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Give Him Cigars

We know the kind he smokes.

Largest stock of cigars in town to select from.



WEEKS

Phones 12 and 13

CAN'T STOP THE WHEAT INFLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson is without power, under existing laws, to "shut out wheat imports," but "apparently has certain powers under the Lever Act to stop futures trading in wheat," the Federal Trade Commission says in a special report to President Wilson.

The report was made public today at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A bill introduced by Congressman Blanton of Texas, to prohibit for a period of one year the importation of cotton, cotton seed, corn and wheat, flour, etc., is now pending before the House committee on ways and means. Following is the text of the bill:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

"That one year after the passage and approval of this Act the importations of cotton, cotton seed, corn, wheat, wheat flour, oil cake, cattle, sheep, hogs, hides, beef, veal, mutton, lamb, wool, mohair, rye, barley, flax, peanuts, oats, vegetable oils, including Chinese nut oil, coconut oil, cottonseed oil, palm oil, palm kernel oil, olive oil, and soy bean oil, and all food substitutes for farm products raised in the United States, are hereby prohibited, and all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby suspended for the time being in this Act."

Lithographed Xmas Cards—a fine lot at J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.



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Pickard China

You will find an elegant line of new patterns, beautiful and useful.

See our show window!

**J. Y. Pearce
Drug Co.**

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Law Firm Says Clara Smith to Surrender; Signed Statement Issued By Her Parents

FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—A member of the law firm with which relatives of Clara Smith have been negotiating, said this morning that the girl would surrender within ten days, but the place of her surrender has not been agreed upon.

EL PASO, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, of this city, do not mean to ensure the press generally, please understand. The papers have tried hard to make this affair sensational, but our opinion is that if the papers had had faith in the charges against Clara it would have been far more sensational than the lies which have been printed, but it had quite a different coloring. If she comes back now to tell the truth about the story of heated interest would have diminished, but she will not get justice in public opinion. This is just another one of those incomprehensible realities Clara so often referred to.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith refused to say where their daughter was, but admitted that her attorneys had arranged for her return and had advised her to surrender and face trial. They denied the report that she had been found in Chihuahua, Mexico, but said that she was expected to arrive in El Paso soon.

Mrs. Smith, weeping bitterly, called for a newspaper reporter this morning, and said that the Smith family had a statement which they wished published in behalf of their daughter, and she handed a reported the following statement:

"The papers have been so full of lies we hardly know how to begin to deny all that has been said about our daughter, so will just let the most of it go as it is. A few, but very few papers, printed

"If we had known where Clara was we would have insisted upon her returning at once and establishing her innocence, for we know she is innocent and we know her well enough to know that she has not returned because she hates notoriety and not because she fears conviction on the charges filed against her in connection with the death of Mr. Hamon. She dreads scandal, and it is now but a short time until she will return to answer all charges."

"Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith."

Goodfellow Fund Growing; Are You a Goodfellow?

Roses are red,
Daisies are yellow,
But the question is,
Are you a Goodfellow?

The Goodfellow move launched by the Ledger last Saturday met with a hearty response, and quite a number volunteered to help provide Santa Claus for children who otherwise will not be remembered on Christmas.

The funds raised will be placed in the hands of a committee who will locate the children who are not on Santa Claus' regular list, and provide for them. If you

want a hand in this work, you can become a Goodfellow. Leave your name and money at The Ledger office, or phone 27 and someone will call for it.

Previously reported . \$21.50
V. Weinberg 5.00
Albert Afflerbach 2.00
Mrs. L. Afflerbach 1.00
Mrs. D. C. Simpson 2.50
Roy Sharp 2.00
T. J. Starkey 1.00
W. S. Harmon 2.00
Rev. M. C. Golden 1.00
E. P. Talbott 2.50
Who'll be next.

30 PERCENT CUT IN TAILORS WAGE 10,878,265 BALES COTTON TURNED OUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A wage reduction averaging about thirty per cent under the union scale prevailing in the men's clothing industry, since November 1919, was announced today by the manufacturers association which made public the new wage schedule.

COME HERE TO GET MARRIED

During the Sunday school hour Sunday morning, Dr. Alvin Swindell was called to perform the ceremony which made man and wife, Les. Thomason and Miss Jewel Whidden. The ceremony was performed in the streets in front of the Baptist church. The happy young couple will go to Abilene, where Mr. Thomason will enter a business college.

