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ZERO WEATHER OVER WEST CAUSES DEATH OF THREE

(By Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—The partly frozen body of Charles Ray, age 68, found lying across the railroad tracks in St. Louis county, shortly before noon today, brought the number of dead from cold here up to three persons.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—With the mercury standing nine degrees below zero here at 7:00 o'clock this morning, the police reports show that two persons are dead and a score suffering from exposure as the result of the coldest weather in several years.

The dead are Patrick Donnelly, age 67; and Peter Davis, age 35.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—Kansas is today in the grip of the coldest wave to sweep this country in many years. The minimum temperature ranged from two degrees below zero at Coffeyville, in Southern Kansas; to twenty (20 is correct) degrees below zero at Salina, Kansas.

At Kansas City the minimum was fifteen degrees below zero. This is the coldest weather since the winter of 1918.

DALLAS, Jan. 5.—The lowest temperature of the winter prevails here this morning, the mercury standing at eighteen and one-half degrees above zero at 7:00 o'clock this morning.

The cold which is gripping the entire state will continue with little noticeable change for the next twenty-four hours, the Dallas weather bureau announced today. The forecast says the temperature will climb gradually Sunday.

C. W. Lehmburg, the new farm agent, who arrived here this week to succeed D. F. Eaton, who is moving to Lubbock, will not bring his family to Ballinger until school closes at Seguin, where Mrs. Lehmburg and the children are now living. Mr. Lehmburg stated that the children were doing so well in school, that he preferred not to move them at this time. Mr. Lehmburg will office at the court house.

Mrs. A. E. Gentry was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office.

Baby Found Dead in Bed By Mother

Special to The Ledger:

WINTERS, Jan. 5.—The two months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan was found dead in bed when the mother awoke Friday morning. Mrs. Jordan arrived here a few days ago to make her home and was visiting with her brother, Oscar Brannon, pending the arrival of Mr. Jordan, who was coming through the country from Galveston in a truck loaded with their household goods.

The baby showed symptoms of a bad cold during the night, but did not appear to be ill. The mother pulled the baby up to her cheek and both went to sleep, and when Mrs. Jordan awoke the baby was in the same position but dead.

The funeral was held Saturday, and the little remains laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. All efforts to locate the father, who is en route to Winters to make home, failed, and he will probably know nothing of the death and burial of his baby until he arrives here.

FIRE WORKS KILL TWO AT TERRELL

(By Associated Press)

TERRELL, Jan. 5.—Earl Kines, the 14-year-old son of Ernest Kines, is dead here from tetanus. He is the second victim of tetanus here within the last two days.

Both the deaths resulted from wounds inflicted by toy pistols during Christmas week.

The 14-year-old son of A. M. Ellis was the other victim, and he died Thursday.

C. C. Carter, of the Norton section, had business in Ballinger Saturday, and ordered The Ledger to go to his son at Tyler.

Read Ledger "wants" column



REBELS ARE DEFEATED IN MEXICAN OIL FIELD

DEMOCRATS TO FIGHT TAX BILL

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Democratic leaders in the House are preparing to launch a fight against a number of the important provisions of the Mellon tax revision bill.

Among the provisions the democrats will attack is the proposal to reduce surtax rates to a maximum of twenty-five per cent on net incomes exceeding \$100,000.

COURT SUSTAINS DEFENDANT'S DEMURRERS

(By Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 5.—The demurrers of John Whitehurst, and Ed Spears, president and secretary respectively of the State Board of Agriculture, to indictments charging them with diversion of public funds, were sustained today by Judge Williams Zwick in the state district court here.

(By Associated Press)

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 5.—Reports received at Matamoros today by courier stated that an attempt by the rebel forces under Governor Delara in the state of Tamaulipas, to make an attack on Tampico has been defeated.

The message runner's report stated that the rebels had been completely dispersed and are fleeing towards the Northern border of the Mexican state.

TAMPICO, Mexico, Jan. 5.—Five thousand federal troops under the command of General Cordoba, arrived here today from various points to march against the rebels who are now in possession of the oil fields.

