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Announcement

After January 1st The Globe will move to new quarters on Main Street in building now occupied by the Rho-Mac Cafe, and under a new name. Our Removal Sale will begin Dec. 1st and continues to 31. We have a complete variety of Christmas goods to make your selection from. You are welcome to our store at all times whether you buy or not. Nothing free but water and advice.

THE GLOBE

Two Killed In Plane Crash Near Temple

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 18.—Captain Harold Strucken, of New York, commander of the 47th Aero School Squadron at Brooks Field, and Sergeant C. E. Ryals, of Glennwood, Georgia, were killed today when their plane crashed to the ground near Temple, according to word received by officers at Brooks Field.

The aviators were on a cross-country flight.

URGES FARMERS TO DIVERSIFY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Federal Farm Loan Board urged the farmers of the nation today to turn their attention to diversification of crops, and a development of co-operative marketing as the "only sound basis for agricultural prosperity."

Basing its observations on data supplied by the twelve Federal land-bank presidents who have just concluded their winter conference here, the board said in its statement that conditions in the agricultural industry showed a "very satisfactory improvement," but it felt that the full advantage of the situation might not be taken by farmers unless they diversified crops and organized for marketing them.

NINE PERISH ON STRANDED SHIP; 8 MISSING

MARCHFIELD, Oregon, Dec. 17.—A light is still visible this morning on the schooner C.—A. Smith, which stranded on the jetty at the entrance of this harbor yesterday with a loss of nine lives.

Eight men who are believed to have been aboard the schooner when it went on the rocks, have not been rescued. Waves are breaking over the schooner from both sides and no vessel has been able to approach her.

Dr. and Mrs. Jennings, and Mrs. Patterson, of Winters, attended the American Legion play at Ballinger Monday night.

Henry Mitchell, of the Winters country, was a visitor to Ballinger Monday.

LEADS FIGHT ON MODIFICATION OF DRY LAW

DALLAS, Dec. 18.—Governor Neff is the only scheduled speaker at the prohibition and law enforcement meeting here tonight. The call for the meeting was issued by the Dallas Pastors Association, and is the first step towards launching a state wide campaign against a move which has been started for a modification of the liquor laws.

Mr. Neff will protest any action for modifying the present prohibition laws, and will appeal for a rigid enforcement of all liquor laws to the end that bootlegging and moonshining might be put down.

FORD WILL REFUSE TO RUN AGAINST COOLIGE

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—Henry Ford issued a statement today in which he said that under no circumstances would he be a candidate against President Coolidge for president of the United States.

"Like a great majority of the American people I feel that the country is safe with Coolidge at the head of the American government," said Mr. Ford, and the automobile manufacturer said he would never consider running against Coolidge on any ticket.

"I believe that it is wise and the natural thing for the people to agree on the nomination and election of President Coolidge," said Mr. Ford, "and I am satisfied that ninety per cent of the people feel perfectly safe with Coolidge. I feel too, that the nation is perfectly safe with him."

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George returned from Breckenridge Monday afternoon, where they went Saturday to visit Mr. George's parents over Sunday. Mr. George returned home a little smeared up with mud as the result of playing the good samaritan en route home and helping several unfortunate motorists out of the mud.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DIE IN GAS FIRE

BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 17.—Mrs. A. W. Saxton, age 40; and her two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Deaton, age 20; and Miss Alive Saxton, age 15, are dead, and there is little hope held out for the recovery of another daughter, Esther Saxton, age 11, as the result of a fire which destroyed the Saxton home near here Saturday.

Mrs. Saxton and her daughters were cleaning clothes with gasoline, when an explosion took place from the gasoline fumes in the room, and fire followed, enveloping the mother and her girls in flames and burning them so seriously that death resulted.

Mrs. Troy Simpson and baby went to Abilene Tuesday morning, where they will visit relatives a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn, of Winters, attended the American Legion play Monday night.

SEEKS ARMISTICE TO END MEXICAN REVOLT

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19.—Vera Cruz newspaper correspondents, telegraphing from Rinconada, near San Marcos, report that armistice arrangements are being perfected between the rebel and federal forces and that Gen. de la Huerta has communicated with General Martinez, Obregon leader, relative to a cessation of hostilities.

The reports state that the federalists lost one hundred men in their sally against the revolutionists at San Marcos, and this report comes from the military headquarters of the insurrectos. The rebels place their own casualties at thirty.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—Press dispatches from Villa Heromsa, the capital of the state of Tabasco, state that the rebel forces which have attacked that city for the past two days, have suffered heavy losses in the bloodiest fighting of the present revolution.

A report this morning says the rebels have suffered the loss of one hundred men.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19.—The city of Meridia, the capital of the state of Yucatan, with a population of 100,000 citizens, was taken over by the rebels yesterday when General Lariga, head of the city garrison, declared for de la Huerta.

The was announced here today by the local Mexican consul.

It was also indicated that Port Progreso would fall into the hands of the rebels.

John Heek, of the Wilmeth section, was among the citizens from the North end of the county here Monday.

FARM LABOR UNION MEETS

TEXARKANA, Dec. 17.—The national convention of the Farm-Labor Union of America convened today for a general discussion of the agricultural problems as they affect the labor situation in the Southern states. The opening session was devoted to formalities incident to the organization of the convention.

Jessie Ellis returned to his school work at Abilene Tuesday after visiting friends and relatives here several days. Ellis' home is in Brownwood.

The Season's Greetings

It is with genuine pleasure that the Officers, Directors, and Employes of this bank extend to you the Greetings of the season.

Everyone here joins heartily in expressing the wish that this Christmas may be a joyous one for you and yours, filled to the brim with happiness, pleasant memories, old friendships renewed and new ones cemented more closely. We wish you all the good things that make life rich in the living.

And may the New Year—filled with good-fellowship, high resolve, fruitful efforts, faithful work and obstacles surmounted—bring you ever nearer your goal of happiness, prosperity and lasting contentment.

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A Merry Christmas
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Happy New Year

To our Friends and Customers who have been instrumental in making this closing year successful and satisfactory, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation. We shall strive by a strict adherence to our policy of Store Service, Honest Merchandise, and giving Highest Quality and Best Values, to merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.



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Merry Christmas

At this season our thoughts go out in gratitude to our Friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you Happiness and Prosperity.

No matter what you may give or receive, no matter the size of your bank account, or the prosperity of your business, our best wish for you at this Christmas time, is that down deep in your heart, you may wish

"PEACE ON EARTH"
And that You May Feel
"Good Will Toward Men"

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Many Teachers Here for Fifth Annual Institute

With County Superintendent Jno. J. Bugg presiding, the fifth annual session of the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute convened in Ballinger at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning. The session is being held in the new Baptist church, and the auditorium was filled with teachers and quite a number of local citizens who were present to assist in welcoming the teachers.

The institute opened with prayer by Dr. Alvin Swindell, followed by a musical selection with Miss Emma Alice Walker at the piano, accompanying Robert Lee Maddox with cornet and Oscar Schott with violin.

Dr. Swindell presented the new church to the teachers as a place in which to hold their sessions. He briefly outlined the construction of the handsome building and its convenient arrangement for such a meeting, and told the teachers that it gave the Baptist congregation a great deal of pleasure to have them meet in the new building. Dr. Swindell stated that Superintnedent Bugg remarked to him when work began on the new building more than a year ago that he wanted to hold the 1923 teachers' institute in the new building when it was completed, and Dr. Swindell said that the promise was made at that time and is now being fulfilled. The building was constructed of native stone, all from the ground within the city limits and some of it from the basement of the building, and the total cost was only $41,500.

Scott H. Mack delivered the welcome address in behalf of the Young Men's Business League. Mr. Mack told the teachers that he could not follow the old custom of extending to them the keys of the city, as there were no keys, but that the gates to this city weren't locked and that the latch string hangs on the outside. He told them that if they did not see what they wanted and [illegible] if things did not come their [illegible] and to suit them that the Y. B. L. had two secretaries to [illegible] on them. Mr. Mack also [illegible]nted the city to the visitors [illegible] progressive program of [illegible]al, civic, educational [illegible]us life. He reminded [illegible]ers that Ballinger was [illegible]f the best agricultural [illegible] in Texas, and the best [illegible]tural county in West [illegible], and called attention to the 45,000 bale cotton crop, and other resources which had made the county so prosperous this year.

J. C. Helms, superintendent of the Sterling City schools, responded to the address of welcome, and expressed for the teachers their great pleasure for the opportunity of spending a week in Ballinger.

Superintendent Bugg made a number of announcements and at this juncture Stuart L. Williams appeared before the teachers and announced that the entire institute was to be the guest of the Ballinger merchants at a matinee Monday afternoon, and invited the teachers to attend the American Legion play, "All Muddled Up," which was to be staged at this time. Each teacher was presented with a ticket to the matinee as the guest of some firm or business man of this city.

The institute went into permanent organization with more than 350 teachers present, and others due to arrive. The county superintendents and superintendents of city schools attending the institute were presented, and it was indicated that all the counties comprising the district were well represented.

The various sections were assigned to rooms in the building, and the work of enrolling and registering by counties consumed the remainder of the forenoon session.

J. T. Bludworth, assistant state superintendent, was present when the institute convened and occupied a place on the program for the day. Mr. Bludworth discussed before the teachers the text book law, rural aid and permanent fund for the state teachers' association, and the enactment of a law providing compensation for teachers who attend an institute. Under the law it is now compulsory on the part of the teachers to attend institute, but no provision is made for paying them for the time, and while the attorney general has ruled that they shall receive pay, the comptroller could refuse and tie the matter up if he were so inclined to do. It is expected that the next legislature will remedy the defect in the law. The teachers should receive pay. Their expenses take about all they receive for the week spent in attending the institute.

The institute devoted most of the afternoon to departmental work, the different groups taking up the work in which they are most interested, coming together for general discussions, and for lectures from different speakers. The public is invited to visit the institute.

At 3:15 the institute recessed for the American Legion comedy presented at the Maeroy Theatre. The teachers will be the guests of the Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday evening at a reception to be given at the American Legion hall.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

Constipation

Is the human race's most insidious enemy, being the cause of the majority of our illnesses. A deadly foe to constipation is FORCE Tonic. It regulates the bowels and liver, helping them to function normally and without discomfort.

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WINTERS NEWS

WINTERS, Dec. 16.—One of the largest real estate deals affected recently was completed yesterday. A. E. Griffis transferred his farm of 320 acres lying six miles North of Winters, to W. C. Evans for a consideration of $100 per acre. At the same time W. H. Williams and J. W. Watkins transferred their farms to Mr. Evans. These farms lie 5 miles Southeast of Winters. Together they comprise 200 acres and were sold at $90.00 per acre. Making in all a consideration of $50,000. The trades were made by W. W. Rainwater and Judge A. O. Strother.

J. I. Weeks, of Lawn, Texas, died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. E. Seagler, of this city. Mr. Weeks had been sick for some time and had recently come to Winters that he might be near a physician. Unbounded sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

A flying squadron is scheduled to give a paid circus performance on Sunday (today). The Law Enforcement Committee and the churches have voiced a protest against the performance.

The streets were crowded with cars Saturday and there was a good trade in all lines.

WINTERS, Dec. 13.—The sudden change in weather nearly sealed us up for the week. Nearly all of our merchants are taking out rain insurance. The insurance agent is a popular personage now.

Tom W. White, of Weatherford is visiting his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Dixon.

Messrs. J. Copeland and Gus Jones of San Angelo, spent several hours in Winters yesterday. They report San Angelo as enjoying great prosperity.

T. E. Lassiter of Merkel, is visiting his friend, Jake Davidson.

The great West Poultry Show of Plainview is calling birds from the Winters country. A fine display of Rhode Island Reds by D. L. Babb and a display nearly as large of Barred Rocks by C. L. Faulkenberry were forwarded yesterday. We are expecting good results from the exhibit.

When You are Constipated

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

John A. Weeks went to Austin on business Thursday afternoon.

RAISING CHURCH SCHOOLS FUND

The intensive campaign for $1,350,000 being conducted by the Presbyterians of Texas for their educational institutions opens in Ballinger Sunday with special services at the First Presbyterian church. L. R. Latham will address the congregation Sunday on the subject of Christian education and its application to this campaign. There will be no solicitation at this service. The work has the unanimous endorsement of the Synod of Texas and the support of the ministers throughout the state. Headquarters have been established in Dallas and a canvass will be made of the entire state within the next nine months.

The money is to be apportioned to Austin College, Sherman; Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Austin; Daniel Baker College, Brownwood; Texas Presbyterian College, Milford; Presbyterian Home and School for Orphans, Itasca; Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute, Kingsville; Presbyterian School for Mexican Girls, Taft; University Church, Austin; work among Presbyterian students at state institutions.

The movemnet will be conducted by the executive committee of Christian Education of the Southern Presbyterian church, of which Dr. Henry H. Sweets, of Louisville, Ky., is executive secretary. A similar movement has just been completed by the Presbyterians of Arkansas, where about $486,000 was pledged on a quota of $406,000. Texas is the thirteenth synod in which this work has been started, and in the other twelve successfully completed. These are: Arkansas, Appalachia, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The work in this section will be completed as rapidly as possible and it is believed that the statewide campaign can be completed by June 1924.

