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FAILS TO MAKE MEXICAN LOAN

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—A failure to put thru the \$50,000,000 loan which had been negotiated for the Mexican government by J. L. Arlitt & Company, bond brokers, of Austin, Texas, was announced today by the secretary of the treasury of the Mexican government.

The secretary gave out the text of a message sent to the Mexican consul general in New York ordering him to notify Arlitt that as the time stipulated by the loan contract was long overdue the contract was cancelled at the moment the notification was made.

Asa Cordill is showing a beautiful line of Diamonds. 1d

FLU SPREADING OVER TEXAS

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—Dr. Malone Duggan, state health officer, today urged the people of Texas to take precautions against the spread of influenza. He said 930 cases were reported to the state health board in November, and the disease had spread until for the week ending December 13th, 365 cases for that week were reported, showing a marked increase.

SEEKS RIGHT TO RAISE TURRET GUNS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The state department would be called on under a resolution introduced today by Representative Britten of Illinois, to inform the House what objection, if any, the foreign governments may have to a proposed increase in the elevation of turret guns on American battleships.

Compare our Diamond Rings with others—notice how securely the Diamonds are mounted. Asa Cordill. 1d

W. W. Embry orders The Ledger for his son, W. H. Embry, who lives at Medicine Mound, Texas. The paper will go to the Medicine Mound man for a year.

THE WEATHER—
Tonight fair and continued cold; Sunday generally fair and slow rising temperature.

HELP FILL THE MEAL BARRELS

In a preliminary survey of the poverty situation in this city, and according to calls coming in to Santa Claus for help, there are objects of charity where both clothing and food are greatly needed.

To meet this demand and make the money collected for the Christmas cheer fund go as far as possible, the American Legion has placed barrels on the streets where both clothing and food can be deposited by those who wish to have a hand in the Christmas charity work.

Any articles of food can be used, and clothing for children will be acceptable, provided the clothing is in good shape. There are no doubt people with children's clothing which their children have out grown. Such articles as underclothing, shoes, and wraps can be used to a good advantage.

In order that others who have not contributed cash may do so, a pot has also been placed on the street with each barrel, and those who have surplus dollars, four-bit pieces, quarters, dimes and nickles can deposit them in the pot.

Help fill the meal barrel and help to keep the pot boiling.

SEEKING LEADER OF BANDIT GANG

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—Police officers throughout Texas and Oklahoma are combining their efforts today in search for Otto Starr, a notorious Oklahoma outlaw, whose bandit gang is believed to have been responsible for the robbery of two banks and the burning of the business section of Valley View yesterday.

The yeggs dynamited the vaults of the two banks and carried away the safes weighing about 4,000 pounds each. Officials of the banks today placed their loss at \$100,000. The business district of the town was burned following the dynamiting of the banks, and this caused a loss of about \$100,000.

NEAR 13 MILLION BALES GINNED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 12th totaled 12,796,216 running bales, including 293,366 round bales, according to the Census Bureau figures made public today. The ginnings for the same date last year were 9,549,015 running bales.

The ginnings in Texas prior to December 12th were 4,574,551 bales.

BALLINGER TEACHERS ARE PURSE SNATCHERS' VICTIMS

Several of the teachers attending the institute in San Angelo this week were the victims of pickpockets or purse-snatchers. Miss Ethel Henson, one of the Ballinger teachers, perhaps suffered a greater loss than any other. Someone lifted her suitcase containing considerable cash. Miss Henson left her suitcase in the lobby of the Baptist church where the institute was in session and was only away from it a few minutes when it disappeared. Other teachers are reported to have had their handbags lifted from their arms, or they were picked up while the teachers did some shopping.

Beautiful line Seth Thomas Clocks at Cordill's. 1d

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Dec. 22nd and 23rd

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Panhandle Reports 12 Below; Freeze Reaches Brownsville



FIRE WIPES OUT BUSINESS BLOCK

(By Associated Press)
LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 20.—Fire of undetermined origin this morning destroyed the entire block in the business district of DeQuincy, Louisiana. Among the business concerns which were destroyed was a new theatre building and several stores and offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson went to Abilene Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Simpson will visit her parents and Mr. Simpson will return home Sunday.