A column which consists of two battalions of infantry and one regiment each of cavalry and artillery, will leave here tomorrow, beginning an immediate attack on the insurrectionists.

The first advance by the government troops will be made toward Tuxpan, 90 miles South of Tampico. Vessels arriving from Tuxpan, which is under rebel control, are being detained here.

(By Associated Press)
HOUSTON, Jan. 5.—The State Bank & Trust Company at San Marcos was robbed early today by four unidentified yeggs. The safe-crackers first visited the telephone office, where they cut all local connections with the exchange, holding the telephone employees at bay with pistols.

Reports of the robbery received here state the bank vault was dynamited, four separate explosions being heard. An unconfirmed report says the robbers got away with \$10,000.

Posses were soon formed and are said to be hot on the trail of the yeggs, who are said to have gone in the direction of Martindale, a small town in Hays county, near San Marcos.

Seven Men Perish When Ship Sinks

(By Associated Press)

CURLIN, New Foundland, Jan. 5.—The schooner Donald Silver, with a crew of seven men, went down last Tuesday off Heather-ton, one hundred miles East of here, according to a report received here today.

The report stated that five of the bodies had been recovered.

R. P. Greenwell was in the city Saturday and ordered his Ledger sent to his address on Route A, Ballinger. Mr. Greenwell has been living on Route A. out of Miles.

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Ballinger Banks Make Gain of 60% Since Last September

There is practically two million dollars on deposit in the three Ballinger banks, and the statements just issued, or forthcoming, in response to calls by the state and national banking commissioners show that the citizens have banked an increase of \$675,000.00 in round numbers, since the last statement was issued at the close of business on September 14th.

At the close of business on September 14th there was on deposit in the three local banks, \$1,151,150.00. That was just as the crop harvest was getting under good headway, but prior to debt paying time. The deposits at the close of business December 31st, as shown by the public

statements, amount to \$1,822,186.00, or the neat gain of about sixty per cent.

At certain intervals during the heavy marketing season the deposits of the three city banks were considerably above what the present showing makes. Heavy checking followed the crop harvest, and in liquidating debts, Rannels county farmers and Ballinger merchants have reduced their bank balances, greatly reducing the deposits.

Thus it will be seen that the people—patrons of the three Ballinger banks enter the new year after debt paying time—with a cash balance which is perhaps greater than ever before at this season of the year.

Necessarily bank deposits do not always reflect the financial condition—nor can be taken as an

index to the prosperity of the citizenship. The liabilities must be taken into account, as well as the assets, but at this season of the year, after a bulk of the taxes have been paid, and after 1923 accounts have been squared up, the bank deposits can be relied on to show how the people are "hooked up" financially.

Aside from the good financial showing of the country at this time, the country is enjoying the best season for many years in the past. In fact it is seldom too wet to plow in Rannels county on January 1st, but farmers from all parts of the county and adjoining counties in Ballinger's trade territory, are waiting for their land to get dry enough for them to get in the fields and begin breaking ground for the 1924 crop.

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DOING AWAY WITH UGLINESS

Citizens of Kansas City Have the Right Idea in Influencing the Taste of the Public.

Speaking of city beautification, a considerable subject with city improvements on a \$100,000,000 scale, it is interesting to note that Kansas City has a "Citizens' Anti-Ugly Association." Its object is to keep the town spruced up. It calls attention to things that ought to be done to make Kansas City prettier and the things that ought not to be done that will make it less pretty than it is.

It is greatly interested in zoning and in lesser esthetic regulations such as those that affect billboards, weeds, tree pruning, and Topsy-like cheap architecture that "jest grows" without planning.

Its main influence at first is propaganda. Precept and preaching is the idea; but ordinances are also an aim. There is much in persuading the public taste; and a single object lesson in beauty is worth a hundred sermons. In our own humble opinion, if you want an appreciation of beauty in city planning and building, show a bit of it accomplished—and there'll be a clamor for more.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

ROWENA NEWS

Edward Winkler, who spent the holidays with the L. Teplicek family, left for his home at Sealy Wednesday.

Gordon Phillips left for his home at Waco after spending the holidays with his Rowena friends.

