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## GRAND JURY SAYS RANGERS NEEDED

EASTLAND, Tex., Dec. 14.—The presence of Texas rangers in Eastland county, especially in the city of Ranger, which brought forth considerable criticism from the citizens and some officials of Eastland county, was endorsed today by the Eastland county grand jury in session here.

The grand jury said in its report, "after thoroughly investigating the conditions complained of we are of the opinion that the rangers are needed in this county, and they should be received with co-operation by the citizens of every section."

## CAN'T ATTEND HARDING MEET

MARION, Dec. 14.—Governor Sproul, of Pennsylvania, who was to be one of President Elect Harding's conferees, today wired Mr. Harding that he would be unable to come to Marion to confer with the new president, the message stating that executive matters detained him. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, also sent word to Mr. Harding that he would be unable to keep his engagement to attend a conference of the new president's chief advisers.

## LOCATE VETERINARY SURGEON AT THIS CITY

Thru the efforts of County Agent Eaton and the Young Men's Business League, a veterinary surgeon is to be brought to this city from Areld, Ohio, in the person of C. H. Hoffmire, head of the Hoffmire Veterinary hospital of that city. In a letter to the above, Dr. Hoffmire states that he will arrive in Ballinger about the 1st of February. There has been an urgent need in Runnels county for a good veterinarian and the coming of Dr. Hoffmire to Ballinger will fill this want.

Dr. Hoffmire states that he had been considering fourteen other towns in the Southwest besides Ballinger but that he believed that this location offered the best opportunities. The doctor was a Captain in the Veterinary department during the recent war.

Are there any rats, large or small, around your premises?

## CAFES CUT FOOD PRICES 25 PER CENT

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14.—A reduction in prices of food from ten to twenty-five per cent was announced this morning by several cafes in this city. The price of coffee in virtually all the restaurants in the city was cut from ten cents to five cents per cup.

Leading dairies supplying this city announced reduction in the price of milk, effective next Thursday, from twenty-five to eighteen cents per quart.

## RECTITUDE, ROMANCE AND REVENGE SHOWN

His trust and confidence violated by his dearest friend, who financially ruined his father and stole the love of his wife, caused the love of God fearing and upright Felix O'Day to turn to hate and revenge until the sparks of love and romance again entered his life. This is the theme of the dramatic offering today at the Maero Theatre, where H. B. Warner, in the Jesse D. Hampton Pathe production, "Felix O'Day," is being shown.

A short length comedy will be shown in addition.

## BRENNAN MEETS DEMPSEY TONITE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—For the second time since July 4, 1919, when he mauled Jess Willard and attained the heavyweight fistie championship of the world, Jack Dempsey will defend the title tonight when he meets Bill Brennan in a fifteen round decision match in Madison Square Garden.

A diamond studded belt will be awarded to the winner by Tex Rickard, the promoter of the match.

Texas is in line for \$36,000,000 Federal road aid next year. Runnels county should get in line for her share of the big appropriation. We lose if we don't get it.

## Legion Presents Glee Club Concert on December 28

The University of Texas Glee Club will appear in Ballinger in concert on December 28th. This is the information given out by the American Legion, which is bringing the club here.

Under the leadership of I. W. Jones, adjunct professor of music and director of the club, the glee men have been constantly practicing since the beginning of the fall term in September last. And with the first public appearance of this year's club which was at the Thanksgiving reception at the Capitol it was shown that the songsters and instrument pickers will be well prepared for the holiday tour. The Christmas trip begins on December 28th at Ballinger, the first stop, and will include San Angelo, Abilene, Breckinridge, Strawn, Mineral Wells, Denton, Cleburne and Waco. The music lovers will begin their trip here on the night of the 28th.

There has been much keen competition for places among the selected thirty of the 1921 Glee Club. About sixty per cent of the members have represented the club in previous years. Some new men, due to the superior ability to produce the glee stuff, will, no doubt, take the places of a few

old members.

Among the most interesting features of the program is the instrumental septet. This bunch of string ticklers, it will be remembered, made a great hit on the tour of last season capturing every audience with their snappy selections of popular and semi-classical music. The septet is composed of three guitars, two mandolins, one mandola, and one banjo.

Another interesting feature which is entirely new in fields of Glee Club work will be the short musical sketch of college life. In this tabloid opera buffe, the dramatic as well as the musical ability of the men will be brought out.