For the Whole Family We Suggest

Fountain Pens \$1.00 to \$10.00
Thermos Jugs \$3.50 to \$10.00
Thermos Bottles \$1.25 to \$15.00
Flashlights \$1.25 to \$3.50
Hair Brushes 50c to \$9.00
Alarm Clocks \$1.50 to \$3.75
Hot Water Bottles \$1.25 to \$3.50

Sterno Heaters 15c to \$1.00

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

The Rexall Store
Oldest—Biggest—Best

ROBBERS CRACK RAILROAD SAFE

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—The Frisco depot safe at Tolar, in Hood county, was cracked last night and a small sum of money secured. The robbers also entered the Continental State Bank at Tolar, but failed to get any loot.

Miss Marthyle Bridwell came in Friday night from Liberty Hill, where she is teaching school, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell.



CHRISTMAS—
Let us help you solve your gift problems. We can help select gifts for at least a dozen friends.

GIVE PHOTOGRAPHS—
A picture of yourself or children now will make valuable keepsakes and something that will appeal to all loved ones.

Many styles to select from and prices you can pay. We make appointments for either day or night sittings.

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Ballinger Electric Co.

G. P. Teague, Prop. Telephone No. 7

NO DANGER IN ALCOHOL FOR LEGAL USE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The assurance that no law abiding American is likely to be injured by denatured alcohol was given today by Wayne Wheeler, anti-saloon league, in a statement filed with the Senate committee considering the Crampton bill for the creation of a separate prohibition enforcement bureau.

Wheeler added that those who make, or buy denatured industrial alcohol for bootleg purposes are law breakers. The statement was made and filed in reply to a charge by Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, that the addition of poison to alcohol released for industrial purposes is approaching murder.

THURSDAY NIGHT COLDEST WEATHER

It was three degrees colder Thursday night—Friday morning—than it was Friday night—Saturday morning—according to the government weather gauge, which is declared to be perfect, correct, and which we must take as the standard.

The temperature registered 9 degrees above zero in Ballinger Friday morning, and 12 degrees above was the lowest recorded for Friday night, the second night of the blizzard.

The weather began to moderate during the early hours of Saturday, and it is believed that the first severe attack of winter weather has done its worst.

J. A. Parnell left Friday afternoon for Dallas, where he went to spend the holidays.

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—A message from Perryton, in the upper Panhandle today reports the temperature at that place as being 12 degrees below zero.

DALLAS, Dec. 20.—The blizzard which is gripping the entire country to the North, East and West, had penetrated the Texas Gulf Coast and lower Rio Grande valley sections today, greatly demoralizing wire communications and probably doing damage to the citrus fruit crop in the Brownsville district, according to the government weather bureau.

The thermometer registered 28 degrees this morning at Brownsville, and sleet was falling at Galveston and Houston, the latter two cities, Brownsville and Beaumont being practically isolated so far as wire communication is concerned.

The weather bureau forecast continued cold for the entire state tonight and Sunday. The temperature remained below zero in parts of the Panhandle today and losses in the livestock industry are unofficially reported.

Mrs. Robert Stephenson went to Abilene Saturday afternoon to meet Mr. Stephenson, who is en route home to spend the holidays.

