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County Ginnings Here Lead All West Texas

The report of cotton ginned in Texas prior to November 14th showed Runnels leading all West Texas counties by a considerable margin. Ginnings for the county on this date were still ahead of the 1928 report, but the crop this year was practically all gathered on this date, whereas on November 14th last year there was still much cotton in the fields. Ginnings to the middle of November this year amounted to 39,589 bales, in 1928 on this date 38,780 bales had been turned out.

The 40,000-bale mark has now been passed in this county and the crop is about gathered. There are a few bales in the fields, but within a few more weeks picking will be stopped. Farmers have started to breaking land in most parts of the county.

Following is a list of West Texas counties showing the amount of cotton ginned on November 14, this year, and the same date in 1928.

County	1929	1928
Brown	7,435	12,332
Coke	5,556	6,744
Coleman	25,310	36,820
Comanche	5,668	7,269
Concho	15,623	13,781
Garza	3,739	4,226
Haskell	17,204	24,169
Jones	18,651	25,242
Llano	1,084	2,193
Lubbock	31,720	10,916
McClulloch	21,087	20,207
Mason	1,804	3,293
Nolan	8,664	5,437
Runnels	39,589	23,578
San Saba	8,781	10,534
Taylor	18,709	19,725
Tom Green	7,079	7,827

Mexico Progresses Since Revolution

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.—One need but compare the present situation of the Mexican worker with that prevailing twenty years ago to realize what great benefits the revolution has brought to the proletariat masses. Ramon P. de Negri, secretary of industry, commerce and labor, said in a speech by radio here in connection with the week's celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of the revolution.

Before Madero overthrew the 30 years dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz the peon was nothing more than a slave, De Negri declared. The hacendado was complete master of his peons, disposed of their wives, sisters and daughters as he saw fit and threw the peons themselves into jail or "caused them to disappear" as his whim dictated.

Now, the secretary pointed out, the peon manages its own private affairs. He is better paid and has the right to strike when working conditions are unfair.

The speaker laid emphasis on the proletariat character of the revolution and promised that the government, far from losing sight of the fact the workers carried it into power, would continue to strive for betterment of their condition and advancement of their interests in every line of endeavor.

De Negri predicted that the time would come when there would be no place in the world for non-producers and when a universal fraternity of working men, manual and intellectual, would rule the earth, doing away once and all with the present social system which, he declared is eminently unjust through exploitation by a small privileged class of the great producing masses.

28 ENTER BEAUTY CONTEST AT ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

(By Associated Press)
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 2.—Twenty-eight candidates for beauty honors at the University of Arkansas have been named by sororities, according to James P. Anderson, editor of Razorback, the university yearbook.

Six beauties are to be chosen for the beauty section of the annual. Among candidates are students from Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

Robert Lee Maddox returned to Ranger Sunday afternoon after spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Ballinger.

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Gives Bad Check for Car Then Leaves

George Bailey, who was a Ballinger resident since April, disappeared from here recently, taking with him a Ford belonging to Burns Holt. Bailey "purchased" the car from Mr. Holt, giving him a check for the first payment. After getting all necessary arrangements made he left but the check came back marked "no account."

When search was instituted for Bailey he had disappeared, but a trace was found at Sweetwater where he left alleged to have beaten his hotel bill. A former Ballinger man who had met Bailey here, endorsed a check for him at Sweetwater, which also was returned. It is alleged that Bailey left Ballinger owing other bills and checks which no attempt was made to pay.

Officers have the case and are working on several clues in an effort to find Bailey and bring him back here.

Senator is Killed By Masked Men

(By Associated Press)
ST LOUIS, Dec. 2.—State Senator Joseph Modler, was shot and killed by several masked men in an office at his theatre today.

LICE LABORATORY TO AID TRUC GROWERS

(By Associated Press)
GALVESTON, Dec. 2.—Up jumps the lowly louse and demands attention.

Result—a plant lice laboratory on Galveston Island. Fall crops at the plant lice laboratory have gotten a good start after recent rains, and the laboratory has under way an intensive program of study of lice control. The farm, established as a branch of the Texas agricultural experiment station for the study of this pest, was visited recently by Dr. F. L. Thomas, chief of the division of entomology.

Dr. Thomas and the entomologist in charge planned a thorough investigation for the possibilities of the spraying method as well as a study of the effect of old plantings as a means of spread of lice. A program of general improvement of the farm site also received attention.

During last August the truck grown in Galveston dwindled to less than two acres in extent. These two acres, small scattered bits of turnips or mustard, are a remnant of some earlier crop and not infrequently volunteer plants. Those plants are the ones which serve to carry lice from one planting season to the next.

NEGRO SAVING FELLOW MAN STARTS GOOD LUCK STREAK

(By Associated Press)
TYLER, Dec. 2.—The heroism of Luke Erwin, a 50-year-old negro, has brought him what Luke feels is a considerable fortune and may yet bring him what everybody would consider a fortune.

Some time ago Luke, disregarding whatever fear he may have felt, lowered himself into a well filled with "damp gas" to rescue a fellow negro. Almost blind his lungs seared with pain, Luke nevertheless finally was able to bring up the unconscious man.

W. C. Caldwell, Tyler merchant, obtained for Luke a Carnegie medal and a \$1,000 reward. Luke used the money to pay on a \$1,500 farm and then an oil boom came along. He leased his land for \$250 retaining his royalty.