The meaning of the U. of T. Glee Club's appearance here is four-fold, viz., educational, musical, social and financial. The members who come with the club are not only selected men, but are men selected from the best available musical material in the University of Texas, the greatest institution of its kind in the state. They are men of good scholastic status and of the best social standing. Ballinger is indeed to be congratulated upon its engagement with these entertainers.

## MUCH INTEREST IN MASS MEET

The building of an ice plant in this city seems to be the chief topic of conversation on the streets and in the business circles today. The mass meeting scheduled for tonight at the Carnegie Library promises to be well attended.

The ice plant and light plant will be discussed from every angle tonight. The whys and wherefores of the opposition will be called for, and if any good reason can be advanced why the move on the part of the progressive citizens should be blocked it will be received and weighed for what it is worth.

This is a question in which the women of Ballinger are vitally interested, and the ladies are invited to attend the public mass meeting tonight. This will be one night when the women should not allow their husbands to remain at home and not attend the mass meeting. They should come and bring their husbands with them. Remember the vexations of the ice problem last summer, and come to help work out plans for preventing another summer of vexations.

Tonight at 7:30 is the hour. The place is the auditorium of the Carnegie Library.

## IMMIGRATION BILL WINS IN THE LOWER HOUSE

The House passed the Johnson immigration bill by a vote of 293 to 41, six members not voting. Fifteen congressmen voted for the bill, one against it, and two not voting. Black, Blanton, Box, Buchanan, Briggs, Connelly, Hudspeth, Eagle, Hardy, Jones, Lanham, Parish, Rayburn, Summers, and Young voted for the bill. Bee voted against it, and Garner and Mansfield did not vote. If the bill passes the Senate, which is said to be doubtful, all immigration to this country will be prohibited for a period of one year.

Mrs. R. B. Creasy returned home Monday at noon, from Indiana, where she went some time ago to accompany her mother and to visit. Mrs. Creasy's mother remained in Indiana.

## PROFITEERING IS CHARGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A sharp criticism of the national coal industry with the implied threat of drastic legislation by Congress to meet the alleged evils of profiteering in coal speculation, accompanied a partial report of the Senate committee on production and reconstruction, as submitted to the Senate today.

The report asked for power to allow the committee to continue its investigation. It suggested government activities to bring about co-operation under proper regulation in building.

The Republican senators, members of the committee, Senator Calder of New Jersey, Senator Kenyon of Iowa, supplemented their findings with an additional statement, all agreeing and asking special legislative attention on the present methods of producing and distributing coal.

Ledger classifieds bring results.

## 2 DIE IN HOTEL FIRE; LOSS HALF MILLION

## MISSING MAN FOUND DEAD IN GALVESTON

FT. WORTH, Dec. 14.—The police believe that the unidentified man who died in Galveston from exposure yesterday, is undoubtedly John Hammill, the Ottawa, Canada, merchant, who disappeared from his home on November 11th, and who the officers in this city have been searching for during the last two days. The description of the body wired today tallies with the description of the Canadian which is in the hands of the local police.

GALVESTON, Dec. 14.—The body of the man found in the yards of the Mexican Petroleum Co. early yesterday, is being held pending the arrival of Mrs. John Hammill, of Ottawa, Canada, whose husband, a wealthy merchant, has been missing from his home since November 11th. Mrs. Hammill has been requested to come to Texas to confirm the conclusion of the police departments at Ft. Worth and Galveston that the body is that of Hammill.

Hammill is supposed to have been the victim of asphyxia. The family received a letter from Hammill written on the stationery of a Fort Worth hotel, and that was the first clue to his whereabouts.

## BANDITS ARE UNDER ARREST

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 14.—Two men, said to be the masked bandits who robbed the railroad station at Jolly, Texas, near Gainesville, last night, were reported to be under arrest at Nocona, today. The bandits obtained \$700 from the station which they looted.

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## First White Man Came Here 58 Years Ago

December 14, 1862, the first white man settled in Runnels county, and thus today (Tuesday) is the 58th anniversary of civilization in this county.

It was on this date that a small company of pioneers, consisting of Dad Guest and wife and three sons, Ben Cole and wife and Ben Wiley, and an old negro woman, a black "mammy" in the Wiley family in Mississippi, called a halt and pitched camp at a point on Elm creek near the Runnels crossing.