All our Diamonds are mounted in beautiful White Gold settings. Cordill. 1d

GOMPERS ESTATE GOES TO SONS AND GRAND-DAUGHTERS

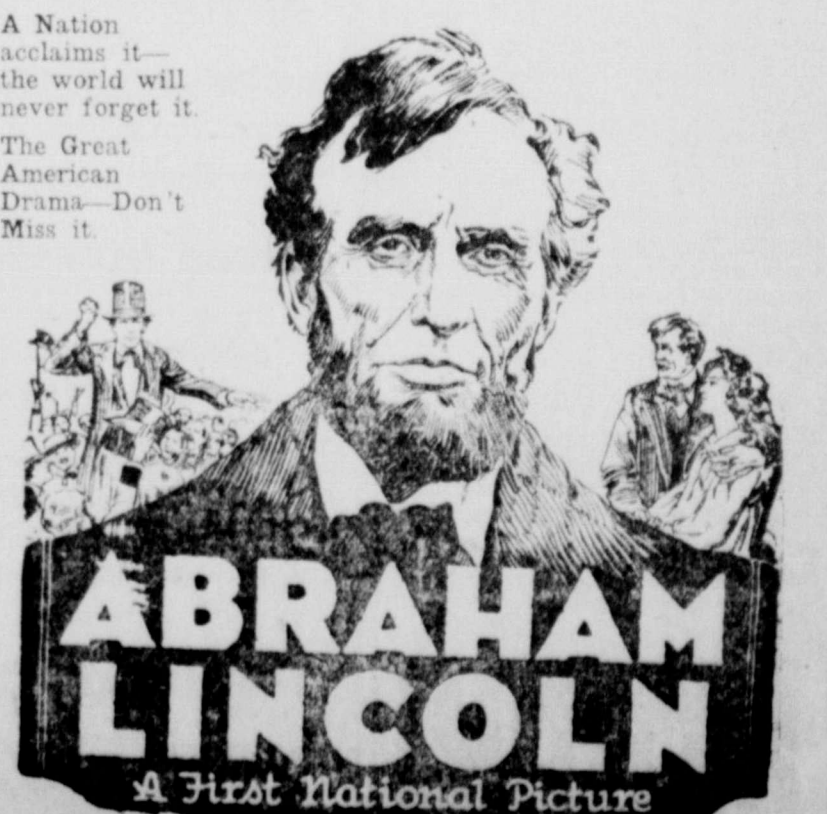
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The will of Samuel Gompers was filed today for probate. The bulk of the estate was left to Gompers' sons and grand-daughters.

MAEROY THEATRE

Monday and Tuesday
December 22nd and 23rd

We're Proud

of this chance to bring his great life before you—to show him from early youth rising, fighting, plugging with soul of iron, to the top! No life gives such romance, drama, humor and thrill as the unforgettable man of the ages.



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West Texas is to be represented on Ferguson's highway commission, according to the unofficial slate which is being made up by the coming governor. Road building is one of the most important branches of the state government, and West Texas is fortunate in getting on the board of road builders.

Jones county is running Runnels a close race for first place in cotton production in West Texas. The latest government report, compiled on the 8th of December, gives Runnels 49,507 and Jones 49,302. Both counties have passed the 50,000 mark since the government count, and it is possible that Jones will push out in first place, but we are not going to admit it until the final count is made.

The stockmen of the state, or at least in that part of the state where the livestock industry is of greatest importance, are up in arms and will fight any efforts to block tick eradication. Most of the opposition to the tick eradication law comes from the territory where the state and federal government has been spending thousands of dollars fighting the boll weevil.

We will render every service possible for your needs in Xmas Cards or any other printed matter between now and December 25th. Let us have your order. Ballinger Printing Co. 19-3d

WOMAN IN THE ZOO

Women are rapidly taking men's jobs, not only in politics and office-holding, but in private positions. There are few places in professional life today that women are not equal to the occasion. Out in California a woman has been appointed to help care for the animals in a zoo—Ballinger Daily Ledger.

Well, a lady ought to be an exceptionally good hand at caring for animals in a zoo, except snakes. Zoo animals are very like children in a nursery—capable of infinite mischief, but not allowed to play with matches or edged tools, metaphorically speaking. Nobody is as good as a woman for supervising a nursery and getting things done. State Press has never been in favor of zoos, especially Government-owned zoos. He thinks the zoo business should be conducted by private exhibitors, so that a citizen who doesn't want to look at imprisoned things need not be taxed in order that those who do like to look at prisoners may look at them without buying tickets. But leaving the political side of zoology out of it, S. P. indorses the appointment of the California lady to zoo service, provided, as above excepted, that she be not required to tend the snakes. Since the Edenic days women have had an instinctive horror of snakes, and it is impossible that any woman even on wages, could give a zoo snake justice. She would always be saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" and if the serpent did get behind her she would scream and beg somebody's heel to bruise its head. A woman is extra good at working with cows and poultry, but to make her warden and steward of wild animals in captivity would be to put high nervous tension on herself as well as on the pitiful creatures under her authority.—State Press in Dallas News.

