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## YEGGS CRACK COURT HOUSE VAULT

## COPE-KIRK GRANTED \$10,000 BOND EACH

Kirk and Rubé Cope were released from the Ballinger jail Monday afternoon. Kirk's bond was signed by D. S. G. Reeves, Lloyd McCarty and C. E. Sammons, all of Abilene. Kirk returned to his home at Abilene with friends. Cope's bond was signed by D. W. Turner, Jake Stubblefield and R. B. Hammon of Norton. Cope was removed from the jail to a local

Without going into the hearing of the charges against L. P. Kirk and Ruben Cope, counsel for the state agreed that the defendants were entitled to bond, when the cases were for hearing in the district court at Ballinger Monday afternoon, and District Judge J. O. Ward immediately fixed the bonds at \$10,000 each.

Counsel for the defense announced that the bond would be made immediately.

Cope are charged in connection with the murder of J. N. Wells and called Tabor and Wells out to help fix an automobile which had stalled in the road near the Wells home. The hearing was called on an order issued by District Judge Woodward in granting an application filed by the defense after the state's attorney had refused to accept bond.

The case was called here Monday afternoon the state decried that the prisoners be taken into court. Evidence was presented to show that Cope was unable to be in court, and the state waived his appearance and Kirk was ordered taken from the jail. The state agreed that the cases be available and asked that the bond be fixed at \$12,000. "That is ridiculous," said Attorney Walter Woodward, but the court is the power to fix bond and there is no use to argue it." The district judge immediately fixed the bond of Cope at \$10,000; and when Kirk was brought into court, he fixed a similar bond for Kirk.

Despite the freezing weather (Continued on page 3)



## NO EFFORT MADE TO BAIL CONCHO SLAYER

### 1923 WAS GOOD YEAR FOR FARMER

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The earnings of the American farmers, consumers and industrial workers, increased to a greater extent than their necessary expenditures in 1923, according to the annual review of the economic conditions issued by the Federal Reserve Board. Savings and deposits showed a large growth over last year. Farmers, the board found, gained in three ways: their crops being larger, their prices being twelve per cent higher, and their expenditures for replacement and loans being less than in 1922.

### REBELS GETTING REID CEMENTS

(By Associated Press)  
BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 31.—Official dispatches sent out today by de la Huerta to the foreign relations department, stated that General Hernandez and Lieut. Colonel Del Rio, operating in the state of Puebla, have joined the revolution with a thousand men.

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 31.—Telephone reports from American army officers at Fort Ringgold brought reports of fighting between federal and rebel troops at Camargo, on the Rio Grande River, 40 miles above Matamoros. No report as to the result of the battle was obtained, but the American military observers said the firing was started before daylight was heavy.

Merrick Spill and Floyd Taylor, of Winters, were here Sunday en route to Austin to re-enter the blind institute, after spending Christmas with home folks. Their parents were here to see them off on the train.

Up to noon Monday no steps had been taken to secure bond for J. S. McDaniels, held in the Ballinger jail for the murder of Elmer Wright, at Eola about 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. McDaniels was brought to Ballinger by Deputy Sheriff Bob Morris of Concho county and placed in jail late Saturday afternoon, and aside from retaining counsel in the person of Judge A. K. Doss, of this city, to defend him, he has made no statement, nor taken any further steps toward obtaining his release.

There was only one eye witness to the tragedy, L. A. Penner, a farmer who lives near McDaniels' farm, three miles from Eola, being with Wright at the time he was slain. According to Mr. Penner the details of the tragedy varied somewhat from the first account of the killing.

It seems that Wright went to the home of Penner to arrange for a party, and was leaving the Penner home when McDaniels drove up in a car and called to Wright to "wait a minute." The shooting followed immediately, Wright falling with a charge of buckshot in his right side, and died in about ten minutes.

McDaniels never alighted from his car, but drove on to the store in Eola and requested W. F. Gabbert, storekeeper, to notify Sheriff Bob Miller to come and get him, but to send anyone else. Deputy Sheriff Morris went to the scene of the killing in the absence of Sheriff Miller, and it was some time before McDaniels would agree to surrender to Morris.