Miss Wilma Huebner, competent saleslady for the dry goods department of the firm of Weisner & Pustka, returned Thursday to resume her duties, after visiting her parents and other relatives at Cistern, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palmer returned to their home at Rockdale Thursday, after spending the holidays here with his uncle, Paul Palmer, and family. Mr. Palmer was a former citizen of our community and is thinking of returning in the near future and making Runnels county his permanent home.

Mrs. Calvert, of Taylor, arrived first of the week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Alfons Pustka, for some time.

Miss Olga Kuhn and brother, of Westphalia, are visiting relatives here this week.

E. S. Kubela, Ant. Pospichal, Emil Chylek, and Ed. Pospichal returned Thursday from a several days business trip to different points in Wilson and Atascosa counties. The trip was made in a car via San Antonio. Anton Pospichal returned the owner of the two hundred acre farm one mile North of Rowena, known as the R. Michna place, which he bought of Chas. Eggemeyer, of Stockdale.

A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the Santa Fe station Wednesday to see several of Rowena's young folks return to their respective schools at different points. Miss Analee Turk returned to the State University at Austin; Willard Schuhman and Edgar Schlake, for Robinson Academy, near Waco; accompanied by Miss Minnie Pieper, who went to enter the same institution. John Teplicsek left for Kansas City to enter a mechanics school. Rowena should be proud of her girls and boys who are striving for an education to better prepare themselves to make good citizens.

"REPORTER."

R. Boynton has moved from Route 3 out of Winters to Route B out of Ballinger, and orders his Ledger changed to the new address.

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

REEDER OPENING BARGAIN ANNEX

Carpenters will begin work within the next few days on the second floor above the D. Reeder store, remodeling it into a modern, up-to-date department of this store. This firm will add new lines and something new to Ballinger when they install in the upstairs place the "Bargain Annex," Millinery Shop and a ladies' rest room.

Roy Reeder, junior member of the firm, is leaving Ballinger Saturday afternoon for New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Manchester, Boston and Baltimore, where he goes to buy goods for the new annex, as well as clothing, dry goods and ready-to-wear for the regular store. In addition to goods he will buy all furniture and fixtures for the new place, and the plans call for many articles.

Entrance to the second floor annex will be through the main store and will take you to the upper floor at an entrance to each of the three new departments. All the front of the upstairs will be given over to the Bargain Annex, which will be stocked with a complete line of variety goods as well as many articles in wearing apparel and other lines. Weekly special bargains will be featured in this department and quite an advertising campaign will be used in pushing these specials.

The Millinery Shop will be elegantly furnished and nothing but ladies' millinery will be displayed in this department. The ladies' rest room will be well furnished and lighted with beautiful fixtures and all ladies are urged to make use of same. Baby beds will be placed there for the convenience of mothers who wish to spend the day shopping in Ballinger and will provide a place where they can go and be perfectly at home with their children.

All departments on the second floor will be in charge of Mrs. Pearl Gustavus, who will have able assistants to help her care for customer needs. The building will be ready and the stock on hand so that an opening can be held about February 20th, or not later than March 1st.

COMMISSIONER DEENS TO MAKE RACE AGAIN

County Commissioner R. J. Deens will submit his name to the voters of Precinct No. 1 again this year and ask them to re-elect him. Mr. Deens stated Saturday that he would make his announcement next week, and requested The Ledger to say for him that he would be in the running.

"Quite a number have solicited me to offer for re-election," said Mr. Deens, "and I have never given them any definite answer, but I have decided to make the race, and will be glad for my friends to know it."

Mr. Deens has served the precinct two terms, or at least is now serving his second term, as county commissioner, having defeated his opponent in the last campaign.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company of Ballinger, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on Thursday, January 10th, 1924 at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. W. BRUCE, President
SAM BAKER, Secretary.
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With the Churches Tomorrow

Baptist Church
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by the pastor.
Business session of the church at the close of the morning service, at which all departments of the church are to present reports.
Sunbeam Band, 3:00 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. meetings, 6:00 p. m.
The Senior B. Y. P. U. will elect officers.

The Woman's Missionary Society will observe a week of prayer, with special programs on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at 3:00 p. m. each day. The programs will be missionary in their nature, closing with China as the subject for the last day.

