride with us to make this Bank every year a more desirable depository for business men and women. ...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK Member of Federal Reserve System.

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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—get 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.

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.

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.

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.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors. A prominent New York physician says "if it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

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.

THE OLD RELIABLE. PLANTER'S GUM CHOCOLATE REMEDY FOR MEN. AT YOUR DRUGGIST.

for street loafing and practicing profanity.

Caranza 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 Caranza, 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.

The Magic Washing Stick. "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.

Men and Ladies Wanted. Must have experience in dry goods. Call at the New Dry Goods Store next door to Ballinger State Bank. 9-2td

DUMDUM BULLETS.

They Get Their Name From the Town Where They Originated.

Dumdum bullets have their name from a little town in India, near Calcutta, where the ammunition factory for the British government in India is situated. For the benefit of Afghans, possible Indian mutineers, negroes and other barbarians the British had a bullet manufactured here which is half covered with steel, but with a soft leaden nose. When discharged from a modern rifle of high power this soft nose expands, or "mushrooms," turning the bullet in the air into a horrible bulging object, which tears through the flesh of a man, surely bleeding him to death.

The purpose of this bullet is to kill the man every time. The purpose of the ordinary humane bullet of modern warfare, which is wholly incased in steel or nickel, is merely to put the man out of the fight. It makes a small, clean wound. If it does not strike a vital part the bullet may go entirely through the man without wounding him seriously. But it shuts him out of the fight for the time being.

The British military authorities in India considered that a humane bullet like that would be of little use to fight savages with, and therefore, at Dumdum, they manufactured the soft nosed expanding horror. But the international conference at The Hague in 1864 decided against the use of this bullet in war and adopted a rule forbidding it.—New York Mail.

ONE VIEW OF WAR.

And the Question of the Mother of the slain Soldier Boy. When I but consider the word war I feel a shock as if one spoke to me of wretched, impetuous, some dead and distant thing, abominable, monstrous, unnatural.

When we hear of cannibals we smile with pride and proclaim our superiority over those savages.

What are savages, real savages—those who fight to eat the victims or those who fight to kill, merely to kill?

Those youthful soldiers of the line speeding along yonder are destined to death, just as the flocks of sheep driven along the roads by a butcher. They are destined to fall on a plain, their heads chift by a stroke from a sword or their breast pierced by a bullet. And these are young men who could work, produce, be useful. Their fathers are old and poor; their mothers, who during twenty years have loved and worshiped them, as mothers can worship, will learn in six months or perhaps a year that the son, the child, the big child, brought up with so much trouble, with so much money, with so much love, was thrown into a hole like a dead dog after his body, riddled by a bullet, had been trampled and crushed into pulp by the charge of cavalry. Why have they killed her boy, her noble boy, her only hope, her pride, her life?

She cannot tell. Yes, why?—Guy de Maupassant.

No Heart In It.

A Broad street employer of a ten permental stenographer is a man of practical sense and real kindness who wants the girl to succeed at her business. The other day he called her into his private office and had a fatherly talk with her. Later one of her colleagues in the same building met her in the elevator.

"Say, Gladys," she said, "what's this about your boss having a heart to heart talk with you this morning?" "Heart nothing," responded the ten permental creature, tossing her blond locks like an oriflamme of war. "What he handed to me hadn't no more heart in it than there is in a slab of liver at a ten cent beanery. See?"

Which is one reason why girl stenographers can be hired at \$6 a week.—New York Sun.

Patronize our Advertisers.

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 Dremman, 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.

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.

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 Glober Sentinels; Mrs. C. C. Schuchard, and Mrs. Kate Gressett, Managers.

Fit His Case Exactly

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.

Tabé Little of Norton, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

MINNESOTA PAINTS. HOUSE PAINTS. MINNEAPOLIS. Wm. Cameron Lumber Co.

