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President Asks People to Help in Taking Census

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

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

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

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

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

The census enumerator will be subject to penalty for divulging the result of their work by giving the population of precincts, cities or counties, or for gving out any other information. This will be reported direct from Washington as fast as the enumerator's reports are compiled and the totals made up.

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

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

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

CREWS SCHOOL SUPPER GETS $400

The rural schools of this county are prospering as the result of a series of box suppers and public entertainments which are being given.

Prof. E. F. Beck, principal of the Crews school, was in the city Tuesday and reports that the Crews school made $400 from a box supper held at that place last Friday night.

Aside from the nice sum of money raised for the benefit of the school the public was given a treat in good wholesome entertainment and a social mingling that is worth a great deal to the community.

According to the report given by Prof. Beck the boxes brought from $2 to $12.25 each. Miss Robbie Ash's box brought the highest price, and the total sales from the boxes amounted to $157.80.

A water set for the most popular young lady was auctioned off by allowing one vote for each five cents, and the young lady receiving the largest number of votes got the set. Miss Greda McBeth won the water set, getting 2449 votes at five cents per vote, and Miss Robbie Ash ran second with 1826 votes at five cents per vote.

A box of candy was awarded to the ugliest man. There were three men in the race for the candy. Wm. King received 223 votes, Arthur Clark 267 votes and Oran Mathis 8 votes. The votes were sold at five cents each.

The total receipts from sale of boxes and voting contests amounted to $396.45, and at the suggestion of Miss Hale, the assistant teacher of the Crews school, she and Prof. Beck contributed sufficient amount to make the total $400.

WALKER-MATHIS.

Buford C. Walker and Miss Thelma Mathis were married Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, West of Hatchel. Rev. Alvin Swindell performed the ceremony. The wedding was a quiet home affair, in the presence of only a few friends and the two families.

Both of the parties are children of two of the most prominent and representative families of the Hatchel country. They will make their home after the holidays in Vernon.

H. A. Montgomery, a pioneer of Paint Rock, had business in Ballinger Monday.

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BLANTON TO VISIT DISTRICT

During the Christmas recess Congressman Blanton has announced that he will visit his district, spending several days at home on business, and will probably speak in a number of the counties of the district.

Mr. Blanton has made no definite speaking engagements except at Brownwood, where he has announced that he will speak on Tuesday night, Dec. 30th. He states that he will be glad to meet anyone having business with the government.

Brownwood has been more antagonistic to Mr. Blanton since and before he was elected to congress, and he will no doubt correct some false charges and misrepresentations made against him by certain citizens and by the Brownwood papers.

$5,000,000 CARGO TEXAS COTTON

21,672 bales of cotton were loaded on the West Chetac at Houston last week and on Saturday the vessel cleared for Liverpool. The cargo of cotton was valued at $5,000,000 and it cost $16,000 to load the cotton on the ship.

The vessel arrived on December 3 from Philadelphia. She came in ballast and two days were spent in discharging 1200 bags of sand. Loading was then started and the work was practically completed Friday night.

The West Chetac is an 8800-ton vessel. Her cargo carrying capacity is smaller. She is 430 feet long and has a 54-foot beam. While the same type of ship as the Merry Mount, which inaugurated the Houston-Liverpool service, her cargo carrying capacity is less, which accounts for the fact that she took a smaller number of bales than the other vessel. She is in command of Captain W. H. Stanford.

The Merry Mount sailed from Houston on November 15. She went by way of Norfolk and arrived in Liverpool on December 13, making excellent time all the way. Her cargo consisted of 23,917 bales of cotton and 13,512 pieces of oak staves.

Virtually all Houston cotton firms furnished cotton for the West Chetac's cargo.

CARRANZA CONTEMPLATES MEXICAN BORDER DRY ZONE

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Mexican officials are contemplating the establishment of a "dry zone" along the U. S.-Mexico boundary line.

The newspaper Excelsion recently declared that the governors of five Mexican border states met with the minister of the interior to study proposed restrictions and means of making them effective.

American soldiers, the newspaper states, have crossed the border frequently and demanded the Mexicans sell them liquor, "because they cannot get it in the United States," while smuggling of intoxicants into the United States "has grown to alarming proportions of late."

The Excelsior says that in Tampico alone, more than four hundred Americans "confessed" they went there for the sole purpose of drinking.

Juarez, opposite El Paso, and Piedras Negras, across from Eagle Pass, are the homes of large stocks of liquors, consisting of whiskey, cognac and tequila, as recently discovered by Mexican officials, the newspaper further stated. These stocks, it is declared, were ready for smuggling across the Rio Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith went to Stephenville, Tuesday, where they will spend the holidays with their son, George, and wife.

Mrs. B. J. Harris, music teacher, left for New Mexico, Monday. She will visit her parents and undergo an operation before returning to her work in Ballinger

BOY SHOOTS SELF WHILE HUNTING

The accidental discharging of a target rifle sent a bullet into the left lower limb of Tom Truly, son of Mrs. P. E. Truly, Tuesday morning just before noon. The bullet plowed its way through the fleshy part of the limb between the knee and the groin and lodged near the surface on the opposite side.

Tom and Herbert Sledge were out for a day's hunt, and were on the W. T. Routh place about four miles from town when their day's sport was broken into by the accident. Tom was working with the target trying to get a shell out when the gun was accidentally discharged. Herbert broke the speed limit in going to the Routh home for help. Oscar Routh returned with Herbert to the hunting ground and brought Tom to the sanitarium in his car, where an operation fixed him up, and nothing serious is expected.

TRAIN SCHEDULES A LITTLE MIXED

The Ledger was in error Monday in stating that the Santa Fe would operate a train from Brownwood to Temple each day, leaving Brownwood about twelve o'clock and connecting with the morning train from Ballinger to Brownwood. No such train has been put on.

However, the Santa Fe makes up a train at Brownwood each evening, leaving that city for Temple at 7:45, which eliminates the necessity of passengers going East waiting for the California train from Sweetwater. The California train is generally several hours late, and passengers from this part of the country en route East have been forced to wait.

For several days the afternoon eastbound train has been leaving Ballinger late, and arriving at Brownwood from one to two hours late. Passengers on this train stand the chance of missing the Temple train, and the railway company urges that those going East can make better time by going down on the morning train and waiting at Brownwood for the 7:45 train to Temple, which connects with the main line.

WANTS CONSTRUCTIVE SYSTEM FOR RAILROADS

(New York World)

A financial disaster without precedent will result if Congress hands back the railroads to their owners without adopting some constructive plan for solving the railroad problem, Charles Whiting Baker, a consulting engineer of this city and editor of the Engineering News-Record, writes in the current issue of the publication.

Congress must establish the supremacy of Federal control of the railways over State control or else economic barriers to interstate commerce will be raised which will imperil national prosperity and even national unity, he writes.

"Railway capital must have a fair return," he adds, "but in order to secure this it must be relieved of risks from the demands of labor, the exercise of State or Federal control and the manipulations of financiers, whose use of their control of the railways for their personal benefit must be terminated."

COME HERE TO GET MARRIED SATURDAY

G. W. Herndon, of San Angelo, and Miss Ella Osburne, of Clyde, were married in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. The couple drove to the home of Judge A. K. Doss where Rev. W. H. Doss performed the ceremony, and the happy young folks went on their way rejoicing.

At the Methodist parsonage Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. J. B. Curry tied the knot which united for life J. R. Millsap and Miss Susie White, of Rowena. The father of Mr. Millsap and one or two other relatives were present.

SECRETARY DANIELS IS CHARGED WITH PARTIALITY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congressional invesigation growing out of charges that Secretary Daniels of the navy department had shown favoritism in awarding distinguished service medals and disregarded recommendations of high naval officers is under way today.

The immediate cause of the investigation came about when Admiral Simms refused to accept a D. S. M. because he alleged that he was not deserving of the award.

MEXICANS RELEASE 2 SAILORS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—The two American sailors who were arrested by the Mexican authorities at Mazatlan and charged with assault, have been released, it was officially reported here today.

The investigation will continue and a full report made to the American government. The sailors were released upon request of the American government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The embargo on shipment of arms and munitions to Mexico has been tightened, according to an order issued by Secretary Lansing today.

All outstanding unused licenses permitting the shipment of arms and munitions to Mexico, and which were issued prior to September 20th have been ordered revoked. No reason is assigned for the tightening up of the embargo.

REV. CLARK REAPPOINTED TO FILL NORTON CIRCUIT

In the recent general conference of this District of the Methodist church, a temporary vacancy was left in what is known as the Norton circuit. Rev. L. A. Clark, who has been the pastor of this circuit for a number of years, has since been appointed, and will assume the pastorate of the circuit immediately.

DIES AT AGE OF 78 YEARS

Mrs. Mary Jane Osborn, of Leaday, died Saturday morning, at the age of 78 years two months, and twenty days. The remains were brought to Ballinger and shipped to Post City for burial. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. E. D. Stephens of Leaday.

SANTA FE STATION GETS CARLOAD COAL SUNDAY

A car load of coal was received in Ballinger Sunday night, and a part of it was unloaded at the Santa Fe station. The remainder of the car was taken on through to other points along the line.

This is the first coal the station has had in two or three weeks, and the crowds at the waiting room have had to sit in. Employees of the railroad, freight station have not had fire for some time, but smoke began pouring out the flues Monday morning, and it is thought the present difficulty in getting coal is past.

MR. AND MRS. BRYAN BECK SEND XMAS GREETING

"Greetings of Yuletide to all of our Ballinger friends through you. Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan D. Beck, Honolulu, Hawaiia."

The above card was received by The Ledger. Mr. and Mrs. Beck went to Hawaiia some time ago in Y. M. C. A. work. They are remembered in Ballinger by a number of friends.

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THREAD-RUBBER

W. A. Schawe left Friday for Abilene on business.

Dr. C. E. McGuire has returned from Abilene, where he had been on business for a few days.

U. P. Melton has returned from a business trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and vicinity.

Mrs. M. N. Gustavus and children left Friday for Dublin to spend Christmas.

Herman Clemens left Friday on his return to his home in New Braunfels, after spending several days here on business.

Miss Grace Dewitt is at home from C. I. A., at Denton, for the holidays.

Collis Doose returned Thursday from Wentworth Military college, in Missouri, to spend the holidays at home.

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HIGHWAY WORK IS PARTLY FINISHED

Work on the Ballinger-Rowena highway has been completed from Ballinger up to the cemetery, according to J. L. Dellis, county engineer. Two coats of gravel have been put on the road for this distance, and the remainder of the eight miles will be finished up as fast as possible.

Considerable delay has been experienced on account of the rainy weather, and it may be some time before the rest of the road can be finished. When completed this strip of road will be a hard, smooth, straight road to Rowena.

The surface of the road is a little soft for the present, but will harden with use. Drags will be used after rains, and the road will gradually become hardened.

All the culverts on this road were finished before the actual work of road building was started. These are built of concrete, reinforced with steel.

The plans for the new bridge to be built across the Colorado River at Ballinger have been passed upon by the state highway department, and have been passed on to the federal department. This will be one of the most modern bridges in Texas. Two steel trestles will span the river, and the approaches to it will be of concrete. In addition, a walk for pedestrians will run along one side.

Mr. Dellis stated that after about a year of travel on the new road, a spray of oil should be applied. This will harden it, and make it resist the wear of weather.

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

OFFICERS SEARCHING FOR GILL WHISKEY

Officers of Ballinger were kept busy Monday on one of the most complex mysteries that has ever confronted them. The cause of the search was one gill of whiskey, in a pint bottle.

The one gill was owned by D. E. Moody, and one day last week he came to Ballinger and left it unguarded. On his return at night, he found the lock to his cellar broken, and everything topsy turby. His house had been thoroughly gone through, but nothing further than the teacupful of whiskey was missing.

The officers have not found who the guilty parties are, but every hunch is being followed up, and it is believed they have a clew that will lead to one arrest, and maybe more.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60¢ per bottle.

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Cabbage Plants postpaid, $2.50 per 1,000. Cabbage Plants express collect, $2.00 per 1,000. Ask price large quantity, all varieties.

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SAN ANGELO TO HAVE NATURAL GAS SOON

Natural gas for cooking and heating, supplied at moderate cost from deep wells in the Valera or Brownwood field, was proposed to the board of city development at a meeting held Thursday afternoon. The proposal was made by W. E. Dickerson of Brownwood on behalf of W. A. Letson of Kansas City and P. E. Magee of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The plan was outlined by Mr. Dickerson only in the most general way, as he had not had an opportunity to consult with his principals and had merely a telegram from them, which covered the matter only in the broadest manner. San Angelo will not be asked to put up a bonus, the B. C. D. was told, but will be asked to subscribe $500,000 in first mortgage seven per cent bonds. The total cost of the pipe line to San Angelo and of the distributing system will probably be considerably in excess of $1,000,000, Mr. Dickerson said, so that the security back of the bonds would be of the best.

The price at which gas would be sold Mr. Dickerson was not authorized to say definitely, though he said that the rate at Brownwood, Santa Anna and other similar points was fifty cents a thousand feet. The price now charged for artificial gas here, it was brought out, is $2, and artificial gas has only half the heating power per foot that natural gas has.—San Angelo Standard.

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A STATEMENT TO DISABLED SOLDIERS

Every man who was in the military or naval service of the United States during the late war, and who on account of such service is not physically fitted to engage at once in a gainful occupation should at once notify the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in Washington, D. C.