Later in the day at the Baptist parsonage on Broadway, Dr. Swindell performed the ceremony which made E. A. Bryan and Miss Eunice Weisenbaker man and wife. The young folks drove to Ballinger to have the knot tied and returned to their home.

Mrs. J. B. Arterburn is here from Eastland to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. H. A. Massey, and sisters, Mrs. G. W. Dunlap and Miss May Massey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton, exclusive of linters, ginned prior to December 13th, amounted to 10,878,265 running bales, including 198,084 round bales, which are counted as half-bales, and 54,457 bales of American Egyptian cotton, and 1,291 bales of Sea Island cotton, the census bureau announced today.

Ginnings for the same period last year amounted to 9,396,646 bales, including 103,662 round bales, and 27,105 bales of American Egyptian cotton, and 6,232 bales of Sea Island cotton.

Ginnings for Texas up to the above date this year amounted to 3,601,851 bales and Arkansas ginnings amounted to 885,203 bales.

G. W. Ash was here from the Crews country, Monday, and paid The Ledger office an annual visit.

Masonic Meeting

Ballinger Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 643, will hold stated communication Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p. m. All members urged to be present. Sojourning members cordially invited.

Hugh Campbell, W. M., C. R. Crews, Sec.

LOCAL SHOPS CUT PRICE OF BREAD

Bread prices dropped ten and twenty-five per cent in Ballinger last Saturday, when local bakers announced that hereafter bread would go for ten cents per loaf, and rolls for fifteen cents per dozen.

During the war and time of high priced flour and when everything else climbed sky high, an extra copper was added to the price of bread locally, and bread has been selling for eleven cents in Ballinger and rolls for twenty

cents per dozen. Some bakers in other cities are still much above this latest reduction by Ballinger, but the force of competition promises to lower these, it is stated.

In keeping with the reduction in the cost of flour and the reduction in other raw material used in a bakery, the Ballinger bakeries fall in line with the downward trend of prices.

SUGAR 10c POUND AT PIGGLY WIGGLY

DAMPNESS PROMISED IN WEATHER FORECAST

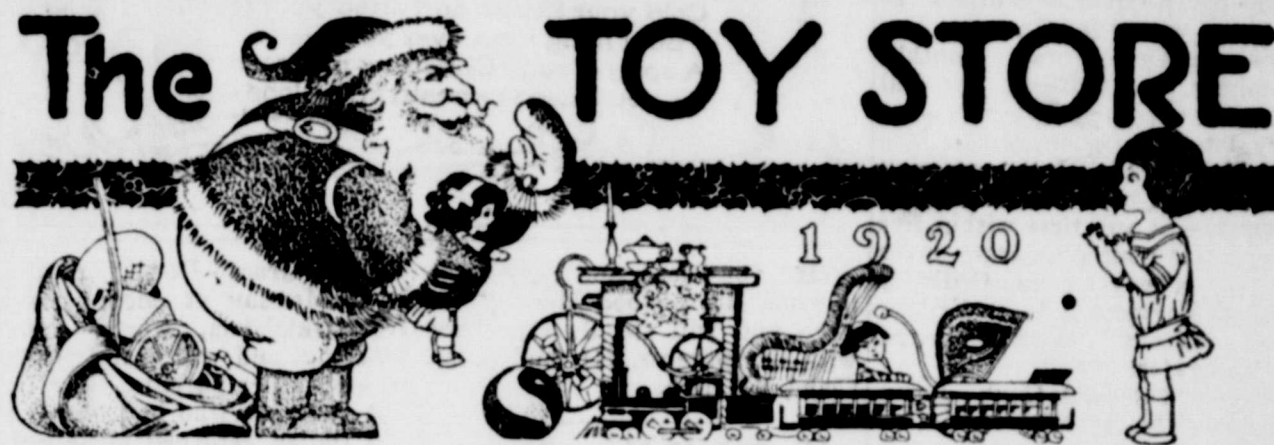
The government weather bureau says it will rain tonight, with rain or snow Tuesday, and colder weather.

MARKETING PLAN FOR CATTLEMEN

FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—A committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association which the executive committee appointed to draw up a co-operative marketing plan, began deliberations today.

Ralph Harris, of San Angelo, chairman, predicted that the plan finally adopted will be modeled after the Omaha plan.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander is at home from Baylor College, where she is teaching, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Alexander.