Wright was buried in Eola Sunday, after relatives from

The Runnels county Tax Collector's office was burglarized some time Sunday night, and the yeggs made a haul of about \$150, the cash stolen consisting of \$42 in currency and the remainder in silver. The yeggs overlooked about \$80 in war savings stamps. Checks were scattered over the floor in front of the safe, in the search for cash.

After failing in an attempt to blow open the large steel door leading from the hall in court house into the collector's office, the burglars placed a box under a window of the customers' room which adjoins the collector's office, raised the window and entered the customers' room. Using an iron bar the yeggs pried open the steel fire-proof shutters leading from the customers' room into the collector's office and blew open the safe with a charge of nitroglycerine.

The yeggs wrecked the large steel door to the collector's office, the explosion scattering the plaster wall on the opposite side of the hall. The explosion failed to release the levers controlled by the combination, and the bandits turned their attention to working their way into the collector's office through the window.

The East door to the lobby of the court house was broken open by the safe-crackers in entering the hall and first attempting to blow the vault door from the outside. It is believed that the yeggs visited the court house during the rush Saturday and got "a lay of the land." Many people called to pay their taxes Saturday, the crowd standing in line, waiting their turn, while others turned away deciding to return at a later date, and no doubt the bandits were among those who "turned away." Judging from the signs left behind the work was that of professionals, the job being successfully carried out.

Through the forethought and carefulness of Tax Collector W. L. Brown in guarding against heavy loss, he made a deposit just before banking hours closed Saturday, and all the money on hand was the amount taken in cash payments on taxes after the deposit was made. Many tax payers paid taxes by check, and the checks were not destroyed.

The robbery was discovered when Mr. Brown went to open his office early Monday morning and found the vault door had been wrecked by an explosion. M. C. Falls, in charge of the court house park, was in the collector's office Sunday afternoon about three o'clock for the purpose of cleaning up the office and doing the janitor work, and at that time nothing had been disturbed, and it is known by that that the robbery was not committed until Sunday night. Had no one visited the office Sunday, and the robbery been discovered Monday morning, it would have been more plausible to fix the time of the robbery at Saturday night. Mr. Falls knew the combination to the office, and he did the janitor work Sunday in order to make ready for the rush Monday—the last day of the year.

Aside from about twenty dollars which belonged to Mr. Brown and other parties, the money stolen from the safe was tax money. The county carried \$500 burglary insurance on the collector's office, and this will probably cover the loss, including the damage to the vault by the explosion. The officers are making an investigation, but have no clue, and

## COLDEST SPELL OF YEAR SWEEPS ENTIRE STATE

(By Associated Press)  
DALLAS, Dec. 31.—The coldest weather of the winter which swept into Texas yesterday is rapidly spreading Southward today, according to the local weather bureau. South Texas may feel freezing temperatures tonight from the blizzard which spread a blanket of snow over a portion of the Panhandle.

The storm struck North Texas late Sunday causing a drop of the mercury from 74 degrees at Dallas at 2:00 o'clock to 22 degrees at 7:00 o'clock this morning. Still colder weather is the forecast.

This morning the thermometer stood at zero at Amarillo; Palestine, 28, with snow; Taylor, 32.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Northwest storm warnings were ordered today on the Texas and Louisiana coasts by the weather bureau here.

An area of high pressure and a cold wave moving Southward will cause strong northerly winds and moderate to fresh gales on the Texas coast tonight.

## 1924

—is almost here. Are you ready for inventory, and for the opening of new books on January 1st?

You will find our stock of Office Supplies and Blank Books complete in every detail. Also we will have a shipment of Ledgers and Cash Books Saturday at noon for your inspection.

Come by and let us show you.

Weeks' Drug Store

## Son's Greetings

Santa Claus peep' around the corner, and thinking of everybody else, we want to pause a minute to wish you cheer and happiness during the '23, and a new year when your dreams "will

add a word of thanks for the business daily sent our way in the past.

Business has been very, very much appreciated, and we trust that we have been able to render service that has been all you have expected or desired.

So here's hoping this will be the most Happy Christmas you have ever spent, and our sincerest wish will come true unless 1924 brings happiness to you.

Sincerely yours,

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**E-KIRK GRANTED \$10,000 BOND EACH**

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The court room, both the first floor and balcony, was filled to overflow, many people standing around the wall and in the aisles and entrance to the court room.