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Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids, to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; can not injure and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

**BLOW UP CAUSES A
NEAR BURN OUT**

A stove explosion at the home of Clint Penn on Fourth Street sent in a fire alarm early Saturday morning, and some damage resulted. A coal stove with hot water attachment in the kitchen at the Penn home went to the bad for some cause and an explosion sent red hot coals, cinders and smoke through the house and set fire to draperies. The fire company responded to the alarm, but the situation was under control when the company reached the scene.

Ledger want ads pay.

**AN ANIMAL WITH A
VIGOROUS GROWTH**

There is a certain concern in Ballinger which has been operating with the same capital stock for a number of years, doing practically the same amount of business each year.

The tax payments of this concern since the year 1915 are unpleasant things to resurrect, but they make a comparison that is interesting in showing how our taxes have increased over a period of nine years. Here they are, as submitted to the reporter:

1915, \$124.20
1916, \$146.80
1917, \$165.15
1918, \$168.68
1919, \$182.20
1920, \$241.80
1921, \$253.30
1922, \$360.15
1923, \$362.25

This leads us to say that taxes have increased faster than any other item of expense when cash over the counter is a part of the transaction. Will some wisecracker take his pencil and do a little figuring and show us where we are getting three times as much for the three times as much tax money we paid nine years ago?

DEATHS

Mrs. Beertie Wade, wife of L. O. Wade, died at her home in the New Home community about nine miles North of Ballinger at 5:00 o'clock Saturday morning. She had been in ill health for quite a long time, being a sufferer from the deadly white plague, and for a year or more had been confined to her bed most of the time. Death did not come unexpected, but nevertheless brought sorrow to loved ones and friends.

Mrs. Wade was about thirty years of age, and had been living in Runnels county for several years. She is survived by her husband and other relatives. The King-Holt undertakers were in charge of funeral arrangements, and it was announced that the remains would be laid to rest in Old Runnels cemetery some time Sunday afternoon.

Prof. J. B. Pace left Saturday morning for Brownwood, Cleburne and Dallas, where he will visit relatives during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass left Saturday morning for Cleburne, where they will spend the holidays with relatives, expecting to return home about December 25th.

Sam Dunlap came in Friday night from College Station. Sam is a "Fish" in A. & M. College. He says it is a good place to go to school, with nothing to do but study.

FOUR GENERATIONS

Texas Lady Says Her Family Has Been Taking Thedford's Black-Draught, When Needed, for Many Years.

Alto, Texas.—"We inherited the use of Black-Draught in our family," says Mrs. Mary Shuprine, who lives near here on R. F. D. 2. "My grandmother was an old woman when she died about ten years ago, and she had been using it literally ever since I can remember. She gave it to her children and grandchildren for biliousness and stomach complaints, so when I went to housekeeping we just naturally used it, too."

"I give it to my children for a purgative whenever they need one, and we are never without it. Made into tea, it surely is fine. It's the best home remedy for headache and constipation I know of."

During over 80 years of its continued popularity, Black-Draught has become the standard liver medicine in many thousands of homes, where it has been found of great benefit in the treatment of constipation, biliousness, indigestion and other common liver, stomach and bowel complaints. Ten million packages of Black-Draught are now sold a year, as more and more people are learning of the value of this well-known remedy.