DRINK WATER FREELY IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

Also Take Salts if Back Hurts or Bladder Troubles You.

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

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

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

PAINT STOLEN FROM VON ROSENBERG PLACE

Someone got away with five gallons of paint and four gallons of linseed oil at the Rasbury place near the Catholic church on Sixth Street which is now owned by C. J. Von Rosenberg, of LaGrange, and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Miller.

B. F. Corum has been on the job for several days repainting the house for Mr. Von Rosenberg and it is presumed that some thief took advantage of the opportunity to stock up and repaint his own house. No clue was left upon which to base an investigation.

R. N. Ensor, of the Winters section, was here Friday looking after business.

SCHOOL BOARD FILLS VACANCY

The school board of trustees of the Ballinger Independent District, was in session Friday evening, transacting the general routine of business and attending to special matters which demanded the attention of the board.

The resignations of Mrs. Henry Porter and Miss Mae Bridwell were accepted, and Mrs. Kate Douglass, of Sterling City, was elected to succeed Miss Bridwell as teacher of the third grade in Central ward school. The board has not secured a teacher to succeed Mrs. Porter.

With the resignation of Mrs. Porter and Miss Bridwell the Ballinger schools lose two of their best teachers, and it was with no little regret that the board accepted the resignations. However, under the circumstances, the board decided to release these two good teachers from their contracts.

The trustees headed off a petition which had been prepared asking them not to convene school until January 2nd, extending the holiday period over New Year, by fixing the convening date for Monday, December 31st. The pupils had prepared a petition asking for the longer holiday period, but the school board deemed two weeks sufficient and ruled on the matter.

To relieve rheumatism, sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Liniment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and $1.20 per bottle. Sold by John A. Weeks.

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TO-NIGHT Tomorrow Alright

NR a mild, vegetable laxative to relieve Constipation and Biliousness and keep the digestive and eliminative functions normal.

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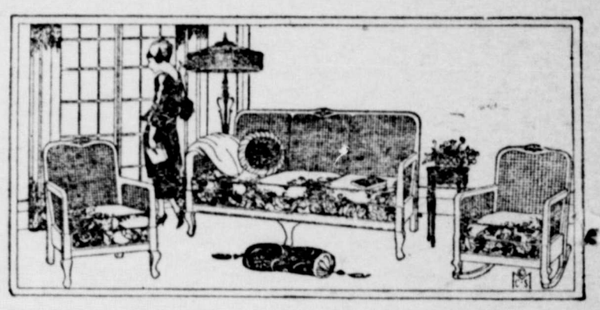
For children and adults.

Manager Wooley, of the local Western Union office, returned to his post of duty Saturday morning, after a two week's absence for rest and vacation. Mr. Wooley visited different points in the state, and was at Amarillo during the recent snow storm, and experienced some real winter. Relief Operator Parker, who had been on the job here during Mr. Wooley's absence, left Saturday for Dallas.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Miss Thelma Bigby came in from Irion county Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigby, of the Pony Creek community. Miss Bigby is teaching in Irion county and is attending the institute here this week.



A Real Christmas Gift

Popular Cane Suites in Mahogany Finish, upholstered in Velour of different colors. Also all-over Suite upholstered in good grade of tapestry; and Fiber Suites with good quality of upholstering.

Suites for Christmas shopping as low as $75.00.

Select yours now!

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Exide Batteries, Seiberling Casings and Tubes.

Let us do your vulcanizing and battery charging.
If you get down, telephone 116.

Mr. Tenant Farmer

Why not begin to get ready to buy that home you have been promising yourself and family. If you need some financial help or other kind of assistance in making your deal come in and let's discuss it. We also have anything from a small truck farm to the largest ranch for sale. Write or see us in person. Always glad to talk with you.

McGarver & Lynn

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Ballinger, Texas.

HIRD LEGION PLAY BIG HIT

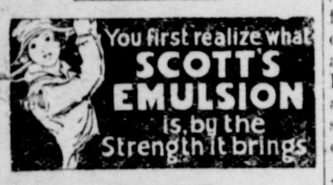
Exceeding by far the financial success of its first two minstrels, and scoring a big hit from an entertainment standpoint, about sums up the results of the American Legion's effort in staging its third annual show.

The play was presented at the Maeroy Theatre Monday afternoon at matinee and at night, overflow houses witnessing both performances, and those who attended expressed their approval of the entertainment in their hearty applause.

The net take-in on the local Legion post's effort to raise money with which to carry on its work had not been definitely determined late Tuesday, as all items of expense had not been accounted for, but the gross will figure better than $900, including the amount realized from advertising in the Legion special put out by the boys to advertise their show.

The cast of characters appearing in "All Muddled Up," all did themselves proud in carrying the parts assigned them in the comedy. A number of those appearing on the program would do credit to a professional cast, and specialty numbers were called back to the stage for as many as the fourth encore, and the entire program was presented without a "bobble."

Those making up the cast in the three-act play were: A. R. Jones, Troy Simpson, Harry Lynn, R. W. Earnshaw; Misses Kathleen Baker, Anna Jean Sharp, Anna Raby, and Lois White. Stuart L. Williams and Master Scott Strain appeared in a specialty which brought down the house, and the Junior Band also proved a popular number in the between-act specialties.



FOX WILL NOT GO ON STAND

ATLANTA, Dec. 18.—Phil E. Fox, former Ku Klux Klan editor, will not take the stand to testify in his own behalf during his trial here on a charge of murder in connection with the death of William S. Coburn, a fellow Klansman, and attorney for Simmons, head of the Klan, it was announced today by a party who is closely associated with the defense.

Fox has entered an insanity plea, and expert doctors have testified that the defendant is now in a chronic paranoic condition, and give it as their opinion that he was insane and possessed of an hallucination to kill when he entered Coburn's office and shot Coburn dead as he was seated at his desk.

The defense rested its case at noon today, and the court took a recess to allow the state time in which to prepare its rebuttal witnesses. The defense rested at the conclusion of the expert testimony of Dr. J. Brawner, one of the three alienists who declare Fox is a paranoiac.

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Manicure Rolls at 1-2 Price. Asa Cordill. 18-1d-1w

Save money on your ammunition at reduced prices. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 13-5d-2w

GUARD PAY-ROLL ARRIVES

According to Lieutenant W. C. McCarver, the pay-roll for the last quarter for the local unit of the National Guard has arrived. Local officers experienced some delay in getting the checks for the last quarter owing to changes which were made at San Antonio. It is desired that all men be present at Thursday night's drill call to receive their pay.

Now is the time to buy a good Watch at Asa Cordill's. 18-1td-1tw

WET FIELDS HALT EAST TEXAS CROP

HOUSTON, Dec. 18.— Field work at a standstill in East Texas because of wet soil is reported in the bi-weekly crop and weather letter of the United States Department of Agriculture issued here. The letter gives a survey of conditions as follows:

General Crop and Weather Conditions — Temperatures have ranged from above to below normal and heavy rains or snow fell over most of the state. Field work made fair progress in West Texas but is at a standstill in most of East Texas on account of wet soil. Killing frost was had on the 14th over the Northern half of the state with light frost elsewhere. Condition and progress of pastures, truck, citrus fruits, winter wheat, and oats, mostly good to very good. Truck and citrus shipments increasing.

Cotton—Most of the cotton is in except in the Panhandle and the extreme West. The crop remaining in the fields has been damaged and the late rains have delayed picking.

Corn—Practically all harvested; crop was only fair; few counties have any surplus.

Wheat, Oats and Rye—Condition good to very good; furnishing good winter pasture where not too wet to turn in stock; acreage smaller than expected account wet fall.

Rice — Harvesting practically completed; the small percentage still in shock damaged by rains. Yields turning out somewhat better than expected; little change in price; few sales.

Fruit—Valley citrus fruits being shipped in carlots.

Livestock and Pasture—Livestock has stood the bad weather fairly well and is in fair to good condition. Some classes are fat and ready for an early market. Pastures are green and furnish an abundance of grazing. Most stockmen have ample facilities to care for their animals.

HEALING CREAM IS A QUICK RELIEF FOR NASTY HEAD COLDS

Colds and catarrh yield like magic to soothing, healing antiseptic cream that penetrates through every air passage and relieves swollen, inflamed membranes of nose and throat. Your clogged nostrils open right up and you can breathe freely. Hawking and snuffling stop. Don't stay stuffed up and miserable.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist. Apply a little in the nostrils and get instant relief. Millions endorse this remedy known for more than fifty years.

WEEK OPENS WITH HOLIDAY RUSH

The streets were crowded Monday, and after waiting for the weather to clear up, people thruout the county and adjoining counties made a holiday rush on the local market. The stores were crowded with shoppers thruout most of the day, and local business men report a good business. The week before Christmas promises to be a record breaker for trading in the Ballinger market. This reflects the prosperous condition of the county.

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.
Sold by druggists for over 40 Years.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

EATON TO MOVE TO LUBBOCK COUNTY

D. F. Eaton is at home from a week or ten days trip to the coast country and business visit to College Station. Mr. Eaton made the trip in an auto. He is busy rounding up his affairs and arranging to leave Ballinger about the first of the year. Mr. Eaton will be transferred to Lubbock county, having chosen that county out of a number of locations offered him. The Lubbock county farmers are fortunate in getting Mr. Eaton as farm agent, and Runnels county loses in the deal.

Closing out our stock of Shot Gun Shells at reduced prices. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 13-5d-2w

Normal President Speaks Before Teachers Institute

Dr. H. W. Morelock, president of Sul Ross Normal, of Alpine, was the principal speaker before the Concho-Colorado Teachers Institute Tuesday morning, and Dr. Morelock is due to address the teachers again Wednesday.

"What our boys are reading, what they ought to read and how to read it," was the substance of Dr. Morelock's address before the large crowd of teachers assembled here for the institute at the Tuesday morning's session. The prominent educator and head of one of the state's educational institutions was discussing literature, and he emphasized the great importance of placing before the boys and girls the right kind of literature in the schools.

Some time Wednesday Dr. Morelock will discuss "Good Teachers and Sorry Teachers." His profession is one of training teachers, and he knows his subject.

The institute convened on time for the second day's session Tuesday morning with the enrollment pushed up to about 350. 324 teachers had enrolled up to the closing of Monday afternoon's session of the institute, and others arrived late Monday and early Tuesday, and the institute is the largest ever held in this section of the state, and is composed of a live bunch of teachers, all eager to take advantage of everything which will better equip them for work, and elevate their profession to the highest degree possible.

The Tuesday morning's session opened with prayer by Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and with County Superintendent John J. Bugg presiding. In the absence of some of those who were to take part in special music for the opening exercises, the institute got down to business, and the presiding officer announced that the special music numbers would be rendered later.

The chairman made some announcements with reference to boarding places for those who arrived late, and an invitation was extended to the teachers to be the guests of the Parent-Teacher Association at a reception at the American Legion club rooms tonight. The teachers greeted the announcement with applause, and when the presiding officer asked all those who would attend to signify it by holding up their hands, practically every hand went up.

After calling the roll, and after late arrivals had been enrolled, the institute went into sectional meetings, and took up the discussion of the subjects of interest to the different groups.

Roy Bedichek, of the University of Texas, was the principal speaker at the Monday afternoon's session. Mr. Bedichek discussed work pertaining to the inter-scholastic league of the schools.

The institute was favored with piano selections by Miss Frances Holman and Miss Evelyn Shepherd, and a reading by little Miss Rippy, at the Monday afternoon's session, and the group sections were in session. The institute recessed at 3:00 o'clock, and practically every teacher attended the American Legion play.

The first floor of the auditorium of the new Baptist church is large enough for the institute, but is none too large, and it has been necessary to add many chairs in order to seat the large crowd which is attending the institute. There are quite a number of visitors present for each opening session of the institute, and the public is invited to attend the opening exercises.

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THE GLOBE

A. S. Love, Prop.

TENNYSON COUPLE WEDS HERE SUNDAY

Dr. Alvin Swindell spoke the words at the Baptist church at high noon Sunday which united in matrimony M. H. Houston and Miss Alice Jones, of the Tennyson country. The young folks were accompanied by a party of friends and relatives. They will make their home a few miles North of Ballinger in the New Home community.

Save money on your ammunition at reduced prices. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 13-5d-2w

ast Church.

County Commissioners Yeager, ller and Curry returned to ir homes Tuesday afternoon, er spending a couple of days e attending commissioners' irt.

T. Wallace, representing the terans' Bureau, was here Wedday and Thursday, meeting h the American Legion and King after the interest of rld war vets.

LODGING CHARGED 70 YEARS AGO, SAYS

CANTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Not re than 70 years ago, people o were traveling did not have pay for a night's lodging when y slept in a stranger's home, l when a man borrowed money m another he would have been ulted if he had been asked to e his note for it, according to some citizens wished to transfer the county seat from Canton to Wills Point.