DR. CARVER. Suite 207 Mayo Building. San Angelo, Texas. X-RAY AND ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS. Cancers, Tumors, Skin Diseases, Stomach Troubles, Facial Blemishes, Female Diseases, Palsy, Paralysis, Etc., Treated Scientifically. Rooms for Out of Town Patients.

GET YOUR VAPER BATHS FROM W. M. CARTER CHIROPODIST AT City Barber Shop Ballinger, Texas

FIRE INSURANCE. The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE. Your business solicited. Miss Maggie Sharp. Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co. Office. Phone 215. See Me.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

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

What is CASTORIA. Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of J. C. Fletcher. In Use For Over 30 Years The Kind You Have Always Bought THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Ten Stick Island. In the Southwest bay, in the New Hebrides group, there is a small wooded island of considerable height above the sea, although only a few hundred yards in circumference. The story of its acquisition is a curious one. Southwest bay used to be considered a good place for target practice by the British men of war on patrol duty there, and this small inlet was used as a target so frequently that it seemed in danger of being gradually shot away. The chief who owned it protested and wanted compensation. The captain of a man-of-war who understood the natives knew that these claims would be a senseless source of blackmail unless they were settled once for all, so he bought the island for the British crown, paying ten sticks of tobacco for it, and every one was satisfied. The place since then has been known as "Ten Stick island."—London Standard.

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

C. R. Willis of Brownwood, who had been looking after cotton business in Ballinger returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harris and baby returned home Tuesday afternoon from several days visit to San Angelo.

G. W. Mathews came in from the West Tuesday afternoon, where he had been on cotton business for some time past.

Patronize our Advertisers. Isn't a Loaf Always Bread? "How is Robert getting on at college?" asked the minister, who was being entertained at dinner. "Splendidly," said the proud father, who then went on to tell of his son's various social, athletic and scholastic successes, and the minister said it was a fine thing to be college bred. That evening little James, who had been an interested listener, said, "Papa, what did Mr. Brown mean by 'college bred'?" "Oh, that," said papa, who had been looking over his son's bills. "Is a four years' loaf."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Scotch of Danzig. One of the largest Scottish colonies of the continent formerly existed at Danzig. In the last decade of the fourteenth century a number of Scottish knights journeyed to Danzig to help in the crusade of the Teutonic order against the Lithuanian heathens, and one of the city gates—now known as the Halle Thor—was christened the Douglas Thor after Lord William Douglas, who was slain there.—London Spectator.

Subtleties. "The English style of humor differs from the American," said the man who is ever studious. "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "Where we use chin whiskers to denote a politeness the English usually employ side whiskers."—Washington Star.

GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLES. Where Were Ultima Thule and the Lost Atlantis Located?

A most puzzling geographic mystery has come down from ancient times. This is the old question as to the identity of Ultima Thule. It was about 400 B. C. that Pytheas, a citizen of Massilia, sailed on his famous voyage. He discovered Albion and then continued farther north until he reached a spot which he named Ultima Thule. What this country was has never been determined. It may have been Shetland or Norway or Iceland.

Another ancient puzzle is that of Atlantis. It is commonly believed nowadays that this vanished continent did once actually lie beyond the pillars of Hercules, and there are theories unending concerning it. Some regard the Canary islands as fragmentary remains of it, others think that the supposedly lost land was really America; but, in considering these speculations, it is well to bear in mind the fact that the first mention of the country was made by Plato, and many scholars are sure that the philosopher merely indulged in an imaginative flight. The solitary evidence that Atlantis ever existed is his reference to it.—Chicago Herald.

New Meat Market. At the Globber Old Stand. We have just renovated and put in first class shipe the old Globber Market and now open for business. The very best meats the market affords. Call and see us. Your patronage will be appreciated. Will be known as "THE CHAMPION MARKET". Phone 126 Frank Chapman Phone 126 Hutchings Ave. Manager Ballinger, Texas

Most People Who Eat Are Particular What They Eat. We cater to such people—we buy to please them, and we DO please them. We have a store full of the most eatable of eats, and every purchase you make impels you to make another, and still others. L. B. Stubbs Phones 94 & 363 The Home of GOOD Eats.