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Idle Dollars

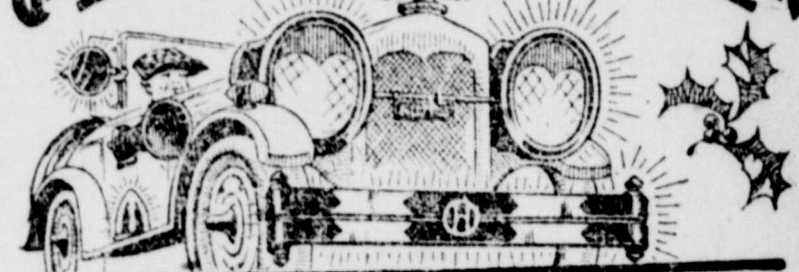
and dollars gathered but not working; they are dollars which are removed from circulation by being withheld from deposit in the bank.

The only logical way that money can be kept at work; that the welfare of the community may be preserved, and that financial aid may be extended to farmers and other business, is through the bank.

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Ballinger State Bank

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Come and be convinced

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You need the goods

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Good Improved Farm For Sale

105 acres, near Ballinger, about 130 acres cultivated, good land, all tillable, small cash payment, balance good terms, and give possession Jan. 1st, if sold by Dec. 15th.

145 acres near Ballinger, 75 cultivated, improved, pretty fair land, \$30.00 per acre. Small cash payment, good terms on balance. Possession Jan. 1st, if sold by December 15th.

McGarver & Lynn

ABSTRACTS, LAND LOANS, GENERAL INSURANCE
Ballinger, Texas.

TO AMUSE

Programs for Hamilton Theatres Next Week

(Fo-to-sho Theatre)
Monday and Tuesday—Dorothy Dalton in "The Moral Sinner," a Paramount; and "Anthony and Cleopatra," a Hysterical History comedy.
Wednesday and Thursday—House Peters in "The Tornado," Universal Jewel; and Walter Hiers in a special comedy, "Short Change."
Friday—"Around the World in the Speejaaks," motion picture record of A. Y. Gowen's famous voyage around the world, a Paramount; also Felix Cat comedy.
Saturday—"The Iron Man," chapter 10; Leo Maloney in a Western "Santa Fe Mac"; Will Rogers in "The Cowboy Sheik," a Pathe comedy.

(Paramount Theatre)
Monday and Tuesday—Jackie Coogan in "Little Robinson Crusoe," Metro-Goldwyn production; and International News.
Wednesday and Thursday—Bebe Daniels and Richard Dix in "Sinners in Heaven," Paramount special; and International News; Pathe Review; and Aesop Fable.
Thursday and Friday—Motion pictures of Texas-A. & M. football game on Thanksgiving.
Friday and Saturday—Wm. Fox presents Buck Jones in "The Desert Outlaw," also Wm. Fox monkey comedy "The Monkey Farm," and Fox News.



George Billings as "Abraham Lincoln" Maeroy Theatre, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22-23

A few Beautiful Christmas Cards left at Ballinger Printing Company, and we make it very much to your advantage to buy here.

COSTLY FILM COMING TO FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

At the Fo-to-sho Theatre, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31st, will be held the local premier of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," the picturized version of Victor Hugo's classic which has come down through the ages with untarnished lustre. This super-production will be shown at the Fo-to-sho for three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31st and January 1st and 2nd.

Aside from the natural interest in the screening of such a notable masterpiece, there is a general interest to see the production which required more than a year to film and on which more than \$1,500,000 was expended—so it is announced by the producers.

Liberties were taken with the story—being defended on the ground that a production intended for all classes could not afford to offend any particular class—but while many shook their heads and predicted dire failure as a result, the changes were all approved by the New York critics after the world premier in the Astor Theatre.

Certainly all the elements of success are contained in the production. Local verification of the New York opinion will be watched with interest. The selection of Lon Chaney for the title role of "Quasimodo, the Hunchback," was a logical one. His amazing ability to portray characters such as he played in "The Miracle Man," "Outside the Law," and "Shadows"—roles which required contortion ability as well as unusual dramatic training, is well known. It is claimed that Chaney required four and one-half hours daily to don the make-up of the deformed bell-ringer of Notre Dame.

The Cathedral of Notre Dame was constructed in its entirety at Universal City for the production, as were eight squares of Parisian streets of the period of Louis XI.

Beautiful Leather Hand Bags at Cordill's. 1d

CATARRH

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You're Silver, the silver that 19-31d never wears Black. At Cordill's.

