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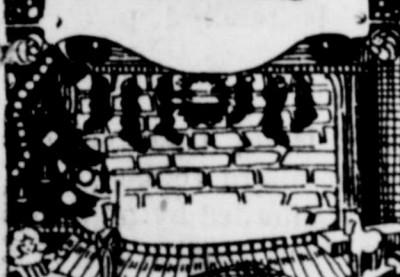


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**WEEKS**



## COMMISSIONERS DISCONTINUE RUNNELS FARM AGENT WORK

When it became known on the streets just before noon Wednesday that the Commissioners' Court had abolished the office of Farm Agent in this county, farmers were soon out with a petition to the court asking them to reconsider the matter. In about one hour four or five large sheets of paper were filled with names, practically every man approached signing the petition, and a committee of farmers appeared before the court and presented the petition with a good strong plea for a reconsideration of the matter.

One prominent farmer and heavy tax-payer in commenting in the action of the court, said, "I think the court has done the farmers a great injustice, and instead of saving for us they have robbed us of a valuable agency in our work."

Coming like a thunder-bolt out of a clear sky, it was announced Wednesday morning that the Commissioners' Court had voted to abolish the office of County Farm Agent in Runnels county and discontinue the work here. The four county commissioners voted to discontinue the work effective January first.

Farm Agent Eaton did not contemplate such action, and was as much surprised as the many citizen who have watched the progress of the work here, and who express regret at the action of the court. Mr. Eaton immediately appeared before the court and made a statement. He was informed that no thrust at him was intended by the action of the court, and if the court had decided to continue the work he would have been retained in preference to any one else.

The news rapidly spread over the city and farmers were free in expressing their regrets, and do not hesitate in saying that they feel that the Commissioners' Court failed to realize the benefit of the farm agent's work, and will reconsider the matter before the discontinuance order goes into effect.

Coming at this time, when every agency is putting forth every effort to solve the marketing problem, and at a time when the work is so well organized in this county, means a big loss to the farming interests of the county. The local farm agent has worked hard and faithful in carrying on the work, and to discontinue the work at this time means a long step backward in the agricultural and livestock development of this county.

The tax payers will not realize the saving of one penny. The tax rate will remain the same as though the office of county farm agent had been continued, and in

addition the county loses the benefit of the State and Federal aid. The county has been paying two-fifths of the salary of the farm agent and the State and Federal government have been paying three-fifths.

Refusing to accept this aid and to cooperate with the State and Federal government in this department will no doubt have a tendency to cripple the county in getting State and Federal aid in other lines of work. It is known that the State and Federal departments handling this line of work rated Runnels county as one of the best in the state and have been making unusually large appropriations for the work in this county.

Mr. Eaton stated that while the action of the court came as a surprise and disappointment to him, it did not by any means throw him out of a place. Comanche county is bidding for his services.

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## FOILS PLOT TO MURDER WHITE MAN

Pete Hill, a negro, is in jail charged with carrying a pistol, and according to a story told by another negro, his arrest probably saved the life of S. T. Williams, a farmer of the Benoit country.

The negro was arrested on the Williams farm near Benoit Monday and placed in jail here, and so far only six-shooter charges have been filed against him.

The arrest was made by Sheriff Jim Flynt, who went to the Williams farm after it had been reported that the negro had planned to kill Mr. Williams, for whom the negro had been picking cotton. It seems that the negro had been discharged for his impudence and rough talk to Mr. Williams. He notified Mr. Williams that he was out of wood at his camp, and Mr. Williams told him he could get the wagon and haul some wood. The negro very abruptly informed Mr. Williams that he "did not come here to haul wood."

Mr. Williams accompanied the negro to Benoit to pay him off after informing him that his services were no longer needed. Later another negro notified Mr. Williams that the angry negro had a pistol and was planning to kill Williams, and the arrest followed.

### MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A total loss from the Helmbacher Forge Company fire at Madison, Illinois, is expected to exceed one million dollars.