Visit

THE LAND OF TOYS

The Big Cheer Center

Where toys from all parts of the world have gathered in the largest and most unique of displays.

A whole menagerie of stuffed animals, dolls of all sizes, furniture, electrical affairs, all sorts of things on wheels, the last word in games, the entire population of toydom, is on the job at D. Reeder's.

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The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news published herein.

Mrs. Joe Hadden and little son are here from San Angelo visiting Mrs. Hadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cline, and other relatives.

Miss Virginia Wood came down from San Angelo Friday afternoon to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood.

Clarence Smith is at home to spend Christmas with his parents Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith. Clarence is attending the Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

Mrs. Francis Holliday is here from Abilene visiting her father, Dr. W. W. Fowler. She is accompanied by her little son.

Soldier-Sailor-Marine!

Have you allowed your War Risk Insurance to lapse?

The Government now offers to reinstate your War Term policy upon payment of two monthly premiums, and without medical examination, if made before January 1st, 1921.

Your War Risk Insurance may be converted into U. S. Govt. Life Insurance at any time within five years after your discharge, under which you may secure Ordinary Life, 20 Payment Life, or Endowment insurance, at the lowest possible rates.

If you held U. S. Govt. Insurance, and have allowed it to lapse, this also may be reinstated. It will pay you to investigate, as this is the best of insurance.

Your insurance will be made payable in a LUMP SUM, or in any number of monthly installments from \$6 to 240.

Troy Simpson, Post Com.
Stuart L. Williams, Post Adj.
Pat Williams Post, American tld Legion.

Most of us are nervously awaiting the outcome of that Tokio student debate on the subject, "Shall Japan Fight America?"

Worth Saving.



The features of this girl portray the finest type of Polish childhood that now lies engulfed in hunger and disease and all their attendant miseries. Relief already administered by America has preserved her beauty and freshness, albeit her eyes betray the suffering she has seen, but literally millions in her own and adjacent countries still have no one to look to but America as another winter of horror closes in upon them. To the end that their prayer may not go unanswered eight leading American relief organizations have banded together in a joint appeal in behalf of Europe's suffering children. They are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Relief Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the I. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Under the Mistletoe

Grandmamma, in your frame on the wall,
Beautiful maid of the long ago,
Stately and slender, blonde and tall,
With the pinched-in waist and the foot so small.
Prathee tell—for I fain would know—
What did you on that Christmas do?
When great, great-grandpapa made you bride?

Handsome, and courtly, and debonaire,
With his powdered queue and his Roman nose,
As richly dark as his bride is fair,
He rests his hand on your straight-back chair.
To whisper to you, I suppose—
To whisper again as in long ago,
When he kissed you under the mistletoe.

Say, beautiful bride in the antique dress,
Say, beautiful bride, in your bridal white,
Did you let him gaze on your loveliness
Till lifted eyes did your heart confess
As you led the dance on your wedding night?
Did he press your hand as he bent to say
Sweet words—as the lovers do today?

Ah! courtly groom of the vanquished years,
Beautiful bride of the days long fled,
Dust, but dust are your hopes and fears,
Cold your kisses, and dried your tears,
But I hang here, over your head,
A sprig of such Christmas mistletoe
As you kissed beneath in the long ago.

Mrs. Joe Blagg and baby came in from Brownwood Monday at noon and will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmet.

Mrs. R. L. Maddox and son, and Mrs. Billie Nash and baby, left for Ranger Sunday, making the trip in a car, and they will visit Mrs. Fred Moore.

George Cape went to Cato county Saturday, where he will visit during Christmas with his grand parents.

Uncle Joe Routh is in Ranger visiting his grand daughter, Mrs. Fred Moore.

Albert Afflerbach was here from Winters Sunday, spending the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Afflerbach. Before he returned home he phoned us to let him in on the Goodfellow Club, saying that he was only too glad to have an opportunity to help in a united move for making Christmas happy for the unfortunate of our city.

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borzone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by all druggists.

Roy Clayton was here from the Benoit country Saturday, and was conferring with the secretary of the Y. M. B. L. regarding a big rabbit drive in his section of the county during the holidays. Mr. Clayton stated that about 800 rabbits had been killed with guns by auto light at night, and the people are anxious to stage a big drive.