The negro, though he hopes oil may be found on his tract, will begin cultivating it shortly anyhow.

MAN STILL SPY AT 89, GETS GOVERNMENT JOB

ATLANTA, Nov. 25.—R. Det. Lawrence, 89, pension commissioner, took the oath of office here recently. After the ceremony he offered to race capitol reporters up a stairway to show his spryness.

2 States to Fight For Train Robber

(By Associated Press)
PAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 2.—A skirmish is in the making today between Wyoming and California authorities for the custody of Tom Vernon, 43, arrested here as a suspect in train robberies in both those states.

Governor Emerson, of Wyoming, asked that Vernon be held for the wrecking and robbing of the Union Pacific transcontinental train, the Portland Limited.

California officers want the bandit for robbing a Southern Pacific train.

Cash and Whiskey Taken by Robbers

(By Associated Press)
FORT WORTH, Dec. 2.—Nine hundred dollars in cash and a quantity of prescription whiskey and an unestimated amount of government postal funds were stolen from a drug store here last night.

Hutchinson County People Make Bonds

(By Associated Press)
AMARILLO, Dec. 2.—Bonds ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each were granted a number of Hutchinson county residents who are charged with violating the federal prohibition laws.

Sam Jones, a former deputy constable at Borger, was the only one disgruntled over the arrest. Jones had just finished Saturday making a total of \$9,000 in bonds on charges of killing District Attorney John A. Holmes, and for violation of the state prohibition law.

THINKS FIVE IS HER MOST LUCKY NUMBER

(By Associated Press)
FORT WORTH, Dec. 2.—Five must be a lucky number for Miss Mota Maye Shaw, junior student in Texas Christian University from Amarillo.

She was born on the fifth minute of the fifth hour of the afternoon of the fifth day of the week and the fifth day of the fifth month of the year. In other words, she was born five minutes after five on Thursday afternoon, May 5.

ALICE—A new high school building will be erected here.

County Agents to Meet In Abilene This Week

ABILENE, Dec. 2.—County farm agents from 21 West Texas counties in district three of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service, 13 home demonstration agents and key bankers from the various counties will attend the annual meeting of county and home agents here December 5-6.

The meeting is for the purpose of outlining work to be done during the ensuing year. Talks by specialists from the A. & M. extension service will feature the program.

O. B. Martin, state director of the extension service, will be one of the principal speakers on the program, along with H. H. Williamson, state farm agent and vice-director of the service, and T. B. Woods, director of district No. 3 with headquarters at College Station.

Miss Mildred Horton, state home demonstration agent, will appear on the program for the women's division. Miss Helen Swift, district 3 home agent, also will attend.

Key bankers from each county, chosen by the bankers' association in cooperation with the A. & M. extension service, are expected to attend the sessions. Bert E. Low, vice-president of the Citizens National Bank of Abilene, is chairman and key banker of the district. Gele Hunt, of Bradshaw, is the key banker representing Taylor county.

The sessions will be held here at the Hilton Hotel. Home demonstration agents in the district and the county each represents follow: Misses Lucy B. Algood, Howard; Gertrude Brent,

Hoover Plan to Be Given to Congress

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The new session of congress began at noon today facing the task of passing on President Hoover's first full legislative program which will be placed before it tomorrow in a twelve thousand word message dealing with almost every national and international activity of the federal government.

Although the work today consisted largely of formalities, Chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee introduced a resolution to carry out the treasury plan for a one per cent reduction in the tax rate on individual and corporation incomes. The estimated effect of the total tax cut is \$160,000,000.

1 Dead; 5 Missing In Big Lake Storm

(By Associated Press)
SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 2.—Five are missing, one is dead, and eighteen persons were rescued today from the freighter Kiowa, which went aground late Saturday night in Lake Superior.

The Kiowa encountered disaster in the first storm of what mariners call "the gambling season" for lake navigation.

Garner Says Kirby Story is Not True

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Garner, of Texas, one of the ranking Democratic leaders in congress, today denied as untrue the statement by John H. Kirby, Houston millionaire and president of the Southern Tariff Association, that he (Garner) was responsible for the inquiry by the Senate lobby committee into the activities of the association on behalf of the new tariff measure.

Last week J. A. Arnold, manager of the tariff association, announced that he had resigned. Kirby asserted that Garner instigated the inquiry to get rid of Arnold.

Kittens Born With Eyes Open

JEFFERSON, Tex., Dec. 2.—Instead of three blind mice, it was three brand new kittens born with their eyes wide open.

Mrs. Roy Pink, owner of the cat and kittens, said they lived only a little more than two days.

Morrow Will Leave Mexico for Senate

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.—Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow will leave here Friday for the United States and will not return to this post until his duties as a delegate to the five-power naval conference at London in January are finished.

Morrow will return here then for a short time until he goes to New Jersey to accept the senatorial toga worn recently by Senator Walter Edge, who has been named ambassador to Paris.

Safe Taken Away To Be Broken Open

(By Associated Press)
CORSICANA, Dec. 2.—Burglars today entered a filling station at Frost near here and loaded a safe into an automobile and carried it three miles from the station to blow it open. They obtained \$75.00 in cash.

Santa Claus May Visit in Ballinger

The committee in charge of the Christmas decorations for the business district was called to meet at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon to make definite arrangements for the movement.