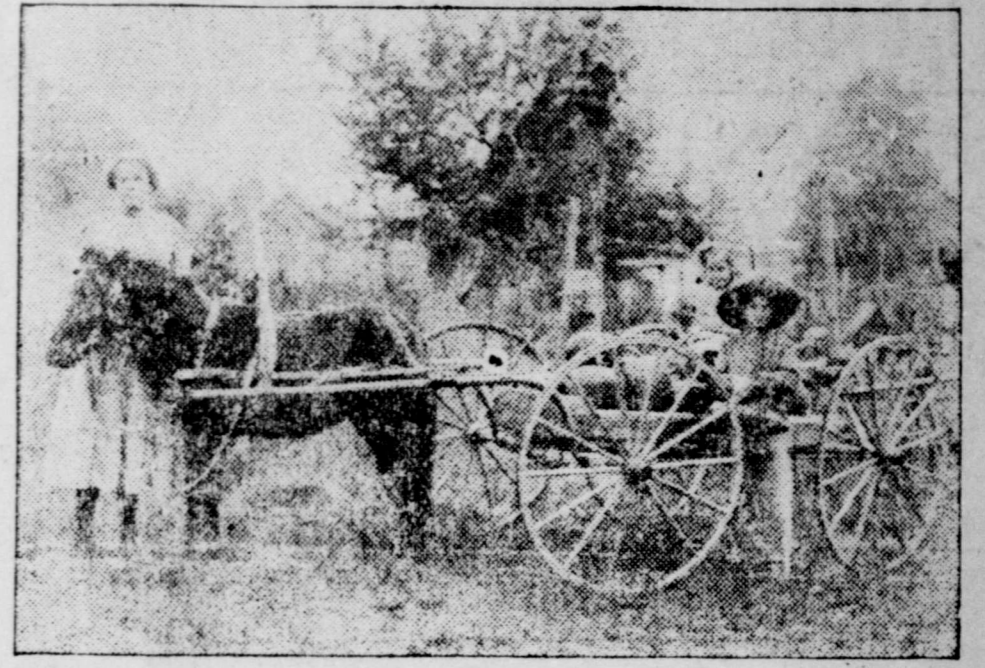
It Makes a Difference Who Does Your Work. A good shave, a neat hair cut, adds a great deal to a man's feeling and appearance. We give you satisfaction along this line. The City Barber Shop H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor. GO TO-- Security Title Company for your abstract work. Christmas is Near-- so drop in and get fresh confections. Try some of my nicer, something nice. Everything in my store is Fresh and clean. Try me, that's all. Fire works of all kinds. N. Passur. JEWELL CUNINGHAM Dealer In Second Hand Goods Repairing A Specialty. On Corner Opposite The Princess Theatre.

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E. A. Jeanes, the produce dealer, left Wednesday morning for Coleman and Santa Anna to look after his branch houses a few days.

Cured of Liver Complaint
 "I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.

C. C. Hallman of the Marie country was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday and divided his cash with the Ledger on subscription.

C. C. Gannaway, who recently moved to Ballinger from the Nor-

ton country, ordered the Banner Ledger Tuesday to his old ad-dress for the ensuing year.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
 E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.
 12-1mon d&w.

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

Board and Rooms on 7th street, reasonable rates. Apply to Mrs. L. E. Sheffy. 9-47

A. L. Kirby of the Crews country was looking after business at-

MUSICAL NUMBERS FOR BANQUET ARE ARRANGED TODAY

The committee handling the music for the First Annual Banquet to be staged at the Young Men's Business League under the auspices of that organization today announced that nearly all arrangements had been perfected for the musical numbers, which will intersperse the speaking Mrs. E. L. McAlpine has consented to give the audience a vocal selection, and Misses Velma Walker and Mary Sue Spill, instrumental numbers. All in all, according to the committee, the musical feature will be one of the special attractions of the evening. Efforts are now under way for securing the services of an orchestra.