Mrs. Groves Key, of Winters, was among the visitors to Ballinger Tuesday.

ONLY 9 MORE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



WATCH THE AD.

## Citizens of Ballinger are Determined to Build Modern Ice Plant at Once

If the determination expressed so outspokenly at a mass meeting of citizens held at the Library Tuesday night counts for anything, this city will be supplied with ice by the Citizens Ice Company next summer.

More than two hundred and fifty representative citizens responded to the call for a mass meeting which was called for the purpose of discussing the ice situation, past, present and future.

Mayor Gunn called the meeting to order and briefly explained its purpose, and referred to the promises made by the head of the company, operating the ice and light plant in this city at a similar meeting held in the same hall about four years ago, and charged that every promise made

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## Heavy Grade Aluminum Ware

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- Bed Room Furniture
- Living Room Furniture
- Hoover Electric Sweeper
- Duofolds and Rockers
- Cedar Chests
- Wardrobe Trunks
- Hand Bags
- Aluminum Ware
- Candy, Fruit, Etc.
- Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats
- Leather Overcoats
- Shirts, Ties, Collars
- Mufflers
- Belts
- Hose
- Toilet Articles
- Bag Sets
- Casseroles
- Baking Dishes
- Tea Pots
- Water Sets
- Cut Glass
- Water Pitchers
- Blankets
- Comforts
- Shoes, Pumps, Oxfords and House Shoes
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- Suits, Coats and Dresses
- Dolls
- Express Wagons
- Velocipedes

Glad to Show You

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Ballinger's Greatest Store

## STAMFORD CUTS PRICE OF BREAD

STAMFORD, Tex., Dec. 15.—A reduction of thirty-three and one-third per cent in prices of bread was announced here today. One pound loaf of bread dropped from fifteen cents to ten cents. The reduction affects a large section of West Texas which obtains bread supplies from this place.

John Q. McAdams, cashier of the Winters State Bank, passed thru the city Tuesday afternoon, en route to Waco to attend a meeting of the executive board of the Bankers' Association.

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You will find an elegant line of new patterns, beautiful and useful.

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The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news published herein.

By abolishing the office of County Farm Agent, the Commissioners have saved the people of Rannels county about one-half of one per cent per capita per annum. Some saving.

It is a little unseasonable to talk ice to the ice consumers, but a moment's reflection on the ice experience of last summer should make a man hot in the collar.

A crown in Europe may be a little thorny, but King Constantine seems to be willing to wear one again. If the monarchial nations wish to get the full benefit of a republican form of government, they should abolish all crowns.

Bearing a record entitled "The Worst is Yet to Come," a phonograph shipped from Cleveland, Ohio, to Shreveport, La., was found to contain eight quarts of whiskey carefully packed in the record compartment. This should make the phonograph the gift supreme.

**How to be Healthy.**

If you would enjoy good health keep your bowels regular and your stomach in good working order. This is easily done by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. They only cost a quarter.

**TOM GREEN COUNTY RETAINS FARM AGENTS**

In addition to maintaining their county farm agent, the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green county voted to maintain Miss Lucille Spann as Home Demonstration Agent. That county's appropriation is supplemented by an appropriation for both the county agents and Tom Green county is to be congratulated for being able to carry on this important work.

Miss Spann is a niece of the Spann brothers of Ballinger. Her work includes the general supervision of sewing and cooking classes in the rural schools, the organizing of cooking and canning clubs among the girls, and the preparation of food as a measure for better health. She has been so successful in her work that the Commissioners Court of the neighboring county voted to retain her for another year.

There is no comparison between Rannels county and Tom Green county in the agricultural standing of the two counties, but it seems that Rannels county will not even be able to maintain a farm agent, when the State and Federal government are paying three-fifths of his salary.

A modern discovery 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 all druggists.

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**CHRISTMAS TREES**—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

**METHODISTS TO RAISE A 35 MILLION SCHOOL FUND** FT. WORTH, Dec. 15.—Presiding elders, educators and influential laymen of the Central Texas Methodist Conference are in session here today arranging for a thirty-three million dollars school fund campaign in this section.