Mrs. Oscar Sensabaugh left for her home at Lubbock, Saturday afternoon, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

Henry Todd was here Saturday, coming in from Hamlin, where he is teaching school. He came home to attend the institute at San Angelo this week.

Miss Delphia Burton returned to her home at Fort Worth Saturday, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Lankford.

Dr. F. L. Wear came in from Waxahachie Saturday afternoon and was the guest of his nephew, James A. Wear, while en route to Winters, in the interest of the endowment fund for Trinity University.

Miss Grace Dewitt returned home Monday at noon, coming from Oklahoma, where she is teaching, and will spend Christmas with her parents. Her little sister, Emie, who had been visiting Dallas, returned home Saturday also.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp arrived Sunday from El Paso, and are here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell was among the teachers who went to San Angelo Monday, to attend the institute.

Notice to Prospective Students—We have FOUR COMPLETE Scholarships, face value \$65.00, which we will sell at a discount. These scholarships are on The Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, a college that needs no recommendation from us. If you contemplate going to any business college any time soon, it will pay you to confer with us before making your arrangements.

The Ballinger Printing Co.,
Phone 27,
Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Demoville and children returned to their home at San Angelo Monday, after a visit to relatives here.

Farm Agent Eaton is off on his annual vacation, and is spending the week hunting in the Rock Springs country. He was accompanied by Dick Barnett, of Winters.

A Christmas Smile will be seen when you present him with his first Safety Razor. Many kinds at J. Y. Pearce Drug Company. 18-6td.

Miss Wilkell Schawe is at home to spend the holidays. She is working for the Red Cross, with headquarters in St. Louis.

Mrs. Dick Trai came in from Dallas Monday, and will visit Mr. and Mrs. E. A. T. and family and relatives at Paint Rock during the holidays.

SUGAR 10c POUND
AT
PIGGY WIGGLY

Be Wise and Advertise—

ROWENA WANTS
KEEP FARM AGT.

A petition was circulated at Rowena Saturday and in a very short time seventy-six names were secured. Practically every man to whom the petition was presented, signed it, and many stated that they were ready to help put up cash to keep the Farm Agent in this county if cash would keep him.

Those who are interested in keeping Runnels county pushing forward in agricultural progress and doing everything possible to help the farmer develop the county to its full resources, are out in other sections of the county with petitions, and reports received here state that there is no question but that a majority of the people in the county are in favor of retaining the farm agent.

The Hatchel citizens are protesting vigorously against the abolishing of the farm agent's office, and whether the Commissioners' Court reconsiders the matter or not, a strong effort is being made to prevent the county from losing the benefit it has gained during the last two years.

Farm Agent Eaton is absent from home, leaving last Saturday for Rock Springs, where he will spend his annual vacation with relatives and hunting, and under the order passed by the court last week his work will terminate in the county January first. In the meantime farmers are calling at his office every day and seeking aid and advice on matters of importance to them. Mr. Eaton was instrumental in putting over the big warehouse organization which is being perfected for building more warehouses in the county. He had also outlined plans for organizing a bureau of the National Farm Bureau in this county.

Will there be a Victrola in your home this Xmas? From \$25.00 to \$250.00. Better come and let us show you. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 18-6td.

HOLIDAY TOGS
AT A BIG SAVING

Every fabric has been greatly reduced in price, and in addition—

EXTRA
TROUSERS
FREE

Save—
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All Fabrics are guaranteed ALL Wool. Your suit will be genuinely Hand-Tailored to order by

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The service of two suits at much less than the former price of one. Order now while the selection is complete.

Extra Trousers Free.

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Tailors of the Better Class

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We Call. We Deliver

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FIRE INSURANCE
The Best Companies
MISS MAGGIE SHARP
Your business solicited
Upstairs Over the Ballinger State Bank.
Phone 215, or See Me.

Mrs. Bullock Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

"Last winter when my children were sick with colds and were coughing a good deal I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. C. M. Bullock, Gorman, N. Y., "It relieved them at once and under this treatment all symptoms of the cold gradually disappeared. My experience with this medicine warrants my recommending it to others."

CHRISTMAS DANCE

There will be a dance at the Club Rooms in Ballinger on Christmas Eve. Members of the Club will have the privilege of inviting friends.