You are invited to all the meetings. The house is always comfortable regardless of the weather.

ALVIN SWINDELL, Pastor.

Church of Christ
Corner of Eighth and Bousal Streets.
Sunday, 10:00 a. m., Bible study.
Sunday, 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
Sunday, 7:00 p. m., evening worship.
Monday, 2:00 p. m., ladies' meeting.
Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., prayer meeting.

HOMER DAVIS, Minister.

8th Street Presbyterian Church
Sunday Services:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:15 p. m., C. E. Society.
7:00 p. m., evening worship.
Weekday Services:
3:00 p. m., Missionary Society, (Monday).
7:00 p. m., mid-week service, (Wednesday).
7:00 p. m., choir rehearsal, (Thursday).

R. B. TWITTY, Pastor.

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday school promptly 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
Y. P. S. 6:00 p. m.
Night service 7:00 p. m.
Women's Missionary Society Monday at 3:00 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.
We welcome you to all these services.

E. D. MESSER, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. morning service.
3:00 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor.
6:00 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p. m., evening services.
Select a church and support it actively.

E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor.

First Christian Church
Cor. Broadway and Murrell
Bible school 9:45 a. m.
Communion and preaching service 10:45 a. m.

Christian Endeavor 6:00 p. m.
Evening service 7:00 p. m.
Choir practice, Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:45 p. m.

Alfred Crager, Minister.

Methodist Church
Sunday school 9:45 a. m., L. L. Williams, Supt.
Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
Junior League 4:00 p. m.
Senior League 6:15 p. m.
Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.
Choir rehearsal at 7:45 p. m., Wednesday evening.

E. W. BRIDGES, Pastor.

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Notice to Cemetery Lot Owners
On Tuesday, January 8th, at 4:00 o'clock, the lot owners of the Ballinger Cemetery Association will have a meeting to select some directors for the ensuing year. The meeting will be held in E. Shepperd's office, and every lot owner is entitled to a vote.

E. SHEPPERD, President.
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Black-Draught Found Valuable by a Texas Farmer, Who Has Known Its Usefulness Over 30 Years.

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"I am 43 years old, and when a small boy I had indigestion and was puny, and my folks gave me a liver regulator. Then Black-Draught was advertised and we heard of it."

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"I have given it a thorough trial, and after thirty years can say Black-Draught is my stand-by. It has saved me many sick spells."

Mr. Cromer writes that he is "never out of Black-Draught," and says several of his neighbors prefer it to any other liver medicine. "I always recommend Black-Draught to my friends," he adds.

This valuable, old, powdered liver medicine is prepared from medicinal roots and herbs, and has some of the best effects so often observed from the use of calomel, or other powerful mineral drugs.

Be sure to get the genuine, Thedford's.
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MILES PERSONALS

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Taylor Scott left yesterday for Lubbock to be with her daughter, who is ill.

Mrs. S. C. Rogers left yesterday afternoon for Hico, Texas, after spending the holidays with her son, F. G. Rogers, here.

Jerry Brazile was here Thursday from San Angelo.

Mrs. Joe Williams and son, Billie Joe, arrived here last night from San Diego, California, to visit the former's father, T. J. Motley.

Louis Hale, salesman, was here from Ballinger Thursday.

Legion Men, Attention

Regular First Meeting of the Month is called for Pat Williams Post No. 8, American Legion at the hall Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Members urged to be present.
J. M. SIMMONS, Post Com.
J. M. PYBURN, Adjutant.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

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Yes, Perfect Harmony

By CLARA DELAFIELD

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AND you will try to be nice to Courtney, while we're away, won't you, dear?"

"I won't eat him," growled Peter Gurney. "Guess I won't see much of the feller, though."

"Peter, dear, I want you to do your very best to be pleasant to him, for Mildred's sake," said Mrs. Gurney.

Here is how it happened. Peter Gurney had retired at fifty-five, with the biggest chain of groceries in the East. His wife was bitten by the social bug and had forced him to buy a huge mansion on Park avenue.