He is 87 years old, having been born in Nacogdoches county September 27, 1836. Mrs. Walters, who was Miss Elizabeth Reeves, was born October 9, 1838 in Talladege county, Ala. The couple have 46 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

NIMRODS REPORT DUCKS PLENTIFUL

Local hunters who have been in the field the past few days report that ducks are now more plentiful in this country than they have been this season. The recent cold snap and the abundance of water in this section accounts for the presence of the birds it is said.

ROCK WORK

For Rock, brick and cement work, see J. A. Cavanaugh. Phone 509, Ballinger. 16-4tw-*

The French government requires radio equipment of at least 150 miles radius on all ships carrying more than 12 passengers or 50 or more persons, including crew.

It's important to know that a man has come from a good family, but it is more important to know how far from it he has come.

The eyes have it—if they are sufficiently beautiful.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

With the advent of the Holiday Season, and the coming of the New Year, it is our great pleasure to express to our Friends and Customers the real appreciation we feel for their helpful patronage which has had a share in our success.

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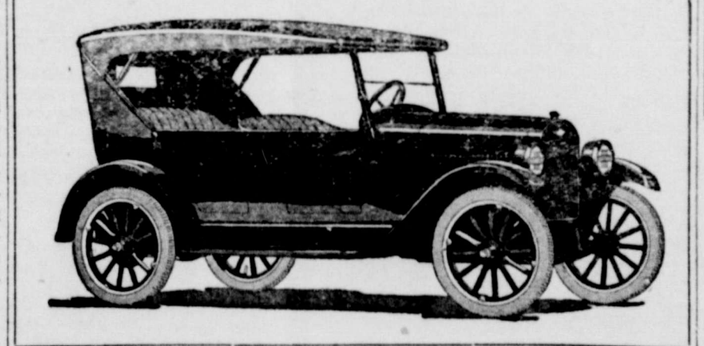
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If the drive on oil crooks continues much longer, Uncle Sam will have to enlarge his prison walls.

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Either long money or a short

White Swan COFFEE

Many Teachers He
Fifth Annual

With County Superintendent Jno. J. Bugg presiding, the fifth annual session of the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute convened in Ballinger at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning. The session is being held in the new Baptist church, and the auditorium was filled with teachers and quite a number of local citizens who were present to assist in welcoming the teachers.

The institute opened with prayer by Dr. Alvin Swindell, followed by a musical selection with Miss Emma Alice Walker at the piano, accompanying Robert Lee Maddox with cornet and Oscar Schott with violin.

Dr. Swindell presented the new church to the teachers as a place in which to hold their sessions. He briefly outlined the construc-

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Congress has been in session ten days, and the daily reports say that body is deadlocked. The deadlock is all due to politics in perfecting the organization. In other words the politicians are playing while the tax payers will do the paying.

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The Baptist people are due the thanks of the citizenship of Ballinger for throwing their new church open as an assembly hall for the teachers institute. The church, with its large auditorium and class rooms, makes an ideal meeting place for the teachers institute. This building is not only a credit to the city, but it is a big help in times of such needs.

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The manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers offered $275,000 for Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis Cardinal's star infielder, but the offer was declined by the Cardinal manager. At this rate boys no doubt think it more profitable from a standpoint of dollars and cents to train for baseball players, instead of presidents.

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Fort Worth has to its credit the lowest death rate of any city in Texas, and stands second in the nation, with a death rate of 9.9. In other words less than one person out of every one hundred in Fort Worth died, or 990 out of every one hundred thousand. San Antonio holds the highest death rate, being credited with 15.4 to every one thousand people.

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A drive has been launched in Abilene to raise $125,000 to supplement a $300,000 endowment fund for Simmons College; a $50,000 drive is on for a gym building for McMurry College; and the Christian College is bidding for a nice sum to support its work in Abilene. Such is life in a college town.

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The annual report of the director of the veterans' bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30th shows that the bureau spent $447,648,639 for relief of ex-service men and $23,029,253 for other purposes. It is up to the ex-service men to figure out how much relief was given, and as for the amount spent for other purposes, that's the freight money spent for delivering the goods.

The report of the director of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, which was made public Thursday, shows that out of 122,000 women workers on whom the bureau secured wage figures during the past year, less than one-third of the number earned as much as $16 per week. Now, we would like to hear from the men.

Three rich brewers were convicted in a Northern city for making booze last week, and most any daily paper you pick up will tell you of convictions for violations of the liquor laws. Yet there are some fellows who have

the county so prosperous this year.

J. C. Helms, superintendent of the Sterling City schools, responded to the address of welcome, and expressed for the teachers their great pleasure for the opportunity of spending a week in Ballinger.

Superintendent Bugg made a number of announcements and at this juncture Stuart L. Williams appeared before the teachers and announced that the entire institute was to be the guest of the Ballinger merchants at a matinee Monday afternoon, and invited the teachers to attend the American Legion play, "All Muddled Up," which was to be staged at this time. Each teacher was presented with a ticket to the matinee as the guest of some firm or business man of this city.

eral Runnels county citizens have invested in Western land, and we haven't any criticism to offer against the fellow who stakes him off a home up there. There is a growing demand for farms. The population of the world is increasing, and if the fellow who came to Runnels county a poor man, rented land and made a start, wishes to try his luck somewhere else, we say go to it, old boy, somebody else will take your place here. But don't burn your bridgs behind you, because you will naturally want to come back when you lose what you have made here.

MONEY FLOWS INTO TEXAS IN A BIG STREAM

Perhaps never before in the history of Texas was there as much money in Texas banks as here is today, and it continues to flow in as the Texas cotton crop is sold.

The prosperity of the state is reflected in bank deposits as in no other way—unless it is in automobile sales—and they are sometimes purchased on credit.

It is said that the deposits of the member banks of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District today are above the $1,000,000,000 mark, and the bankers are trying to find favorable outlets for investing surplus money which they will not need until next spring.

SWEETWATER SHIPS 15 CARS OF TURKEYS

SWEETWATER, Dec. 13.—The fifteenth car of turkeys was shipped from this place Tuesday, the big shipment being made in face of the demoralizing market conditions this season.

The top price for turkeys Monday was 13 cents. No 1 turkeys brought 13 cents; old toms, 10 cents; and 7 cents was paid for No. 2 turkeys. Nine of the fifteen cars shipped this season were placed on the Thanksgiving market. The other six cars have been shipped since Thanksgiving.

A new fish cleaning scraper rolls the scales under its blades instead of throwing them into the air.

With their hats in the ring, who do politicians talk thru?

Plow in Fall to Reduce Leaf-Spot

Tomato Blight Can Be Controlled Covering Infected Vines With Soil.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Recent investigations by the bureau of plant industry, United States Department of Agriculture, indicate that tomato leaf-spot, or blight, which causes an average annual loss of approximately 250,000 tons of tomatoes in the Middle Atlantic and Middle Western states, can be largely controlled by thoroughly plowing under all dead tomato vines in the fall to prevent the overwintering of the fungus.

The tomato leaf-spot fungus, as shown by experiments, grows fruits, and overwinters on various kinds of dead plant material, such as weeds, grasses, corn stalks, wheat stubble, and remains of other crops. It overwinters in greatest abundance on old tomato vines, however, as it starts on the live plants when there is little competition with other fungi and obtains a monopoly on this material. During the autumn and spring it thoroughly permeates the surface tissues of the old tomato vines lying partly or wholly on the surface of the soil, and in the summer produces innumerable fruiting bodies and spores. This food supply usually carries it well into the fall, by which time it spreads to other dead plant remains and hence lives over another winter. By means of this saprophytic existence on dead plant debris, it is able to live from year to year until it finds a favorable opportunity to attack another tomato crop.

Causes Death of Fungus.

Covering the infected tomato vines with soil at the end of the picking season causes the death of the fungus before spring. The vines have to be thoroughly covered, however, to obtain this result, as those left partly or wholly exposed harbor the fungus. If the leaf-spot fungus could be completely prevented from living over even one winter there would be obviously no more leaf-spot. The more nearly this condition is approached, the less likelihood of an epidemic, for this fungus does not produce spores until summer and a small amount of it could hardly multiply enough under natural conditions to do much damage in the short period favorable for its distribution.

Plowing the vines thoroughly under in the fall in the preparation of the land for the succeeding crop will prevent an enormous amount of overwintering. This accompanied by clean culture and crop rotation should practically control this disease if generally practiced. The use of a rolling cutter to cut the vines or of a curved rod to turn the ends into the bottom of the furrow as they are covered with soil may aid in the covering. Disking and plowing will not suffice unless all the parts are covered so deep that they will not become exposed.

The eastern practice of disking tomato fields at the end of the harvest and sowing grain or grass is apparently responsible for much overwintering of this fungus, as this enables it to live and multiply on the tomato vines until the grain stubble or dead grass leaves are available as food.

Use of Early Plants.

Owing to temperature limitations leaf-spot or blight does not usually appear in tomato fields in the Middle Atlantic and Middle Western states until June 15 to July 1. The use of very early plants is therefore a means of partially escaping it. This will not apply, however, to the main or late crop. Moreover, it will not aid much if leaf-spot develops in the seed bed and is carried to the field on the plants, as this produces early epidemic conditions. The necessity of a clean seed bed is therefore apparent. Horse nettle, purple thorn apple, jimson weed, ground cherry, and black nightshade should be kept out of fields, roadsides, fence rows and other parts of the farm, as they are also hosts of this fungus.

Food Is Essential in Production of Feathers

Food is just as essential in producing feathers as it is in producing eggs—don't stop feeding your hens when they molt and quit laying. L. E. Payne, Kansas station, says to continue to feed them a laying mash, as they need the nutrients that were formerly required to produce eggs for developing new feathers. After the completion of the molt discontinue the feeding of the dry mash and keep the hens on a dry ration until about January 1; when the mash should be resumed. Corn, wheat, barley, and kaffir, either singly or in combination, would make a good fall feed.

Encourage Purchase of Bulls Co-Operatively

More than 600 additional live stock breeders' associations were formed with the assistance of agriculture extension workers in 1922, and 300 communities were encouraged to purchase bulls co-operatively, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. Co-operatively owned improved breeding stock, co-operative buying and selling of feeds and stocks, and community adoption of sanitary measures in care of live stock are features of these organizations.

PLANTS THAT HAVE "SIGHT"

Either That Sense or Instinct Which Would Seem to Answer the Same Purpose.

We know that plants are sensitive to light and darkness. Many of them move during the day to turn the faces of their flowers always to the sun. Others open only when the daylight is dying, and when the moths on whom they rely to carry their pollen are abroad.

Climbing plants, such as sweet peas, seem to fling their tendrils in an almost uncanny way in the direction of anything that will serve as a support.

A scientist engaged recently in taking photographs of leaves through the microscope was surprised to discover that some of them showed hundreds of little round patches, each of which reflected the image of some object, just as do the facets of the compound eye of an insect. Closer examination proved that each of these patches consisted of a cell whose rounded outer wall formed a perfect lens.

Each cell was, in fact, a perfect eye. It was tempting to jump to the conclusion that plants could see. Actually they do not. The "eyes" serve quite a different purpose. A plant lives by the process of bottling up sunshine, whose action produces chemical changes within the leaves and the stem. The leaves focus the sun's rays and enable the work to be done effectively.

Plants are sensitive to light simply because when the sun shines the chemical changes within them go on with increased speed. Climbing plants find supports by groping. The tendrils follow the sun, and as they move round they touch and hold on to anything suitable that lies in their path.

LONDON THIEF USES CANDLE

Burglar Always Carries Stump and Matches in Cigar Box and Leaves Them.

There is an old-fashioned burglar in London who has mystified New Scotland Yard detectives for a long time, the Cincinnati Enquirer says.

At every home he breaks into he leaves a cigar box. About two dozen cigar boxes have been collected by the police and deposited at various stations in the north and northwest suburbs.

The cigar box is used as a candlestick. He puts the stump of a candle and some matches in the box, and when, in the early hours of the morning, he forces the catch of a window and enters a house he lights the candle and quietly makes a search for jewelry.

Having filled his pockets with all the valuables he can find he leaves the cigar box with the candle and the matches on a chair or table and goes home.

Nobody has yet been able to find out anything more about this mysterious burglar. The police think (without prejudice) that he is an old man, who, after leading an honest life for some years, has returned to the evil habits of his youth. They base this theory on the supposition that if he were a young man he would despise such an antiquated thing as a candle and carry an electric torch, but, being old, he cannot bring himself in line with the ideas of the modern burglar.

Seasickness a Thing of the Past.

The day when a cross-Channel journey or a long voyage will become a real delight rather than (to many) a distressingly trying discomfort is at hand, comments the Westminster Gazette.

Engineering has accomplished this by the perfection of what is known as the gyroscope stabilizer, the first of which, in this country, has been constructed by the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical company at their Trafford Park works, Manchester. The manner in which the gyroscope steadies a ship is simple. If a wave comes along and seeks to push the ship over in one direction the gyroscope quietly pushes it back, exerting an equal force directly opposite to that of the wave.