Under the law this Bureau is charged with providing for service men discharged because of disability incurred in active service in the line of duty, compensation and free medical treatment until such time as they are restored to physical fitness. During the summer of 1918 there was a general combing out of the military training camps of the country in an effort to bring up the standard of physical fitness, and many men discharged at that time may be unaware of their rights under an act of Congress to compensation for disability and medical attention and hospital treatment where necessary. All cases of this or a like nature should be brought immediately to the attention of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

KAYSER TO SELL CARS ON ROAD

R. F. Kayser returned to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon from Cleveland, Ohio, to straighten up his business here. He has accepted a position with the Chandler factory, and will go on the road to sell Chandler and Cleveland cars. He intends to keep his demonstration farm near Ballinger in operation for the present, and will continue to run his service car line between Ballinger and Winters.

Mr. Kayser says that Ballinger will be his West Texas headquarters, and he will spend most of his time here. His territory covers all of Western Texas.

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NEW TRAIN ON SANTA FE FROM BROWNWOOD

Santa Fe Agent J. J. Beck received notice Saturday that a special passenger train is being put on from Brownwood to Temple, which will run until after the rush of Christmas travel. This train will leave Brownwood shortly after the morning train, which departs from Ballinger at 9:30, arrives in Brownwood. Ample time is allowed in case the morning train is late in Brownwood.

The new passenger train was necessitated on account of the crowded condition of the afternoon train. The travel toward Brownwood and east in the afternoons has reached such a state that one train is unable to handle the crowds. The morning train is not nearly so crowded, and the present arrangement was made to equalize the loads on both trains.

Passengers are being urged to use the morning train as much as possible. The stop in Brownwood will not be long and passengers will be given the advantage of a daylight run to Temple.

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

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END OF COAL SHORTAGE NEAR

It is thought that the present shortage in coal will be relieved in Ballinger withn a short time, as notice has been received by local coal dealers that some coal will be shipped here as soon as possible. The shipments for some time, however, will be of Texas coal, mainly from the mines at Thurber.

Texas coal is said not to be as good as that from other states, but coal of any kind will be welcomed here. Wood is high and hard to get, and is not very suitable for burning in coal stoves. Every mine in the state is operating now, although on short working force, and it is believed that the present demands can be met before there is any actual suffering in Texas.

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

ARMY TANKS HELPS PUT OUT A FIRE

Fulfilling the rule that fires in San Angelo always occur three in a row, the third alarm of the day was turned into the fire station Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A coal shed in the rear of 111 E. Harris avenue, the residence of the late Judge Joseph Spence Jr., was on fire. Chemicals, effectively used earlier in the day at two other fires, were again brought into play, and only the roof of the shed was burned.

Another feature of the small blaze was the "run" that the army's recruiting tank made to the scene, a distance of only three blocks from the Western National Bank building, where the big war monster is on exhibition. Had the fire threatened to spread, sheds or fences in danger could easily have been leveled by the tank, thus preventing their dstruction by fire.—San Angelo Standard.

Notice

Anyone caught getting wood off the C. O. Harris place, 3 miles East of Maverick, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. G. W. DARK. 16-4tw

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Chas. and J. Black, of Marie, were in Ballinger on business Friday.

MANY TEXAS WOMEN WOULD TESTIFY

San Antonio, Texas:—"For a long time I had suffered with a weakness that was brought on by over-work and worry. Through this I became all run-down and extremely nervous. I had scarcely any strength left—the least exertion I would be all in. I was a physical wreck when I began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it was very quick in building me up in health and strength and I was so much better after taking this medicine that I feel I can safely recommend it to others."—MRS. N. A. BRIGGS, 1415 Buena Vista St.

Beaumont, Texas:—"For young girls who suffer with suppression or weakness, I always recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I have given it to my two girls with most satisfactory results. They are now in absolutely perfect health where they might have become frail and delicate had it not been for the taking of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription at just the right time."—MRS. D. DICKINSON, 1387 Jerome St.

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CURRIE TAKES OVER H. & H. MERCANTILE

Announcements have been mailed out by the H. & H. Mercantile Co. that after the first of January the store will be under the management of Wix Currie. Mr. Currie will move his meat market to the new location and will run it in connection with the grocery store.

The store will be remodeled throughout, and a complete line of groceries maintained, as well as meats of all kinds. The store will be known as the Currie Mercantile Co.

Mr. Hardin, who is at present in charge of the store, will remain with the business.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Sold by John A. Weeks.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING of The First State Bank of Rowena; Rowena, Texas.

By virtue of the authority in me vested as president of the above named bank, I hereby call a meeting of the stockholders of said bank to be held in the office of the bank, in the town of Rowena, Texas, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1920, at the hour of 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors and acting on such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

G. SCHUHMANN
President.

Attest:

N. K. FREEMAN,
Secretary.

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Miss Olga Zappe returned Friday from San Antonio, where she has been attending school, and will spend Christmas at home

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W. O. Schultz returned Friday from Childress, where he had been for some time.

Diaz Wood returned Saturday from Lebanon, Tenn., where he is attending a law school to spend Christmas at home.

FATS FOR ENERGY

It's all too true that many children have a dislike for animal fats, yet the same children will readily take and relish

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This choice is instinctive and is linked up with the fact that *Scott's* is assimilated when other forms of fat are a disturbing element. Give your boy and girl plenty of energizing and warmth-imparting *Scott's Emulsion*. It will build them up!

The Norwegian cod-liver oil used in Scott's Emulsion is super-refined in our own American Laboratories. Its purity and quality is unsurpassed. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N.J. 19-23

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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SAFETY FIRST SHOWS UP WELL; OTHER OIL NEWS

Reports from all the drilling wells in Runnels county are hard the scouts to get through the mud.

The muddy weather has retarded drilling operations in all the wells also, especially those away from the railroads, and fuel wagons must haul small loads, and cannot make any speed. Some of the crews have not had a chance to do more than a few days drilling during the past few weeks.

The Safety First Oil and Gas Co's. well on Los Arroyo is the closest one to the railroad in the county, but even they have had great difficulty. Field Manager Hunter stated Saturday that they would probably have finished their well some time ago had it not been for these unavoidable delays. He also stated that if no further delays were encountered, this well will be completed within twenty more days of actual drilling.

Underreaming has been necessary at the Los Arroyo well for the past few days, from 1440 to 1550 feet. A flow of water which had hindered operations for a short while, is now shut off, and drilling has been resumed.

A small fire at the Los Arroyo Friday night destroyed the boiler shed and caused a little delay. Not very much damage was done, and it is thought that the fire caught from some oil on the ground around the shed.

At 1433 feet a formation of soft was struck in the Los Arroyo at white sand stone was struck, which continued to 1455 feet. According to geologists this is the only formation of this kind that has ever been encountered in this part of the state. A similar formation was struck in Burkburnett 11,000 barrel well. An oil sand twelve feet thick, that yielded a 1350 feet and Mr. Hunter has been advised by geologists that if nothing better is found at a greater depth, to shoot the hole at this depth, and it is thought that a paying flow will be produced.

Reports from other wells in the county are very hard to get, and very little is being done at most of them. Russell No. 3 is down a little over 1,000 feet, although the exact depth could not be learned.

The Hightower test has been shut down for some time, but will resume drilling at 2820 feet within the next few days. The drillers are waiting at present for six and five-eighths inch casing, which has probably already arrived at Winters.

D. G. Lacy has started drilling again on his well on the Russell ranch, after being shut down for some time, waiting for tools.

The Lee Seals is shut down at 1800 feet.

The Pfluger well at Rowena is drilling at 1200 feet, and is making excellent time, with very few delays.

Splendid Cough Medicine

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

TWO MARRIAGES BY JUSTICE TRIMMIER

Justice of the Peace Trimmier is doing a rushing business in marriage ceremonies these days. Two marriages were performed Thursday by him, one couple from Junction City, and a negro couple here in Ballinger.

Mr. Gary and Miss Eva May Phillips of Junction City, came to Ballinger Wednesday, coming here from Abilene, where the license was issued, and were united in Justice Trimmier's office about ten o'clock Thursday morning.

Arthur Green and Cleo McGown, colored, were made man and wife shortly after noon Thursday.

GET READY FOR "FLU"

Keep Your Liver Active, Your System Purified and Free From Colds by Taking Calotabs, the Nausealess Calomel Tablets, that are Delightful, Safe and Sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purified and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a lazy liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications.

To cut short a cold overnight and to prevent serious complications take one Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no griping, no sickening after effects. Next morning your cold has vanished, your liver is active, your system is purified and refreshed and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat ... you ... Calotabs ...

CATHOLIC BISHOP AND COMPANY VISIT HERE

Bishop Draessart, of San Antonio, who has charge of the Catholic churches of this section, acompanied by Father M. Ondeate of San Antonio, recently of Spain, Father Bailey of San Angelo, who was overseas during the great war, and Father Wirtz of San Angelo, visited Father G. Goldbach of St. Mary's Church, here, this week. They left Wednesday for San Antonio.

Bishop Draessart expressed great satisfaction over the work of the church here, and complimented Father Goldbach very highly. The visit of these prominent churchmen here is considered ... honor to the ...

TEXAS HAS FUEL FOR 1800 YEARS

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Excellent specimens of the products of some of the coal fields of Texas are to be found in the museum of the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology of the University of Texas. It is estimated that the total area of workable coal fields in Texas is 8,200 square miles, divided into three main fields, one in North Central Texas, and two along the Rio Grande. Besides these fields it is estimated there are 5,300 square miles in Texas that may contain workable coal beds.

The North Texas coal field covers thirteen counties, and is entered by ten railroads. The small extent to which these fields have been devoloped is evidenced by the fact that 50 per cent of the entire output of the state comes from one county, Erath. It has been estimated by a prominent Northern geologist that the total supply of coal in Texas is enough to allow for a total production of ten million tons a year for eight hundred years. Inasmuch as only 15,000,000 tons have so far been mined, 99 per cent of the state's supply is still untouched.

The number of railroads that penetrate into these fields offers excellent advantages for the development of this industry, so long neglected. The specimens of Texas coal in the University museum appear to the layman to be as good as the bituminous coal from other states. The analyses conducted by the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology show that this coal compares favorably with that of Alabama, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Texas has an even more abundant supply of lignite than of coal. The workable fields extend in a strip of country 200 miles wide, from the Rio Grande to the northeastern corner of the state, a distance of 650 miles, which makes an area equal to half of the lignite beds in the United States. It is estimated that these beds contain 30,000,000,000 tons of lignite, enough to supply the state with fuel for a thousand years. This enormous supply of lignite has scarcely been touched.

Although lignite is not so good a fuel as coal, owing to the huge amount of moisture and ash that it contains, when it is made into briquettes it can be used for almost all the purposes served by bituminous coal. Of the forty-three counties in Texas that are underlaid with lignite beds only a very few have shafts in operation. The specimens of briquettes in the museum of Economic Geology at the University compare favorably with those from other states and from abroad. It is claimed that the briquettes from Leon and Milam counties are in no way inferior to the specimens from the North Dakota lignite beds.

The museum has specimens of loose lignite from nearly all of the counties in the lignite belt of Texas. The quality is of wide range, from the poorer grade of reddish brown to the best, which are pitchy black.

You Do More Work,

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.

GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC is not a patent medicine, it is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. These reliable tonic properties never fail to drive out impurities in the blood.

The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, folks would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC when a member of their family had Malaria or needed a body-building, strength-giving tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

Miss Maryatt Smith left Friday afternoon for Gainesville, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. ...erville, during the holidays. ...dge and Mrs. Smith will follow ... few days.

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TANK-TYPE TRACTOR

TRACTOR SALE

Owing to the fact that I have accepted my former position as traveling representative for Chandler and Cleveland Automobile Company of Cleveland, Ohio, I am selling out my stock of

"Cletrac" Tractors

at Cost

The delivered price will be $1435.00 delivered here. This means a saving of $240.00 which will pay for a plow.

I will maintain my demonstration farm and keep an expert tractor man here as before, and have a good stock of repair parts on hand.

All tractors not sold January 1st will be sold to dealers in other parts of the state, so get yours NOW.

R. F. KAYSER

Ballinger, Texas

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THE BANNER LEDGER FRID AY, DECEMBER 26, 1919.

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[illegible]Banner-Leader and the [illegible] County Ledger were con[illegible]ed January 28, 1913.

[illegible] Year $1.50

[illegible]Ballinger's charity board is almost without a job. We have no paupers.

A number of new homes are on the program for 1920. They are a necessity if we keep growing, as all rooms are filled at present.

It is disgusting to hear the loafer who never attends or contributes to church support, criticising the work of the church which makes it possible for him to live in a Christian land.

Texas leads in crop production this year. Texas also leads in oil production and in the production of many other things, including good men and pretty women. The man who does not like Texas would find fault with heaven.

Dallas is to have a $750,000 Methodist church. That speaks well for the Dallas Methodists in a way, but we can't understand why so much money should be put in one church building when millions of people in the world were never in a church and do not know what churches are used for.

In sending 249 anarchists back to their native land, this government has started a move that should continue until the country is made safe for democracy and Americanism purified. The bars should then be put up and kept up and this country saved the expense of having to ship out undesirables. We don't need them.

LONG ON GAS BUT SHORT ON LABOR

And while we are speaking of gas we are reminded that The Ballinger Ledger, in commenting on the fuel situation in Brownwood, said that the gas supply here is not sufficient to answer all purposes, which was all wrong—dead wrong. Brownwood has enough gas to supply a city of half a million people, but Brownwood hasn't enough plumbers to put in the service pipes and otherwise make the gas available for the use of all the people. Within another thirty days it is probable that the plumbers will have succeeded in answering the demand for their services, which is just now at its peak.—Brownwood Bulletin.

A WAR TO MAKE MONEY

When a man is accused of a crime in this country of which he is innocent, he usually wants a trial in order to clear up the matter—and he wants the trial right away. Still, Consul Jenkins, who is accused of a crime in Mexico of which he says he is innocent, is anxious to get back in jail so that the American government can secure his unconditional release.—Temple Telegram.