By dint of arduous working, that excellent lady had forced her way into society. Peter had been happy in the old days, when, in his shirt sleeves, he was the life and soul of the Fourth district political club. In the big house, surrounded by flunkies, he felt ill at ease.

Particularly he hated Dobson, the English butler. Dobson's fawning servility, and yet arrogant aloofness, made Peter want to plant his boot upon the immaculate surface of Dobson's pants.

Then there was Courtney—the Honorable Courtney, son of an English earl, whom Mrs. Gurney had captured. Courtney—the Honorable Courtney Blaise—was to marry Mildred in a month's time. The earl had cabled his approval and inquired privately about settlements.

And here were Mrs. Gurney and Mildred called away by the sudden serious illness of a sister and aunt with a fortune of her own. There was no help for it. They had to go.

Would Peter jeopardize the marriage by insulting the Honorable Courtney in their absence? The Honorable Courtney had been coming to the house every night. He couldn't stop. He and Peter would dine together under the supervision of Dobson, and Peter would restrain his desperate impulses to lead his knife with peas and drink out of his soup plate.

Courtney and Peter had never arrived at any human basis of understanding. Peter scowled at Courtney and Courtney regarded his future father-in-law with patient respect. Peter thought the Honorable Courtney a fool. What the Honorable Courtney thought of Peter was never recorded.

What added to Peter's bitterness was the thought that he had worked hard so many years for this—for his wife's social airs, for this son-in-law! And Mrs. Gurney had impressed upon Peter that he must do nothing to disgrace them in Courtney's eyes.

There they sat, dining together under Dobson's watchful eyes.

"Er—it's getting warmer," suggested the Honorable Courtney.

Peter grunted.

Five minutes later the Honorable Courtney said: "I see your President is likely to obtain the renomination at the next—aw—elections."

Peter deliberately put his knife in his mouth. A spasm passed over Dobson's face.

"I see," said the Honorable Courtney five minutes later, "that the monthly imports have decreased two per cent ad valorem—er—don't know what it means, by Jove!"

"D—n!" yelled Peter Gurney, rising.

"Are we men or are we fishes? Dobson, were you created in the likeness of your Maker?"

"I 'opes as 'ow Hi his, sir," answered the startled Dobson.

"Did you ever play stud poker?" demanded Peter ferociously.

"Why, Hi, Hi've 'eard of hit, sir," responded the butler, now convinced that his master had suddenly gone insane.

"And you, you lily-faced white flower of fashion, how about you?" demanded Peter.

"Haw, try me, try me!" answered the Honorable Courtney briskly.

"I do hope your father and dear Courtney have got on well together," said Mrs. Gurney, as she opened the front door, having unexpectedly returned with Mildred. "Why, what in the world—?"

Sounds of strange revelry reached their ears. Hurrying into Peter's den, on the ground floor, they saw a sight that made them dumb.

Peter, in his shirt sleeves, with a glass of his private stock before him, and his feet on the arm of his chair, was dealing a hand round the Honorable Courtney's neck, which he was fondly embracing. The Honorable Courtney had his head on Peter's shoulder. Dobson, with both arms on the table and a most unbutlerish expression, was just sweeping up the contents of the pool.

"Wh—what!" stammered the horrified lady.

"Pup—pup—perfect harmony, my dear, pup—perfect harmony," hiccupped Peter, as he imprinted a kiss on the Honorable Courtney's mainly forehead.

Key to the Problem.

A concert had been arranged by the workers of a certain mill in Blackburn, and all the local "stars" were booked to appear.

"Miss Handloom," the favorite soprano, was announced to sing, and before she began, apologized for her cold. Then she started:

"I'll hang my harp on a willow tree—e-e-nem!"

"On a willow tree—e-e-oh!"

Her voice broke on the high note each time. She tried twice more. Then a voice came from the back of the hall:

"Try hanging it on a lower branch, lass!"—Pearson's Weekly.