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 the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

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.

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.

SPECIAL TO WOMEN

The most economical, cleansing and germicidal of all antiseptics is

Paxtine

A soluble Antiseptic Powder to be dissolved in water as needed.

As a medicinal antiseptic for douches in treating catarrh, inflammation or ulceration of nose, throat, and that caused by feminine ills it has no equal. For ten years the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. has recommended Paxtine in their private correspondence with women, which proves its superiority. Women who have been cured say it is "worth its weight in gold." At druggists, 50c large box, or by mail, The Paxton Toilet Co., Boston, Mass.



See Wednesday

EN ROUTE HOME.

A message received in Ballinger Wednesday morning to C. W. Harper from the Horiz 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.

California Women Seriously Alarmed.

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.

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.

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.

Mrs. W. L. Turner and child ren of Lamesa, Texas, came in Monday night on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gannaway, for a few weeks.

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 preparing Mrs. Stevens accompanied them and will visit at Hutto, and Waco during Mr. Stevens absence.

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

Bob Barker of San Antonio, was the guest of the Ledger Tuesday night on a business trip West.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that all germs of straining the air passages. Ballard's Hagedorn Syrup looses the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and cleared. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hallman, and Aug. Hallman, of the Offin county, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

THE JACKSON DAIRY
 WILL JACKSON, Proprietor.
 Will deliver milk to any part of the city
 Good Milk, Good Service, Prompt Deliveries.
 A Share of Your Patronage Solicited.
Will Jackson
 Telephone-Rural 5903

MANY A SQUARE MEAL IS SPOILED IN THE MAKING.
 Inferior flour, poor potatoes, any kind of foodstuffs that are a little "off" may spoil an otherwise perfect repast.
 Some grocers make it a point of honor to never sell an article that is "off." They build up a reputation from which they are inseparable. It is an invaluable asset in business.
We Are Of That Class
 You know it. Others ought to, for their own sakes.
MILLER MERCANTILE CO.
 TWO PHONES 66 AND 77

YOUR PATCH WORK--
 Around the house calls for Lumber, Paint, Etc. We give the little orders our prompt attention and can supply you with just the material you need. When you want a large or small bill figured bring it to our yard.
BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

DON'T FORGET
 H. L. WENDORF, the Saddle and Harness Man.
 Wants your business however large or small. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection
 Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas.

W. B. WOOD AND SON
 Will Buy Your
COTTON SEED
 and pay the best prices.
 Before selling see them in the city.

American railways run their passenger equipment from 60 to 100 miles with periodical stops for lubrication. They expend annually large sums for expert mechanics to do nothing but make inspection and recommendation. Can the inexperience afford to undertake what the high salaried ones are doing? Drive in and receive a thorough inspection at a nominal cost and derive the full pleasure of motoring.
LEACH AUTO WORKS
 All Work Directly Under the Manager.

IT IS EXPENSIVE TO KEEP A COW IN TOWN
 To say nothing of the work and worry. Try the more satisfactory way and let us supply you. Phone your orders for pure Ice Cream to 301.
SILVER MOON DAIRY
 R. F. GREEN, Proprietor.

Princess Theatre
Wednesday, Dec. 9th
Matinee and Night

IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN

ANNETTE KELLERMANN

"The Perfect Woman with Form & Living"

"Neptune's Daughter"

500 PEOPLE 1000 SCENES
THE GORGEOUS MASTERPIECE

A Fairyland Fantasy That Is
Weird, Wild and Wonderful

The Most Sensational, Novel and Thrilling
Motion Tableau Ever Conceived by Man



Children 15c

Adults 25c

McAdoo's Report Declares
Optimism Prevades the
Business World Today

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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 fi-
gures to speak for themselves

concerning the new Democratic
tariff. The report said:

When the tariff law was writ-
ten it was estimated to produce
from customs in its first year
about \$270,000,000. There was actually
produced in the year from cus-
toms \$292,320,014.51, or \$22,320,
014.51 in excess of the estimates,
which took into account the esti-
mated 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 oil-
ers.