Entitled to Peace.

"This is the arena of the Coloseum,' announced the tourist, doing a little lecturing for the benefit of his wife. "From yon grim portals the lions entered. Yonder sat Alexander the Great to supervise the combats."

"Don't display your ignorance," retorted his better half. "Alexander the Great was never in Rome."

"He was."

"He was not."

The husband subsided.

"All right, my dear, I won't dispute you. This arena has seen enough battles."

Strange Experience.

One evening after I had finished helping mother dry dishes I decided to read my story book. I began where I had left off—about the middle of the book. Soon I fell asleep. I dreamed of a strange story, something like the one I was reading. I dreamed to the end of the story. The next day when I finished my book I found it was exactly as my dream had been and also ended the same way.—Chicago Journal.

Cement for China and Glassware.

A cement for mending broken china and glassware may be made as follows: Mix a cupful of milk with a cupful of vinegar, then separate the curd from the whey and mix the whey with the whites of five eggs, beating the whole thoroughly together. When it is well mixed sift in a little quicklime and stir until the mixture is of the consistency of thick paste. Cement made in this way dries quickly.

REDUCTION of TAXATION
WILL NOT CURTAIL FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

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JOHN T. PRATT
Chairman
National Budget Committee

IN the current discussion of the proposals which Secretary of the Treasury Mellon makes for a reduction in the general burden of taxation, it is important that the real choice which the people have to make should be kept constantly in mind. There is no great difficulty in doing this, but, as in all discussions which are approachable from many points of view, there is a danger that attention will be directed to subsidiary matters rather than to the idea which is central to the whole proposition.

The essential proposition will be more clearly defined if the assumptions upon which Mr. Mellon's suggestions are based are clearly understood. The first of these is that present methods of efficiency and economy in the management of the Government's business shall continue. There must be no return to slipshod, wasteful methods in administering the ordinary operations of the Government. In concluding that there will be a surplus of receipts over expenditures during the next few years Mr. Mellon and his assistants have taken it for granted that there will be some increase in Government activities. They do not propose to say that henceforth from this particular moment our Government shall cease to have its natural growth as an institution whose purpose is to serve the people. They have allowed for such growth in their calculations, but have doubtless figured that the cost of this growth will be less than in the past by reason of the constant application of better business methods. The decision therefore which is to be made with respect to the disposal of the surplus does not affect the natural expansion of Government activities. The proposed reduction of $332,000,000 in taxes can be made without curtailing present activities or refusing to undertake new ones which are really essential.

Another assumption is that there shall continue to be included in the estimated expenditures for each year an amount sufficient to insure an appreciable annual reduction in the total of proposed reductions can be made despite the fact that $500,000,000 or more will be applied each year to the liquidation of this indebtedness to the American people. Our people are not asked to forego payment of interest on the bonds and notes which they hold in order that their tax bills may be reduced. They are to continue to receive Government payments while contributing less to the support of that Government. Not only that, but sinking fund charges and other allotments of receipts are to reduce the principal of the public debt.

Assured then of continued efficient service from the Government and of regular payment of interest, along with actual reduction of the debt total, the choice of the people lies entirely between a reduction of taxation and an extraordinary increase in the costs of Government. The question is simply whether we will have a number of new things done for us by the Government which are not imperatively necessary, or whether we prefer a substantial reduction in that part of our incomes which we now have to pay to the revenue collector.

Economy of fuel is the aim of a new damper for residence heater flues that is automatically operated by a thermostat filled with a liquid that expands when heated.

Read Ledger "wants" column.

The bark of the gonakie tree of French West Africa has been found to yield a useful tanning material.

A tenant has had his landlord arrested for striking him. For the rent, probably.

Friends

There is nothing so valuable as Friends and nothing so necessary as to keep them. We desire to maintain co-operation with you during the coming year and extend our wishes for a very

Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year.

WEEKS
DRUG STORE

Merry Christmas

The employees and management of your telephone company extend to you Holiday Greetings with the wish that this Christmas of 1923 will be to you and yours a time of Happiness and Good Cheer.

Merry Christmas
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LATE NEWS FLASHES

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Germany's request that the reparations commission agree to a release of its priority claim on Germany's resources to the extent necessary to permit Germany to borrow money abroad with which to buy needed food, was delivered to the reparations commission this afternoon by the German war burdens commission.

The present attitude of the French government, as stated semi-officially, is against granting the application.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Thirty miners were entombed in the coal mine at Kasuya in Southwestern Japan today, and all are being held prisoner by gas in the mine shaft, according to advices received here.

A collapse of a portion of the mine entombed the men. The rescue work is proceeding with extreme difficulty, and it is feared that the attempts to rescue the miners will prove unavailing.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 17.—Warrants charging attempts to bribe against United States District Attorney Aubrey Boyles, and Harry French, federal onforcement officer, were served here today.

The warrants were sworn out by Charles Smith, chief deputy to the sheriff of Mobile county.

One of the warrants is a joint one charging Boyles and French with attempts to corrupt or bribe R. E. Hunt, a member of the state law enforcement department, while the second warrant was served only on Boyles, and charges tha the attempted to bribe W. H .Holcomb, former sheriff of Mobile county.

(Undated)—President Obregon, according to meagre dispatches from Mexico, has completed the organization of the Western federal forces, and has turned his attention to the East where the rebel thrust is apparently threatening the capital.

Rebel headquarters at Vera Cruz continues to claim success in its military undertakings and in gaining ground over the federal troops at different points.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The revolutionary movement in Mexico has not operated so far in such a way as to change the policy of the United States government toward Mexico, it was announced today at the White House.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—The revolutionary forces evacuated Puebla last night, the war department announced this morning, and the federal forces occupied Almaza and Lucas Gonzales.

This gives the federal troops three victories since yesterday, according to the reports.

President Obregon is perfecting the Western organization for putting down the revolt in that sector.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Dr. R. S. Swint, alienist, was turned over to the prosecuting attorneys for cross examination when the trial of Phillip E. Fox, charged with murder in connection with the death of William S. Coburn, was resumed today.

Dr. Swint testified at the trial Saturday on direct examination that after giving Fox a mental test he adjudged him to be a paranoiac, and expressed it as his opinion that Fox killed Coburn while under a delusion.

MUTUAL PEST INSURANCE IS NOT PERMITTED, HELD

AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—Insurance against damage by grasshoppers, black bugs or cut worms through a mutual insurance association is not permitted by the laws of Texas, the insurance department held in denying a permit to the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Baird, Texas.

The association proposed to assess its members three cents an acre for each acre they have planted to crops subject to these pests, in addition to an annual assessment of $2. Each insured agreed to accept $2 an acre for each time he was compelled to replant after damage by the grasshoppers, bugs or worms prior to July 1 of each year, and bound himself to use every means to protect his crops.

The mutual fire, hail and lightning laws do not authorize issuance of a certificate to a mutual association or corporation to write such indemnity insurance, the department held.

CAN LOAD TRUCKS 50 PER CENT GREATER

AUSTIN, Dec. 17.—Owners of commercial motor vehicles may load them to 50 per cent in excess of the manufacturer's rating capacity under a ruling of the State Highway Department. This ruling is extended on condition that the tire equipment is sufficient to carry the load. Under the old ruling commercial vehicles could be loaded only to rated capacity.

MAVERICK FOLKS RAISE NICE FUND FOR SCHOOL

Maverick citizens believe in doing things right when they put on foot an undertaking for the building up of that community, and the Maevirck teacher's home and the school grounds will be improved as the result of an entertainment and box supper given at Maverick Friday night.

The nice sum of $178 was received from the sale of boxes, and from the contests put on for the most popular girl and the ugliest man. In the popular girl contest Miss Callie Wyigle won, and Ernest Marshall carried off the honors for being the ugliest man. A nice present was presented to Miss Wyigle, and Mr. Marshall received a box of cigars.

Real beauty is born, not made up.

The normal child, however, turns out all right in spite of all the parents can do.

Locals

Dr. A. S. Love and W. A. Bridwell, who are shooting big game in the Uvalde country, are due to return home first of the week. They have been gone about one week.

J. D. Motley, secretary of the Y. M. B. L., represented Ballinger at the annual membership meeting and banquet of the Board of City Developmnet at San Angelo Friday night.

Mrs. Porter Murray and children left for Granger Friday afternoon, where they go to spend the holidays with Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs W B. Wood.

Mrs. G. H. Woolridge and little son, of Dallas, are here for a visit during the holidays with Mrs. Woolridge's mothre, Mrs. J. E. Orr.

Judge Davenport, of Concho county, who also serves as county superintendent of his county, is here attending the teachers' institute.

Prof. J. H. Hollingsworth, of Bronte, superintendent of the schools of that city, is among the live wire teachers who are here attending the institute. Prof. Hollingsworth spent part of the summer in Ballinger in normal work.

John A. Weeks returned Monday from a business trip to Austin and San Antonio.

Rev. R. B. Twitty and family motored to Abilene Saturday, where they spent the day visiting friends. Rev. Twitty was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Abilene before coming to Ballinger.

Mrs. H. H. Luckett returned home Sunday afternoon from San Angelo, where she spent several days with her son, A. P. Luckett. Mrs. Luckett is making home here with her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mrs. R. A. Dickinson has returned from a visit to her daughter at Dallas.

Judge Jennings, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Schawe are here for a visit with Mr. Schawe's parnets, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe. They will be here until after the holidays.

Dick Trail returned to his home at Brady Saturday afternoon. He had been here to be at the bedside of his father, E. A. Trail, who was seriously ill for a day or two. We are glad to report that Mr. Trail is improving and will probably be up and about again in a few days

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Mrs. M. R. Fortson came in at noon from Dallas to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bair.

W. B. Claunch, of Waco, arrived on the noon Santa Fe to spend the holidays with the Van Pelt family.

Mrs. Theo. Matthieson and daughter were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. Mattie Holliday returned home Sunday from Winters, where she had been spending the week with her son, David Holliday, and family.

Horace Oliver, who is teaching school at Rotan, is spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eason were down from Winters Monday looking after business and meeting the school teachers who are here attending the institute.

C. R. Stephens left Friday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes to attend a meeting of the state democratic executive committee. The committee will discuss plans for the coming campaign, and fill vacancies caused by resignations and otherwise since the last political campaign.

L. R. Gaston and Jim Johnson, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A .Taylor and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap were called to Bronte Friday morning to attend the funeral of Travis Lowry, who died at that place Thursday night. Mr. Lowry was a relative of the Massey family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chaillette returned to their home at Houston Wednesday afternoon, after a visit to Mrs. Chaillette's father, W. S. Harmon; and sisters, Mrs. C. B. McKinney and Mrs. Bud Cline.

G. Schuhmann, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dunn went to Brownwood Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days with Mrs. Dunn's parents before going to New Mexico. They will return to Ballinger and go to New Mexico in their jitney next week.

J. T. Fullen returned to his home at Mt. Calm, Thursday. He had been visiting his sisters, Mrs. Earl Jones and Mrs. Elzie Lee, who live West of Ballinger. Mr. Fullen was a citizen of this county ten or twelve years ago and still owns some land in the county.

E. A. Trail was stricken suddenly ill Thursday morning, and was reported to be in a serious condition at his home on Fourth Street.

Miss McGrew, of Dallas, is here working in the interest of the ladies' department of the Methodist Church.

County Commissioners Yeager, Miller and Curry returned to their homes Tuesday afternoon, after spending a couple of days here attending commissioners' court.

T. T. Wallace, representing the Veterans' Bureau, was here Wednesday and Thursday, meeting with the American Legion and looking after the interest of world war vets.

NO LODGING CHARGED 70 YEARS AGO, SAYS

CANTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Not more than 70 years ago, people who were traveling did not have to pay for a night's lodging when they slept in a stranger's home, and when a man borrowed money from another he would have been insulted if he had been asked to give his note for it, according to Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus Walters, of Canton, who recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary.

"I was a grown man before I knew anybody to be charged for a room," Mr. Walters said. "Hospitality in those days was different from what it is now. When a man borrowed money he would have been insulted had he been asked to give his note for it."

Mr. Walters recalls the "record war" of Van Zandt county of which Canton is the county seat, when a clash almost occurred as some citizens wished to transfer the county seat from Canton to Wills Point.

He is 87 years old, having been born in Nacogdoches county September 27, 1836. Mrs. Walters, who was Miss Elizabeth Reeves, was born October 9, 1838 in Talladege county, Ala. The couple have 46 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

The French government requires radio equipment of at least 150 miles radius on all ships carrying more than 12 passengers or 50 or more persons, including crew.

It's important to know that a man has come from a good family, but it is more important to know how far from it he has come.

The eyes have it—if they are sufficiently beautiful.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

With the advent of the Holiday Season, and the coming of the New Year, it is our great pleasure to express to our Friends and Customers the real appreciation we feel for their helpful patronage which has had a share in our success.