Small evergreen trees have been ordered for every store in town, to be placed along the sidewalks. These trees will be decorated and lighted similarly to that done for the past two years. The Chamber of Commerce will erect one large tree at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchinson Avenue and this will be brilliantly lighted and many streamers and other adornment placed on it. This tree will also be used for the community tree on Christmas night when a big celebration will be staged.

At the meeting Monday afternoon the committee will consider the advisability of inviting Santa Claus to make a personal visit here several weeks before Christmas. It is understood the old gentleman can make a brief stop here and will be delighted to meet the kiddies of the entire county in case he can make a convenient date.

Plans will be made for the show window fair by the committee, who will draft rules governing entries. Dates for the fair will be set as well as the time for beginning the street decorations.

Full details of the plans will be published in Tuesday's issue of The Ledger.

METHODISTS TO SEND LARGEST DELEGATION

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 2.—With five conference divisions in the state sending representative leaders, Texas Methodism promises to have the largest delegation of all at the approaching church-wide missionary council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10 to 12.

With Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas and Sam R. Hay of Houston at the head, the Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas and West Texas conferences will be represented by the presidents of the conference board of missions, missionaries, secretaries, conference lay leaders, and conference presidents of women's missionary societies.

Delegates are as follows: Rev. A. T. Walker, Huntsville; Rev. S. M. Black, Dallas; Rev. R. F. Bryant, Dallas; Rev. Paul Kern, San Antonio; Rev. J. W. Rawlins, Lockhart; Rev. W. F. Bryan, Austin; Rev. C. A. Bickley, Vernon; Rev. J. W. Hunt, Abilene; Rev. F. P. Culver, Corsicana; Rev. Roy A. Langston, Arlington; Rev. E. V. Coles, Dallas; W. J. Baker, Fort Worth; E. D. Jennings, Dallas; B. M. McKeown, Abilene; Carl Markley, Silsbee; C. G. Hallmark, Kennedy; Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Weatherford; Mrs. S. M. Black, Denton; Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Abilene; Mrs. J. W. Mills, Beaumont; Mrs. T. A. Brown, Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jacob and family returned Sunday from Temple where they had been at the bedside of Mr. Jacob's father, W. W. Jacob, who died in a Temple hospital Friday after a long illness. Mr. Jacob was an early settler of Bell county, a pioneer cotton buyer, and church worker in Temple.

Hatchel Boy Injured by Falling Horse Sunday

Witt Makes Report For Prison Board

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 2.—Senator E. E. Witt, of Waco, who was assigned by the penitentiary centralization commission to write the majority report for submission to Governor Dan Moody and the special session of the legislature, begins his work tomorrow. Witt will put together the report, which will carry recommendations on the proposal.

When the report has been completed eighteen members of the commission will be called together and the draft submitted for final approval.

Cold Wave Strikes Again After Thaw

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Another cold wave broke over the Central and Northern states today in the wake of the sub-zero wave that ushered November off the calendar. The brief respite of Sunday's rising temperatures was followed by a sudden drop that sent the mercury overnight into the zero regions in most of the Middle Western states.

The lowest temperature recorded was at Devil's Lake, North Dakota, where 14 degrees below zero was reported.

WICHITA FALLS OIL FIELDS SHOW DROP

(By Associated Press)
WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 2.—Ten oil producing counties comprising what is known to the petroleum industry as the Wichita Falls district today are producing less than the district averaged when it contained one county. Oil recovery in the district now is about 101,000 barrels while in 1919, at the peak of the Burkburnett boom the total was 104,000 barrels daily, figures show.

As the Burkburnett activity began to lag, exploitation spread to adjoining counties until production was found in Wilbarger, Archer, Young, Clay, Taylor, Montague, Throckmorton, Jack, Cooke, Foard and Haskell counties.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)
West Texas—Fair and much colder tonight, Tuesday warmer. East Texas—Fair and colder in the southeast portion tonight, Tuesday fair and warmer.

Be wise and advertise.

Witt Makes Report For Prison Board

Ran Honeycutt, 17, who resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Honeycutt, one mile northwest of Hatchel, was rushed to the Ballinger Sanitarium Sunday in an ambulance after he was injured when a horse fell with him.

The accident occurred about 10 o'clock Sunday morning and the youth was received at the local hospital shortly after noon. He has been unconscious since the fall and his condition Monday morning was considered very grave.

According to the boys who were with young Honeycutt at the time of the accident the horse fell and rolled over the lad twice before he got loose from the saddle. Three boys went to a pasture on horses to play, and it was while playing a game that two of the horses ran together and the steed Honeycutt was riding fell and rolled over several times with the young man in the saddle.

Sanitarium authorities stated to a Ledger reporter Monday morning that they could find no broken bones and no external injuries of any kind. The real injury is believed to be internal and is difficult to locate. The boy's father remained at his bedside Monday and a host of friends in the Hatchel community momentarily awaited a change in his condition.

Local physicians stated that the youth's condition is apparently very serious and could not forecast what the outcome might be.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—For the first nine months this year the treasury department received \$341,447,987 in revenue from the tobacco industry. North Carolina paid \$186,493,636.

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1928 Willys Knight 4-door Sedan, was Mrs. C. A. Bell, bought new by her See this car, down payment \$175

1926 Ford Truck, good oak bed, new valves and motor or overhauled, down payment \$75

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1925 Buick Roadster complete overhauled on motor You will be surprised at the cheap price.