THEATRES MOVIES

LOVE AND INTRIGUE
OLD SCREEN PARADE

Love, intrigue and the high seas play important parts in "The Silent Command," the Wm. Fox spectacular melodrama, directed by J. Gordon Edwards, which will be shown at the Macroy Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

There have been screen dramas before in which international complications have had great bearing on the plot. But the author of "The Silent Command" has excelled them all. It is said, in the skill with which he has sustained the interest in the scheming of a set of spies. The keynote to this condition of affairs is sounded in the first scenes in the picture and is carried thru with increasing power to the final episode. All this is shown against a constantly varying background, much of which has to do with ships and the open seas. The picture is crowded with big scenic effects, including what is said to be the most realistic sea disaster ever shown on the screen.

A splendid company interprets the long list of characters. Edmund Lowe appears in the leading male role, Capt. Richard Deceatur, and Alma Tell plays opposite him as his wife. Other important characters have been allotted as follows: Bela Lugosi, Carl Harbaugh, Martin Faust, Gordon McEdward, Byron Douglas, Warren Cook, Martha Mansfield, Betty Jewel, and Kate Blanche.

BARGAIN TYPEWRITERS

\$3.00 down, balance like rent. Abilene Typewriter Exchange, Royal and Corona Agents, 5-41-1.

DARING HORSEMAN
RACES MOTORCYCLE

A desperate race between horse and motorcycle, in which Pete Morrison, diving from his saddle, launches himself at the motorist and plunges with him, madly fighting, over a cliff, is the super-drama that marks the second episode of "The Ghost City," chapter 1 of the thrilling story, which will be seen at the Fotosho Theatre Saturday.

Pete Morrison, star of the picture and famous as the most daring rider of the screen, stages this thrill with "Slim" Coles, formerly a famous motorcycle racing driver. It marks the climax of the second chapter of the exciting account of a battle for a vast cattle range and the safety of a huge modern irrigation project.

The project varies the thrills of Morrison's horsemanship and other Western action with the death-defying stunts of A. Wilson, the celebrated stunt aviator, and the daring riding of Coles. Every chapter is crammed with excitement of a new brand, and a delicate thread of romance runs through the thrills.

Margaret Morris supports Morrison in the new picture, and others in the cast include Bud Osborne, Lola Todd, Alfred Allen, Frank Rice and other equally noted players. It is one of the big Universal features of the year. Jay Marchant directed the serial, which was filmed in the high Sierras and on the Mexican border from a story by Paul Bryan.

R. L. Condra, one of the substantial citizens of Norton, was paying taxes in Ballinger Saturday.

"Lead Ledger" wants "column."

DRUGS EXCITE
THE KIDNEYS.
DRINK WATER

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep the kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which helps to remove the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of good water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no are no longer a source of irritation, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which everyone should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this; also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK
AT THE MACROY THEATRE

Monday and Tuesday—Wm. Fox presents "The Silent Command," also an Educational comedy, "Moving."

Wednesday and Thursday—First National presents "The

Half Breed," with Wheeler Oakman. Also a special two reel Hodkinson comedy with Charles Murray, "So This is Hamlet."

Friday—Wm. Fox presents Chas. Jones in "Big Dan," also a Pathe comedy with Paul Parrott.

Saturday—Chapter 1 of "The New Leather Pushers," with Reginald Denny. An Imperial Fox comedy, "The Cyclist." "Haunted Valley," chapter 15. A Wm. S. Hart Western play. Also Urban's official Movie Chats.

MEXICO LAND

For Sale—30,000,000 acres of Mexico land, 25 cents per acre and up; also 500 Texas farms and ranches. P. L. Crews, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

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FO-TO-SHO PROGRAM
FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday and Tuesday—Gladys Walton in "The Near Lady," a Universal attraction; and Billy Engle in "Back to Earth," a Century comedy.

Wednesday and Thursday—F. B. O. of America presents "The Westbound Limited," starring Ralph Lewis and an all-star cast; also "Film Foolish," a Cameo comedy.

Friday—Viola Dana in "Her Fatal Millions," a Metro Screen Classic; and Bert Roach in "His School Daze," Universal comedy; also International News.

Saturday—Pete Morrison in "The Ghost City," chapter 3; Mack Sennett presents "One Cylinder Love," a Pathe comedy; and Jack Mower in "Stolen Gold," a Universal Western.

Announcement!