Here's wishing you and yours all the Good Cheer that comes with the Christmas Season.

Strain-Pyburn Drug Co.
THE STORE OF PERSONAL SERVICE

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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

This is the wish that we wish for everyone on the earth today and more especially for our Friends and Patrons. May this Christmastide bring many joys to those that are dear to you and may the New Year bring added prosperity.

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HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO.
Most Everything and Dodge Bros. Cars

Something for the Car for Christmas

Ladies---

Your Accessory Dealers are Catering to Your Needs This Christmas. Call on Them Before Purchasing.

Dealers---

Waco Distributes More Motor Supplies Than Any Other City in the Southwest. We Can Supply Your Needs and We Appreciate Your Business.

Yours for An Automotive Xmas

Archenhold Automobile Supply Co.
Miller Company, Inc.
Herrick Hardware Co.
McLendon Hardware Co.
McCauley-Ward Motor Supply Co.

Waco, Texas

A Most Acceptable Gift---Something for the Car for Christmas

Railroads Completely Regulated

The Santa Fe says efficient transportation to meet growing needs of country is possible under existing Governmental regulation. Farmers and business men asked to exercise their influence in giving Transportation Act a fair trial.

The vigor of our national life absolutely **depends upon transportation,** primarily the railroads. To insure that all important functions of the railroads are discharged in an orderly and dependable manner the Government has undertaken to regulate them in the following particulars:

1. A Government Commission determines **freight and passenger rates.**

2. A Government Commission determines what is a "fair return" on the value of property used for transportation purposes, but **does not guarantee** any return.

3. A Government Commission determines the above value of transportation property.

4. A Government Board determines **wages and working conditions** in case of dispute between railroad employer and employe.

5. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad may issue its **stock and bonds.**

6. A Government Commission has determined how all **railroad accounts** are to be kept.

7. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad line may be built or abandoned, **leased, sold or merged** with any other line.

8. Any and **every form of discrimination is prohibited** by law.

9. A Government Commission prescribes **safety methods and appliances** and makes constant inspection for any failure to observe its requirements.

There are **duties devolving upon the people** to see that the railroads are given fair treatment by the Commission and Boards to whom has been delegated the task of exercising the overwhelming control described above, and that the provisions for such control are not lightly tampered with nor changed until some clear need for change appears. With such treatment assured the railroads can and will grow in capacity and efficiency to meet all the needs of our country, and health and vigor will be assured to our great national industries, such as farming, manufacturing, mining and commerce.

W. B. STOREY, President
The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System

T. C. U. GETS $4,000,000 GIFT

Members of the Christian Church throughout Texas were made to rejoice Wednesday, when it was announced that Mrs. Mary Burnett, widow of the late Capt. Burk Burnett, had conveyed all her property, valued at $4,000,000 to the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. The property will be handled by a trust estate for the benefit of the institution. In addition Mrs. Burnett gives the university $150,000 cash for a library building. The gift is one of the largest ever made to a Texas institution.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

SCHOOLS TO RECESS FOR TWO WEEKS

The Ballinger schools, as well as the schools throughout Runnels county and the counties constituting the Concho-Colorado Teachers Institute, will recess Friday afternoon for two weeks. The first week will be devoted to institute work in Ballinger and the second week will be the usual Christmas holiday week. Some of the departments of the local schools will close Friday afternoon with exercises, Christmas trees, etc., and the usual "swapping" of presents and exchange of Christmas greetings will take place, as the kiddies will not be together any more until after the holidays.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. - 60c per bottle.

Porter A. Whaley, secretary of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was a visitor in Ballinger for a few hours Saturday. Mr. Whaley started to San Angelo to attend the annual commercial club banquet at that place Friday night, but missed connections at Abilene on account of train delays. He completed the trip, however, Saturday, as he had business at San Angelo and Ballinger.



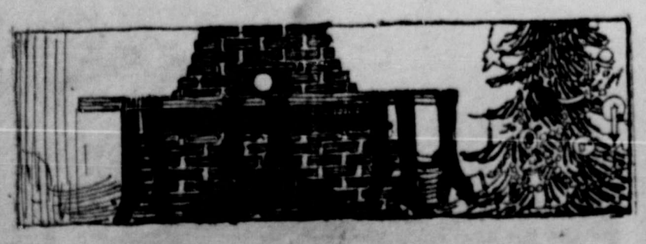
Good Things To Eat

The one big event of the day is the Christmas Dinner, so you want it to be as near perfect as possible. One of the first things to do then, is to come here to choose your Groceries.

Jubilee Flour
Chase & Sanborn Coffee
Tea Garden Preserves
Nuts, Candies, and Fruits.

When Santa Claus comes you will need lots of things from the Grocery Store—come to see us.

Currie Mercantile Co.



SANTA CLAUS VISITS PASTOR

Santa Claus made his appearance at the Baptist Church Wednesday night, and as a result Dr. Alvin Swindell was heavily pounded. The pastor could hardly account for such good attendance at the prayer meeting, but it was all made clear to him after prayer meeting when Santa Claus came in from one of the Sunday school rooms pulling a little wagon. Santa Claus represented the membership of the church, and the pastor was presented with many gifts, including a Christmas turkey. It was a pleasant surprise for the pastor, and he had to call for help in loading his car with Christmas packages which were brought together for him.

A Good Thing—DON'T MISS IT.

Send your name and address plainly written together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial "flu" and whooping coughs, and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

GOOD DEMAND FOR NEW U. S. CERTIFICATES

Although the new issue of the government's registered Treasury Savings Certificates has been available to the investing public only since Saturday, December 1, calls for these loss-proof federal securities have been very heavy locally and other postmasters in the county report the same brisk demand, according to Postmaster J. A. Reese.

"At their new prices and with their new rate of compound interest, these securities make every 80 cents invested now produce 20 cents interest in five years, returning a total of $1 for every 80 cents," the postmaster pointed out.

Features of the new issue certificates were summarized as follows by Mr. Reese:

"There are three (maturity value) denominations: $1,000, $100, and $25. The $1,000 certificates cost $800; the price of the $100 certificate is $80; while the $25 certificate sells for $20. The difference between the "face" and the cost of the certificate is interest profit at maturity. Although these securities mature five years from date of purchase, they can be cashed without loss by the owner whenever he pleases. Held to maturity these certificates yield 4 1-2 per cent compounded semi-annually; cashed before maturity they yield 3 1-2 per cent compounded semi-annually."

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets.) It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

After the holidays it is expected that the political stage will be cleared for action in Runnels county, and if rumors count for anything, it will pay the man, and woman too, to arm him- or her- self with a poll tax receipt.

Just who'll be who on the ticket has hardly reached the speculative period, but Madame Rumor has it that none of the county offices will go begging in the next campaign, and the voters will witness a sweepstakes in several races.

Present incumbents have put out nothing. It is expected that most of them will submit their names—and records—but they are saying nothing; only sawing wood.

County Superintendent John J. Bugg is the only county officer to declare a vacancy. Mr. Bugg says he will not be a candidate for re-election. He has made a record which stands for itself—and it is a good one—and he will voluntarily step down and out.

Prof. Bob White, one of the teachers of the North end of the county, and a Runnels county boy, fully qualified to fill the place, has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for superintendent. Prof. John Priddy, who has also spent several years instructing the young mind, and who did work in the University last summer, is a probable candidate for Mr. Bugg's place. There may be others—who knows?

Henry Todd, raised in Runnels county, if not born here, will be in the running for tax assessor, according to some of his close-up friends, and who will back him to the last ditch. Mr. Todd is at present directing the Hatchel school work. He has taught at other places in the county, and has had clerical experience sufficient to make summing up the property owner's value an easy task for him.

Both the state senator's place and the office of representative from this district are vacant, and it is probable that Ballinger will have a candidate in the field for both of these offices. Senator Baugh resigned to accept a place on the bench at Austin, and Representative Carter is engaged in law practice in the Rio Grande valley.

The North end of the county will probably put several candidates in the field for county office. Political rumor has it that men are being groomed for the fracas. The slate is to be filled, or at least the 1924 ticket will contain the names of all office holders—from constable to president, including the election of a district judge. A Ballinger man has been solicited to enter the race for district judge.

Play the game safe—get your poll tax receipt, and also one for the missis.

LADIES! SECRET TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Bring Back its Color and Lustre With Grandma's Sage Tea Recipe.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant. Mixing Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use preparation improved by the addition of other ingredients a large bottle at little cost, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of muss.

While gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger.

Mrs. M. C. Smith left for Brownwood Saturday morning to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, W. Z. Morris. Her daughter, Miss Marryatte left for Brownwood Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral.

Read the ads and profit.

CHARITY BOARD IS SANTA CLAUS

It is up to the citizens of Ballinger—those who have been blessed with good health and prosperity, to say what Santa Claus will do for the poor children of this city, and the unfortunate objects of charity.

All three members of the United Charity Board are at work raising funds with which to carry on the charity work. They are asking for a budget for the year's work, and will set aside a portion of the amount raised for emergency calls throughout the year, and will spend a portion of it in carrying on the work heretofore done by the Goodfellows Club.

In order that there may not be any duplication of work, and in view of the fact that the United Charity Board had planned to make a drive for charity funds, the Goodfellows Club is not functioning this year. But there is a need for help in carrying Christmas cheer to the children in quite a number of homes in Ballinger. The Charity Board will supply the funds and name a special Santa Claus committee.

Surely you will want to have a hand in helping make some unfortunate person in our midst happy on Christmas. Up to Thursday morning about one-half the amount called for by the Charity Board had been raised. The citizens of Ballinger cannot afford to do less than go over the top, and give the board funds with which to play Santa Claus. If you have not been solicited it is all the more important that you see Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, Rev. E. D. Messer or C. J. Lynn at once.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt 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.



AMERICAN LEGION GETS NICE PRESENT

Santa Claus has already proven a good friend to the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, and as a result of his visit the Legion's treasury has been enriched to the amount of $60.

The American Legion Auxiliary presented the Legion with a check for $60 Friday, and the money will be used in furnishing the Legion rooms. The Auxiliary uses the hall for its meetings, and on special occasions, and the liberal donation expresses to some extent the ladies' appreciation of the efforts of the boys to better their social and physical welfare.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

COKE COUNTY HAS BANK FULL OF MONEY

ROBERT LEE, Dec. 13.—The deposits in the First Guaranty Bank at this place have passed the $350,000 mark, which is the highest since the establishing of the bank, and there is more ready cash in the county than ever before in its history.

The easy condition is due to the good crop and good prices paid for cotton. About 4,000 bales of cotton have been ginned here, and notwithstanding that one-third of it has been shipped to the Farm Bureau, and the producers have not been paid in full for their cotton, the county is prosperous and will enter the new year with a bright outlook for another good crop.

For Sale at a Bargain

1023 acres fine river land, one mile from Robert Lee, Texas. 350 acres in cultivation; 80 per cent tillable land; 8 room brick house; brick smokehouse; rock milk house; rock barn, 30x60 feet; large cistern; good well; two good springs; 4 room rent house.

Will sell all, or cut it up in small tracts to suit the purchaser. Small payment down, and the balance, if desired, in ten annual payments at 8 per cent. Good reason for selling. Phone or write

J. R. LOCKE

Robert Lee, Texas.



The Christmas Book

The best Book you can give yourself or your family for Christmas is a Bank Book.

Added pleasure comes from reading it day by day as the balance grows, because you realize how it is making you more and more independent.

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Dr. Morelock and Dr. Hunt, the latter being president of McMurry College, of Abilene, addressed the institute Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Morelock discussed "Literature in the Schools," or "What Our Boys and Girls Should Read." Dr. Hunt spoke on the subject of "The Value of Education."

The afternoon session of the institute was favored with a violin solo by Miss Christine Burk, and a reading by Miss Minta Smart, and the usual time of the institute was taken up with sectional meetings. The teachers were held a little overtime in order to complete the second day's program.

Prof. Felix Smith, of San Angelo, appeared before the institute Tuesday afternoon and discussed matters relating to the interscholastic league work for this district. The meeting will be held in San Angelo this year.

Several teachers who had been detained at home on account of illness, or excuses which were accepted for their face value, enrolled Wednesday morning, and will get credit for three days' work. The presiding officer announced that teachers would receive pay for only such time as they were marked present at the institute.

STOP RHEUMATISM WITH RED PEPPER

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known.

Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion—and the old rheumatism torture is gone.

Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, costs little at any drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it for lumbago, neuritis, backache, stiff neck, sore muscles, colds in chest. Almost instant relief awaits you. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

WRITES ABOUT A BIG SNOW STORM

L. K. Parr is in receipt of a letter from his son Eddie, who is in the Plains country. The young man writes from Farwell, Texas, and says it would be hard to describe the recent snow-storm which fell in that part of Texas in such way as to make the people who did not witness it believe

The letter stated that snow and eight feet deep in places, Ford sedan which was left out over night was completely covered up, the snow drifted around it. Many sheep froze to death, and two people lost their lives in the snow-storm which swept the Plains country and Mexico.