Things down below the Rio Grande are not what they should be, and some day Uncle Sam may have to right matters, but after all peace could be had without war if the Americans would get away from their greed for Mexican gold. There are too many peo ple in this country who want to see war with Mexico for the gain it might bring to them in dollars and cents.

BUSINESS HOURS

We feel that the business men have not made a mistake in deciding not to close their places of business for two or three extra hours in the campaign to save coal. It may be necessary to close even longer than this after the Holidays, but for the remainder of the time between this and Christmas, little could be saved in closing, and a great deal would be lost in business confusion.

In the first place, it is possible to have warm weather most of the time when little fire will be necessary, and again no assurance is given that we will get coal if the business houses close up and stay closed.

We are in the midst of the greatest trade season this country ever experienced, and that too after a series of hard years, when the merchants got thru by the skin of their teeth.

The business men have made it known that they will do anything necessary to relieve [illegible] fuel shortage, but do not deem it wise to close their places of business while other towns are not complying with the rule.

There is no relief in sight for the fuel famine, and after the Holidays it may be necessary to close up shop and everybody get an axe and go to the wood pile. For the present business should be carried on without interruption.

Ask Your Dealer for
Remington UMC
REMINGTON UMC
Grand Prize Medals
Firearms & Ammunition
Write for Catalogue
REMINGTON ARMS U[illegible]

THE FICKLE SEX

Percy Brown is sadly sitting in the general notions store. Jimmy Jones is gaily skipping on the sleek and polished floor. Percy Brown is without rival when it comes to being good, he has memorized the Bible, he delights in sawing wood. Jimmie Jones is gay and worthless, he's a dissipated scamp, but the village girls are mirthless if they have no Jim to vamp. Percy Brown is good and steady, we will never see him hang; but the girls are never ready to be one of Percy's gang. Jimmie Jones will soon be captured with a bag of stolen things; but the girls are all enraptured with the way that Jimmie sings. Oh, why is it that the women with the challenge of their eyes cast a glamor o'er the sinning of us poor weak-minded guys? Eve deserted her kind master, Adam best of all his line, 'cause the serpent was much faster, 'cause he asked her out to dine. And it seems as tho the women all inherit Eve' gay ways; as it was in the beginning still persists in modern days. Yes, the sighs and bosom heavings all are for the villain bold, and the good boys get the leavings when the girls are growing old.

AN INTERESTING LITTLE AD STORY.

Miss Wynis Greer recently had the misfortune to lose a chain and locket in the streets of Ballinger. J. M. Scott, of Maverick, was in the city that day and found the chain and locket. He carried it home and washed the mud away and saw that it was of considerable value. A few days later Mr. Scott was looking over The Banner-Ledger and saw a little 'lost' want-ad in the classified columns, in which Miss Greer was advertising for the lost jewelry.

He came to Ballinger Thursday and brought the chain and locket with him. Miss Greer identified the property and it was restored to her. Mr. Scott does not take The Banner-Ledger himself, but was visiting at a neighbor's house where the paper goes every week.

Printer's ink spreads, and there is no limit to the power of advertising.

John Prewitt of Leon County, is in Ballinger for a few days. He is an old friend of District Clerk C. C. Cockrell, and has been in county offices in Leon County for a number of years.

Miss Melva Walker came in from Marie Friday to have some work done on a tooth, which she had the misfortune to break a few days ago. She will return to her school Monday, as it does not turn out for the holidays until Wednesday, when she will come back to Ballinger to spend Christmas.

J. A. Frye left Friday for his home in Burnett. He has resigned as principal of the central ward school of Ballinger, and will probably go to Houston, where he has an offer of a position in business.

Miss Lucille Bridwell has returned from Wichita Falls, where she had been working for an oil company, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo was in Ballinger Friday on business.

Miss Zena May Eaton, who is attending school in Ballinger this year, left Friday morning for her home in Brownwood to spend the holidays.

Miss Mary Vorbeck is reported very low with pneumonia this week.

A. H. Wigle is in Ballinger for a few days. He is living at Sulphur, Okla., now.

Sheriff Perkins went to Miles Wednesday afternoon on business.

Clay Rayburn arrived in Ballinger Wednesday to spend Christmas with home folks. He is traveling for a wholesale house in Temple.

A. J. Reeder of Bronte, arrived in Ballinger Wednesday after[illegible] for a visit [illegible] brother, D. [illegible]

WILL MOVE FROM HATCHEL TO BALLINGER.

S. D. Williams has sold his place at Hatchel to Eddie Voelker and will move to Ballinger to make his home as soon as he can complete some unfinished work at Hatchel. Mr. Williams has purchased the Lawrence Harris place North of the Santa Fe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schultz passed through the city Monday, en route to Fort Worth to spend the holidays with Mrs. Schultz's parents.

Mrs. Price, who has been quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Creasy, for several days, is no better we regret to report. Mrs. Price is suffering with pneumonia.

Dizziness Causes Fall—Head Injured.

"A year ago my stomach bloated so badly with gas that I fell unconscious and cut my head badly on corner of door. I had suffered from stomach trouble for several years and no medicine helped me to speak of. A druggist patched up my head and advised me to use Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for my stomach trouble. The results have been really wonderful. I have never had any sign of my former symptoms since." It is a simple, harmless, preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.

Miss Myrtle Wright returned Saturday from Brownwood to spend the holidays.

M. D. Chastain had business in the western part of the county Saturday.

Miss Mary Page is at home from Sterling City, where she is teaching this year, to spend the holidays with her parents.

A. B. Lankford is at home for the holidays. He is attending Daniel Baker college at Brownwood.

Towner Dickinson is at home from S. M. U., at Dallas, to spend Christmas.

Miss Lois Crews, who has been teaching kindergarten in Oklahoma, is at home for Xmas with her father, C. R. Crews.

W. A. Gressett of Wichita Falls, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gressett and children, arrived in Ballinger Saturday night to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, and other relatives.

Wade Guion is at home from El Paso to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. A. P. Luckett came in Monday from Miles to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasbury.

Ike Hoenig is in Ballinger this week attending to some business.

Misses Ruby and Hester Goss left Saturday afternoon for Abilene to spend Christmas at home.

Mrs. H. B. Pittman is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Tyler.

George Kirk came home Saturday from Waco, where he is a student in Baylor University, to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Evelyn Gibson came in Sunday to spend Christmas at home.

Miss Irma Dickinson came home Sunday from Dallas, where she is attending S. M. U., to spend Christmas.

Charles Bailey arrived home Sunday from Austin, to spend the holidays. He is attending State University.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander, teacher in the city schools of Abilene, is at home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Alexander.

Bill Henderson has returned from Brownwood, where he is attending Howard Payne college, to spend Christmas.

Miss Trixie Mullen of Winters, was in Ballinger Saturday, on her way home from Waco, where she had been attending Baylor University.

Miss Rose Schooler left for O'Donell Sunday afternoon, where her mother and family recently moved. Miss Rose has been teaching in the Ballinger schools, and resigned to accept a position in O'Donnell and to be with her mother.

Miss Maydell Rushing is at home from Winters to spend the holidays. She is teaching in Winters.

Mrs. A. [illegible] Doss returned from San Angelo Friday after visiting there for a [illegible]ort whil[illegible]

SO WEAK SHE'D FALL TO FLOOR

Found No Relief in 20 Years—Like Different Woman Since Taking Tanlac.

"I gained eight pounds on two bottles of Tanlac, which I think is wonderful for a woman who has been in such a miserable condition as I was for twenty years," said Mrs. Pearl Sullivan, of 1319 N. Main Street, Houston, Tex.

"My appetite failed years ago," she continued, "and for the last five years I never ate a bite for breakfast. What little I ate at other times made me so miserable I could hardly stand it. Indigestion brought on gastritis and dizzy spells, my system was undermined by rheumatism and my back ached terribly. My nerves were worn out and I felt so tired and worn out that I had to give up doing my housework and more than once I fell to the floor when I tried to walk across the room.

"A number of my friends who had been taking Tanlac induced me to try it and it was a surprise when I began to pick up almost from the first. I just kept it up until now my relief is something wonderful. I can eat anything I want and never have any trouble. I have taken up my housework again and have even done a full day's washing and gone out visiting afterwards without feeling tired. My rheumtism is all gone and I really feel like a different woman."

Tanlac is sold by druggists everywhere.

J. H. McKenzie and son, of Oklahoma, are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. L. Hambright, in this county. Mrs. Hambright and daughter will return home with them and will also visit in Alabama while on the trip.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR ROCK, brick and cement work, see J. Kavanaugh. Rt. B., Ballinger, Texas. Phone No. 509. 19-8tw-*

Agents Wanted in Eevery Locality to look after new and renewal subscriptions. Liberal commissions paid. Also additional big cash prizes and other rewards given. The Progressive Farmer, Slaughter Bldg., Dallas. 19-3tw

FOR SALE—Full blood Bronze turkeys, Toms $7.00, Tom and two Hens $15.00. Mrs. L. C. Jameson. 15-1td-3tw-*

FOR SALE—Pure bred white Hollands Turkeys, $15.00 per trio. Phone 5503, Mrs. Nick Stallworth. 20-6tw-*

FOR SALE—Six Buff Orpington roosters at $2.00 each. See or phone J. A. Patterson, Rt. B, Ballinger, Texas. Phone 3504. 18-1td-1tw-*

FOR SALE—Good horses, mules and colts, and full blood Hereford bulls. All young stuff. See or phone Carl Wilson on Parramore Ranch. 18-1d-1tw

NOTICE—This is to notify the public that I do not want any more wood taken from my pasture without my **special permission**. Anyone who takes wood without my permission or tears down my fence will be prosecuted. W. E. ALLEN. 20-2td-1tw-*

LOST—Somewhere between the First National Bank and Hartman's store a razor strop and razor. Finder please return to Ledger office and receive reward. 20-2td-2tw-*

Professional Notice

Dr. Cheatham will be out of town until after the Holidays. 22-2td-1tw.

LOST—One brown Jersey heifer two years old; strayed from the Thomas farm one and half miles from Ballinger. Will pay $5 reward for information leading to her recovery. E. W. Brownrig. 23-1td-1tw

FOR SALE—25 shares of Runnels county oil stock. Write me your best price. E. F. Melburn, Otto, Texas. 20-3td-1tw

FOR SALE—Bu[illegible]dle ca[illegible] maize [illegible] feterita. Clos[illegible]

BOX SUPPER AT NEW HOME

A very successful Box Supper was given at New Home schoolhouse Friday night, Dec. 19 for the benefit of the school.

The boxes were sold to the highest bidders, bringing from $3.50 to $22.00, Miss Julia Garrett's box bringing $22.00. After the boxes were sold a cake was auctioned off to the most popular young lady present. Misses Lu[illegible] Tyler and Eva Witter were the contestants in the race. The cake brought $43.10, going to Miss Eva Witter—she being the winner by only a few votes.

Next a box of candy was offered for the ugliest man in the house—this going to Robert Wood, and bringing $4.33.

There was in all $144.77 made, which will be a great help to our school.

Miss Mamie Cathey came home Friday from Brownwood to spend Christmas here. She is attending Howard Payne college in Brownwood.

Mrs. T. B. Pickett and children came up from Temple Monday night and will visit Mrs. Pickett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett through the holidays.

Rev. J. N. Key and family left Monday for Bryan, where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Key's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parks and baby arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Parks' father, W. C. Penn, and family.

Bailey Mack is at home from Fort Worth, where he is attending T. C. U. He will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Mack.

C. W. Schwartz, of the Crews country, was among the traders in Ballinger Tuesday.

Our Best Guarantee is our Record

Your interest and ours are mutual. We depend upon you for business and you depend upon us for lumber to satisfy your requirements.

Our customers are our best friends—some of you have been customers and friends for years. You know we have always given you our best in properly graded and assorted yellow pine lumber.

We hav eall grades and sizes to meet your requirements.

Ballinger Lumber Comp'y

Bread and Rolls

We make the kind that makes eating a pleasure. They have the home flavor, and their use avoids the drudgery of home baking. They always bring our customers back for more. Stop at our bakery on Eighth St. and carry some home.

W. V. Connelly

WE DESIRE TO THANK OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FOR ALL BUSINESS ENTRUSTED TO US, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO RENDER A MOST SATISFACTORY STATEMENT.

"Make Our Bank Your Bank"

THE First National Bank
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THE BANK OF DEPENDABLE SERVICE

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Imitation "Ford" parts are being sold by many mail-order houses and garages to unsuspecting Ford owners as "Ford" parts. But they are not Genuine Ford parts made by the Ford Motor Company. They are made by concerns who have no connection whatsoever with the Ford Motor Company. These imitation parts are not even made from the same grade of steel, or under the same formulas used by the Ford Company. They are counterfeit parts. Tests have shown them to break when the genuine Ford parts didn't even bend and they generally are from thirty-five to one hundred per cent lower in quality.

The Authorized Ford Dealer is your protection. As such, we handle nothing but the Genuine Ford parts. They are made from the famous Ford Vanadium Steel and each part—according to its use—is heat-treated in the way that will give it the longest wearing qualities.

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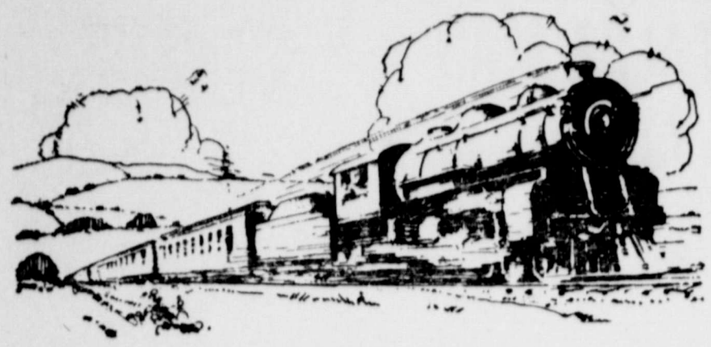

The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways.