Being winter time, and the pioneers deciding to spend awhile here, they constructed a crude shelter, using small trees and building a breast-work of pickets. Their headquarters took the name of Pickettville, and the company began to blaze the way for civilization and were the forerunners of what today is one of the most prosperous counties in the state.

Shortly after arriving here the old black mammy was called to her reward. It was the first death to occur among civilized people in what is now Runnels county. The old negro woman was buried at some point just North of Ballinger, the exact location of the grave not being known at this time.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 14.—The Boyd Hotel at Hamilton, county seat of Hamilton county, was destroyed by fire at two-thirty this morning.

Two men, W. W. Trimble, an aged Confederate veteran, and Robert Nichols, a youth, lost their lives in the fire. The two men were guests at the hotel and were trapped in the burning building. Property loss is estimated at about a half million dollars.

## UTILITY BILL IS AGREED UPON

AUSTIN, Dec. 14.—The committee appointed by the governor to frame the public utilities bill for admission to the next Texas legislature, will hold its final session on January 10th, 1921.

Chairman A. B. Curtis stated today that practically all the main features of the tentative bill which the sub-committee drafted and submitted to the main committee yesterday, had been agreed upon. Amendments were made to the tentative bill providing for exemption of Pullman companies from jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

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## MOVIE STAR VISITS WITH FRIENDS HERE

Miss Ada West, of Elrodado, was the guest of friends in Ballinger this week while en route to San Antonio to join a moving picture company, and where she goes on the stage as "Riedella" in a new play to be staged in motion pictures. The first locations will be staged in San Antonio and will be concluded in New York. The title of the picture to be filmed is "What is This World?" Miss West signed a contract with the film company last September and is due in San Antonio to begin work in a few days.

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## WEEKS

## HILL COUNTY BANK SUSPENDS BUSINESS

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# Loyal Citizens Called to Meeting at Library Tonight, 7:30

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**WHY THE OPPOSITION?**  
The Ledger was surprised to learn that there was any objection among local citizens to the building of a new ice plant in this city. It is human nature, and naturally to be expected that those interested in the present excuse for an ice plant would object, but how any citizen, even though he be not an ice consumer, and cannot recall the experience of last summer, can object to the building of an ice plant here, is more than we can understand.

There may be citizens who do not care to invest any money in the proposition, and there may be citizens who would not patronize a new ice plant, owned, controlled and operated by local people, but why anyone should oppose the proposition is beyond our comprehension.

On the other hand every citizen interested in the growth and development of this city should encourage such enterprises. To say nothing of the overcoming of another sad experience through a hot summer, every citizen should lend every aid possible in bringing to our city an ice plant, or any other new enterprise which will add to our commercial growth.

If the move to build a new ice plant falls through, there is absolutely no hope for relief, and the people are doomed to another sweltering summer without ice, and had as well become reconciled to the same discourteous treatment experienced through last summer.

Promises made at this late hour will be like present Ballinger ice. They will soon melt and fade away. Past experience has proven this. Four years ago, Mr. Fitkin, head of the Interstate Electric Corporation, parent concern, which took over the ice plant, together with the light and power plant, visited this city. He attended a mass meeting held at the Library and in that meeting, before a body of intelligent citizens and business men, he promised many things. He stated that \$100,000.00 would be spent in this city in improving the properties his company had just purchased, and went so far as to call for fifty wagons and teams, saying that \$25,000 would be spent here for labor alone. "We came to Ballinger because we have confidence in the future of your city," said Mr. Fitkin. The gentleman stated that new machinery would be installed here for generating electricity for Winters, Rowena, and for all purposes in Ballinger.

At that time a move was on foot for the building of a municipal light plant, and the people had voted almost unanimously for the proposition, and these promises had the effect of forestalling the city's move, and the people backed off, and for four years have patiently waited.

Now on the eve of perfecting plans for the building of an ice plant, backed by local capital, the foreign corporation comes forward with more flattering promises, with no visible means of carrying out the promises.

If the citizens again allow themselves to be sidetracked, and not go ahead with developments which mean something to the city, they will get what they deserve.

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**JUDGE WOODWARD RAPS CARNIVALS AND THE DIVORCE EVIL**

In his charge to the grand jury at Brownwood Monday, District Judge Woodward talked about domestic relations and the evils of carnivals. Brown county's court docket contains forty-four divorce cases, but Judge Woodward held up for that county by saying that domestic relations in Brown were no worse than in other counties of his district. He stated that the divorce dockets in every county of the district are unprecedented and declared that the "divorce evil is becoming one of the most serious evils with which the nation is confronted."