Perhaps no case ever called in court here attracted as much attention. There were quite a number of women in the court room.

Quite a number of friends of Kirk were here from Abilene, and it was expected that Kirk would be released from the custody of the sheriff in time to return home with them. All the attorneys in the cases were here except T. P. Stinson, and Judge E. T. Brooks, a member of the Cunningham & Stinson firm of lawyers were here instead of Judge Stinson.

Sheriff John Bond, of Abilene, was here, as was also Deputy Sheriff Tom St. John, of Abilene. The Norton and Wingate communities, scene of the killing, were well represented.

The attorneys for the defense gave out their first interview, making the first statement they have made since being retained in the case, when they called half a dozen newspaper reporters into the witness room and introduced them to B. F. Kirk.

"Gentlemen," said one of the defense attorneys, "this is the Kirk who sold J. N. Wells a map, while Wells claimed that he identified L. P. Kirk because he said Kirk had visited his home before and sold him a map."

B. F. Kirk said that he was not related to L. P. Kirk, the man charged with the murder, but declared that he did visit Wells' home last July, went out in the field where Wells was at work and sold him a map.

One of the attorneys exhibited to the reporters a cancelled check showing that he purchased a map from B. F. Kirk, the man who sold Wells a map, and declared that they would prove Wells' statement about identifying L. P. Kirk by that circumstance connected with the map sale as being false.

The reporters called on Wells following the interview given out by the defense attorneys, and asked him if he identified Kirk by the map transaction. He declined to say, but pointing his finger towards L. P. Kirk, who was seated in front of the bar, he said: "That's the man; I would know him by that nervous twitching and in a half dozen other ways. I know he is the man who caused the death of my son-in-law."

**WILL BE IN RACE FOR TAX COLLECTOR**

W. L. Brown will ask the voters to re-elect him to the office of tax collector, and will make his formal announcement at an early date. "I have been too busy to think about the coming campaign and make any announcement," said Mr. Brown, "but I expect to be in the running and will make a formal announcement soon."

Mr. Brown is perhaps one of the best known county officers in the county, and has the reputation of having no favorites, treating all alike, and serving the public in keeping with the law governing his official duties. He keeps posted on the tax laws, and works overtime in order that his reports may be in perfect condition. He has made a good record and if service counts for anything in choosing officers, any opposition which might spring up can not charge Mr. Brown with being derelict in duty.

Robt. L. Stephenson left Sunday afternoon for Waco, where he is with a cotton farm. Bob expects to finish up the season in a short time and return to Ballinger for the remainder of the period before the next crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowry are back in Ballinger to make their home for awhile. Mr. Lowry had been buying cotton at Bronte.

Mrs. Mollie Casbeer returned to her home at Goldthwaite Sunday afternoon, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ed Chapman, of Winters. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman came down to bring Mrs. Casbeer to the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn spent Sunday at the Sims ranch, in Concho county, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sims.

Albert Afflerbach was here from Winters Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Affler-

**MOVING DAY IN BALLINGER**

Friday and Saturday of last week and the first few days of this week will be "moving days" in Ballinger. The purchase and selling of homes in the past has brought about a series of moves that will effect about twenty families and as fast as one moves from a place another moves in. This keeps two families moving at a time, and within a few days all will be at home again. A ledger reporter on this assignment could not get the names and places of all the moves, but learned of thirteen families who were effected by the moves last week and this week, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harwell from the Nicholson place on 7th Street to their new home on 8th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh from the Scott place recently purchased by C. R. Stone, to the Nicholson place on 7th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone from the Oscar Williams place on Broadway to their home on 9th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams from their home on Broadway to their home on Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bridwell from their place recently sold to C. L. Baker, to the Rape house on 8th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker from their residence recently sold to Geo. Holman, to their home on 8th Street purchased from Frank Bridwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holman to their home on 8th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boyd will move in the next few days from 11th Street to the Geo. Smith place on 6th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boswell will move from Broadway to the place now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Voelkel will move from the Geo. Smith place on 6th to the J. P. Boothe place on 12th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe will move to the farm.