—*United States Senator Cummins.*

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads — in England and France, the best in Europe — and in other Continental countries — and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world — we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the $20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings — and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen — in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men — the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

These desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

HAS MINOR OPERATION PERFORMED FRIDAY

P. C. Straley was forced to have a minor operation performed on his knee Friday afternoon. The knee was injured some time ago when a horse ran away with Mr. Straley and Mr. Gresseit.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

News has been received in Ballinger that W. E. Barbee lost all his household goods by fire, when the house which he was renting in San Antonio burned recently. The loss on the furniture was estimated at about $2,000.

Mr. Barbee and his family moved from Ballinger to San Antonio early in the fall. For the past few weeks, however, he has been in Bronte buying cotton seed for a large firm, and was away from home when the fire occurred.

Embossed Christmas cards, printed to suit you taste. The Ledger.

C. R. Stephens and wife went to Austin, Monday, and will visit relatives in the capital city for a few days.

OVER-ACIDITY

of the stomach has upset many a night's rest. If your stomach is acid-disturbed, dissolve two or three

KI-MOIDS

on the tongue before retiring and enjoy refreshing sleep. The purity and goodness of *Ki-moids* guaranteed by [illegible]

A flock of sheep owned by a local ranchman fell victim to dogs Tuesday night at the Santa Fe stock pens northwest of the city, it was learned Friday. During the night, the beasts in some unexplained manner gained access to the pens and killed 278 sheep. Most of the animals slain were ewe lambs, and they were worth probably between $2,500 and $3,000.

The flock, it is understood, had been sold and were to be counted out of the pens Wednesday morning. They had just arrived the day before from Arizona.—San Angelo Standard.

OIL ON HOG CREEK; PIONEER WILL REST

DESDEMONA, Tex., Dec. 23.—Now that the crops are about gathered, Frank Hogg may take a vacation and see the sights in Dallas or Ft. Worth.

Since 1882, when he came from Georgia to a little plot of ground that became known as "Hoggtown"—now Desdemona — Frank Hogg has been busy with crops waiting for a good one so he could have a vacation.

Theyr'e pretty good this year. And besides—

Last spring they struck oil about a mile from "Hogg Creek," and Hogg's 112 acres are now in the heart of production. For months Hogg has been drawing royalties of several thousand dollars a week.

"When are you going to take a vacation?" he was asked.

"Well, if the crops are good next year, I'll go up to Dallas or Ft. Worth, I guess."

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PICKING COTTON AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas day will find many cotton pickers in the cotton fields throughout West Texas. The weather is favorable for gathering the fleecy staple and no time will be lost and farmers in many sections of the country will not stop long enough to eat Christmas turkey or receive Santa Claus.

It is estimated that there are eight or ten thousand bales of cotton in the field in Runnels county, and what is true of Runnels is true of all the Central West Texas counties.

Gins are runnings on full time, and some of the gins will operate on Christmas day. In some sections of the prosperous country gins are far behind with ginning and farmers are piling cotton in the fields. In reporting the progress of cotton picking in West Texas, the Abilene Reporter says:

One needs only to tkae a trip to the north and west of Abilene for a distance of fifty or one hundred miles to learn that the cotton crop is not near all out of West Texas. A reporter for this paper who covered the territory from here to Stamford, thence to Rotan, Trent, and back to Abilene during the past week could easily see that there are many bales of cotton still in the fields of the golden west. One field, which seemed to be at least a hundred acres between Stamford and Hamlin, was snow write, appearing as though at had been picked over only once and that very lightly. Scores and scores of other fields in the mentioned territory have never been picked in at all, and looked as though they would make from one to two bales to the acre.

At Rotan there were at least between two hundred and fifty and three hundred wagons loaded with cotton waiting their turn at the gins. In many other towns scores of wagons were standing at the gins and some of the wagons had been waiting for three days. Of course much delay at some of the gins was caused by the shortage of fuel—it being necessary for the gins to close down and await fuel in some towns.

In some fields there were seen as many as five bales of cotton picked out and piled on the ground in various parts of the field, it being useless to carry the staple to town when the gins were not running. The fact that the gins had to close down did not deter the farmers in the least. They continued to pick their cotton and pile it in the field during the dry days. In many localities pickers are very scarce, the cold weather having driven the pickers from East Texas back to the "sticks," as one fellow put it.

In some communities where the negroes and whites as well have returned to the eastern part of the State, the farmers have gone East again in an attempt to secure more pickers. From all indications cotton picking will continue in the West for the next two months. The cold weather is forcing many farmers to pull their cotton (boll and all) rather than pick it clean. Pulling the cotton is much faster work and not so hard on the fingers as picking it. If any one is looking for cotton picking there is plenty of it yet to be done in various parts of the country.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weakand lame back, rheumatism, and irrigularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Stree, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggist.

SHALL BLAZE CALLS FIRE CO. TO SOUTH BALLINGER

A fire alarm was turned in from the home of W. H. Neie of South Ballinger Saturday afternoon. The fire company responded on the double time but arrived after the blaze had been put out.

Very little damage was done to the house or its contents. It is not known how the fire originated The house is the property of C. S. Miller.

Miss Vera Nicholson returned [illegible]

BAND WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The first open air concert since the band was reorganized and placed under the direction of Chas. T. Grant, will be given at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The concert will be given in the court house park the weatrer permitting. In case of bad weather the concert will be given in the Queen Theatre.

The program for the concert is a good one, and the public is cordially invited to be present and enjoy the music. Following is the program:

March — "Boston Commandery"—Carter.
Overture—"Superba"—Dalby.
"Lassus Trombone"—Fillmore.
Oriental—"Rosemary"—Jewel.
Waltz—"Daughter of Love"—Bennett.
Popular—"I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"—Kellette.
March—"The Iron Division"—Anders.
Overture—"Arcadia"—Laurens.
March—"Tenth Regiment"—Hall.
"Till We Meet Again"—White.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

RICKARD BELIEVES JESS WANTS CROWN

By HENRY L. FARRELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—"No man in the world can whip me."

Previous to the fight in Toledo last July, Jess Willard went even further and told Tex Rickard he could stick out his jaw with perfect safety to any man living.

Rickard told the other day in support of his belief that the supreme arrogance of the former champion was not killed in the Fourth of July tragedy and that he wants to come back to prove it.

Rickard also spoke of a little conference that took place in Willard's training camp the night before the figth. In response to a message from the huge Kansan, he went to the champion's quarters and found him stretched lazily in a big chair.

"Tex, I want you to go in with me on a big movie deal. It would be better to talk it over tonight because you'll be busy tomorrow and I want to get away just as soon as I can after I finish that bird," he said.

There wasn't a doubt in his mind that the morrow held anything but a quick victory for him, Rickard said. He laughed at the fears expressed by his friends that he hadn't conditioned himself.

"Why should I run miles over the road. I won't need my legs. I can stand and take all he's got," Willard said.

In reminiscing, Rickard brought out a point in the fight that he believes generally over looked. He declared that Willard was just as close to being knocked out in the third round as he was in the first eventful frame when the bell saved him.

"The gong saved him again in the third round," the promoter said. "He was so near gone when he reached his corner that he flopped down before his seconds could get the chair under him. They held him up until the seat was hustled between the ropes."

Rickard was being asked about the prospects for winter activities in the heavy-weight circles.

"You'll laugh when I tell you this but Jess Willard is coming back," he said.

He then ran his hands in his pockets and fished out a small pile of letters and telegrams from Willard and his former manager, Ray Archer, asking for an early date to talk over a return to the ring.

"Willard can't demand a match with Dempsey," Tex said. "If he wants to get back in the game he might try a match with Fred Fulton who is returning from England. That would be a good match but I don't know that I would care to handle it."

Reports from the Kansas home of the former champion some time ago carried hunches that the big "cowboy" wasn't content with his lot. It seems from later reports that he is really training himself in the mountains.

One of his messages to Rickard said that he was getting himself into first class condition and he believed he is unbeatable when he is in tip-top shape.

12 WOMEN PAY POLL TAXES IN COUNTY

Up to Thursday at noon, twelve women in Runnels County had paid their poll taxes, and an effort is being made to get every woman in the county to pay her poll tax, and vote in the year 1920. January 31 is the last day in which these can be paid, thus leaving about six weeks for the women to get busy.

In addition to the state and county tax of one dollar and seventy five cents, a city poll tax must be paid amounting to fifty cents. The county and state tax is payable at the office of the county tax collector, but the city tax must be paid at the city hall to the city secretary.

A fact that is not generally known among the women, and one which might influence more of them to pay their poll taxes is that the money paid for state and county taxes will go toward the school fund of this county. We have been especially requested to mention this phaze of the matter, in the hope that more women will pay their poll taxes.

MOTHERS WHO PREPARE CAREFULLY WITH

MOTHER'S FRIEND

AID NATURE AND THE PHYSICIAN

She should remain healthy by having avoided the discomforts which usually accompany such an occasion where nature is unaided. The nerves, muscles and tendons are thoroughly lubricated. After the crisis she should speedily regain her natural condition. **Mother's Friend** is used *externally*.

At all Druggists.

Special Booklet on Motherhood and Baby free. Bradfield Regulator Co. Dpt. F-10, Atlanta, Ga.

WEINBERG TO GO IN BUSINESS HERE

V. Weinberg, who sold out his interest in the Dundee Woolen Mills a few weeks ago, will open a tailor shop about the first of January in the building formerly occupied by the Runnels County Oil Exchange, next to Hopper's cafe. He states that he will be equipped with the very latest in cleaning and pressing machinery, and intends to maintain a reputation for high class cleaning, pressing and tailoring.

Later in the year Mr. Weinberg will put in a complete line of men's furnishings, opening with the Spring styles. He has already placed orders for his goods but shipments will not be made until Spring.

Mr. Weinberg sold out in Ballinger a short time ago and left Ballinger with the intention of locating elsewhere. After investigating conditions in other parts of the state, however, he made up his mind to return here, choosing this as a location in preference to a number of attractive offers in other places.

Did You Keep Up With Hog Creek?

Hog Creek in Comanche and Eastland Counties made more rich men than Gold did in California.

They say that an old fellow from Killeen had a hunch, and got part of it. I did. I am that old man.

I am now playing Dog Ridge in Bell County. What for? Oil. Just another GREAT OIL field at Dog Ridge. I do not believe it will take very long to prove it.

I am going to put the drill down and now working both day and night, with two good crews, and think it wont take long to tell.

I want forty men with nerve enough to put one hundred dollars each in stock in the Bell County Oil Co., and if it hits they are sure to get ten thousand dollars back on each hundred.

Turn this over in your mind three or four times.

Hog Creek, Comanche County.

Dog Ridge, Bell County.

Fifteen months ago Desdemona was almost unknown just this far away. Now it is known all over the entire world.

If you are willing to take a tip, and put a hundred dollars with us, use the blank below.

We own 5,500 acre lease.

WILL RANCIER, Manager
Bell County Oil Co.,
Killeen, Texas.

Enclosed find my check for $.....for .....shares in Bell County Oil Co., at $100 each.

Name .....
Town .....
State .....

If you are too late your check will be returned. Are you going to keep up with Dog Ridge?

I started the first bank at Desdemona.
When the deposits reached $1,500,000, I sold out.
I have been in the banking business in Killeen 24 years.

WILL RANCIER

Production Oil Company

(Unincorporated Joint Stock Association)
225-26-27 Oil Exchange Building

Wichita Falls, Texas

Financial Statement

Capital Stock - - - - -	$1,000,000.00
Properties:	
Production and Storage	400,000.00
Undeveloped Leases -	43,100.00
Treasury Stock - - -	556,900.00
	1,000,000.00

Available cash assets 55.7 per cent of capitalization

COMPANY'S PRODUCTION

5 acres, lot number three (3) in Tidwell Subdivision in Block 98, Northwest Burkburnett Extension. The Company owns a one-half interest in this lease. There are two wells drilled into the sand, and are now being standardized, another well drilling at about 1500 feet, and the fourth well contracted for: a total of four wells.

1-2 acre, being in the North part of lot number eleven in Tidwell's Subdivision in Block 98 (adjoining the above 5 acre lease on the South). This well is now making about 500 barrels, daily production.

UNDEVELOPED LEASES

1 acre in lot eight (8) of A. A. Durfee Survey, being 600 feet from the Burk-Senator well in the bend of Red River. Our lease is on the bank of the river just outside the litigation area. This lease is subject only to a 1-8 royalty to the land owner. We are moving machinery on lease this week, and expect to bring in a well the latter part of the month.

10 acres in the Kemp-Munger-Allen district, on the same structure with the strike made by the K-M-A on November 8th. This well is variously estimated at from 500 to 1500 barrels. Derricks are going up thick on this section. This opens up an entirely new oil field.

40 acres in Callahan County, an excellent geological structure, located on the same ranch with Empire Oil Company's deep test, and completely surrounded by drilling wells.

160 acres in Fisher County about 1 1-4 miles of the Ashton well, which is beginning to drill on good geological structure.

50 acres in Hardeman County, just South of Red River, and West of the Burkburnett Oil Field. Numerous tests are being made in the vicinity of this acreage.

5 acres in Block 97 Northwest Extension Burkburnett. This lease is about 2,000 feet from production, and it looks favorable for a good producer. We expect to drill on this lease early in the next year.