Judge Woodward said that the position of the court is made very difficult and in some cases is positively painful because of the nature of some of the divorce cases brought to trial. In case of which there are children involved Judge Woodward said the task of the court is particularly difficult and unpleasant.

The judge stated that he could not see how as good people as live in towns like Brownwood and Coleman would permit a carnival or any other aggregation to come to their respective towns and carry on in such way that it is an absolute violation of the law, and that if any merchant or business man in Brownwood or Coleman, where the carnivals have been held recently, were to do such thing, they would be arrested and fined the limit of the law. The judge declared he wanted the grand jury to take hold of this matter, find who was to blame and act accordingly. If the law had been violated as he had heard it was, those who violated it or permitted it to be violated should certainly come in for investigation at the hands of the grand jury.

**HAD LITTLE USE FOR BOOKS**

Friend of Grover Cleveland Boasted That He Practiced Law "Entirely by Ear."

Grover Cleveland had a friend in his early days as a lawyer, and the friend was also a lawyer, although a busy one. Whenever it became necessary for him to use a decision bearing upon any case he lounged in Cleveland's office and casually wormed the desired information out of his friend's mental storehouse. Cleveland was not dull to appreciate the fact and resent the sponging. He resented it chiefly because his friend was capable of better things, and could, if spurred to it, get along quite well by himself.

One day the friend came in on his usual errand, and when Cleveland had heard the accustomed preliminaries to the pumping process, he told him plainly that the font of information was closed, but said Cleveland to him: "There are my books and you are quite welcome to use them. You can read your own cases." The friend was an estimable man, returned quickly: "See here, Grover Cleveland, I want you to understand that I don't read law. I practice entirely by ear, and you and your books can go to thunder."

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**BALLINGER STATE IN COTTON POOL**

The Ballinger State Bank was the first Ballinger bank to subscribe its full quota to the cotton export finance corporation which is being organized with headquarters at New Orleans. Mr. Miller, head of this bank, states that his bank sent in their subscription consisting of three per cent of the capital stock and surplus two weeks ago.

In taking stock in the cotton pool corporation, the banks are aiding in opening a foreign market for American cotton, as it is the purpose of the big corporation to arrange to finance foreign buyers and thereby solve the foreign exchange problem which is charged with being responsible for the general tie-up of commercial intercourse with the foreign countries.

The quota assigned to each bank, or the amount the banks were asked to take in stock, amounted to three per cent of the capital stock and surplus. The big corporation will have a capital stock of \$6,000,000.00, and five local banks who have gone in this pool will be stockholders and have a voice in directing the affairs of the finance corporation. They do not expect to realize returns on their money for three years, and then the interest will be small.

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return date hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas: To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Henry A. Cady, deceased, Oscar Pearson, Executor, of said Estate, has filed in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, an Annual Exhibit of said Estate for the year ending on the 2nd day of August, 1920, which will be heard by our said County Court on the first Monday in February, 1921, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House, in Ballinger, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Exhibit, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon.

showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, this, the 27th day of November, 1920.

W. C. McCARVER, (Seal) Clerk, County Court, Runnels County, Texas. 29-3d-29-dec 6-13.

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EDWARD S. MARTIN, who is never happier than when writing about children, had a characteristic article in the Metropolitan Magazine entitled "Christmas and Children." In the course of its lines Mr. Martin introduces a suggestion that is extremely unpleasant, but he clears it away delightfully. He says:

"Consider, if there were to be a lapse of new babies for even so short a time as ten years, Santa Claus would fade out of active existence and become a mere tradition to be read about in books. A failure of the infant crop for fifteen years would result in the decay of the habit of hanging up stockings, and only antiquarians would any longer take the trouble to have Christmas trees. Of course, in such an unthinkable contingency as that our world would be in such a desperate state of dejection that it would have no fun, though it would go through the motions of existence from habit. But the kind of Christmas keeping we are used to would be knocked on the head. That lasts simply and solely because there are children. The people who have the children maintain the current Christmas practices for their children's sake, the older children maintain them for their own sake, and the folks who have no children keep them up for old times' sake and because it is the custom of the country."