**OKLAHOMA MAN PLACED IN LOCAL JAIL**

Guy Fagheree, of Tishimingo, Oklahoma, was placed in jail here Wednesday morning by Sheriff Flynt. The local officer acted upon advice received from the sheriff of Tishimingo, and the Oklahoma officer has been notified to come after his man.

Sheriff Flynt received a phone message from the sheriff at Tishimingo Wednesday morning, requesting the local officer to look out for Fagheree, stating that he was believed to be in this part of the country, either at Ballinger or Winters.

In a short time after talking over the phone to Oklahoma, Mr. Flynt had the young man in jail. He was found at Winters a short time and when arrested expressed some surprise. He claimed that he did not know what the charges against him are. The nature of the charges, further than that the man is wanted for felony, are unknown here. It is expected that an Oklahoma officer will arrive here within a few days to get the prisoner.

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 all druggists.

**TWO IMPORTANT BUSINESS MOVES**

Two decisions of importance to the business men of Ballinger, and to the farmers of this section were reached at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Business League.

The Board decided to install a Retail Merchants' Credit Association immediately after the reorganization campaign which will be conducted on January 10th, 11th and 12th. It was their belief that this was one of the greatest services that could be rendered to the retail merchants and to the doctors of this city.

The Board also decided to create an Advisory Board to consist of thirty-five representative men from twenty communities in this and adjoining counties. The members of the Advisory Board will co-operate with Y. M. B. L. in moves of county-wide interest, such as securing farm labor; poultry or stock shows; county fairs; rat and rabbit extermination campaigns; immigration; irrigation and other similar moves.

The following were selected by the Board: George Holliday and Scott Guin Hatchel; W. A. Halamick and W. A. Schuhmann, Rowena, Milton Clayton, Benoit; Ed Jones and Chas. Price Talpa; W. A. Miller, Leaday, Pryor Mapes, Pony Creek; Louis Strube Olfen; Harvey Hatchford, Paint Rock; W. R. Hunton and R. B. Cooper, Miles; Bert Fletcher, Maverick; T. J. McCaughan and Jake Stubblefield, Norton; John Black Marie; John Heck and John Hudson, Wilmeth; A. D. Hensley, and Geo. Miller, Wincate; E. W. Patterson, Drasco; J. Q. McAdams, E. A. Shepperd, and Albert Afflerbach, Winters; R. L. Williams and D. W. Yeager, Truitt; Jim Bright, Tokeen; Edgar Javroe, Crews; Ed Cumbv; W. R. Knierim, and Howard Wilkins, Bronte; W. W. Farmer, F. T. Rushing, John Dean, and D. Oliver, Ballinger; E. H. Colburn, Dale.

The Board also selected fifteen Associate Directors for the Y. M. B. L. to meet with the directors and to vote in the absence of regular directors. The following were named: Estes Lynn, Harry Gardner, Louis Cohen, L. B. Seabbe, W. C. McConver, Grant Penn, J. M. Pyburn, M. S. Carmony, Chas. Northington, A. W. Sledge, J. M. Simmons, V. Weinberg, R. J. Wheeler, W. A. Francis and M. C. Atkins. This selection gives the Y. M. B. L. thirty wide awake and progressive young men for the direction of its affairs.

In recognition of his services to the organization, the office of 2nd Vice President was created,

and Roy Reeder elected as the first occupant of the office.

The Mayor announced that the installation of the extra city officers urged by the League had resulted in a 3 per cent reduction in the city's key rate on fire insurance, to become effective at an early date.

The next Ford Roadster that arrives here can be yours just by paying for this ad, plus regular price. B. M. Batts, Phone 5904. 6-13d-2tw\*

**TEXAS ROAD SEEKS AID** WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Fredericksburg & Northern Ry. Co. of Texas, has asked permission to issue notes for \$36,935 to cover advanced moneys during 1918, 1919 and 1920, by the directors and stockholders to the railroad company.