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With a committee ready to start decorating the downtown district in the spirit of Christmas, it is now up to every firm to do its part. The success of the window fair held here in previous years has been due to the fact that all firms, large and small, did their parts to make the city more attractive. Some say Christmas decorations are all "blah"—but most merchants are convinced they create the spirit that causes shoppers to buy early. One reason for late shopping is that people do not realize how near at hand Christmas is. Yuletide decorations wherever one looks furnish a powerful suggestion that benefits every dealer. The movement spread last December until many trees were seen in the residential sections of the city. At night these trees, adorned with varicolored lights, made a beautiful picture, and even by day added weight to the campaign. The committee hopes that the same thing will be carried out this year and weight to the campaign. The confined to the business streets but many home-owners will enter the spirit of the occasion.

Ballinger merchants are doing their full part this year to attract trade here. Never before in the history of the city have there been so many sales events in which prices were cut to the very minimum, especially at this heavy buying season. Gifts that have heretofore been sold at regular prices can be bought in Ballinger this year at prices which will be worth driving many miles for. All firms will continue their sales promotions until Christmas Day, advertising over a wide territory to attract buyers to Ballinger.

The weather man announces that the past November was the coldest known in this section for 60 years. Cold waves began rolling down upon us early in the month and kept coming with a regularity that was astonishing. Frigid periods hit this section of West Texas with only a few days respite, and December is ushered in with a blizzard sweeping the entire Southwest and Central states.

PARTY STOPS AT CHURCH TO WARM; GIRL BURNS

(By Associated Press)
COLORADO, Dec. 2.—Mistaking a can of gasoline for a can of kerosene, Nora Mae Hart, 16, of Westbrook, was burned fatally. A party of young people stopped at a rural church house to warm when returning from town. They built a fire, and Nora Mae found what she took to be a bucket of kerosene and drew it back to pour it on the flames. It exploded in her hands and burned her.

Mrs. Leonard Stallings came in from Brownwood Monday at noon after visiting there several days with her parents.

Angelo Housewife Enthusiastic

"I Have Improved Rapidly Since Taking Orgatone and Feel Fine" Says Wife of Railway Mail Clerk.

"I have improved rapidly since taking Orgatone and I feel simply fine," said Mrs. M. M. Eskew, of 8-- Hill, wife of a railway mail clerk, San Angelo, while talking with the Orgatone man the other day.

"I have been troubled with stomach and digestive troubles for quite a long time," she continued, "and just was in a general run-down condition. Gas formed on my stomach and I would have dizzy, bilious spells. I had to be very careful of what I ate for the suffering I would have afterwards. I was constipated and was nervous and restless at night and didn't get a good night's sleep."

"I read so much in the papers about the good Orgatone was doing so many people that I got some and started on it. I have taken one bottle and have honestly gained two pounds in weight. I'm feeling much better than I was and my stomach trouble has disappeared. I eat anything I want and do not suffer with indigestion troubles, and all of the pains in my stomach have disappeared. The gas and bloating spells are gone and I'm not constipated as I was, all my nervousness and restlessness is relieved and I sleep simply fine every night. Orgatone has helped me very much and I am glad to make this statement."

Genuine Orgatone may be obtained in Ballinger at the Weeks Drug Store.

SUNDOWN STORIES



STRANGE KEYS

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock met John and Peggy, but his plans were so completely made that he hardly took time to speak to them.

"Come along," he said. "I've turned the time back just a little bit. You will see!"

They ran out of the house with the Little Black Clock. He had turned the time back several weeks. The scene was down at the foot of their own back yard.

There they beheld two unusual looking people talking together. One looked a little bit like Jack Frost and the other was dressed in a warm, golden-looking costume.

"I'll have to introduce you," the Little Black Clock said. "Madame Summer and Master Fall, allow me to present John and Peggy."

They all bowed and the Little Black Clock said in a low voice to the children. "You're meeting two of the seasons. Mother Nature is coming along in a moment and she will give them some extra keys."

"Keys?" the children questioned. But before there was time for an answer along came Mother Nature. She wore sandals of moss, a dress of soft green decorated with many different kinds of flowers, a shawl that looked as though it had been made of the colors of autumn leaves, and a hat of soft, fluffy white that looked as soft and white as snow. She wore a belt around her waist and attached to it were many keys. They were of all sizes and all kinds.

"Shall we see what she does with them?" the Little Black Clock asked. "Yes, please, yes!" John and Peggy said.

They were certainly curious to know.

Tomorrow—"Mother Nature's Secrets"

M. W. A. Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America is to be held at the hall tonight. The meeting is for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Refreshments will be served and all members are urged to be present. 2-1td

About New York



By Richard Massock
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Fifth Avenue department stores have begun hanging holly in the aisles as a gentle hint that Christmas is not far off.

If Christmas comes, the new year must be only about a week behind. It may not be amiss, therefore, to suggest that less than two months remain if certain customs are to be perpetuated this year.

Thus if 1929 hopes to keep up the record of the past and round out a full life, it hereby is warned that it has only a few weeks left.

For Texas Guinan to reopen her night club.

For someone to succeed Tunney (or is it Dempsey?).

For further advancement of television.

For Herbert Hoover to take up presidential yachting.

For the subway company to attempt to increase the five-cent fare.

For Mayor Walker to make a trip somewhere.

For the tearing up of another New York street.

For the announcement of another "world's highest building."

For a new idol to replace Rudy Vallee.