V. Weinberg has sold his one-half interest in the firm of Weinberg & Wardlaw to Mr. Cecil Thorp, and the firm will continue business at the same place under the name of Thorp & Wardlaw.

A complete stock of up-to-date Gents' Furnishing goods has been bought and will arrive in the near future and will give a practically complete new stock.

An expert Cleaner and Presser has been employed and our big cleaning and pressing plant will be run with a guarantee on every piece of work we do.

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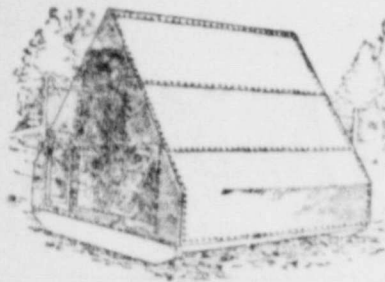
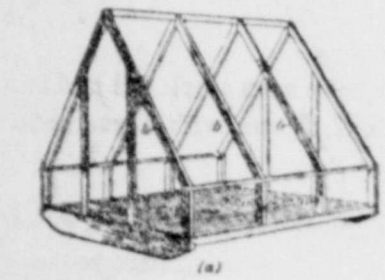
The accompanying illustration shows an A shaped colony house built on runners made of oak planks 2 inches thick and 12 inches wide set on edge. If pine or hemlock runners are used, they should be 2 1/2 inches thick. Runners must be quite strong as the entire weight of the house rests on them and there is also considerable strain on them when moving the house from place to place.

The base frame, a, is made of 2x4 inch scantlings and is from 12 inches to 24 inches high above the floor, according to the required height of the entire building.

Above the base frame is an apex frame, b, which is also made of 2x4 inch scantlings and is built to an inside height of 5 feet above the base frame.

The floor of the house, which is 8 feet square, is built of tongued and grooved boards strongly fastened to the runners.

The frame is sheathed with the



Apex Movable Colony House, showing construction.

cheapest kind of lumber dressed on one side and laid with the smooth side in. The sheathing is then covered with one of the many kinds of roofing paper on the market.

In some cases the frame is made so that the entire house can be covered with heavy roofing paper. To do this the uprights and cross bases should be set to correspond with the width of the roofing paper used.

The interior of the house is furnished with dropping boards, roosts and nest boxes on both sides when it is used for laying hens.

When houses are to be moved, it is necessary to use some motive power that is equal to the task and that will not cause damage to the building because of quick jerks and starts.

A single horse may be used for the smaller houses, but several may be required to move a larger one. Rings or hooks should be fastened to the runners or holes made thru them to provide a strong hitch for the chains or hooks to be used in hauling. It is necessary that the hitch be substantial so it will stand the strain of moving.

To assist in this a strong rope may be wound around the house, resting low against the rear and only high enough in front for the height of the team. It is always better to have an excess of power rather than not enough.

MEXICO LAND FOR TRADE

859,000 acres in the Musquiz District, State of Coahuila; will trade for farm, ranch or city property. Will cut in tracts from 10,000 acres up. Price \$1 to \$2 per acre. P. L. CREWS, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-Std-2tw

HALF RANCH AT MIDLAND TO BE SPLIT UP AND SOLD

(By Associated Press)
SWEETWATER, Jan. 5.—Another of the famous West Texas ranches is being split up into farms and sold. This time it is the 150,000 acre ranch of Henry M. Half at Midland. The Half Herefords are among the most noted herds of West Texas cattle and have won many a prize for their owner. The registered stock is being retained by Mr. Half, but he is disposing of his grade stuff.

The land is being sold for from \$5 to \$20 an acre for the raw land.

WINTERS AFTER FREE DELIVERY

Special to The Ledger:

WINTERS, Jan. 5.—Winters has begun the naming of its streets and numbering the houses. This improvement has been under discussion for some time, and is badly needed as the first step towards paving the way for free mail delivery.

The city has installed an electric motor to run the pump in supplying water for the city. Meters will also be installed and water consumers will be required to pay according to the water consumed. It is believed that this will prove profitable to the city, as well as being a means of conserving its water supply, preventing a waste, especially during the summer months.