"What an intolerable suggestion that is, of there being no children to be had under fifteen years old; no babies to blink and coo at the Christmas tree candles; no five-year-olds to come downstairs in their nightgowns after their stockings; no seven-year-olds to wake up everyone in the house hours before breakfast; no ten-year-olds to sit at the Christmas board and be warned against over-indulgence in plum pudding. No consuming interest in dolls and no market for them; no laborious searching of the toy shops, and harassing indecision whether to get the same old toys or the new ones; no active concern about jack knives and sleds and roller skates. No having in—but it is much too awful to go on about. Let us be devoutly thankful that it is only an awful idea without basis; that there are lots and lots of children in commission, of all kinds and ages, and myriads more coming, whatever croaks there may be about race suicide."

**Plum Pudding of Other Days.**

A great deal has been said, written and sung about the plum pudding of old England, but centuries ago it had a formidable rival for epicurean favor known as plum-pottage or porridge. It consisted of beef or mutton made into a broth, thickened with brown bread, which was then thoroughly boiled after adding raisins, prunes, cloves, mace and ginger had been added. This dish is now entirely obsolete, though "Poor Richard's Almanac" mentions it as late as 1750, and a Mrs. Frazer, who published a cook-book in Edinburgh in 1791, announcing herself on its title page as the only teacher of the great art of cooking in that city, gives a recipe for making it, while Brand, the popular antiquary, tells how he partook of it at a Christmas dinner in the mansion of an old English gentleman in 1801, but it has long since been wholly supplanted by plum pudding. The origin of the latter is veiled into obscurity. The earliest cook-book which makes any reference to it is the one by Mrs. Frazer already referred to as containing a recipe for plum pottage.

**Christmas Eve in the Home**

CHRISTMAS EVE in the home is always a jovial event, or should be. The father has closed his ledger with a "Thank God" that there is now and then a respite from toll, from the perplexities and cares of everyday life, an oasis in the desert of the year, and yields himself for the time to the pleasure of creating new joys for the loved ones at the home fireside. The mother's heart overflows with love and thankfulness as she watches the innocent and enthusiastic glee of her little ones over their Christmas gifts. And as for the children themselves, what eternity of time could compensate them for the loss of one Christmas?

**Well Led.**

Mary and Robert, of tender age, had ponies as their Christmas presents and were being taught to ride. Daily they were put on the ponies' backs at the entrance to Central park in New York, and were taken for the prescribed round. Being only four and six years respectively, they welcomed the kind attentions of grooms, especially the assistance of leading the pony. But it was best that they should go it alone.

Near by the piazza entrance, of course, is the bronze equestrian statue of General Sherman, with victory going before his horse. Mary, after being for a long time without a groom to lead, one day looked wistfully at the statue. "Father," she said, "wasn't it awful kind of that man's wife to lead his horse for him?"

**GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR KIDNEYS HURT**

Eat less meat if you feel Backachy, or have Bladder trouble.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels, removing all the acids, waste and poison, else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then get fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.

**Notice to Prospective Students—**

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

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

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

The Prussian parliament proposes to give the former kaiser about \$235,000,000. This is one of the necessary expenses, that makes it absolutely impossible to pay the indemnity demanded by the allies.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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Any man or woman who needs glasses for near and far vision will find Kryptok the invisible bifocals, a wonderful comfort and convenience. With two sights invisibly combined in one pair of lenses.



enable the wearer to enjoy the comforts of natural eyesight.

But whether you need Kryptok or something else we can end your eyeglass troubles. Our work is scientifically correct; our service unexcelled. May we have the pleasure of advising you?

**Dr. McGuire**  
The Resident Optometrist  
P. & M. Bank Bldg.  
Ballinger, Texas.  
Mondays and Saturdays.

**SHE FLASHES WICKED EYE ON LITTLE "RED"**

Three Reds were in the cellar tackling ten-year-old bottled-in-bond, and one very vicious looking Bolshevik was in the library of the Stanhope mansion, revolver in hand, guarding the heir apparent to the Stanhope millions.

Jim Stanhope was writing in his chair while a clock ticked at his feet. It was the ticking of the clock that annoyed him, because every tick of the clock brought Jimmy a pace nearer Eternity.

The clock was ingeniously connected to a very effective bomb, so that when the clock indicated twelve o'clock the bomb would automatically explode!