1,000 acres in Persidee County. This acreage is near a deep test well now drilling.

10 acres in Section 29-4-15 Tillman County, Oklahoma, lying just across the river from the General Oil Company well which came in a big one the latter part of November. This lease is fast becoming valuable, and there is now much activity on this side of the river.

60 acres in Northwestern Tillman County, Oklahoma, near deep tests being drilled. Nothing startling so far has shown up in the vicinity of this lease.

STORAGE FACILITIES

On the 5 acre lease in Block 98 we have a battery of storage tanks with 2500 barrels capacity.

On the half acre lease we have 2,000 barrels capacity of storage.

Other storage is contemplated in the near future.

MARKETING

We have closed contracts with the Sinclair Pipe Line Company to purchase all our oil at the posted market price, which at present is $2.50 per barrel. The Sinclair is connecting up their lines to our properties this week, and will begin running all our oil at once. The same company is under contract to purchase all our casing-head gas produced from our leases.

SALE OF STOCK

We are offering 200,000 shares Treasury Stock at par value of $1.00 each for the purpose of erecting additional storage, telephone lines in the field, for acquiring additional production and proven acreage, and extending drilling operations.

POLICY OF COMPANY

The policy of the Production Oil Company is to make money out the production of crude oil, and to build up a large dividend paying organization by a continuous drilling program on close-in acreage, and by the purchase of production.

DIVIDENDS

Our policy is to declare quarterly dividends from the earnings, at the same time using a part of the profits for development, thus continually enhancing the Company's assets.

SUMMARY

Our part of estimated initial production is 1200 barrels daily from the three wells we are now completing; production of wells already producing, 500 barrels daily.

One other well commencing to drill this week.

One well to commence drilling in a few days.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Production Oil Company are T. E. Lipe, of Vance, Mississippi, large planter and oil operator.

W. I. Brashears, Wichita Falls, Texas, large oil operator lumber merchant and cotton dealer.

F. O. Harrell, Wichita Falls, Texas, oil operator in the Oklahoma and Texas oil fields.

Each of the Trustees are active in the Company's affairs and have in the Company's employ only skilled oil workmen.

I will be in Ballinger about January 5th to sell Stock in this Company. In my absence J. A. Freeman will be glad to give you all desired information

F. F. Moore

DEATH CLAIMS MISS MARY VORBECK

The news of the death of Miss Mary Vorbeck brought sorrow to the many friends of this popular young lady Sunday morning. Miss Mary died at ten o'clock Saturday night after suffering for one week with pneumonia. It was reported Saturday that she was improving and the news of her death a few hours later come as a surprise to her many friends.

Deceased was twenty-six years, four months and two days old. She was one of the popular employees of the West Texas Telephone Co. and was on duty when she was stricken ill one week before she died. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vorbeck. Pneumonia coming a few months after she had recovered from a serious attack of fever, she could not overcome the disease and despite the best medical attention and close watch and nursing of loved ones, death proved the victor.

Sunday afternoon, Dr. Alvin Swindell, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the funeral services, and the remains of Miss Vorbeck were laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery.

Should Be Quarantined

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associtaes from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you will find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE SUCCESSFUL

AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—"A successful Red Cross Christmas seal sale is indicated by the reports that are coming into the headquarters of the Texas Public Health Association," declared O. M. Lowry, State Director of the seal sale.

"The reports are as yet scattered, but I am confident that when all reports are in we will find that the seal sale has been a success, and a large amount raised for anti-tuberculosis and other health activities of the Association among all races and classes of people in the state."

Cold weather, bad roads, and other adverse conditions have hindered the seal sale in many sections of the state, and in many counties the sale of the little seals of good health will be continued through the holidays.

"The number of the little seals with jolly old Santa Claus on them which are appearing on mail and packages all over the state indicate that the people of Texas realize the good which will come through the use of the Christmas seals," said Miss Winnie I. Bracy, assistant executive secretary of the Texas Public Health Association, in charge of the state mail sale of the seals. "Greater health activities next year by the Association will result from a successful seal sale, and year after year the terrible toll of the 'White Plague' will be reduced."

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

SLOW DRIZZLE SOAKS GROUND

After being cloudy for several days, with the temperature gradually rising, a slow drizzle began falling Wednesday night, and continued throughout most of the day Thursday. Not a great amount of rain had fallen up to the time The Ledger went to press according to the guage in the First National Bank window, there being only a little over one-tenth of an inch showing. The precipitation, however, was very slow, and soaked into the ground, making the top of the ground look like a hard rain had been falling.

The government weather forecast for the next twenty-four hours, says, "Tonight and Friday unsettled weather."

Deep seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you ... you need fo...

TALPA MAN MAKES 185 PER CENT

Farming in Central West Texas has its ups and downs, as is the case with any agricultural section, but upon the whole, Central West Texas offers better opportunities than the seemingly more favored agricultural sections of the State.

In November, 1918, R. G. Bouldin bought 119 acres near the town of Talpa. The purchase price was $3,000 or about $25 per acre. This year he has sold off the place 3,000 bushels of oats at 60c, cotton to the value of $3,750, has a bale or two yet to pick, and already has fifty-eight acres of his land flat broke for the next crop. Besides, he has other feed crops on the place and a few live stock on his grass.

Mr. Bouldin is a single-handed farmer. His first year's experience at farming in Coleman county is not unusual—many other have probably excelled or equalled him—but his year's work demonstrates what one man, single-handed and with a will to work, can do in this virgin field of opportunity.

And farm land in Coleman county is more than one hundred per cent cheaper in price than land in the "seemingly" more favored sections of Texas.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

According to the figures given above, Mr. Bouldin's returns from his farm for the one year amount to one hundred and eighty-five per cent of the original purchase price of the land. This farm is near the eastern edge of Runnels county, and shows what can be done in this county as well as in Coleman county.

CHICHESTER S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.

Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter s Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

DAIRYING EQUALS WHEAT CROP VALUE

BISMARCK, N. D.—Dec. 18.—North Dakota is no longer a "one crop state."

In two years, according to J. J. Osterhous, state dairy commissioner, the value of the dairy products of the state will equal that of the wheat crop. Osterhous based this claim on a one hundred per cent increase in the dairy returns to North Dakota farmers this year over last. In 1918 the farmers of the state realized $25,000,000 from dairying; this year they received $50,000,000. Wheat borught in $168,000,000 in 1918; $112,000,000 in 1917; and over $100,000,000 this year, though under abnormally high prices.

Miss Malvina Skinner came home Friday from Brownwood, where she is attending Daniel Baker college, to spend Christmas.

Rheumatism Relief--25c.

Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), Are Helping Thousands Who Tried Expensive Things Without Result. It's Guaranteed.

There are three vital processes of human existence,—the digestion of food, the extraction of nourishment from it and the elimination of waste.

Poor digestion and assimilation means failure to derive full nourishment from food and that in turn often means impoverished blood, weakness, anemia, etc. Poor elimination means an accumulation of waste matter which poisons the body, lowers vitality, decreases the power of resistance to disease and leads to the development of many serious ills.

Rheumatism,—due to some interference with the process of elimination, failure to get rid of certain body poisons,—cannot be expected to yield to any medicine that fails to correct the condition responsible for it. Could any reasonable person expect to rid himself of rheumatic pain as long as rheumatic poison is allowed to remain in the body.

Think of this. It explains the success of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) in so many cases where other medicines have failed. Thousands are using NR Tablets every day and getting relief. Why pay five or ten times as much for uncertain things? A 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), containing enough to last twenty-five days,—must help you, must give you prompt relief and satisfactory benefit or cost you nothing.

Nature's Remedy is not only for the relief of rheumatism. It improves digestion, tones the liver, regulates kidney and bowel action, improves the blood and cleanses the system. You've tried the expensive medicines and doctors, now make the real test. You'll get results this time. Just try it. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

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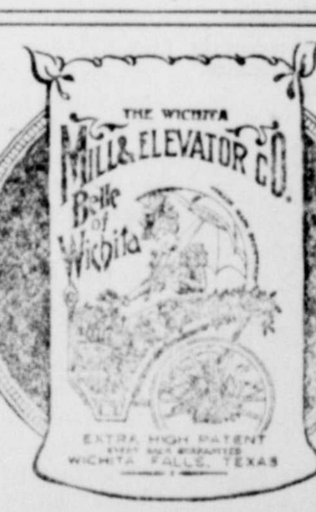
NR-TABLETS-NR
NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right | Get a 25c Box

TELEPHONE SERVICE BE RESTORED SOON

Since Thanksgiving Day, when a heavy sleet covered the ground, Ballinger has been without telephone connections with Brownwood and other points down the line, but it is thought that a few more days will see the service restored. The ice broke down a large number of poles and wires around Brownwood, and damaged the system to the extent of thousands of dollars.

Many of the poles had to be replaced with new ones, and the cross arms in most cases had to be renewed. Practically all the poles are up now, and the wires are restrung, but there is still a great deal of trouble in what is called the "phantom circuit." To remedy this, linemen must carefully go over every wire and locate the trouble. Manager Britton of the Ballinger office says that the only communication he has had with the Brownwood office has been through the linemen, who cut in occasionally to test the lines.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy, particularly beneficial for elderly men. Price $1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.



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—Baking results are what build the reputation of any flour.

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Grace your table with BELLE OF WICHITA ... extra high quality.

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Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 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.

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. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

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In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

FEDERAL CHEMISTS ARE WATCHING RAINBOW SUGAR

That all samples of so-called "rainbow" sugar so far examined by the Bureau of Chemistry have been found to be colored by harmless dyes is the statement of the United States Department of Agriculture, whose pure food experts began testing samples of this product soon after it appeared on the market. Repeated inquiries coming to the bureau from many parts of the country seem to indicate that considerable quantities of this sugar have been supplied to grocers.

The department states that in accord with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, it will continue to examine samples of this tinted product to ascertain whether or nor harmful dyes are used in the future. Only colors known to be harmless have been used in the samples tested and under the Food and Drugs Act their use can be continued so long as they do not conceal inferiority. The sugar so far examined is harmless, sound and not inferior, so that the practice of the refiners does not conflict with the provisions of this law.

The method in tinting the sugar examined is relatively simple and adds very little to the cost of the product and nothing to its food value. Refiners state that the shortage of sugar has created an opportunity to place on the market considerable reserve stores of this colored product which ordinarily is used only for confections. They deny that they have colored their stocks of white sugar in order that a higher price might be demanded for it.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated, give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect.

NOTICE

The Parramore pasture of 5000 acres of unimproved land has been subdivided into small tracts and is now on the market at reasonable price and terms. For sale by

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

Every farmer in Runnels County should [illegible] one of these granaries NOW. The advance [illegible] the price of grain will more than pay for it. [illegible]u will still have it left to serve you for another [illegible]enty years. We can furnish you blue prints for [illegible] kind of building.

[illegible]n. Cameron & Co., Inc.

TICKET SALES BREAK RECORDS

The biggest day's business that was ever done at the passenger station here was done Friday, when tickets amounting to over $1650 were sold. This followed a $1200 run on Thursday, which broke all previous records.

The extra number of tickets is accountable partly to the Christmas travel, and in a great part to the cotton pickers returning home. About two carloads of cotton pickers, mostly negroes and Mexicans, left Friday afternoon.

The afternoon train that arrived here, eastbound, was already loaded, and practically all the passengers who boarded the train here were forced to stand up, except those who bought Pullman tickets. No express was taken on here at all as the express cars were already heavily loaded. A number of truckloads of express were left standing on the platform. However, an extra heavy shipment of mail was taken away from Ballinger.

About twenty minutes were consumed in getting all the passengers aboard the train. The train arrived in Ballinger about forty minutes late, after only thirty five miles of its run had been covered, and left here a little over an hour late.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Sold by John A. Weeks.

TEXAS U TO PLAY OKLA. A. & M. AT FAIR

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—It was stated today by Captain Bellmont, director of athletics of the University of Texas, that the action of the University of Oklahoma in joining the Missouri Valley Conference that institution automatically cancelled its annual contest with the University of Texas at the Dallas State Fair. The rules of the Missouri Valley Conference forbid any conference team from playing on any college gridiron other than that of the two institutions involved in the contest.

It was understod that the Oklahoma and Texas teams were to play for five years in Dallas, beginning with the 1919 game. The Oklahoma A. & M. will be scheduled by the University of Texas to take the place of the University of Oklahoma, Captain Beilmont said today. This game will be played under the auspices of the State Fair at Dallas, Oct. 16, 1920.

Pearce Drug Co. Says

After you eat—always take

EATONIC

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Instantly relieves Heartburn, Bloated Gassy Feeling. Stops food souring, repeating, and all stomach miseries. Aids digestion and appetite. Keeps stomach sweet and strong. Increases Vitality and Pep. EATONIC is the best remedy. Tens of thousands wonderfully benefited. Only costs a cent or two a day to use it. Positively guaranteed to please or we will refund money. Get a big box today. You will see.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Company

REINSTATE NOW, SOLDIERS.

Under a special ruling issued recently by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., all former soldiers, sailors and marines whose Government insurance has lapsed or been cancelled may have until December 31, 1919 within which to reinstate their insurance, by paying only two months' premiums on the amount of insurance they wish to reinstate.

The only other condition imposed is that the insured shall now be in as good health as he was when discharged from the service, or as he was when the grace period of his insurance expired (whichever is the later date), and shall so state in his application.

Immediate advantage of this liberal provision should be taken by those interested. In the matter of securing life insurance protection, he who acts quickly acts wisely. No time as good as now.

Make the check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States and mail it, with your application for reinstatement, to Premium Receipt Section Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C.