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

"Notwithstanding," the secre-
tary 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 en-
counters great obstacles at the
outset. In the first place, the
people of the country, unaccus-
tomed to an income tax, must be edu-
cated to the law, this takes
time."

That many people dodged the
tax was the frank opinion of Mc-
Adoo. Many failed to make any
returns and the Secretary felt it
is necessary to make investiga-
tions 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, in-
stead 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 cut-
ters for Pacific coast work.

WATER ENGINEERS
MAKE NEW RULING

According to a ruling made by
the State Board of Water Engi-
neers in session at San Angelo this
week, where a number of applica-
tions 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 Engi-
neers at the hearing held by it
on Monday, December 7th, in San An-
gelo.

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 pres-
ent 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 ex-
ceed 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 ex-
cess 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 pro-
vide proper and ample safeguards
against interference with the
rights of prior appropriators now
in possession and use of water.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with local applications, as they
cannot reach the seat of the dis-
ease. Catarrh is a blood or con-
stitutional disease, and in order
to cure it you must take internal
remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is
taken internally, and acts direct-
ly upon the blood and mucous sur-
faces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not
a quack medicine. It was pres-
cribed by one of the best physi-
cians in this country for years
and years and is a regular pres-
cription. It is composed of the
best tonics known, combined with
the best blood purifier, acting di-
rectly on the mucous surfaces.
The perfect combination of the
two ingredients is what pro-
duces such wonderful results in
curing catarrh. Send for testi-
monials, free.

F. J. CHEENEY & CO., Props.
Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for
constipation.

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 slaugh-
ter house, complete in every re-
spect, 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.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
Laxative
Take no other. Buy of your
Druggist, or call on THE
DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25
years' experience. Sold by
DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

HOT LUNCHES--

served to ease the palate of the
most chronic son of indigestion
in a manner that will cause
the more fortunate brother to
forever afterward make my
place his place. Hot drinks
also served.

The
ALCOVE
P. S. CHEW, Proprietor.

CHRISTMAS SEALS
ARE PERMITTED BY
NEW P. C. RULING

Orders have been received by
the Ballinger postoffice officials
from the department at Washing-
ton, instructing that the ruling
that no stamps other than post-
age, be placed on the addressed
side of letters and packages, be
permitted on mail matter, be sus-
pended for the time being. The
object of the suspension is to al-
low Christmas stamps to be plac-
ed on mail. However, it is pro-
vided 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.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kid-
ney and bladder troubles, dis-
solves gravel, cures diabetes, weak
and lame backs, rheumatism, and
bladder in both men and women.
Regulates bladder troubles in
children. If not sold by your
druggist, will be sent by mail on
receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle
is two month's treatment, and se-
cond fails to perfect a cure. Texas
testimonials with each bottle. Dr.
E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St.
Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312c

"NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER" AT
PRINCESS THEATRE

When "Neptune's Daughter"
is presented at the Princess this
afternoon and night the people of
Ballinger will have an opportunity
of seeing what has been termed
"the last word in photo-drama."
And if all that the critics say may
be believed the production de-
serves just that appreciation.

Annette Kellermann, the famous
"diving Venus," appears in the
title role of this production and
her graceful interpretation of the
part of a mermaid justifies all
that has been said of her marvel-
ous aquatic skill. One is quite
willing to forget the material
world and enter into the whimsical
and thoroughly delightful
fairy-story attitude which is neces-
sary to the fullest appreciation of
"Neptune's Daughter."

The scenery is enough to satisfy
the most poetic imagination and
the whole play abounds in drama-
tic situations that excite an inter-
est as keen as it is wholesome.
The atmosphere is that of the
open sea and the great out-of-
doors; it is filled with the spirit
of the woodlands and invites all
humanity back to the very heart
of nature. But, one must see the
play to realize the irresistible charm
of its appeal.