For the publication of Lindbergh pictures.

For the blaze to tire of Harlem and Hoboken and find a new diversion.

For the Theatre Guild to produce a George Bernard Shaw or Eugene O'Neill play.

For Peggy Joyce to be reported contemplating matrimony.

For some prominent person to bewail conditions in the theatre.

For the critics of the short skirt to get accustomed to the long ones.

For other critics to deride the talkies.

And for authors to write their January mystery stories.

Sign in front of a fashionable little movie theatre (cinema) to

the patrons: "I a. m. A Charles Spencer Chaplin Comedy."

Commercial Economy

When Miss Gertrude Lawrence presented this reporter with a handful of paper matches in the wings of the Empire Theatre the other day, it was no trifling gift, but a gesture of real generosity. For one chain of cigar stores has ceased giving away books of matches with 13-cent cigarettes unless the customer ask for them.

For several years it has been a city-wide custom to hand out the matches. But at 13 cents a package, the margin of profit on the cigarettes became too narrow.

The match-book covers invariably contain advertising, paid for, of course, by the advertisers. But even so, the matches cost the dealers who distribute them about one-third of a cent a packet.

English

Returning backstage we find the three L's of Piccadilly, London—Lawrence, Laye and Lillie—all in New York.

Miss Lawrence, who is starred in "Candle Light," her first play hereabouts, and Miss Beatrice Lillie, now in vaudeville, first came to Manhattan in 1924 with "Charlotte's Revue" and stayed for other musical shows. Evelyn Laye is the new darling of "Hitler Sweet."

Naturally enough, all three are friendly in a compatriotic way. At Miss Laye's first appearance here, only one seat remained vacant. It was that reserved for Miss Lawrence, who dropped in at 11 o'clock, after her own performance.

BENOIT NEWS

While your old correspondent is somewhat indisposed, we will act as substitute this week, and write the happenings of this place.

The cold spell of the past few days has reduced wood and coal piles considerably but is ideal for hog killing and several of our neighbors have taken advantage of it and while they may not be wearing fine and sumptuous linens they are faring sumptuous every day on spare ribs and sausage.

Now last year we fared fine—the neighbors kept us bountifully supplied with sausage and backbone. In fact it seemed to us they tried to outdo each other in

supplying us with those good things. But this year, it's different—they don't seem to be so interested in us as we would like for them to be. Of course it might be just imagination but we can't help but be a little uneasy about the outcome this year; sometimes we speak to the neighbors, telling them how fond we are of spare ribs and sausage, but it seems to us they don't care to talk about those things as we would like for them to. Usually they change the subject to the weather, politics or something we are not very much interested in.

Several changes in residence have taken place here this week. J. L. Green and wife have moved in the C. C. Robinson home; J. A. Odom moving in the J. L. Green home. Geo. Odom moved to the H. F. Lindeman place, while Arch Brookshire moved to his former home that was occupied by Geo. Odom this year.

C. W. Gibson and family and O. C. Cox and family were among those who attended church at Talpa Sunday to hear the new preacher. They reported a good congregation and a fine sermon by the pastor, Bro. Smith.

Mack Cole was bruised up considerably Monday when he was thrown off a grouse he was trying to rise.

Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mrs. G. P. Lane and baby Ray were visitors in the Oscar Cox home Tuesday.

Fonso Gressett and son, Gordon, returned from several days prospecting in the plains country last Friday. Fonso says that while he saw some good country on his

trip none of it will beat old Runnels.

Fate Brevard, formerly of Blanton, but now of Belton, was a pleasant caller at Benoit Saturday.

Faye Curry, who had been visiting his brother, J. T. Curry, and family, for the past several days returned to his home in Santa Anna Sunday.

C. W. Gibson and family were pleasant visitors in Ye Scribe's home last Sunday. Other visitors were Mrs. F. Gressett, Mrs. Carrie Vogelsang and Mrs. Ruth Wood.

Mrs. Annie Ruth Williams, of Winters, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rumpy, a few days this week.

J. H. Jones, of Oxien, an old time friend of this writer, was here a short time Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morrison, of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clayton Sunday.

"REPORTER."

Trench Mouth Healed

Your friends dare not say so but your sore gums and foul breath don't make folks like you any better. Let's Pyurher Remedy heals worst cases if used as directed. It is not a mouth wash or paste, and is sold on a money back guarantee. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory, of Eldorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory here Sunday.

We have just received the new-st thing produced for window display blanks. Beautifully tinted ardboard in six different colors. Costs no more than ordinary card stock.

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First Bi-District Football Game to be Here Friday

The first bi-district football game between Districts 10 and 11 was clinched today for Ballinger to be played next Friday afternoon. Last Saturday Comanche and Stephenville officials stated that they would come to Ballinger for a guaranteed sum. Supt. H. C. Lyon at the request of local fans delayed an answer until Monday at noon in order for the fans here to see if they could underwrite the proposition. Monday morning three teams started out and within a short time had secured sufficient pledges to make the amount easy to raise.

Mr. Lyon wired both Comanche and Stephenville before noon today accepting their proposition and telling them that the game would be played here at Fair Park Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Comanche and Stephenville are tied at the present time and will meet in Stephenville Tuesday afternoon to determine the champions of District 10. The winner of this game will come to Ballinger Friday afternoon for the first championship game ever played in Ballinger. On the same date Roscoe and Midland will meet for honors in that section and the winners of each game Friday will meet the following week to determine the regional champions.