**COMMISSIONERS TO DISCONTINUE RANNELS FARM AGENT WORK**

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and he will no doubt be transferred to that county at a higher salary than he is receiving here. He is rated by the department as one of the best agents in Texas, and he has been maintained here by the department because of the opportunity in this county for development was so great. His removal at this time will be regretted by many of the best people all over the county.

Mr. Eaton has been working hard and making a sacrifice to develop the agricultural and livestock industries of this county, and those with whom he has had dealings have profited by his help. He had just purchased a Ford car at a sacrifice to himself, that he might carry on his work successfully.

This leaves Rannels county without a farm agent, again, and this county is one of the few counties in Texas of any consequence which will be handicapped in co-operating with the State and Federal departments, for the lack of a local representative. It is to be hoped that the action of the court is not final and that the commissioners will see fit to reconsider the matter and not permit a break to be made in this work which is of such vital importance to the farmers.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney make oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

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**BRITISH MEDDLER IN SHIP BOARD**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Members of the British mission visited the United States in 1917 and attempted to influence the policies of the shipping board, according to William Denman, who testified today before the special House committee which is investigating the United States Shipping Board's operations.

Denman indicated that his insistence that the shipping board be free from British influence had more to do with his resignation as chairman of the board than any other one thing.

The witness said that in this connection if he could obtain permission of President Wilson for the disclosure of "certain phases" of the shipping board's negotiations "one source of interference with my administration as head of the board may be disclosed."

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**CLOSED BANK THEN ENDS LIFE**

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 15.—James Addison, president of the Nocona State Bank, was found dead early this morning with a bullet wound in his head, according to reports received here. Nocona is a small town in Montague county, and the bank at that place was closed by the state bank examiner yesterday.

**CRIMINAL COURT APPEALS TAKES HOLIDAY RECESS**

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—The Court of Criminal Appeals recessed today until Jan. 25, 1921. No decisions were made today by this court because of the absence of two of the members from conference, during the past week, but the clerk said that some opinions may be handed down during the recess.

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are constive when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is decidedly the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

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She Knew Her Proper Plates. Mistress—Mercy, Hilda! You mustn't clean the plates with your handkerchief!

Hilda—Oh, that's all right, ma'am; it's only a dirty one. —Karlsguteren (Christiania).

Funeral Arrangements. Teacher—What is the presidential succession law, John? John—the presidential succession law provides that if both president and vice president die the cabinet members will follow in succession.—Boy's Life.

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HELENA, Ark., Dec. 15.—J. B. Butts & Co., doing a large credit business among the farmers, issued a statement today declaring that "we will refuse to furnish supplies to any farmer who does not reduce his cotton acreage at least fifty percent next year." The big credit house urges the

planting of all sorts of food and feed crops, and the adoption of the "live at home" rule.

Irregularity in the bowel movement 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 all druggists.

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### SPINDLES IDLE; CONSUMPTION OFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Cotton consumption was further curtailed during the month of November and holdings of cotton showed an increase, the census bureau's monthly report, made public today, shows.

The number of bales consumed was about 67,800 less than for the four months' period compared with the same period one year ago. Active cotton spindles consumed about two million bales less than in October and almost three million bales less than for November last year.

Consumption of cotton in the cotton growing states showed less curtailment than elsewhere, with 66,449 bales decrease from a year ago and active spindles showing a falling off of 165,395 compared with November last year.

Cotton on hand November 30th this year shows an increase of 489,408 bales. The cotton growing states held almost a million bales more than for the same month a year ago while the consuming establishments in that section held about 5,000 bales less than a year ago. Consuming establishments elsewhere showed a similar decrease in holdings, indicating that the bulk of the cotton holding, at this time was either in the hands of the farmers or the buyers.