Ah! A woman's step on the easement. Mr. Red turned to find himself looking into the soulful depths of a beautiful pair of eyes. Fair lips were smiling at him, while the young lady, swathed in a gorgeous clinging kimono, gave him a very naughty Once Over. Entranced—Bewildered—he clutched, and he was lost. Another moment and the battle was won. She had vamped him—and did he fall? Oh, Boy!

Constance Talmadge as the

young lady responsible for the fall of this particular Bolshevik, radiates her charming personality in the role of Mary Blake—a born vamp, and a highly successful one at that—the heroine of the John Emerson-Anita Loos story "The Perfect Woman," which comes to the Maeroy Theatre Friday of this week.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

**A SERMON FOR THE TIMES**

The following dispatch from Hugo, Oklahoma, contains a sermon that carries a lesson of the times:

"A flock of fifty-five hens bought last Spring has brought O. M. Mashburn more ready cash this year than the fourteen-bale crop which he has produced. The old stock was sold off at an average of \$2.50 a head; egg, brought more than \$3.50 during the year,

and there is on hand a flock of 125 pullets with a valuation of \$2 placed per head.

"Money from the sale of the chickens and eggs were used to pay the cotton pickers."

Add to a flock of such hens a few purebred dairy cattle and registered hogs, with a sufficient acreage of feed crops for them

and a home garden for the family and you have the proper basis upon which cotton should be raised. Besides farming safely, the man who follows this plan will renew the fertility of his land and not deplete it from year to year, dissipating his capital. It is the application of ordinary business sense to farming.

**Children Cry for Fletcher's**



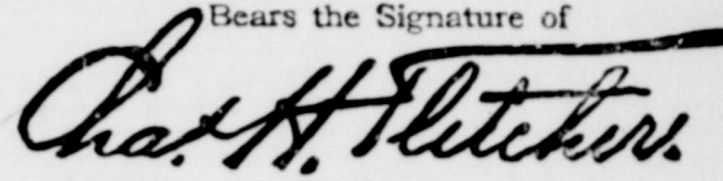
The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

**What is CASTORIA**

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; gives healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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Make your Home Attractive by its Lights. It Won't Cost much and helps the looks of any home.

Now that the school year is open and your children are studying at night, don't let them ruin their eyes studying by a poor light. A MADZA lamp gives you more and is smooth and restful to the eyes.

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**What is baby's health worth?**

**WHAT IS YOUR BABY'S HEALTH**

worth to you? The best milk sealed for your protection costs but little more than the other product. Let us serve you each morning for your own sake as well as the baby's. Will call upon you promptly if you telephone us.



**JACKSON DAIRY**

**Apex Electric Cleaners**

Wouldn't it be gratifying to know that you could enjoy all your afternoons as you might fancy without a vestige of fatigue?

Minutes only are required for the Apex to complete the household cleaning that for nearly involved tiresome hours by the old broom and dust pan method. Apex cleaning is dustless and sanitary; it does away with arm-and-back-tiring exertion, and saves hours for recreation and social activities.

No need for moving heavy furniture! The low inclined Apex nozzle cleans under and around it, cleaning thoroughly right up to the baseboard and into corners.

Phone us to send out an APEX for free trial on your own rugs and furnishings. A demonstration will not obligate you in the least.

**Ballinger Electric Company**

G. P. Teague

Phone No. 7

**Christmas Suggestions**

For Men—

Ladies let us help make your Gift Selection for Father, Husband, Brother or Son.

Buy at a Men's Store:

- Suits,
- Overcoats,
- Shirts,
- Hats,
- Ties,
- Hose,
- Underwear,
- Handkerchiefs,
- Pajamas,
- Bags,
- Suitcases,
- Belts,
- Belt Buckles.

**STONE & THORP**  
The Men's Store

**Soldier-Sailor Marine!**

Have you allowed your War Risk Insurance to lapse?

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

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

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

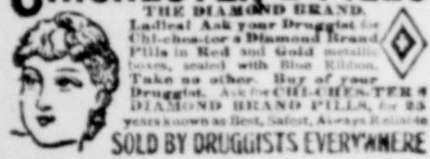
Your insurance will be made payable in a LUMP SUM, or in any number of monthly installments from 36 to 240.

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

President Wilson paid no more heed to Mr. Bryan's recent advice than if Mr. Bryan was still in the Cabinet.—Chicago Daily News.