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Miss Watson is here from East Texas, visiting her brother, Hilliard Watson, one of the proprietors of the Central Hotel.

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Daily Ledger Want 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.

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FOR SALE—Cheap, Horton Electric Washer. Phone 396. 3-3d

NOTICE—My home and household goods, consisting of oil stoves, heaters, beds, chairs, etc. Bargain if sold at once. H. C. Whitely. Phone 579. 2-4td*

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms completely furnished. Phone 179. 31-td*

FOUND—One pair of patent leather child's shoes. Owner can have same by calling at Ledger office and paying for this notice. 28-d&w-tf

FOR SALE—Mesquite Cord Wood, \$6.00 a cord or 2 cords \$11.00, delivered in Ballinger, Phone 94 or 385 or see L. B. Stubbs. 26-td

TREES—I am now ready to take your order for all kinds of Trees and Shrubs. Roses and Pecans a specialty. Mike C. Boyd, Phone 237. 26-26td



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I'm OLD DOC BIRD of the new cartoon series, especially drawn for this newspaper by Finch of the Denver Post, America's foremost Cartoonist.

I am going to have something mighty interesting to say each week.

WATCH FOR IT

It will be well worth your while.

FRIDAY PROVES COLDEST NIGHT

The mercury dropped to 16 degrees above zero at Ballinger Saturday morning, according to the government weather gauge kept at the home of E. M. Eubank.

This was the lowest temperature for the present winter by two degrees. The thermometer registered 18 degrees Monday morning—last day of 1923—and also registered 18 above Tuesday morning—first day of 1924, and warmed up Wednesday and Thursday, followed by the second blizzard of the week which hit here Friday morning and sent the quicksilver down to 16 degrees by Saturday morning.

Saturday came in with a bright sunshine and prospects for a rapid rise in temperature, following almost a week or real hog-killing weather.

Farmers report that the ground is too wet for plowing, and this part of the work on the farm is being delayed. The wet October, November and December left the ground thoroughly soaked, and the freezes serve to bring the moisture to the top, and to use the expression of one farmer, the fields are "rotten."

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MANY STUDENTS ENTER SIMMONS

Special to The Ledger:

ABILENE, Jan. 5.—Registration at Simmons College for the winter term reached the figure of 585 for the first two days' registration, which is the largest two day registration following the holidays the college has ever had. A large group of students are yet to come in, and although classes have not started some registration will go on during the first part of the week. Over fifty new students who were not in attendance in the fall have signed up for the winter session.

The first chapel service of the year was held Friday with an unusually crowded house. President J. D. Sandefer made the statement that it was the largest group to attend a first chapel service during the entire period of his connection with the college. He predicted the greatest quarter in the history of the school in a brief talk to the student body, mentioning not only the matter of attendance, which is slated to go well past the thousand mark for the whole year, but in the general situation as well, in buildings, endowment, curriculum and activities. The campaign for \$300,000 additional endowment is in progress in Abilene at

the present time.

Several new courses have been added for the winter term at Simmons. Among the new students registering in the college for the first time, there are several from New Mexico and Oklahoma, and one from Missouri.

STREAM POLLUTION LAW GENERALLY ENFORCED

AUSTIN, Jan. 5.—Only two towns remain in Texas which have not complied with the state anti-stream pollution law, according to health department officials. With the passage by Waco of a bond issue for this purpose, one of the last of the larger towns came under provisions of the law. The two towns that have not yet taken advantage of the act are said to be Wichita Falls and Denison. Denison claims that the waste water from her sewers is being deposited over the Oklahoma state line into the Red River and therefore does not come under the jurisdiction of the law.

The law was passed in 1915 and in the brief space of eight years, practically every town in the state has come under the statute, according to V. M. Ehlers, state sanitary engineer.

This enactment provides that towns shall dispose of their sewage in such manner as not to contaminate streams.

STRIKE TIES UP CUBAN TRAINS

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 5.—All train service on the Cuban Railway of Cuba, two of the most important lines on the island, has been suspended as the result of strike violence.

Reports say that the strikers have caused trouble on both lines, and the train service has been suspended for the safety of the public.

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Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
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