PIGGLY WIGGLY does not quote extremely low prices on one or several items as a bait, but all items are sold at the lowest possible margin of profit. 1d

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County fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffling, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness, or headache, no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Now is the time to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before the winter is over. You will look a good while before you find a better remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough or one that is more pleasant to take. It meets with favor everywhere. Buy it now and be prepared.

### THIEVES TAKE CLOTHES. BATH IN EL PASO STORE

EL PASO, Dec. 13.—Two thieves broke into a local clothing store recently, picked out two complete outfits of wearing apparel, took a bath, changed clothing and departed. The next morning the proprietor of the store found two shabby suits near the dripping shower where they had been left by the two men. A check of the stock revealed that the thieves had stolen only what they wore away.

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Just as soon as you eat a tablet or two of Pape's Diapepsin all the dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach distress, caused by acidity will end. These pleasant, harmless tablets of Pape's Diapepsin always put sick, upset, acid stomachs in order at once and they cost so little at drug stores.

### COMING TO IDENTIFY MAN

GALVESTON, Dec. 15.—The findings of the coroner's jury inquiring into the death of an unidentified man here Monday will not be rendered until after the arrival of Mrs. John Hammill from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, it was announced today.

The inquest has disclosed however, what is considered to be positive evidence that the body is that of John Hammill, a wealthy merchant who has been missing from Ottawa since Nov. 11.

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.

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Mrs. Haywood Miller, of Talpa, was here shopping Tuesday, returning home on the afternoon train.

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### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE ON HERE

Your letter and packages should be stamped with Christmas seals. Uncle Sam demands that postage stamps should be placed on the letters and packages and your conscience should demand that you add the Christmas stamps.

About 15,000,000 Christmas seals have been sold during the first fifteen days of the sale of the little health stickers. Miss Winnie I. Brady, state seal director of the Texas Public Health Association, reports that the people are showing much interest in the work of helping the unfortunate T. B. victims.

The sale is on in this city, and a few cents spent for seals will make your Christmas a more cheery and a happy one. Your few cents may be small in your estimation, but remember the millions of others who are buying will help to swell the fund.

You can buy the seals at most any of the local stores, and the time is short in which to help in spreading of cheer by using the seals and making it possible for the health association to carry on its work.

County Supt. Bugg is chairman for the seal sale, in this county, and has appointed agents and placed the seals on sale at a number of places.

Mr. Bugg states that the coun-

ty will retain 35 per cent of the money realized from the sale of the seals, and that this money will be used in carrying on the health crusade in this county. A health nurse from the state health department will come here and spend a month, or longer, visiting the schools and examining every school child in Runnels county. The school that sells the most seals per capita will be the first to receive this attention from the nurse, and the others will follow in order of seals sold.

### Good Advice

Take Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as you have finished your supper and they will produce a gentle movement of the bowels on the following morning. They will also improve your digestion and make you feel better in every way.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

### J. A. DEMOVILLE IS NOT ABLE TO BE OUT

We regret to note that J. A. Demoville is confined to his bed and has been unable to be among his friends down town for some time. Mr. Demoville has been in failing health for some time, and for the last two or three weeks he has been confined to his bed most of the time.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup fresh from the East Texas farm.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-4td-1tw

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**Taxes!—And Your Telephone**

Did you know that when the telephone company sells you a dollar's worth of telephone service, Mr. Subscriber—

The company must pay out, on the average, 6c of that dollar for taxes of one kind or another on its property and business—

So that every dollar's worth of telephone service could about as properly be billed to you: 9c for Telephone Service, and 6c for Taxes!

Taxes have increased from 50% to 75% in the past five years—and this not including the war revenue taxes on long distance messages. Think that over, Mr. Subscriber, when you compare the price of telephone service today with its price before the war.

"At Your Service"

**WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO.**

## Security Lends Itself To Our Depositors

Your funds are safeguarded by ample resources, strong management and constant national supervision.

The First National Bank adheres closely to the bed rock principles that characterize America's most powerful institutions.

The continued growth of this bank is the result of progressive and efficient service. This service is at your command and your account is invited.