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, cleanse the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

Mary Garden Perfumery sets for the Lady who knows good perfume. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 18-6td.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Janes & Co. 15-7d-1w

SUGAR 10c POUND
AT
PIGGY WIGGLY

Be Wise and Advertise—

CHARITY BOARD
IS ON THE JOB

The United Charity Board are on the look out for people who are worthy objects of charity and who need help. The board reports that aid was rendered two families in the city Saturday. Stockings and caps were furnished for children who needed these articles of clothing and other cases of charity are under consideration.

The Charity Board's fund is limited, and they are striving to spend the money only where it is needed and make it go as far toward relieving want as possible, according to a member of the board, who called at the Ledger office today. The board must have the help and co-operation of the citizens in carrying on the work. Those who wish to have a hand in helping the needy through the board, should make their contribution to the board, and anyone knowing of a family, or individual, who is in need of attention should report the matter to the charity board.

The board is composed of C. R. Crews, Dr. T. A. Rape and T. S. Lankford.

Good Advice

Take Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as you have finished your supper and they will produce a gentle movement of the bowels on the following morning. They will also improve your digestion and make you feel better in every way.

Ledger classifieds bring results.

LIGHT SOMEWHERE!



A long as you are a renter you will be a periodical mover. High Moving Costs must be included in high rental costs.

LIGHT SOMEWHERE—BUILD A HOME OF YOUR OWN

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

What Shall We Give
the Children for Xmas?

This is a question that many parents are asking themselves. Why not give them something worth while? Open a bank account in the little one's own name and put the bank book in his stocking.

YOUR
LAST
CHANCE

December is the last opportunity to get Uncle Sam's Government Savings Securities of the 1920 issue. Do Your Christmas W. S. S. Shopping Early. Commencing January 1, 1921, Uncle Sam's new 1921 Government Savings Securities may be obtained through our Bank or the Postoffice. The 1921 securities are 25c Thrift Stamps, \$1 Treasury Savings Stamps, \$5 Savings Stamps and \$25 and \$100 and \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates. Thrift Stamps bought in 1920 are good in 1921. We Co-Operate With Uncle Sam

One Dollar
will open
the account

P. S. A bank book is a nice present for the grown up children too

The FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK

TWO-SWORD MEN OF JAPAN

With Their Disbanding, Comparatively Few Years Ago, the Secret of Blademaking Disappeared.

As late as 1808 there were some 400,000 two-sword men in Japan, highly trained fighters attached to the nobles of the land in bands ranging from two or three, to an entire army. When the revolution came the work of the two-sword men was done, the nation was made into a solid unit and the strength of the blade carriers was needed at plow and bench.

With this disbanding, an exchange explains, the trade of the swordmaker was also lost to the vast number following it, and with them, as the years passed, died the secrets of the warrior tools. Swords can be obtained in Japan today whose blades are so keen they can cut through a veil or a sofa cushion, and also can be driven through a bar of iron, provided the wielder has the strength. Others have blades covered with a beautiful and intricate tracery that disappears and reappears at odd times, and no one can solve the "why" of it. One moment the blade is as smooth and unmarked as a mirror and the next the design leaps out before the eye of the startled beholder and can even be felt by sensitive fingers. Yet other blades are colored red, blue, silver or gold, and while seemingly an alloy, a chemical analysis shows nothing but steel. Yet others are coated with a poison that is unseen, but beyond all other poisons deadly. In large part it consists of decayed human blood.

RACE SOON TO BE EXTINCT

Polis in Wake of Civilization Have Spelt Doom to the Polynesians of South Seas.

That modern civilization is bringing death and extermination to the splendid race known as the Polynesians, is the claim of all travelers who have spent time on the beautiful southern Pacific islands. Charles Bernard Nordhoff, in the Atlantic Monthly, in sorrowing over this says:

"To say that Christianity was their undoing would be absurd; they died and are dying under the encroachments of the European civilization of which Christianity was the forerunner. Everywhere in the South seas the story has been the same, whether told by Stevenson, or Melville, or Louis Recke. We brought them disease; we brought them cotton clothing (almost as great a curse); we suppressed the sports and merriment and petty wars which enabled the old islanders to maintain their interest in life. And lastly, we brought them an alien code of morals, which succeeded chiefly in making hypocrites of the men whose souls it was designed to save. Today there is nothing to be said, nothing to be done—the Polynesian race will soon be only a memory."

New Method of Identification.