SAY, you'll have a streak of smokeluck that'll put pep-in-*your*-smokemotor, all right, if you'll ring-in with a jimmy pipe or cigarette papers and nail some Prince Albert for packing!

Just between ourselves, you never will wise-up to high-spot-smoke-joy until you can call a pipe by its first name, *then*, to hit the peak-of-pleasure you land square on that two-fisted-man-tobacco, Prince Albert!

Well, sir, you'll be so all-fired happy you'll want to get a photograph of yourself breezing up the pike with your smokethrottle wide open! *Talk about smoke-sport!*

Quality makes Prince Albert so appealing all along the smoke line. Men who never before could smoke a pipe and men who've smoked pipes for years all testify to the delight it hands out! *P. A. can't bite or parch!* Both are cut out by our exclusive patented process!

Right now while the going's good you get out your old jimmy pipe or the papers and land on some P. A. *for what ails your particular smokeappetite!*

You buy Prince Albert everywhere tobacco is sold. Toppy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tin humidors—and—that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

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REP. BLANTON OFFERS FOUR APPOINTMENTS

"Washington, D. C.
"December 11, 1919.

Ballinger Ledger:

"I have two appointments each to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Military Academy at West Point. Each pays $780 per annum in addition to training during the four years. I am giving every boy in my district a chance at these appointments. I have arranged for the Civil Service to hold competitive examinations for me on January tenth at Ballinger, Mineral Wells, Cisco, Abilene, Sweetwater, Coleman, Brady Brownwood, Lampasas and Comanche, accessible to all boys in my district, who may take both examinations if they desire. The twelve boys making the highest grades will be designated by me to take the final competitive examination in February. Except in unusual cases, it requires some training additional to high school graduation to pass these examinations. All applicants should notify me at once, stating full name, date of birth, and place of residence, and would do well to undergo a physicial examination by their physician to ascertain whether they could likely pass the required physical examination. Ages: Annapolis, 16 to 20; West Point, 17 to 22.

"Thomas L. Blanton,
"Congressman."

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

ALBERT SLEDGE HAS PNEUMONIA

Physicians decided Thursday morning that Albert Sledge has pneumonia. He has been sick for several days, but the pneumonia was not developed far enough for the doctors to be certain.

ABOUT RHEUMATISM

What Thousands Have Found Gives Relief From This Painful Trouble.

Rheumatism is a constitutional disease, manifesting itself in local aches and pains, inflamed joints and stiff muscles. It cannot be cured by local or external applications. It must have constitutional treatment.

Take a course of the great blood-purifying and tonic medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, which corrects the acid condition of the blood on which rheumatism depends, and gives permanent relief. This medicine combines, with excellent alteratives and tonics, what is generally conceded to be the most effective agent in the treatment of this disease.

If a cathartic or laxative is needed take Hood's Pills. Purely vegetable.

$500 WORTH SEALS SOLD IN COUNTY

A little over $500 worth of Red Cross Christmas seals have been sold in Runnels county, according to County Chairman Scott H. Mack. While this is not near as much as the quota assigned to this county, which was $1400, the committee is well pleased with the result. It is the opinion of the committee that the quota assigned to the county was too great.

The sale of the seals were made in Ballinger, Rowena, Miles and Norton. Mr. Mack was unable to get anyone in the other towns of the county to handle the work, which caused a big deficit in the possible receipts, especially from Winters.

The campaign has officially closed, but more of the seals may be sold between this time and Christmas. Mr. Mack is ready, however, to send in his report to state headquarters, and any sales made later will have to be reported separately.

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

HANGED MAN'S GLANDS REFUSED AGED INMATE

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 13.—The body of Antone Lapara, who was hanged in the prison here today for a black-hand murder, will not give up its interstitial glands for the rejuvenation of an aged inmate.

The announced plan of prison physicians to remove Lapara's glands and transplant them was prevented by Mrs. Lapara, the dead prisoner's widow. Although she had been offered $10,000 for the glands, and had been advised by her attorney to accept the money, she demanded that the doctors abandon their plan to use her husband's glands again.

Lapara was convicted of murdering Mario Alliotti two years ago. Police declared Lapara had been hired by a black-hand gang to murder Alliotti nd that he scarcely knew his victim. After he had shot three bullets into Alliotti's body he ran into a park. He was caught while trying to stuff remaining bullets into his hat.

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. Sold by John A. Weeks.

J. A. Cates went to San Angelo Friday afternoon on business for the local light and power plant.

Sam Behringer and wife went to San Aneglo Friday to visit for a short while.

Your Chickens Won't Look Like This

if you kill the Blue Bugs and all blood sucking insects by feeding

Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer

to your chickens. Martin's Egg Producer will keep your chickens well and makes 'em lay more. Martin's means your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask

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Examing Land Titles a Specialty.

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DOSS & BAUGH
Lawyers.
Office over Ballinger Loan Co.
Ballinger, Texas

RECENT WAR CONDITIONS

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THE GRADUATE NURSE MOST VALUABLE ASSETS

to be one of the World's MOST VALUABLE ASSETS in Present Peace Conditions she is in

Even Greater Demand.

There is now Opportunity to Gain Immediate Entrance in One of the very best scientific Schools for Nurses in the South. The erection of Added Hospital Buildings makes this possible.

Student Nurses

are cared for in an up-to-date Nurses' Home. Apply now. New class being organized for January, 1920, without tuition fees or other expense, and are paid a monthly incidental fee. Write without delay for full information to

Miss Helen T. Holliday.
Superintendent Nurses' Training School of the
TEXAS BAPTIST MEMORIAL SANITARIUM.
Dallas Texas.

Tubes Free With Every Casing

that we sell from now to Jan. 1.

We will give you an inner tube free.

Complete stock of Goodrich, Pennsylvania and Brunswick Tires.

Exide and Columbia Batteries.

We take your old battery in at $5.00, regardless of condition.

See us for anything in the Auto line and save money.

Complete Stock of Supplies

Nance-Stroble Auto Electric
Company

Dodge Buld. Main St. Opposite Bateman Lumber Y.
Night Phone 327 **Day Phone 109**

Asby Tillery, commissioner for Concho county, was here Monday conferring with the census supervisor concerning census work in Concho county.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company, will be held at 10:00 a. m., on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920; in its Directors' room.

Chas. S. Miller, Cashier.

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Rev. H. P. Bates, Mrs. Bates and baby, and Hilton Bates, brother of Rev. Bates, left Monday afternoon for Austin, where they will spend the holidays with relatives. Hilton Bates is just out of the sanitarium where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

If you only knew

what pleasure can be derived from a new pair of Glasses, accurately fitted. For Mother, Father, Aunt, Uncle, Sister, Brother, Grandmother, Grandfather or Friend; you would buy them a pair for Christmas.

Call and let us explain how you can do this in a manner that will be a perfect surprise.

Dr. McGuire, Optical Specialist, F. & M. Bank Bldg. will be in the office every day except Tuesday at Winters during the Holidays. Phone for engagements. Residence phone 446, Office phone 40.

Our Wish

'Tis Christmastide and nearing a new year. So we wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Prosperous New Year, and may you gather Force and your Light cast its beams further along your chosen pathway before another year shall have come to pass.

Yours for Better Eyesight,

DR. McGUIRE
Optometrist
F. & M. Bank Building. Ballinger, Texas.

Authentic Investment Information

is available through the Officers of this Institution to those contemplating buying, selling or exchanging securities.

Discriminating investors are cordially invited to profit through the extensive knowledge and experience we have been in any especially advantageous position to acquire.

Consult with us without hesitation.

"Guaranty Fund Bank, and also member of Federal Reserve System."

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

U. S. CHICKENS ARE MAKING FRANCE GAYER

SOISSONS, France, Dec. 20.—"American chickens make life a little gayer in France," the peasants here say, regarding the efforts of the American Committee for Devastated France to aid the stricken people of the Aisne district.

And they meant it, too, for the proud clucking of hens and the lordly crowing of roosters are the first sounds that greet the tourist when he visits the war-torn villages of the Aisne valley. For the American committee has really carried out its slogan to "rechickenize" France.

American dimes and quarters received here daily are going into the fund to put "pep" in the poultry business in France. In the last three months women wearing the French blue uniforms of the Committee of Devastated France distributed 8,451 chickens throughout the 100 towns in their charge. In addition they have established two "poulet" farms in the interior of France, capable of producing 2,000 chickens a month for use solely in the devastated regions.

Following the policy of the American committee to aid and not to pauperize the people of the Aisne, the chickens are sold at half-price, the present rate of sale being 10 francs. Money sent from America makes up the remainder of the cost price. Incubators, more-over, are installed in a number of towns down on the front.

Besides chickens, Americans put 105 goats in the Aisne—to furnish milk for war-babies—1,500 rabbits, as well as ducks and cows, to furnish food and give a business start to many a French "Tom Sawyer."

Rolling stores on trucks carry supplies to towns where no stores are open, no doctors present, and no buildings habitable other than temporary shelters, barracks and caves.

Do You Enjoy Your Meals?

If you do not enjoy your meals your digestion is faulty. Eat moderately, especially of meats, masticate your food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals and take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and you will soon find your meals to be a real pleasure.

DOWN GOES VALUTA; UP GO PRICES!

By CARL D. GROAT
United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Depreciation of German valuta had reached such a low level in the middle of November that the exchange represented less than about one third as much worth for the German mark then as in November, 1918.

Dollars brought more than 30 marks; while 100 marks brought only about 15 kronen as against 55 in November, 1918.

This drop in exchange spells perhaps more vividly than columns of theorizing, elucidation and prophecy the course Germany has been and is, treading. It is a downward path; and the end is undoubtedly a smash, if the present tendency continues.

Germans give various explanations for the slump.

The main truth is, however, that the nation is loaded with war debt and with other big debts since the armistice and that the whole industrial situation has gone from bad to worse. Minister Erzberger recently revealed that the militarists let the war debt pile up without any attempt to liquidate; they merely expected that somebody else—preferably rich America—should make up the costs.

Germany has recently been floating a premium loan, hoping that this will take just a bit of the curse off her financial situation. This loan is offered to workingmen with the bait of a lottery attached. They may draw several hundred thousand marks if their loan bears the lucky number. And anyway, they will have a good bit of interest coming. Moreover, they are told, this loan will help stabilize and support the war loans which have been experiencing a considerable slump.

And while the valuta drops and drops, the prices of foods and supplies mount and mount. An official price table shows that many necessities of life in November were double what they were in November, 1918. And in all cases there was a considerable price increase.

At the same time, there has been a marked decrease in production. This is particularly true of the coal mines. The national railways are staggering under a burden of debt whereas formerly they were extremely profitable. Such facts as above are used by such Pan-German sheets as the Preussische Zeitung to promote the cause of monarchism. They continually harp on the good old days, and without being specific in their arguments, or inquiring into more than superficial causes, try to convince the nation that the republic is wholly culpable for the burdens of the present moment.

40c Per Pound for Your Cotton

We will accept cotton at 40c, middling basis in trade for Cleveland Tractors at the new price of $1,435 delivered here

Until January 1st, 1920.

All farmers who need machines will save $240 on the tractor and get more for their cotton.

January 1st positively the last day---Everything not sold then will be shipped to other dealers

West Texas Motor Co.

Ballinger, Texas

D. P. Davis is at home from College Station to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis. Mr. Davis is taking vocational training at College Station.

Chas. Furgason is at home from South Texas, where he has been for several months. He keeps an eye on the country and says there is nothing to compare with the prosperity which prevails in Runnels county.

Ledger classifieds bring results.

Surgeons agree that in cases of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds, the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by John A. Weeks.

NOTICE READERS

Ralph H. Turner, formerly United Press staff correspondent in Tokyo, more recently cable editor in the New York office of this news gathering association, has been transferred to the Mexico City office of the association.

In view of the growing importance of Mexican affairs to the United States, Turner was assigned to visit points en route to the Mexican capital city and will give Ledger readers a close-up of conditions in "the land of tomorrow," as viewed through trained American eyes.

Watch for Turner's stories, the entire series will appear in this paper from time to time as he progresses on his journey.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Albert Sledge, who was seriously ill with pneumonia for several days, is recovering nicely.

E. S. Cornelius left Monday for Marble Falls, where he will make his home in the future.

We don't make shoes, *but*—

If we did make them ourselves, we couldn't hope to make shoes a bit better than those in our shops right now—in appearance—or in wear—or in comfort for the wearer. Or sell them for a more reasonable price.

We know shoes. We know we're satisfied. We know you will be satisfied.

BEACON THERE ARE NO BETTER **SHOES**

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what your Doctor feels as much at home with us as he does any where and if you tell him that you want WEEKS prescription service he will gladly phone your prescription to us.

WEEKS

Ask your Doctor

TEMPERATURE TAKES ANOTHER BIG DROP

The temperature dropped to twenty degrees at Ballinger New Years morning making the third severe freeze up for the present winter.

Some predicted it the coldest night of the present winter, but they are mistaken. According to the government thermometer the temperature dropped to eighteen degrees on December first, and the second freeze just before Christmas brought it down to twenty two, and it registered in twenties for three or four nights preceding the holidays.

The misty rain which filled the air late Tuesday afternoon and early evening covered everything it came in contact with with a coat of ice, and the ground made muddy by the rain Monday night and Tuesday morning, was converted into ice mud, and remained froze throughout New Years day.

Old timers state that the freeze will not kill grain, as it is a "wet freeze," and one farmer declared that grain in the present condition of the ground would stand zero weather.

RETURNS HOME FROM BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Adolph Zappe and Sons Joe, Henry, Otto, Fred, William, and Ernts, and daughter, Mrs. Emil Spill, who were here to attend the funeral of their son and brother A. J. Zappe, returned to their homes at Shiner and Halletsville this week. F. Welch, brother of Mrs. Zappe, also returned home. While J. F. Ulrich, another brother, remained over to be with his sister for a few days.