# THE First National Bank

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A remedy that will penetrate and little son, of the Winters country, were visitors to Ballinger Tuesday, visiting Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. J. R. Holiday and calling on Santa Claus.

FRUIT CAKE—Half price, 50c per pound. Lankford's Steam Bakery. 14-2td

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. McDonald

## Children Cry for Fletcher's

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 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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### In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

## 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.

## Ballinger Electric Light, Power & Ice Company

## 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 baseboards and into corners.

Phone us to send out a 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

**NO PRESENTS TO BE HANDED OUT**

The rule of "no presents at school" will be enforced in the local schools for the Christmas season of 1920. Children who wish to give presents to their school mates, must send them to their homes, or present them off the school grounds, and the same rule applies to teachers. The rule of making the teacher happy with presents from the children will not apply during the coming holiday season, unless the children do the giving out of school.

There is a reason for this, and it is a good reason. As Old Santa Claus sometimes shows partiality, it is the purpose of those in authority at the school to cheat him of this custom at least for this one time. By outlawing Christmas giving in the school all the children will be placed on an equal, and no child will be made to feel that he or she has been slighted.

This rule will also prevent one teacher from feeling that the pupils of her room are not quite so appreciative as the children of another room and Santa Claus will be forced to adopt some other plan for distributing the presents intended for those in the school.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

**Daily Ledger Want Ads**

**FOR SALE**—Bermuda Onion Plants grown from genuine imported onion seed from Dec. 1st to March 1st. Delivered prices: Yellows, 500 \$1.25; 1,000 \$1.75; 5,000 \$7.50; 10,000 \$12.50. Crystal Wax 500 -1.50, 1,000 \$2.00; 5,000 \$8.75; 10,000 \$16.50. I guarantee every shipment. Orders filled same day received. C. H. Melton, Davine, Texas. "The Largest Onion Plant Grower in the World." 15-3d-3w

**FOR SALE**—One Windmill, Tower, Tank, and tank stand, cheap. Mrs. Kate Phillips, Ballinger. 15-2d-1w\*

**WANTED**—to buy a male Collie pup. Apply Weddle'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**—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. 13-6td.

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

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

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

**CITIZENS OF BALLINGER DETERMINED TO BUILD MODERN ICE PLANT**

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at that time had been broken.

Mayor Guin stated that the ice company was out with more promises at this time, and expressed the opinion that Ballinger citizens would place no confidence in the promise of a company which had failed to keep faith with the people. Mr. Guin reviewed the poor ice service the citizens of this city suffered last summer, and charged that the promises being made at this time to improve the service was for no other purpose than to forestall the building of a new ice plant. He paid his respects to the few citizens whom he said were working in an underhanded way to block the organization of a local ice company and stated that the opposition had been invited to attend the public meeting, but were not present and refused to come out and state their objection openly to the people of Ballinger. He was given a hearty applause, indicating that a majority of those present endorsed the chairman's stand on the proposition. Later, when the proposition was put to a vote, those present voted unanimously in favor of the proposed ice plant.

Mr. Guin stated that, acting on the request of a number of citizens some time ago, he prepared a stock subscription list, and aided by the Young Men's Business League and others, he had secured subscriptions amounting to \$30,000, while it was the purpose of the promoters to incorporate the new company for \$50,000. He stated that no further time could be lost, and a delay of thirty days would leave the ice consumers of this city in the hands and at the mercy of the present corporation for another summer.

Judge J. W. Powell, J. McGregor, Judge A. K. Doss, R. T. Williams, and others made short talks, endorsing the proposed organization of a new ice plant, and offering suggestions for bringing the work to a successful end. Some of those making talks volunteered to increase their subscriptions, and when subscriptions were called for they made the increase.

On motion of J. McGregor volunteer subscriptions were called for and about three thousand dollars worth of stock was subscribed for within a few minutes, and plans were perfected for completing the work of raising the stock to the required amount by the end of the present week.