INSTITUTE BRIEFS

Rev. E. D. Messer is about the busiest man in the institute. Mr. Messer is secretary of the institute.

Dr. A. J. Hill, president of the Canyon Normal, was due to address the teachers Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. H. W. Morelock says it is his first visit to Ballinger, and he is delighted in the progressive little city. "Sul Ross is in West Texas," said Dr. Morelock, "and we must support our West Texas institutions."

Prof. Bugg told the teachers he had no faith in a man or woman who would not support the thing which was giving the most help in educating the children. Mr. Bugg was lecturing on membership in the State Teachers Association.

Superintendent Smith, of the Winters school, says his school is one hundred per cent in affiliation with the State Teachers Association, every teacher being a member.

"We were royally entertained at the reception," said Prof. Helms, of Sterling City, "and the teachers appreciate the splendid hospitality they are receiving in Ballinger."

It is rumored that there will be a free ticket for every teacher who wishes to fly over the city during the "flying circus" exhibition here Thursday. Reservations should be made early.

Runnels county teachers challenged the entire district for a basket ball game, and the contest was scheduled for this afternoon on the high school court. It may be that the home teachers have overwatched themselves.

Judge Davenport, of Concho county, is a member of the resolutions committee, on the executive board, and is a busy man in the institute. He is not a school teacher, but he is here with the Concho county instructors.

Ballinger citizens are invited to attend the institute when in general sessions. Quite a number have been present at the opening exercises in both mornings and afternoons.

I have for sale at a bargain, a well improved farm, 200 acres, 75 in cultivation, well improved. Plenty of water. Will sell at a bargain. Close to Byrds oil field. This land is not leased. It lies 3 1-2 miles Northwest of Grosvenor, Brown county. R. M. Gabbest, Norton, Texas.
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TOO MUCH RAIN— CAUSING FEED LOSS

"It is so wet we can't do anything," said W. B. Cobb, of Valley Creek, who was in the city Tuesday morning, and Mr. Cobb expressed a wish that it would quit raining.

That is something unusual for a farmer in this country to wish, but Mr. Cobb is not alone in this hope. It takes rain to make this country bring forth a bountiful crop, but we must confess that we are getting too much of a good thing, and as a result of the three months' wet weather, farmers who were late in harvesting their feed have booked a considerable loss.

In the early fall farmers considered harvesting cotton more important work than feed harvesting, and also late feed was not ready for harvesting when the country was experiencing pretty weather in September.

The country has not experienced any heavy rains, sufficient to cause high water, or even to swell streams to any extent, but the slow drizzles, and rainfall of about ten inches since the first of October has put the section in a soggy condition.

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

Special prices on all Diamonds.
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BALLINGER BOY WEDS PAINT ROCK GIRL

Herbert Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dean, was recently wedded to Miss Jewel Gardner at Paint Rock, and the Paint Rock Herald gives the following account of the wedding:

"On Sunday morning at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Houston, a pretty home wedding was solemnized, in which Miss Jewel Gardner and Mr. Herbert Dean were made man and wife, by Rev. O. M. Cole, pastor of the Methodist Church at Paint Rock. J. V. Rhodes and Miss Stella Miller and Oran Dean and Miss Nell Houston, groom's men and bride's maids, supported them in the wedding ceremony. The bride was dressed in a smart suit of gray. Immediately after the marriage the young people left for Ballinger where they took dinner at the home of the groom and that afternoon left in their automobile for Graham where they will visit with Mrs. Dean's people.

"Six cars of friends and young people had collected at the bridge at Paint Rock to give the young people a happy send off in the way of rice, old shoes, and chalking their car, and to escort them into Ballinger. But the newlyweds got wind of the honors that were to be given them and gave the waiting party the dodge by crossing the river at the causeway below the dam and went to Ballinger via Concho and the Colorado River road. The party, nothing daunted, gave chase when the quarry switched and followed them into Ballinger, getting there fifteen minutes later. They finally found the bride and groom and proceeding to fulfill their happy wishes even to the decorating of the car with all kinds of wording for newlyweds. In this party of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dean were Mrs. Mac Hartgrove, Mrs. Dell Currie, Miss Oby Currie, Miss Ruby Currie and Willard Estep, Miss Pearl Currie, George Langford, Jack Bishop, V. D. Fuller, Miss Tots Currie, Miss Mattie Miller, and her friend from Stacy, Alton Tomerlin, Robert Shaw, Misses Frances McCollom and Annie Dunman, Miss Stella Miller and J. V. Rhodes, Oran Dean and Miss Esta Woolley.

"The bride is a neice of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Houston and has made her home here the past two years or more, attending our school. She is a sweet, winsome girl, beloved by all her acquaintance. The groom is a Ballinger boy and in business there with his father and brother. He stands high in town and has a host of friends there as well as in Paint Rock. The Herald joins the large circle of friends in good wishes for success and happiness in their lives."

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

W. C. Hogan, of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday, and left an order for The Ledger to go to his son, E. R. Hogan, in New Jersey for a year. No doubt the paper will be like a letter from home, and will carry more news from home every week than the father can write his son in a per-

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Car Owners Take Notice

Beginning on January 1st, 1924, we will strictly a 30-day credit business. Your accou will be presented on the 1st of each month and settlement is not made by the following 10th of th month, your credit will cease and we ask that yo spare us the embarrassment by not asking for addi tional credit until your account is paid. We feel that this will not inconvenience anyone but will be 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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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Established 1886 *The Old Reliable*

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

As we approach the end of another year of service our thoughts very naturally turn to those whose confidence, friendship and patronage have been the means of our success.

We hope that our co-operation and such service as we have been able to render have been of the sort to cement this relationship and equal to every expectation and requirement, and it is our desire to increase our usefulness the coming year.

It being the custom of our Bank for a number of years and having had so many requests, it is our desire to give each and everyone a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat, serviceable 1924 CALENDAR for your home. Until our supply is exhausted, they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not. Our Calendar is a reproduction of the famous painting, "An American Princess." CALENDAR cannot be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian. Calendars will be distributed, commencing January 2nd, 1924.

We wish for you and the members of your household a Very Merry Christmas and trust that the New Year may be generous in its blessings.

Yours very truly,

The First National Bank of Ballinger.

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RHEUMATIC PAIN FROM ACHING JOINTS

Stop "dosing" rheumatism. It's pain only. St. Jacobs Oil will stop any pain, and not one rheumatism case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Oil right on the tender spot, and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. St. Jacobs Oil is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints, and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia.

Limber up! Get a small trial bottle of old-time, honest St. Jacobs Oil from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

Mrs. Joe Blagg and children came in from Brownwood Monday, and will visit until after the holidays with Mrs. Blagg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmeth.

Before going hunting supply with ammunition at Jeanes & Co., at reduced prices.
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BETHEL NEWS

Mrs. Emmett Richardson was prevented from going to San Antonio by the bad weather.

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The Bethel school district organized a Parent-Teacher Association last Thursday night. Owing to the weather there was not a large attendance.

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The young men of Bethel played basket ball with the Rowena team Friday.

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Mrs. Jess Thomas was hurt when her car turned over Friday. The accident occurred close to the river bridge in South Ballinger.

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Lon Muncy has moved to South Ballinger. R. D. Goodwin will live in Mr. Muncy's house.

"BETHELINE"

LAND FOR SALE

1631 acres, 12 miles South of Ballinger, on Paint Rock-Ballinger road. Good water. 1,000 acres tillable. Improve. Price $16 per acre.

745 acres 10 miles South of Ballinger. On Pony Creek. Price $17 per acre.

W. W. BOSWELL, Owner,
14-2tw Paint Rock, Texas

MILES PERSONALS

MILES, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Ray B. Johnston and children are visiting friends in San Angelo this week-end.

Miss Nannie Scott is here from Coleman to visit her mother, Mrs. R. M. Scott.

Mrs. Lee Clarke has returned from Belton where she visited her parents for several days.

H. J. Askin was in Rowena Saturday on business.

Wendell Jennings left Saturday for Austin to spend the holidays with relatives.

Charlie Hart and sons were in Ballinger Saturday on business.

Elmer Johnson and Misses Gladys Fowler and Ethel Pittman were Ballinger visitors Saturday.

BALLINGER HUNTER BAGS 14 POINT BUCK

Dr. A. S. Love and W. A. Bridwell returned Monday from a hunting trip down below Uvalde and they "brought home the bacon." Mr. Bridwell is as proud as the boy with his first pair of red top boots and for fear that his friends would not take his word for it, he put on display in a downtown market a 14-point buck which he bagged. W. B. Wood and son, Lige, from Granger, joined Dr. Love and Mr. Bridwell at Uvalde, and while the hunters were out only two days on the drive they killed three deer, Mr. Bridwell getting one and Senator Wood two.

Mr. Bridwell says they had a good outing, but the roads are almost impassable, and it is a big job to get over them in an automobile.

TWO BOYS PLEAD GUILTY TO THEFT

Two boys of the Wingate country plead guilty to stealing goods from a store at Wingate this week. The pleas of guilty were entered in Justice of the Peace James' court of Wingate.

The Wingate justice of the peace did some clever work in apprehending the parties who stole a quantity of cigars, candy, etc., from a store at Wingate, it is reported. The boys were seen to place something under a church door steps at Wingate, and the matter was reported to the justice. Mr. James made an investigation and discovered the stolen property. "Allright, I'll catch 'em," said the officer, and at the proper time he secluded himself in the church, and when the shades of night came the boys came back to get their booty, and as they were crawling under the steps to recover the hidden smokes and sweets, the justice of the peace jumped from the building and nabbed the young men.

The matter was adjusted in court by the boys pleading guilty, paying fines, and the stolen goods returned to the owner.

It seems that the boys in their hasty get-away with their loot got hold of a cigar box which contained the private papers of a Wingate merchant, instead of smokes, and this made it easy to identify the stolen property.

Boys will be boys, sometimes, and sometimes boys, if not halted at the proper time will grow up to be thieves, and it seems that Wingate has a justice of the peace who is also a good detective.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. 60c.

BROTHERS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 38 YEARS

T. L. Reams, of Tulare, California, is visiting his brother, R. R. Reams; and sister, Mrs. L. M. Bales, of the Hatchel country. They were in Ballinger Saturday.

When Mr. Reams arrived here last week to visit his brother and sister, it was like strangers meeting as they had not seen each other in thirty-two years, and since the California man left his old home in Tennessee, and went West. In fact the brothers and sister did not know the whereabouts of each other, having been separated for almost a third of a century.

Last summer Mr. Reams decided to return to his old home in Tennessee, where he found another ssiter, and thru her he learned of the whereabouts of his Texas brother and sister, and after he returned to California he wrote to them, and last week the happy meeting took place.

The California brother is nearing his 70th mile post in life, and has raised a family of children, who have married and all have families.

Closing out our stock of Shot Gun Shells at reduced prices. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 13-5d-2w

STATE DISCREDITS FOX STATEMENT

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—Testimony attempting to establish a definite date as to when Phillip E. Fox, through friends, made the statement that the "voice of God told me to kill," was being introduced by the state today at the trial of Fox charged with the murder of William S. Coburn, a Ku Klux Klan attorney.

The state contends that Fox had a motive for slaying Coburn, and that the defendant did not make any statement about hearing the "voice of God" until after he had consulted his lawyers and physicians which was at least six days after the shooting of Coburn.

ATLANTA, Dec. 19.—Bailiffs in charge of the jury sitting in the case of Phillip Fox, on trial here for murdering William S. Coburn, had to threaten to draw their pistols on six men who attempted to forcibly interfere with the jurors while they were taking outdoor exercise early today. The officials in charge of the jury immediately reported the matter to the court officials.

It was said that a group of men had been following the jurors each time they have been taken from the court building.

A NIGHT WITHOUT A MOVIE IN BALLINGER

It has been some time since a week-day night went by in Ballinger with all movie projectors silent, but such was the case Monday night, and movie fans were deprived of their usual screen entertainment. The Maeroy Theatre picture program was suspended for the night on account of the American Legion holding forth in that play-house, having the hall rented for the evening in which to stage its annual play.

The Fo-to-sho Theatre's films failed to arrive, the program having missed connection in transit, and the movie theatre was dark for the night.

Polar Club Electric Heaters at $4.00. Asa Cordill. 18-1d-1w

MILES NEWS EVENTS

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Dec. 18.—Virgil Brooks, who attends school in Austin, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brooks.

Among San Angelo visitors Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell, Mrs. J. B. Brooks, Dave Lummus, Mrs. R. R. Holmes and children, J. L. Fowler, Misses Eva Woods and Lena Derrick, Glynn Reichert, Ben Wooley, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McBurnett, Cleve Haynes, Mrs. Sam Harris, Miss Mildred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Graves, Mmes. W. J. Ellis and J. W. Eskew and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Mr. Wilson, Leonard Woods, Geo. Rumsey, Wm. Woods, W. J. Reasonover, Mrs. Nathan Wright, Mrs. J. W. Cranford and son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Reasonover have returned to their home at Sonora after a few days visit with relatives here.