Willard Storage Batteries in Stock for Every Make Car.

WILLARD SERVICE

Complete Srock of U. S., Racine and Republic Tires.

We Must Sell Them

See us for anything for the Auto.

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SMITH TAKES OATH NEW YORK GOVERNOR

Albany, N. Y. Jan. 1.—Considerable military pomp and circumstance attached the inauguration of Alfred E. Smith of New York as governor of New York today.

The governor-elect and the retiring governor Charles Whitman together reviewed a parade in which the military element was prominent, just before the oath of office was administered to Smith in the assembly chamber by Secretary of State F. M. Hugo.

When the new governor completed his address in the chamber, boosing of cannoh announced the beginning of a new administration

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Lansing, Mich. Jan. 1.—Shunning the great pomp and ceremony of past inaugurations, Gov. Albert T. Sleeper took the oath for his second term as Michigan's executive in Representative hall here at Noon today.

The oath was administered by Chief Justice John E. Baird of Lenawee county.

It was the 43rd gubernatorial inauguration since Michigan became a state while Sleeper is the 21st governor to take his oath of office on Jan. 1.

In rapid succession the other state officials then took the oath of office. They are Samuel Odell, of Shelby, state treasurer; Alex J. Groesbeck, Detroit, attorney general; O. B. Fuller, of Escanaba auditor general and Lauren B. Dickenson, Charlotte, lieutneant governor.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 1.—With the exception of the superintendent of schools, every state officer taking the oath of office here this afternoon was endorsed by the Non-Partisian League.

Inauguration of the governor an state officers was devoid of frills. The inauguration hall which for years was the state's social event of the year was abolished two years ago at the request of Gov. Lynn J. Fraizer.

BALLINGER PEOPLE SLEEPING ON JOB

The people of Ballinger can no doubt accomplish what the people of San Angelo have just put over if they will get up and ask for it.

When the Santa Fe discontinued its night train, it left San Angelo with about the same mail accommodiations Ballinger is suffering, the Orient arriving in that city on a schedule whch gave the city only one mail delivery each day.

The people got busy and petitioned the Orient to change its schedule so as to connect with the afternoon T. & P. train west at Sweetwater. The Orient made the change and now San Angelo, thirty five miles west of Ballinger is to receive mail from Dallas eighteen hours earlier than Ballinger reeives mail from the north. th.

Ballinger is connected with the T. & P. at Abilene by the A. & S. Why can't the people of Ballinger prevail on the A. & S. to change its schedule, making the A. & S. train leave Abilene in the afternoon after the west bound T. & P. from Dallas arrives, and this would bring mail from the north eighteen hours earlier than we are now receiving it. The Dallas News, which is now thirty eight hours old when delivered in Ballinger, could be delivered here in the evening of the day of publication, if this change was made.

When the A. & S. discontinued one of its trains, it discontinued the one which served the public best both from a mail and passenger standpoint. A strong effort should be made to give Ballinger a morning train out and an evening train in on that road.

Ballinger needs a Chamber of Commerce, or a Mayor with an active city commission, or some other organization which could get behind such propositions. We are sleeping on our rights.

AUTO OWNERS ARE VIOLATING LAW

The 1919 auto seals have been in the hands of Tax Collector Chastain for a month or more, and the man who drives his car without displaying on same a 1919 seal after December 31st, is subject to prosecution.

Heretofore the officers have been lenient with auto owners who were slow in procuring their seals, as the excuse was offered that the state was slow in mailing them out. This excuse does not hold good now, as the local tax collector delivers the seals when the auto owner pays the tax.

There is no limit to time in which the auto owners has to pay his auto tax, further than the law provides that all cars in use must have displayed on same the seal for the year in which it is being used. Tax Collector Chastain reports that very few people have paid their auto tax, and the matter of prosecution is in the hands of the local officers.

"We have no choice in the matter," said one officer today, "and we are sworn to do our duty regardless of fear or favor and people who continue to drive their car without paying the tax and displaying the seal must suffer the consequences."

The tax is payable at the tax collector's office in Ballinger and the seal is immediately delivered to you.

LADY VISITING HERE DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Mrs. Lizzie Fielder, age 68 years, died at the home of her nephew, Lee Butler, on Eleventh Street, at three thirty o'clock on New Years morning.

Mrs. Fielder had been visiting her son, Rev. Wilson Fielder, at Miles. Rev. Fielder is a Baptist missionary and had recently returned from the foreign fields. He came here to preach at the Baptist church last Saturday, and his mother accompained him, intending to visit here over Sunday, to hear her son preach and return to her home at Sidney, in Comanche county early this week. She was complaining of a bad cold when she arrived her and later became quite ill, and gradually grew worse until the end came.

The remains will be shipped to Comanche for burial, as soon as arrangement can be perfected and relatives arrive here to accompany them. Rev. Fielder came down from Miles Wednesday morning. Deceased would probably have returned home on the day she died.

NO WELCOME HERE FOR NEW YEARS

The tolling of one lonely bell, and the firing of a few shots from a pistol marked the departure of the old year and the arrival of the year 1919, Tuesday night.

There were perhaps one or two watch parties in the city, but with the mercury playing around below twenty degree mark the watchers contented themselves with watching and did not face the freezing to disturb those who had retired to their peaceful slumber and left the ceremony of bidding farewell to the old and the welcoming of the new in their hands.

It was the quietest night of all the last nights in the years gone by in the history of this city. Made so by the absence of that social life which has been lacking among the young people since the boys went on the hun chase, and which promises to be lacking until their return, and made so by the low temperature which caused the fathers and mothers to forbid the younger "set" from encountering the flu laden elements.

LIEUT. ROY F. SHARP RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

Lieut Roy F. Sharp, after spending two or three weeks with his mother and family, returned to Atlanta Ga., Tuesday where he wll report to the army hospital and will probably be discharged from the hospital, as he has about recovered from serious wounds sustained on the battle front in France.

After being discharged from the hospital it is probable that Lieut. Sharp will receive his honorable discharge from service, as his wound is of such nature that he can not do military service. Lieut. Sharp was the first wounded soldier to return to Ballinger, and he was given a hearty welcome and kept busy while here telling his experiences.

R. G. Downing, of Winters, the second Runnels county boy to return from overseas, came in from Camp Travis Wednesday and went out to his home. Mr. Downing recently returned from England where he was a member of an aero squadron. He was sent to Camp Travis and received his honorable discharge.

WAR SECRETARY SENDS GREETINGS

Washington, Jan. 1.—Secretary Baker has sent the following New Year's greeting to the men of the army, to be read at all camps and cantonments at home and over seas:

"To you who have fulfilled the promise of the nation overseas, and you who have stood ready in reserve at home, I send greetings for the New Year.

"The year of 1918 has shown what America can do; 1919 will show what America is.

"Your part in the great accomplishment has been a vital one. The part you will bear in the days to come will be no less important for our country. The process of demoblization is moving swiftly, in order and according to plans. Clearly everything cannot be done at once, and patience will be needed. Each step must follow the step before and some units will go quickly while others may be held a little longer for reasons that are very real though some times not apparent on the surface.

"As America made her power felt more quickly than the foe thought possible so she will return that power to the pursuits of peace with all due speed. You have shared the price of the first accomplishment, so must your patience aid in the present adjustment to new conditions. The privilege of having stood in the ranks of the army of victorious democracy will be your pride through the years to come. If fortune has decreed that only weeks or months remain for you to stand in those ranks, instead of bloody years, as our allies have done, then bear yourselves through the remaining days in a way to increase the pride.

"The best wishes of the country for 1919, and all the coming years are yours. To these, I add my own heartiest good wishes and the confidence that in the future as ex-soldiers as you have done in the past as soldiers, you will continue to reflect the highest honor of our country."

ZAPPE STORE TO REMAIN CLOSED

When asked by a Ledger reporter Wednesday, when she would open the store of her husband, which has been closed since his death. Mrs. A. J. Zappe stated that she would not continue the business and that the store would remain closed until she could dispose of the stock of goods and rent the building to some one else. Mrs. Zappe stated that no one knew anything about the business except her husband and oldest son Arthur, and they have both died, leaving her without any one to put in charge. Her next oldest son Hubert is in school and is not old enough to take charge of the business.

Let us order your Rubber Stamps. The Ballinger Printing

"1919"

starts in with the best prospects that this country or this business have ever had, and we owe it all to the good friends who are our customers. We thank you for the good will you have shown us during 1918, and in 1919 you may expect the same "glad hand" methods that have always been the policy of this Drug Store.

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Our friends made us what we are.

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A. W. Sledge ..... Editor

A MEMORIAL PARK

Editor Ledger:

As I have read several good suggestions and ideas from some of our people in your paper about what we could do in the best way in memory of our soldier boys, I want to ask permission to suggest an idea.

Why not build a memorial park with a large monument in the center, and beautiful shade trees all around it. All the trees we wish to plant, and flowers that grow in this country. Benches to rest on, and grass for the children to play on, for it must be a pleasure for them, and a resting place for the tired.

Such a park would also be a beauty spot for our city and a pleasure for our children, a pride for our mothers of the soldier boys. It will make the homes of the city more valuable, and the city more attractive and enhance the value of vacant lots.

As I have seen this carried out in other cities, I thought this would be worth while to consider in our little city.

Mrs. E. S. Cornelius.

HOG KILLER SHOOTS SELF IN THE FOOT

J. E. Forbus sustained a pistol shot through his foot Thursday that came about in an accidental manner and is calculated to lay the unfortunate victim up for a few days at best.

Mr. Forbus was preparing to kill a hog with his pistol when, in some manner, the weapon was discharged, the ball passing entirely through his foot. His physician does not fear any serious consequence of the wound and we are all hoping that friend Forbus will be fully recovered in a few weeks. —Winters Enterprise.

A NERVOUS WRECK

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

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

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

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

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

Nothing relieved me until I took Cardui. It did wonders for me."

Try Cardui for your troubles—made from medicinal ingredients recommended in medical books as being of benefit in female troubles, and 40 years of use has proven that the books are right. Begin taking Cardui today. NC-134

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

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

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. All Druggist, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

W. E. Chambers, former manager of the Ballinger Lumber Co., and who is in charge of the yard for the same company at Abilene, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to Brownwood.

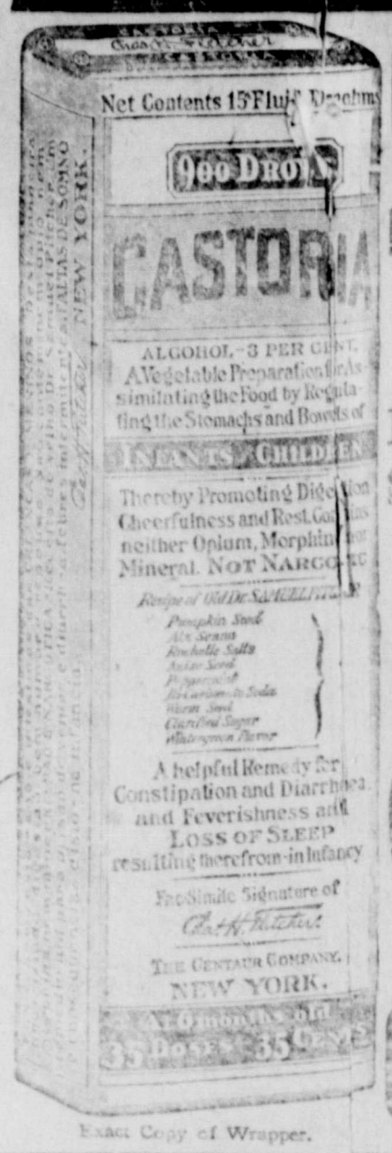
A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weakand lame back, rheumatism, and irrigularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Stree, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

C. L. Mullins, who is serving his country in the navy arrived from New York Tuesday and will spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. C. C. Gray.

Quick Cure for Croup

Watch for the first symptoms, hoarseness and give Chamberlains Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.



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For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher In Use For Over Thirty Years

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY

Esquire T. E. Brown, of Brownwood and San Saba, came in Tuesday to begin the New Year with his sons, T. P. and R. E. Brown.

Chas. Bailey returned to his school work at Austin Tuesday, after spending the vacation with his aunt, Mrs. W. F. Dudley.

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Experience Teaches That—

Kitchen Utensils

are as much a necessity in the home as the food which is prepared in or with them. And the greater the assortment you have the easier and more quickly can you do your work.

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The gold miner of the Yukon and the Rand—the diamond diggings of Brazil and South Africa promise paltry pittances compared with the illimitable fortunes which lie at every turn in any city.

Thrift has become a profession. How much time are you devoting to its study?"

—*Herbert Kaufman*

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SPANISH INFLUENZA--JUST GRIP CAMOUFLAGED UNDER A NEW NAME

Most Authorities Now Agree That This Disease is Simply the Old-Fashioned Grip, the Same That Has Swept Over the World Times Without Number. Since 1831 the United States Has Had Five Epidemics.

The Last Epidemic in 1889-90 Came from Russia by Way of France and Was Given a French Name, La Grippe. This Time it Comes By Way of Spain.

Origin of the Disease

Spanish Influenza, which appeared in Spain in May, has swept over the world in numerous epidemics as far back as history runs. Hippocrates refers to an epidemic in 412 B. C., which is regarded by many to have been influenza. Every century has had its attacks. Beginning with 1831, this country has had five epidemice, the last in 1889-90.