Not only are the finger prints of every human being different but the position of the bones of the fingers, and also the shape of the nails are different. Doctor Beclere, a well-known student of radiography, utilizes this fact in a new method for identifying criminals. The method consists in making an X-ray photograph of the hand, showing the bones and the fingernails. Ordinarily such a photograph would not show the flesh, but in order that the record may be complete the fingers are soaked in an opaque salt, by means of which all the lines and marks are clearly shown. Doctor Beclere considers that the possibility afforded by his discovery of keeping a record of nails as well as of finger prints should prove of the greatest use in identifying criminals.

Vast Wealth in Liberia.

The Sun and New York Herald a few weeks ago was probably the first newspaper in our country to announce that Liberia, in West Africa, had just come into view as very rich in natural resources, both agricultural and mineral. It is nearly as large as the state of New York, fronts on the Atlantic for about 300 miles and its coast belt is only about twenty miles wide. North of the coast belt the whole country is a vast forest, through which Sir Alfred Sharpe of England has recently penetrated. He has informed the Royal Geographical society of the enormous population of this, till now, unknown forest land and of the unexpected resources, including gold and other minerals, that await development there.

Radio Control for Airplanes.

There can be doubt that if the war had lasted a few months longer we would have witnessed the leading armies employing great fleets of air planes controlled by radio means. The United States army had progressed pretty far along this line when the armistice was declared. The same can be said for Germany. Now we learn that the French have demonstrated that five or six small and inexpensive bombing planes, without pilot, can be successfully guided by a "shepherd" in a larger plane through the means of Hertzian waves.—Scientific American.

Marriage Promotes Long Life.

Marriage, according to Doctor Schwartz of Berlin, is the most important factor of longevity. Of every 200 persons who reach the age of forty years, 125 are married and 75 unmarried. At sixty the proportions are 48 to 22; at 70 years, 27 to 11; and at ninety years, 9 to 8. Fifty-centenarians had all been married.

SOCIETY

Bridge Club Party

Mrs. M. S. Karmory was hostess to the members of the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club at her pretty home on Eighth Street.

A unique manner of obtaining the score cards by the guests was that of passing into the living room and find their score cards on the boughs of a miniature Christmas tree.

Mistletoe and holly leaves were effectively arranged throughout the rooms where progressive bridge was played.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the charming hostess were: Mesdames Sim Cottle, Geo. Holman, Emmett Davis, Harry Thomson, Chas. Northington, J. M. Simmons, Alex. McGregor, Leslie Baker, Horace Strain, Harry Gardner, Prentiss Gregg, Estes Lynn, Wm. Dooze, Ralph Erwin, Misses Louise Orgain and Pauline Van Pelt.

How to be Healthy

If you would enjoy good health keep your bowels regular and your stomach in good working order. This is easily done by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. They only cost a quarter.

Riddle-Vanlandingham

Forrest Vanlandingham and Miss Elba Riddle were married at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. W. H. Doss, in South Ballinger. The happy young couple, accompanied by the members of the two families, and other relatives, drove to the home of Rev. Doss, and the ceremony was performed with the parents and friends present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Riddle, of the New Home community. The man she has accepted to protect and care for her is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vanlandingham, of South Ballinger. The newly wed, are members of two of the best families in the county, and they have many friends who will join The Ledger in best wishes. They will make their home in the New Home community.

SOME FOLKS SAY

Glasses are a nuisance, but what would the majority of people who have passed the "half century" mark do if they were to be deprived of this wonderful aid to "seeing"?

A BETTER TERM

—would be, Glasses are a Blessing, not only to the aged, but to the young as well, for, without this aid to vision, many a child and young folks too, would find it difficult to make good at the "present day" work they have to do.

Better have your eyes looked after now and not wait until you have strained them almost to the point of breaking.

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CHICHESTER'S PILLS



Senior Christmas Tree

The Seniors celebrated Christmas at Lone Wardlaw's home, Friday night, Dec. 17th. The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations.

Musical numbers were rendered by some of the guests, much to the entertainment of the assembled class.

After all the guests had arrived the sliding doors into the dining room were opened revealing a beautiful Christmas tree, loaded down with presents. As the names were called, each one was asked to step forward and receive their presents and unwrap them before the whole crowd. The presents given by the Seniors to their class-mates did not cost over twenty-five cents. These being foolish, caused a great deal of laughter and excitement. The class gave Miss Smith a beautiful strand of pearls in appreciation of her kindness in helping them in every way that she can in their school work. She also gave each member of the class a pretty little gift. The gifts ranged from an onion to a strand of pearls.