In bringing the game here next Friday, local business men and fans have underwritten the gate receipts for \$1000. The fans feel that the only risk they will be taking in this matter is in weather conditions. Advertising matter will be started at once and all West Texas will be covered in an effort to get the largest crowd ever assembled at a football game in West Texas here.

Tickets will be placed on sale at all drug stores in Ballinger Tuesday morning with the cardboards going at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. Students tickets will be placed on sale at the high school at the same time. Everyone locally is urged to get their tickets in advance in order to accommodate the ticket office Friday. Out-of-town people will rush the box office at the last minute and if local fans secure their tickets before Friday it will greatly assist in handling the crowd.

LEGION AUXILIARY CALLS AN IMPORTANT MEETING

A meeting of the local American Legion Auxiliary has been called for tonight at 7:30, the same hour as that of the American Legion post. Important business matters makes it necessary to hold the Auxiliary session at this time, and every member of the organization is urged to be present.

The post will also hold a very important meeting at which the annual report of activities for the year will be heard, and officers elected for the ensuing year. Commander M. C. Atkins and Adjutant H. T. Forson were busy Monday preparing a report of the work accomplished during the past 12 months, and will submit same to the membership. The post has done well during the past year and a report that the members will be proud of is promised.

These sessions of Auxiliary and Legion are probably the most important of the year.

MEXICO PLANS TO HONOR BELL, AMERICAN CLOWN

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.—Plans to honor the memory of Richard Bell, American clown who had a tremendous following in Mexico, have been revived here and a public subscription to erect a statue to him has been reopened. Bell, who died about a decade ago, appeared many times in Mexico.

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Few Big Leaguers Will Go On Block

(Associated Press Feature Service Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—No Hornsby is for sale or trade this time but there probably will be some valuable baseball stock on the block when the major league magnates begin their bartering along about the second week in December.

Some of the game's outstanding stars may change hands in deals conceived and maybe consummated at the individual and joint major league meetings in New York beginning December 10. Talk now has it that the Giants and Reds already have been in a huddle with Hughie Critz, Cincinnati second baseman as the key man in a big deal. The Giants, it seems, are determined to land a big league second baseman to handle the position mishandled in late years by minor league pickups. And since the Giants have the money to spend they may be able to pry Hughie loose from Cincinnati.

It is just possible that the chatter about a deal centering around the great Dazzy Vance will take definite form. Brooklyn needs a shortstop and needs one bad enough to part with the dazzler who, incidentally, didn't dazzle enough last season to quite earn that \$25,000 salary.

American league stars rating mention along with Critz and Vance are too secure to be mentioned as possible trading material but there is one great who slumped a bit in 1928 who may be grouped with the "for sale" contingent.

He is Goose Goslin, 1928 batting champion of the American League. The Goose slipped almost 100 points in hitting last year, dropping from 379 in 1928 to 286 in 1929. If the difference was not excusable in the minds of his bosses, Goslin probably will be offered in a deal for strength at first base or in the outfield.

The inevitable trading may not involve any of these three diamond celebrities but certainly they rate as possibilities. And that is enough to make gossip in baseball circles. Whether the gossip in these cases was justified should be known within the next six weeks or two months.

DALLAS FIRM GETS MARBLE FOR MONUMENTS IN ITALY

(By Associated Press)
BEAUMONT, Dec. 2.—Marble from the famed Leghorn, Italy, quarries used in construction of the famed cathedrals of that country has found its way to America, with a 35 ton cargo of the bluish material being unloaded from the Steamship West Cohas.

The marble was shipped to a Dallas concern, and is to be used for monument purposes. The vessel was loaded in Genoa.

One giant slab of the cargo weighed 13 tons and is valued at more than \$5,000. The bluish color of the material is unusual in this section of the country.

R. O. Walton, of Dallas, was in Ballinger Sunday to attend the funeral of Ed O'Kelly, his former partner.

Texas Mutual Life Coming to Ballinger

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The MONTH in the SKIES

December: Orion Nebula

By Robert H. Baker
(Professor of Astronomy, University of Illinois)

URABANA, Ill., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The constellation Orion appears in the eastern sky in the evening during December.

On the first of the month it has entirely risen above the horizon at 8 o'clock, and by the end of the month it is in full view as early as 6 o'clock.

Orion is the brightest of the constellations and the best known, next to the Great Bear. It is a quadrilateral of four bright stars, with three stars in a line near its center, which form the belt of Orion.