The Symptoms

Grip, or influenza as it is now called, usually begins with a chill followed by aching, feverishness and sometimes nausea and dizziness, and a general feeling of weakness. The temperature is from 100 to 104, and the fever usually lasts from three to five days. The germs attack the mucous membrane, or lining of the air passages—nose, throat and bronchial tubes—there is usually a bad cough, especially bad at night, often times a sore throat or tonsilitis, and frequently all the appearance of a severe head cold.

The Treatment.

Go to bed at first symptoms—take a purgative, eat plenty of nourishing food, remain perfectly quiet and don't worry. Nature herself is the only "cure" for influenza and will throw off the attack if only you conserve your strength. A little Quinine, Aspirin or Dover's Powder may be given by the physician's directions to allay the aching. Always call a doctor, since the chief danger of grip is in its weakening effect on the system, which allows complications to develop. These are chiefly pneumonia and bronchitis, sometimes inflammation of the middle ear, or heart affection. For these reasons it is very important that the patient remain in bed until his strength returns—stay in bed at least two days or more after the fever has left you, or if you are over 50 or not strong stay in bed four days or more, according to the severity of the attack.

External Applications.

In order to stimulate the lining of the air passages to throw off the grip germs, to aid in loosing the phlegm and keeping the air passages open, thus making the breathing easier, Vicks' VapoRub will be found effective. Hot, wet towels should be applied over the throat, chest and the back between the shoulder blades to open the pores. Then VapoRub should be rubbed in over the parts until the skin is red, spread on thickly and cover with two thickness of hot flannel cloths. Leave the clothing loose around the neck as the heat of the body liberates the ingredients in the form of vapors. These vapors, inhaled with each breath, carry the medication directly to the parts affected. At the same time VapoRub is absorbed through and stimulates the skin, attracting the blood to the surface and thus aids in relieving the congestion within.

No Ocassion for Panic

There is no occasion for panic--influenza or grip has a very low percentage of fatalities—not over one death out of every four hundred cases, according to the U.C. Board of Health. The chief danger lies in complications arising attackng principally patients in a run down condition-- those who don't go to bed soon enough, or those who get up too early.

How to Avoid the Disease

Evidence seems to prove that this is a germ disease, spread principally by human contact, chiefly through coughing, sneezing or spitting. So avoid persons having cold—which means avoiding crowds—common drinking cups, roller towels,etc. Keep up your bodily strength by plenty of exercise in the open air, and good food.

Keep Free from Colds.

Above all, avoid colds, as colds irritate the lining of the air passages and render them much better breeding places for the germs.

Use Vick's VapoRub at the very first sign of a cold. For a head cold, melt a little VapoRub in a spoon and inhale the vapors or better still, use VapoRub in a benzonie steam kettle. If this is not available, use an odrinary teakettle. Fill half-full of boiling water, put in half a teaspoonful of VapoRub from time to time—keep the kettle just slowely boiling and inhale the steam arising.

NOTE—Vick's VapoRub is the discovery of a North Carlonia druggist, who found how to combine, in salve form, Menthol and Camphor and such volatile oils as Eucalyptus, Thyme, Cubebs, etc., so that when the salve is applied to the body heat, these ingredients are liberated in the form of vapors. VapoRub can be had in three sizes at all druggist. While comparatively new in certain parts of the North, it is the standard home remedy in the South and West for all forms of cold troubles—over six million jars were sold last year VapoRub is particularly recommended for children's croup, or colds, as it is externally applied and can, therefore, be used freely and often witrout the slightest harmful effects.

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"The Lid is Off"

The government now permits you to build any building you want regardless of cost without permit. But remember all the world is starting to build and there is no great surplus of building materials. 750,000 houses in little England alone is going to call for materials from this country; devastated France, ruined Belgium, Italy, Russia—a whole world wants the same materials you want for that house or barn. Now, today we are going to be able to help you build, but with a demand ahead of beyond human mind to comperhend, there's no telling when that world demand is going to pass the possible sources of supply and then someone is going to be cut off. We want to impress on you with all the force we can that now is the time to get busy with your building. This is not for the purpose of scaring you into building, but are the facts as the best authorities see them. Decide on your plans and make arrangements for your material while we yet have a complete, well seasoned stock. This is the only way you can be sure.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

NEW YEARS CASUALTY LIST LIGHT ONE

The casualty list released for publication in newspapers on New Years day is a light one. The list contains the names of 217 men, all reported as seriously wounded. The list contains the names of only seventeen Texans, as follows:

Pvt. Samuel T. Truss, Gatesville.
Pvt. Allen D. Anderson, Dallas.
Pvt. Paul J. Bethke, Westpoint.
Pvt. Raymond E. Boswell, Hearne.
Pvt. Jacob B. Dentler, Victoria.
Pvt. Willie Jones, Victoria.
Pvt. Maxie C. Melton, Detroit.
Pvt. Soffa; Peterson, San Antonio.
Pvt. Stephens W. Pribilski, Dunham.
Pvt. William W. Williams, Rule
Pvt. Guy U. Yaekel, Columbus.
Pvt. Homer S. Parkhurst, Lafayette.
Sgt. Chas. H. Barnes, Dallas.
Pvt. Irvin C. Nicholson, Richland Springs.
Pvt. Emmitt T. Roberts, Hoeley.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs O. Cooke, Macon, Ill. writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure.

Clyde Harville left for Brownwood, Tuesday where he goes to accept a position in the office of J. M. Radford, Wholesale Grocer. Mr. Harville held a similar position with Radford at Ballinger, when he enlisted in the army.

CHICHESTER S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-chester s Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

LITTLE BUSINESS ON NEW YEARS DAY

The first day of the year is a holiday throughout the country, and with all banks, post office, closed and with many lines of business suspended, there is little business transacted.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., observes the day as a holiday and as a result The Ledger does not carry late telegraph bulletins today. All Western Union Offices were closed from ten to twelve o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon.

As a rule the schools observe the New Year Day as a holiday, but on account of schools in Ballinger having lost so much time, having recently closed down three weeks during the flu epidemic schools did not suspend for the 1919 New Year Day.

Neither did the business houses in Ballinger observe the day, but they could have saved expense of fuel, etc., if they had done so.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE—New Ford, 5 passenger Car. Walter Middleton. 27 dtf 1tw.

FOR RENT—Rooms for light house keeping, apply at Ledger office. 30 3td

LOST—Mud chain between Santa Fe on Winters road and Ballinger Cemetery. Return to Ledger office. 1td pd.

Building Restrictions Have Been Removed

All farm and ranch buildings, all schools churches, hospitals and public buildings costing not more than $25,000.0, all new homes costing not more than $10,000:00. Now is the time to plan. Let us help you do it

Ballinger Lumber Company
T. L. ACREE, Mgr.

Preventing tire troubles and looking after the wants of our customers is our business. We study it. We can handle any kind of a job...

Castor Tire & Battery Co.
PHONE 650.

WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT—that our dairy products are the embodiment of purity. Perfect freshness is guaranteed to you on butter, eggs, cream and milk. Buy our dairy products and compare them with the thoroughly unsatisfactory cold storage variety. We charge no more for the best that the market affords.

JACKSON DAIRY

New Life Vibrator

One of the greatest aids to nature ever given to mankind is the

New Life Vibrator

It stimulates and invigorates the entire system, removes, in natures own way, the causes of pain, and instantly relieves all affected parts.

It relieves rheumatism and all similar ailments, tones up the complexion and invigorates the body generally. Used in any lamp socket.

Ballinger Electric Light & Power Company

Mrs. Newby, of Brownwood, came in Tuesday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Simpson, who is quite ill with influenza. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson is also a flu victim.

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In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Mourning Cards and Envelopes neatly printed at a reasonable prices. Call and see them.
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New Year's Greetings

from

L. B. STUBBS, Grocer
Phones 93 and 94

SAYS COMISSIONERS SHOULD BE PROMOTED

Higgins, Texas. Dec 24.
Editor Ledger:

I see in your paper of the 6th, inst., that the county commissioners of Runnels county have refused to make an appropriation to maintain a farm agent for the coming year. Now, as I have farming interest in Runnels county, I feel quite interested in the county.

In my judgement your commissioners as a body haven't the interest of the farmers at heart that they should have. Neither do they show to have the interest of the business men at heart, or they would not permitted them to have paid by subscription the amount during the past year to carry on this work when it should have come from the county as a whole.

It seems to me that your citizens are holding down your commissioners, and are not giving them all that is coming to them. If they can show by good reasoning that the agricultural department of the United States government is a nuisance and that the money spent in maintaining the work that is of interest to the farmers is wasted, and should be saved, then why not promote the county commissioners to where they could handle the government end of this appropriation and save the money which they say is being wasted.

Lincoln went from a rail splitted to president, Grant went from a wood hauler to president, Wilson went from a school teacher to president, Hobby went from a newspaper office to governor and the Lord only knows where some of these commissioners might go if your citizens would only boost them.

In all sincerity, Mr. Editor, I do think the commissioners made a grave mistake and I hope they will reconsider the proposition and vote to maintain a farm agent in Runnels County.

I know from experience what he is worth to the farmers of the county, and in my judgement it will be a hard knock on the county

If the government pays the big end of the expenses I think the farmers could well afford to subscribe to a fund to pay the remainder of the agent's salary, and make up the $800 the county commissioners are refusing to appropriate. I will give $25 to the fund.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am a tax payer and I have no ax to grind or land to sell, and I only hope for the best interest of the farmers of which I am one, and I am farming in your county.

W. W. FARMER.

Mr. Farmer is one of the heavy tax payers of the county. In addition to paying his part of the tax to maintain a farm agent, which would be practically nothing, he is willing to dig up $25 to help keep the work going.

GOOD BACKS FOR BAD

Ballinger Residents are Learning How to Exchange the Old Back for a Stronger One.

Does your back ache, feel weak and painful?

Do you suffer headaches, languor and depression?

Is the urine discolored, passages irregular?

The kidneys may be calling for help.

Weak kidneys cannot do their work.

Give them the help they need.

To cure a kidney backache you must cure the kidneys.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

Conveneing proof of merit in Ballinger endorsement:

Mrs. S. C. Royalty, 1302 Thirteenth St., Ballinger says: "My kidneys were inactive. There was so much soreness across my back that I could hardly bend over and it was just as difficult for me to straighten up. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage. Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of all signs of kidney complaint."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Royalty had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y

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Tonight

Wm. Fox Presents
Peggy Hyland
in
The Debt of Honor

Money to Loan on Farm Lands

I represent a strong and liberal loan company

See me about new or renewal loans.

Estes Lynn
Hall Hardware Co., Building

Start the New Year Right

Don't buy, sell or trade oil stocks in the North Texas Fields without the latest information on the situation with changes daily. I don't buy or sell oil stocks but will give a true and correct report on any stock for One Dollar. Cash must accompany order for repors.

BE POSTED BY A DISINTERESTED PERSON WHO REPRESENTS NO PARTICULAR COMPANY.

Patrick W. Murphy
OIL REPORTER
Room 3, Hines Building, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsal of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

Mrs. Jack Green and two children came in from Amarillo, Wednesday, and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cockrell. Mr. and Mrs. Green have been living at Amarillo, and are moving to Abilene.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders meeting of the Balinger State Bank & Trust Co., will be held at its banking house in Ballinger at 10 a. m. Tuesday, January 14th, 1919.

24 2d&w Chas. S. Miller,
Vice-President and Cashier

Mrs. W. F. Street left Tuesday afternoon, for Oklahoma, in response to a telegram that her sister was seriously ill.

Chamberlain's Tablets

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompained by constipation and aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieves the constipated condition.

J. J. Yerby, who has been away from Ballinger for several months, spending most of the time at Hillboro, returned home Wednesday at noon.

FOR SALE

Improved Paper Shell Pecan Trees, budded or grafted, $1.00 to $2.50 owing to size and age, roots 3 to 6 years old, also seeding Pecan trees from choice selected thin shelled nuts, 2 to 3 years old roots. 50c each. Fine healthy trees carefully inspected and so declared by State Inspector of Nurseries. Some of the nuts from which these trees were grown cost me from 50c to $1 per pound.

S. B. Howard,
107 N. 12th Street
Ballinger, Texas.

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To Our Friends and Customers:

We are just emerging from a WAR YEAR which in connection with the unprecedented drouth has presented innumerable complex problems, but with the assistance and co-operation of our many friends and customers we feel that much has been accomplished.

Before the armistice was signed we deemed it, as a matter of economy, inadvisable to issue a CALENDAR this year, but as conditions have changed materially at this time, and it being the custom of our Bank, for a number of years, and having had so many requests, it is our desire to give each and everyone a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat, serviceable 1919 CALENDAR for your home. And until our supply is exhausted they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not.

The plan under which we distributed our calendars for the past several years was so satisfactory and so many of our friends and customers expressed their appreciation that we concluded to distribute our 1919 CALENDARS in the same manner. Children must have a written order from parent or guardian. Calendar cannot be mailed. Our calendar is a reproduction of the famous painting, entitled "MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME" by Lamasure.

Thursday, January 2nd, 1919, will be our CALENDAR DAY and we will continue to distribute them until the supply is exhausted,

We appreciate in the highest degree the generous and loyal friends and customers who, we are certain, have found the STRENGTH, the SECURITY and SERVICE of our Bank fully equal to every expectation and requirement. We feel a deep interest in this community and desire in all ways open to us to promote its welfare and we want you to feel that this interest is lasting the year round and making for pleasant business relations at all times.

At the time of this writing there is not a town, hamlet or community in the United States but has its wife, mother, sister or sweetheart with her "SOMEONE" over there. Some hopeful; some despairing; some happy; some sad; all depending upon how the fortunes of war have played with her loved one, but it is the sincere desire of our officers and directors that your New Year be a Happy and Prosperous One.

Yours very truly,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Ballinger