Many games were played and enjoyed, such as "progressive conversation," "towel" suit-case race, "Oran Dean winning the prize and "boy auction," two dollars being the highest price paid and four cents the lowest. Fruit and delicious home-made candy were served.

The guests reluctantly departed at a few minutes before morning.

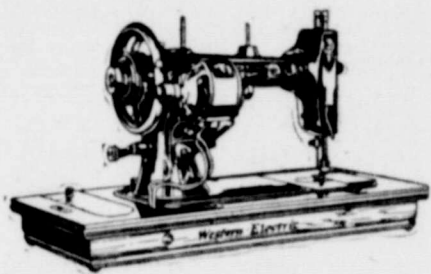
Those present were: Misses, Maryatt Smith, Myrtle Bridwell, Ellen Hood, Leta Savage, Clara Brandon, Lillian Pechacek, Nellie Osteen, Sadie Hamilton, Zelma Nichols, Marthyle Bridwell, Carmen Carr, Ludrie Strobble, Ruth Cockrell, Lola Eubanks, Naomi Knowles, Blanche Yeager, Naomi Golden, Fern McBryde, Beulah Witt, Edith Powell, Ollie Mae Radicon, Frances and Jacqueline Mitchell, Lone Wardlaw, Ulma Strobble, Alice Rayburn and Claudia Reagan; Messrs. Osborne, Glover, Syle Guthrie, Oran Dean, Herbert Dean, Morris Nicholson, Garland Dickinson, J. V. Rhodes, Wade Guion, David Coulter, Hubert and Chester Tindall, Bill Layton, Fletcher Blankenship, Bill Ford, Charlie Weaver Branch.

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're clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.50 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

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Pajamas,
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E. B. Henley, insurance adjuster, is here from Brownwood, making an adjustment of slight losses recently caused by fire here.

Mrs. Garland Parks and baby arrived Monday from Ft. Worth and is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with her father, W. C. Penn and family.

Give the boy or girl a Parker's Lucky Curve Fountain Pen for Christmas; something useful. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 18-6td.

E. O. Schawe is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—A good milch cow for feed. Mrs. Wilson, 207 N. 7th Street. 24-3td.*

FOR SALE—Almost new Chevrolet, \$625. Call at Ledger office. 20-6td.*

WANTED—Two or three unfurnished rooms reasonably close in. Phone 27. 20-tfd

FOR SALE—Cheap, new Ford Truck and second-hand Dodge Roadster. W. M. Hartgrove, Paint Rock. 20-4td.*

FOR SALE—A good paying Restaurant and Rooming House, with 6 rooms, 15 beds; 50 foot counter, 18 stool chairs, 5 marble top tables, 5 linen top tables. Now making good money. Owner wants to leave country. For particulars see H. L. Weddle, Ballinger, Texas, Phone Restaurant 33, Residence No. 7700. 17-3d-1w

FOR SALE—One No. 8 Coal or Wood Cook Stove; one three-burner Perfection Oil Stove and oven; two iron beds, springs, One Baby Bed, three Kitchen Chairs; two Rockers; 14-foot Kitchen Table. J. T. Little, 900 Ninth Street. 16-tfd

FOR SALE—Absolutely new Ford, 5 passenger, \$600.00. Carl Nance. 1-d&w-tf

WANTED—House of 3, 4 or 5 rooms, will rent for 5 months or a year. Inquire Lankford's Steam Bakery. 14-6td

FOR SALE—One Ford 5 passenger 1918 model, good shape \$300.00. One 1915 model 5 passenger Maxwell, \$450.00; One 1916 model 5 passenger Chevrolet, \$250.00. See or phone City Garage, Ballinger, Texas. 13-6td.

FOR SALE—Dodge touring car, a good one. Shepperson Auto Co., Chevrolet dealers.

WANTED—Will pay liberally for big, white, clean, cotton rags. The Ballinger Printing Co. ttd

TEXAS PRISONERS BEATEN TO DEATH

HOUSTON, Dec. 20.—Charging that convicts are shot down like dogs in Texas prison camps, beaten to death with heavy thongs, suspended by chains, confined naked in dark cells, beaten and punched with loaded pistols by brutal guards, George W. Dixon of Houston, has issued an appeal to the public to put a stop to these "cruel and inhuman practices."