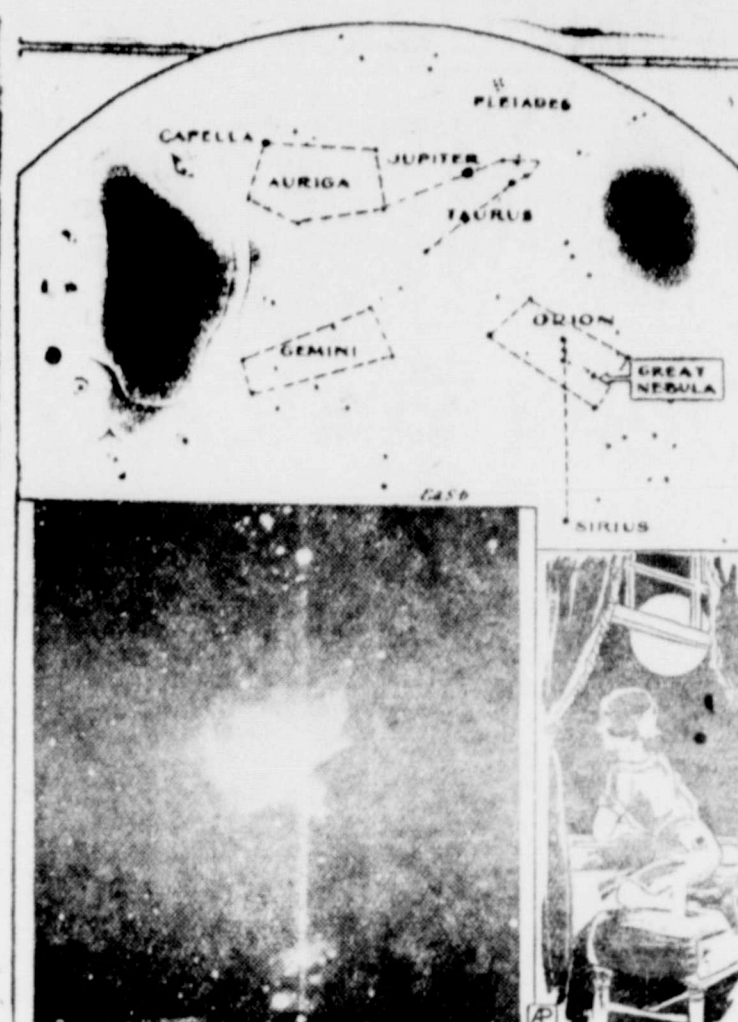
Three other stars, somewhat fainter and closer together to the right of the belt, mark Orion's sword.

The middle of the three stars in the sword is really not a star, as it seems to be at first sight. A second glance is enough to convince anyone that it is a little too large and fuzzy to be a star. It is the Great Nebula in Orion.

The Orion nebula is one of the very few nebulae which can be seen at all without the telescope. Many nebulae are visible with the telescope, but photographs with great telescopes and long exposures, often of many hours' duration, are required to show these faint objects at their best.

Nebulae are really faint—not at all like dim stars whose feeble light is owing to their great distances. A nebula just across the street would be as difficult to see as one far out in space, although of course it would look larger.

The majority of nebulae do not shine at all. But we know about them because they obscure whatever is behind them. The great dark rift in the Milky Way, which extends from the region of the Northern Cross far into the southern hemisphere, is a notable



Above, a chart of the eastern sky as it appears in the early evening in December. The photograph shows the sword of Orion as seen with the telescope. The middle of the three stars in the sword is the Great Nebula in Orion.

example of such obscuration.

The dark nebulae which cause this rift hide from us also the great aggregation of stars, probably 50,000,000,000 in all, which are assembled around the center of our stellar system.

Nebulae are enormous cosmic clouds. They are far rarer on the average than our atmosphere. But

this does not mean that they are entirely gaseous. In all probability nebulae contain solid material in the form of fine dust and perhaps larger pieces also.

Some astronomers suppose that the nebulae are the sargasso seas of space into which stray material ultimately drifts and out of which the stars are formed.

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SKULL FOUND ON BEACH IDENTIFIED BY DENTIST

(By Associated Press)

GALVESTON, Dec. 2.—A dentist's memory of the type of bridge work performed on a patient in his office several months ago proved as infallible as the Bertillon system in identifying a skull found recently on the mainland near San Luis Pass and brought back to mind a bit of ill-fated heroism.

Dr. E. B. Smith, Giddings, dentist, viewed the skull, consulted his charts and records and pronounced it part of the body of Walter Gersch, 23, of Giddings, drowned with his father last August in the deep waters of the pass when they

went to the rescue of his sister, floundering beyond her death.

The skull was picked up several weeks ago by a fisherman who found it on the mainland beach, four miles from the point at which the young man went down.

GIVE \$10 WOLF BOUNTY

CANYON, Tex., Dec. 2.—(AP)—G. W. Cox and W. T. Hazelwood, farmers who live near Canyon, are offering a \$10 bounty for each wolf killed on their places. Wolves are killing geese and turkeys and are a menace to calves and sheep.

East Bernard—Construction work on roads in this section being rushed to completion.



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FOR SALE—Incubator, 500 egg capacity. See or phone E. D. Norman. 29-31d-31w.

FOR SALE—141 acre farm, 100 acres in cultivation, good improvements, 7 miles from Ballinger, northwest. G. H. Sturm. 25-8d-29-21w.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 319, 811 Seventh Street. 25-6d.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 1239. Mrs. L. C. Alexander. 22-8d.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags. The Ledger. 11d.

FOR RENT—Downstairs apartment. Phone 81. 3-11d.

Earl Morley went to Robert Lee Monday to attend to business for the West Texas Utilities Company.

Small Returns From Crops Hurts Fall Trading

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 2.—The reduced agricultural income was reflected in many branches of business in the eleventh federal reserve bank district last month, although others showed favorable trends, the reserve bank said in its monthly business review released today.

Heavy general rainfall which relieved droughty conditions in many sections and provided needed moisture greatly benefited small grain crops already sown and will enable farmers to complete seeding operations and to proceed with preparation of the soil for next year's crop, the review said.