Mr. Gallagher, who will manage the Independent Filling Station, has moved to the Pritchett place on Broadway.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our appreciation to all friends to whom we are indebted for many favors and kind deeds during the year of illness of our husband and father. Then at his death, came our way a friend indeed, the "Friend-in-Need Society No. 1," whose sustaining power in a time like this, is manifold.

Mrs. H. M. Harvey and Children.

**MRS. ARBUCKLE GETS DIVORCE**

(By Associated Press.) PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 31.—Minta Arbuckle, wife of Roscoe Arbuckle, has been granted a divorce. The divorce was granted here today on the grounds of neglect to provide, and on desertion.

**Amusements**

**TENT SHOW READY FOR BIG OPENING TONIGHT**

Hefner's Comedians are in the city and everything is ready for their opening tonight, in the tent theatre located near the bottling works.

Tonight is introductory night, at which time they are offering a novelty in the way of introducing the company. Each member will be introduced.

The big stoves are already going full blast so you can rest assured that it will be comfortable in spite of the cold weather.

"The Call of the Woods," is the play for tonight. It is said that this is one of the greatest plays ever written of its kind.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite**

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

**ROY STEWART AT FOTOSHO THEATRE**

"Pure Grit," the Western feature starring Roy Stewart which is the main attraction at the Fotosho Theatre today and tomorrow, is said to present the most cowardly man in the world.

Two men had escaped from a penitentiary. To all appearances they were pals, mutually, of course, for their own protection. Their interests were a common bond of companionship, their destination the same, Mexico.

But their natures were different, one was the natural criminal, the other a victim of circumstances. The victim of circumstances made the great mistake of placing trust in his fugitive companion. He displayed a letter which was to identify him with his sister, a school teacher in the Texas wilderness, whom he had not seen since they both were children.

That trust broke the bond of companionship and revealed the cowardly and criminal nature of the man in whom the trust was placed. Watching his chance, he deliberately shot his companion for the letter.

"Pure Grit," is a film version of William McLeod Raine's famous Western novel, "The Texas Ranger," directed by Nat Ross. In the cast are Esther Ralston, Jack Mower, Jere Austin and Verne Winter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For County Superintendent: ROBERT L. WHITE  
For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN  
For Tax Assessor: HENRY TODD

**"HURRICANE'S GAL" IS RUGGED SEA STORY**

Dorothy Phillips, whose absence from the screen for some months has been noted with regret by her admirers, has returned under auspicious circumstances. She is the star of "Hurricane's Gal," a First National attraction, produced by Allen Holubar, which begins a two day engagement at the Maeroy Theatre today.

Miss Phillips, who will be remembered for her remarkable work in "Man—Woman—Marriage," a massive First National attraction directed by Mr. Holubar, has an unusual and particularly fitting part in "Hurricane's Gal." She is cast as an unconventional maid of the sea, who, inheriting a smuggling schooner from her father, takes command of it and rules with the same iron hand and relentlessness which characterized her father.

The production is filled with thrills, but they are not of the lurid, "dime novel" variety. There is logic and plausibility behind each, and the spectacular effects which follow in rapid succession cause the spectator to gasp.

"Hurricane's Gal" is a big rugged sea story, and a three masted schooner, a torpedo boat destroyer and airplanes have been used by the director. The characters are strong men—and women—and they are portrayed by an exceptionally capable cast.

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**CATARRH**

Catarrh is a local disease greatly influenced by Constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives Quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh.

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**HATCHEL TEACHER FOR TAX ASSESSOR**

Henry Todd, principal of the Hatchel school, was in the city Saturday, and instructed that his name be added to the county candidate announcement, and later he will have something to say about his candidacy for tax assessor.

Mr. Todd is one of the best

known teachers in Runnels county, having taught in different districts of the county. He was practically raised in the county, his father being a physician of the Maverick community for about twenty years. While Mr. Todd has been engaged mostly in school teaching, he has also had experience in other lines of work, and is fully competent to handle the duties of the assessor's office, and is worthy of any trust and confidence the voters bestow upon him. He has been solicited to make the race for assessor, and has the support of many of the best citizens in the communities where he is best known.

His name will be submitted to the voters in the Democratic primary, and he requests the voters to reserve their support for him, and he will make an effort to see

them in person where they are closest.