H. C. Gardner, R. W. Bruce, T. S. Lankford and L. Cohen volunteered to assist in placing the remainder of the stock of the new company, and with Mr. Guin and Secretary Williams of the Y. M. B. L., at work it is expected that the proposition will be put over this week.

The shares in the company were reduced to ten dollars. The object in this is to get as many

individuals interested in the proposition as possible and thereby control the local ice situation.

The cost of making ice, and the ability to meet competition was discussed, and those in charge of the promotion of the local company state that ice will be sold to the consumers next summer a great deal cheaper than last season, if the new company is organized, and first class service will be given.

Mayor Guin stated that proposition to build a municipal light plant was also in good shape, and this work will be pushed as soon as the ice plant proposition is out of the way.

**GIN BURNS IN COTTLE COUNTY**

PADUCAH, Tex., Dec. 15.—The cotton gin of Godwin Bros., of Chalk, Texas, twelve miles Southeast of Paducah, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss amounted to about \$25,000.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy, particularly beneficial for elderly men. Price \$1.50 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**—Car to arrive Friday or Saturday.—E. A. Jeanes & Co. 15-7d-1w

Will pay liberally for big, white, clean, cotton rags. Ballinger Printing Co. dtf

Be Wise and Advertise—

**LOCAL STORES GET BAD CHECKS**

At least two merchants in this city would like to know the whereabouts of one J. H. Waddell, or a man using that name in presenting bad checks in payment of purchases made for nice "duds" last Saturday night.

The young man traded with the Southside Tailoring Company and left a check on the F. & M. Bank, which the bank could not honor, stating that they did not know such a party. The man also patronized The Hub and paid for the goods with a check on the First National Bank, which the bank refused to honor. There may be others holding souvenirs of the rushing business done here Saturday.

The merchants who parted with good goods for bad checks have not been able to find any one who is acquainted with "J. H. Waddell." The man may be as honest as the days are short, and he may have made an honest mistake, and when he sees this story



**Accident!**  
New dress ruined—just phone us to call and have it cleaned and pressed. You will be satisfied.  
**SOUTHSIDE TAILORING COMPANY**  
Phone 63 Free Delivery

he may not lose any time in adjusting matters, but in the meantime merchants should again learn the lesson of knowing your man when you accept checks.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metal cases, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Act for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Effective.  
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

**A. E. F. MAN MADE**  
COUNTY CLERK  
CUERO, Tex., Dec. 15.—G. P. Box, county clerk of Dewitt county for the past 30 years, has just retired, being succeeded by J. T. Newman, a veteran of the A. E. F. The new county clerk, a Cuero

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**PERFECT**  
BETTER BREAD COULDN'T BE MADE!  
WE'D MAKE IT!  
**Ballinger STEAM BAKERY**  
EIGHTH STREET

Complete Stock of WILLARD and STANDARD Storage Batteries.

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 Casings. We have Goodrich, Ajax, Pennsylvania, Fisk, Springfield and Night. Every one of them 6,000 Mile Casings.

**Gasoline all you want at 26c**  
Remember that we will be in our NEW PLACE next door to E. A. Jeanes & Co., about Jan. 5th, with the largest stock of Supplies in the West. Everything for Less.

**Nance-Stroble Auto Electric COMPANY.**  
Night Phone 327. Day Phone 109.

**Christmas Trees**

Just received 75 beautiful Mountain Cedar Trees.

Pre-war Prices  
**75c to \$2.00**  
Get Your Order in Early.  
**L. B. STUBBS**  
Phones 66 and 67

**The Maeroy Theatre Today**

Enterprise Distributing Corp. Presents  
Roy Stewart in  
"The Learning of Jim Benton"  
Juanita Henson in "The Lost City"  
"The Eagle's Nest"  
Admission 10c and 25c

Tomorrow  
Samuel Goldwin presents  
"The Silver Horde"  
Sunb Pollard—1 reel comedy

**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.  
BE THOUGHTFUL  
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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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