Society

Beautiful Home Wedding

In a setting characterized by beauty and simplicity, and, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, the wedding service solemnized with pretty detail Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock uniting in marriage Miss Kate Cockrell and Mr. George Amery. The ceremony was said in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, which was decorated with ferns in pretty arrangement.

A. K. Doss Jr., was the only attendant and preceded the bride and groom, carrying the ring in the heart of a rose. With the Rev. R. B. Twitty reading the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony, the service was said promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Ruth Cockrell, sister of the bride, gave Lohengrin's Wedding March as the processional and softly played, "I Love You, Truly," during the ceremony.

The bride is one of Ballinger's fairest young women, having been reared in this city where she has a wide circle of affectionate friends. She was graduated from the Ballinger high school in '20, and was an employee of the law firm of Doss & Boynton at the time of her marriage. For her wedding she was charming in an ensemble suit of brown charmeuse, with smart accessories also in brown. She carried an arm bouquet of pink Killarney roses and ferns.

Mr. Amery was reared in Victoria, Texas, where his parents still live. He is at present with the Marland Oil Company with headquarters at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Amery left in

their car immediately after the ceremony for San Antonio, and upon their return will make their home in San Angelo.

Oscar Schott, a student in Howard Payne College at Brownwood, came home Friday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schott.

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Lola Todd

"THE FLYING EAGLE"

A Universal Western

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Alberta Vaughn in "THE TELEPHONE GIRL" Chapter 5.

Admission 10c and 25c

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The greatest screen attraction of the ages. A Universal Super-Production



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Commercial Printing Department

MAIL AND TRAIN SERVICE CRIPPLED

The Christmas rush, coupled with the severe winter weather, had demoralized mail and passenger service. For the last three or four days trains have been arriving late, and bad connections have caused delay in the mail service.

The Santa Fe Westbound train was three hours late Saturday at noon, and the mail from the North which arrives here over the A. & S. motor car at 9:15 a. m., has been arriving in the afternoon for most of the week.

You'll save money if you buy 1td from Cordill.

Make Your Wife Happy
Buy Her a
STAR CAR
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A Fox Comedy

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We have a complete line of shirts—anything that you will want in shirts. All our shirts are new as we have received them in the last thirty days—you get the very latest.

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We will be glad for you to call and look over our store as you will find that our stock the very latest thing in men's wear.

Remember our cleaning plant as we give you one day service. You get that personal service here.

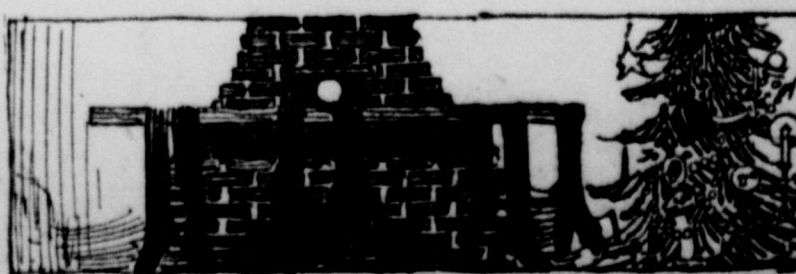
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A powerful human drama of old Mexico in 5 Parts.

Also 9th episode of the great serial—

"DAYS OF '49"

ALSO—

LARRY SEMON

in

"BABIES AND BOOBS"

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present

"Sputters"

The play that made Harley Sadler famous. And lots of Clean Vaudeville between Acts.

Children under 12 years 25c; Others 50c

ABILENE FAIR CLEARS \$10,000

ABILENE, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Texas Fair Association held December 2nd, the secretary made his report and officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected. The secretary's report showed a net income of a little more than \$10,000 for the year. It also brought out the fact that the fair conducted the past year had cost at least \$10,000 more than any previous fair. The stockholders were unanimous in the opinion that the past fair was the best that had ever been conducted. In his report the secretary outlined some avenues of improvement, including the erection of a textile building, merchants exhibit building, an athletic stadium and the enlarging of the grand stand.