When You are To insure a healthy bowels, get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It causes a gentle, healthy action of the bowels, without any harsh or irritating effects, but banishes the feeling, that often attends constipation.

Dr. F. M. ... Sunday afternoon, spend a week, giving a lecture course on constipation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. ... visited their daughter, Angelo, Sunday.



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you want something that appeals to your palate. Let us tell you about our flour and pancake flour. Our pancake flour is compounded after a recipe and all ingredients are carefully and thoroughly mixed.  
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**The First National Bank**  
Of Ballinger  
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Beginning on January 1st, 1924, strictly a 30-day credit business. will be presented on the 1st of each month, your credit will cease and we spare us the embarrassment by not asking tional credit until your account is paid. We that this will not inconvenience anyone but will a help to you and will place us in a position to render better service and sell merchandise only where we know we will receive our pay. We want your business, but we want pay for our merchandise and we feel that this method will enable us to find out who intends to pay and who does not.  
**This Takes Effect Tuesday January 1st, 1924**  
Ballinger Auto Company  
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*Do Your Trading in Ballinger With These Merchants*

To Everybody  
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**Happy New Year**

Accept our grateful thanks for your good will and patronage in the past and we will endeavor by all honorable means to continue in your good graces and confidence.

**Season's Greetings**

We are glad that the passing of another year gives us opportunity to express a sincere appreciation of your loyal friendship and to wish for you

A PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR

**NEW YEAR GREETINGS**

We are happy indeed to offer today, our greetings both warm and sincere; also to wish in the heartiest way a year of Good Luck and Good Cheer.

**Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.**

**Season's Greetings**

Grateful for the many courtesies you have shown, we cannot let this season pass without wishing you and yours

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

**Currie Mercantile Co.**

AGAIN WE WISH YOU

**A Happy and Prosperous New Year**

May we express the hope that we will continue to merit your patronage and good will, in the future as in the past.

**DeMotive Sheet Metal and Radiator Works**

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**G. A. Ladwig**

We Wish You A  
**Prosperous, Healthy and Happy New Year**

**The Hub**

Everything to Wear

**Greetings**

At this, the close of 1923, we wish to stop long enough to wish our many friends and customers the compliments of the season, coupled with best wishes for a

**Happy New Year**

**Ballinger Auto Co.**

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We person each one of our Friends, but it is impossible, we send to you in this silent messenger to carry Best Wishes and to say

**A Happy New Year**

**E. A. Jean & Co.**

**1924**

In appreciation of the cordial relations existing between us in the past year we wish to extend to you our sincere wishes for

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**HARBER GROCERY CO.**

**GREETINGS**

The spirit of the season prompts us to express our appreciation of all favors shown us and to wish you in return all the joys of

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**THE GLOBE**

**May 1924**

—be the best year you ever have

**And 1923**

—the worst you ever had.

**Ballinger Printing Co.**

**Greetings**

May the joys of the season be with you and may the coming year carry through to its end.

PROSPERITY  
HEALTH  
AND THEIR BLESSINGS.

**CAMERON'S GARAGE**



**A Yuletide Reunion**

By CECELLE LANGDON



MADGE ALLISON was seated in the front part of the vacant store on Broad street, where for two weeks she had been the active director of a public movement for preparing a suitable and joyous holiday for the young children of the poor district of Carleton.

Sufficient had been donated to give comfort and pleasure to the little ones and now the grand work was going on to make up wreaths and other trimmings for the workmen's hall, where Santa Claus was to distribute his gifts.

It pleased her sympathetic heart to see how anxious her little pensioners were to make up the evergreen wreaths as she directed them. The willing and excited helpers chatted and laughed and sang and comprised a noisy brood. Then there was a sudden lull.

"Someone is peeping in at us," announced one of the girls. "Why, Miss Allison," volunteered the eldest of her assistants, "it is Vance Dacre!"

Miss Allison turned her face away. It had grown very white, almost frightened, and her lips trembled and her eyes had grown startled. Vance Dacre had come back! Two years had passed since she had seen him or had even heard of him. She was greatly shaken, gathered up the decorations and said as steadily as she could:

"Children, we have two more days to work, and there are things I must attend to this afternoon, so we will defer further work until tomorrow."

As her willing helpers trooped away, she sat alone in the room thinking, wondering, and of Vance Dacre all the while. The door opened and Vance Dacre entered the room.