How could Senator Harding be expected to have any confidence in a League of Nations that sends a resolution of greeting to President Wilson.—New York World.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**



**Daily Ledger Want Ads**

WANTED—to buy a male Collie pup. Apply Waddle's Cafe. 14-3td.\*

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

FOR SALE—China closet, buffet, and dresser. Phone 330. 13-2td.\*

FOR SALE—One Ford 5 passenger 1918 model, good shape \$300.00. One 1915 model 5 passenger Maxwell, \$450.00; One 1916 model 5 passenger Chevrolet, \$250.00. See or phone City Garage, Ballinger, Texas. 43-6td.

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

FOR SALE—Cash cotton seed for planting, \$2.00 per bushel, see T. J. Layton, at Brown's Second-Hand Store, next to Lankford's Furniture store. 30-dtf

WANTED—Will pay liberally for big, white, clean, cotton rags. The Ballinger Printing Co. 1fd

FOR SALE—Young Mare coming 5-year old, about 15 hands high, perfectly gentle and a good worker. Shepperson Auto Co., Chevrolet dealers. 4-tfd

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

**DO'S AND DON'TS AT THE P. O.**

Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of Uncle Sam Will Assist Clerks and Carriers.

**D**ON'T put off mailing that package until Christmas eve.

Don't neglect to tie it properly. It is handled at least five times before it reaches its destination.

Don't forget to write your own return address on all parcel post matter. Don't guess at the postage and give your friends the pleasure of paying "postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on the face of packages or letters; take care not to "seal" parcel post packages with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness on your part can help to make Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's men, his horses and his automobiles.

Do mail early, preferably before December 20th, writing on your packages: "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Do your best to use the post offices in the forenoon, the earlier the better.

Do write legibly, both the address to which you are sending the gift and your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmassy" to the post office men who serve you. They are handling thousands of pieces of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You keep someone else waiting if you are loaded like an express truck with packages and foolish questions.

**THINGS THE BOYS LONG FOR**

Youngsters Prefer Toys or Contrivances to Test Their Muscular Skill or Endurance.

**W**HAT shall be said of that blundering kindness of home folk that considers giving the boy only presents of such things as he actually needs? It is an outrage upon the spirit of Christmas to present him with new shoes, ties, handkerchiefs—something that he knows he will get anyway—when his sleeping and waking dreams for weeks before have been filled with visions of tops, balls, guns and magic lanterns, says Maud Souther in the Woman's Home Companion. The most beautiful knitted muffer woman's fingers ever constructed "cannot compare with a jack-knife with four blades and a cork-screw attachment, when exhibited over the back fence to a neighbor boy on Christmas morning. Very soon after the days of kiltz a boy reaches the age when he yearns with his whole soul after any toy or contrivance that will test his muscular skill or endurance. At this age an appropriate present would be a rawhide or rope lariat, such as is used by the Buffalo Bill riders. A pair of hand or arm stiltz will be received with equal favor, and in the same category comes a new fishing rod, snow shoes, tennis racket, golf club, a good ball, lamp or cyclometer for his wheel, or even a live pet, a new dog, a pair of rabbits or guinea pigs—something that he can pet and train for his own.

**Funny Christmas Habit.**  
There is not a drug store, cigar shop or barroom in the larger cities which has not been made the storage room for Christmas presents bought before the rush sets in. The strange part of it is that every man who utilizes the friendship of his favorite place round the corner thinks he is the only one who thought of the plan. Realizing that the stores will be crowded, many far-sighted heads of families bought their presents a week in advance, and then, fearing the nature of the mysterious package would be discovered at the office or at home, they hid upon the device of making a cache in some resort near home.



**ANNUALLY**  
Toys for little Willie,  
Something for the cook;  
Make, with forty other things  
The empty pocketbook.

**Plants for Christmas.**  
Other things being equal, it is better to buy plants near one's home than to travel afar. Do not be tempted, even by cheap offers, to go miles away, for counting car fares, packing, expressage and lost time, the ultimate cost is very likely to be more than if you paid a good deal higher price at home. Of course it may happen that one grower or florist has a large stock of some one thing and can sell at a low rate, but dealers usually have an understanding with one another, especially regarding holiday prices, and for weeks before the holiday season they have been balancing stock with each other, so that the better quality plants are of an almost fixed value.

**Christmas in Days of Yore.**  
There are many old and stately ceremonies and many historical events connected with Christmas that are well worth perusing, and that give us glimpses of ye ancient times when our fathers and our fathers' forefathers celebrated and revelled and gave of their abundance to those for whom nothing was prepared.