The dates for the 1925 show were set for September 21 to 26 inclusive.

Last minute shoppers should take this tip and buy Xmas Cards from the Ballinger Printing Co. the next day or two.

BALLINGER GIRL DIES AT ELGIN

News was received in Ballinger Friday night of the death of Miss Katye Bell Brown, at Elgin, Texas. The young lady died at three o'clock Friday afternoon in Elgin where she recently went on a visit.

Miss Brown's parents reside near Hatchel, and for the last seven months, up to about three weeks ago, Miss Brown was an employee of the local telephone company, and was one of the most popular and efficient employees ever connected with the Ballinger phone office. She resigned her position here the last of November.

The family of the deceased moved to this county from Round Rock about a year ago, and the remains of Miss Brown were laid to rest at Round Rock Saturday afternoon.

PREPARE FOR A BLIZZARD

Good coal \$8.50 per ton. Also best Alabama and Colorado coal. Phone your orders in before the rush. Phone 388.

T. M. MARSH
22-14-d&w

Just Received—Cabinets of Hammermill Bond stationery—a wonderful Christmas present for either a man or boy, woman or girl. Ballinger Printing Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

WANT ADS 25c up to 12 words, over that 2c per word first insertion. 1c per word each additional insertion. All want ads are cash.

WANTED—Two rooms furnished close in. Phone 553. Tommie Lewis. 20-4td*

FOR RENT—Sixty-acre farm in South Ballinger. J. C. Taylor, 806 Tenth Street, Phone 516. 20-2td-1tw

Many people are making big money running Beauty Shops. Write A. Lanier, Fayetteville, N. C. for particulars how to open a Beauty Shop in your home town and make good money. 6-4td-S

Want to buy Farm, 100 to 150 acres. Price must be right. Address S. A. Bryson, Ballinger, Texas. 19-2td

Want to buy 100 Hens and Pullets. Top market for choice sellers. Ask Butler's Grocery. 19-2td

LOST—Brown plush Hat on Eighth Street. Return to Ledger office. 18-3td

FOR SALE—90-acre farm near Hatchel. See E. T. Branham. 16-14-d&w

WANTED—More customers for Rawleigh's Extracts, Spices, Toilet Goods and other products. Phone 3302. Orders delivered. Paul Jones. 15-9td*

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 179. 13-14td

Churches

PAGEANT IS CALLED OFF
The pageant "And Kings Shall Come," which was announced for Sunday evening, Dec. 21st, at the First Presbyterian church, has been postponed on account of the severe cold weather.

Called Meeting of the Pastors' Association

The American Legion has asked the help and advice of the pastors of the various local churches in the distribution of the Legion's Cheer Fund. A meeting has been called for 9:00 a. m. Monday morning at the City Hall. A full attendance is requested.

E. W. McLAURIN, Chairman.

First Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11:00 a. m., morning services.
2:00 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor.
6:00 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p. m., evening service. You are invited to worship with us.

E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service, 11:00 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. meetings at 6:00 p. m.

At 7:00 p. m. there will be an address by Rev. K. K. Tobey, a Japanese preacher, who has been in the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth and in Simmons College.

Our building, which is heated by a big modern plant, will be made comfortable throughout. The cold weather makes no difference.

ALVIN SWINDELL, Pastor.

Church of Christ
Corner of Eighth and Bond Streets.
Bible study 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Services by Elder M. L. Vaughn of Abilene.

Preaching also at 7:00 p. m. tonight (Saturday).

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.
Everybody is invited to be with us.

5th Street Presbyterian Church
Sunday Services:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:30 p. m., C. E. Society.
7:15 p. m., evening worship.

Weekday Services:
3:00 p. m., Missionary Society, (Monday).
7:15 p. m., mid-week service (Wednesday).
8:00 p. m., choir rehearsal, (Thursday).

R. B. TWITTY, Pastor.

First Christian Church
(Cor. Broadway and Murrell)
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship begins at 10:50, praise, communion and sermon.