"I had to come. I hope you will forgive the intrusion," and then he paused, for she had hurried to her feet and advanced with smiling face and extended hands. "Surely everyone of your good friends will be glad to welcome you back home," she said.

"Perhaps I had better tell you," he began, "that after two years of hard grubbing at a mine prospect I saved enough money to come back here and do some good with it. I have heard of your noble charity. Won't you help me enjoy my homelcoming by playing in your charge this?" and he tendered a roll of bank notes. "Use them to make the little ones happy, and I will be more than satisfied."

For three days, Vance Dacre was a most enthusiastic worker, and the heart of Madge warmed towards this strong rugged helper whose tenderness for her little charges evidenced the soul of a true man.

What bright happy hours for those two, drifting together after that long parting!

Then came Christmas eve, and the

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event lived in the memories of the needy ones benefited for many a year to come.

Christmas day, serious and business-like, Vance came to the house of Miss Allison whither he had been invited.

"I am going back to work tomorrow," he told Madge. "You see, I have had my fling and am content to take up again the old burden of hard work and barren hope for the future."

"Could you not do quite as well here at Edgerton?" inquired Madge.

"I fear not. There are occasional streaks of luck at gold mining, so I shall have to keep at it."

But later that day he came hurrying to the Allison home and sought out Madge, fairly bristling with excitement.

"Oh, the luck of it," he cried. "My partner sent me a telegram. They have discovered a rich vein back in the mountain and he can sell it for more money than I ever dreamed of possessing."

"What good news," fluttered the delighted Madge, "and now—"

"I shall stay, because I think you would have it so. Madge, am I guessing right?"

"It is no guess," replied Madge in a low intense tone. "Oh, Vance, you deserve the happy fortune that has come to you this blessed Christmas day."

And there was no thought of another parting for those two earnest, loving souls.

Sweet Sauces.

It is usual in England to serve what American housewives call "soft sauce" with the Christmas plum pudding, but the delicious "hard sauces" which we ourselves affect make a nice change.

Soft sauces take the form of a thin hot custard, which will be all the more creamy if a few spoonfuls of condensed milk are stirred in after the custard is made in the ordinary way.

Another favorite sauce is made by adding sugar to melted butter.

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFIE

CHILDREN'S MANNERS

Whatever you do, do wisely and think of the consequences—Lester Romanou

THE minute a child begins to eat with the assistance of its own small hands, the first lesson in table manners must begin.

Remember that children ape the manners of their elders. For this reason the greatest care should be used in the choosing of nursemaids, governesses or any one else who comes in constant contact with the child.

**FIERY, ITCHY ECZEMA HEALED RIGHT UP BY APPLYING SULPHUR**

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, says a noted skin specialist.

Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation brings ease from skin irritation, soothes and heals the eczema, right up and leaves the skin clear and smooth.

It seldom fails to relieve the torment and disfigurement. Sufferers from skin trouble should get a little jar of Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like a cold cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Rogers and children of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Midgley, of South Ballinger.

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**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company will be held in the directors' room of the bank at ten o'clock January 19, 1922.

All stockholders are hereby notified to be present in person or by proxy at such meeting.

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**MARIE PREVOST TO TOM MIX TO**

Marie Prevost, the star of a hundred Mack sennett farces, will be seen at the Maeroy Theatre today in an entirely different kind of comedy, devoid of the slapstick, and produced at Universal City under her new contract to make features for this program.

Harry Myers is seen in support of the star in the production called "Nobody's Fool."

Tom Mix, the daring, dashing, dare-devil of the screen, and former Menard, Texas cowboy, is seen at the Maeroy Friday in a Wm. Fox offering, "A Ridin' Romeo."

Mix pulls many thrilling scenes and mixes the connection with a dash of comedy. A remainder of the program will be taken up by "Topics of the Day," and an educational scenic offering.

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Carl Laemmle, presents Marie Prevost

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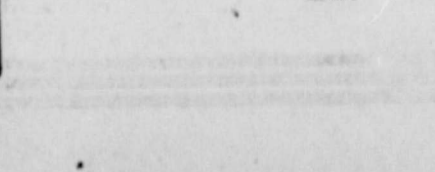
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