Mr. Dixon has issued the following statement to the press today, with the request that the facts be given to the public:

"I have in my possession a report showing that the cruelties practiced on prisoners in Texas prison camps are sufficient to shock the conscience of the civilized world. I am no maudlin sentimentalist; no habitual reformer. I am only a reporter of facts which I am making public solely through sentiments of humanity. I have the names of prisoners who have been beaten to death. I have the names of the prison guards in charge at the time of death. My report shows thirteen prisoners killed. Of this number five were beaten to death and eight were shot by prison guards."

"Three prisoners were beaten to death at Ramsey Farm, one at Camp No. 2, and one at Allen Farm, all operated by the Texas prison system. Heavy manilla rope was used in beating one man to death. The rope was first soaked in water, then applied to the prisoner's body until he fell in a crumpled heap, dead at the feet of his tormentor. I have the names of two old men who were beaten until their bodies were covered with scars. Nine other prisoners, whose names I have, are covered with scars inflicted with the wet manilla rope."

"One assistant manager beat a prisoner to death, then prepared the body for burial himself. I have the name of the dead prisoner and the prison camp at which he died under the cruel lash."

"During the influenza epidemic volunteer nurses obtained permission from the governor to visit some of the sick prisoners. At Allen farm they found a prisoner had been shot to death the night before and the cause of his death reported as influenza. I have this dead prisoner's name. I have the name of another prisoner on this same farm who was beaten to death in June of last year."

"Prisoners are afraid to give out information as to their treatment and dead men tell no tales. A prisoner at Imperial Farm was suspected of giving out facts to a lady who visited the farm in company with the prison physician. The prison farm manager had the man handcuffed and suspended from the floor by chains, and otherwise maltreated him as punishment for his supposed giving out of information which had been used in a complaint to the governor of Texas. On petition of more than 100 Texas women this manager was discharged, but the maltreated prisoner was transferred to a negro prison camp in East Texas, where the abuses continued."

"Tubercular prisoners are driven to work in the rain. I have the name of a prison guard who chained two tubercular patients together by their wrists, then stripped them naked and kept them in the dungeon for seventeen hours! They were beaten, kicked and punched with the muzzle of a loaded pistol. Tuberculars are supposed to get a ration of butter, milk and eggs, but these men received neither. A physician calls to see them about once a week."

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. SNODGRASS

Mrs. Dave Snodgrass, of Coleman, died here at eleven o'clock Sunday night, leaving a baby boy three days old. Mrs. Snodgrass came to Ballinger about ten days ago to be in the Halley & Love sanitarium. Mrs. Snodgrass was not able to overcome the shock of the birth of her child and death was due to a nervous breakdown. The boy survives and is in perfect health.

Before her marriage Mrs. Snodgrass was Miss Claybell Leeper. She was married five years and six months to Dave Snodgrass, a prominent young man of Coleman and son of Judge F. L. Snodgrass. Her husband and other relatives were here with her at the time of her death. She is the niece of Mrs. Jno. A. Weeks of this city, and a grand daughter of Col. C. L. Morgan.

Judge Snodgrass and other members of the family arrived here from Coleman following the death and accompanied the remains to Coleman. The body was shipped to Coleman Monday afternoon and interment will be made in the cemetery at that place some time Tuesday.

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TEACHERS FLOCK TO SAN ANGELO

Headed by Superintendent Skinner of the city schools, and County Superintendent Bugg, the teachers of Runnels county left for San Angelo Sunday and Monday. Seventy-two tickets were sold for the noon train Sunday and forty for the noon train Monday, while quite a number went through the county in autos.

The district institute will be in session for five days this week and teachers from eight or nine counties are attending the institute. The school laws require the teachers to attend some institute.

According to plans announced by the Board of City Development at San Angelo, the teachers are scheduled for a pleasant week. The hotels and cafes of that city announced a twenty per cent reduction to all duly accredited teachers attending the institute and the entertainment committee promises to stage several entertainments for the teachers.

The 1921 institute is due to be held in Ballinger, but it is rumored here that San Angelo will attempt to get the teachers to return to that place next year.

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Louis Demoville is here from San Angelo to be at the bedside of his father, J. A. Demoville.

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Judge and Mrs. F. L. Snodgrass, of Coleman, were here Monday to accompany the remains of their

daughter-in-law to Coleman for burial.

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