"Neptune's Daughter" is here
this afternoon and night in two
performances, matinee and night.
The matinee beginning at 1:30
and the night show lasting till
11:00 p. m.

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 cleans
and strengthens the stomach
liver and bowels, and restores
energy and cheerfulness. Price
50c. Sold by The Walker Drug
Co.

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 talk-
ing 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 peo-
ple.

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.

Hearthburn is a symptom of in-
digestion. Take a dose of Her-
bine in such cases. The pain dis-
appears instantly. The bowels op-
erate speedily and you feel fine
vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c
Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

PRINCESS
THEATRE
...Tonight...

Picture Program

"Neptunes
Daughter"
In 7 Reels

Admission . . 10c

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) Re-
lease Mortgage or Deed of Trust,
(7) Crop Mortgage, (8) Charge
and Credit Slips, (9) Release of
Vendors Lien, (10) Power of At-
torney, (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 be-
tween Principal and Agent for
Sale of Real Estate, (18) Build-
ing Contract, (19) Contract for
Exchange of Property, (Single
and Double Acknowledgements
(21) Affidavit to any fact, (22) Pro-
test Blanks, (23) County Clerks
Certificates.

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

What to do for
a Bad Headache

People often ask what to do for a
bad headache. Step in any drug store
and ask the man at the fountain to
give you a little of Hicks' Capudine
in a glass of water. This is so success-
ful because it removes the cause of
the headache, whether from heat, cold,
gripp or nervousness. You can also
buy it in 10c, 25c and 50c bottles to
have at home.
It is a liquid and very pleasant to
take. There's no sense in going
around with a terrible headache when
it can be removed so easily.

QUEEN THEATRE
TONIGHT

TODAY'S PROGRAM

IMP UNIVERSAL, "Country
Innocence" a 2 part drama
of Modern rural life. Feat-
uring Dorothy Phillips, Ed-
mond Morimer, and Howard
Crampton.

STERLING UNIVERSAL,
"Carmin's Wash Day" a
Juvenile Comedy.

Admission
10 CENTS



Roadster \$479.00
Touring Cars \$529.00
F. O. B. Ballinger

When the Ford needs repairing, bring it to the
Ford home, and talk to our expert Ford mechanics

Harwell Motor Co. Ballinger
Texas

...GENERAL...

Electric Irons

\$3.50

Always ready for service and are best at all season
of the year. Can be attached to any light socket, no
extra heat and no smut. They seldom need repairs
but when they do we will repair them free of charge
when sent to our office.

The cost of the Iron is only \$3.50 and the cost of the
current to use them is not much.
Phone 15 for one today.

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

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.

THE SWEETEST CANDIES--

May be secured at the house where the clerks have a faculty for
knowing how to properly preserve the GIFT that makes your
GIRL know you twice as much as before Christmas. We handle
JACOB'S, VASSAR AND OTHER BRANDS.
Remember Christmas is only off a short while and our celebrated
brands of candies awaits your inspection and consequent order.

E. F. ELDER and SON

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.

Wouldn't save much, needless
to say.

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 kid-
ney 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. Fes-
ter-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo
N.Y.

WOUNDED MAN GETTING
ALONG VERY WELL

H. E. Petty, of Maverick, ac-
companied 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.

The Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick is
the finest thing in the world.
Cleans the clothes without rub-
bing—makes the whitest clothes I
ever 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. Gammill
Ashdown, Ark. This peculiar arti-
cle is sold by druggists, three 10c
sticks for 25c or by mail from A.
B. Richards Medicine Co., Sher-
man, Texas.

SECOND ISSUE OF
SCHOOL PAPER SOON

The second issue of "The
Whirlwind," the journal publish-
ed 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.

For SORE or WEAK EYES,
use Dickey's Old Reliable Eye
Water. Don't hurt. Feels Good.
16-1-14-6m