"It should be borne in mind, however, that according to the Nov. 1 report of the department of agriculture, the indicated yield of three of the district's important crops—Cotton, corn and grain sorghums—is considerably below the 1928 production and is having the effect of greatly reducing the farmers' income for the current year," the report said.

While retail trade was 17 per cent larger than the previous month and 2 per cent larger than the same month last year, "reports from sections indicate consumer demand is being reduced by reason of the smaller returns from crops," the review continued. "Debits to individual accounts at larger centers reached a new high record in October, being 19 per cent larger than in September and 8 per cent above those of October last year.

"The commercial failure record while more unfavorable in October than in the previous month, continued to reflect an improvement over the corresponding month last year. The daily average deposits of member banks in this district rose from \$892,636,000 in September to \$900,260,000 in October but continued to run below those of a year ago, reflecting the reduced agricultural income. While Federal reserve loans to member banks declined

from \$34,112,933 on September 30 to \$25,823,752 on November 15, most of the reduction occurred during the last four days of the period. Loans to country banks have shown a steady decline since the middle of August, but those to banks in reserve cities have fluctuated widely and have remained at a level considerably higher than a year ago.

"The Nov. 1 condition of cattle ranges in Texas was one point lower than a month earlier and 6 points below that of a year ago. The condition of sheep and goat ranges showed an improvement of 4 points during the month but was 11 points under the condition a year ago. Prices on practically all classes of cattle evinced a further downward trend during the past six weeks, at times demand showing a tendency to strengthen but the supply usually was sufficient to fill orders. Hog prices, while somewhat uneven worked to lower levels despite the reduced supply. Toward the latter part of October, the demand for sheep and lambs developed a considerable improvement and prices showed a good recovery but later reacted somewhat.

"A further seasonal increase was reflected in cotton receipts at Houston and Galveston in October. Receipts at Galveston, however, were smaller than a year ago. Exports from Galveston were 312,190 for October as compared with 507,687 for the same month last year; for Houston the same figures were October, 1929, 306,587 and October, 1928, 407,317.

"Total production of crude oil increased in October but due to the longer month the daily average flow was smaller. There were 27,784,550 barrels produced during the month as compared with 27,299,250 in September and 23,153,100 in October last year. There were 919 completions during the month, of which 482 produced an initial output of 142,344 barrels as compared with 368 in September yielding 173,864 barrels.

"Texas costal grade 'A' sold for \$1.30 as compared with \$1.20 last year, the review showed.

HAGAN NEWS

Bro. Steele, of Norton, preached for us Sunday and a large crowd attended. We were very glad to have the people from Barnett and Norton with us, and invite them back.

Miss Velma Turner has been teaching school at Benoit.

Austin Williams and the Messrs. Nunn have returned from a hunting trip which proved very successful as they brought back three deer.

The entertainment Saturday night at the Wallace Seipp home was well attended and enjoyed by all.

F. A. Sparks is on the sick list this week.

Miss Velma Turner had as her guests Sunday Misses Iona Harris, Cordelia Batts and sister, of Ballinger.

Quite a few of the young people went on a picnic Sunday near Tennyson at Mt. Margaret. Those who went included: Misses Hazel

Lollar, Alpha Lou Sparks, Josephine Lander, Willis Sparks, Lester Seipp, Charlie Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp. All reported a good time.

"REPORTER"

All Odd Fellows are requested to be at the hall at 3:30 p. m., December 5th. Barry Miller, Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of Texas, will be there and tell you something you need to know. Fail not but be there. Also at the Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

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MEXICAN PAPERS DEBATE DEATH PENALTY CODE

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.—Mexico City newspapers are debating whether Luis Romero Carrasco, sentenced to death for murder, may be executed legally or will escape that fate through publication in the Official Gazette some time ago of President Portes Gil's new penal code, which abolishes the death penalty.

The penal code was designed to

go into effect Dec. 15 and while there was some disagreement at the time it was published, in view of the fact that publication in the Gazette is taken as automatically promulgating a law, none of its provisions yet have been put into practice.

There is division among lawyers, many holding there is nothing to prevent the execution prior to Dec. 15, while others maintain that Romero Carrasco merely has to demand commutation to life imprisonment to escape death.

Romero's case is one of the most repellent in recent Mexican criminal history. He was convicted for having murdered his uncle and three members of his household in their homes several months ago, with robbery as a motive. Two alleged accomplices in the crime are awaiting trial.

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MIAMI WOMAN AT 83 GETS PERMANENT WAVE

TAMPA, Dec. 2.—At the age of 83, when most women have settled back to quaint ideas and grandmotherly ways, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, of this city, recently visited a beauty shop and went through the ordeal of having a permanent wave.

"So many old people get careless," she explained, "but I don't believe one bit in that."

Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap returned to Simmons University, Abilene, Sunday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams, of Abilene, spent Sunday in Ballinger visiting Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter and Leo Castor, of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Castor here Sunday.

COMFORT—Additional road equipment was purchased here recently.

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24 lb. Exert High Patent Flour	92c
20 lbs. Cream Meal	62c
10 lbs. Cream Meal	34c
8 lb. bucket Lard	\$1.10
4 lb. bucket Lard	58c
Peaberry Coffee, extra fine, lb.	30c
Pinto Beans, 13 lbs.	\$1.00
Large 40¢ size Extracts	22c
25 lbs. Domino Sugar	\$1.55
No. 2 Blackberries, per can	12c
Prepared Mustard in goblet glasses	12c
All Toilet Soaps at	7½c
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