Charlie Hart and family left Tuesday for Lubbock to make their home.

20 year Watch Case of Jewel Elgin Movement for $14.00. Asa Cordill. 18-1d-1w

Prof. S. L. Bird, at one time teacher in the Ballinger schools, is here attending the teachers' institute. Mr. Bird is teaching in Coke county.

J. D. Perkins is at home for a Christmas visit with his family, and to rest up a few days from work on the road for a grocery house.

LeRoy Nicholson went to Coleman on business Tuesday morning.

C. Rosenfield left for Coleman on cotton business Tuesday morning.

FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

"Where the Best Pictures are Shown."

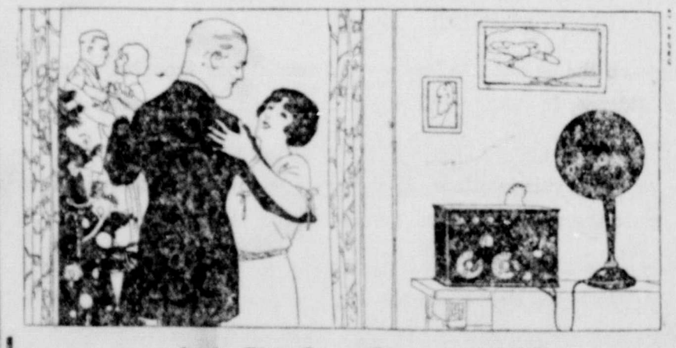
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"THE STEEL TRAIL"
Last Chapter.

Bob Reeves in
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A Universal Western

Hal Roach Presents
His Rascals in
"Back Stage"
A Pathe comedy.

Admission 10c and 25c



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The increased enjoyment and the added pleasure of entertainment when you can switch on the Radio makes it a most suitable Gift for your family.

Here you will find various models from which to choose.

Make this An Electrical Christmas

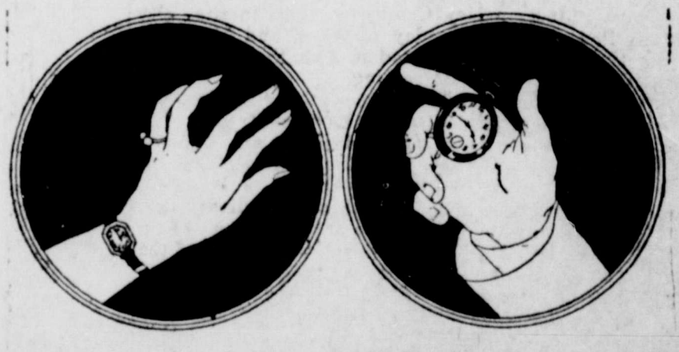
BALLINGER ELECTRIC CO.

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Don't Wait Any Longer

Christmas is only a few days away now and many are still making Gift selections. Our store is just one big stock of suggestions and any article we have will please the recipient. You can also find a Gift for any member of the family here, so do away with the worry of Christmas shopping and come to our store.

Gifts that Will Please



Watches for Everyone

For those planning to give the Best of Gifts—a Watch—we offer Elgin, Waltham, Hamilton, and Howard watches, at special bargain prices. Also Gruen Wrist Watches for the Ladies, in White Gold cases and in many shapes.

Come to Cordill's for all your Gifts. Jewelry and Christmas go hand in hand and all Jewelry Gifts are sure to please.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Cures Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

Nervous B[illegible]own

MRS. ANNIE LANGE, [illegible] a great improve- up. I used seven R. F. D. 1, Burlington, Tex[illegible]ui, and can say the writes as follows regardi[illegible]ell spent, for I grew her experience with Cardui: "Sor[illegible]g. Am now able to time ago I had a nervous bre[illegible]asework and a great down of some kind. . . I was v[illegible] besides." weak and so nervous. I had fa[illegible]re weak, run-down, ing spells and suffered a great [illegible]nd suffer from the ail- but more from the weak, tren[illegible]culiar to women, it is no-account feeling than any[illegible]ly that Cardui will help else. I knew I needed a ton[illegible] the way it helped Mrs. needed it badly. I began [illegible]nd has helped thousands of Cardui to see if I could[illegible]rs, during the past 40 years. some strength, as I knew [illegible] for, and insist on, Cardui. cases that had been helped

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[illegible]ss Eva Webb, a teacher of [illegible]school, left on the afternoon [illegible] Friday for her home at [illegible]nger to spend the holidays.

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Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

School Notes

Senior Christmas Tree

On Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddox, the Seniors were entertained with a Christmas tree. At 7:30 a great number of the Seniors and members of the faculty came dressed in "kid" attire. Much laughter was had as each guest came in and presented himself in a bashful manner.

Games of childhood days were engaged in throughout the evening. Music was another enjoyable event of the evening. Several solos by Oscar Schott were enjoyed as well as the Spanish songs given by Mr. Morris

A knock was heard at the door and old Santa Claus entered and distributed the presents from the beautiful little tree Much fun was had during the presenting of the various comical presents. Fruit and candy was received by each Senior.

More games were played and then at a late hour ice cream cones were served to the kiddies. The merry crowd departed declaring the occasion a charming one and everyone would see Santa next Christmas provided they were good children.

Senior Banquet

Another enjoyable event of this season was a banquet given by the Seniors at the Nash Hotel. The dining room was artistically decorated in the Senior colors and flowers. Very quaint favors marked each plate. After the elegant supper, each Senior gave a short speech on some subject offered or just an expression of the delightful time spent that evening.

Read Ledger "wants" column

BEAVER BOARD

FOR BETTER WALLS & CEILINGS



The Means to an End of Waste Space

A few panels of Beaver Board, a little wood n, a hammer, nails and saw—all you need cover up old cracked plaster and wallpaper nd put new life into any part of the house.

Beaver Board plays a ajor part in this worthhile operation. While it is covering up unsightly cracks and dingy wallaper it is providing a surface for painting and decorating, and ending the wall and ceiling question once and for all time.

Beaver Board is built up into large flawless panels from strong, pure wood fibres. When you have lived with it you will know why it is displacing lath and plaster in new houses and putting new life in to old ones.

Call On Us Now

Wm. Cameron & Co.

PHONE COMPANY MAKES BIG GAIN

The local t[illegible]phone exchange has "hooken in" a net gain of 47 telephones in this city since the first day of October, and today has a total of 963 phones tied in on the local switchboard. According to Manager Atkins this is the largest number of patrons ever served by the local exchange.

The big increase reflects to some extent the improved money conditions here which enables families who have been without telephone convenience to get on the line, and also reflects the increase in population. The lack of homes is no doubt retarding a greater increase in the number of phones. Daily calls are made on real estate dealers and agents for city property for rent houses. A man from Brownwood was here this week seeking a home, and declared his intention of coming to Ballinger to live, and stated that he would leave his family in Brownwood until he could get a house here for them.

The splendid service being rendered by the West Texas Telephone Company also counts in its favor. Any loss in phones is due to removals, and not to bad service, and as the demand for homes increases telephones are a natural consequence.

It has been said that about the only way a man can get a home in Ballinger is to buy it, and that rule also applies to business houses. There are no desirable vacant business locations in the city, and so long as such conditions prevail, the present dealers in various lines are in no danger of increased competition.

The telephone record can be relied upon as a pretty good index to which way the city is moving—and it goes without saying that it is moving forward as rapidly as housing conditions will permit.

SULPHUR CLEARS UP ROUGH OR RED SKIN

Face, Neck ad Arms Easily Made Smooth, Says Specialist

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties this sulphur, preparation begins at once to soothe irritated skin and heal eruptions such as rash, pimples and ring worm.

It seldom fails to remove the torment and disfigurement and you do not have to wait for relief from embarrassment. Improvement quickly shows. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like cold cream.

LOCAL PASTORS TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

The Charity Board has set aside $200 to be used in supplying the Christmas cheer for the children of this city who perhaps would not otherwise come in contact with Santa Claus, and the Charity Board has asked the local pastors' association to serve as Santa Claus.

If the pastors accept the work of distributing gifts to the needy children, it will be their duty to canvass the city, locate the children who are being neglected in such matters, ascertain their needs and then supply them as far as possible with the funds available.

This is the work heretofore done by the Goodfellows Club, and which was also handled by the pastors very successfully last Christmas. Conditions are much better here than a year ago, and there are no doubt fewer cases of charity than for many years.

The Charity Board is short $150 in the drive for funds with which to carry on the work, but there are many who have not been solicited. It is the desire of the board that this amount be placed in the treasury, and those wishing to make a contribution to charity work should do so at once.

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases, such as Eczema, Itch, Tetter, Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on Children, Sore Blistered Feet or any other skin diseases, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy on a guarantee will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

BALL PLAYER BOOSTS SEALS

AUSTIN, Dec. 14. — Christy Mathewson, the hero of every baseball fan in the world and of many baseball battles, has been fighting the greatest battle of his life for the past three years. Three years ago he was diagnosed as tuburculous and little hope was held for his recovery. Now he is known as an arrested case and is able to manage the Boston Braves.

Mathewson is a strong advocate of sanatorium treatment for tuberculosis. In speaking of this he says: "A sanatorium is the best place in which to get well, unless you have means enough to turn your own home into a hospital. No one can keep a patient 'pepped up' better than a sanatorium doctor. And the mere fact of associating continually with people at home who do the things that you used to do, is likely to make you feel worse. But in a sanatorium, or in a cure cottage, you're in touch with other people in the same condition. You hear how they are getting on. Sympathy, I tell you, from friends or from fellow patients is one of the greatest helps in the cure."

The campaign will succeed in stamping out tuberculosis, he said. "I am sure of it because of the increased knowledge regarding it. And anyone who is ready to diffuse that knowledge is taking a hand in one of the biggest games in the world." Tuberculosis Christmas seals finance the campaign against tuberculosis.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all Stockholders of "The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.," of Ballinger, Texas, that a meeting of said stockholders will be held in the Directors' Room of said bank in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, at ten (10) o'clock a. m., on the second Thursday in January, A. D. 1924, the same being the 10th day of said month, for the purpose of determining whether or not the capital stock of $60,000.00 and surplus of $4,000.00 of said bank shall be reduced to $40,000.00 capital stock; and to determine whether or not the Trust feature of said bank shall be discontinued; and to determine whether or not the name of said bank shall be changed from "The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.," to "The Ballinger State Bank."

N. K. FREEMAN
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Wm. HALFMAN

Directors of "The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company."

Catarrh - SCOTT'S EMULSION increases resistance

W. Z. MORRIS DIES AT BROWNWOOD

Mrs. M. C. Smith received a phone message Friday night announcing the death of her brother-in-law, W. Z. Morris, at his home at Brownwood. According to the message Mr. Morris died suddenly at 1:00 o'clock Friday night.

Mr. Morris was well known throughout the towns of this part of the state. He had been a citizen of Brown county for many years, and was engaged in farming and the cotton business. He visited Ballinger frequently when he was engaged in the cotton business, spending the cotton season here. Mrs. Smith and daughter, Miss Marryatte went to Brownwood Saturday to attend the funeral.

Miss Olene Green left Friday for Jayton, to spend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Kidd.

PRESENTS FOR SICK SOLDIERS

Walter Blair, who lost his health while fighting for his country in the World War, and who is in the Kerrville Memorial Hospital, will be a happy soldier when he receives his Christmas box from the Ballinger American Legion Auxiliary.

The local Legion Auxiliary adopted the young man as their ward to care for, and from time to time they send him just such gifts as he needs, and on Christmas he is remembered with a nice lot of presents. The box was packed Friday and forwarded to the Kerrville hospital.

Members of the Auxiliary Legion and the Legion Auxiliary also prepared a nice box of gifts for the former service men in the hospital at Kerrville, who would probably not otherwise be remembered. The presents are forwarded to the superintendent with instructions to place them where they are needed the most.

The hospital in Arkansas which is maintained for shell-shocked soldiers—those who returned from overseas mental wrecks, will also receive a nice box of Christmas gifts from the Ballinger American Legion Auxiliary. Each year gifts—useful articles—are assembled and sent to the hospitals for those who lost their all in the World War.

A modern discoverey for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c, 60c, and $1.20. Sold by Jno. A. Weeks.

IRRIGATION PROJECT IS NOT FORGOTTEN, SAYS

Hervey Humlong, Bronte cattleman and farmer, returned to his home last night after having spent two weeks in Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio. Mr. Humlong says that the irrigation project has not been dropped, but that it will go through to a successful conclusion during 1924. He believes that actual work will be started before the end of next year. He expects a favorable decision from the courts on the injunction proceedings early in 1924.—San Angelo Standard.

HGC RELIEVES 1 TO 3 DAYS

A Special prescription for infectious diseases of the urinary tract. Painless; non-poisonous. Package contains all needed, will not cause stricture. $1.00 at Druggists or prepaid. manufactured by ACME CHEMICAL MFG. CO., Ltd. New Orleans, La.

Mrs. M. J. Stacy returned to her home Saturday afternoon, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Doose.