Christian Endeavor 6:15 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:15 o'clock. God's love is no excuse for soul suicide. It demands soul culture. Come to church Sunday.

W. EDWIN MOORE, Pastor.

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m., pastor in charge.

Young People's Society at 6:00 p. m.

Evening services at 7:00 p. m. Ladies Missionary Society Monday afternoon at 3:00 p. m.

Prayer service Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

WILLIS FRENCH, Pastor.

Methodist Church
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Come to Sunday school and stay for church.

Morning service at 11:00 a. m. Junior League 3:30 p. m. Intermediate League 5:00 p. m. Senior League 6:30 p. m.

Evening services 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

E. W. BRIDGES, Pastor.

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SANTA HEARING CALLS FOR HELP

The idea that there were no families in Ballinger who would appreciate a little Christmas assistance this year is all false. Letters addressed to Santa Claus, and received at the Ballinger post office, have been delivered to the American Legion, which is in touch with Old Santa this Christmas, and some of these letters are from fathers and mothers—parents with children who can not properly provide for them, and keep the wolf from the door.

Many of the letters are from children, some of whom are in the best of circumstances, and will receive no attention, but the appeals from the fathers and mothers, who have thoughts of their children, but can not supply the necessities of life, will be given the careful attention of the Legion Santa.

One letter from a mother says: "Dear Santa Claus: I hope you have lots of things for poor little ones. I have five at my house. Francis needs a hood; she is five years old. Lee needs clothes so he can go to school. Farnsworth needs shoes and stockings, and the baby needs underwear. My little girl needs a Christmas dress. Santa Claus, this is the first letter of this kind I ever wrote in my life. Anything to eat will be appreciated so much, and I will be very thankful for anything we get."

The letter was signed, "A Mother out of work," and the street address was given. Santa Claus has her number, and the case will be investigated and relief given.

Here's another letter received by Santa Claus: "I am a little girl thirteen years old. I need a coat to wear to school, and I need a new dress and some stockings. I have a little brother nine years old. He needs a sweater and I will thank you ever so much." The little girl also gives her street address.

Such cases as these are where your money will do some good charity work for you, if you are a contributor to the Christmas Cheer Fund. The American Legion has a little more than \$100 with which to send Santa Claus on his mission of merry making. You can have a hand in the good work either by contributing

money, clothing or something to eat.

The latest contributors to the Christmas Cheer Fund are: A. B. Legate, \$1.00; J. T. Wiley, \$1.00; Mrs. J. T. Wiley, \$1.00; Mary Lou Cressy, \$1.00; Mrs. E. A. Jeanes, \$2.00; P. C. Straley, 50 cents; James Skinner, \$1.00; Arthur Dooce, box of apples; C. J. Lynn, \$1.00; Jack Randy McGregor, \$1.00; Alex McGregor Jr., \$1.00; Jack McGregor, \$1.00; Cleburne Voelkel, \$1.00; W. L. Brown, \$2.00; Will Mountz Jr., \$1.00; Horace Strain, \$1.00; Mary Virginia Simpson, \$1.00.

Coal—Coal

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OLD DOC BIRD SAYS



It appears that some things have rounded into shape.

At this holiday season of the year, we desire to again thank you for your friendship and patronage.

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It is in this spirit that we wish you a very

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR**
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Read the League's Message in Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine.

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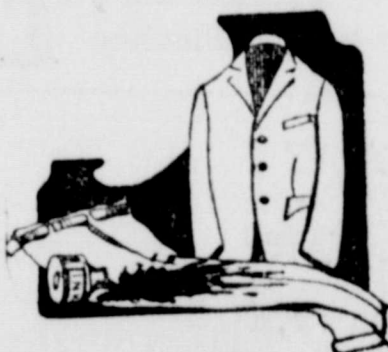
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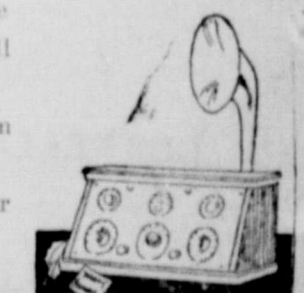
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