**ASPIRIN**

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for twenty-one years and proved safe by millions. Take Aspirin only as told in the Bayer package for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve Bayer Tablets of Aspirin cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylic acid.

**NEGRO DISEASES ENDANGER ALL**

**AUSTIN, Dec. 14.**—There is not a single hospital bed, nor a sanatorium for tuberculous negroes in the state of Texas, according to a statement made today by Miss Agnes D. Randolph, field secretary of the Texas Public Health Association.

In recent lecture, in various parts of the state, Miss Randolph has asserted that one of the greatest dangers to the health of the South is the tuberculous negro, since the colored people are domestic servants, laundresses, barbers, waiters, and helpers for thousands of the white population. "Almost all the domestic servants in the South are negroes," said Miss Randolph. "They cook, clean, do the washing, and nurse the babies. They handle our raw food, and serve it after they cook it; they handle our silver and dishes and linen and make our beds; they prepare the babies' bottles and hold them in their arms while they take them. Amid these processes they have thousands of opportunities to transfer to others any disease which they may have."

In these perilous times a good many men are devoutly hoping their wives will not lose their jobs.—Baltimore American.

**FIRST VENTURE OF LIPTON**

Friend Tells How He Took Chance With Patrons of a Rundown Grocery.

**Dr. J. H. Ostrander**, a personal friend of Sir Thomas Lipton, told recently for the first time the story of Lipton's initial business venture, an exchange states.

Lipton's first business venture was an event in one little corner of Glasgow. He bought for a few pounds a sorry old rundown provision shop that had changed hands a score of times; everybody had failed. It was in a neighborhood where profits were meager and housewives close traders, and where sharp practice and indifferent ethics precluded credit. So when Lipton announced that he would trust any decent neighbor once all foresaw his doom.

Lipton, however, did not mean that he would carry accounts 30 days, for at this period five such accounts would have swamped him. As he himself put it: "In misfortune I will carry any decent chap till Saturday night. I will be a friend to you in spite of prevailing business rules; but if you break faith with me you will lose a friend and I will lose my business." Thus he put them on their honor. And it won; won because sympathy and fellowship dominated the boy and excited like attributes in others.



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New dress ruined—just phone us to call and have it cleaned and pressed. You will be satisfied.  
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**Christmas Times**

Christmas Times will soon be here. Every one knows the increased hazard of such times, only the thoughtful ones look after their insurance.

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We are now in our new building, next to the F. & M. Bank and invite the public to call and see our new home. This gives us a better place and we will be able to serve you better

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Will pay liberally for big, white, clean, cotton rags. Ballinger Printing Co. FRUIT CAKE—Half price, 50c per pound. Lankford's Steam Bakery. 14-2td

**Christmas Trees**

Just received 75 beautiful Mountain Cedar Trees.

Pre-war Prices  
**75c to \$2.00**

Get Your Order in Early.

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is easily made. Send us a pair that you have discarded as useless. We'll put new soles and heels on, put in new eyelets, stitch the uppers or do anything else required. When you get them back you will not recognize them as the old worn out shoes you sent us. They will be both as wearable and presentable as when they were new. Make the test today.

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Come in with us and here is the way you can buy Your Batteries practically one-half Off. You can't raise Cotton at 6 cents per lb. and pay a profit of from \$20.00 to \$40.00 on a small thing like a Battery. We will Positively Guarantee Every Willard for 90 days, and every Standard for 18 months from date of purchase. Here are our prices on Batteries:

	Wood Sep.	Thread Rub.
Ford or Chevrolet	\$23.85	\$29.83
Overland and Brisco	\$25.00	\$30.81
Hudson, Buick, National Essex or Studebaker	\$27.50	\$31.24
Dodge or Maxwell	\$34.78	\$38.50

Casings 10 and 5 per cent Off; Tubes Free with every Casing. We have Goodrich, Ajax, Pennsylvania, Fisk, Springfield and Night. Every one of them 6,000 Mile Casings.

**Gasoline all you want at 26c**

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**The Maeroy Theatre Today**

Jesse D. Hampton Presents H. B. Warner in

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From the celebrated novel by F. Hopkinson Smith. A strong human play of a man who wanted revenge for the honor of his wife. A drama of an intense hate and deep love.

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Juanita Hansen in "The Lost City" Episode 14