ALL DIGESTIVE ORGANS AFFECTED

"I was primarily affected with congested liver for many months, which was followed by muscular rheumatism and lumbago.

"My kidneys and bladder were affected in sympathetic form and this followed by an acute form of indigestion and nervous headache. I was advised to try FERRASAL. I am now taking the third box and believe I am completely relieved of the trouble. I heartily endorse FERRASAL as one of the best remedies I have ever known.

"S. C. SELBY,
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Acid stomach is the cause of 90 per cent of our health troubles. It results in chronic indigestion, ulcers of the stomach, bowel trouble, kidney trouble and rheumatism, if neglected.

Ferrasal will permanently relieve the above troubles or your money refunded. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. 50c per box.

Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

Ferrasal THE ACID NEUTRALIZER STOPS INDIGESTION NOW!

PAYS DAMAGES ON WOOL ASSN. CONTRACT

BRADY, Dec. 14.—The suit filed by the Southwestern Wool and Mohair Association against Richard Selman of Brady, alleging violation of his marketing contract by selling outside the association, has been settled out of court, it has been announced, with the defendant paying liquidated damages and all court costs. The suit was filed in the District Court of McCulloch County.

Mr. Selman acknowledged the validity of the contract after suit had been filed, made settlement in the amount of $200 damages plus all court costs, it was announced, and signed an agreement to deliver all his wool thru the association the remainder of his contract. The association was represented in the case by C. K. Bullard, attorney, of Dallas, who is also handling similar suits for the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association throughout the state.

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Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE—Seven room house, with all modern conveniences. Cash or part terms. Phone 549. D. F. Eaton. 17-d&w-tf

LOST — on Winters-Ballinger road red top Fisk casing with cover. Finder return to Ledger office. 19-3d-1w-*

FOR SALE—Full blood Buff Orpington Cockerels. Mrs. D. Oliver, Ballinger, Texas, Route B. 15-4tw

Owner of ranch Southeast of Stanton, Texas is offering to sell good red sandy loam direct to buyers, no commission to anyone. Ideal climate, good water, perfect for cotton. Reasonable cash payment down, good terms on balance. J. D. Oxsheer, Big Spring, Texas. 21-2w-*

FOR SALE—3 well improved Farms near Ballinger. Long terms, prices reasonable. D. Reeder. 21-2tw

FOR SALE—315 1-2 acres Farm on highway between Rowena and Miles; 200 acres in cultivation; two houses, plenty well water. See Fred Machofka, Rowena, Texas. 21-4tw-*

LOST—About Dec. 5th, Gruen Wrist Watch with link chain Bracelet. Reasonable reward for return to Mrs. Elmer Talbott or Ledger office. 21-1tw

FOR SALE—A few Bourbon Toms. See or phone Mrs. E. D. Norman, Phone 5303. 1-4td-4tw-*

FOR SALE—I will sell for $850 cash, the following items: Three good young mares, two horses, seven sets harness, two wagons, three cultivators, three planters, one go-devil, one section harrow, one disc harrow and seeder, one heavy drag, one middlebuster with truck, one grain drill, one grain binder, one steel hay press, one mower, two rakes, one feed grinder, one engine, and other small tools, such as Georgia stock, hoes, etc. Some of this stuff is new, just used one year, and is real bargain. See me at the Rho-Mac Cafe.—R. E. McWilliams. 9-8tw-*

WANTED—To sell four good Mares; some Cows; one thorough bred Jersey Male, subject to registration; pure Mebane Cotton Seed; Maize; and Plow Implements. Phone 4604, Chester Owen. 12-2td-2tw

WANTED—To rent Farm 125 or 150 acres. D. H. Owen, Phone 4604. 10-4d-2w-*

WANTED—To sell four good Mares, some cows, pure Mebane Cotton Seed, Maize and Plow Implements. Phone 4604. Chester Owen. 10-4d-2w

LOST—Pair Mud Chains on Ballinger-Olfen road. Also lost three or four weeks ago, ten gallon Milk Can. Finder please notify J. S. Jones, Ballinger. 18-1td-1tw

Card of Thanks

We, the bereaved parents and relatives of our deceased loved one, Frances Irene Rogers, wish to take this method of publicly thanking our friends for their many kindnesses in the extended illness and death of our baby. All that skilled and loving hands could do, was done, but to no avail.

May God's richest blessing rest on all those who offered willing hands or comforting words is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rogers and Children, Wingate, Texas. 21-1tw

Church of Christ

Corner of Eighth and Bonsal 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.

Mrs. J. B. Franklin has just returning from a visit with Mrs. Minnie Daniels, near Crews. Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Franklin were schoolmates.

E. S. Kubela, of Rowena, was in Ballinger Saturday transacting business.

POSTAL CLERKS TO GET HOLIDAY

An order received by Postmaster J. A. Reese provides for a holiday for the emplyoes of the local office so far as possible on Christmas Day, and the local postmaster announces that only first class mail will be despatched on Christmas Day.

According to the order, rural carried out. The order instructs city carriers will make only the forenoon delivery. The clerical force in the office will be cut down to where only business necessary and consistent with local plans and situation will be carried out. The roder instructs the local postmaster to stop all work at 12:00 o'clock so far as possible, and give them clerks a holiday.

This will not work a hardship on patrons of the local office to any great extent, as most of the mail received here arrives in the forenoon, and the office will be open from 10:00 to 11:00 o'clock, according to Mr. Reese, and persons expecting Christmas parcels on Christmas Day through the mails, can wait until the following day.

The clerks will be given the day off, and only first class mail will be despatched.

Do your Christmas mailing early.

See Dr. Roy Nelms at Coy Drennan's Shoe Shop. 19-d&w-tf

For Immediate Sale

480 acres, 2 miles Southwest of Paint Rock; 250 acres in cultivation, 75 per cent of entire tract good, tillable land; one set of improvements; small cash payment, and good terms on balance. Would take in some trade. Price $20.00 per acre.

McCARVER & LYNN,
Ballinger, Texas.
21-2tw-d-22-29

HORSE FACES EXTINCTION IN CENTURY SAYS SAVANT

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 17.—Statistics recently circulated stated that horses, in large measure freed, because of motor power, from the labors that made them beasts of burden, were increasing rather than diminishing in number. But now comes Professor E. L. Furlong, curator of the vertebrate collection at the University of California, with the prediction that the horse will be virtually extinct on the American continent in another century.

Professor Furlong is so confident of his supposition that he has started for posterity a collection of all modern specimens of the equine family. His collection will rest in the museum of paleontology, along with the bones of the three-toed horse and other prehistoric kin.

Recalling the dominating position of motor conveyances in the cities, Professor Furlong adds: "Daily the tractor and the automobile are taking the place of the horse in rural life. As the usefulness of the horse passes, so will the necessity for his existence. Before many years the use of a horse for the purposes with which he has been identified since time immemorial will be a curiosity. In another hundred years you may find horses in zoos. I am sure you will not find them anywhere else."

W. T. Padgett received a telegram Saturday morning from Lubbock telling him of the arrival of a grandson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Sensabaugh. Mrs. Sensabaugh will be remembered in Ballinger as Miss Hester Padgett. Mrs. Padgett has been in Lubbock for a couple of weeks visiting her daughters.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Blasdell returned first of the week from a month's auto trip thru South Texas, and sojourn with relatives at different points. They visited as far South as they could travel in Texas on land, going to Galveston. They report a pleasant trip and visit, notwithstanding that mud chains were needed several times on the road.

Miss Matie McElroy, of Eldorado, who has been teaching in the Winters school, is here visiting her cousins, Mrs. R. E. George and the Misses McElroy.

D. Q. Baskin returned to his home at Cleburne Thursday afternoon, after a visit to his uncle, Dr. E. C. Baskin.

TEACHERS GUEST AT RECEPTION

The American Legion club rooms were filled with enthusiastic teachers and local citizens Tuesday evening and the Parent-Teacher Association reception in honor of the teaghers here attending the institute was a most pleasing affair.

The guests began arriving about 7:00 o'clock and many lingered until a late hour to enjoy the hospitality of those in charge of the informal reception. The teachers were greeted by the entertainment committee, and members of the Parent-Teacher Association, who made the visitors feel at home, and the evening was spent in an informal way.

Music was rendered throughout the evening, a local saxophone sextet performing, the Ballinger High School Orchestra rendering a number of selections, and a solo by Miss Olga Zappe proving popular numbers on the program.

The refreshment course consisted of sandwiches, coffee, olives, etc., a committee from the Parent-Teacher Association having charge of the affair put it over in a most successful way, notwithstanding the large crowd which was present.

The hall was decorated in Christmas colors, and all was cheerful within, and the social function was declared a success. Most of the teachers attended.

EARLY TEXAS SETTLEMENT WAS NEAR TOWN OF JASPER

JASPER, Tex., Dec. 17.—Thru the aid of civic societies and old residents of Jasper county, records have just been revealed showing that one of the earliest settlements in Texas was established near here by John Bevil and a colony of wealthy Kentuckians more than 145 years ago.

The John Bevil league embraced the site of the present town of Jasper and covered much of the territory since built by a group of industries including lumber, agriculture and manufacturing. The place was once known as "Bevil Port," but this cognomen was dropped in 1834 when the town of Bevil was incorporated.

As early as 1773, the records show, several families had settled just across the Sabine river in what later became Nacogdoches. Stephen H. Everett, Geo. W. Smythe, both signers of the Texas declaration of independence, together with Wyatt Hanks, Thomas Holmes, John H. Blunt and John Bevil were among the early settlers.

John Henry Kirby, of Houston, formerly a Tyler county attorney, but now a millionaire, was one of the first to see the extent of the timber properties and it was he who caused the first railroad to be constructed into the section.

Today, the banking resources of Jasper county total more than $1,500,000. Farm lands are cheap, probably due to difficulty in preparing them for service in raising crops, but "the friendliness of the people more than makes up for the hardships," Jasper citizens will tell the visitor.

Notice, Notice, Notice

The use of fireworks in the business district of Ballinger is strictly prohibited and you are hereby warned to desist from same.

Any violations of this restriction will be prosecuted to the limit. There will be no exceptions made.

B. W. PILCHER,
Chief of Police.
J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff.
19-1tw-3td

Furs—Furs—Furs

Because of the light receipts of Furs in the St. Louis market there has been a slight advance in price. In my opinion furs are too high to hold for speculation. Better sell at once.

I. O. WOODEN,
17-4d-2w Ballinger, Texas.

New Doctor from Dallas in town. See him with your sick Shoes at Coy Drennan's Shoe Shop. 19-d&w-tf

Mrs. Ralph Willingham and three children went to San Angelo Tuesday to visit relatives a few days.

I have with me now an expert Shoe Man. Coy Drennan. 19-d&w-tf

START SCHOOL SEED SAMPLI

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—A school instruction in seed sampling been established by the State partment of Agriculture the division of plant patholo and seeds, of which J. M. Del Curto is chief.

Classes will be held periodically throughout the winter and are free to any person wishing to attend. Many farmers already have taken advantage of the opportunity, said Mr. Del Curto. The instruction is given by Miss Mary E. Woodbridge, state seed analyst.

Under the law, every person who offers for sale agricultural seed in lots of 10 pounds or more must label the seed, giving its kind, purity and the amount of noxious weed seed it contains, together with other information.

The noxious weed seeds are defined by the law to be blue weed, wire grass, Bermuda grass and Johnson grass. When such seeds are present either at the rate of or in excess of one such seed in five grams of agricultural seed, the kind and the amount of the seed must be stated on the label.

The law includes practically all farm seeds with the exception of garden products. The seeds included are alfalfa, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cloyers, corn, cotton, sorghums, broom corn, small grains including rice, cowpeas, beans, peanuts, millet, rape and vetch.

A fine of not more than $100 is the penalty for violation of the law.

FOURTH BODY IS RECOVERED FROM FIRE

HOUSTON, Dec. 19. — The fourth body was recovered today from the ruins of the Capitol Hotel which was destroyed by fire yesterday. None of the bodies have been positively identified, but it is said that they are all men.

TWO PETITIONS FILED FOR PRESIDENT

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 19.—Nominating petitions entering the names of Calvin Coolidge and Henry Ford as candidates in the presidential primary next April, were accepted today by the state department of Michigan.

COMMITTEE DEFERS SOLDIER BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House ways and means committee today deferred action on the soldier bonus until after it has considered the administrative features of the Mellon tax program.

Cecil Porterfield, who had been in the local Santa Fe offices, left Friday afternoon for Lampasas, where he will probably be employed permanently due to the death of a clerk in the railroad office of that city.

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MRS. ANNIE LANGE, ... R.F.D. 1, Burlington, Tex... writes as follows regardi... her experience with Cardui: "So... time ago I had a nervous bre... down of some kind. . . I was v... weak and so nervous. I had fa... ing spells and suffered a great ... but more from the weak, tre... no-account feeling than any... else. I knew I needed a toni... needed it badly. I began t... of Cardui to see if I could ... some strength, as I knew ... cases that had been helpe...

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